

# Laurel Ridge

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## FUTURE EDUCATORS ACADEMY

# Happy New Year!

The Future Educators Academy (FEA) is a dual-enrollment lab school for rising high school juniors interested in becoming elementary or special education teachers. Students earn an associate degree while completing high school, then transfer to a partner university to finish their bachelor's degree and teacher licensure within two years.

## TRANSFER INSTITUTION DAY - COMING IN MARCH!

**Will FEA students be considered true freshmen or transfers?  
What universities do we have articulation agreements with and what  
does this mean for FEA students? Find out more...**

**When:** March 20, 2026

**Where:** Laurel Ridge Community College, Middletown Campus

**Time:** 8 am - 10:30 am

### Universities Currently Participating:



George Mason University  
James Madison University  
Mary Baldwin University  
University of Mary Washington  
Old Dominion University  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
**and we hope more!**



*FEA parents and students, please plan to attend and arrive early.  
An evite will be sent to students mid-January!*

**WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2026-2027.**

**VISIT: [LAURELRIDGE.EDU/FEA](https://laurridge.edu/fea) FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO APPLY.**

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# AN OUTSTANDING FIRST SEMESTER IN PICS!



Public Speaking Presentations



Children's Literature Analysis



# FIRST SEMESTER RECAP...CONT'D!



FEA students enjoying a break on a nice day under the gazebo.



Prof. Morgan with his FEA student who he recruited for Blue Ridge Singers.



FEA students preparing for a professor's birthday celebration.

## Holiday Party



# PRACTICUMS - A STUDENT FAVORITE

## QUOTES FROM THEIR EXPERIENCES:

“Watching how you (Mrs. Wood) managed the classroom with so much kindness and respect while also having high expectations showed me that a positive learning environment comes from teachers who care.” --Karsyn B.

“I learned many valuable things from you (Ms. Keeney) while observing, but I think the biggest lesson I learned is how important it is to build strong connections with students and support their learning.”--Sophia B.

“From my time with you (Ms. Nicely-Ganoe), I have learned a significant amount about motivating students, adapting to student needs, and the many roles a teacher fills to best support their students.”--Chloe M.

“You (Ms. Clar) have been such an amazing role model to watch and I have learned so much from being your practicum student this semester.”--Emely R.



## Reminder: Weather Delays and Closings!

If Laurel Ridge is closed, then students should not report to Laurel Ridge. Students should always check Canvas for updated announcements and assignments.

If a school division is closed or delayed for weather, but Laurel Ridge is open, students **DO NOT REPORT** to Laurel Ridge, or their elementary school for practicum, as their division has found it unsafe to travel. Once we receive notice that a division is closed, we let all professors know not to expect those students in class. It is up to those students to make up any missed work.

If multiple school divisions are closed, a decision may be made to go virtual. Students should always be checking the Remind app for text messages and Canvas for announcements and assignments.

For Weather & Emergency Alerts, text: **laurelalert** (one word) to **226787**.

## IMPORTANT DATES

1/12: 2026-2027 Application deadline

1/20: Spring semester begins. Students continue in their practicums until this date.