

The logo features a teal background. On the left, a large white bracket contains the text 'NORTH CAROLINA ALUMNI & SUPPORTERS' in white, uppercase, sans-serif font. To the right of the bracket, the letters 'FFA' are displayed in a large, bold, dark blue, serif font. Below 'FFA', the words 'Chapter Spotlight' are written in a light blue, cursive script font.

Bear Grass FFA Alumni Chapter

The Bear Grass FFA Alumni Chapter was officially chartered in the fall of 2019, just two years after the Bear Grass Charter School launched its agricultural education program. Since its beginning, the alumni chapter has maintained a steady group of around 20 active members, made up of both parents of current FFA members and community supporters. This blend of membership has allowed the chapter to create strong partnerships within the school and the surrounding community, giving students access to wider opportunities and resources.

Fundraising has always been a centerpiece of the alumni chapter's work. Each spring, the group hosts a fundraiser featuring BBQ chicken plates, a tradition that the community looks forward to each year. In 2024, this fundraiser grew into a full "Spring Fling," which included a kids' zone, a vendor fair, and a plant sale. The expansion created a lively event that drew in families and neighbors while strengthening support for agricultural education at Bear Grass.

The funds raised through these efforts directly support student growth and leadership development. The alumni chapter provides scholarships to help cover the costs of FFA members attending a wide range of conferences and competitions, including the Summer Leadership Conference (SLC), State FFA Convention, MEGA Conference, and even the National FFA Convention. By easing financial burdens, the alumni ensure that every Bear Grass FFA member has the chance to take part in these transformational opportunities, regardless of cost.

Beyond fundraising, the alumni play an active role in chapter life. They lend their time and expertise to large-scale events such as the annual fall mum sale, the agricultural career fair, and the Women in Agriculture Conference. Alumni members also contribute directly to student success in contests, supporting the hunter safety team and assisting with other competitive events.

What sets the Bear Grass FFA Alumni apart is the strong connection between its members and the school community. Since its founding, the Bear Grass FFA Alumni Chapter has been dedicated to ensuring students have the support, funding, and encouragement needed to grow as leaders. Through fundraising, event support, and community partnership, the alumni are leaving a lasting legacy on both the school and the future of agriculture in Bear Grass.



During the Women in Agriculture Conference, one of the recent graduates from Bear Grass Charter School brought information from her college to share with FFA members.

The alumni members are serving food during the new, annual Spring Fling.





Helping the FFA chapter with their annual Farmer Prayer Breakfast.

Many alumni members help out with the chapter's agriculture career day by bringing examples of their agriculture businesses.

