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Chapter Spotlight

Catamount Agricultural Association

The Catamount Agricultural Association is a newly chartered collegiate FFA chapter at Western Carolina University, officially established in August 2025. While the chapter is in its first year, its members have already demonstrated a strong commitment to service, innovation, and community engagement within the local agriculture industry.

From the very beginning, supporting the local agricultural community has been a top priority for the Catamount Agricultural Association. One of the chapter's first public outreach efforts included participation in the WCU Homecoming Parade, where members proudly represented collegiate FFA. This experience helped raise awareness of the chapter's mission and presence, not only across campus but throughout the surrounding community, while establishing early visibility and support for agricultural educators.

In addition to outreach, chapter members have embraced opportunities to apply advanced technology in real-world agricultural settings. Members assisted WNC From The Ground Up by using LIDAR scanning technology to create a detailed model of a building, supporting the development of a functional storefront, and problem-solving while contributing meaningful support to a local organization.

Although the Catamount Agricultural Association has not yet hosted formal fundraisers or launched recurring programs, the chapter is actively planning for the future. Members are currently brainstorming initiatives designed to strengthen the chapter, support local agriculture programs, and expand community partnerships. As a new chapter, the focus remains on building a strong foundation rooted in enthusiasm, collaboration, and forward-thinking ideas.

With a diverse membership bringing a wide range of skills, creativity, and interests, the Catamount Agricultural Association is poised to make a lasting impact, particularly in agricultural education and community engagement. The chapter's early accomplishments reflect its readiness to take on ambitious projects and its commitment to serving as a positive force for agriculture in Western North Carolina for years to come.

