

# **Durham School of Technology**

Welcome to Senior Parent Night  
Class of 2024

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# Agenda–August 20, 2024

- Introduction: Student Services
- Graduation Requirements
- Financial Obligations
- Important Dates
- SAT/ACT Dates
- Applying for College
- Requirements for UNC SYSTEM SCHOOLS
- Transcript Request
- Scholarships/College Visits
- Career Development
- Honors/Endorsements

# Student Services

- Whitney Ross-Gunter, School Counselor/Academic Advisor
  - Anissa Hyman-Office Manager/ Data Manager/PowerSchool Manager
  - Lucretia Smith, CTE Instructional Coach
- Sudie White-Spence, Distant Online Facilitator
  - Edith Downing, EC Specialist
  - Twanna Warren, 504/MTSS Coordinator
  - Korey Williams, Durham Tech Liaison
    - Juston Hill, Social Worker
- Dr. Julian Anderson, School Psychologist
  - Whitney Jones, School Nurse

# Graduation Requirements

## **Students must earn 26 credits per DPS Future-Ready Core Graduation Plan**

- 4 English credits
- 4 Math credits
- 4 Social Studies credits
- 3 Science credits
- 1 Health/PE credit
- 2 World Language credits
- 2 Elective Concentrator credits
- 6 General Elective credits

# Financial Obligations

## **Financial Obligations**

- College application fees
- Cap & gowns
- Senior packages
- Senior pictures
- Senior trip
- College visits
- Senior shirts
- College Tuition

# JOSTENS' PRESENTATION

## Q & A

Go to

<https://www.jostens.com/>

for more information.

# Important Dates

-October 1, 2024- FASFA OPENS

-**October 1, 2024**- List Available of Colleges/Universities through CFNC.org for College Free Application Week.

-October 14-18, 2024- College Free Application Week

- **Step 1:** NC Residency Determination Service

**Ncresidency.cfnc.org (Parent/Guardian's Social Security Number is REQUIRED for Residency Status-In-State-Tuition)**

- **Step 2:** Create an account at CFNC.org

- **Step 3:** Apply to College

-**Application Hub (Colleges/Universities questions varies-such as parent/guardian voting information, RDS Code, and so forth)**

**NOTE: DST provides an opportunity for all seniors to register with the student support team. Please keep in mind your scholar may call you for sensitive information.**

# Important Dates (Cont...)

-FAFSA- The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is a form completed by current and prospective college students in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid.

-WEBSITE- [FAFSA](https://studentaid.gov) (StudentAid.Gov)

-JUNE 30, 2025- DEADLINE TO FILE FOR FAFSA



# NC Promise

## NC PROMISE

Through NC Promise, the state has significantly reduced student tuition cost to \$500 per semester at four UNC System institutions:

**Elizabeth City State University**

**Fayetteville State University**

**The University of North Carolina at Pembroke**

**Western Carolina University**

*Please note: This does not include, room and board, meals, technology fee, book rentals, etc.*

# ACT-Measures a student's skills in 5 core areas!

## DATES (ACT.org)

TEST DATES	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
October 26, 2024	September 20, 2024
December 14, 2024	November 8, 2024
February 8, 2025	January 2, 2025
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025

# SAT-Measures student's readiness for college! (SAT.ORG)

## DATES

TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024
December 7, 2024	November 22, 2024
March 8, 2024	February 21, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025

# Applying to College

## COMMONAPP.ORG

- Online applications to over 700 colleges and universities
- Students provide teacher and counselor email. Information for online recommendations and online transcript submissions (be sure to contact desired recommender before you submit his/her name)
- Recommendation Letter- [Brag Sheet](#)
- **CFNC.ORG** (College Foundation of North Carolina)
- Students can apply to colleges and submit transcripts electronically.
- Student must submit all information as it appears on his/her transcript and include student number.
- **On Individual Colleges' Websites**

# When to Apply to College/University

-Varies; Please check the college/university's website for the deadline.

- **EARLY DECISION-** Early decision plans are binding: A student who is accepted as an ED applicant must attend the college; **apply between Nov 1 and 15 and receive a decision in Dec.**
- **EARLY ACTION-** Early action plans are non-binding: Students receive an early response to their application but do not have to commit to the college until the normal reply date of May 1; **apply between Nov. 1-Nov. 15 and will receive a decision in Jan or Feb.**

# When to Apply to College/University

-Varies; Please check the college/university's website for the deadline.

- **REGULAR DECISION-** Regular Decision is the regular application deadline, early Jan-mid Feb., and you will receive your admission decision in the spring – usually around late-March into early-April.
- **ROLLING DECISION/ADMISSION-** Rolling admission means colleges review applications as they're sent in; there is no hard deadline by which you need to submit your application.

# Requirements for UNC School System

- Minimum 2.5 GPA or minimum test score on the ACT (19) or SAT (1010)
- Core course requirements (26 hours)

***NOTE: Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. Research various colleges/universities' admission requirements.***

# Transcript Request

- Official school transcript includes:
  - All EOG and EOC Scores
  - All Final Grades

\*Transcripts are updated 2X a year.

(**NOTE:** SAT & ACT scores are **not** on the transcript. You must submit them electronically through College Board/SAT.org or ACT.org.)

**Students can request their transcripts at**  
<https://durhamnc.scriborder.com/application>



# Scholarships

-Remind parents to  
provide  
Scholarships/College  
Acceptance

- A number of scholarships (local & national) become available throughout the school year.
- Two main types: civic & college-related.
- These scholarships will be posted in the Scholarship/Resource Folder (Mrs. Ross-Gunter) and updated throughout the year, along with announcements via email and Counselor's Cafe in Canvas.

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## Local Scholarships

- SECU (10K) (Information will be going out in Nov/Dec)

## National Scholarships

- The Gates Scholarship (Coverage that is not covered by FAFSA)
- Coca-Cola Scholarship (25K)
- Ron Brown Scholarship (40K)
- [Questbridge Match Scholarship](#) (Full Ride) **DUE SEPT. 26, 2024**

*Note: When applying essays may be required, along with obligations to maintain the scholarship.*

# Infinite Scholars/Scholarships

TBD

Emily K Center

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Please plan to attend!
- Create/Bring Resume to Fair
- Expect to speak to various representatives.
- Dress appropriately/Business casual
- Keep track of various scholarship(s) offers/and schools.
- REPORT ALL INFORMATION TO YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR (Mrs. Ross-Gunter).

College Visits  
DURHAM COLLEGE  
FAIR  
Tuesday, October 1,  
2024

Durham Marriott City  
Center


Staggered Time

Visits are an essential part of the application process...

- Check the college website to see the schedule for visits, tours, and information sessions.
- Some colleges are still offering virtual tours or/and tours by appointment only.
- DST will be hosting visits from college admissions representatives in the near future.

# Career Development

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- Career Assessments
  - Xello 
  - NCcareers.org
- Resume Writing
- Interviewing Skills
- Armed Forces
- Internships **(50 hours)**
  - Check your DPS email
  - [Internships.com](https://www.internships.com)
- Volunteer **(150 hours)**
  - [HandsOnTriangle.org](https://www.handsontriangle.org)
  - Mobile Market - [dukememorial.org/serve](https://www.dukememorial.org/serve)



- Nationally *recognized* career readiness assessment
- Measures skills *relevant* to all occupations & industries
  - Applied Mathematics
  - Graphic Literacy
  - Workplace Documents
- Honor awarded to senior CTE Concentrators in NC
- Students may earn National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) - Level 3+
- Check Emails - from Ms. Van Culin
  - **TEST DATES: November 4th -December 6th**

#### ACT WorkKeys STUDY WEBSITES:

- <https://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/workkeys-for-job-seekers/preparation.html>
- <https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/Assessments/Home.aspx>

# CTE Career Pathways 2024 – 2025

## Cisco Network Engineering

Cisco Network Engineering Technology I

\* Cisco Network Engineering Technology II

CTE Internship INFO

CTE Advanced Studies

**CTE Concentrator**

\* Industry recognized credential

## Python Programming

\* Python Programming I

\* Python Programming II

CTE Internship INFO

## COMPUTER SCIENCE

Computer Science I

Computer Science II

# Honors/Endorsements

- **DST 21ST CENTURY SCHOLAR**
  - Complete at least 2 college courses
  - 50 hours of internship
  - 150 hours of community service
  - ACT Score 22

For more information regarding  
Endorsements please visit the link below.

[NC Endorsements](#)

- **VALEDICTORIAN**
  - Ranked #1 in the class
- **SALUTATORIAN**
  - Ranked #2 in the class
- **SUMMA CUM LAUDE**
  - Weighted GPA greater than 4.25
- **MAGNA CUM LAUDE**
  - Weighted GPA between 4.00 & 4.25
- **CUM LAUDE**
  - Weighted GPA between 3.75 & 4.00



# Durham Tech Liaison

Mr. Korey Williams (New Liaison)

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# Next Meetings...

-Thursday, August 29, 2024 via Microsoft Teams at 6:30 p.m. CommonApp Session.

QUESTIONS???