

Reminder:

We will be <u>exclusively</u> using the new Student Absence Form designed to enhance our ability to accurately track and manage student attendance at the beginning of the 2nd Semester.

To use the form, you'll first have to create an account.

https://ucpsapps.ucps.k12.nc.us/absence/index. php?val=high

This initiative is part of our ongoing effort to ensure every student receives the support they need to succeed academically.

<u>Remember to follow us on social media:</u> Follow us on Facebook: <u>ParkwoodHSNC</u> Follow us on Twitter: <u>@ParkwoodHSNC</u> Follow us on Instagram: <u>@ParkwoodHSNC</u>



PWHS Calendar

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Monday 03/10	Tuesday 03/11	Wednesday 03/12	Thursday 03/13	Friday 03/14	Saturday 03/15
6:00 Women's Soccer vs Union Academy 6:00 Men's Lacrosse @ Mt. Island Charter	3:45 Men's Golf @ Stonebridge vs Piedmont 4:00 Men's Tennis @ Piedmont 4:30/ 7:00 Baseball @ Mt. Pleasant 6:00 Softball @ Buford Men's Lacrosse @ Bradford Prep	6:00 JV Baseball vs Lancaster 6:00 Women's Soccer vs Queens Grant 5:30 Women's Lacrosse @ Ballantyne Ridge 7:00 Men's Lacrosse @ Ballantyne Ridge	 3:45 Men's Golf @ Stonebridge vs Anson 4:30/ 7:00 Baseball vs Weddington 6:00 Women's Soccer vs West Stanly 7:00 Band/Chorus Concert - PWHS Auditorium 4:00 Men's Tennis @ Monroe 6:00 Softball @ Andrew Jackson 	Distribution of T4 Report Cards 6:00 Softball @ Marvin Ridge	No Events

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Prom Ticket Information

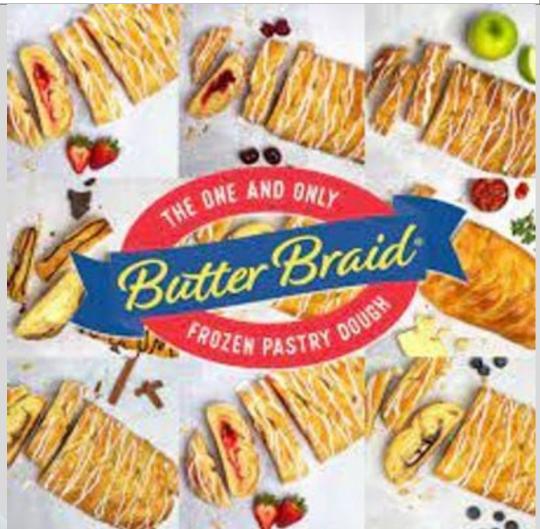
Prom Ticket Information:

- Prom is Saturday May 17th from 8pm-11pm at the Agricultural Center
- April 1st Start Selling Tickets at 8:00am (Online)
- We will sell tickets for 6 weeks to students who do not have fees in PowerSchool or to the Cafeteria
- April 1st May 15th
 - \$50: April 1st April 17th (Before Spring Break)
 - o \$60: April 28th- May 9th
 - 。 \$75: May 12th -May 15th
- We will NOT sell tickets the day before or day of Prom
- MUST HAVE PAID ALL YOUR FEES TO PURCHASE A TICKET
- Outside guest forms will be available on March 24th and be due back by April 17th before Spring Break



PWHS Band Boosters Fundraiser

Parkwood High School Band Boosters will be selling items for their Spring Fundraiser.





March 14 through March 28



PTSO Information

The PWHS PTSO uses our monthly <u>newsletter</u> and social media as our primary sources of communication. Please make sure you are following us on Facebook at <u>Parkwood HS PTSO</u> and on Instagram at <u>Parkwood PTSO</u> to stay up to date on all the latest events and information.

GENERAL PTSO UPDATES:

• Clear crossbody bags now available to purchase – order your Spirit Wear <u>here</u>! All orders are delivered to the school for pick up by the student

To support the PWHS administration team as they recognize great attendance, PTSO is asking for gift card donations to be used as prizes for the monthly attendance drawings. Click here to signup to donate gift cards: <u>PTSO Gift Card Donation</u>.

SENIOR UPDATES:

• **SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE!** Parkwood PTSO is proud to offer two \$750 scholarships to graduating seniors whose families are members of the Parkwood High School PTSO. To be eligible, seniors must be in good standing with the school, have plans to attend a trade school, 2-year or 4-year college/university after graduation, have a PTSO Family Membership and have completed this application no later than Tuesday, April 30, 2025.

> <u>Seniors click here to apply</u>: <u>2024-2025 PWHS PTSO Education Scholarship</u> <u>Application</u>

• Join the PTSO by clicking here to purchase a \$10 family membership

The next PTSO sponsored Senior Treat will be in April!

REMINDER: to receive the PTSO sponsored Senior Treat, you <u>must</u> purchase a PTSO Senior Package (minimum purchase of White Package \$30; order your Senior Package <u>here</u>); PTSO Senior Packages will be available for purchase through the end of Spring Break. It's not too late to recognize your Senior by purchasing a PTSO Senior Package by sales end 4/30 – order now while supplies last!

If you have any questions about the PTSO, please feel free to send us an email at

parkwoodptso@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the Parkwood High School PTSO! It's going to be a great year!

PWHS PTSO Executive Board



PTSO Senior Package

CLASS OF 2025 SENIOR PACKAGES



A Senior package purchase is required to participate in PTSO sponsored events! (Minimum white package)

-Includes participation for all special senior events



FAFSA information for Seniors

SENIORS – Financial Aid For College

The 2025-2026 FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid is now open

Create your account at <u>StudentAid.gov</u> - takes 1 to 3 days to process account registration. If you have an account log in.

- Assists students with apply for community college, trade schools, and 4-year universities.
- Types of aid students may be eligible for:
 - Grants free money, does not have to be paid back
 - Loans borrowed money, must be paid back
 - Work Study provides a job paid by the student aid program
- Apply in Senior year for 2025-2026 through <u>https://studentaid.gov/</u>.
- Parents who need assistance with FAFSA can sign up for virtual evening help at: <u>https://calendly.com/collegereadinessucps</u>
- CFNC FAFSA support: https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/fafsa-assistance/
- Students who need assistance should fill out this link and a counselor will assist you: <u>https://bit.ly/PWCollegeAppAssistance25</u>

Have these documents on hand. Here are the main things students need to complete the FAFSA. (For a full list of items needed, <u>here's an easy. printable checklist</u>).

- Recommend parent & student are together when completing FAFSA form.
- Photo or copy of Social Security Card or Green Card (if applicable)
- 2023 Federal Tax Forms
- Personal email address

https://www.cfnc.org/pay-for-college/apply-for-financial-aid/ is a great resource to assist with FAFSA.

If you have questions please reach out to your student's counselor.



Senior Information

Cap & Gown Information:

Cap & Gown Distribution will be on April 16th during 1st block at school



 If you have not yet ordered you can at this link: <u>https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/catalogBrowse/1051536/PARKWOOD</u> <u>-HIGH-SCHOOL/Graduation/2677877773/CATALOG_REPOSITORY/</u> (scroll to bottom just to order cap & gown)

Community College & Trade Schools:





- Planning on attend a Community College or Trade School now is the time to get your application submitted. Click this link on how to apply: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Pzfhkntyi4uTBWcAXtvMFsQG_z6V0d0evoGDA</u> <u>G19hik/edit?usp=sharing</u>
- Students who need assistance should fill out this link and a counselor will assist you: <u>https://bit.ly/PWCollegeAppAssistance25</u>



Local Scholarship Information

Seniors, it is time to be applying for scholarships. Where to look:

- Website of all the colleges you are applying to
- Were your parents work, bank and community groups they are involved with
- Free search engines that can be found on our scholarship webpage: <u>https://www.ucps.k12.nc.us/Page/4819</u>
- Wolf Pack Scholarship Opportunities list This list in order by deadline date and is updated regularly with scholarships as we become aware of them.

Seniors going into the NURSING field, this opportunity may be for YOU!

To qualify for the scholarship, candidates must have:

GPA of 3.5 or higher

Accepted by a college/university with the major in nursing (please attach acceptance letter).

Submit a typed essay of no more than 250 words: Explaining the reason for choosing to major in nursing, and how this scholarship will impact your nursing journey.

Students who meet the criteria and are interested in applying for the scholarship can apply directly through the form and E-Mail application to: Wendy Nielsen by April 1, 2025.

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Union County Antique Tractor & Power Club

Please see your counselor to get the requirements and application to apply to this local scholarship. deadline: <u>April 1, 2025</u>

Union County Education Foundation

Two college scholarship opportunities (\$3,000 & \$1,500) for UCPS Seniors who plan to major in education. We want to invest in your future, supporting and encouraging you on your journey to becoming an educator. All applicants of our college scholarship create a two-minute surprise video tribute to a UCPS teacher.

UCPS seniors should:

1) Select a teacher who has had a profound influence on you.

2) Brainstorm a creative way to pay tribute to the teacher in video format. Videos that are creative, funny, or meaningful get the attention of the judges.

3) Begin shooting your video! Make sure it is under two minutes. More video tips are listed here.

4) Keep your video a secret from your teacher.

5) Brush up your resume, have your recommendation letter ready, and get a PDF of your transcript.

Check out the Teacher Tribute playlist on our YouTube channel for examples of other vibrant videos from previous college scholarship recipients.

Deadline: March 28, 2025

Apply here:

https://ucedfoundation.org/index.php/grants-and-scholarships/senior-scholarship/

<u>NC State Extension Master Gardener:</u> Application deadline is April 1, 2025. The applicant must be a resident of Union County, North Carolina, must be a graduating senior attending school (public, charter, private, home, etc.) in Union County (NC), in good standing, with at least 3.0 GPA, and must be planning to attend a college or university and be majoring in botany, environmental studies, forestry, landscape architecture, horticulture, crop sciences, local foods, animal husbandry or related fields. This award will be based on academic standing, student personal statement and one teacher/counselor (or other non-family member) recommendation. Student statement should explain why the student deserves this scholarship, educational goals and what they plan to do with their degree. The statement can be less than 1 but no more than 2 pages in length. Teacher/counselor (or other non-family member) recommendation should include why the student is qualified for this scholarship. Paper recommendation should be submitted with the scholarship application in a sealed envelope by the application deadline. Emailed recommendation may be sent separately to the address below by the deadline. The NC Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Association of Union County Scholarship is in the amount of \$1,000. The winning applicant will receive a check from the UCEMGVA in time to register for fall classes. See your counselor for the scholarship application. If you have any additional questions, please contact either: Michael Luther <u>mluther13@hotmail.com</u> 704-617-0553 or Tina Sagartz <u>cgsagartz@carolina.rr.com</u> 336-414-6382



Project Uplift- Deadline March 14

ExperienceCAROLINA

with the Carolina Higher Education Opportunity Programs at UNC-Chapel Hill

Have you ever wondered what a typical day on campus is like? Project Uplift and Uplift PLUS offer an opportunity to experience campus life at UNC-Chapel Hill. Led by current UNC students, we provide a warm and inviting space for you to experience Carolina.



PROJECT UPLIFT

2025 Dates : May 31, June 7, and 14 Project Uplift is an one-day summer enrichment and college access program that provides students with exposure to life at Carolina



Enjoy a one-day immersive Carolina experience.

Engage in an essay writing workshop.

Get the inside scoop from current Tar Heels on what it's like to be a Carolina student!

Learn about admissions, scholarships and student aid.

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Apply online at go.unc.edu/ProjectUpliftandUpliftPUS. Please indicate on your application if you would like to be considered for Uplift PLUS.

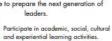
 Upload a PDF copy of your unofficial high school transcript.



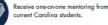
UPLIFT PLUS 2025 Dates : July 6-19

Uplift PLUS is an intensive, 2-week on-campus program, providing an immersive and engaging experience to prepare the next generation of





Complete an essay writing course in which you draft your college admissions essay.



Gain exposure to campus resources and various schools and units at UNC-Chapel Hill.

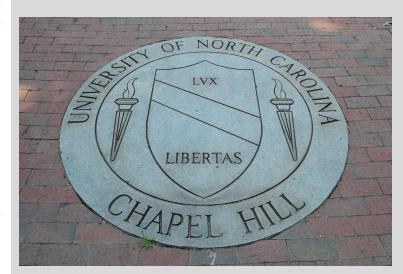
DEADLINES

We encourage you to start your application early! Application Opens: January 15, 2025

Application Deadline: March 14, 2025 Decision Notification: April 2025

LEARN MORE AT GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFTANDUPLIFTPLUS







con las Programas de Oportunidades de Educativas de Carolina en UNC-Chapel Hill

¿Alguna vez te has preguntado cómo es un día típico en el campus? Project Uplift y Uplift PLUS ofrecen la oportunidad de experimentar la vida en el campus de UNC-Chapel Hill. Dirigidos por estudiantes actuales de UNC, estos programas brinden un espacio acogedor para que experimentes Carolina.

UPLIFT PLUS

Uplift PLUS es un programa residencial de dos

semanas que brinda una experiencia inmersiva

para preparar a la próxima generación de líderes.

cultural y experiencial. Toma un curso de escritura para

Recomendamos que comiences tu aplicación

temprano!

Aplicación se Abre: Enero 15, 2024 Aplicación se Cierra: Marzo 14, 2024

Decisiones serán Anunciadas: Abril 2024

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de Carolina.

Participa en actividades de

aprendizaje académico, social,

Recibe orientación y consejos personalizados de estudiantes actuales

escribir tu ensayo para admisión a la

Aprende sobre los recursos del campus

y las diferentes escuelas y unidades en UNC-Chapel Hill.

Fechas para 2025: Julio 6-19



PROJECT UPLIFT

Fechas para 2025: Mayo 31, Junio 7 and 14 Project Uplift es un programa de enriquecimiento

que se enfoca en el acceso a la universidad. El programa brinda a los estudiantes exposición a la vida en Carolina

> Disfruta de una experencia inmersiva de un día en Carolina.

Participa en un taller de escritura de ensayos.

Descubre cómo es ser estudiante en Carolina directamente de estudiantes actuales

Aprende sobre admisiones, becas y ayuda financiera para estudiantes.

¿CÓMO APLICAR?

 Aplica en línea en go.unc.edu/ProjectUplitandUplitPLUS. indica en tu formulario si queres ser considerado para Uplift PLUS.

 Sube una copia PDF de tus calificaciones de la escuela secundaria.

APRENDE MÁS EN GO.UNC.EDU/PROJECTUPLIFTANDUPLIFTPLUS



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Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Scholarships

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2025- 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Click here to download application

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OR Scan here for application

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https://docs.google.com /forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeN LYi0gzU5uuYL_Vt50b5 KCJSgYW25s2VogWZti yMmuS7Nfg/viewform Scholarship Value: \$2,000 Application Window: January 15 - March 15, 2025 Eligibility Requirements:



- Possess minimum G.P.A 2.5 or higher [nonweighted] or minimum G.P.A 3.5 or higher [weighted]
- Attending an accredited 4 year university/college in Fall 2025
- Graduating High School Senior residing and attending school in Anson or Union County, NC

Have a question? Email us at

aka@alphaalphachiomega.org



SAT Practice Tests and Prep

JCPS

Free SAT Practice

Tests and Prep

Open to all UCPS high school students

Pretest and Posttest in person **Online content in-between**

PRETEST: March 26. 8 AM - 12 PM POSTTEST: April 12, 8 AM - 12 PM

In person tests held at: Sun Valley High School 5211 Old Charlotte Highway Monroe, NC 28110

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Register by March 26: https://bit.ly/25SATtestPREP



Pruebas de práctica y preparación gratuitas para el SAT

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Abierto a todos los estudiantes de secundaria de UCPS

Prueba previa y posterior en persona Contenido en línea entre-medio

PRUEBA PREVIA:

Marzo 26, 8 AM - 12 PM PRUEBA POST: Febrero 10, 8 AM - 12 PM

Pruebas presenciales realizadas en: Sun Valley High School 5211 Old Charlotte Highway

Monroe, NC 28110

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Inscríbete antes del 26 de marzo: https://bit.ly/25SATtestPREP



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Create an Instagram post or reel that encourages the Class of 2025 to complete the FAFSA!

INSTAGRAM Contest o

5 winners will receive a \$100 GIFT CARD

The Details

Your post/reel should

- Encourage seniors to complete the FAFSA.
- Be creative, yet appropriate!
- Appeal to teenagers.
- Be produced solely by students in grades 9-12 currently enrolled and attending a high school in UCPS.
- Be created safely and not put anyone in danger.
- Should remain respectful of the differences among individuals and peoples, including race and ethnicity, sex, gender identity, political viewpoints, sexual orientation, special health needs, age, belief system, country of origin, and socio-economic status.
- Not contain nudity of any kind or provocative sexual content.
- Not contain profanity or other inappropriate language.



Submit your entry by March 31st

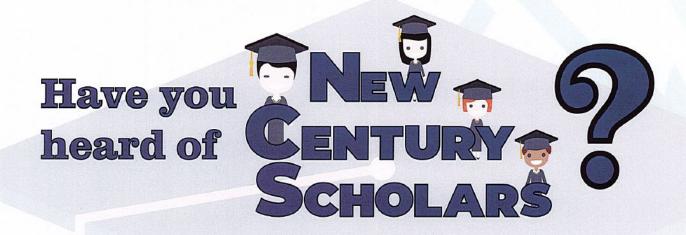
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FAFSA STRONG



New Century Scholars Deadline 4/1

Looking for money for college?



https://bit.ly/2025NCSApp





Thurgood Marshall College Fund- Closes 4/25



INVEST in FUTURE

Thurgood Marshall College Fund has awarded more than \$500 million in scholarships and career readiness programs. TMCF offers both merit-based and need-based awards to ease the financial strain for students at TMCF member schools and other eligible accredited institutions.

YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE Apply for open scholarships.





TMCF.ORG

Scholarship for UCPS Athletes

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SCHOOLFUNDR EXCELLENCE & OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

\$5000 award for one male and one female athlete from UCPS

Scholarship Requirements:

- Participation in School Sports
- Academic Excellence
- Community Service
- Financial Need



APPLY BY APRIL 28



https://bit.ly/schoolfundrscholarship

Parkwood High Golf Tournament- May 3rd

PARKWOOD GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY MAY 3RD 2025 9AM SHOTGUN START MONROE COUNTRY CLUB Thank you to our event sponsor!



• \$360 PER GROUP OF 4 • SIGN UP AT WWW.PARKWOODATHLETICZONE.COM (CLICK PARKWOOD GOLF TOURNAMENT AT TOP OF THE PAGE)

> Contact AD Mike Helms for more information: Michael.helms@ucps.k12.nc.us

Summer Internship Program Opportunity



READY TO LEARN & EARN?

Hey Students! DIG IN to our summer internship program and gain real-world experience while preparing for your future!

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Your path to a rewarding career,





NC College Connect

NC College Connect

THIS IS YOUR MOMENT!

With a weighted GPA of 2.8 or above, you're one step closer to college.

Your moment has arrived, and this is your opportunity to meet it head on. This simplified application process helps you avoid stressful applications and subjective essays.

Seniors—if you had a 2.8 weighted GPA at the end of your junior year, you're ready!

NC College Connect is a program that offers qualified students the opportunity for a simplified application process at select UNC System universities and their local North Carolina community college—as long as they meet state graduation requirements and UNC System course requirements.

Imagine what your college future could be like at...

- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- University of North Carolina Asheville
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- University of North Carolina at Pembroke
- Winston-Salem State University
- Your local North Carolina community college



Visit NCCollegeConnect.org or scan the QR code to learn more about how to claim your spot.



Here's what you need to know.

- If you have a weighted GPA of 2.8 or above, you have the opportunity for a simplified application process to the participating NC colleges and universities.
- To claim your spot, you should scan the QR code on your letter (or the one below!) to visit NCCollegeConnect.org.
- There you will find a "Claim Your Spot" button that will take you to the NC College Connect portal if you are already logged into your CFNC account. (Tip: If you are not logged in, you will be asked to log in using your CFNC credentials or create a new CFNC account.)
- After logging in, you will see a list of colleges and universities where you can complete a simplified application for each institution.
- Once you've submitted your simplified application(s), the college(s) will contact you with more information about next steps.
- These simplified applications will have fees, possibly ranging from \$30 to \$75. Submit your simplified application during College Application Week (October 21–27, 2024) to avoid application fees for most participating institutions.

What are you waiting for? Meet your momentum and explore your options at NCCollegeConnect.org.







Career and College Promise Information



MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS IN LIBRARY

EMAIL NOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT: CSTURDIVANT@SPCC.EDU



PWHS Counseling Department

The focus of the PWHS Counseling Center is to provide students with support in their academic, career, and personal/social development. The counselors assist students with scheduling, course selection, career exploration, college and scholarship advising, coping with peer pressure and stress, developing time management skills and more. To make an appointment with your counselor complete the <u>meeting request form</u>, stop by the counseling center, email or call 704-296-0154.

Counseling Staff

- * Mr. Troy Harris 9th Grade
- * Ms. Stacey Sebastian 10th-12th (A-G)
- * Mrs. Shari Davison 10th-12th (H-N)
- * Mr. Adrian Atkinson- 10th 12th (O-Z)
- * Ms. Ashlee Reynolds 9th-12th (Student Support)
- * Mrs. Valerie Simmeth Career Development Coordinator
- * Mrs. Shawn Johnston Counseling Center Administrative Assistant

Additional Support

- * Mrs. Robyn Mobley School Social Worker
- * Ms. Emily Harrell Mental Health Therapist





PWHS Counseling Department

Students! Sign up in SCOIR to visit with colleges

- Check in SCOIR to who is scheduled to visit our campus during the week and sign up to attend by the deadline to participate.
- Interested in playing sports in college?



Reach out to Mr. Harris who can help you make sure you are on track by using the <u>meeting request form</u>.

Seniors College Information



Now is the time to start the application process for colleges. Below are links to information on the steps to applying. If you need help with College Applications reach out to your counselor by using the <u>meeting request form</u> We are here to assist you.

Steps for Applying to Four Year Colleges

Steps for Applying to Community Colleges

Requesting Transcripts and Recommendations for College Applications

- Students use SCOIR (access from the UCPS student high school start up page) to keep track of their applications and request transcripts.
- This link <u>https://bit.ly/35jrLNu%C2%A0</u> will show you how to add colleges, request transcripts and letters of recommendations from teachers.



College Readiness Series



2024-2025 College Readiness Series

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Scoir for Seniors	August 27, 2024	Webinar	
College Entrance Exams 101	September 17, 2024	Webinar	
Union County College Fair	October 13, 2024	CATA	
FAFSA Completion Support	November 7, 2024	Monroe branch of the Union County Library	
Getting Ready for College	November 16, 2024	Wingate University	
ACT/SAT Blitz	November 23, 2024	Location TBD	
High School Programs Expo	December 7, 2024	Union County Ag Center (hosted by CTE)	
ACT Blitz	February 1, 2025	Location TBD	
College Transition for Students with IEPs and 504s	February 4, 2025	Webinar	
Practice ACT Series	February 8, 2025 and March 1, 2025	Location TBD	
SAT Blitz	March 22, 2025	Location TBD	
Practice SAT Series	March 29, 2025 and April 12, 2025	Location TBD	
What Makes a Good College Essay?	May 13, 2025	Webinar	

For more information and to register, visit https://bit.ly/collegereadysessions.





With a new school year comes a need to make sure that we have the correct contact information for all our families. Please take a moment and verify in PowerSchool that the following are still correct:

- Contact Names
- Contact Numbers
- Contact Emails

Please contact <u>melinda.rivers@ucps.k12.nc.us</u> to update your information.

Keep in Mind- You will need to show your ID when coming to the school so please remember to bring it with you.



Ouick Links

<u>PWHS Student Handbook</u> <u>UCPS BOE Student Handbook</u> (includes attendance and dress code information) <u>Parents' Bill of Rights</u>

Edulog for Bus Transportation Zone Parking Pass Info

• Student drivers: Students whose cars are on campus after the school day need to be mindful that they may need to move their cars - particularly if they part around the baseball field. This is to avoid damage caused by fly balls.

Say Something Anonymous Reporting System

Chromebook issues:

- New students report to media center to collect new computer
- Broken computers/computer issues, see Mr. Gaither between 12:00 4:00