

Community Tees Up Support for Ashe County Students at 23rd Annual Endowment Golf Tournament

The Ashe County Schools Endowment Board hosted its 23rd annual golf tournament on Sept. 11, 2026, at the scenic Jefferson Landing Club, bringing together community supporters, local businesses and school representatives for a day dedicated to raising funds for classroom innovation.

This year's tournament was another tremendous success, raising thousands of dollars to support educational opportunities for Ashe County students. More than 40 generous sponsors, approximately 25 participating teams and a host of dedicated volunteers helped make the event possible.

The Ashe County Schools Endowment Board extends special thanks to **Jefferson Landing Club** for hosting the tournament and contributing prizes, as well as to the **Endowment Fund Board and Ashe County Schools staff members** who worked to organize and support the event.

Special appreciation also goes to **Mandy Keziah**, Media Coordinator at Westwood Elementary, who shared the powerful impact Endowment grants have on students and classrooms.

Congratulations to the day's winners:

- **First Place Team:** Margate Health & Rehabilitation — Dylan Carter, Corey Carter, Sean Turnmire and Wren Johnson
- **Second Place Team:** American Emergency Vehicles (AEV) — Jody Richardson, Anthony Hamilton, Kenny Harless and Mike Blevins
- **50/50 Raffle Winner:** Greg Jones of the SkyLine SkyBest team

Endowment Fund Board President Sonya Chatham expressed her appreciation for everyone who helped make the tournament a success: "This tournament is about so much more than a day on the golf course. It is about investing in our students, supporting our educators and creating opportunities for innovative learning experiences across Ashe County Schools. We are incredibly grateful to every sponsor, player, volunteer and community supporter who continues to believe in the work of the Endowment Fund and the difference these grants make in our classrooms."

Mild weather and a beautiful course provided the perfect backdrop for a fun and successful day on the greens. It was truly a "TEE-rific" day for education, filled with community spirit, friendly competition and unwavering support for local schools.

Since its inception in 2003, the Ashe County Schools Endowment Fund has awarded more than **\$166,738 in grants through more than 120 educator proposals**, helping fund creative and impactful learning experiences across the district. This year's tournament continues that tradition of investing in innovative educational opportunities for Ashe County students.

To learn more about the Ashe County Schools Endowment Board and its mission, visit the [Community section](#) at asheschools.org.



(At left): The Ashe County Schools Endowment Fund's 23rd annual golf tournament at Jefferson Landing Club raised thousands of dollars for innovative classroom projects. A special thank you to the Endowment Fund Board, including those pictured. (Front, L-R): Endowment Fund Board President Sonya Chatham, Dianne Eldreth, Robin Brown, and Joyce Kilby. (Back, L-R): Jake Reavis, Vicki Lemly, Evelyn Stroud and Vicki Yates.

(At right): Ashe County Schools Board of Education Chairman Josh Roten and member Teresa Calhoun join Blue Ridge Elementary players for a few smiles on the greens, while the Mountain View Elementary team enjoys a beautiful day of golf and camaraderie.



(Above): Approximately 25 teams took to the course for a day of friendly competition and camaraderie in support of classroom innovation across Ashe County Schools. Congratulations to the tournament's first-place team from Margate Health & Rehabilitation, pictured at left celebrating their win. American Emergency Vehicles (AEV) claimed second place in the tournament. Anthony Hamilton represents his

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