

# Cary High School Class of 2017

## Dates At-A-Glance

- 9/16 **Preliminary application** for NCSU Park Scholarship and UNC Morehead-Cain Scholarship due to Student Services by end of school day.
- 9/18 **Wake County College Fair**, 2:00-4:30 p.m., NCSU McKimmon Center. Over 100 colleges will be represented.
- 9/19 to 10/7 **Senior Conferences with Counselors** – Students may sign up on Student Services website for a time slot to meet with their counselor for post-secondary planning.
- 9/20 **College Admissions Boot Camp** – “Writing Your College Essay” with Mrs. Allyson Young, CHS English teacher, Room 1015, 2:30 -3:00 p.m. Spaces are limited; arrive early!
- 9/22 **Senior Parent Information Night**, Auditorium, one hour prior to Fall Open House
- 9/23 **Coffee with the Counselors**, Career Center, 7:30 a.m. Information from Senior Parent Night on 9/22 (for parents who could not attend).
- 9/26\* Official **class rank and GPA** are calculated for all graduating seniors (\*tentative date). Once class rank and GPA calculation are done, students may begin requesting official transcripts. An announcement will be made when transcripts are ready.

### HOW TO REQUEST AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

FOR ALL NORTH CAROLINA COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES:

- Go to [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)
  - a. Click “Apply” → “Apply to College” → “Application Hub” → “Request a Transcript”
  - b. If you do not know/remember your CFNC account information, see your counselor. If you request to send your transcript and receive an error message, make sure your profile includes Cary High School AND your student ID number.
- FREE!!!

FOR ALL OUT-OF-STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES:

- Go to [www.wcpss.net/transcripts](http://www.wcpss.net/transcripts)
  1. Click “Request transcripts and student records online” → “WCPSS CURRENT student NOT using CFNC.org”
- First three requests are free. All subsequent requests have a \$5 fee.

\*\*\*NOTE: Per WCPSS policy, transcripts (official or unofficial) cannot be sent through email. It is your responsibility to request an official transcript for each college/university to which you apply.

- 9/27 **College Boot Camp** – “Starting your application and requesting transcripts,” Media Center Computer Lab, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Spaces are limited; arrive early!
- 9/29 **Financial Aid Information Night**, Auditorium, 6 p.m.
- 10/1 Deadline to notify Student Services if you plan to graduate in January 2017

- 10/1 First day you can submit the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** for the 2017-2018 college year at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). This application determines eligibility for most federally-funded grants, scholarships, and student (Stafford) or parent (PLUS) loans. Submit the completed **FAFSA** form ASAP in order to improve your chances of receiving financial aid. Be sure to include the college codes for all colleges to which you have applied so that the Financial Aid Office at each college will have your FAFSA information (in case they offer you a financial aid package).
- 10/4 **College Admissions Boot Camp** – “Finishing touches on your application before the Early Admission Deadline,” Media Center Computer Lab, 2:30 -3:30 p.m. Spaces are limited; arrive early!
- 10/15 Many college early admissions deadlines (as well as scholarship deadlines) are on this date. Be sure to know the deadlines for your colleges of interest!
- 10/18 Herff Jones will distribute information to seniors regarding **graduation announcements, caps, and gowns** in the auditorium. The actual orders will be taken on 11/1 during SMART lunch and 5:00-7:00 p.m., and on 11/2 during SMART lunch only. See Ms. Wood in the Main Office for more information.
- 10/20 **ASVAB Test** at CHS; sign up by early October at <https://sites.google.com/a/wcpss.net/chs-career-development/the-asvab>
- Late Sept. Mrs. Sallie Busby, our **Financial Aid Advisor**, will be available at CHS once a week through April 2017. Appointments can be made by contacting Ms. Mauney or Ms. Arias at the front desk of Student Services at (919) 460-3549.
- 11/14 to 11/18 **CFNC College Application Week**. Counselors will set aside specific times throughout the week to assist you with your college applications. Several NC colleges waive application fees this week. [https://www1.cfnc.org/College\\_Application\\_Week/CAW\\_Seniors.aspx](https://www1.cfnc.org/College_Application_Week/CAW_Seniors.aspx)
- 11/22 Mid-Year Graduates—Proof of college enrollment for January 2017 must be submitted to Student Services. This is required for students needing to take exams before the regular exam period.
- 1/26 **Winter Commencement for Mid-Year Graduates**, CHS Auditorium, 5 p.m.
- TBA CHS Career Fair
- 4/20-4/21 **Cap and Gown Delivery**; more details to come
- 5/1 to 5/12 AP Exams
- TBA Baccalaureate (Interfaith) Celebration for Graduates
- 5/20 CHS Prom
- 5/24 **Senior Awards Night**, CHS Gymnasium
- 5/26 **Senior Picnic**, Cooper Field
- 6/6 **Graduation Practice**, 6-8 p.m., Raleigh Convention Center
- 6/12 **Graduation**, 12:00 p.m., Raleigh Convention Center

## College Admissions Testing Information

Fee waivers for the SAT and ACT are available to students who meet certain financial criteria (e.g. free/reduced price lunch). See Ms. Mauney or Ms. Arias in Student Services for more information. Seniors who use an SAT fee waiver can receive four college application fee waivers.

Testing accommodations can be requested for students with an IEP or 504 plan. See your case manager.

**SAT:** Register at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org). Cost is \$57 (\$45 for SAT without writing). Score reports are sent for four colleges for free if you list them when you register for the test. If you choose to send score reports later, the fee is \$12 per school.

SAT Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (additional fee required)
10/1/2016	9/1/2016	9/20/2016
11/5/2016	10/7/2016	10/25/2016
12/3/2016	11/3/2016	11/22/2016
1/21/2017	12/21/2016	1/10/2017
3/11/2017	2/10/2017	2/28/2017
5/6/2017	4/7/2017	4/25/2017
6/3/2017	5/9/2017	5/24/2017

**ACT:** Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Cost is \$58.50 (\$42.50 for ACT without writing). Score reports are sent to four colleges for free if you list them when you register for the test. If you choose to send score reports later, the fee is \$12 per school.

ACT Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline (additional fee required)
10/22/2016	9/16/2016	9/30/2016
12/10/2016	11/4/2016	11/18/2016
2/11/2017	1/13/2017	1/20/2017
4/8/2017	3/3/2017	3/17/2017
6/10/2017	5/5/2017	5/19/2017

**ACCUPLACER:** Placement test for many NC community colleges. Information and practice materials are available at <https://accuplacer.collegeboard.org/students>. Unless your GPA allows you to be waived from taking the test, you must take the test before you can meet with an advisor and register for classes.

## Career Options in the US Military

- Students interested in joining any branches of the US Military should plan to take the ASVAB Test at CHS on October 20. Go to the CHS Career Development webpage to sign up for the test.
- Recruiters from all branches of the US Military visit CHS throughout the year; contact Student Services for a schedule of visits.

# Cary High School Student Services

## Useful Links for Seniors and Parents

### General Information

- **ASVAB Career Exploration Program** ([www.asvabprogram.com](http://www.asvabprogram.com)): Provides information about the ASVAB test and offers career planning tools
- **Big Future** ([bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://bigfuture.collegeboard.org)): Discover and explore colleges and universities based on student interests and priorities
- **Cary High School Website** ([caryhs.wcpss.net](http://caryhs.wcpss.net)): Provides updated announcements
- **CHS Student Services** ([caryhighcounselors.weebly.com](http://caryhighcounselors.weebly.com)): Resource for a variety of information regarding academics, college planning, etc.
- **College Board** ([www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)): This website provides information on colleges nationwide, in addition to Advanced Placement (AP) courses/exams and the SAT
- **College Foundation of NC** ([www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org)): Provides information on all NC colleges and other post-secondary institutions. Through CFNC students can apply online to NC colleges, research careers, prepare for college admissions tests, and explore scholarship opportunities. Students must send their transcript to NC colleges using this website.
- **Wake Technical Community College** ([www.waketech.edu](http://www.waketech.edu)): Official school website where students can apply for admission and find information on certificate programs as well as transfer programs with a variety of four-year universities, including NCSU, UNC-CH, NCCU, and ECU.

### Application Process

- **CHS Letter of Recommendation Packet** ([caryhighcounselors.weebly.com/forms.html](http://caryhighcounselors.weebly.com/forms.html)): Includes informational sheets the student may use in order for a staff member to write a comprehensive letter of recommendation
- **The Common Application** ([www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)): Online application service for many colleges/universities

### College Admissions Test Information

- **ACT** ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)): Allows students to register for the ACT, a nationally accepted college admissions test. Test preparation material is also available here.
- **SAT** ([sat.collegeboard.org/home](http://sat.collegeboard.org/home)): Allows students to register for the SAT, a nationally accepted college admissions test. Test preparation material is also available here.

### Financial Aid & Scholarships

- **FAFSA/Free Application for Federal Student Aid** ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)): For college financial aid
- **Scholarship Plus** ([www.scholarshipplus.com/wake](http://www.scholarshipplus.com/wake)): Official scholarship listings for WCPSS

<b>Public Universities</b>	<b>Avg Weighted GPA</b>	<b>Avg SAT</b>	<b>Avg ACT</b>	<b>Location</b>
Appalachian State	4.12	1180	26	Boone
East Carolina University	3.59	1054	22	Greenville
Elizabeth City State University	3.9	867	18	Elizabeth City
Fayetteville State University	2.95	844	18	Fayetteville
NC A&T State University	3.13	903	18	Greensboro
NC Central University	2.5	800	17	Durham
NC State University	4.42	1243	28	Raleigh
UNC Asheville	3.98	1166	25	Asheville
UNC Chapel Hill	4.56	1283	29	Chapel Hill
UNC Charlotte	3.95	1086	23	Charlotte
UNC Greensboro	3.64	1041	23	Greensboro
UNC Pembroke	3.56	927	19	Pembroke
UNC Wilmington	4.06	1190	25	Wilmington
UNC School of the Arts	3.67	1100	25	Winston Salem
Western Carolina University	3.74	1043	25	Cullowhee
Winston Salem State University	3.01	900	17	Winston Salem
<b>Private Universities</b>	<b>Avg Weighted GPA</b>	<b>Avg SAT</b>	<b>Avg ACT</b>	<b>Location</b>
Barton College	3.16	890	19	Wilson
Belmont Abbey	3.09	1021	21	Charlotte
Bennett College for Women	2.61	774	17	Greensboro
Brevard College	3.0	1000	22	Brevard
Cabarrus College of Health Sciences	3.34	995	22	Concord
Campbell University	3.4	1000	22	Buies Creek
Catawba College	3.4	1125	22	Salisbury
Chowan University	2.63	810	16	Murfreesboro
Davidson College	4.1	1395	32	Davidson
Duke University	4.5	1485	33	Durham
Elon University	3.96	1225	27	Elon
Gardner-Webb University	3.72	1015	22	Boiling Springs
Greensboro College	3.28	920	19	Greensboro
Guilford College	3.16	1050	23	Greensboro
High Point University	3.73	1100	24	High Point
Johnson C. Smith University	2.96	860	17	Charlotte
Lees-McRae College	3.2	970	23	Banner Elk
Lenoir-Rhyne University	3.6	960	22	Hickory
Livingstone College	2.32	744	15	Salisbury
Mars Hill University	3.2	950	20	Mars Hill
Meredith College	3.8	1044	22	Raleigh
Methodist University	3.44	983	21	Fayetteville
Montreat College	3.0	1070	22	Montreat
Mount Olive College	3.29	900	17	Mt. Olive
North Carolina Wesleyan College	2.9	900	17	Rocky Mount
Pfeiffer University	3.2	945	19	Misenheimer
Queens University of Charlotte	3.57	1050	23	Charlotte
St. Andrews University	3.2	990	18	Laurinburg
Saint Augustine's University	2.5	820	17	Raleigh
Salem College	3.7	1126	25	Winston Salem
Shaw University	2.36	770	15	Raleigh
Wake Forest University	4.1	1290	29	Winston Salem
Warren Wilson College	3.5	1160	25	Asheville
William Peace University	3.2	930	19	Raleigh
Wingate University	3.5	1000	22	Wingate



## Cary High School Career Development

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### Cary High School Career Exploration Services

**Smart Lunch Programs :** Interviewing, resume creation, 21<sup>st</sup> century job readiness soft skills – Programs carried out by Business Alliance community professionals. These opportunities are announced on the Career Development web page (see address above) as well as in morning announcements.

**Interest and Career Inventories:** Can be done through class or individually. [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org), [www.iseek.org](http://www.iseek.org), [www.ctenc.org/careers/clusters\\_pathways.shtml](http://www.ctenc.org/careers/clusters_pathways.shtml). Mrs. Gressett is happy to discuss results and be of assistance when needed.

**Resume Assistance:** Assistance is available on individual basis by appointment with Mrs. Gressett or through SMART lunch programs.

**Job Connection:** Updated as available on Career Development Page. Businesses in the community send us information.

**Career Conversations:** Professionals in a particular career field come in to talk with students about career requirements in regard to education, personality, and daily duties. These speakers also provide general information about the career/industry outlook.

**Cary High School Career Fair:** The Career Fair is in March 2017. See Mrs. Gressett for more info.

**Internships:** Students can seek their own opportunity as well as CDC may have select opportunities. Internships can be part-time paid employment if the student is holding a job in the career field they plan to pursue. Internship information can be found on the Career Development page on the CHS website.

**Job Shadowing:** Small amount of hours in which a student has the opportunity to shadow a professional doing a job the student believes they are interested in doing after high school. See CHS Career Development website for application and information.

**ASVAB:** Military Testing given on October 20, 2016. Visit CHS Career Development website to sign up for testing.

## Wake County Career Exploration Programs through the School Year

**NCTAP- [www.nctap.org](http://www.nctap.org)** Program starts for 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Recruiting starts in **October**. NCTAP is an **apprenticeship program** designed to develop experts needed in the modern workforce. An apprenticeship offers a unique start to a professional career. The program focuses on integrated basic training which develops technical, methodological, and social skills. The core training program utilizes a hands-on approach to develop skills across a wide range of disciplines. This 4-year program is divided into modules, with classes leading to an Associate's Degree (AAS) in Mechanical Engineering Technology at Wake Tech Community College and paid, on-the-job training at participating Triangle employers.

**NC State College of Natural Resources Open House:** Open House is in **October**; registration and information is in **September**. Meet current students, faculty, and staff and to learn about the programs: environmental technology & management, sustainable materials and technology, fisheries, wildlife & conservation biology, natural resources, forest management and more.

**ACE Mentor:** ACE Monitor program starts in **September**; look for registration at the beginning of school. A free national program that is open to any high school student who has the curiosity and drive to learn about a career in design and construction – from contracting and engineering to architecture and landscaping. Students will join a team of other students led by adult mentors who are practicing industry professionals. Visit professional offices, job sites and other relevant locations. Students will discuss the same issues, and perform the same tasks, as if they work in the industry. ACE gives students a practical hands-on view of how abstract concepts get transformed into the buildings that make up our everyday reality.

**NC State PCI Shadowing Day:** The Pre-College Initiative Shadowing Day is an event hosted by NC State's National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) chapter and occurs in **November**. Registration starts in **October**. Middle and high school students are invited to campus to shadow college students as they attend their classes. This gives a glimpse into the life of an engineering student while experiencing higher learning.

**Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day:** A part-day program for females interested in engineering. It is handled through the NCDOT. Look for information in **January**. The program is held in **mid-February**. CHS can usually take 5 students; students transport themselves.

**Rule of Law:** The program is offered through Campbell Law School. It is for students interested in pursuing a career in law. The registration for Junior and Senior students is usually in **February** and the program is usually in **March**. Five students will be selected to represent CHS. Usually this is done through the AP US History, AP Government and Law and Justices classes. Students transport themselves.

**Career and College Promise:** Wake Tech's Career and College Promise (CCP) was created in 2012 to provide dual enrollment educational options for qualified North Carolina high school students, in order to accelerate the completion of college credentials. CCP replaces all earlier dual-enrollment programs, including Huskins, Learn and Earn, and Learn and Earn online. See Mrs. Gressett for more information.

# *Wake County College Fair*

**Sunday, September 18, 2016**

**2:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

**NC State University-McKimmon Center**

Over 100 colleges will be present to discuss college admission with local high school juniors and seniors.

**Information Sessions Also Included:**

**Financial Aid Sessions**

Times: 2:45

3:45

**Preparing for College Sessions**

Times: 2:30

3:30

Admission and Parking Are Free!

***“Please Note”***

***College Bags are not provided this year. Students should bring their own bag to carry their acquired college brochures and materials.***

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