



# COUGAR CHRONICLE

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## CATA Student Earns State and National Honors in Scientific Research

Congratulations to Aadit Krishna on an incredible run at both the state and national levels in scientific research! Over the past few months, Aadit has been developing his innovative project, HeliPure: A Multi-Stage Photocatalytic-Ion Exchange-Adsorptive Device for Decentralized Surface Water Treatment.

His hard work and dedication have led to several impressive honors.

In February, Aadit represented North Carolina and NCSSM at the American Junior Academy of Sciences (AJAS) and American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Conference in Phoenix, Arizona. He earned this opportunity after placing 1st at the 2025 NC Student Academy of Sciences (NCSAS) competition for his earlier project, PuriFAS.



More recently, on March 21 at the 2026 North Carolina Science and Engineering Fair, Aadit received two major awards:

- The NOAA "Taking the Pulse of the Planet" Regional Special Award
- 2nd Place for the NC OneWater Special Award

He also placed 2nd in Environmental Sciences at the 2026 NCSAS on March 26.

Aadit will present his research this Saturday at the North Carolina Academy of Science Conference. We are proud of his accomplishments and wish him continued success!

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## Counseling Corner

## Academic Signing and Awards Day

All senior parents and families are invited to the Academic Signing and Awards Day Ceremonies on May 18 and 19. Your student has worked hard throughout high school, and we are excited to recognize and congratulate them on their hard work.

Please see the invitation for specific dates and times for each academy. All seniors will be recognized for their plans after high school. We will also be recognizing seniors who have received local scholarships, and we will give department and academy-specific awards. Parents of any student who is receiving a scholarship or award will be sent an additional, separate invitation at a later date.

There is no limit to how many family members can attend; the more the

better! Students and families will have a photo opportunity after the ceremony. We are also asking students to wear something that indicates their plans (college shirt, military attire, work uniform, etc.).

Finally, please don't forget to report any scholarships your student has been offered, even the ones they didn't accept.

**GOT NEWS?**

Send to Dr. Malone, Asst. Principal  
[dareion.malone@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:dareion.malone@ucps.k12.nc.us)

# CATA Band of Blue

**Help us smoke out the funds for an amazing upcoming season!**

**All proceeds support instrument repairs & replacements**

## Pickup Details

**Preorder by May 1<sup>st</sup> for Guaranteed Meals**

**When: Friday, May 8th**

**Location: CATA Bus Lot**  
600 Brewer Dr, Monroe, NC 28112

**Drive-Thru Times:**  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM & 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



## How to Order & Pay

**Preorder Form:**



[Order link](#)

## Menu & Pricing

**BBQ Plate - \$10**  
Pulled Pork, Bun, Coleslaw, Chips, & Sauce

**BBQ by the Pound - \$12**

**Family Pack - \$45**

- 2.5 lbs of BBQ
- 1 lb of Coleslaw
- 8 Buns
- 4 Chips
- Sauce

## IMPORTANT NOTES

- Limited quantities available without preorder
- Please arrive during your selected pickup time

**Support our Band | Enjoy Amazing BBQ!**

## Important Dates

- **May 4 – 15:** AP Testing
    - Testing either starts @ 8am or 12pm
    - AP Teachers will communicate specific test date info.
  - **May 4– 20:** IB Testing
  - **May 18–22:** Senior Week Activities
  - **June 1–5:** High School Final Exam Week
  - **June 10:** CATA Graduation Ceremonies
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### Stay up to date with CATA Athletics

Visit [centralacademyathleticzone.com](https://centralacademyathleticzone.com) for news and upcoming schedules.

### Follow the CATA Sports Committee on Social Media



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# **Spring General Meeting May 4 at 5:00**

**Come join us if you would like to be a part of the PTSO at CATA.  
We will talk about our plans for 26-27 school year.**

**OPEN POSITIONS for 26-27**

**President**

**Treasurer**

**Fundraising**

**email [cougarcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:cougarcouncil@gmail.com) with interest of attending  
meeting for zoom link.**

**Our CATA PTSO website is  
[www.cataptso.membershiptoolkit.com](http://www.cataptso.membershiptoolkit.com)**

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# TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



We are providing lunch  
for all the staff, Please  
donate on the PTSO  
Square link

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## **2027 Senior Committee**

Be a part of the PTSO Senior committee, help plan the senior events for the Senior Class of 2027!

Events like Senior Parking Spot Party, Last First Day Breakfast, Senior Holiday, CATA Island, and Senior Week.

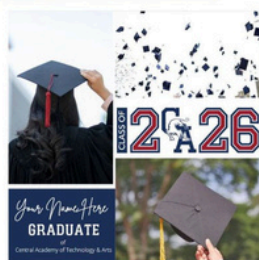
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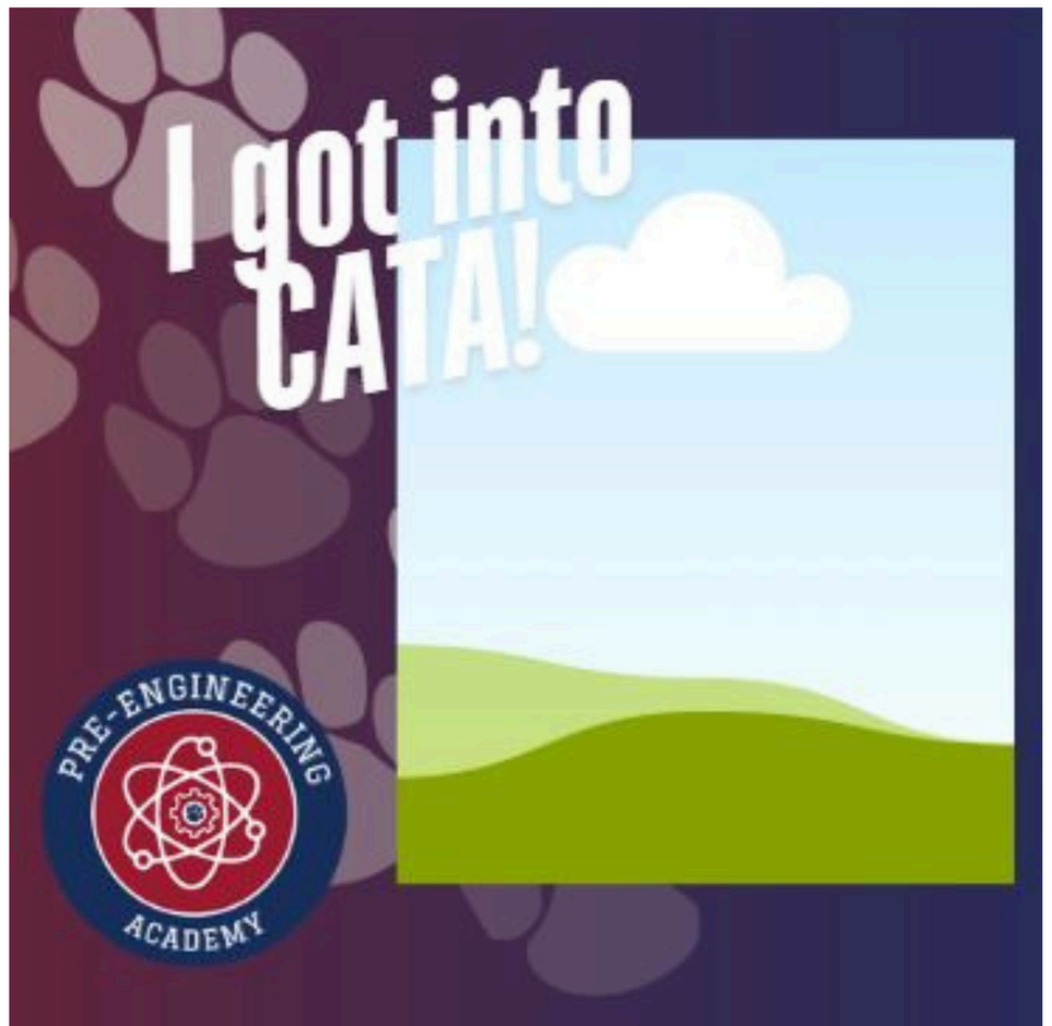


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# **A Health Science Summer** *At Wingate University*

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## **Summer Camp Details:**

- 🏆 June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>
- 🏆 8:45 am - 4:15 pm
- 🏆 Grades 9-12



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- Must be at least 18 years of age.
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- Must pass a drug test.

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*You're Invited!*



*Class of 2026*  
*Academic Signing*  
*Ceremonies*

Please join us as we congratulate our seniors on their hard work, and recognize their post-secondary plans, scholarships, and awards.

**May 18 - Auditorium**

9:00am - Transportation

9:30am - IB

10:30am - Medical

12:00pm - Pre-Engineering

**May 19 - Auditorium**

12:30pm - Information Systems

2:30pm - Performing Arts



# INTERNSHIP

The UCPS Career and Technical Education (CTE) Internship Program provides students the opportunity for hands-on experience in areas of career interest prior to college or post-secondary training.

## PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS

- Rising Senior for summer internship or one semester during Senior year
- Has successfully reached concentrator status in a CTE pathway
- Reliable transportation
- Can attend at least eight hours per week
- On track for graduation
- Positive teacher references

\*Internship site may have additional requirements that need to be met.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete application in Major Clarity (application will be opened beginning February 1st for summer/following school year)
- If you arrange your own internship, fill in details and contact information on the application
- Interview with prospective sponsor (if necessary)
- Deadlines:** March 1 for a summer internship, May 1 for a first semester internship the following school year, and October 1 for a second semester internship.

## REQUIRED ASSIGNMENTS

Assignments are completed weekly through Canvas:

- Time Sheet
- Reflection Questions
- Journal
- Capstone Project
- Analysis Questions
- Career Development Articles
- Terminology
- Major Clarity Assignments
- Workplace Readiness Modules

## GRADE / CREDIT

Successful completion of the course will result in one unit of College Prep general elective credit 4.0 (pass/fail may be an option for some but has to be approved **before** beginning internship).

### **Semester**

- Grade shows on report card for each grading period

### **Summer**

- Grade added to transcript after completion of course requirements

## SCHEDULING

Community sponsor and student determine schedule based on the business' hours of operation and their mutual convenience (hospital interns will be scheduled by internship coordinator).

\*Minimum of 100 on-site hours required!

### **Semester**

- Placement must be confirmed by Internship Coordinator before course is added to schedule
- Completed during first or second semester (students will be off campus during the internship block).
- Student attends at least eight hours per week (two or three days per week for three to four hours per shift)

### **Summer**

- All hours and assignments completed before the beginning of first semester

## STUDENT BENEFITS

- Obtain a more realistic view of a career field and the world of work
- Make more informed decisions regarding post-secondary education or training
- Gain industry experience
- Make contacts that will help when applying for specific college programs or scholarships

For More Information:

- Contact your school's Career Development Coordinator
- Log onto Major Clarity and select Work Based Learning Opportunities
- Go to the CTE website: [ucpscte.org](http://ucpscte.org)

UCPS Internship Coordinator:

Karen Adcock (non-medical interns)  
[karen.adcock@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:karen.adcock@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
704-296-6366

Diana Ollis (medical interns)  
[diana.ollis@ucps.k12.nc.us](mailto:diana.ollis@ucps.k12.nc.us)  
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