

Hickory Ridge High School

Senior Notes

May 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 in every seniors' canvas dashboard.

Senior Exit Survey

The *Senior Exit Survey 2023* is an online form that informs HRHS of your plans for after high school. Most importantly, **it tells us where to send your final transcript.** Please use this link to complete the *Senior Exit Survey 2023* **by Monday, May 8th.**

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScQ348lwtTkOsfI6E8sGCc0FAQGfp_03--kCbmlBZVp6jX1eg/viewform

Bridge Out!

A bridge near the Cabarrus Arena will be under construction when we are all traveling to the graduation ceremony on June 10th. The bridge is located on old Airport Road between Crestmont Drive and Setter Lane SE. To avoid being late for the graduation ceremony, please avoid this route.

Graduation Honor Cords

These are worn with the cap and gown by seniors who have earned a high cumulative GPA. HRHS will distribute cords at the end of 4th quarter.

Cord Color	GPA Range	Designation
Gold	4.32 and above	Summa Cum Laude
Blue	4.0 – 4.31	Magna Cum Laude
Red	3.625 – 3.999	Cum Laude

Various other cords and stoles are provided to students who are members of clubs like the National Honor Society, Beta Club, National Thespian Honor Society, National Honors Arts Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society and the National Technical Honor Society. Your club advisor will give you more information as we get closer to graduation day.

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:

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

Please direct any questions to the prom advisor at Jacob.ford@cabarrus.k12.nc.us

Senior Picnic

The picnic will be on **Thursday, May 25th** from 7:00-9:00pm in the HRHS Stadium. Tickets are available in the K12 payment center from April 24th-May 5th. Tickets are \$10.00 per senior. This event is for HRHS Seniors only. No guests from other schools will be admitted.

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 26th** 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/AM41oY79c wdQVa5w9>

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

Cap & Gown photos

Proofs will be available soon. When they are available to view and order, we will post an announcement in your senior canvas course. Please watch for it!

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 23rd**. Seniors who wish to participate must:

1. **Use this link to sign up by April 28th**
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScZ8xHGBjxOMg5a-CxzLLDcSJshE4pUq5HKg4k5Xw-MJ4mxYw/viewform>

2. Complete the field trip permission form available on the HRHS website or front office and turn it in to Mr. Ford in room 374 **no later than April 28th**.
3. Wear their cap & gown on the day of the event.

Seniors who complete all 3 steps 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.

RCCC Transcripts

If you have taken any CCP dual enrollment classes while you were a Junior or Senior in high school, you have a college transcript. If you plan to attend a university in the Fall, you must send your college transcript to your 4-year university. Directions to do so will be posted in the June edition of this newsletter. It is too early to send your college transcript now, but plan to do so a few weeks after all CCP classes have ended so grades will be finalized.

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/>

ASHRAE High School Senior Scholarship

Award: \$3,000. *Non-renewable.* *Requirements:* High School Senior with an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher, accepted to a university engineering program. For application, visit:

<https://studentscholarships.org/scholarship/10066/ashrae-high-school-senior-scholarships>

Deadline: May 1, 2023

Balanced Man Scholarship

Award: Varies. *Requirements:* Male senior demonstrating leadership qualities who will be attending a university in Fall 2023 where the Sigma Epsilon Fraternity has a chapter (NCSU and Davidson are a couple). For more information and to apply:

sigep.org/scholarships **Deadline:** June 30, 2023.

Big Sun Scholarship

Discipline: Athletics. *Award:* \$500. *Requirements:* High School Senior currently involved in a sport at school or in the community. Visit <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> for more information and to apply. **Deadline: June 19, 2023**

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 for the application. **Deadline to apply: April 30, 2023.**

Charlotte Knights Charity Scholarship

Discipline: merit. *Award:* \$1,000. *Requirements:* senior who is pursuing a career in healthcare, STEM or education. To apply, visit: <https://www.milb.com/charlotte-knights/community/scholarship>
Deadline: April 30, 2023.

Gina Guthrie Scholarship

Discipline: financial need. *Award:* \$2,500. Non-renewable. *Requirements:* senior attending university in the Fall of 2023 who has overcome adversity in their life. To apply, visit: <https://www.ginaguthriescholarshipfund.com/applications> **Deadline: May 15, 2023.**

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.**

Horatio Alger CTE Scholarship

Discipline: need. *Award:* \$2,500. Non-renewable. *Requirements:* applicant must be a senior who has faced and overcome great obstacles in their life and wishes to pursue a career or technical education @ a community college. To apply: ACTEonline.org/haascholarship **Deadline: June 15, 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 must reside in a home powered by Energy United. To apply, visit: www.energyunited.com/scholarship-program/ **Deadline: March 31, 2023.**

Mable Parker McLean Scholarship

Discipline: Merit. *Award:* \$1,000 non-renewable. *Requirements:* GPA 3.0 or higher, demonstrating leadership in community service or extra-curricular activities, enrolling in a 4-

year college in the Fall of 2022. For application, e-mail Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us
Deadline: May 15, 2023

Magnolia Grove Scholarship

Award: \$500. Non-renewable. *Requirements:* female senior pursuing a 2 or 4-year degree in the wellness industry (mental/physical health and beauty). Degree must be sought through RCCC for the first two years. To apply, e-mail Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us
Deadline to apply: May 12, 2023.

National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

Award: \$5,000. *Requirements:* Senior who is planning to continue education in college or trade school who experienced homelessness during high school or was eligible for McKinney Vento assistance. For more information or to apply: <https://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/53be5dbe-d50f-48f4-b543-5981e2754357> **Deadline: May 31, 2023.**

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

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

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 scholarship2022 **Deadline: May 31, 2023.**

PHCC Educational Foundation Scholarship

Award: \$10,000. *Requirements:* Senior planning to enroll in a PHCC-approved plumbing or HVACR apprenticeship program. Apply: <https://www.phccfoundation.org/foundation/scholarship-program/> **Deadline: May 1, 2023.**

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 and click on the “[Apply Now](#)” link to submit an application. **Deadline: June 1, 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 10th 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 9th 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.