

# EdMatters

## Crossroads FBLA Chapter Shines in Service, Leadership, and Personal Growth



Members also took the opportunity to share information about the upcoming Crosby Scholars Academy in December. This program, designed to help students develop essential soft skills for success in the American enterprise system, reflects the chapter's dedication to equipping young people with tools for lifelong success.

This semester's efforts culminated with the Regional Leadership Conference at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics in Morganton. Supporting the conference's regional service project, the chapter collected cold-weather items for Hurricane Helene relief, underscoring their commitment to making a tangible difference. The students also took center stage by leading a workshop on life and career skills, such as time management, communication, and critical thinking. Their leadership and expertise were recognized by peers from across the region.

The conference also marked a triumph for Crossroads FBLA in competitive events. Members received numerous medals and secured spots to compete at the state conference in March, showcasing the talent and dedication within the chapter.

Reflecting on the semester, the impacts of this chapter's efforts extends beyond the school. The members have significantly impacted the community. As they look ahead, the chapter is poised to continue making a difference while inspiring others to join their journey of growth and excellence.

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) chapter at Crossroads Arts and Science Early College has been making waves this past semester with a series of impactful events and initiatives that have not only enriched the lives of its members but also benefited the local community. Guided by a mission of service, education, and leadership, the chapter's activities demonstrate a deep commitment to personal growth and community engagement.

One of the chapter's standout contributions has been its focus on volunteering. Members hosted monthly campus cleanup events, beautifying the courtyard at Cross-

roads and the football stadium at Statesville High School. These initiatives not only enhanced the school environment but also fostered a sense of pride and responsibility among the students. Additionally, the chapter played a significant role at the Carolina Balloonfest, volunteering at the Ninja Nation booth. Here, members showcased their customer service and teamwork skills by engaging with attendees and ensuring smooth operations.

The chapter also made a splash at the Downtown Statesville Pumpkinfest. Their booth, featuring a successful bake sale, raised funds for future FBLA initiatives.

## Bringing Warmth to Swannanoa Families in Western NC



Central Elementary School recently donated over 200 new pajamas for children ages 6 months to 4 years to those affected by Hurricane Helene. This project was initiated by Amy Henderson, kindergarten teacher, in conjunction with Beulah Baptist Church, one of their faith based partners. The pajamas

were sent to Swannanoa in Western North Carolina and families were able to come and "shop" for their children to have warm, new pajamas for Christmas. We are so thankful for our Central families for giving back to our neighbors who were so devastated by the hurricane.

## CATS Helps Kindergarten Students Explore Careers



Kindergarten ESL students from N.B. Mills Elementary, East Iredell Elementary, and Third Creek Elementary schools were led by

their ESL teachers on a field trip to the Career Academy and Technical School (CATS) in Troutman on December 5, 2024. Students had the opportunity to learn about the various careers. It was a wonderful opportunity to spark the interests of our young learners, as well as to inform their parents about the amazing programs I-SS has to offer.

This opportunity allowed students to learn so much language and gain fantastic experiences. The CATS staff and students were an absolute delight! They made students, as well as the ESL teachers, feel so welcome.

## Beta Club Relunched at UG



Union Grove Elementary's first Beta Club began on December 16th 1971 when it was a K-8 school. The UG Beta Club was active until February 2nd, 1999 and relunched on January 2023. This month, Union Grove inducted approximately 20 new Betas into the club, committing to academic achievement, leadership, and service for the 2024-2025 school year. Students in the club must complete at least six hours of community service throughout the year. As a club, students will visit residents at Olin Village to play BINGO and provide body wash to residents which is part of their wish list!



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