

The Challenge

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CELEBRATING 22 YEARS



Director News

Congratulations Class 46! You accepted the “ChalleNGe” and have reached Week 13. The significance is you are halfway through the residential phase of the Tarheel ChalleNGe Program. Take a deep breath and give yourself a hand. Enjoy the well-deserved break/ pass with your family. **However, be smart, safe and exercise good judgment in everything you do.**

Please know that everyone is extremely proud of you and all that you have accomplished to this point. **Celebrate in moderation! Remember to take nothing for granted and to assume nothing. “If it is to be it is up to me!”**

Finally, return on Sunday to Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy focused and ready to complete the High School Equivalency testing, Drivers Education and all other requirements.

Edward W. Timmons

Colonel (Retired) Edward W. Timmons
Director
Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy

“Dream, Believe, Achieve”

HISTORY

After 22 years of outstanding service to the “at risk youth” of North Carolina, this six-time national award winning Academy continues to add a strong and viable option to the 21,000 North Carolina high school dropouts annually. As a National Guard sponsored program funded by Federal (\$3M) & State (\$1M) dollars, this 22 week resident program is provided at no cost to the student. After graduation there is a 12 month mentor centered follow up.



DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE

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Class Schedule

First Block:	8:55am-10:00am
Second Block:	10:25am-11:30am
Lunch	
Third Block:	1:25pm-2:30pm
Fourth Block:	2:50pm-3:55pm

Lead Instructor's Corner

Your cadet has been very busy over the last few weeks. **They have completed CPR Certification training and Pre-HSE testing.** Cadets need a score of **145** in order to move to the next stage of testing. Their scores are included on the GED Test History that is attached to the progress report, in their packet.

Your **cadet has been given** a score report that tells them exactly what they need to work on in order to increase their score.

OFFICIAL TESTING will begin in May.

If you have any questions; please email the Lead Instructor at:

E-mail: denah.newman1@ncdps.gov

"Education- It's Worth the Effort"



Nurse's Corner

Hello Parents,

Mrs. Speight and I would like to thank you for allowing us to care for your children during the residential phase of this life changing experience, called Tarheel Challenge. We sincerely hope all of you have a joyous weekend.

Some of you will receive a letter in your packet letting you know that you will need to stop by the Medical Office for a face-to-face when they sign-in on Sunday. I will be in the Medical Office at Sign-In on April 10, 2016.

We will be looking forward to their safe and healthy return.

Respectfully,
Mrs. Culbreth

E-mail: audra.culbreth1@ncdps.gov

Commandant News

Parents, Guardians and Mentors,

The time is drawing near. I know all of you are happy to have your cadet home for their first weekend pass. We ask that you continue to encourage them to remain focused as we approach graduation. Please talk to them about making appropriate choices this weekend.

The **APPROVED DRESS ATTIRE** information for the Awards Banquet and Graduation Ceremony is in your packet.

E-mail: monte.r.forte@ncdps.gov

"Quitting is not an option"



Recruiting, Placement & Mentoring (RPM)

Tarheel Challenge Academy-Salemburg will begin accepting applications for our **July 2016 Class on April 15th, 2016.**

Orientation for our **July 2016 Class** will be held on **May 14th, 2016 at 8:30am.**

E-mail: ernest.king@ncdps.gov

For more information:

*visit our website at nc-tcchallenge.org or call the Admissions Department at 800-573-9966.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY PROJECT
REMINDER: Mentors do not forget to do your two (2) hours with your cadet. As always, we thank our mentors for encouraging and supporting our Challenge Cadets on this life changing journey. (More information in packet)

E-mail: earl.spell1@ncdps.gov



Tutoring

Mon-Thu (4:00-5:00)

Teachers have been conducting tutoring sessions for the past four (4) weeks.

Peer tutoring will begin next week. The Instructors have selected cadets that are strong in their subject area based on their Pre-HSE Scores. Peer tutoring takes place in the afternoons after regular scheduled classes, and is held in the instructor's classroom. Instructors participate in and supervise all tutoring. Cadets are encouraged to attend assigned tutoring sessions.

Please know that if your cadet has expressed a desire to be tutored, we will do everything possible to provide that service. **However, based on the number of cadets, tutoring is offered to those with the greatest need first.**

High School Equivalency (HSE)



Pretest

The Pretest is a computer based practice test given to judge if a cadet is ready to take the OFFICIAL HSE TEST. Cadets not meeting the passing score will receive remedial coursework outlined on a Score Report. **The cadet must pass an official HSE Pretest in order to take the OFFICIAL Test.**

Official HSE

Cadets are transported to Sampson Community College to take the OFFICIAL HSE Tests. A cadet must do the following in order to test in a subject:

- 1) Pass the OFFICIAL Practice Test.
- 2) Complete classwork and homework assignments for that subject.
- 3) Maintain at least a 70 average in the class for that subject.
- 4) Have teacher's recommendation.

In order to earn HSE, one must pass all subject areas (Social Studies, Science, Reading, Math and Writing w/ Essay)

Scores will be given to cadets as they are available.

Parents will be provided with a Progress Report that includes scores at Sign outs.

Career Readiness Certificate (CRC)

Cadets are given the opportunity to work on preparing for the CRC in their Computer Skills Class. **They must complete different skill levels in order to qualify to take the CRC.** Once they have completed these skill levels, they are scheduled to take the CRC where they can qualify for certificates in four levels: Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze. **All certificates are signed by the Governor of North Carolina.** These certificates let employers know that the applicant has been certified as ready to work. **This means even if they do not have a high school diploma or HSE they have the basic skills and education to enter the workforce.** **Test dates to be announced.**



College Placement Testing

Select cadets will take the College Placement Test administered through Sampson Community College during Week 20. This test will help community colleges determine what basic classes a student needs to take and what classes they can skip. **Results will be provided in their graduation packets.**



Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)

Eligibility for the SAT is based on the cadet's total score on the **Pre-TABE**. Cadets that have a total battery of 9.0 and above are eligible to take the SAT. Score will be included on their first Progress Report. **The SAT will be on May 9th.**



Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

All cadets are required to take the ASVAB whether they plan to enlist in the military or not. This test is a good measure of how well they have developed their academic and occupational skills at school, at home and in their communities. **The ASVAB measures aptitudes that are related to success in different jobs, as well as in training and education. TESTING April 12-15, 2016**



Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE)

The TABE is not a PASS/FAIL test. This test simply gives us the cadets' level in Reading, Math and Language. Cadets are required to increase their scale score one level in order to meet the educational requirements to graduate. We take the score of each of these three areas to get a total battery score. All cadets took the Pre-TABE last week. During **Week 19**, each cadet will take a Post-TABE to determine his or her growth in these three areas. The total battery score is what needs to increase by one level to fulfill the requirements for Academic Excellence. **Pre-TABE Score will be reflected on the first Progress Report.**



Students of the Week

Cadets are recognized at the weekly assembly for their outstanding performance in the classroom.

Week 9

A-Frazier, T
C-Weiss
D-Beddingfield
E-Paquin
F-Finchum

Week 10

A-Kelly
C-Nichols
D-Lafalaise
E-Fowler
F-Pleasant

Week 11

A-James
C-Collins
D-Williams
E-Torres
F-Thomas

Week 12

A-Britt
C-Pelzer
D-Woodson
E-Holder
F-Harden

Spirit of Challenge

Cadets are recognized at the weekly assembly for their "Never Give Up Attitude."

Week 12

Team 1-Willis
Team 3-Weiss
Team 3-Jernigan



THE CHALLENGE WALK ENDOWMENT

The “ChalleNGe Walk” is dedicated to those Cadets, Alumni, Parents, Friends and Corporate Partners who believe in the values, mission and results of the Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy. The “Walk” is lined with bricks that commemorate success in each cadet class. Each brick will be inscribed according to the Donor’s wishes and placed in the Class location in the walk.

The Tarheel ChalleNGe Incorporated Endowment will keep on giving. If you would like to make a purchase, please call 910-525-5520.



Your contribution is tax deductible.



Cadet Leadership

These cadets are selected by the Commandant and Assistant Commandant. They have to follow the guidelines directed by Commandant, Assistant Commandant and Team Leader.

Cadet Chain of Concern

Team 1-Cadet Strange

Team 2-Weiss

Team 3-Ruffin

“IF IT IS TO BE, IT IS UP TO ME!”

DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE



Team One Diamonds News:

Cadet Perspective- Jocelyn Willis

Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy is an environment that gives each cadet an opportunity to succeed. The 8 Core Components and LoPresti Laws keep us on track. Cadres are involved and keep us motivated. I am grateful for the military experience because I have Type I Diabetes, and I wanted to join the United States Marines Corp. Because I am a diabetic, I cannot join any branch of the Military Service. Thank you Tarheel ChalleNGe for allowing me the opportunity to experience this Quasi-Military Academy.



Team Two Airborne News:

Cadet Perspective- Antonio Nichols

Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy(TCA) is the best opportunity to give a teen who is lost and without a purpose a second chance. TCA prepares teens for the real world that is soon to come from their blind side. Truthfully, it is up to the cadets to take advantage of this great opportunity to increase their chance of success in life. TCA makes a difference and blesses us with a strong foundation. Thank you TCA staff and cadres for believing in us on this journey!



Team Three Rangers News:

Cadet Perspective- Dallas Jernigan

As a cadet at Tarheel ChalleNGe Academy (TCA), I feel that this program is truly a gift. Personally, I feel that we need more schools like TCA because it gives troubled youth a second chance. I know that it has instilled structure and discipline in me. It has also given me a chance to pursue my education by helping to achieve my HSE and enrolling in college. I enjoy staying here, and I will surely miss TCA when I graduate. None of this would have been possible without the help, guidance and support from the cadres and teachers.



Team One Diamonds

News: Team Leader: Mr. Ladson

The following Cadets were recognized for Leadership, Most Outstanding and Most Improved during Weeks 9-12.

- Team Leader-Cadet Brianna Britt
- Assistant Team Leader-Cadet Katlyn Tester
- Squad 1-Cadet Tyrhonda Frazier
- Squad 2-Cadet Jazmyn Weil-Frazier
- Squad 3-Cadet Beyonce James
- Squad 4-Cadet Precious Smith
- Class Leader-Cadet Nyasia Moody
- Most Improved- Cadet Destiny Green
- Most Outstanding- Cadet Na'llah Strance

Good Conduct Awards



ROLL WITH IT!

Team One

- Beyonce James
- Na'llah Strange
- Katlyn Tester
- Jocelyn Willis
- Brianna Britt
- Cheryly Kelly



Team Two Airborne

News: Team Leader: Mr. Myers

The following Cadets were recognized for Leadership, Most Outstanding and Most Improved during Weeks 9-12.

- Team Leader-Cadet Antonio Nichols
- Assistant Team Leader-Cadet Mekhai Davis
- Squad 1-Cadet Bradley Adams
- Squad 2-Cadet Javarius Gage
- Squad 3-Cadet Tristan Parker
- Squad 4-Cadet James Sherrod
- Class Leader C-Cadet Ahmed Moore
- Class Leader D-Cadet David Riggan
- Most Improved-Cadet David Savage
- Most Outstanding- Cadet Christopher Weiss

Good Conduct Awards



IMMA GET MINE!

Team Two

- Kenyon Pelzer
- Joseph Bombard
- Daniel Capistran
- Tyler Williams
- Matthew Ingram
- Christopher Weiss
- Trevor Beddingfield
- Marquis Rollins
- David Savage
- Luis Dorta
- Brandon Knight
- James McCraw
- Brendan Thomas
- Shyheim Williams
- Mekhai Gale-Davis
- Dominique High



Team Three Rangers

News: Team Leader: Mr. Robinson

The following Cadets were recognized for Leadership, Most Outstanding and Most Improved during Weeks 9-12.

- Team Leader-Cadet Matthew Defranco-Colson
- Assistant Team Leader-Cadet Shawn Phillips
- Squad 1-Cadet James Finchum
- Squad 2-Cadet Xavier Williams
- Squad 3-Cadet Croix Paquin
- Squad 4-Cadet Colton Quinney
- Class Leader E-Cadet Leondrea Robinson
- Class Leader F-Cadet Dylan Roessler
- Most Improved-Cadet Efren Torres
- Most Outstanding- Cadet Matthew Defranco-Colson

Team Three

- Matthew Defranco-Colson
- Dallas Jernigan
- Tanner Holder
- Dijoi Harden
- Shawn Phillips
- Jordan Rice
- William Ruffin
- Croix Paquin
- Kaleb Pleasant



Good Conduct Awards



MAKE IT HAPPEN!



8 Core Components

At Tarheel Challenge, cadets are required to successfully complete the **8 Core Components** in order to graduate. **They are as follows:**

1. **Job Skills** – Learn job search skills, Complete Resume, Application and Mock Job Interview
 *Career Readiness Certificate (CRC) can be earned by passing the CRC test. 4 levels Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze
2. **Life Skills** - Basic Banking, Prepare & Manage a Budget, Interpersonal Skills, Goal Setting and Time Management
3. **Responsible Citizenship** - Voter Registration, Selective Service Registration, Participate in Democratic Process, Have basic understanding of U.S. Constitution, Government and Citizenship (USCGC)
4. **Health & Hygiene** - Recall effects of Drug Abuse and Treatment, Communicable Disease Awareness and Prevention, Importance of Nutrition in Daily Diet
5. **Academic Excellence** - Increase TABE scale score. (Post-TABE score must be higher than Pre-TABE score)
6. **Physical Fitness**- Intense Physical Training, Team Sports & the President's Council of Physical Fitness Test
7. **Leadership and Followership**-Evaluation of performance in leadership and followership positions within a student command structure
8. **Service to the Community**-involvement in community service projects

**** **The Academic Department is responsible for 5 of the 8.**

*"Give yourself an even greater **challenge** than the one you are trying to master and you will develop the powers necessary to overcome the original difficulty."*

-William J. Bennett - The Book of Virtues

Ambassador Award-

Help someone get a second chance by being a recruiter for Tarheel Challenge. Your son or daughter can earn a special ribbon and be recognized at the assembly. All you have to do is help three teens. **Request cards are in the packet.**

North Carolina Tarheel Challenge Academy

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This Certifies That

CADET'S NAME

Has demonstrated excellent support with recruiting

Ambassador

Given this Thirteenth day of April Two Thousand Sixteen.

Upcoming Events

ASVAB Testing	Apr. 12 th -15 th
Mentor Visit # 1	Apr. 17 th
Military Day	Apr. 18 th
College Day	Apr. 20 th
Career Day	Apr. 28 th
Job Skills	Apr. 29 st - May 13 th
HSE Testing begins	May 3 rd
SAT Testing	May 7 th
Red Cross Donation	May 13 th
Exit TABE Testing	May 16 th - 20 th
Workforce Solution	May 16 th - 20 th
Final Physical Fitness Test	May 16 th - 20 th
Placement Testing	May 23 rd
Last Day of Class	May 26 th
Home Pass -	
PROGRESS REPORTS	May 27 th

