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Statewide Initiative Launched at CCC&TI

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute on Wednesday hosted officials from the North Carolina Community College System for the launch of the statewide NCRReady4Work initiative. The first in a series of statewide learning summits was held at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir.

NCRReady4Work is a statewide strategic planning initiative focused on identifying strategies to improve North Carolina's workforce development as well as discussing best practices and challenges.

The event included presentations by CCC&TI, Catawba Valley Community College and Wilkes Community College, each highlighting a single successful initiative for N.C. Community Colleges leadership. The NCRReady4Work tour will continue across the state with each of the 58 N.C. community colleges sharing successes and ideas at regional events.

"It's our goal to be the nation's No. 1 workforce, and to do that it's going to take all of us working together," said Dr. R. Scott Ralls, President of the N.C. Community College System. "Today we are listening, and hearing from you what we can learn from your innovations to share statewide."

CCC&TI's presentation focused on partnership efforts with Caldwell County and Watauga County School Systems to prepare middle and high school students in both communities for college and career readiness. Among the efforts discussed were: collaboration with public school officials to better serve students; college course availability for high school students; CCC&TI having transition advisors in each of the four high schools in its service area; and assistance in introducing middle school students to career training and college opportunities.

"We've been working together for 50 years," said Dr. Caryl Burns, Caldwell County Schools Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services. "We've accomplished a great deal together."

Watauga High School Principal Marshall Gasperson praised the ongoing relationship with CCC&TI as a model for others across the state and highlighted its importance in helping local students to be career ready.

"We've established a culture of cooperation," said Dr. Ken Boham, president of CCC&TI. "The opportunity is there for students to get ahead and accelerate. Students in Caldwell and Watauga have as many options, opportunities and access as anybody else."

Joining Boham in the presentation on the long-time cooperative spirit between CCC&TI and Caldwell and Watauga county schools were Gasperson, Burns, Watauga County Schools Superintendent Dr. David Fonseca, Caldwell County Schools Director of High School Education Katrina McEllen, CCC&TI Vice President of Curriculum and Education Margaret Hampson, CCC&TI Executive Vice President Mark Poarch and CCC&TI Board of Trustees Chairman Larry Taylor.

Organizers of the event are encouraging stakeholders to follow the ongoing conversation on Twitter by following @NCCCommColleges or by using the hashtag #NCRReady4Work.



Above: Dr. Scott Ralls praises local school administrators for their collaboration and partnership for the benefit of local students.

On the Cover: Dr. Scott Ralls

CCC&TI's Landscape Gardening Students Compete at Southern Spring Home and Garden Show

For an 11th year, the Landscape Gardening students from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute competed head-to-head with some of the largest landscaping companies in the Carolinas at the annual Southern Spring Home and Garden Show at The Park Expo and Conference Center in Charlotte, N.C. Even though the students didn't receive an award this year for their garden, they accomplished more than Landscape Gardening Director Debbie Mitchell could have ever imagined.

"If there was an award for perseverance they would win it," Mitchell said. "I've never been more proud of a group of students."

Normally the students have seven days to build their garden at the venue before the project is judged and displayed for the public. Because of the mid-February snowstorm that shut down Charlotte and much of North Carolina, the students only had three days to complete it. One of those days included 20 straight hours of working.

"We had to re-engineer the entire space and change everything," Mitchell said. "It speaks volumes that they even finished it."

The theme for this year's garden was "A Cottage Re-Imagined." Each garden was centered on the overall theme for the show this year: "Better Living. Home. Garden. Life." The CCC&TI students designed and built a garden with the theme of sustainability and repurposed materials. The students created a cottage entrance with rustic looking pathways and colorful gardens using repurposed items, including wooden pallets and sawmill slabs, and edible plants, including lettuce, strawberries, greens and blueberries. Project planning started last June and involved more than 20 students from CCC&TI's Landscape Gardening Program, as well as Landscape Gardening instructors.

All involved were exhausted as the doors opened to the public the morning of Friday, Feb. 21, but for the students it was a valuable experience. Teamwork and good communication were key to the students completing the project in time.

"It was a lot of hard work," said Emerald Laws of Lenoir, who plans to graduate this fall from the Landscape Gardening program. "If not for such a great group, we wouldn't have accomplished so much in a few days."

For Alice Hartley of Lenoir, who will graduate this spring and continue working toward a bachelor's degree at N.C. A&T, it was a great learning experience.

"It's cool seeing it come to life," she said, adding that the students were proud to be representing the only community college in the competition.

For more information on CCC&TI's Landscape Gardening Program, contact Director Debbie Mitchell at 726-2330.



At right, Landscape Gardening students, Alice Hartley, center, and Emerald Laws, right, pose for a photo with Director Debbie Mitchell, left, and the "Cottage Re-Imagined" display at this year's Southern Spring Home and Garden Show in Charlotte.



Former and Current College Leaders to Lead Fund Drive

Former and Current leaders of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute will step up to head the Foundation of CCC&TI's Annual Fund Drive for 2014. Former CCC&TI President Dr. Ed Beam, and former Chairs of the College's Board of Trustees, Brent Kincaid, Dr. Donald Lackey and Hugh Wilson along with current Board Chair Larry Taylor will spearhead the efforts to raise funds for scholarships, aid and institutional support.

The goal for this year's drive has been set at \$350,000 as a nod to the college's 50th anniversary. CCC&TI is celebrating its 1964 founding throughout the year.

"I don't know of anything in our county that has touched the lives of as many people as Caldwell Community College," said Brent Kincaid. "And we couldn't do many of the things we're doing at the college without the support provided by the Foundation."

Wilson echoed that sentiment. "I can't think of anything that's had a more beneficial effect on life in this county than this college. There's just a huge number of people who've been educated here."

Taylor says that the impact of the college is a reflection of the community support that's helped make the Foundation successful. "The Foundation and this Annual Fund Drive are very important. I don't think we could've gotten very far as an institution without the Foundation," he said.

Dr. Ed Beam spoke to the growing needs of the students and urged the community to support the drive. "The need for community support is growing, not lessening over time," he said.

"Gifts to the Foundation bring such tangible and positive results that it makes it a pleasure to give," said Dr. Lackey.

All of this year's Campaign Chairs agree that CCC&TI is a valuable part of the community and that the Foundation is an important part of its success. Each of them has also invested their time and talents over the years to help both the college and Foundation succeed.

Foundation Executive Director Marla Christie said the board is honored to have these special leaders helping with this year's fund drive. "I can't think of a better group of people who hold CCC&TI close to their hearts. Collectively, their knowledge of the college and years of service is tremendous. CCC&TI wouldn't be what it is today without their efforts."

Dr. Beam, a native of Cleveland County, has devoted his life to education. After leaving the military with the rank of Captain, he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at NC State University and his doctorate at UNC-Chapel Hill. Beam taught high school in Sampson and Lincoln counties, later serving as principal of a Lincoln County high school and as an associate professor at NC State University. He was named the first president of CCC&TI in 1964, retiring in 1984. Beam later served as interim president at Southeastern, Wilkes and McDowell Technical Community Colleges and then again as interim at CCC&TI prior to Dr. Ken Boham's appointment as president in 1995.

Dr. Beam was the 2002 recipient of the I.E. Ready Award, the highest honor bestowed by the State Board of Community Colleges, in recognition of his lifetime commitment and outstanding contributions to the community college movement locally, statewide and nationally. Beam also organized the first Foundation of CCC&TI in 1970. The first Annual Fund Drive was held in 1983 with contributions just over \$20,000.

Kincaid earned degrees from Mars Hill College and Wake Forest University and served in the U.S. military before returning to the Gamewell area. Kincaid served as a teacher for two years at Gamewell High School and went on to become President and CEO of Broyhill Furniture Industries, Inc. Under his leadership, Broyhill employed more than 7,000 people and became one of the largest and most successful furniture manufacturers in the world.



Pictured are this year's Foundation of CCC&TI Annual Fund Drive Co-chairs. From left are former Chairs of the College's Board of Trustees, Brent Kincaid, Hugh Wilson, former President of CCC&TI Dr. Ed Beam, former Trustee Chair Dr. Donald Lackey and current Trustee Chair Larry Taylor.

Dr. Lackey graduated from Lenoir High School in 1940, attended undergraduate school at NC State University and received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Lackey practiced in Lenoir from 1946 to 1977. He received the 1991 L.A. Dysart Award, the 1989 NC Veterinary Medical Association Distinguished Veterinarian Award and is honored with the Dr. Donald Lackey Award for Excellence in Teaching at CCC&TI. In addition to his service as Chair of the CCC&TI Board of Trustees, he has also served as President of the Chamber of Commerce, Chair of the Caldwell County Arts Council, President and 50 year member of Lenoir Rotary, Director of Bank of Granite and Caldwell Memorial Hospital Boards, President of the NC Veterinary Medical Association, President of the Piedmont Veterinary Medical Association, President of the NC Veterinary Medical Board and Chairman of the Lenoir City School Board of Education. He was also appointed by Governor Hunt to the State Board of Health.

Wilson is the senior member of the Caldwell County Bar, engaging in the general practice of law in Lenoir for more than 50 years. He graduated from Wake Forest University with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, cum laude, and received his law degree from the Wake Forest School of Law in 1956. He served as an active member of the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. In addition to serving as Chair of CCC&TI's Board of Trustees, Wilson has served as President of the Caldwell County Bar Association, Chairman of the N.C. State Board of Elections, member of the N.C. Occupational Health and Safety Review Board and various committees of the N.C. Bar Association.

Taylor, who currently serves as Chair of the CCC&TI Board of Trustees, is owner of LW Taylor Development and Construction and has served as Chairman of the CCC&TI Board of Trustees for 20 years. Taylor also volunteers as Hibriten High School's golf coach and has served in various roles on the Caldwell County Commission, Caldwell Economic Development Commission, the Caldwell Democratic Party and the Shelter Home. Most recently, Taylor was honored with the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce's L.A. Dysart Man of the Year Award for 2014.

Each of the co-chairs will lend their support, leadership and encouragement to the large number of volunteers who assist with this fundraising effort each year.

The Foundation of CCC&TI Launches Employee Campaign

The Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute launched the faculty/staff phase of its Annual Fund Campaign on Feb. 4 with a luncheon in the Forlines Board Room on the Caldwell Campus.

Each faculty and staff member is encouraged to give to this year's Annual Fund Campaign. Pledge cards are available in the Foundation office located in Beam Hall (Caldwell Campus A Building) and can also be obtained from faculty and staff team captains who are working to contact each employee individually.

For more information on the Foundation's 2014 Annual Fund Campaign, contact Foundation Executive Director Marla Christie at 726-2203.



Pictured above, Foundation Board Chair Peg Broyhill speaks to faculty and staff at the recent internal kickoff for the 2014 Annual Fund Drive.



Save the Date!

CCC&TI Foundation 5K

Saturday, April 19 at 8:30 p.m.

CCC&TI Caldwell Campus/Redwood Park

5K Pre-Registration Fees: \$15 for Adults,
\$10 for Students, Faculty, Staff & Children 12 & Under

Same Day 5K Registration Fee: \$20

1 Mile Fun Run: \$5

For more information, call 828-726-2301

Cobras Finish Regular Season Strong; Claim Regional Championship

CCC&TI's Cobra Men's Basketball team finished their 2013-2014 season with a resounding win at home against Thomsville Prep, 104-86. Overall, the Cobras were 23-6 on the season.

From there, they moved on to become Region X champs with a win over Sandhills Community College.



CCC&TI Implements Project Unify

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently implemented a college chapter of Project Unify for its College Compass students on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson. Project Unify is an education and sports-based program started by Special Olympics to build an inclusive environment among students with and without intellectual disabilities, as well as empower them to become leaders and speak up for change in their community.

CCC&TI's College Compass Program is designed for adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities or traumatic brain injuries. The program helps students acquire basic skills to become more independent and self-directed and to meet and manage community, social, work and personal adult responsibilities.

Through Project Unify, College Compass students worked with members of the CCC&TI Men's Basketball team to prepare for Special Olympics competition, have participated in Zumba classes led by a CCC&TI student instructor and worked with CCC&TI Physical Therapist Assistant students on academics. College Compass students are also working with student volunteers to improve tumbling and cheering skills.

CCC&TI's College Compass Instructor Pamela Bentley Forbis says that this interaction between college students and Compensatory Education students is beneficial to everyone involved. "Getting young adults and youth involved in various activities with this population helps them gain leadership skills, build friendships and helps educate others."

For more information about CCC&TI's College Compass Program or Project Unify, call 828-726-2230.



Above, CCC&TI Compass Class students at Project Unify night with the CCC&TI Men's Basketball team. Photo courtesy of David Cortner.

Culinary Students Compete in Mystery Basket Competition

Eight of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Culinary Arts students recently tested their skills in a "Mystery Basket competition." The competition determined which students will represent the program at the upcoming Wake Tech Culinary Arts Showcase in Raleigh, N.C.

Students were given a mystery basket of ingredients that included a whole chicken, a salmon filet, Napa cabbage and a mango to be used in a dish that would be judged by Culinary Arts instructors. In the timed competition, modeled after the Food Network show, "Chopped," students were given 10 minutes to plan a menu, 5 minutes to prep and 30 minutes to prepare a dish that included the mystery ingredients. Students were judged on creativity, taste and presentation by Culinary Arts Program Director Chef Keith Andreasen and Instructors Chef Ray Kirby and Chef Corey Hooks.

The winners of the competition were second-year students Katlyn Kirby with a mango chicken salad and Michael Gilbert with seared salmon with mango salsa and crispy-skinned chicken breast with napa cabbage. Kirby and Gilbert, along with alternate Allen Hemphill, will represent CCC&TI's Culinary Arts Program at a similar competition to be held at Wake Tech's Culinary Arts Showcase March 31 to April 1. The popular two-day event draws thousands to the Raleigh Convention Center each year. The competitions held at the show are among the largest in the United States sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation (ACF).

Andreasen says he is proud of all of the students who participated in the competition. "All students showed a degree of originality and creativity. You could see the focus and professional concern for quality of work on each student's face," he said. "This is our first food show competition here at CCC&TI. We will be sending a very strong team to the food show and we hope to take home the gold."

For more information on CCC&TI's Culinary Arts Program, call 828-726-2478 or visit www.cccti.edu.



TOP: Pictured are CCC&TI's Culinary Arts students who participated in the Mystery Basket Competition. From left to right are William Ward, winners Michael Gilbert and Katlyn Kirby, alternate Allen Hemphill, Lynn Miller, Mike Rivers, Chonda Cook and Judy Greer. Gilbert and Kirby will represent CCC&TI at a similar competition to be held at the upcoming Wake Tech Culinary Arts Showcase in Raleigh, N.C. Hemphill will serve as an alternate.

Bottom:
Competition winner, Katlyn Kirby with her winning dish, right
Michael Gilbert, left.

Honors and Memorials 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 as of February 14, 2014:

In honor of Dr. H. Edwin Beam, CCC&TI College President Emeritus, current CCC&TI Foundation Board of Director, and father of Julie, on the occasion of his 90th birthday on November 7th, to the Dr. H. Edwin Beam Scholarship:
- Julie and Michael Delgaudio

In honor of Dr. Kenneth A. Boham, CCC&TI President, to the Dr. Kenneth A. and Mrs. Betty Boham Scholarship:
- Donna and Gary Church

In honor of Margaret "Peg" Broyhill, CCC&TI Foundation Board of Directors Chair, to commemorate her as the 2013 recipient of the first CertusBank Crystal Award, an award which recognizes individuals who support education in Caldwell County, NC:
- CertusBank, N.A.

In honor of Margaret "Peg" Broyhill, CCC&TI Foundation Board of Directors Chair, on the occasion of Christmas 2013, to the Margaret "Peg" McQueen Broyhill Scholarship:
- Ann and Guy A. Walters, Jr.

In honor of the CCC&TI College and Career Readiness/Adult Education Compass Class [former Basic Skills Department's Compensatory Education students] to the CCC&TI College and Career Readiness/Adult Education Department fund:
- Ms. Bobbie H. Dula
- Ms. Jo R. Murray

In honor of the CCC&TI Curriculum and Adult Education Faculty and Staff on the occasion of the 2013 Christmas season, to the CCC&TI Academic Support fund:
- Ms. Margaret Hampson,
CCC&TI VP of Curriculum and Adult Education

In honor of the CCC&TI Foundation Board of Directors and Foundation Staff on the occasion of the 2013 holiday season:
- Ms. Peg Broyhill, Foundation Board Chair

In honor of Marc and Bennie Carpenter on the occasion of Christmas 2013, to the Boyd C. Wilson, Sr. Family Scholarship:
- Anita and Boyd C. Wilson, Jr.

In honor of Barbara Harris, CCC&TI Health Sciences Department Chair, for her many years of service to the CCC&TI OMA Program in partnering with the Caldwell County Lions Club, to the CCC&TI Ophthalmic Medical Assistant [OMA] Program Scholarship fund:
- Caldwell County Lions Club Association
[comprised of Cahah's Mountain, Granite Falls, and Hudson Lions Club members]

In honor of Kim Hinton, CCC&TI Adult Education Department Director, on the occasion of Christmas 2013 season, to the CCC&TI College and Career Readiness/Adult Education fund:
- Ms. Linda D. Livingston

In honor of Beverly Jaynes, CCC&TI College and Career Readiness Chair, on the occasion of Christmas 2013 season, to the CCC&TI College and Career Readiness/Adult Education fund:
- Ms. Linda D. Livingston

In honor of Wayne J. Miller, Jr. to the Wayne J. Miller, Jr. Endowed Scholarship:
- Coffey Family Foundation, Inc.
- Family of Wayne J. Miller, Jr.

In honor of Faith Race, CCC&TI OMA Clinical Coordinator, for her dedicated service to the CCC&TI OMA Program in partnering with the Caldwell County Lions Club, to the CCC&TI Ophthalmic Medical Assistant [OMA] Program Scholarship fund:
- Caldwell County Lions Club Association
[comprised of Cahah's Mountain, Granite Falls, and Hudson Lions Club members]

In honor of Pearl Snyder, daughter-in-law of Mrs. D. L. Snyder, to the Mrs. D. L. Snyder Scholarship:
- Ms. Patsy S. Fowler

In honor of Lauri Stilwell, CCC&TI College and Career Readiness Off-Campus ABE/GED Coordinator, on the occasion of Christmas 2013 season, to the CCC&TI College and Career Readiness/Adult Education fund:
- Ms. Linda D. Livingston

In honor of Pete Stulginskis, CCC&TI VMWare Academy Director and Instructor, to the CCC&TI VMWare Academy fund:
- Mr. Daniel Leahy

In honor of Marty Waters, CCC&TI Foundation Board of Director, on the occasion of the 2013 Christmas season, to the Linda C. Waters Arts fund:
- Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. Hudson
- Employees of The Marlin Company, Inc.

In honor of Mark West, CCC&TI Virtualization Technology Systems Instructor, to the CCC&TI VMWare Academy fund:
- Mr. Daniel Leahy

In honor of Mandy Williams, CCC&TI College and Career Readiness On-Campus ABE/GED Coordinator, on the occasion of Christmas 2013 season, to the CCC&TI College and Career Readiness/Adult Education fund:
- Ms. Linda D. Livingston

In honor of Ben Willis, CCC&TI Technology Services Director and Instructor, to the CCC&TI VMWare Academy fund:
- Mr. Daniel Leahy

In honor of Hugh and Martha Wilson, daughter of Karen, to the Hugh and Martha Wilson Family Scholarship:
- Mr. Roger E. Grippe and Ms. Karen M. Wilson

In memory of Lydia Beam, mother of Julie, on the occasion of Christmas 2013 to the Lydia Beam Memorial Award:
- Julie and Michael Delgaudio

In memory of Rosalind Campbell, CCC&TI's first librarian:
- Mr. Charles and Dr. Lorraine Minton

In memory Paul Benjamin Childres, son of Wesley and former

CCC&TI Culinary Program graduate, to the Culinary Arts Program:

- Mr. Wesley Childres

In memory Marischa Cooke, wife of Harry and former CCC&TI Learning Resource Center Department Chair, to the Marischa Cooke Scholarship:

- Ms. Rita Clement
- Dr. Harry L. Cooke

In memory of Irene Boston Correll, grandmother of Beau and mother of Carroll, to the Watauga Nursing Student fund:

- Beau and Carroll Correll, Sr.

In memory of Joseph Czarnecki III, brother of Elizabeth and former Watauga Campus Art History Instructor, to the Watauga Campus Art Department:

- Elizabeth and Wayne Arnold

In memory of Jessica Leigh Duncan, daughter of Sandy:

- Mr. Charles and Dr. Lorraine Minton

In memory of Marjorie Greene, CCC&TI Instructor Emerita:

- CCC&TI Retirees Association
- Mr. Charles and Dr. Lorraine Minton

In memory of Caldwell County Deputy Sherriff Adam Klutz, son of Sheila and the late William Klutz, to the Adam Klutz Memorial Scholarship fund:

- Adam Klutz BLET [Basic Law Enforcement Training] Scholarship Foundation
- Ms. Sheila Klutz

In memory of Lowe's Hardware employees who passed away during the previous year to CCC&TI General Scholarships:

- Lowe's Buchan Club

In memory of Shirley Moss, former CCC&TI English Instructor:

- CCC&TI Retirees Association
- Dr. Lorraine Minton

In memory of G. P. and Leslie Price, parents of Jennifer:

- Ms. Jennifer Haas

In memory of Jorge Serrano, former CCC&TI Facilities Specialist:

- Anita and Mike Broach

In memory of Cade and Frances Shaver, to the Cade Shaver Memorial Scholarship fund:

- Imogene and Jim G. Shaver

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Snyder, parents of Jerry and Keith, to the Mrs. D. L. Snyder Scholarship:

- Jerry and Millie Snyder
- Keith and Frances Snyder

In memory of Boyd C. Wilson, Sr., on the occasion of the 2013 Christmas season, to the Boyd C. Wilson, Sr. Family Scholarship:

- Anita and Boyd C. Wilson, Jr.

CCC&TI Hosts Careers in Focus Event

Hundreds of 10th graders - from all five Caldwell County high schools - visited the CCC&TI campus in Hudson on Feb. 7 for Careers In Focus. The event provides students an opportunity to learn about college and career opportunities. The students were divided into Health Sciences, Arts, STEM, Hospitality and Transportation/Public Service groups for tours of CCC&TI's related program offerings and facilities. The students also had an opportunity to talk with local employers and representatives from local universities. The event is organized by Caldwell County Schools and CCC&TI, with support from Communities in Schools, the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce and the NCWorks Career Planning and Placement Center. Other sponsors include Foothills Radio Group and various local businesses that donated food, supplies and door prizes for the event.



CCC&TI Student Travels to Costa Rica for Service Learning

Gerr Khang, a Speech Language Pathology Assistant student at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, decided she wanted to do something different over her holiday break this year. When she received an email from the National Society of Leadership and Success (NSLS) about a service learning opportunity in Costa Rica, she jumped at the opportunity.

Khang, whose family is originally from Laos, was born in California and then moved to the Valdese area of North Carolina with her family when she was young. She started her classes at CCC&TI in 2013 and joined the NSLS club to gain leadership experience and meet fellow students. Khang says she was interested in doing volunteer work and getting out of her comfort zone when she received the email about the NSLS sponsored trip to Costa Rica that would include volunteer work, sight-seeing and other activities. “I had never done anything like that before and the idea of going abroad and helping people I didn’t know and getting to know new people, was something I was definitely interested in.”

Khang traveled with three guides and 27 college students from all over the U.S. including students from both 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities. “It was a very diverse group,” said Khang. The students helped with beach clean-up, built trails inside a monkey sanctuary, painted a church in a small village and were able to interact with school children in another village. The trip also included snorkeling, boating, zip-lining around a volcano and horseback riding.

Another aspect of the trip that Khang says was a bit of a surprise, was the emphasis on getting to know yourself. “I didn’t anticipate how much self-reflection we would do,” she said. “We learned to focus more on the moment. Those individual reflections, moments like that you can’t explain in words.”

Khang says she also bonded with her fellow travelers. “Our group cried together, laughed together and at the end, we all loved each other like brothers and sisters. I made some lifetime friendships.”

Overall, Khang says the trip had a tremendous impact on her and possibly her future. “I would love to travel more and I am thinking about international teaching once I complete my education,” she said. “I am not afraid of coming out of my zone or afraid of the unknown anymore. I feel like I’ve moved on from slacking. I am eager to learn and get to where I need to be. This trip has set my priorities in a new direction. Fun now is about helping others.”

When asked if she has any advice for students who are thinking about opportunities like this Khang is quick to reply: “Do it. Get out of your comfort zone. The world is such a big place. Get out there and see just how big our world is.”

For more information about CCC&TI’s Chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success, contact chapter advisor Kim Roper at 726-2301 or email kroper@cccti.edu.



Above, CCC&TI student Gerr Khang stops for a photo in the animal sanctuary where she helped build trails.

Below, Khang with one of the school children in the village where her group worked as part of an NSLS Service Learning Trip.



J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Presents the Caldwell Traditional Musicians Showcase featuring Jim Avett

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's J.E. Broyhill Civic Center will host the 16th Annual Caldwell Traditional Musicians Showcase on Saturday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. and will feature the music of Hudson native, Jim Avett.

Avett is a 1965 Hudson High graduate. His father was the minister at Hudson First Methodist Church. Avett married a local girl and then traveled the United States as a welder and rancher, eventually settling in Concord, N.C. Along the way, he and wife, Susie, raised three children Bonnie, Scott and Seth. Scott and Seth play music of their own as the critically acclaimed, Grammy-nominated "The Avett Brothers." Jim is now retired and enjoys playing music and telling his story.

Joining Avett will be Mitchell Clark and Masten Cloer. Mitch and Masten are well known in the area and have performed together for more than 20 years.

Jaret Carter and his band Groove Bucket will be also be featured this year. The band plays music heavily influenced by blues and jazz and includes June Annas, bass; L.A. Freeman, drums; Kurt Benfield, vocals; and Joe Holland, keyboards.

Special guests are Carolina Ray Whisnant, Cecil Palmer and Roger Ledford. The show will also feature local favorite Strictly Clean and Decent.

The Caldwell Traditional Musicians Showcase is supported by Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, Caldwell County television, Foothills Radio Group and the Caldwell Arts Council.

The show is set for Saturday, March 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and free for CCC&TI students with a valid student ID. For more information or for tickets, call the Civic Center Box Office at 828-726-2407 or visit www.broyhillcenter.com.



Pictured above is Jim Avett. Avett will be the featured performer at the 2014 Traditional Musicians Showcase.

Holiday Happenings

CCC&TI's Caldwell Campus SGA hosted Club Day on Thursday, Feb. 20. Clubs raised funds by selling various items and shared information about their organizations with fellow students.

Valentine's Day Fundraiser By Kari Clossman

CCC&TI's Watauga Campus held a Valentine's Day fundraiser for Relay for Life SGA on the Watauga campus sold gifts for Valentine's Day, available for students, staff and faculty. The weather did its best to prevent us from selling on Valentine's Day, and the two days prior. However, the students, staff and faculty were still willing to donate the few days following Valentine's Day. With contributions from SGA, as well as teachers and other students, CCC&TI on the Watauga Campus contributed \$278 to Relay for Life. Thanks to all who helped in the success of the fundraiser.





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CCC&TI to Welcome Author Denise Kiernan for Writers Symposium

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute will host Denise Kiernan, author of the "New York Times" Best-Seller "The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II," for its 2014 Laurette LePrevost Writers Symposium.

The college will host a reading and question-and-answer session with Kiernan on Thursday, April 10 at noon on the Watauga Campus of CCC&TI, and later that evening at 7 p.m. at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. On Friday, April 11, another reading and question-and-answer session will be held at noon in the Caldwell Campus Gym. All events are free and open to the public.

Kiernan, who lives in Asheville, N.C., is a graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at New York University. Kiernan started out in journalism and has had work published in The New York Times, The Village Voice and The Wall Street Journal among others. Kiernan was also the head writer for the television game show "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" during its first season. Keirnan has also authored several books and worked as a ghost-writer for a number of athletes, entrepreneurs and actresses.



Writers Symposium Reading and Q&A with Denise Kiernan

Thursday, April 10
12 p.m. - Watauga Campus
7 p.m. - J.E. Broyhill Civic Center

Friday, April 11
12 p.m. - Caldwell Campus Gym

Kiernan's most recent book, "The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II" was released in 2013 and recounts the story of the women who started their working lives in Oak Ridge, Tenn., a secret, government-built town created as part of the Manhattan Project effort to build an atomic bomb. Many of those women had no idea that they were working on fuel for a nuclear weapon.

Kiernan recounts the experiences of factory workers, secretaries and low-level chemists in a town that housed at its peak 75,000 people trained not to talk about what they knew or what they did. She combines their stories with detailed reporting that provides a clear and compelling picture of this fascinating time.

Many CCC&TI students are reading Kiernan's novel this semester as part of the English and Reading curriculum.

Laurette LePrevost, former Dean of Arts and Sciences for CCC&TI, was instrumental in building the Writers Symposium into an annual event that has brought in such renowned writers as Maya Angelou, Ernest Gaines, Nikki Giovanni, Robert Morgan and Clyde Edgerton. Under her leadership and guidance, CCC&TI's symposium became the longest-running consecutively held writers symposium in western North Carolina and one of the longest in the Southeast. The Writers Symposium series was renamed in her honor when she retired in 2004.

Support for the Laurette LePrevost Writers Symposium is provided by the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. For more information on CCC&TI's Laurette LePrevost Writers Symposium, call 726-2200.