

# Annual Report 2025



Building Skills. Creating Opportunity.  
Strengthening Our Region.





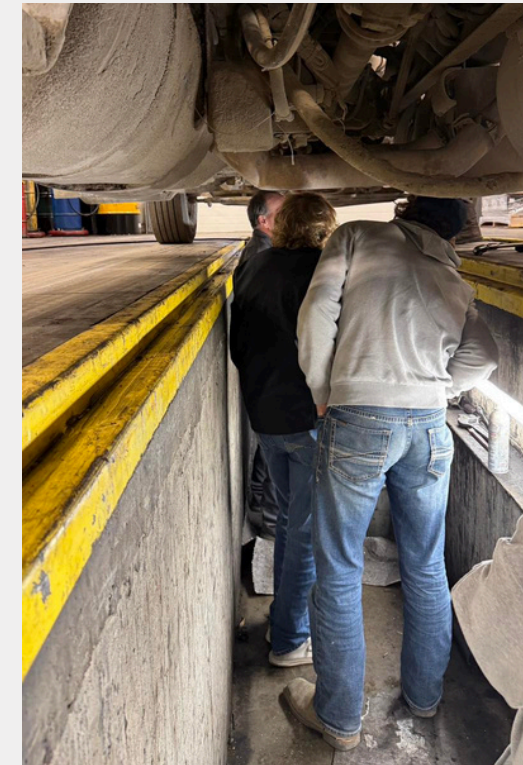
## Strategy

Grants, Relocation to  
Effingham Technology Center



## Many Firsts

Location, New Courses,  
Increased Enrollment



## Outcome

Enrollment, New Courses,  
Future Plans

# Recipient of T Mobile Hometown Grant

Awarded  
\$50,000

Selected as one  
of 25 recipients  
out of 850  
applicants  
nationwide.



Funds used  
toward equipment  
and technology for  
the 2025-26  
school year.

Ensured the  
development of a  
new course in an  
emerging field.

# Recipient of Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation & Effingham County Regional Growth Alliance Grant

Awarded \$30,000  
by Southeastern  
Illinois Community  
Foundation



Awarded \$30,000 in  
Matching Funds  
from The Alliance



# July 30 Relocation to Effingham Technology Center



# Friday Mornings: Networking with Professionals

Fridays are designed to put business leaders in front of students. They can ask questions, practice networking and gain real-world insights into area businesses.



# Effingham Regional Career Foundation Board of Directors



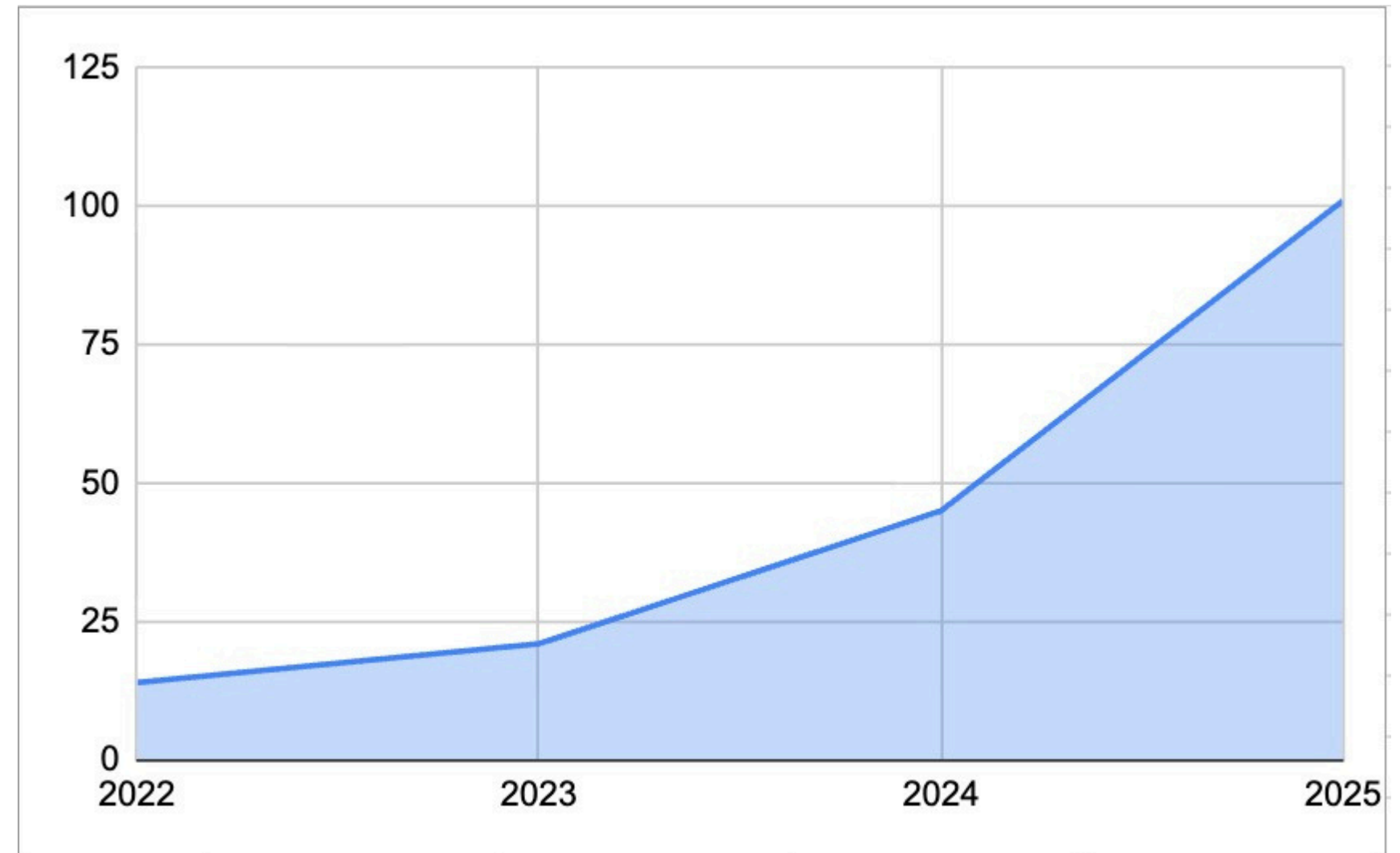
501(c)3 Organization that Oversees CORE Academy

- Comprised of business, education and community representatives.
- Utilizes business focus groups with labor statistics and projections to determine curriculum needs.
- Strives to provide the best value possible to our students.

# Fall 2025 CORE Academy Students



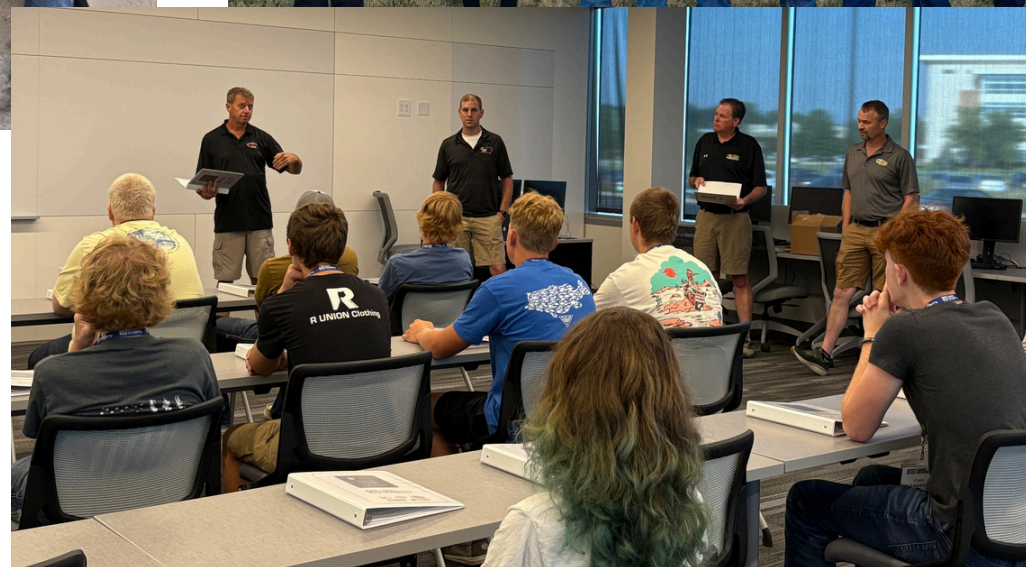
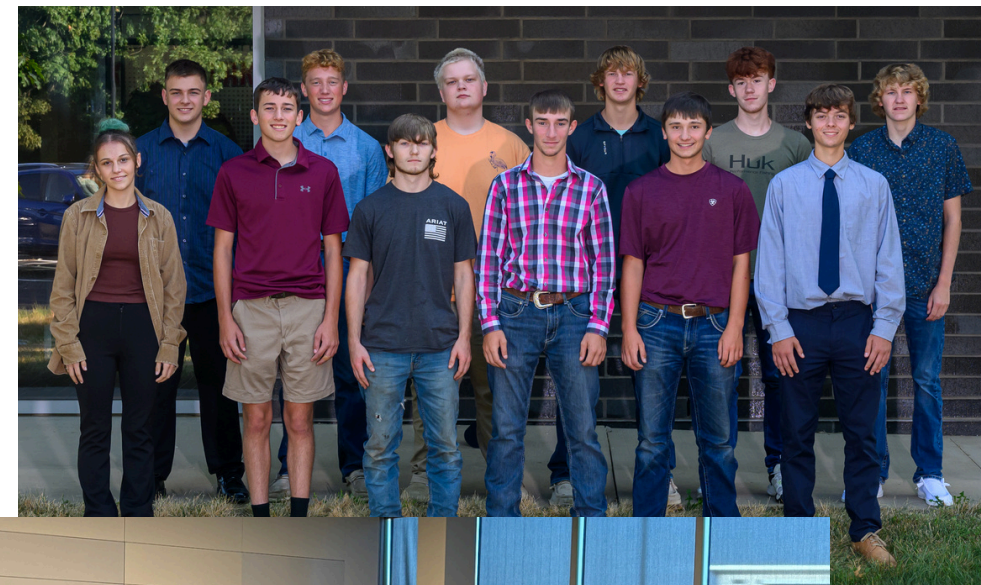
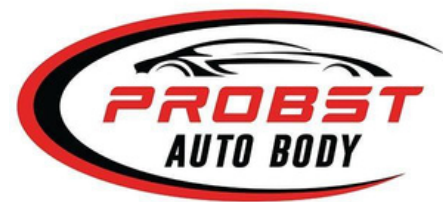
# Enrollment Over Time



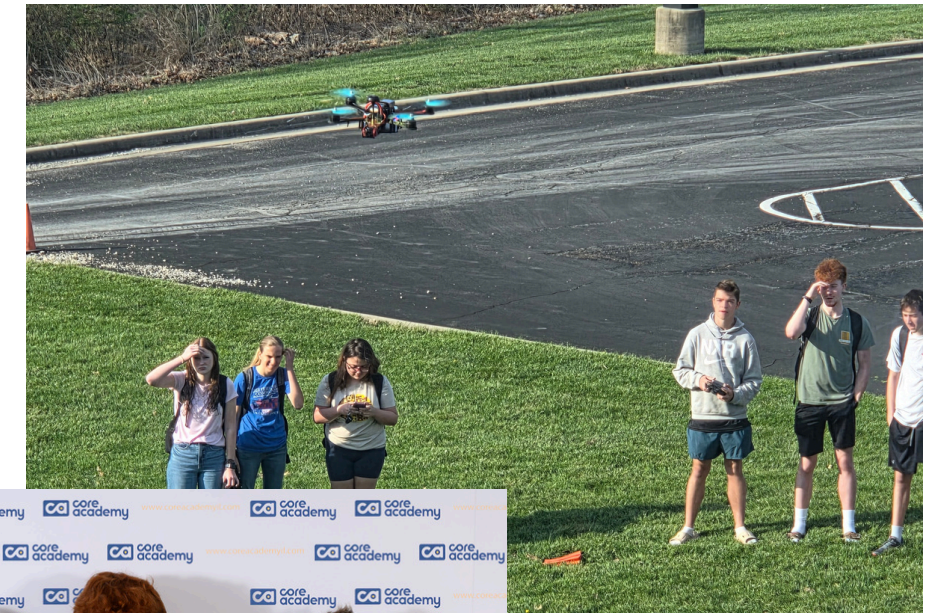
# 2025-2026 School Year New Courses

*Created and led by industry professionals*

## Automotive Technology Concepts



## Drone Tech Flight





# CORE Academy 2025 Regional Map

Offering Courses to 16  
Schools in 7 Counties

Added 2 School Districts  
in 2025



**School Districts**

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- Clay County**
  - North Clay
- Clark County**
  - Marshall
- Cumberland County**
  - Cumberland
  - Neoga
- Effingham County**
  - Altamont
  - Beecher City
  - Dieterich
  - Effingham
  - St. Anthony
  - Teutopolis
- Fayette County**
  - Brownstown
  - St. Elmo
- Jasper County**
  - Newton
- Shelby County**
  - Cowden-Herrick
  - Stewardson-Strasburg
  - Shelbyville CH

