

# Hickory Ridge High School

## Senior Notes

### March 2023

*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.*

#### **Prom**

**Saturday, May 20, 2023 @ the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center from 7:00-11:00pm.** Buy your ticket starting March 28th during your lunch period in the Commons area. Cash or check accepted. If you plan to invite a guest who does not attend HRHS, complete a guest form before attempting to buy tickets. The guest form is available in the HRHS main office. All overdue fees must be paid and all overdue books must be returned before tickets will be sold.

#### **Ticket sales:**

March 28-31. Tickets are \$60.00 per person.

April 17-21. Tickets are \$65.00 per person.

May 1-5. Tickets are \$70.00 per person.

Please direct any questions to the prom advisor at [Jacob.ford@cabarrus.k12.nc.us](mailto:Jacob.ford@cabarrus.k12.nc.us)

#### **Senior Picnic**

Save the date! The picnic will be on Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Details will be provided as we get closer to the event.

#### **Senior Award Ceremony**

Wednesday, May 31, 2023. HRHS Auditorium. Doors open at 6:00pm. The ceremony will begin promptly at 6:30pm. Cap/Gown should not be worn to this event. Attire is business casual/dressy. If you are receiving an award and/or a scholarship you earned is being announced, your parents/guardians will be notified in advance of the ceremony.

#### **Scholarship Reporting form**

If you have been awarded a scholarship, please complete this form by Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. We want to know about all scholarships you have been awarded, but only scholarships accepted by the student will be announced at the Senior Awards Ceremony on May 31st.

Please do not use this form for grants. Grants will not be announced at the Senior Awards Ceremony. If you have trouble accessing this form, use your school Chrome Book to complete it. <https://forms.gle/AM41oY79cWdQVa5w9>

There are many new scholarships to apply for at the end of this newsletter. Check them out!

## Graduation

Saturday, June 10th at 4:00pm at the Cabarrus Arena. Please see the letter at the very end of this newsletter with LOTS of extremely important information. When you read it, you'll find out how many tickets each senior receives for the ceremony, when graduation practice is and many details that will make this event a great one for you and your family!

## Senior Walk

HRHS Seniors have been invited to visit Harrisburg, Patriots and Hickory Ridge *elementary* schools and Hickory Ridge *middle* school on **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Seniors who wish to participate must sign up in advance and will be transported by school bus to walk through each school's halls while wearing their cap & gown as if in a parade. The purpose is to give younger students a glimpse of their future and encourage them to work hard in school. The online sign-up sheet will be available in early April and due in late April. Stay tuned for more information.

## Cap/Gown

If you ordered a cap/gown etc. from Jostens they will be distributed during lunch on **Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**. If you owe a balance, it will be due at that time. Jostens has already contacted seniors and parents if there is a balance due.

## Cap/Gown Photos

Seniors will have their cap and gown photos taken soon. Please mark March 23<sup>rd</sup> as a tentative date on your calendar.

## Scholarships

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/>

## Beyond the Cure Ambassador Scholarship

*Award:* \$3,500. *Requirements:* be a survivor of childhood cancer who has demonstrated the ability to overcome the difficult challenges of cancer with determination and motivation. For application visit: <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/15058/beyond> *Deadline:* March 31, 2023

### **Blacks @ Microsoft Scholarship**

*Discipline:* need/merit. *Award:* \$5,000 per year and renewable for up to 4 years. *Requirements:* senior of African descent who has been accepted and plans to attend a four-year US college or university in Fall 2023. pursue a bachelor's degree in engineering, computer science, computer information systems, or select business programs (such as finance, business administration, or marketing). Demonstrate a passion for technology, demonstrate leadership at school or in your community, GPA of 3.0 or higher and require financial assistance to attend college. Apply: <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/diversity/programs/bam-scholarship.aspx?SilentAuth=1>  
*Deadline:* March 15, 2023.

### **Bridging the Dream Scholarship**

*Discipline:* Merit/need. *Award:* \$10,000. *Requirements:* High school senior and US citizen who plans to enroll in an accredited post-secondary institution or continuous education program during the 2023-2024 academic year. Leadership skills and moral character. Submit a short video describing how the scholarship will assist them in achieving their goals. Apply at [Bridging the Dream Scholarships for HS Seniors | Sallie Mae Fund](#) *Deadline:* March 27, 2023.

### **Central Carolina Association of Realtors Scholarship**

*Award:* \$2,000. Non-renewable. *Requirements:* graduating Senior accepted to a university/technical college. Academic excellence, community involvement, 2 letters of recommendation, official transcript, acceptance letter from the university, a letter stating your goals and future plans. For more information and application, visit [www.ccarcarolinas.com](http://www.ccarcarolinas.com) Before mailing your application, get a cover sheet of information to include with your application from [catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us](mailto:catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us) *Deadline:* March 24, 2023 by 4:00pm.

### **Criminal Justice Fellows Program**

*Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* 100% forgivable loan. *Requirements:* High school senior interested in obtaining a 2-year degree in a criminal justice field. E-mail [Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us](mailto:Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us) for the application. *Deadline* to apply: April 30, 2023.

### **College Scholarship and Mentoring**

*Discipline:* merit. *Award:* \$2,500-\$12,500 per year. *Requirements:* High school senior who has experienced life-altering medical circumstances and plans to enroll in college in the Fall 2023 semester. Good character, high school academic achievements and financial need are considered. To apply: <https://www.cltfoundation.org/scholarship> *Deadline:* April 7, 2023.

### **Doris Y. Rogers Cabarrus County Agricultural Fair Scholarship**

*Award:* \$1,000-\$5,000 non-renewable. *Requirements:* High school senior accepted to NC college or technical school and pursuing an Agricultural or Family /Consumer Sciences degree. Resident of Cabarrus County with a GPA of 3.0 or better. Must have participated in the Cabarrus County Fair. For application, e-mail [Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us](mailto:Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us) *Deadline:*

April 14, 2023 for complete application to be mailed. This deadline is during CCS' Spring break, so plan accordingly!

### **Harrisburg Art Walk Scholarship**

*Award:* \$1,000 non-renewable. *Requirements:* Applicant must plan to study their field of art at the university level. This scholarship recognizes artistic efforts in creative writing, dance, drama, music or the visual arts. For application, visit: <https://www.harrisburgnc.org/722/Art-Walk-Scholarship> *Deadline:* May 1, 2023.

### **The Holcomb Family Scholarship**

*Discipline:* Need/Merit. *Award:* \$5,000 renewable each year for four years. *Requirements:* High School senior enrolling in a 4-year college. GPA of at least 3.0 unweighted, financial need, academic merit and ability, involvement in school and community activities and leadership ability. To apply, visit: <https://fftcsholarships.communityforce.com> *Deadline* is March 3, 2023.

### **The Douglas Family Scholarship for Military Children**

*Discipline:* Merit/Need/community service. *Award:* up to \$5,000 a year, renewable. *Requirements:* Child of persons who are/were in the military; low-income; pursuing a college degree. GPA 3.0 or higher. For application, visit: <https://fftcsholarships.communityforce.com> *Deadline:* March 3, 2023

### **EnergyUnited Empowering the Future 2022 Scholarship**

*Discipline:* merit. *Award:* \$5,000. Non-renewable. *Requirements:* senior planning to attend a college or technical school in the 23-24 school year. Strong commitment to community service and record of academic success. Senior's must reside in a home powered by Energy United. To apply, visit: [www.energyunited.com/scholarship-program/](http://www.energyunited.com/scholarship-program/) *Deadline:* March 31, 2023

### **John Kirkman Honorary CTE Scholarship**

*Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$1,500. *Requirements:* senior, 3.0 or higher unweighted GPA, accepted to college / community college and plan to attend full-time in the Fall of 2023, completed CTE concentrator classes in high school. Apply: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/NCCTEFoundation/2023johnkirkmanhonoraryctescholarshipapplication> *Deadline:* March 17, 2023

### **LeeAnn Tuttle Memorial CTE Scholarship**

*Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$1,500. *Requirements:* senior, 3.0 or higher unweighted GPA, accepted to college and plan to attend full-time in the Fall of 2023, completed CTE concentrator classes in high school. Apply: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/NCCTEFoundation/2023leeanntuttletthomasmemorialctescholarshipapplication> *Deadline:* March 17, 2023

### **Louie Family Foundation Scholarship**

*Discipline:* Merit/Need. *Award:* \$4,000. *Requirements:* senior, 3.7 or higher unweighted GPA, minimum score of 1300 on the SAT, accepted to college and plan to attend in Fall 2023. Outstanding personal achievements, leadership qualities and/or community service. For more information and to apply, visit: <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10179/louie-family-foundation-scholarships> *Deadline:* March 17, 2023.

### **Marine Corp Scholarship Foundation**

*Discipline:* Need. *Award:* varies. *Requirements:* senior planning to further their education in trade school, community college or 4-year university in the Fall of 2023. GPA 2.0 or higher. Child or stepchild of an active duty, reserve or veteran US Marine. Financial need to further education. For more information and to apply, visit: [www.mcsf.org/eligibility](http://www.mcsf.org/eligibility). *Deadline:* March 1, 2023.

### **Men's College Scholarship**

*Award:* Varies. Up to \$50,000. *Requirements:* High school senior who identifies as male and excels in academics, extra-curricular activities and community service. To apply, visit: <https://foundationfe.org/highschoolscholarship/> *Deadline:* April 3, 2023.

### **Michael A DeMayo Arrive Alive Scholarship**

*Award:* \$2,500 non-renewable. *Requirements:* High school senior planning to pursue a degree at a 4-year university, 3.0 GPA or higher. Create a presentation, essay or video that encourages teens to abstain from underage drinking or highlights the dangers of underage drinking and driving. To apply, visit: [www.DeMayoLaw.com](http://www.DeMayoLaw.com) and click 'Community Service' – Michael A DeMayo Scholarship program. *Deadline:* March 27, 2023.

### **NC Child Support Council Scholarship**

*Discipline:* Merit. *Requirements:* Senior, accepted to a 2 or 4-year college/university with a 2.0 or higher GPA. One parent must be a member of the NC Child Support Council or a client of the Child Support Program. For application, e-mail [Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us](mailto:Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us) *Deadline* to apply: March 24, 2023.

### **NC Home Builders Educational & Charitable Foundation, INC. (NCHBECF)**

*Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$1,000, renewable. *Requirements:* Senior, accepted to a community college/technical college to study a skilled trade (carpentry, welding, plumbing, electrical, masonry etc.) To apply: <https://www.nchba.org/workforce-development-scholarships/> *Deadline:* April 30, 2023.

### **National Panhellenic Conference Centennial Scholarship**

*Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$2,000. *Requirements:* female senior who has participated in service and leadership to a women's-focused organization (such as the Girl Scouts). Apply here: <https://app.smarterselect.com/programs/85476> *Deadline:* March 15, 2023.

### **National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) Jon H. Poteat Scholarship**

*Award:* \$1,000. *Requirements:* High School student who has a membership in NTHS. To apply, visit <https://nthsofnc.org/scholarships-2/> *Deadline:* May 1, 2023

### **NCCU Charlotte Chapter Alumni Scholarship**

*Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* up to \$2,000. *Requirements:* senior who has applied to, been accepted to and is committed to attending NC Central University for the Fall 2023 semester. 2.5 GPA minimum. Apply here: [www.nccuCharlotte.org/scholarship](http://www.nccuCharlotte.org/scholarship) *Deadline:* March 15, 2023.

### **PB&J Scholarship**

*Award:* up to \$1,000. *Requirements:* high school senior planning to attend a 2 or 4-year college who has experienced personal challenges and has the drive to succeed. There is no GPA requirement. For application, visit [www.bit.ly/pbj scholarship 2022](http://www.bit.ly/pbj scholarship 2022) *Deadline:* May 31, 2023

### **Pegge Haywood Annual Scholarship**

*Discipline:* merit. *Award:* \$1,000. Non-renewable. *Requirements:* High school senior who has demonstrated a commitment to Republican values and activities as communicated in an essay. For application, e-mail [Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us](mailto:Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us) *Deadline:* March 15, 2023 – application must be received by US mail to the address listed on the application by March 15.

### **Rowan Cabarrus Community College Foundation Scholarships**

*Discipline:* Merit/Need. *Award:* Varies. *Requirements:* complete the FAFSA, apply to RCCC, academic excellence, achievement, leadership qualities, need or other criteria as stipulated by contributors. Visit [www.rccc.edu/scholarships](http://www.rccc.edu/scholarships) and click on the “[Apply Now](#)” link to submit an application. *Deadline:* March 15, 2023

### **The Salvation Army Scholarship**

*Discipline:* Volunteerism/need. *Award:* \$1,000. Non-renewable. *Requirements:* graduating senior with financial aid needed to attend a college, community college or technical school. A history of volunteerism and commendable character. For application, e-mail [Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us](mailto:Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us) *Deadline* to submit application: April 19, 2023

### **Rothschild Family Scholarship Fund**

*Discipline:* need. *Award:* \$2,000 renewable each year. *Requirements:* Senior with a cumulative GPA between 2.8 and 3.3 who plans to further education through vocational school, community college or 4-year university. To apply, visit: <https://fftcsholarships.communityforce.com/Funds/Search.aspx> *Deadline:* March 3, 2023

### **Sam Leder Scholarship**

*Award:* \$1,000. Non-renewable. *Requirements:* Senior planning to attend RCCC, CPCC, SCCC or the Cabarrus College of Health Sciences who has demonstrated leadership, motivation, hard-

work and love of community. For application, contact [Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us](mailto:Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us)  
*Deadline:* April 15, 2023

### **State Employee Association of NC Scholarship Foundation**

*Discipline:* Need/Merit. *Award:* unspecified. *Requirements:* child or grandchild of a member of SEANC. Visit: <https://www.seanc.org/scholarship> for application. *Deadline* to mail your application: April 15, 2023

### **University of the Aftermarket Foundation Scholarship**

*Discipline:* engine repair. *Award:* \$10,000 non-renewable. *Requirements:* High school senior who plans to attend a school in the automotive, heavy duty or collision repair fields. Visit <https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/15065/university> *Deadline:* March 31, 2023



Attention Seniors:

March 2023

Below is some very important information regarding graduation. You are responsible for knowing everything in this letter. ***Failure to do so will result in you not participating in the graduation ceremony.***

- **Graduation is on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.** You are expected to **be there by 3:00 pm to meet with your homeroom teacher.** Traffic is very heavy...so leave early! Bring extra everything in case you need to change.
- Graduation practice is on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at HRHS in the main gym. You have been given plenty of notice. Make plans now to take time off from your job. **You will not be allowed to walk if you are not at practice.** There can be NO exceptions.
- During the practice time, you will practice procession and recession with your homeroom teacher. You will also find out where you are sitting during the ceremony. Please wear normal clothes to practice. At this time, you will be required to pay any current or overdue fees you owe to the school. **You will not participate in graduation or get your diploma until all fees are paid.**

- When you receive your cap and gown, you can **NOT** decorate the top of your cap. This is a county-wide rule. Also, you can only wear cords approved by Cabarrus County Schools at graduation. This includes honors cords (given by Student Services), National Honor Society, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, National Technical Honor Society, National Thespians Honor Society, National Honors Arts Society, and Tri-M Music Honor Society.
- Graduation attire: on graduation day, you are expected to look your best. The following attire is required:
  - White shirt
  - Dark, solid tie
  - Dark pants (NO khaki)
  - Dark dress shoes (NO boat shoes or boots or tennis shoes)
  - Dark dress socks
  - **Dress** that adheres to HRHS dress code.
  - **Blouse and skirt** that adheres to HRHS dress code.
  - Black dress shoes (NO flip-flops) (spike heels are discouraged...the stairs to the stage are grated)
  - No hem on a dress or skirt that hangs below the graduation gown.

**Please** take heed to this letter. We have had many problems with students thinking they could ignore this, only to find out they were not allowed to walk or scrambling frantically to find proper attire or shoes. If you are not sure, bring extra or ask your senior homeroom teacher or Mrs. Brown or Mr. Robinson.

### **Graduation Ticket/Program Reminders**

Important information about procedural change regarding family/guest attendance at your HRHS graduation:

Your graduation will be held at the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center on Saturday, June 10th at 4:00 pm. Due to fire codes at the Events Center and the size of the 2023 Senior Class, HRHS will be using a ticket system for graduation this year.

Each senior will receive eight (8) tickets for guests. This number is in compliance with fire code regulations and maximum capacity for safety. PLEASE NOTE: due to the Events Center's first come, first served seating (NOT assigned seating), these tickets guarantee admittance through the doors to the ceremony, but do NOT guarantee a seat. EVERY person, regardless of age (including babies in strollers and children carried), MUST have a ticket.

Please tell your guests to arrive early. Finding seats together to accommodate your group will be easier the earlier they arrive; late arrivals may see only scattered empty seats and may find themselves standing and watching the ceremony from the walkways.



You will each receive your eight tickets at graduation practice in June. Some seniors will not need all eight tickets allotted to them; some seniors may be expecting a larger group to attend. If you need additional tickets, you may ask your fellow graduates for any extra tickets they are not using.

**DO NOT LOSE YOUR TICKETS.** Additional/substitution tickets will NOT be provided.

In addition to receiving your graduation tickets at graduation practice, you will also receive your graduation programs. You will get seven (7) graduation programs this year. These can be kept or distributed to family/friends, as you see fit. Programs will NOT be distributed at graduation. Please give these out ahead of time to those that you want to have one.