



17. **Gaston County Schools** hosted its annual Mentor Appreciation Luncheon at First A.R.P. Church in Gastonia. More than 100 mentors and school mentor coordinators attended the program, which honored the adults who volunteer to mentor a child. First A.R.P. Church, Mann+Hummel, Advanced Imaging Systems, and Furlong Financial sponsored the event.
18. **Lowell Elementary** (partnered with PSNC Energy) won the