

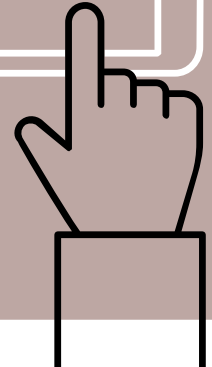
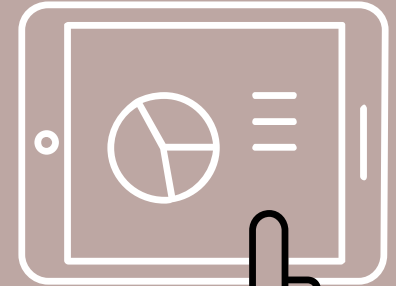
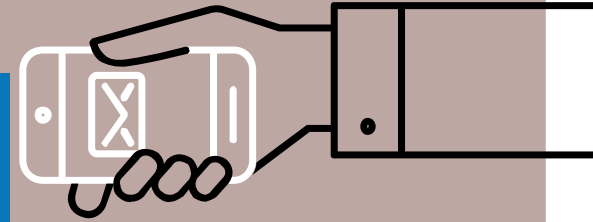
**STOP DREAMING**  
START DOING

**MECHS  
VOCATIONAL  
SERVICES**

*Getting closer to your dream job!*



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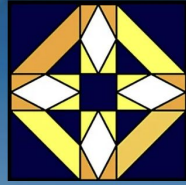




# MECHS Visits Hospice January 2023

**Students were able to learn about a career in medicine, psychology, counseling, human services, and business.**





## Hospice and Home Care Of The Blue Ridge

Hospice, Palliative Care & CAP  
Your Community, Non-Profit, Hospice



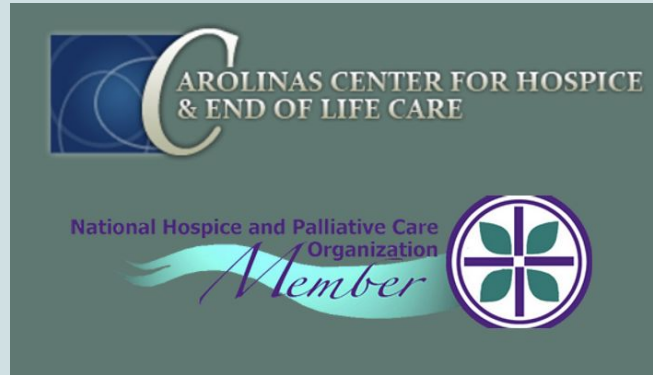
*"I learned a lot while on this career shadowing field trip. I learned that Hospice doesn't necessarily mean elderly people but anyone with a life-ending disease. They have a fantastic program called CAPS, where I would be able to go and sit with Hospice patients and be their company. It would be an excellent opportunity to learn what kind of nursing I would like to pursue. I am very grateful to the Hospice and Home Care of the Blue Ridge, the teachers, and everyone else who made this trip possible."~  
Cora Fischl*

"Our trip to Hospice was not only a learning experience for me but a true eye-opener. I had always thought of Hospice as a program that was very dark and gloomy just because of the sole fact that the employees surround themselves with constant death. During our visit, I soon learned that it is true, death is inevitable, but the wonderful workers at Hospice try to make their patient's last few moments on earth as comfortable as possible, whether that be sitting with the patient and reading them a story or taking them to get a blood transfusion so they can go on one last vacation. Another great aspect that I learned is, Hospice is a non-profit organization which means their patients never receive a bill, so donations from the community really help to support them. I am so honored that I was able to go on this trip and meet the wonderful women of Hospice who gave me and my peers such a pleasant and informative experience." ~ Marena Presnell





“The meeting we had yesterday at Hospice allowed me to envision a completely selfless career. We spoke with the team members of this organization and they made me realize that there is more to hospice than meets the eye. These people have jobs that are meaningful and make a difference in our community. Whether it is in IT, human resources, billing, volunteering, or nursing. Everyone contributes in a unique way and I feel we should give them more recognition for their hard work. The lessons I learned here are valuable and I will keep this experience near and dear to my heart.” ~ Kaitlyn Hollifield



*“I learned a lot going to the job shadowing. I have full respect for people that work in Hospice. They have to witness a lot of emotion that people go through. They are there to address the personal, physical, psychosocial, and spiritual needs of both the patient and family.” ~ Tiffany Zaho*



Students were able to learn about a career as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT (AEMT), Paramedic, Fire (paid and volunteer), mountain rescue services, and dive rescue services in our area.



# February 2023

MECHS Visits

Linville Volunteer Fire Department

February 2, 2023

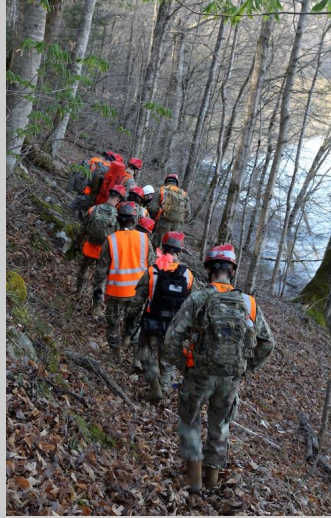


"I am so grateful that I had the privilege to go on the trip. I absorbed so much information that will benefit me greatly along the road. I found out that I could start volunteering even at the age of 14."  
~ Jordan Sillman

# Thank You!

I wanted to thank you for your time yesterday. I enjoyed learning firsthand what you do on a daily basis. After yesterday I believe I've chosen my career choice and I can't wait to serve my community the way you do. I really enjoyed hearing about the different situations that your department and some of the dynamics of working in EMS.

Victoria Swann  
vs.29.20@meclive.net  
MECHS 10th



# Thank you



Dear Mr. Townsend,

Thank you for dedicating time out of your busy schedule to educate me about how important your job is and providing me with more information about this career that I did not know. Thank you for giving me a better understanding and broader perspective of a day in your everyday life in this career. You also taught me about character traits and qualities that are necessary to pursue this career. Pursuing this career has positive effects and negative effects on your personal life but informing us that even though there are those negative effects it's worth it to be able to help all these people in need of your help. You made this a very intriguing job shadowing experience.

Thank you!

Hayden Thomas



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*“An important thing I learned while job shadowing was how important it is to volunteer, and I can start right now.”*

*~ Tristan Justice*





FEBRUARY 8, 2023

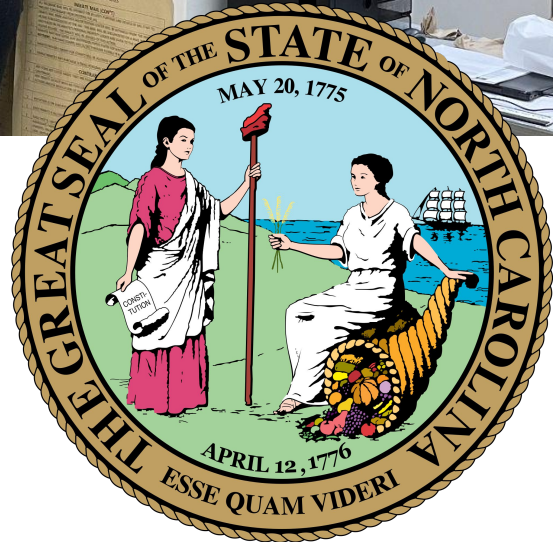
## MECHS VISITS YANCEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE



Students toured the courthouse and met with officials from the District Attorney's Office and the Sherriff's Department while learning more about a career in criminal justice, political science, and human services.











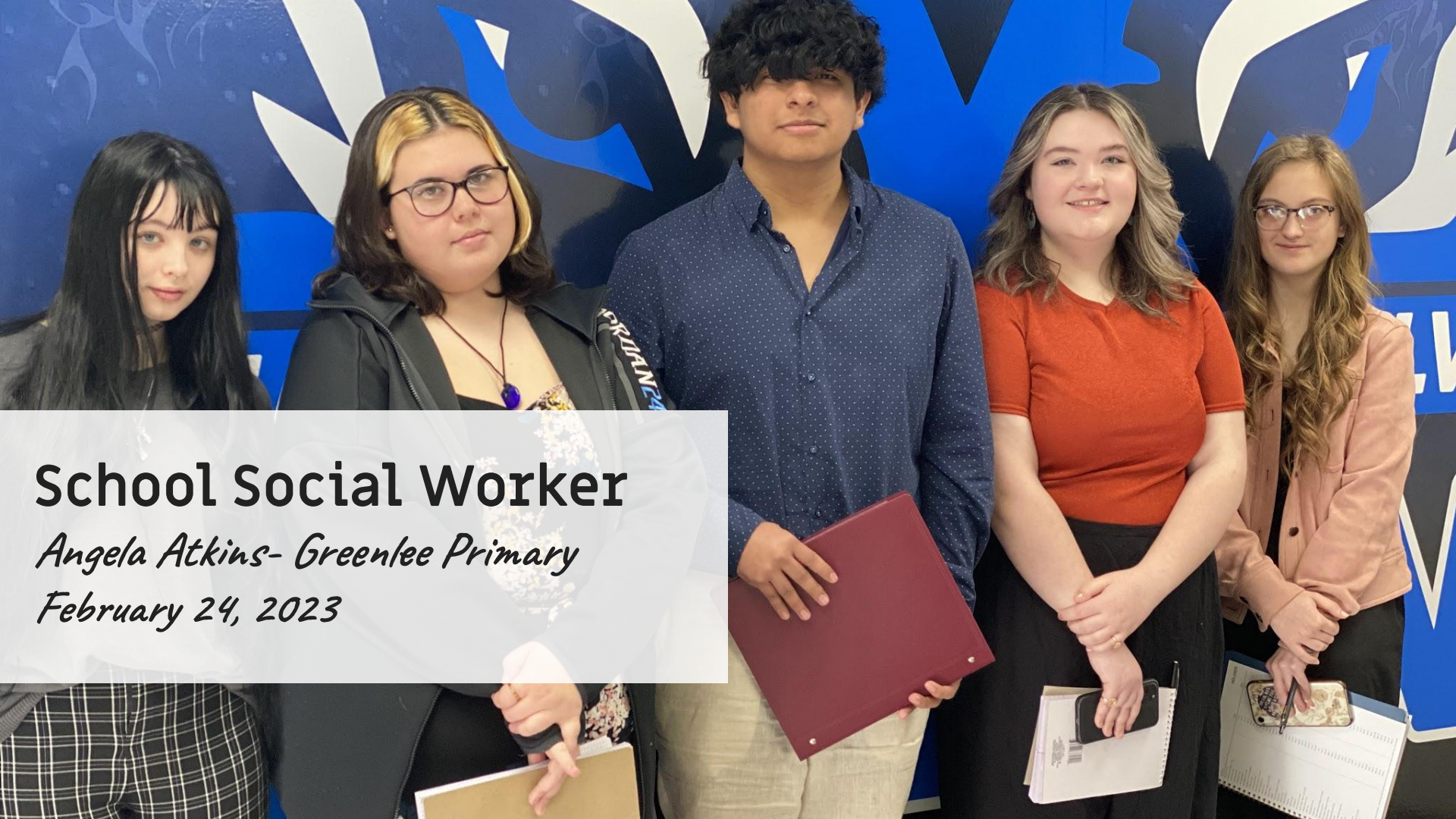
# MECHS VISITS GREENLEE PRIMARY SCHOOL

February 24, 2023

Students were able to learn more about a  
career in education, counseling, social  
work, or human services.

Observations:

- Kindergarten
- 2nd Grade
- Guidance
- Social Work



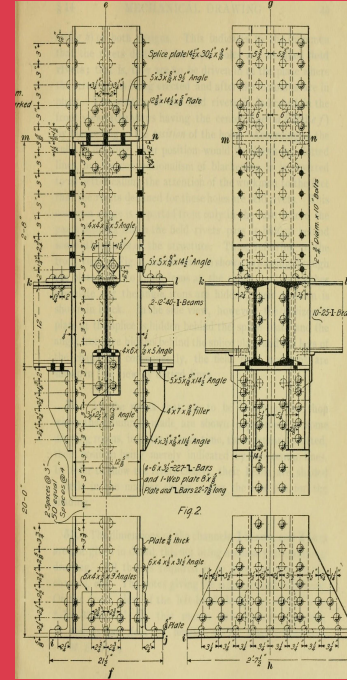
# School Social Worker

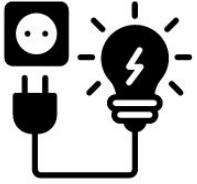
*Angela Atkins- Greenlee Primary*

*February 24, 2023*

# KC Electrical & Altec

Thursday,  
March 9th





**KC ELECTRIC & ALTEC**



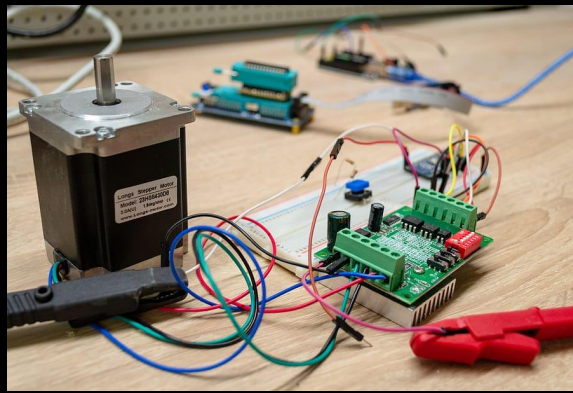


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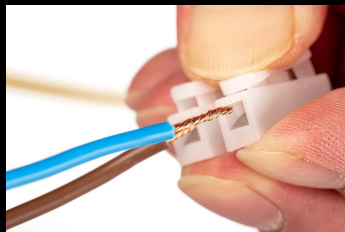
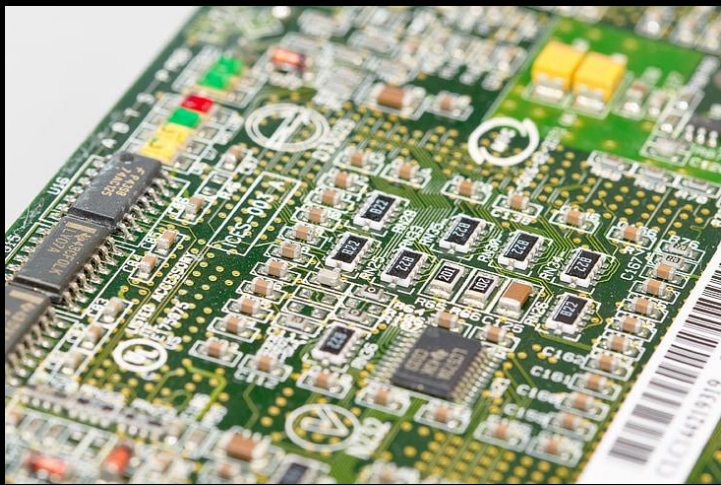
Thank you so much for showing us around the Altec building site. I think this would be a great career choice for me. I really liked how you said you treat your employees. I would like to consider working for you one day. Thank you also for the new shirt.

*Aiden Harwood*



“I would like to thank you for allowing me to visit the job site and see what you’re currently doing and the plans going forward. I learned many different things that day. . . . I also enjoyed your story from where you started to your current standing. . . .”

~ Chase Ambrose



*Thank you*

KC ELECTRIC FOR ALLOWING US  
TO TOUR YOUR BUSINESS

Thank you so much for taking time out of your day to show us around Altec. I really enjoyed hearing about your work experience and the way you built your business up. I would also like to start my own business one day, so it was interesting to hear your experience. I also appreciated the t-shirts!

*Zuha Traveed*



**KC ELECTRIC & ALTEC**



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*MECHS joins Southern  
Appalachian Highlands  
Conservancy for a career-  
related trip focusing on  
biological, ecological,  
land/wildlife management,  
and conservation work in  
our local community*



*April 21, 2023*

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