Rising Senior Night May 7, 2024

5:30-6:00 – Counseling Presentation 6:00-6:30 – Breakout Sessions / Q & A

A-G with Roddy Alt H-O with Lori Mills P-Z with Whitney Haas

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PHS Counseling Center

Roddy Alt - Students with last names A-G

Lori Mills - Students with last names H-O

Whitney Haas - Students with last names P-Z

Carter Tolley - Administrative Assistant



Other Important People to know for Senior Year!!

Katie O'Connor- Career Coach (Located at PHS,keoconnor@haywood.edu)

Ms. Brandy Mathews - Career Development Coordinator (Located in PHS D 10, <u>bmathews@haywood.k12.nc.us</u>

Internships, job shadowing opportunities, etc. All of us can be reached by calling 828.646.3440

Get Connected

Counselor Email and Phone Roddy Alt (A-G): <u>ralt@haywood.k12.nc.us</u> Lori Mills (H-O): <u>Imills@haywood.k12.nc.us</u> Whitney Haas (P-Z): <u>whaas@haywood.k12.nc.us</u>

Counseling Center Website <u>http://teacher.haywood.k12.nc.us/phs-counselingcenter/</u>

Remind App - BY LAST NAME

Text to: 81010 with the message @phs2025a-g @phs2025h-o @phs2025p-z

Objectives



- Transcript Release
- Common App Prompts
- Senior Planning Guide
- NCAA Information
- WCU Admission Decision
 Philosophy
- College Comparison Chart
- PHS Senior Ad Information

- Getting Connected
- Transcript Release Form/Senior Planning Guide
- Senior Meetings
- Things to know about Graduation
- Counselors can help with ALL future paths
- Employment/Enlistment/(Furthering) Education/Exploring
- CFNC/RDS/FAFSA/College Applications
- Countdown to College 2024
- Counselor Recommendation Form
- To test or not test
- Items to share with Counseling center

Important Documents for ALL

Transcript Release Forms

Senior Planning Guide - keep this handy during senior year!



Senior Meetings



We will connect with EVERY Senior this Fall during SENIOR MEETINGS. During this time, we will check and discuss:

- Graduation requirements/endorsements
- Plans after High School: Employment, Enlistment, Enrollment and any help needed in
- exploring options
- For College bound students: Be prepared to ask questions about ACT/SAT scores, Essays & Resumes, Recommendation letters, Scholarships, and Transcripts, etc.
- Tight schedule, designed for student only HAPPY to schedule another time to meet with parent/guardian!

Want more? In addition to this scheduled meeting, seniors can reach out to their counselor via Remind or email with questions or to schedule additional appointments!

Requesting a Transcript

HCS board policy requires us to send electronic transcripts using a secure server / sender; HCS currently uses Need My Transcript: https://needmytranscrip t.com/haywood-countyschools



Where can I see available Scholarships?



Go to main PHS Website. Look under Left Tab–General Information. (Will be updated for 2024 - 2025; updates occur each Friday)

Click on 2023-2024 Scholarships!

Things to think about for GRADUATION!!

Each of the following are things qualifying seniors will be recognized for at graduation. For more information on each, be sure and visit the Registration link on the PHS Website, phs.haywood.k12.nc.us

Endorsements (Career, College, College UNC, NC Academic Scholar, Global Language) - also shared with students every year at grade level meetings

Merit Diploma (students whose rank is in the top ten percent of the graduating class, and who have a score on the SAT or the ACT which is higher than the "national average" for the previous year. A special seal will be affixed to the student's diploma).

Honors Cords - AP/College & Career Promise (4 AP Courses OR 8 CCP classes with 3.5 or higher GPA) Other cords: World Language Honor Student, NJROTC Honor Student, Fine Arts Honor Student, National Honor Society, Career and Technical Honor Student - check with teachers for criteria

Honors Graduate (based on grade as of 5th 6 weeks) - Summa Cum Laude (4.5 and \uparrow), Magna Cum Laude (4.25-4.499), and Cum Laude (4.0-4.2499)

Choosing EMPLOYMENT OR ENLISTMENT?

For those seniors planning to enter the workforce:

- Can point you towards resume resources
- Look over job applications
- Set you up with job search, resume, and interview resources in the community

For those seniors looking to enlist:

• Do you know who to speak with and how to get started? We can help!

Rising Seniors

Have you ever thought about a job in the military after high school?

Graduates who enlist in the military after taking 2 classes of NJROTC



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Choosing to further your EDUCATON?

Not all schools offer the same majors, and not all jobs require the same level of education! Choose what's right for you!

What level of education is required for the field you plan to work in?

Can you do your dream job with a Certificate or Diploma from a Community College? These only take a semester or a year.

Does your career field require an Associate's Degree from a Community College? This takes 2 years if able to go full-time.

Does the career path you most desire require a Bachelor's Degree, a 4-year degree from a College or University? You could go directly to a 4-year school, or complete 2 years of general education at the community college and your last 2 years at the college or university.

Note: some career fields require additional education beyond a Bachelor's Degree. Some require a Master's Degree or even a Doctorate Degree, which means additional years of education. Be sure to research your career field in depth!

CACRAO College Fair @ WCU

• For the past two years, <u>CACRAO</u> has sponsored a College Fair at the WCU Ramsey Center. College Admissions representatives from over 40 colleges/universities gather in one location for students to visit and explore programs and opportunities. **Sept 9, 2024**



Торіс	Suggested Completion Date
CFNC Account Creation	September 30, 2024
RDS Application	September 30, 2024
FAFSA	TBD
College Applications	October 21-27, 2024

Process to Complete: End of September



Process to Complete: End of September



Process to Complete: Early October



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Questions and Contact Info

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Countdown to college!

College Application Week will take place the week of October 21, 2024.

During this week, volunteers at hundreds of NC high schools help students submit online applications for admission and many NC **colleges** and universities waive their application fees.

Great time for students to submit community college applications, too!

We will get a list a of colleges waiving their fees in the fall that we will make available!

College Application Day during Countdown to College

Schools that Usually WAIVE fees: All NC Community Colleges **Brevard** College East Carolina University Gardner-Webb University Lees-McRae College Lenoir-Rhyne University Mars Hill University Montreat College UNC Asheville **UNC** Pembroke Warren Wilson College Western Carolina University Wingate University

Schools that Usually DO NOT waive fees:

Appalachian State

Duke University

NC State University

UNC Chapel Hill, Charlotte, Greensboro, School of the Arts, and Wilmington

Wake Forest

https://www.cfnc.org/apply-to-college/nc-count down-to-college/

Need a recommendation from your Counselor?

Some college or scholarship applications will require you to submit a letter of recommendation. If you get to choose your recommender, think carefully about who knows you best and who has the most and best things to say about you!

- Allow your recommender plenty of time to write your letter. They often have multiple students they are writing for. Don't rush the process!
- Provide any guidelines from the school/scholarship as to any specifics the letter should address
- If your application requires a Counselor Recommendation, please contact your counselor for a google form link for you to complete and schedule an appointment with your counselor well before the deadline after you complete the form!
- Always send a note of appreciation to anyone who writes a letter on your behalf.



Should I take another ACT? Should I take the SAT?

- UNC System-still awaiting NC Board of Governors decision (end of May).
- NEW to apply for 2025 fall start: 2.5 minimum weighted GPA; or 19 ACT / 1010 SAT for UNC System (raising admissions standards-1st phase)
- Look at College Comparison Chart (in folder)
- Registration online through the ACT/SAT websites (act.org & collegeboard.com
- ACT Cost \$55-70 (with writing); SAT \$60 (fee waivers available)
- Location choose location based on where offered on your chosen date
- Prep collegeboard (SAT), ACT, cfnc, Kaplan, etc. (free vs. cost)
- Some colleges offer additional scholarship money for higher scores; check with your top choices for more information!

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Find the Best School for You

Find the academic programs and majors that inspire you, and the campuses that you'll love.

Search Colleges and Universities

College Acceptance Letters - in the spring of Senior Year, we will begin preparing to recognize students for their college acceptance, and will will ask for a copy, so be sure and keep handy! Scholarships/Awards/Grants - as you receive notice of these be sure to keep a good list going! We need these in order to recognize you for all at Senior Recognition Night and will ask for next spring!!

Question & Answer Breakout Session

A - G, front left (Mr. Alt) H - O, front right (Ms. Mills) P - Z, right rear (Ms. Haas) HCC, left rear (Ms. O'Connor) Career/Internship Experience, Gym Lobby, (Ms. Mathews)

Additional Resources

Financial Aid Night (September 26th): Register in advance: <u>http://bit.ly/HaywoodFAFSA</u>

FAFSA Videos (from CFNC): <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQv9N9_ZHm92SgBfVoN3B6g/videos</u>

Cacrao registration link (college fair): <u>https://www.cacrao.org/programs/2020-high-school-student-registration</u>

ARMY Virtual College Leadership Fair (register here): <u>https://armystrong.goarmy.com/a/OutboundMessage.aspx?O=07c49d5705dfb997a691a1d1e8222</u> <u>d38&T=b333208886639fd5&D=59842de14893ff175ebc89db38847450&M=b333208886639fd5&</u> <u>MSGID=99d1f43b69009ff6ceac6f4aae6c8391472b047788c8158b&A=f6788ec9ab4be968e3dfb73</u> <u>6f4c701c9&I=b871ed4f138847abb8e39523dd605b9e&S=bf673262cf9e74f0d85ac356419d300e</u>C