

Hickory Ridge High School

Senior Notes

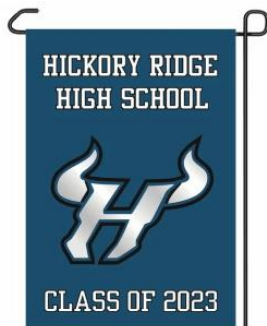
October 2022

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.

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

Verify the spelling of your name for your diploma

In preparation of ordering diplomas, we need you to verify the spelling of your name. Provide your full legal name, as written on your birth certificate. Your name on your diploma **MUST** be your full, legal name (no nick names). **Please complete this form by Monday, October 31st.** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxOrdKavSqoUdel9IDOkb-5UcGIr1f_F1BL1VtSf2RY8sQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

E-mail Ms. Brown if you have any questions at leah.brown@cabarrus.k12.nc.us. You can also find the google form in the canvas course for the Class of 2023.

Senior Conferences

'The Counselor's Corner – 'Class of 2023' canvas course is available in every Senior's canvas dashboard. Please read the materials and watch the video in the canvas course. They are designed to answer commonly asked questions and give you lots of information to make your senior year go smoothly. The HRHS School Counselors have begun meeting with each senior

individually to discuss plans for after high school. Parents who would like to be included in this meeting can join us by speakerphone.

College/University Open Houses and tours

If you have not already visited colleges that you are interested in, it is not too late! Most colleges are offering in-person and virtual tours. You can sign up for a tour or open house by going to the college’s website. This is the best way to know if the college is a good fit for you. Colleges track your visits to determine how likely you are to accept a seat should they offer you one. Here is a virtual open house for all 16 UNC System Public Universities. Sign up to hear from students on each campus about their college experiences. Learn more about the open house schedule and register [here](#)

When: October 3-6, 6pm-7:30pm
Where: Virtual Via Zoom
Who: For prospective students and their parents and high school counselors

Event Schedule

Monday, October 3 6-7pm	Tuesday, October 4 6-7pm	Wednesday, October 5 6-7pm	Thursday, October 6 6-7pm
UNC School of the Arts	UNC Pembroke	North Carolina Central University	UNC Wilmington
UNC Greensboro	North Carolina A&T State University	UNC Charlotte	Winston-Salem State University
UNC Chapel Hill	UNC Asheville	Elizabeth City State University	North Carolina State University
Fayetteville State University	East Carolina University	Appalachian State University	Western Carolina University

Senior portraits / Yearbooks / Senior Ads

Senior portraits will be taken at school in the Aux Gym on Friday, October 14, 2022. Save the date and stay tuned to the announcements for more information! Seniors must have their picture taken by Blair Phillips Photography to appear in the yearbook. There is no sitting fee or charge to have a photo in the yearbook. If you miss the date or wish to have your photo re-taken, make-ups will be on **Tuesday, October 25**.

Yearbooks are available to purchase online at:

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

There is a discount for ordering your Senior Ad early, so **place your order by October 15th!** 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

Cabarrus County Schools

FUTURES FAIR

FEATURING:

COLLEGE FAIR

CAREER FAIR

MILITARY FAIR

PROGRAM CHOICE FAIR



MONDAY
OCT. 17TH



6-8 PM

CABARRUS ARENA
AND EVENT CENTER
4751 STATE HWY 49,
CONCORD



Futures Fair

Seniors and their parents are invited to the Futures Fair! It is sponsored by Cabarrus County Schools to benefit all our seniors on **Monday, October 17th** from 6-8pm at the Cabarrus Arena and Event Center. Students can meet with military recruiters, employers and college admission reps.

If you plan to visit the college admissions tables, please register in advance using the QR code on the flyer below. You will be sent a code that can be scanned at each table you visit. A list of participating colleges is included on the last page of this newsletter. This is a great way to demonstrate your interest in the colleges you apply to!



OCTOBER 17, 2022

6-8 PM

CABARRUS ARENA

4751 NC-49, CONCORD, NC
28025



REGISTER HERE IN
ADVANCE:



Students and parents are invited to the CCS College Fair! Meet with over 100 college reps. This is a great place to get information on public and private colleges and universities!

**THE FUTURE
AWAITS**

Cap and Gown

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

Early Decision and Early Action

If you find a college that you know is a right for you, consider applying by the early action deadline. Applying early gets you an answer earlier from the college, but before you commit to anything, be aware of what you are committing to. Early Decision is binding and prevents further exploration of other colleges. This website explains the differences between Early Decision and Early Action: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/apply/the-application/104.html>

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.

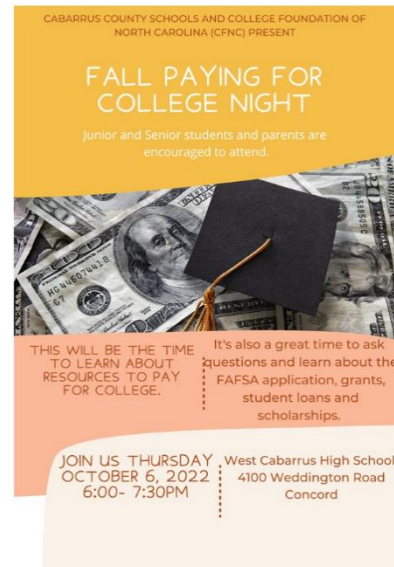
Financial Aid

To apply for any type of aid, you must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA will go live on **October 1, 2022**. It is a good idea to complete the FAFSA as soon as you can as aid is distributed on a first come, first served basis. After you apply, you will receive a report explaining what your family is expected to contribute. Colleges use that report to offer you a financial aid package and communicate with students about scholarships. Gather these materials before you start the application for a smooth process:

- ✓ Student FSA ID and parent FSA ID are created by visiting <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>
- ✓ Social Security numbers.
- ✓ Driver’s license.
- ✓ Tax information from last year.

Financial Aid Night

Please join the College Foundation of North Carolina (CFNC) for a presentation designed to provide tips on applying for financial aid by completing the FAFSA. It will also help with understanding loans, scholarships, work-study and financial aid offers. The presentation begins at 6:00pm at West Cabarrus High School on **Thursday, October 6th**.



Work-Based Learning

HRHS' Career Development Coordinator is Ms. Glover. In addition to career development for students, she works to cultivate relationships with business and community leaders. If you're interested and would like to learn more, please contact Ms. Glover at kendra.glover@cabarrus.k12.nc.us



Residency | FAFSA | Applications

Countdown to College (C2C) supports college access every October. C2C activities help high school seniors complete three important college enrollment steps: residency, FAFSA, and applications. Many NC colleges and universities will support C2C by waiving application fees during College Application Week, **October 17-21, 2022**. See the list of participating colleges below:

NC Schools Waiving Application Fees on CFNC.org During College Application Week (Oct. 17 – 21)

Remember, other schools may be accepting special fee waivers offered through ACT, SAT, or NACAC.

Barton College
Belmont Abbey College
Bennett College
Brevard College
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences
Campbell University
Catawba College
Chowan University
Davidson College
East Carolina University
Elizabeth City State University
Elon University
Fayetteville State University

Gardner-Webb University
Greensboro College
Guilford College
Lees-McRae College
Lenoir-Rhyne University
Louisburg College
Mars Hill University
Meredith College
Methodist University
Montreat College
North Carolina A&T State University
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina Wesleyan University
Pfeiffer University

Queens University of Charlotte
Saint Augustine's University
Salem College
Shaw University
St. Andrews University
University of North Carolina Asheville
University of North Carolina School of the Arts
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Warren Wilson College
Western Carolina University
William Peace University
Wingate University
Winston-Salem State University
All 58 NC Community Colleges

Updated List as of 10-1-22

College
Foundation
of North Carolina



For More Information, Go to [CFNC.org/C2C](https://www.cfnc.org/C2C)



NC COUNTDOWN
TO 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. Attend the 'Future Fair' at the Cabarrus Arena on **October 17th**. (see the Future Fair section earlier in this newsletter)
2. 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.
3. If a college rep. is visiting your high school, go to their presentation/meet with them.
4. Visit the college campus virtually or in-person.
5. Apply during the 'early action' window.
6. In your essays and anytime you meet a representative from the college, explain why you are interested in this college/program.
7. After you submit your application, answer their messages promptly and apply for the scholarships they recommend.

West Point Military Academy interest meeting

October 10th at 6:00pm in Charlotte. Register using the code on the flyer below.

UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY
WEST POINT
ADMISSIONS EVENT

Students, school counselors, teachers, families and friends are all welcome to attend.

Meet with an Admissions Counselor and learn more about:

- What West Point Offers
- Life as a Cadet
- The Application Process

10-Oct-22 6:00 PM

Veterans Bridge Home
 5260 Parkway Plaza Blvd
 Charlotte, NC 28217
 miles.grooms@gmail.com

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 www.westpoint.edu

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

Cheatham-White Scholarship to NC A&T University *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* Full ride. *Requirements:* US citizen, Minimum 4.0 Weighted GPA. Exceptional qualities of character and leadership. Significant involvement in extracurricular activities. Demonstrate a strong commitment to service. For more information and to apply, visit <https://www.ncat.edu/academics/honors/scholarships.php> **Deadline: November 15, 2022.**

Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$20,000 for 4-year college. *Requirements:* High School Seniors are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities. Must be planning to pursue a degree at an accredited US postsecondary institution in Fall 2023. To learn more and to apply, visit: <https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/> **Deadline: October 31, 2022.**

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award and Scholarship Contest. *Discipline:* citizenship. *Award:* \$250 - \$5,000. It is also possible that HRHS' nominee will not get a monetary award, however, being named the 'Good Citizen' nominee from HRHS is valuable on your scholarship and college applications. Must have the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. If you would like to be considered for nomination, e-mail Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us by **Friday October 7, 2022.**

Elks Most Valuable Student Competition *Discipline:* community service. *Award:* \$50,000 over 4 years. *Requirements:* academically outstanding, service-minded high school senior; citizen of the US. [GO TO APPLICATION](#) **Deadline: November 14, 2022**

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.**

Greenhouse Scholarship *Discipline:* Financial need / students who have overcome obstacles. *Award:* up to \$5,000.00 for one year. Renewable. *Requirements:* Unweighted GPA 3.5 or higher, annual household income \$70,000 or less, excellent leadership skills, commitment to their community. Plan to enroll in a 4-year university in Fall 2022. There are 4 rounds to apply. Visit <https://greenhousescholars.org/our-scholars/become-a-scholar/> **Deadline: for round one: Nov. 1, 2022.**

Heisman High School Scholarship *Discipline:* Athletics. *Award:* \$1,000 for State winners, \$10,000 for National winners. *Requirements:* high school senior, participating in at least one sport, 3.0 or higher GPA, demonstrated leadership in the school and community. For more information or to apply, visit heismanscholarship.com . **Deadline: October 18, 2022**

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>

Jefferson Scholarship to the University of Virginia *Discipline:* Merit. *Award:* \$333,000 (full ride). *Requirements:* Candidate must be nominated by their high school based on their demonstrated excellence and exceptional potential in the areas of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship. If you believe you meet the criteria and would like to be nominated, please send a message to: Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us **Deadline to request nomination: October 31, 2022.**

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.**

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



[Practice for the SAT: \\$1,000](#)

Open Through October

Students can use Official SAT® Practice on Khan Academy® to prepare for the SAT by practicing for six or more hours.



[Improve Your Score: \\$2,000](#)

Open Through January

Students can earn \$2,000 by practicing for six hours on Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy and improving their scores by 100-plus from the PSAT/NMSQT to the SAT, or from the first SAT they take to the second.



[Strengthen Your College List: \\$500](#)

Open Through October

Students who update their lists on [BigFuture™](#) to include at least one safety, two match, and three reach colleges will earn a chance at a \$500 scholarship.



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

Colleges participating in the **Futures fair** on **October 17th** at the Cabarrus Arena; 6-8pm.

Institution's Name	Institution's Name	Institution's Name
Appalachian State University	Hampden-Sydney College	Rowan-Cabarrus Community College
Auburn University	High Point University	Salem College
Averett University	Hollins University	Shaw University
Barton College	Johnson & Wales University	St. Andrews University
Belmont Abbey College	Kennesaw State University	St. Augustine's University
Binghamton University	Kent State University	Temple University
Brevard College	Lander University	The Citadel - The Military College of South Carolina
Bridgewater College	Lees-McRae College	The University of Alabama in Huntsville
Butler University	Lenoir-Rhyne University	The University of Mississippi (Ole Miss)
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences	Liberty University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Campbell University	Limestone University	The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Carolinas College of Health Sciences	Lincoln Memorial University	The University of Tennessee Knoxville
Catawba College	Livingstone College	UAB- University of Alabama at Birmingham
Charleston Southern University	Louisburg College	UNC Charlotte
Chowan University	Mars Hill University	UNC Pembroke
Clemson University	Mary Baldwin University	Universal Technical Institute
Clinton College	Maryville College	University of Alabama
Coastal Carolina University	Mercer University	University of Kentucky
College Foundation, Inc.	Meredith College	University of Mount Olive
Columbia College (SC)	Methodist University	University of North Carolina Asheville
Concord University	Milligan University	University of North Carolina School of the Arts
Converse University	Mississippi State University	University of North Carolina Wilmington
Davidson College	Montreat College	University of South Carolina
East Carolina University	Neumann University	University of South Carolina Beaufort
Elizabeth City State University	Newberry College	University of Toledo
Elon University	Norfolk State University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University	North Carolina Central University	Virginia Tech
Emory and Henry College	North Carolina State University	Wake Forest University
Fayetteville State University	North Carolina Wesleyan University	Warren Wilson College
Full Sail University	NSU	Waynesburg University
Furman University	Pfeiffer University	West Virginia University
Gardner-Webb University	Piedmont University	West Virginia University Institute of Technology
George Mason University	Presbyterian College	Western Carolina University
Georgia State University Office of Undergraduate Admissions	Queens University of Charlotte	William Peace University
Grand Canyon University	Randolph College	Wingate University
Greensboro College	Randolph Community College	Winston-Salem State University
Guilford College	Randolph-Macon College	Winthrop University