

Hickory Ridge High School

Senior Notes

September 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 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. Your School Counselor will invite you to an in-person individual meeting to discuss your plans for after high school. These senior conferences are available during regular school hours for up to 30 minutes starting in September. Parents who would like to be included in this meeting can join us by speakerphone.

Counselors work with students based on last name

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Senior College Information Session

Wednesday, September 14th from 7:00-8:00pm in the HRHS Auditorium. The HRHS School Counselors will host a meeting for seniors and their parents immediately following Curriculum Night. This meeting will be about options for further education/training after high school.

Cap and Gown

Order your Cap and Gown for graduation on September 23rd during your lunch period. Look for a table in or just outside the cafeteria. Online orders will also be taken anytime at www.jostens.com

Senior portraits / Yearbooks / Senior Ads

Senior portraits will be taken at school in the Aux Gym on September 21, 2022. Save the date and stay tuned to the announcements for more information!

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

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.



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 you would like to take or re-take the SAT for a higher score, there is an SAT on Saturday October 1, 2022. **The deadline to register for it is September 20, 2022** at www.collegeboard.org. There is an ACT on Saturday October 22, 2022. **The deadline to register is September 16, 2022** at www.act.org. If you want to send your scores, 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.

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

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

Save the date! **October 6th at 6:00pm**. Location: to be determined. This presentation is designed to provide tips on completing the FAFSA and understanding loans, scholarships, work-study and understanding financial aid offers that colleges will send to admitted students.

Future Fair

Tuesday, **October 17, 2022 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm** at the Cabarrus Arena & Events Center. Students and parents are invited to speak with admissions representatives of public and private universities in North Carolina. Military recruiters will also be available to speak with interested families. Employers will also be available to meet with students who wish to enter the work force right after high school.

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**.

The list of participating colleges will be available in early October and will be posted in the October 'Senior Notes' newsletter coming to your e-mail account in early October. Watch for it!

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 are offered a seat at the college, answer their messages promptly and apply for the scholarships they recommend.

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/>

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**.

Davidson College - Bryan Scholars Program. *Discipline:* Athletics. *Award:* full tuition as long as you play your sport for Davidson College. *Requirements:* The Bryan Scholars Program offers two scholarships, one each to a female and male scholar athlete in each freshman class. Have you: Earned an exceptional academic record? Exhibited outstanding leadership abilities? Been recognized as capable of playing at the Division I level in your sport? For more information, visit: <https://www.davidson.edu/admission-and-financial-aid/financial-aid/scholarships/nomination-scholarships/lowell-l-bryan-scholarship> Football and Basketball are not included in this program. **Deadline: September 23, 2022** to request nomination from HRHS. Contact Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us if you would like to be nominated.

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**

Levine Scholarship *Discipline:* UNC Charlotte, merit-based *Award:* Full-ride. *Requirements:* Service, academic excellence, and leadership are qualities that are required for a Levine Scholar. Students must be nominated by their high school. Every senior who asks to be nominated will be nominated. E-mail Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us to request the nomination form. Return your completed nomination form to Catherine.eveland@cabarrus.k12.nc.us by **September 30th**.

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