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**Mayland Early College High School Students Visit the Campuses of  
Lees-McRae College and Appalachian State University**

“Students are able to learn so much more when totally immersed in the climate, atmosphere and culture of college campuses,” said Elaine Wyatt, guidance counselor at the Mayland Early College High School.

On Friday, April 23, the students enrolled in the Mayland Early College High School visited and toured the campuses of Lees-McRae College and Appalachian State University.

“Touring such different environments showed the kids the best of both worlds,” said Liz Silvers, Mayland Early College Liaison. “The tour guides at Lees-McRae College did a wonderful job of showing the small school atmosphere. Our kids were wowed by the beautiful buildings and small class sizes LMC offers. Several students commented on the fact that they wouldn’t get lost here and the transition would be an easy one from Mayland.”

From the small, serene campus life at Lees-McRae College, the students then continued their college tour at the next stop... bigger than life, Appalachian State University.

At ASU, students walked the campus while a student ambassador filled their minds with wonder and awe. “Students were able to get a glimpse of what student life at ASU is all about,” said Wyatt. “The students were very impressed with the hustle and bustle of the typical college student. On several occasions we heard ‘Wow, I want to transfer here as a junior.’”

As the school year draws to an end, the students in Early College will visit at least two additional colleges/universities. “My hope is that once these kids earn their two year

degree from Mayland, they will be aware of options to further their education at a four year college or university,” said Wyatt.

Mayland Early College High School is located on the campus of Mayland Community College. For more information, call 765-7351 ext. 301 or drop by for a visit.