

Hickory Ridge High School

Senior Notes

December 2022

This newsletter is e-mailed monthly to all Seniors who provided a functional e-mail address in the 'Senior Profile' assignment in the Class of 2023 canvas course available to all Seniors. If the student provided a functional e-mail for a parent/guardian, we also e-mail it to that address. This newsletter is also available on the HRHS website under: 'Academics'- 'Student Services'- 'Senior Information' and is posted to the Class of 2023 canvas course.

Financial Aid Packages

If you have applied to several colleges and been offered a seat at more than one, you have a decision to make about which college you will attend. It's wonderful to have choices, but it may be hard to decide because there are so many factors to consider. One important factor is cost. Each college will soon send you a financial aid offer, but the offers can be confusing because each college communicates in their own manner. College Board has an online **Aid Calculator** that can help you compare the offers to understand which is the best financial choice. To access the calculator, visit: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-awards/understanding-your-financial-aid-award-offers>



Helping you plan, apply, and pay for college

College Foundation of North Carolina

CFNC.org

We're with you every step of the way

Helping You Pay For College series

Get valuable information on finding ways to pay for college.

Hear from the experts today! 

College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) offers many resources to understand the financial aid process. Visit www.CFNC.org and open the 'Pay for College' tab. Look for this image to access a series of videos on the topic.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

If you haven't yet applied for financial aid, it's not too late! Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to complete the application. After you apply, watch your e-mail for a Student Aid Report (SAR) containing important information.

"One of the biggest myths about financial aid is that you can't (or shouldn't) submit the FAFSA if your parents have a high income. Everyone, regardless of their parents' income, should submit the FAFSA. The FAFSA unlocks more than federal grants and aid. Many states, aid programs and colleges require that you fill out the FAFSA to be eligible for other forms of aid including work-study

and loans. By not completing the FAFSA, students missed out an estimated \$2.7 billion in free FAFSA college aid in 2016, according to NerdWallet.” ~CollegeBoard.org

Check out the scholarships at the end of this newsletter: many require FAFSA completion to be eligible.



Local Manufacturing Companies are hiring!



Start your new full-time career job NOW –

No experience required!

You can become a **Certified Production Technician** in 8 short weeks. No registration fees or certification testing fees. Plus, guaranteed job interviews!

Almost 90% of graduates find full-time employment within one month of graduating.

Call 704-216-3668 or go to www.ncmanufacturinginstitute.com

Certified Production Technician Training Program

AFTERNOON CLASS: February 28 – April 26, 2023
Mon – Fri | 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Kannapolis

EVENING CLASS: February 28 – April 26, 2023

Mon – Fri | 5:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College, Kannapolis

To register or for more information: Contact Lori Miller (lori.miller@rccc.edu 704-216-3668). A Career Readiness Certification (no registration/testing fee) and updated resume is recommended, so get started now by calling 704-216-7201 or emailing r3@rccc.edu.

Employment

On Tuesday, December 6th during 2nd period, a staff member from the NC Manufacturing Institute will be sharing information about their program and the local manufacturing companies that are hiring. No experience required! You can become a certified production technician in no time!

Sign up to attend the meeting here:

<https://forms.gle/tsEAUwwWaL8qgDpX9>

Selective Service

Every male student has 30 days after he turns 18 years old to register with the selective service. Do so online at www.SSS.gov Did you know that registration provides access to college loans/grants, job training programs, all Federal and many state government and contractor positions?

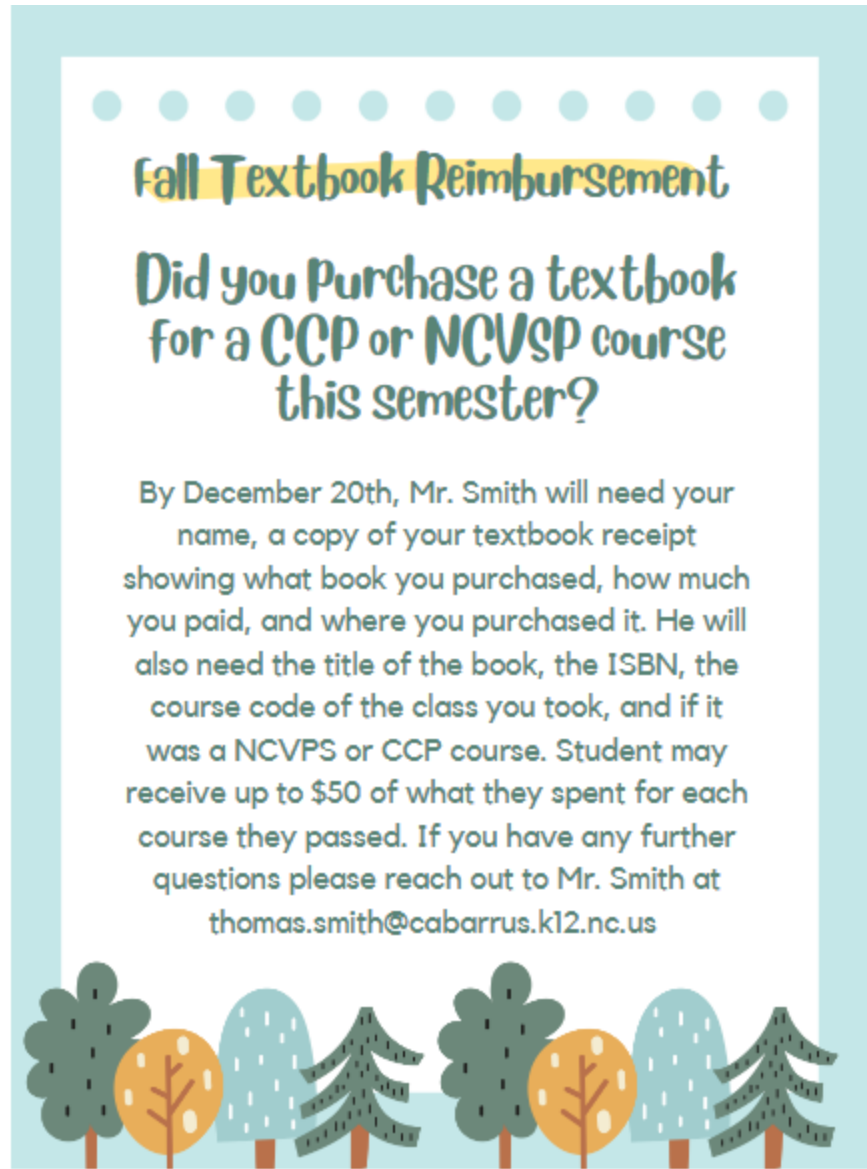
Yearbooks / Senior Ads

Yearbooks are available to purchase online at:

https://yearbookforever.com/schools/hickory_ridge_high_school_buy_yearbook_303498/fHJa6VT713Fqx2wHN05wHJLz

The final deadline to order a Senior Ad is January 27, 2023. Please see the flyer about senior ads at the end of this newsletter for more information. Senior Ads are available to purchase:

https://yearbookforever.com/schools/hickory_ridge_high_school_buy_yearbook_303498/fHJa6VT713Fqx2wHN05wHJLz/personal-ads



Cap and Gown

Order online at www.Jostens.com Pay less by ordering now! Prices increase later in the year.

College Athletes

If you plan to play a sport at a 4-year university, be sure you have registered with the NCAA Clearinghouse. Visit the following website to register: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/> Registering allows college coaches to contact you.

SAT/ACT

Most universities have made providing SAT/ACT test scores in your application optional, so they will not be required as part of the admissions process. If your scores will enhance your application, visit www.collegeboard.org to order your SAT scores sent to universities. Visit

www.act.org to order your ACT scores sent to universities. School Counselors cannot send your scores, because the ACT and SAT charge a fee to send scores.

Transcript Information

Colleges will require that you send your official transcript as part of your application. Usually, you will send it electronically. Here's how...

Electronic options:

1. Online at www.CFNC.org This is free because you send it yourself through the 'Transcript Manager' to ANY two or four year college in North Carolina.
2. Online at Parchment. Some colleges use this platform and will ask you to enter your School Counselor's e-mail address into your application. Your School Counselor receives a message from Parchment and uploads your official transcript directly to the site. You are notified through Parchment after your transcript has been sent. This counts as one of your free transcript requests.
3. Online at Common App / Naviance. Many colleges use this platform and will ask you to enter your School Counselor's e-mail address into your application. Your School Counselor receives a message from the Common App and uploads your official transcript directly to the site. You are notified through Common App that your transcript has been sent. This counts as one of your free transcript requests.

Paper option: Complete a transcript request form for each place you want to send one. The blank form is available on the senior canvas course and in the School Counseling Office. E-mail the completed transcript request form to Lisa.ryan@cabarrus.k12.nc.us or drop off your paper copy in the School Counseling Office. These cost \$5.00 each after you have requested 3 through Parchment, Common App or paper.

Please do not ask your School Counselor to e-mail your transcript to college coaches, admissions officers, scholarships etc. We are not allowed to e-mail your transcript because Cabarrus County Schools does not consider e-mail to be secure for your private information.

NC Residency Certification Number

To be billed the less expensive "In-State" rather than "Out-of-state Tuition" at your college, you will need your Residency Certification Number (RCN). Visit www.ncresidency.org and complete the process to receive your RCN. You will then provide this number to colleges as a part of the application process. This can be completed before, during, or after submitting the college application, but your School Counselor recommends completing it before you submit your application(s).

Letters of Recommendation

Many colleges and universities require letters of recommendation along with your application for admission. These letters are an important way for admissions officials to gain insight into

your personal strengths, weaknesses, and accomplishments. When asking someone to write a letter of recommendation for you, consider the following tips:

- Ask for letters **at least** 2 weeks before the application deadline.
- Be sure to use a “letter of recommendation request form,” which provides valuable information to the writer. Blank forms are available in your 12th grade canvas course.
- Be courteous and polite when requesting letters of recommendation. Remember that you are asking the person to do something extra on top of their usual workload.
- Only ask adults you know can write a strong letter for you. If someone doesn’t know you well enough to advocate for your admission, you should ask someone who knows you better and can write a strong letter on your behalf.
- Provide all necessary information, forms, addresses, and envelopes to complete and submit the letter of recommendation. Make sure you follow the directions on how to send the letter to the college.

Demonstration of Interest (DOI)

Colleges try to determine which students are really interested in them. They use this information to decide who to admit in the hopes that those who showed a lot of interest will accept the offer. There are many ways to demonstrate your interest in a college

1. Open the colleges’ e-mails to you. Colleges have technology that tells them if you open their messages and how many times you check their websites.
2. If a college rep. is visiting your high school, go to their presentation/meet with them.
3. Visit the college campus virtually or in-person.
4. Apply during the ‘early action’ window.
5. In your essays and anytime you meet a representative from the college, explain why you are interested in this college/program.
6. After you submit your application, answer their messages promptly and apply for the scholarships they recommend.

Senior Gear

The HRHS PTSO is selling spirit gear. Visit this link to shop/purchase.

<https://my-site-101942-101991.square.site/s/shop>



Class of 2023 Garden Flag
\$21.00



Class of 2023 Yard Sign
\$21.00



Class of 2023 T-Shirt
\$15.00

Scholarship searches

Use these online tools to find scholarships. In addition to these search tools, the HRHS School Counselors list some 'featured' scholarships at the end of every edition of this newsletter.

<https://www.myscholly.com/>

<http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships>

<http://www.onlineschools.org/financial-aid/minority/>.

<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships>

<https://www.scholarships.com/>

Army ROTC Scholarship

Discipline: Merit. *Award:* \$5,000/semester to apply toward tuition OR room/board.

Requirements: senior planning to enroll in a 4-year participating university. In NC, App State participates. Students do not have to be in ROTC in high school to apply for this scholarship. Apply and earn admittance at university and pass an Army physical. Students join ROTC in college as an elective. No commitment to service in your first year. After your first year, you are asked to commit to the Army active duty or reserve. For more information, visit:

<https://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html>

Deadline: January 16, 2023

Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship

Discipline: Merit. *Award:* \$20,000.
Requirements: senior of Asian and/or Pacific Islander ethnicity who is enrolling as an undergraduate student in a U.S. accredited college or university in the Fall of 2023. Minimum GPA of 2.7, complete the FAFSA. To apply, visit:

https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/16225/asian_and_pacific_islander_american_scholarship_program_scholarship.php *Deadline:* January 19, 2023

Burger King Scholars Program

Discipline: Merit. *Award:* up to \$50,000. To be eligible for the scholarship a student must be a senior in high school and have a cumulative high school grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Student must plan to enroll full-time for the entire 2023-24 academic year at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school. Applications can be found here:

https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10533/burger_king_scholars_program_scholarship.php *Deadline:* December 15, 2022

Children of Warriors National Scholarship *Award:* \$5,000. *Requirements:* Be a descendent of a veteran who served in the Armed Forces, excel in academics and dedicated to

community service. To apply, visit: <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/12483/children-of-warriors-national-presidents-scholarship>

Deadline: March 1, 2023

College Board Opportunity (Big Future) Scholarships You can earn a chance at scholarships when you complete tasks to prepare for college. Log into your SAT/College Board account and complete these tasks:



Step	Icon	Start Date	Deadline	Action
Explore Scholarships		July 1, 2022	February 28, 2023	Explore Now
Complete the FAFSA		October 1, 2022	February 28, 2023	Complete the FAFSA
Apply to Colleges		October 1, 2022	February 28, 2023	Apply to Colleges

ECA College Scholarship *Discipline:* Merit / Need. *Award:* \$800.00. Non-renewable. *Requirements:* high school senior. The NC Extension & Community Association grants a scholarship each year for area graduating high school seniors. Special consideration will be made for applicants planning to study Family and Consumer Sciences or who have a connection with the NC Cooperative Extension Service through membership, 4-H etc. Apply at www.go.ncsu.edu/nceca Look under Appendices - Scholarship Application. **Deadline:** February 1, 2023

Equitable Excellence Scholarship *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* varies from \$2,500-\$5,000 per year. This scholarship is renewable each year. *Requirements:* Senior planning to enroll full-time in a 2-year or 4-year college. Leadership, determination and resilience as evidenced by outstanding accomplishment in school, community or work-related activities. To learn more and apply, visit <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/equitableexcellence/>
Deadline: Dec. 16, 2022

Florence Kidder Memorial Scholarship *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* 1st place \$3,000. 2nd place \$1,000. Non-renewable. *Requirements:* Senior planning to attend a university in NC in Fall 2023. Write an original essay on early immigration (prior to 1770) to America. See the prompt and learn how to apply at: <https://www.ncdames.org/florence-kidder-memorial-scholarship>
Deadline: February 5, 2023

Gamma Pi Educational Society of Cabarrus County *Discipline:* pursuing a degree in education. *Award:* \$1,000. (non-renewable). *Requirements:* graduating high school senior in Cabarrus County intending to pursue a degree in education. For application, e-mail Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us *Deadline:* March 1, 2022

GE Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$40,000 over 4 years. *Requirements:* graduating high school senior who embodies leadership, drive, integrity and citizenship. Minimum GPA 3.0. Plan to enroll full time in an accredited 4 -year university. To apply, visit: [GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship Program | The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation & Institute](#) *Deadline:* January 5, 2023

KPMG Women's Leadership Program Scholarship. *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$10,000 over 4 years of college. *Requirements:* female senior interested in a career in business enrolling in a 4-year college in Fall 2023. Selected students also attend a leadership retreat and are paired with a business leader. For more information including deadline to apply, send an e-mail to: christopherlambert@kpmg.com

Matthew Graziadei Achievement Scholarship *Discipline:* merit. *Award:* \$1,500.00. *Requirements:* student with a disability who will use the award money for any post high school learning experience or for equipment/technology needed for employment after high school. To apply, visit <https://www.ecac-parentcenter.org/> *Deadline:* February 1, 2023.

Montreat College Honors Program scholarships *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* full tuition or up to \$25,000. *Requirements:* 3.5 minimum unweighted GPA, apply to Montreat college and the honors program by Jan 13, 2023, attend scholar's day on Feb. 3, 2023. For more information and to apply, visit www.montreat.edu/honors-scholarships

NC Education Lottery Scholarship *Discipline:* financial need. *Award:* up to \$3,768. *Requirements:* be admitted and enrolled in at least 6 credit hours at any UNC Public University or Community College as an undergraduate student. Complete the FAFSA and you will be automatically considered for this scholarship. *Deadline:* None, but funds are distributed until they are gone so doing the FAFSA as soon as possible is best.

NC Community College Grant *Discipline:* financial need. *Award:* up to \$2,200. *Requirements:* complete the FAFSA and you will be automatically considered for this grant. Enroll in community college for 6 or more credit hours (2 classes). *Deadline:* None, but funds are distributed until they are gone so doing the FAFSA as soon as possible is best.

NC State Goodnight Scholarship *Discipline:* NC State need/merit based. *Award:* \$22,000 each year. This scholarship will reach out to students who have applied to NC State and meet the following criteria: family income of less than \$110,000 (confirmed via the FAFSA), interested in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Math major or STEM education major, and a history of

exceptional academic performance. An invitation to apply to the scholarship will be sent to the e-mail address provided by the student on their application for admission. Students who do not receive an invitation, but would like to be considered, can self-nominate starting on Nov. 1st by completing an online form at: <https://goodnight.ncsu.edu/apply/first-year>

PFLAG Scholarship *Discipline:* identify as LGBTQIA or straight ally serving and supporting the LGBTQIA community. *Award:* \$1,000. *Non-renewable.* *Requirements:* Senior residing in Cabarrus County and accepted to a university, college, community college, or vocational school for the 2022-2023 academic year. Minimum weighted GPA of 2.5 For application, e-mail catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us *Deadline:* March 1, 2023

The John F Kennedy 'Profile in Courage' Essay Contest *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$10,000 for first prize; \$3,000 for second. *Requirements:* write an original essay answering this prompt: Describe an act of political courage by a US elected Official who served during or after 1917 (the year of JFK's birth). For more information, visit: <https://www.jfklibrary.org/learn/education/profile-in-courage-essay-contest/getting-started> *Deadline:* January 13, 2023

Path to Pro Scholarship Program *Discipline:* Trade-related training. *Award:* \$2,000. *Requirements:* High school senior, planning to enroll in an approved trade-related program at an accredited two-year school (technical/vocational school or college) in the United States, focused on Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing or Construction Management. Employees or dependents of employees of The Home Depot are not eligible to apply. Visit: [Path to Pro Scholarship Program](#) *Deadline:* December 31, 2022

Ron Brown Scholarships Program *Discipline:* Merit and financial need. *Award:* \$40,000 over 4 years of college. *Requirements:* community-minded and intellectually gifted African American high school senior. Economically challenged; demonstrate a keen interest in public service, community engagement, business entrepreneurship and global citizenship. For application, visit: <https://ronbrown.org/apply/ron-brown-scholarship/> *Deadline:* January 9, 2023


Science Ambassador Scholarship *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* full tuition. *Requirements:* female high school senior seeking to pursue a career in science, technology, engineering, or math. Film a three-minute educational video of yourself explaining a STEM topic you are passionate about. Your video should be a mini lecture, not a personal statement. Pretend you are a lecturer speaking to a class. Teach us something. To Apply: <https://www.scienceambassadorscholarship.org/> *Deadline:* December 13, 2022

Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarships *Discipline:* Community Service *Award:* \$5,000. High School Senior who has demonstrated an on-going commitment to their community by performing unpaid volunteer services. Applications available at

https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/8850/stephen_j_brady_stop_hunger_scholarships_scholarship.php *Deadline: December 7, 2022*

Transportation YOU High School Scholarship *Discipline: Merit. Award: \$2,500.*
*Requirements: female senior with a 3.0 or higher GPA who intends to pursue a degree and career in a transportation-related field. This scholarship is sponsored by the 'Women's Transportation seminar'. To apply: <https://www.wtsinternational.org/chapters/charlotte-metro/scholarships> *Deadline: December 28, 2022**

Washington Crossing Foundation Scholarship *Discipline: Merit. Award: \$5,000.*
*Requirements: senior planning a career of service to the United States in local, state, or federal government. To apply, visit: https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10091/washington_crossing_foundation_scholarship_scholarship.php *Deadline: January 15, 2023**



Hickory Ridge Senior Ads

7321 Ragin Ridge Road Harrisburg, NC 28075 School Office (704) 260-6630

Congratulations to all Hickory Ridge Senior parents! The 2022-2023 Hickory Ridge High School yearbook staff is now accepting orders for ads. Ads are spaces in the yearbook that give you an opportunity to express your love, pride, and congratulations upon your child's achievement this school year.

Ordering:
To order, purchase online at yearbookforever.com and then enter the school's name to get to the online submission page. You can also [click here](#) to be taken directly to the page.

Ad Placement:
All ads are sold on a "first come, first served" basis until the ad pages in the yearbook are full. We cannot guarantee an ad for you even if you meet the deadline because our ad space is limited. Therefore, we encourage you to place your ad order early to ensure a place in this year's Hickory Ridge Yearbook.

Deadline:
The final deadline for ads is **Friday, January 27, 2023**. Get your ad in early because you'll save money by meeting an early deadline!

Thank You!
We thank you for your patronage! The Hickory Ridge Yearbook staff depends on your support in this endeavor to produce a successful yearbook.

If you have any questions concerning an ad, please call (704-260-6630) or email Sarah Kincaid (sarah.kincaid@cabarrus.k12.nc.us), Yearbook Adviser.
 - Yearbook Staff

Please make sure to read the Guidelines and Instruction below before submitting your ad.

Guidelines & Instructions *for ad submission*

Photos:

- Each ad has a photo limit; supply up to that # of pictures. If you include extra pictures, our staff will decide which one(s) to exclude **without notifying you**.
- Photos that include alcohol, guns, or are taken on railroad tracks **will not be accepted**.
- We will enlarge or reduce your photos as necessary. We will also "crop" (focus on key parts of) the picture to its best advantage.

Text:

- We will choose a font (typeface) for your copy when we compose your ad. We will also correct grammar, punctuation and spelling errors. Therefore, if a word needs to be spelled a certain way, make sure we know it.
- Take into account the size of your ad when writing your message to your child. A large quantity of text in any ad will end up being set in very small type which may not be easy to read.

The Hickory Ridge HS Yearbook staff reserves the right to change or rearrange any ad which is not appropriate for the yearbook without notifying you. This includes but is not limited to the exclusion of photos and/or text.

Types of Ads/Size

Ad Size & Maximum Photos	Early Deadline 10/15	Final Deadline 1/27
Full Page (12 photos)	\$360	\$400
1/2 Page (6 photos)	\$230	\$250
1/4 Page (3 photos)	\$130	\$150
1/8 Page (1 photo)	\$85	\$100

Ad Orders final deadline 1/27/23