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Welcome, New Students and Mentors!

This Spring we expanded into Watauga County and welcomed new students from Avery County High School. We have also added eight new mentors from Appalachian State University to be a part of ATLAS. The picture below shows students from our April, 2018 meeting. We are thrilled to continue to serve the student needs of the North Carolina High Country!

Spring Schedule:



January 27: SAT Exam Prep

February 17: Time Management, Selecting Classes, & Extracurricular Activities

April 21: College Entrance Essays

May 19: Scholarship Searches & Financial Aid Workshop

Thank you for your continued support of ATLAS!

Your donations go directly to student programming and enable us to continue providing invaluable college preparatory instruction and materials to high-achieving, aspiring first-generation students. With your help, our expansion in western North Carolina will grow the program at Appalachian State University so that more students and their families are better prepared to attain a top-level liberal arts and sciences education.

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Why a Liberal Arts & Sciences Education Is Important to Our New Students

Caulyn Gross (Avery High School 10th Grader) says: "I want to go to college to expand my learning and finish school. I want to play in a college marching band but am still not sure what I want to study. I think a liberal arts education is important because it will help me develop life skills and confidence. It will bring so many opportunities."

Juan Resendiz (Watauga High School 9th Grader) says: "A liberal arts and sciences education is important because it opens lots of possible subjects and areas of study. It takes all your interests and talents and combines them to make a unique career for you. I want to go to college so that I can have a chance at the career I want. Also none of my family members have gone to a four year college and it motivates me to be the first."

Sharadon Rose (Avery High School 9th Grader) says: "I think a liberal arts and sciences education is important because it teaches what today's employers say they value most, which is how to communicate your ideas, find and analyze information and data, adapt to new technology, work with others to solve problems, and make confident, knowledgeable decisions."



Fall, 2017 Mentor/Mentee Bob Ross Paint-A-Long

Why Our Newest Mentors Joined ATLAS

"Through ATLAS I hope to give a current high school student the ability to see multiple universities and understand which would best suit them. Applying for college was so stressful for me, I love the opportunity to alleviate someone else's stress." Hannah, ASU Freshman

"As an English Education major, I am a strong believer in the power of education and that is part of the reason that I think ATLAS has such an important goal. Education should be available to all people; only twenty five percent of first-generation students will attend a four year university and I would love to see that number be much higher." George, ASU Freshman

"College has forced me to ask questions I never thought I would ask and explore new concepts. In college I feel more myself than I ever have. As an ATLAS Mentor, I hope to help someone be able to discover this about themselves, too." Daisy, ASU Freshman

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