

6. The **Gaston County Schools** Career and Technical Education (CTE) Department held a virtual career fair over a two-week period. Seniors had the opportunity to discuss employment opportunities with 30 businesses.
7. **Gaston County Schools** had several school groups and PTO organizations participate in the annual Community Fou

16. **W.B. Beam Intermediate School** hosted a science night program that gave students and their families an opportunity to participate in hands-on science activities.
17. The **Belmont Central Elementary** PTO hosted an adventure run and raised \$44,230.60 for the school. In addition, the PTO held a spring beautification day where families and their children planted new flowers and replaced overgrown shrubs with azaleas.
18. The **W.A. Bess Elementary** PTO and Hurdt Homes sponsored an outdoor family movie

28. **Costner Elementary** held a beautification day to spruce up the campus.

29. **Gaston Early College High School** senior **Allen Chen** was accepted to attend the

43. The **Forestview High School** baseball team raised \$1,000 for the ARC of Gaston County during a recent game to bring awareness to autism.
44. **Forestview High School** senior **Paige Thomas** was awarded a \$5,000 scholarship by the CaroMont Health Foundation Scholarship Advisory Board. She plans to attend UNC-Charlotte.
45. **W.C. Friday Middle School** teacher **Jennifer Bumgarner** is one of 20 teachers from across the United States to have been selected to participate in the professional development program, "Approaching Walden." Sponsored by The Walden Woods Project, the Concord, Massachusetts-based seminar focuses on the tenets of Place-Based Education and an educator's role in leading students in a study of their home community in order to become invested citizens and changemakers. The program supports the school's Leader in Me initiative. Bumgarner will attend the program in July following her visit to France as an ambassador of American education through the Fulbright Teachers for Global Classrooms program.
46. The **Hawks Nest STEAM Academy** "The Greatest Showcase" robot circus fundraiser collected \$61,903.
47. **Highland School of Technology** senior **Travis Rainwater** is a National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship recipient. The \$2,500 scholarship winners are the finalists in each state judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies.
48. **Highland School of Technology** won several awards at the North Carolina Technology Student Association (NCTSA) state conference including first place animatronics, first place flight endurance, second place dragster design, second place music production, second place structural design and engineering; and second place video game design.
49. **Highland School of Technology** student **Noah Biggers** won first place in the Rotary "4-Way Test" scholarship competition.
50. **Holbrook Middle School** assistant principal **Jenny Carper** completed her master's degree in school administration from UNC-Charlotte through the Principals Fellows program.
51. The **Holbrook Middle School** chorus received a superior rating at the Carowinds Chorus Festival.
52. **Hunter Huss High School** seniors **Daisy Lopez Saldivar** and **Ashley Mahboub** are recipients of the Albert G. Myers Scholarship. Daisy will attend UNC-Charlotte, and Ashley will attend Appalachian State University.
53. **Hunter Huss High School** sophomore **Ben Kimmel** was selected to represent Region 6 on the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA) Student Athlete Advisory Council.

54. **Hunter Huss High School** students in the Creativing Writing II class attended the Foothills Poetry Day program at Gardner-Webb University and were finalists in the poetry competition among schools from Gaston, Cleveland, Lincoln, and Rutherford counties.

55. **Lowell Elementary** received

65. **South Point High School** junior