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**Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute honored student Dakota Crapps as the 2013 Academic Excellence Award winner on April 17 at the monthly Board of Trustees Meeting.**

Academic Excellence is a program initiated and sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents. In addition, the Governor has also proclaimed April as North Carolina Community College Excellence in Education Month. Students from all 58 community colleges received awards for academic excellence based on several criteria, including grade point average and overall academic achievement.

"Student success is our highest priority," says Dr. Scott Ralls, NC Community College System President. "The students we are honoring with these awards are changing their lives, working toward their goals and finding their own individual success. This is what our community colleges were founded on, and 50 years later, we are proud to recognize these students as carrying on that tradition."

The annual awards coincide with the 50th anniversary celebration of the North Carolina Community College System.

Crapps, CCC&TI's 2013 award winner, is a Burke County native and second-year student working toward her Associate in Arts degree at CCC&TI. After graduation, she plans to transfer to Appalachian State University to pursue both

a bachelor's and master's degree in Social Work with a focus on Hospice Care.

CCC&TI English Instructor Nancy Posey, who nominated Crapps for this honor, says that she is an excellent student and fully deserving of the honor.

"Of all the students I have encountered in my classes here, she is one of the most capable and the most self-disciplined," said Posey. "In class, I have seen the best of Dakota's character. Not only did she always complete excellent work on a timely basis, but she was a model for working with others in class. For example, she befriended a couple of older returning students who lacked confidence and experience more than ability. She was a constant encourager."

Crapps' willingness to help others has also extended outside the classroom. She is currently a tutor in the college's Writing Center and spends her spare time helping fellow students with essays, research papers and other writing assignments.

While Crapps came to CCC&TI with the intention of playing on the women's basketball team, she has remained focused on her studies and currently holds a 3.92 grade point average.

"Since I can recall, my parents have always stressed the importance of education. They told me that playing sports and participating in any other extracurricular activity would be a privilege earned by making good grades," said Crapps. "I learned early in my education that

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dedication was key.”

Overall, Crapps says that her experience at CCC&TI has been overwhelmingly positive and has helped her prepare for the next stage in her educational journey.

“Attending CCC&TI is one of the best decisions I have ever made. The instructors and faculty strive to enable each student’s success and maintain a positive learning environment,” said Crapps. “My educational experience at CCC&TI has prepared me to continue my studies on the university level, and has given me the confidence I need to move forward.”

CCC&TI congratulates Dakota Crapps on being named the 2013 Academic Excellence Award Winner.



## CCC&TI Corporate and Continuing Education Students Honored

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute hosted the 2013 Corporate and Continuing Education Course Completion Ceremony on April 2 on its Caldwell Campus.

The event honored more than 600 students who have earned certificates in Cabinetmaking, Call Center Institute, Carpentry, Electrical, Electrical Lineman Training, EMT-Basic, EMT-Paramedic, HVAC, Manicurist, Massage Therapy, Nurse Aide, Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomy, Upholstery, VMware Academy and Welding.

Corporate and Continuing Education staff member Tammy Palmer provided music for the ceremony.

Corporate and Continuing Education Department Chair, Donna Bean, welcomed students, friends



**Kyesha Dula, the featured speaker for the 2013 Corporate and Continuing Education Completion Ceremony, speaks to students about utilizing opportunities to better their lives for themselves and their families.**

and family members to the event. "I would like to thank you for attending our third course completion ceremony," said Bean. "We are here to recognize our students' achievements as well as their hard work, dedication and commitment."

Bean introduced the student speaker for the event, Kyesha Dula. Dula was laid off from her job in June of 2011 and decided to come to CCC&TI to train for a new career. After completing several courses in Basic Skills, Dula enrolled in the Paramedic Program and finished in November of 2012. "If you know someone who is a student at Caldwell, encourage them. Tell them they have the tools. The tools are here, all they have to do is put them to work."

Elaine Lockhart, Vice President of Adult, Corporate and Continuing Education, also addressed students at the event. "What is your education and training worth? The answer: priceless. It opens doors to hope, opportunity and jobs," said Lockhart. "By stepping out and opening the door of opportunity to continue your education, you become a role model to all of those around you. You had the heart and the courage to begin and the commitment and persistence to realize your goals."

Lockhart closed the ceremony by charging students to take advantage of the opportunities that their education would provide and congratulating them on all they accomplished.

"Use your education to continue to learn and grow and to open new doors. We are so proud of you and this evening we celebrate your accomplishment and offer you our heartfelt congratulations."



**Kyesha Dula pauses for a photo with her children, daughter India Little-Dula and son Savien Dula following CCC&TI's Corporate and Continuing Education Completion Ceremony. Dula completed her paramedic training at CCC&TI in November of 2012 and was the featured speaker at the ceremony.**

## CCC&TI TRIO Program Honors Students

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently held its 20th annual TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Awards Celebration at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. Students, college officials, community supporters and special guests were on hand to pay tribute to the program's students.

TRIO/SSS provides opportunities to CCC&TI students for academic development, assistance with basic college requirements and motivation toward the successful completion of post-secondary education. The program has served more than 1,500 participants at the college since its inception in 1993.

CCC&TI Executive Vice President Mark Poarch welcomed guests and TRIO alumni. Poarch was followed by TRIO Director Dr. Alice Lentz, who acknowledged milestone anniversaries for TRIO/SSS, 20 years, and 10 years for TRIO/ETS, which serves middle school and high school students.

A total of 23 TRIO/SSS students, from both CCC&TI campuses, will graduate this spring from CCC&TI. Becky Boone, TRIO/SSS Counselor, presented soon-to-be graduates with white cords to designate their affiliation with the college's TRIO program. Those graduates include: Olivia Berry, Rosanna Bridges, Tammie Bryant, Jessica Buchwald, Stacey Burchette, Nicki Carroll, Ashley Causby, Dorys Ghareeb, Sheri Hicks, Leslie Humphries, Richard Lloyd, Jr., Jennifer Martin, Kathryn Miller, Manuela Miller, Adrianne Mountain, Donna Pennell, Mandy Pennestri, Bounphat Phothichack, Pamela Phothichack, Janet Thomas, Luis Velasco, Levi Watson and Patrisia Zambrano.

Other awards presented include:

Outstanding Personal Growth: Stoney Banner, Jobe Clawson, Cody Cline, Keisha Coffey, KC Crisler, Reva Saner and Patrisia Zambrano

Outstanding Persistence: Charles Bolick, Irene Caldwell, Nicki Carroll, Kari Clossman, LaShae Cowan, Claudia Cruz Perez, Lindsay Goulet, Lindy Hefner, Sheri Hicks, Leslie Humphries, Sheila Mikeal, Cheryl Muller, Sameia Murdock, Lisa Nichols, Mandy Pennestri, Sherry Petty, Marc Reighard and Mary Rogers

Outstanding TRIO/SSS Participation and Service: Diana Bare, Shontel Buchanan, Marlene Burmeister, Angie Coffey, Caleb Coffey, Claudia Cruz Perez, Dorys Ghareeb, Sheila Gragg, Patricia Gryder, Melinda Hare, Chandler Harshaw, Tempest Hendricks, Josh Hood, Travis Huffman, Grettel Jarquin, Richard Lakey, Sheila Mikeal, Sherry Petty, Sherry Pilkenton, Margaret Pritchard, Alise Reid, Mike Roark, Jamarri Robbins, Faye Seymour, Cazzie Tester, Janet Thomas, Elisha Voils, Jaden Voils, Rodney Williams, Derek Yang and Patrisia Zambrano

TRIO Fellowship Award: Caleb Coffey and Margaret Pritchard

TRIO Alumni Scholarship: Karen Felton

Also honored were Amber Myles of West Caldwell High School, the 2013 G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholar, and Hannah Gurley of West Caldwell High School, the 2013 G. Lewis Bernhardt Fellow. This year marks the 11th annual award of the endowed G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholarship, which is reserved for TRIO/ETS graduating seniors who plan to study at CCC&TI. Lucy McCarl, the niece of G. Lewis Bernhardt, was present for the ceremony.

In accord with TRIO tradition, a TRIO/SSS student shared his "TRIO First-Generation College Statement." Richard Lakey, currently completing his Associate in Arts and scheduled to graduate in May, spoke about how TRIO has helped him as a nontraditional college student. The next step for Lakey will be entering the Biomedical Equipment Technology program at CCC&TI this fall.

TRIO/SSS Alumna Karen Scronce also spoke about her positive experience coming back to school and the support she had received from TRIO/SSS.

For more information on TRIO programs at CCC&TI, call 828-726-2727 or visit [www.ccti.edu](http://www.ccti.edu).



**Above, TRIO/SSS Academic Excellence Award recipients were, from left to right, Sherry Pilkenton, Richard Lloyd and Shontel Buchanan.**



**Above, CCC&TI's TRIO/SSS program celebrated 23 graduates during a ceremony on Friday, April 12. Picture, front row, left to right, are: Karen Scronce, Bounphat Phothichack, Manuela Miller and Mandi Pennestri. Back row, left to right, are: Richard Lloyd, Leslie Humphries, Sherry Hicks, Dorys Ghareeb and Rosanna Bridges.**



**Several were honored for Outstanding Participation and Service to TRIO/SSS. Pictured are, front row, left to right: Sherry Petty, Sheila Mikeal, Chandler Harshaw, Melinda Hare, Marlene Burmeister, Trisha Gryder and Rodney Williams. Back row, left to right: Cazzie Tester, Sherry Pilkenton, Richard Lakey, Joshua Hood, Angie Coffey, Dorys Ghareeb and Shontel Buchanan.**



**Above Left: Karen Felton, left, was the recipient 2013 TRIO Alumni Scholarship. TRIO Director Dr. Alice Lentz made the presentation. Above Right: Amber Myles, left, was the recipient of the 2013 G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholarship and Hannah Gurley received the 2013 G. Lewis Bernhardt Fellowship.**



# Caldwell Campus Spring Fling



# Watauga Campus Spring Fling



# Tributes from the Foundation of CCC&TI

**Memorial gifts and honoraria are very meaningful ways to express sympathy to a bereaved family or to recognize someone on a special occasion. An individual's legacy will continue to live on through the educational opportunities made possible by these special gifts. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following tributes received received March 23, 2013 through April 25, 2013:**

In honor of Dr. Tony Deal, CCC&TI Foundation Board of Director and Founder of the CCC&TI Dream Program, to the Dr. Tony Deal Dream Award:

- Dr. Rainer and Mrs. Roz MacGuire

In honor of Helen J. Hatley, CCC&TI Retiree, to the Helen J. Hatley Achievement Award:

- Jim and Carolyn Cook

In honor of Sara Moore Putzell, daughter of James and Dorothy, to the Dot and Jim Moore Dream Award:

- Ms. Carol Senf

In memory of Sarah "Sue" Chisom Alouf, former CCC&TI Basic Skills' Adult Literacy Volunteer, to Basic Skills Discretionary Fund:

- Jean and Steve Branch

In memory of her husband, Guy V. Bailey to the CCC&TI Child Care Fund, the Gilma Roberts Student Emergency Fund, and the CCC&TI Student Counseling Fund:

- Mrs. Weyburn R. Bailey

In memory of Ruth Carpenter, mother of Dr. Gene Carpenter, to the Bill and Vivian Armfield Endowed Scholarship:

- Dr. George "Bill" and Mrs. Vivian Armfield

In memory of Marischa Cooke, former CCC&TI Learning Resource Center Department Chair, to the Bill and Vivian Armfield Endowed Scholarship:

- Dr. George "Bill" and Mrs. Vivian Armfield

In memory of John A. Forlines, Jr., former Foundation of CCC&TI Board of Director:

- Ms. Judy Hendrix

In memory of Lowe's Home Improvement retired and/or current employees who were lost during the previous year:

- Lowes Buchan Club

In memory of Samuel William Orlando, former CCC&TI Instructor, to the Samuel William Orlando Memorial Scholarship:

- Andrew and Theresa Orlando

In memory of Gertrude Outland, mother of Dr. Kenneth A. Boham, to the Bill and Vivian Armfield Endowed Scholarship:

- Dr. George "Bill" and Mrs. Vivian Armfield

In memory of W. Michael Pearson, son of Marjorie, to the W. Michael Pearson Scholarship fund:

- Mrs. Marjorie H. Pearson

In memory of Dent Sullivan, husband of Louise and former member of the Foundation of CCC&TI Board of Directors, to the Dent and Louise Sullivan Scholarship:

- Mrs. Louise Sullivan

In memory of Dent Sullivan, husband of Louise and former member of the Foundation of CCC&TI Board of Directors, to the Lenoir Rotary's Dent Sullivan Scholarship:

- Pete and Mary Kidder

- Mrs. Louise Sullivan

In memory of Ann Trousdale, wife of former Financial Aid Director Wayne Trousdale, to the Bill and Vivian Armfield Endowed Scholarship:

- Dr. George "Bill" and Mrs. Vivian Armfield

In memory of Myrtle Watson, mother of Hughleta Edmiston, to the Bill and Vivian Armfield Endowed Scholarship:

- Dr. George "Bill" and Mrs. Vivian Armfield

In memory of Douglas Weiller, son of Barbara and Don, to the James Douglas Weiller Scholarship:

- Ms. Janice Van Osdol

- Barbara and Don Weiller

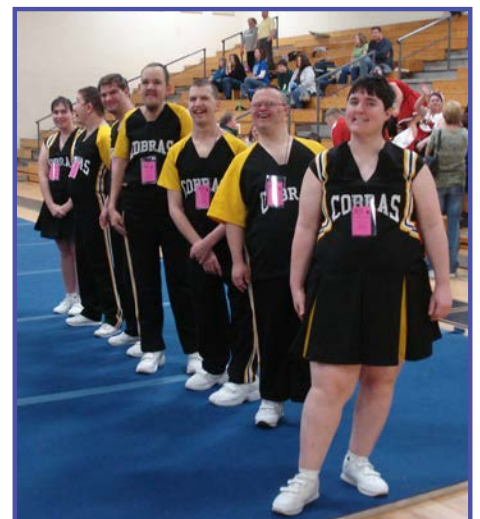
In memory of Boyd C. Wilson, Sr., husband of June and father of Boyd Jr., to the Boyd C. Wilson Family Scholarship:

- Mrs. Boyd C. (June) Wilson, Sr.

- Mr. and Mrs. Boyd C. Wilson, Jr.

## Comp Ed Students Win Gold

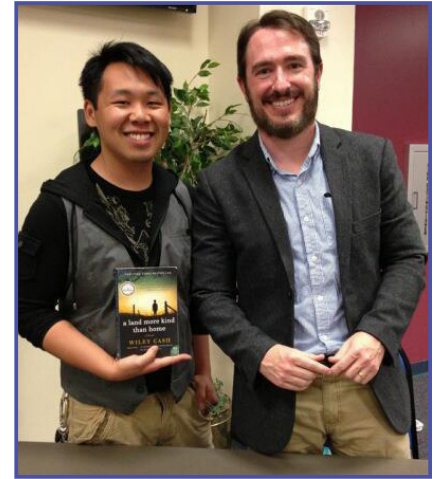
CCC&TI's Compensatory Education cheerleading squad, the Caldwell Cobras, received a first place "gold medal" at the Special Olympics State cheerleading competition in Charlotte on March 9. The following weekend, March 15-17, the cheerleading squad and dance team "Caldwell Storm" competed at CanAm Nationals in Myrtle Beach, SC. The Cheerleading squad received 2nd place. The dance team won Grand Champion. Congratulations to these students!





## Novelist Wiley Cash Visits for Writers Symposium

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute hosted native North Carolinian and author Wiley Cash for the 25th Annual Lorette LePrevost Writers Symposium. Cash is the author of the "New York Times" Best-Seller "A Land More Kind than Home."



## CCC&TI Student Art Work Featured in Local and Statewide Art Exhibits



Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute students have artwork on display in both local and statewide art exhibits.

Locally, intaglio and relief works by students of art instructor Thomas Thielemann were featured in the "Printed" exhibit at the Caldwell Arts Council in Lenoir.

Four CCC&TI students also had works selected for the 16th annual NC Community Colleges Art Exhibition now on display at the Caswell Building in Downtown Raleigh.

Works selected were "Untitled" by Jared Smith, an intaglio piece, "Mustache" by Jefferson Canaveral, a relief piece, "Necklace" by Christine Bolick, an intaglio piece and "Robin" by Ethan Walsh, a silk screen and relief piece.

The exhibit will be on display for two years, and can be viewed via virtual tour at: <http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/art-exhibit> . Public tours are available on a limited basis and may be scheduled by calling (919) 807-7100.

**CCC&TI student Jared Smith had several pieces on display at the Arts Council during the month of April.**

## Brazilians Visit CCC&TI

A group of officials from UNIPAC, a university in Brazil, visited the area at the end of April, taking classes at CCC&TI and touring Western North Carolina. They were welcomed to campus with several activities, including a Krispy Kreme doughnut social organized by the Student Government Association, lunch with Caldwell County School officials, visits to area locations and more.





## Watauga Student Breakfast

By: Jennifer Hampton

On Wednesday April, 10, the SGA of the Watauga Campus hosted a Student Breakfast. The menu included bacon, eggs, cheesy hash brown casserole, biscuits with jelly, apple juice and orange juice. The breakfast was a hit for all the students. The food was provided by Golden Corral of Boone.

## Watauga Student of the Month - Jaehee Post

Congratulations to Jaehee Post, Watauga Campus April Student of the Month. Jaehee is a tremendous student who meets every challenge with determination. She excels in math and shares her knowledge with others while tutoring in the Academic Support Center. Jaehee's future plans are to continue with her studies in the field of mathematics with the intention of obtaining a degree in the field. She not only challenges herself, but her instructors as well.



## Caldwell Student of the Month - Shannon Millsaps



Shannon Millsaps is the Caldwell Campus Student of the Month for March. Angie Koontz nominated Shannon and she described her this way, "She is organized, dependable, honest, hardworking, critical thinker, advocate, motivated, dedicated to caring for others and genuine. In the clinical setting, Shannon is confident, caring and an asset to her instructor, peers and patients. She always gives 110% . Shannon is the type of nurse you want caring for you in any health-care setting. She is a wonderful role model and has great leadership characteristics. She will be a great nurse."

Shannon had this to say, "Thank you! I have been in the healthcare field on and off for the last 23 years. I have always wanted to be a nurse. I am married and have one son who is 12, 4 step children and 2 beautiful step granddaughters."

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## New Library Cards Coming Soon

Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute's Learning Resource Centers are updating their database software. This will require all users to get a new library card beginning with the Summer 2013 Semester. Plan on getting your new card this summer!