





Cougar Pride

Graduating Class of 2016

YOUR STUDENT SERVICES STAFF IS HERE TO HELP YOU!							
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ACT/SAT INFORMATION AND TEST DATES:

Students may take one or both for college admission entrance. Registration may be completed online at collegeboard.org and actstudent.org. SATII Subject Tests (formally Achievement tests): Some colleges require subject tests for placement. Contact the college's Office of Admissions for details. Keep all registration information in a safe place so you are able to refer back to your scores and send them to colleges of your choice.

	ACT			<u>SAT</u>	
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration	<u>Test Date</u>	Registration Deadline	Late Registration
October 24	September 18	Sept 19-Oct 2	Oct. 3	Sept. 18	Sept 19-22
December 12	November 6	November 7-20	Nov. 7	Oct. 9	Oct. 10-27
February 6	January 8	January 9-15	Dec. 5	Nov. 5	Nov. 6-23
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- Be African American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian American/Pacific Islander or Hispanic American;
- Be Citizens, legal permanent residents or nationals of the United States;
- Have cumulative GPA of 3.3 on an un-weighted 4.0 scale or earned a GED;
- Have demonstrated leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular or other activities;
- Meet Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria;
- Enroll for the first time at a US located, accredited college or university (with the exception of students concurrently pursuing a high school diploma) in the fall as a full-time degree seeking, first year student.

Deadline is January 13, 2016.

The GMSP provides support for the cost of education by covering unmet need and self-help aid; renewable awards for scholars maintaining satisfactory academic progress; Graduate school funding for continuing GMS in the areas of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science; leadership development programs with distinctive personal, academic and professional growth opportunities.

YEARBOOKS

Senior ad information is available on the yearbook website. Ad order forms and deposits are due by November 6.

Yearbooks are currently on sale at their lowest price of the year. To order, call 866-282-1516, or order online at www.jostensyearbooks.com.

The yearbook staff will be participating in Josten's Adopt a Senior program this year. Senior parents will be contacted by a yearbook student (either by telephone or email) to let them know about upcoming deadlines related to many senior events. Please make certain to return your information slip to your first or third period teacher as soon as possible so we may include your family in this process.

Student Athletes

As the year begins student services will receive requests from colleges to review athletes transcripts. This is an important step in the recruitment process.

In order to send them your transcripts we must have permission from your parents. Permission slips are available in student services for your parents

November 2-6

The goal of North Carolina College Application Week is to provide every graduating high school senior the opportunity to apply to college online through CFNC.org. Special focus is placed on students who would be the first in their families to attend college and students who have not otherwise seriously considered attending college.

During this statewide college access event all North Carolina colleges and universities accept the College Board or ACT fee waiver in lieu of an application fee for students who qualify. Typically students who receive the SAT or ACT fee waiver, also qualify for the College Board fee waiver. Additionally many of NC's colleges and universities go above and beyond and outright waive their application fee for all NC graduating seniors this week.

WFHS will be providing computers for students to apply during their lunches.

Wake Tech

Michelle Lair, Admissions Officer from Wake Tech will be on Campus 11/2/15 from 8:00am-9:15am to help students apply. Now is the time to get your application in. You will need to know your social security number and if you have one, your driver's license number. Don't miss this opportunity to receive expert help.

College Visits in November as of 11/1

All visits are scheduled during Cougar Time (8:45-9:15) in Student Services Conference Room.

11/2 Catawba College

11/3 ECU

11/5 UNC Ashville

11/12 Bennett College

11/18 Barton College

Be sure to listen to announcements during the month for additional College visit appointments.

FASA—Financial Aide Night November 12th.

Thinking of applying for Financial Aide through FASA?

Ms. Winters can help. She will be here each Tuesday morning to meet with parents and students to help you understand and navigate the process. Appointments can

Wake Forest Woman's Club Scholarship	11/13	2,000 – 24,000	The 2,000 scholarship from the Local Woman's Club is available to a Wake Forest High School Senior only. One senior will be chosen and then sponsored for the competition with 12 other seniors at the district level for additional scholarship money. The District level winner will compete at the State level for a 6,000 a year scholarship for four years amounting to 24,000. Local deadline for submission is November 13. Applications are available in Student Services.	
Thomas Wolfe Scholarship	11/15	Fully Funded	THE THOMAS WOLFE SCHOLARSHIP is for full undergraduate support for student writers at North Carolina Chapel Hill. The Thomas Wolfe Scholarship seeks to identify and reward students with exceptionally focused literary ability and promise. Students must apply to both the University and the Scholarship to be considered. Deadline for the scholarship application is 11/15. For more information and the application go to: http://englishcomplit.unc.edu/creative/scholarship/tws .	
Robertson Scholarship Duke or UNC Chap- el Hill	11/15	Fully Funded	This award is available for graduating high school seniors who are planning to attend Duke University or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Applicants must enroll full time, and be high-achieving, well-rounded students. 36 awarded annually. The Robertson Scholars Program provides full tuition, room and board, and mandatory fees for each scholar for all four years of undergraduate study if the student maintains eligibility criteria. Scholars receive a laptop and have access to three summers of generous funding, as well as support for up to two semesters of study abroad.	
Better Business Bureau Torch Scholar- ship	11/30	5,000; 3,000; and 1,000	To be eligible students must submit a 400-500 word essay, along with an application, transcript and a letter of recommendation from a BBB Accredited Business. More information and application packets may be picked up in Student Services and were emailed home.	
Elks Scholar- ship	12/4		The 2016 ELK MVS contest is open to any high school senior who is a US Citizen. Applicants will be judged on scholarship, leadership and financial need. Applications are available at www.elks.org/scholars/mvs. Applications must be submitted to the Elk Lodge closest to their permanent US Residence. Check out the link at www.elks.org/lodges and find the closest lodge to you! The applications are due on-line and at the closest Elks Lodge by Friday, December 4th, 2015.	
Goodnight Scholars Program	12/10 Self Nomi- nate	Fully Funded	Must apply to NC State by October 15, 2015 and select a stem major. (Science, Technology, Engineering or Math) Rank in the top 2% of his/her graduating class. Score above 1400 on the SAT and or scores above 32 on the ACT. Have at least a 3.9 (un-weighted) GPA and/or 4.8 (weighted) GPA. Qualified students will be invited to apply for the scholarship. If you would like to self-nominate complete a nomination form on line by December 10 th , 2015.	
Lawn- starter	12/31	1,000	For future business leaders. More information can be found at:	
			https://www.lawnstarter.com/raleigh-nc-lawncare#scholarship	
Gates Millennium Scholars Program	1/13/16	Varies	The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation provides 1000 scholarships to minority residents of the United States who will be attending college. Students minimum GPA for eligibility is 3.3. They will provide support for the cost of education by covering unmet need and self-help aid, including graduate school funding for continuing Scholars in the areas of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science. For more information go to https://scholarships.uncf.org/Program/Details/2bfd8f53-40aa-4705-9f8b-d92d972e59df	
Ronald McDonald	1/20		A partnership between Ronald McDonald House Charities and its local Chapters opens the door to higher education for graduating high school seniors. The Scholar-	

Senior Panoramic Group Picture Catawba College 8:45 AM 11/2—6 College Application Week ECU 8:45 AM 11/3 NC Honors Chorus rehearsal @ **Enloe** UNC Ashville 8:45 AM 11/5Winter Sports Parent Meeting Holiday—No School 11/11 11/12 Bennett College 8:45 Financial Aide Night 6:00 PM 11/19 Fall Sports Banquet 5:30 PM Fall Dance Concert 7:00 PM Fall Dance Concert 7:00 PM 11/20 11/21 Raleigh Christmas Parade Tiny Art Show 11/23 **Tiny Art Show** 11/24 Teacher Work Day 11/25 11/26-27 Thanksgiving Holidays Tiny Art Show 11/30

How Recent College Grads Stack Up

Fall Blood Drive



Students with Less than High School Employed: 43% Salary: \$140 /week



Students with a High School Diploma Employed: 62% Salary: \$305 / week



Students with some College Employed: 79% Salary \$390 / week

Students with a College Degree



Employed: 88% Salary: \$581 / week

<u>Hofstra University:</u> Fall Open House November 14th. Check in begins at 9:00AM. RSVP at Hofstra.edu/visit

NC School of Science and Math: November 15—Turning Over New Leaves Open House December 12—Uni-Wonderland Open House

<u>UNC Pembroke</u>: Open Houses November 21, February 13, April 16. Register today at www.uncp.edu/admissions

Benedict College: 12/7 8:00 AM registration begins

Roanoke College: Fall Open House 11/3; 11/11 and 11/21.

Requesting Transcripts for College Applications:

All Official Transcripts are to be requested online at <u>wcpss.net/transcripts</u> or through <u>CFNC</u>. Only unofficial transcripts can be mailed to your home.

Unofficial transcripts used for application information may be picked up in Student Services.

Senior Fall Check List

- ♦ Select 3-5 colleges—a dream school, safety school and others in between.
- ♦ Visit https://fsaid.gov to get an FSA ID number to e-sign your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASA).
- ♦ Plan your application process by writing down deadlines on your calendar.
- Meet with your guidance counselor to go over your academic record.
- **♦** Take the SAT and/or ACT again prior to college application deadlines.
- ♦ Keep up your good grades
- If you receive free or reduced lunch see your guidance counselor
- ♦ Reach out to your teachers, coaches and community members for any needed letters of recommendation.
- ♦ Think back on your life and make a list of moments that could potentially become a part of your personal essay.
- ♦ Visit colleges you plan to apply to.
- ♦ Aim to apply by early application deadlines
- Remind parents/guardians to prepare tax information for your financial aid application.