



# The Buck Times

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## AWARD WINNING THESPIANS

*Written by Ava Campbell*

The weekend of Friday, March 1st, our theatre students attended the NC Thespian Festival to compete and participate in workshops, see shows, meet new people with similar interests, and participate in other activities.

The following students received the best scores and qualified for the International competition this summer: **Cameela Byrd, Clem Jenkins, Ryan Glover, Gloriana Rentas, Abby Welch, Raychel Yeager, and DJ Elliot.**

Though everyone who competed did not qualify for internationals, they all did amazing and hopefully more people will make it next year.

As well as qualifying for internationals, Cameela and Raychel also became State Thespian Officers! This means that they will get to help the state in organizing the state festival, advocating for arts education in Raleigh, leading workshops throughout the year, and helping to cultivate school theatre throughout North Carolina!

Most of the participants said that it was a fun trip and that they would go again for the experience, even if they don't compete. *Additional pictures on next page.*

# Academic Accolades



**Left:** Raychel Yeager getting elected as STO (State Thespian Officer) along with Cameela Byrd who is continuing her service as STO into her senior year.

**Right:** Theatre students on their way to the Thespian Festival at East Carolina University.



## **MALABUNGA NAMED "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR"**

Congratulations to the Kiwanis Citizenship recipient **Mr. Malabunga**. Leadership, service, and community engagement are fundamental values cultivated by the Hoke County Kiwanis organization. The Kiwanis Citizenship Awards aim to recognize individuals who exemplify these principles through their significant contributions to their schools, homes, and communities. Recipients of this award demonstrate outstanding leadership, selfless service, and enthusiastic involvement in various endeavors. (*Dana Chavis, HCHS Facebook Page*)

# Academic Accolades

## **PROUD TO BE**

*A Poem by Abigail Grother*

In halls adorned with honor's grace,  
where youth in uniform find their place.  
Stands the cadets, proud and tall,  
answering duty's noble call.

With discipline as their guiding light,  
and courage blazing through the night.  
They march in step, hearts beating strong,  
in the cadence of a soldier's song.

They learn the lessons of respect,  
for flag, for country, they protect.  
In service to their community,  
they forge bonds of unity.

In the classroom and on the field,  
they strive for excellence, to wield.  
The virtues taught in JROTC,  
prepared them for any challenges they may see.

With leadership as their guiding star,  
they learn to shine both near and far.  
For in the crucible of strife,  
they mold the leaders of tomorrow's life.

So here's to the cadets, brave and true,  
with dedication in all they do.  
In the JROTC's noble realm,  
They find purpose at the helm.

The companies Alpha, Bravo, Charlie,  
all stand together, proud to be in the Army.



*Alpha Company*



*Bravo Company*



*Charlie Company*

# Academic Accolades

## **HCHS RAIDERS DOMINATE THE TRI-MEET**

*Written by Makayla Jennings*

HCHS Raiders traveled to North Brunswick Tri-Meet on Feb 24. These cadets had the motivation and confidence to dominate this month's competition. They placed second in mixed teams 5k road march, second place in litter carry, first place in rope bridge, first place in physical fitness, second place in truck pull, first place in overall raider meet, first in traditional litter carry, second place in the traditional fitness challenge, third place in tradition truck pull, and lastly second traditional overall raider meet. For years, cadets in the Raider Team have expressed their love for the team and their ability to motivate each other through every challenge.



# Academic Accolades

## BARBERING BUCKS

By Elyse Bailey

HCHS students in Ms. Cindy Santa Cruz's barbering class treated students at Scurlock elementary with a new cut! Santa Cruz remarked: "I am very proud of each and every one of them for being patient and kind to the little guests. We have had some nervous first timers but my students showed them kindness, sympathy, and patience. All good qualities of a professional barber!" Students will continue to practice their skills within the community.



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# Academic Accolades

## E-SPORTS (RE)EMERGE AT HOKE

By Geoffrey Douglas

E-Sports has officially re-emerged at Hoke! Hoke High launched its first ever recognized eSports team, Hoke Elite. **Nickolas Hughes** qualified for Regional Competitions in January 2024 and competed on our school's behalf in UNC Wilmington. **Jovan McCall** and **Avviele Johns** competitively advanced to the national level virtual competitions, which will be held May 30th.

Watch the video of the latest E-Sports Event:

<https://bit.ly/esportsevent>



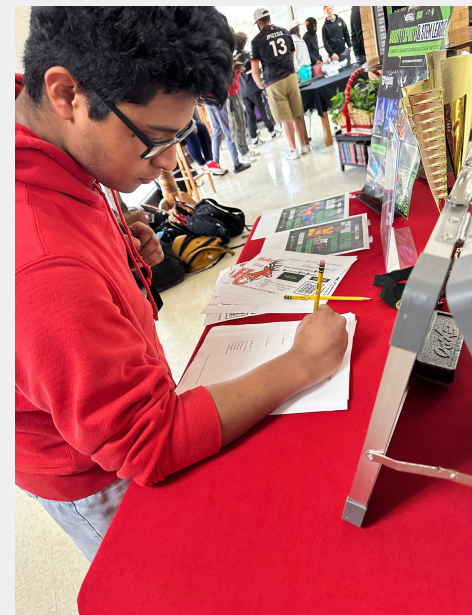
Our students who are winning at Regional and National levels this 2023/2024 school year!



Nickolas Hughes ( SmashBros Ultimate Regional winner competed at UNC Wilmington in January )



Jovan McCall and Avviele Johns (Splatoon winners competing at national level May 30th)



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# Academic Accolades



## CULINARY CHAMPS

*Submitted by Lanice McLean, FCCLA Advisor*

On the weekend of February 16th, our FCCLA students went and conquered their fears in Charlotte by competing in the Culinary Arts and Baking & Pastry Arts competition at Johnson and Wales University. 1 of them competed in the Baking and Pastry Competition and 2 competed in the Culinary Competition. We are so proud of them for doing something they enjoy doing. **Alexander Alvarado** and **Xavier Washington** won Bronze medals and **Randolph Sanders** won a Silver medal. It was definitely a learning experience for our students and they truly enjoyed their day.



## MMB ALUMNI WINS AWARD

**Shain McDougald Jr.,** a Mighty Marching Buck Alumni, recently won first place in the 2024 Intercollegiate Music Association Royzell L. Dillard Memorial Scholarship Student Recital. We are #BucktownProud of his accomplishment!

(Right: Shain McDougald, Marimba Virginia State University Department of Music)



# Around Bucktown



## **FFA/PREVET LENDS A HELPING HAND TO EASTER FOR THOUSAND HOSTED BY MOUNTAIRE FARMS**

*Written by Estrella Hernandez*

On March 23, 2024, FFA/PreVet joined other organizations to help Mountaire Farms' "Easter for Thousand" in Lumberton. This event pack and distributes holiday meal boxes that feed a family of four. Each box contains a Mountaire Farms roaster chicken, canned goods, and a box of dessert mix. This event allows for Mountaire Farms employees and community volunteers to work together to give back to those struggling with food insecurity around the holiday season.





# Around Bucktown

## JOHN F. KENNEDY MCJROTC DEFEATS HOKE COUNTY AJROTC

*Submitted by Erik K. Anderson*

John F. Kennedy MCJROTC defeated Hoke County AJROTC 974.2 to 892.8 in the 2024 National Air Rifle New Shooter League. Their third win in a row. John F. Kennedy MCJROTC was led by Tressa Long who shot a 248.2. The remaining contributing members were Montazeri Zahra, Dominic Adame, and Aclan Eric. They are from Sacramento, CA, and are coached by SgtMaj Miguel Ortega. Overall John F. Kennedy MCJROTC is ranked twentieth. They have a 4 - 3 record. Shooting their highest team score of the season Hoke County AJROTC was led by **Miguel Sanchez Jimenez** who shot a 253.5. The remaining contributing members were **Hannah McCann, Tyler Stanley, and Alexander Robinson**. Hoke County AJROTC is from Raeford, NC, and is coached by **Harold Thacker**. Overall Hoke County AJROTC is ranked forty-fourth. They have a 1 - 5 record. These two teams are competing in the National Air Rifle "New Shooter" League. Sponsored by Scopos, the league is a national team league exclusive to athletes in their first year of competition. Teams are from high schools and junior rifle clubs throughout the United States. Over 10 weeks each team competes in 8 games. Each week, each team is paired with another team with a near equal skill level.

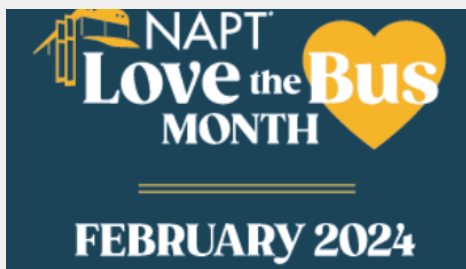
In each game the teams compete in what is known as a Three-Position Air Rifle match. The match is modeled after Olympic Rifle competitions but adapted to high school age athletes. Each athlete will shoot 10 shots in three different shooting positions, kneeling, prone, and standing. Each shot is worth a maximum of 10.9 points. The sum of points scored in the 30 shots is the athlete's total. The team score is comprised of the best four athletes from each team.

## BUS DRIVER APPRECIATION

On Friday, 2/16, our students showed they were #BucktownProud to be driven by the best in the state! They handed out special treat bags, Hardees biscuits, and hand-written cards for our amazing bus drivers!



*Ryan Glover,  
Hoke Future  
Teachers Club  
Member (right,  
pictured)*



# Around Bucktown

## **CELEBRATING THE RICH CULTRE OF BLACK HISTORY**

*Written by Nyasia Purcell*

On Thursday February 22nd, Hoke County High had a Black History program called "Bucktown in Black". The point of the program was to show strength in Black culture and to encourage future leaders.

There were 8 parts to the program:

1. Black is Beauty: A poem was performed and students showed off different hair styles on the gymnasium runway.
2. Black is Science/Black is STEM: Hoke County Science presented STEM and ground-breaking research as well as black inventors.
3. Black is Spiritual: Hoke County choir performing a rendition of "Melodies from Heaven".
4. Black is Soul: Students performed a piece composed by Sam Cooke called " A Change is Gonna Come" .
5. Black is Innovation: The CTE department shined a light on black pioneers in career technology and education.
6. Black is Theatre : The Drama club embraced African American thespians.
7. Black is Strong: Hoke County athletes shined the light on several black athletes who broke world records in sporting careers.
8. Black is Community & Black is Unity: The "divine nine" (Sororities & Fraternities) represented and performed.



**HCHS & UNCP D9**

Photos from the Black History program (below). Program (right).



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# BUCKTOWN IN BLACK

PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR ANTHEMS

Hoke County High School 2024 Black History Program. The goal of this program is to celebrate the complexity, grace, powerfulness, and strength in black culture. We want to showcase the greatness that comes. This program will also serve as an opportunity to encourage our future leaders to pursue a post-secondary education

1

## BLACK IS BEAUTY

Elombe Brath, created "Black is Beautiful" in 1963. This segment is a broad embrace of black culture and identity

2

## BLACK IS SCIENCE

The Black Voices in Research curriculum was designed to provide effective instructional materials that showcase inclusive excellence, and facilitate the dialog about diversity and inclusion in biomedical research,

3

## BLACK IS SPIRITUAL

The spiritual meaning of black is associated with mystery, elegance, wealth, restraint and power.

4

## BLACK IS SOUL

Soul came to signify a cultural belief in black resilience, which was enacted through musical practices.

5

## BLACK IS INNOVATION

Black-led organizations that place a heightened focus on innovation via such things as startup education and training, digital readiness, tech enablement.

6

## BLACK IS THEATRE

Black theatre refined and redefined the popular minstrel tradition-America's first pure form of entertainment.

7

## BLACK IS STRONG

If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward." - Martin Luther King Jr

8

## BLACK IS COMMUNITY BLACK IS UNITY

The "Divine Nine" hold a significant meaning in the Black community, always promoting leadership, scholarship, and community service,

Hoke County Choir '24 Spring: Connected arr Brain Tate

SPECIAL THANKS TO STUDENTS AND PARTICIPATING STAFF

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## SNEAKER LOVE

*Written by Tanesha Davis*

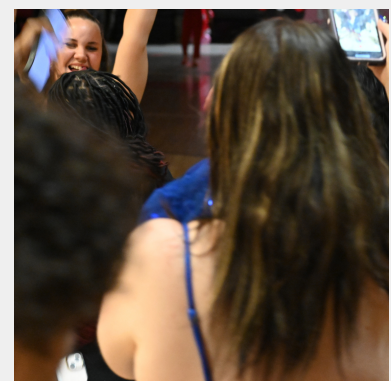
Love was in the Air at Hoke County High school! February 23rd students and staff attended a sneaker ball, hosted by the Student Government Association. There was food, music and pretty decorations for the Hoke students to enjoy from 6-8pm. Ms. Aguirre and the student body worked very hard to put this together for the students of Hoke County High school to enjoy.



*Photo (balloons-above), showcases preparation of Sneaker ball decor (picture by Tanesha Davis)*



*Other photos by Monroe Digital Design & Animation*



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## THE BUCKTOWN EXPERIENCE

*Written by Jakhia Ross*

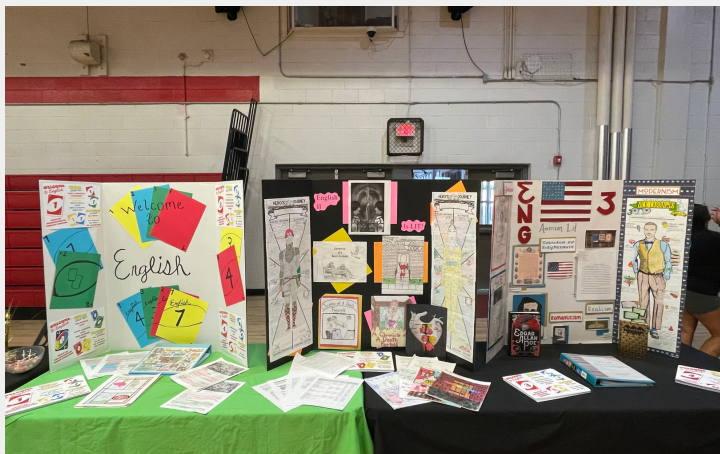
With the 2023-2024 school year coming to an end, rising ninth graders had the opportunity to see what their local high school has to offer. The HCHS Curriculum Fair was held on Thursday, March 15 and highlighted all of the CTE, elective, and core classes Hoke County High has for students of all interests. With robot dogs, pasta samples, blood pressure readings, and much more! Parents and students were able to get a glimpse at all the skills you can learn while attending Hoke County High School. Students also learned about completing and passing courses that could earn them credentials to work in different fields as soon they graduate!



Health Science Photo (1):  
Brittany Eberman  
Other Photos:  
Mr. Fernandez Photography

# Around Bucktown

Pictures from the Curriculum Fair



# Around Bucktown

## YOUNG MEN OF VALUE: SHAPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

*Written by Anthony Terrell Floyd Jr.*

At Hoke County High School, a transformative initiative has taken root—the Young Men of Value Club. Under the guidance of dedicated advisors Mr. Covington, Mr. Francois, Mr. Little, and Mr. Monroe, this club aims to empower young male teenagers, equipping them with essential life skills and values. But that's not all! The Young Men of Value Club has forged a partnership with Men's Wearhouse. Together, they're not just teaching style; they're shaping character. During an enlightening visit, our young men had the opportunity to explore Men's Wearhouse's finest clothing, distinguishing between tuxedos and suits. Ashley, a gracious host, shared insights on budgeting, color coordination, bow ties, neckties, and footwear. The collaboration between Young Men of Value and Men's Wearhouse exemplifies the commitment to holistic development. It's not just about dressing well; it's about becoming well-rounded individuals. On their recent trip to "Men's Warehouse", the YMOV focused on mastering style and etiquette. Through engaging sessions, they taught the members how to dress with confidence and carry themselves as true gentlemen. Ashley from Men's Wearhouse graciously hosted, allowing the young men to explore the nuances of style. From tuxedos to suits, they learned the art of dressing well. Budgeting, a vital life skill, was also at the forefront of discussions. Advisors emphasized the importance of financial responsibility, ensuring that their members are equipped to make informed decisions. In addition, the club focused on personal development. Bow ties, neckties, and footwear—these seemingly small details contribute to a well-rounded persona. The club provides guidance on these finer points, helping our young men present themselves confidently in any setting.

Mark your calendars on April 20th, 2024, the Young Men of Value Summit: Iron Sharpens Iron will take place at Hoke County High School's McDonald Cafeteria. Join us from 12:00 pm to 2:30 pm for an enriching experience. Expect special guest speakers, thought-provoking discussions, and valuable insights. Don't miss out—seats are limited! RSVP by scanning the QR code provided (in the *Advertisements* section). We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Covington, Mr. Francois, Mr. Little, and Mr. Monroe. Their unwavering commitment to shaping the next generation of young men is commendable. Together, we build a community where values, character, and excellence thrive. Thank you for your invaluable contribution!

Check out the YMOV Website for more information: <https://bit.ly/YMOVHoke>





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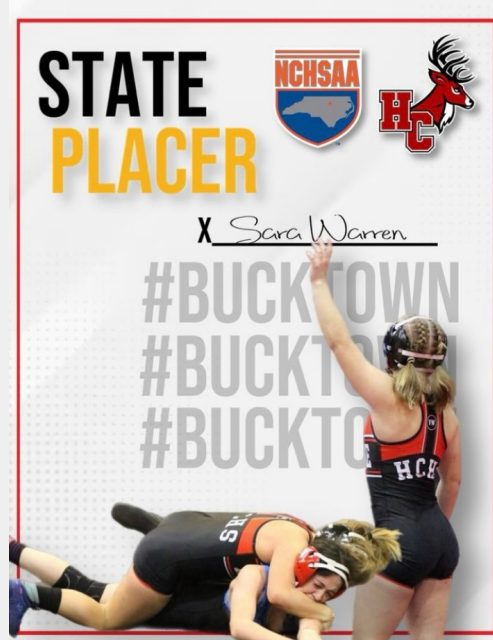
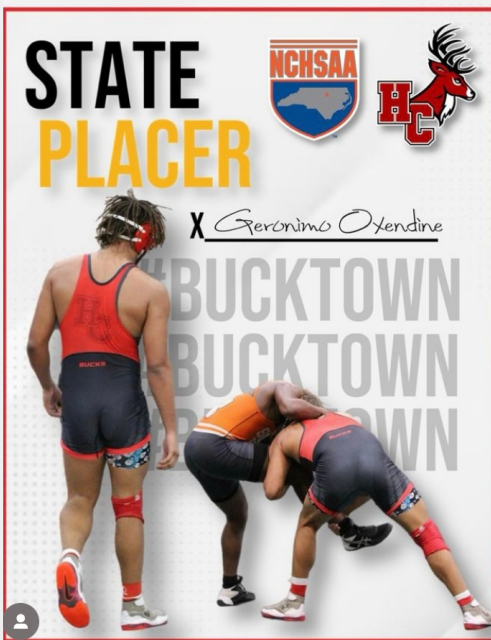
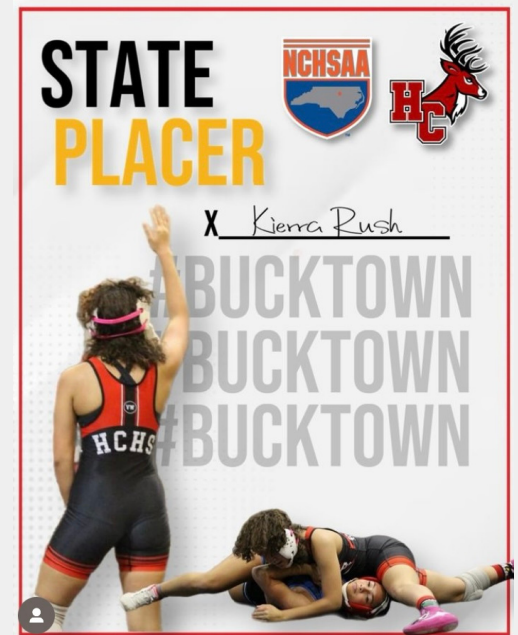
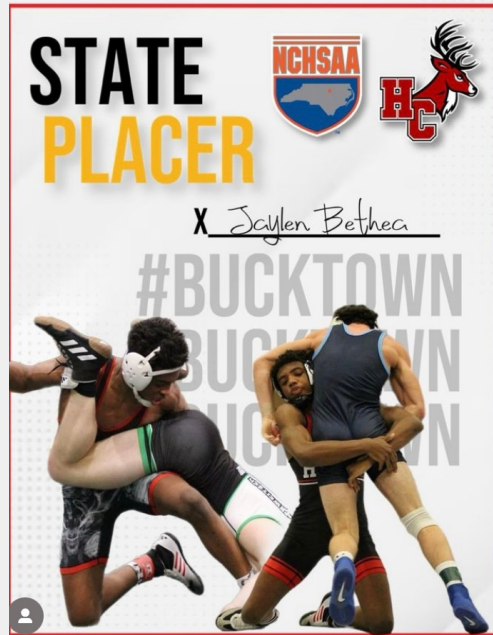


**Young Men of Value**

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# Sports



## NCHSAA State Qualifiers

- Jekai Sedgwick (2nd Place)
- Kierra Rush (2nd Place)
- Jaylen Bethea (4th Place)
- Geronimo Oxendine (4th Place)
- Sara Warren (5th Place)
- Jada Lebron (6th Place)

*We are #BucktownProud! Congratulations!*

# Sports



## COACH BORMAN HONORED

On February 13th, Coach **Rachel Borman** (Girl's Wrestling Coach) was honored with an award for her hard work and dedication to the Bucks Wrestling program. She received the Southeastern Athletic Conference Women's Wrestling Coach of the Year at the monthly Board of Education meeting. Borman is seen pictured (left) with Dr. Spells (Superintendent of HCS), Brandon Locklear (Men's Wrestling Coach), and Gary Brigman (HCS Athletic Director). Congratulations, Coach Borman!

## ON THE WAY WITH 1K

At the February 20th basketball game against Lee County, **Salah Sutton** achieved 1,000 points in his basketball career. Congratulations, Salah!

🏀 Check out the **BOYS BASKETBALL RECAP:**

<https://sites.google.com/view/hokeboysrecap/home>



# Sports



## **RUGBY RECOGNITION AND RESILIENCE**

*Submitted by Abbey Pullum*

Amidst the challenges of recruitment and the uphill battle for recognition, the undefeated Hoke High Rugby team stands as a beacon of resilience and skill. With an impressive record of four wins and zero losses, they defy the odds, overcoming hurdles to triumph against formidable opponents. Their unwavering determination and passion for the game propel them forward, showcasing that true victory lies not just in the scoreline, but in the unyielding spirit of a team united in their love for rugby.

Rugby, often known for its intensity and physicality, stands out as a sport that welcomes players of all shapes, sizes, and skill levels. Beyond the scrums and tackles lies a vibrant community where diversity thrives, and there truly is a spot for everyone on the field. Unlike some sports that may favor specific body types or skill sets, rugby celebrates the uniqueness of each player. Whether a powerhouse prop, a nimble winger, or a strategic fly-half, there's a position that suits all strengths and abilities. Each position requires a distinct set of skills that contribute to the team's dynamic playstyle. However, rugby goes beyond just physical attributes. It values traits like resilience, sportsmanship, and camaraderie. In rugby, it's not just about scoring tries or making tackles—it's about supporting teammates, overcoming challenges together, and respecting the opposition. In a world where differences can sometimes divide, rugby serves as a unifying force that brings people together through a shared love of the game.

It teaches valuable lessons about teamwork, perseverance, and respect, fostering a sense of belonging that transcends boundaries. Most people don't play rugby because of the fear of getting hurt. However, rugby is more than just a physical sport—it's a game that offers unique opportunities. Rugby is a sport that values safety above all else. Proper training, coaching, and adherence to rules are essential in minimizing the risk of injuries. By learning the correct techniques and strategies, players can significantly reduce the chances of getting hurt on the field. Moreover, rugby is a sport that teaches resilience, discipline, and teamwork. It's not just about the physical aspect; it's about mental strength and character development. By stepping onto the rugby field, expect to be challenged in ways that will help require growth as a person both on and off the pitch.

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# Sports

*"Rugby" continued.*

The team encourages people to look beyond their fear of getting hurt and consider the many benefits that rugby has to offer. Embracing the challenges, pushing past comfort zones, and maybe just discovering a passion for the game.



# Sports

## LADY BUCKS SOFTBALL

On March 11th, Lady Bucks battled back from a 0-3 deficit and defeated Jack Britt 11-9. Junior **Chayna Locklear** came up big with a two run HOMERUN and Junior **Brianna Harrell** came up big with a line drive too deep into right center-driving in two runs to win the game. Both earned the honor of "Player of the Game"! Way to go, Lady Bucks ! (from the *HCHS BUCKS Softball Facebook page*).



*Left: Chayna Locklear  
Right: Brianna Harrell*



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HCHS Bucks Softball



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**WHAT DO WE DO AT AIMS?**  
 WE PARTICIPATE IN HANDS-ON HEALTH AND BIOMEDICAL SIMULATIONS WHILE LEARNING MORE ABOUT HEALTH SCIENCE CAREERS

**N A S A**

*Native American Student Association*

<p><b>WHEN</b>          Next meeting is February 14th after school till 4:30. Meetings will be held every other Wednesday.</p>	<p><b>WHERE</b>          located in the data room          *where the bus information was near MCD cafeteria*</p>	<p><b>HOW</b>          Just come to the meetings! If you have any questions please contact the emails listed below or the Instagram listed below.</p>
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MacDonald Gym

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## 2024 Prom Tickets

### Event Information

Date: May 18th

Time: 7pm-11pm

Venue: The Fair Barn (Pinehurst)

### Prices

**2/19-3/31:**

\$50 HHS students; \$60 SHEC

*Tickets bought during this time frame will include a special Prom 2024 keepsake!*

**4/1-4/30:**

\$50 HHS students; \$60 SHEC

**5/1-5/17:**

\$60 HHS students; \$70 SHEC

**5/18:**

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April 1st-5th

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