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Students
Celebrate
CCC&TI's
50th
Anniversary



May

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Kathy Mattea, 7:30 p.m.;
J.E. Broyhill Civic Center

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End of Spring Semester

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AHS/GED Graduation,
7 p.m.; J.E. Broyhill Civic
Center

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Curriculum Graduation,
5 p.m. and 8 p.m.; J.E.
Broyhill Civic Center

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Final Registration for
Summer Semester

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Summer Curriculum
Classes Begin

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Memorial Day Holiday,
Institution Closed

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4 Week Minimester II
Begins

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5 Week Minister II Begins

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Watauga Campus Blood
Drive, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Deadline to Apply for
Summer Graduation

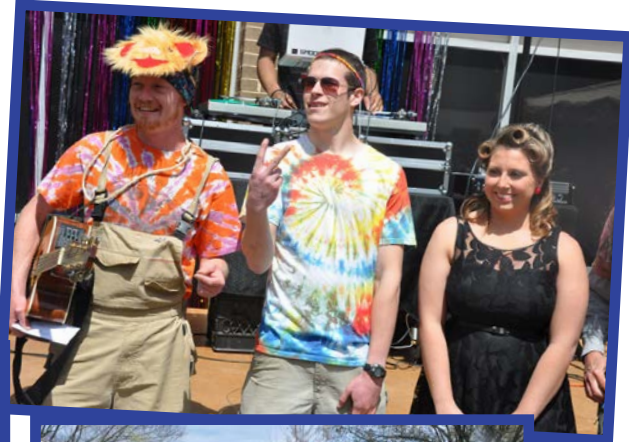
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calendar of events
including student
workshops and
other activities, visit
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Caldwell Campus Spring Fling - Founded in '64

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Caldwell Campus Student Government Association held Spring Fling for students on Thursday, April 17. The event included free food from Chick-Fil-A and Dominos, CCC&TI birthday cake in honor of the college's 50th anniversary, great tunes from the 1960s, a costume contest and a 60's inspired art competition. It was a great celebration for Caldwell Campus students.

Costume Contest Winners pictured are right were 1st place Katrina O'Quinn (far right); 2nd place Matt Anderson, center and 3rd place Bennett Tompkins, far left.

Art Contest winners were:
1st place Sara Vang, pictured below left,
2nd place Keith Young, not pictured and
3rd place Jared Smith, bottom right.



CCC&TI TRIO Program Honors Students

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently held its 21st 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. The event also included a TRIO/SSS alumni reunion.

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 Vice President of Student Services Dena Holman welcomed guests and TRIO alumni. Holman was followed by TRIO Director Dr. Alice Lentz, who acknowledged the efforts of her staff as well as ongoing support from CCC&TI leadership. Prior to honoring TRIO students, Lentz took a moment to recognize the efforts of retiring English instructor Amy Cortner, who has served on TRIO's Advisory Committee since 2004.

"To our knowledge, you are the only committee member who taught a current TRIO staff member, Robert Whitley, and one of your colleagues on the TRIO Advisory Committee ... Dr. Edgar Foster, the first TRIO/SSS student to earn the Ph.D.," Lentz said. "As you prepare to retire from CCC&TI, we are placing an inscribed copy of your book, *The Zen Baptist*, in the TRIO Vickie T. Allred Book Nook, where all TRIO students can enjoy your creation."

A total of 27 TRIO/SSS students, from both CCC&TI campuses, will graduate this spring. Holman presented soon-to-be graduates with white cords to designate their affiliation with the college's TRIO program.

Other awards presented included Academic Excellence, Outstanding Personal Growth, Outstanding Persistence, Outstanding Participation and Service, the Fellowship Award and the Alumni Scholarship.

Also honored were McKaley Sparks of South Caldwell High School, the 2014 G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholar, and Taylor Tanner of West Caldwell High School and Sierra Jones of South Caldwell High School, who were chosen as the 2014 G. Lewis Bernhardt Fellows. This year marks the 12th annual award of the endowed G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholarship, which is reserved for TRIO/ETS graduating seniors who plan to study at CCC&TI.

As is TRIO tradition at the annual event, a TRIO/SSS student shared his "TRIO First-Generation College Statement." Rodney Williams, who is currently completing his degree in Logistics Management, shared his many positive experiences as a TRIO college student.

Lentz closed the program by thanking a group of 12 TRIO/SSS students who wrote about their experiences and shared them with state legislators.

"I would like to thank the TRIO/SSS students who wrote movingly about North Carolina's community colleges and specifically about what CCC&TI means to them," she said. "Their efforts fell outside of their academic, family and work responsibilities – and to a person, these students grabbed this opportunity, perceived its importance in the realm of policy advocacy and excelled."

For more information on TRIO programs at CCC&TI, call 828-726-2727 or visit www.cccti.edu.



Above: Outstanding Participation and Service to TRIO/SSS. front row, left to right: Derek Yang, Rachel Michaels, Sheila Mikeal, Amanda Munday, Makayla Price, Marlene Bermeister, Jessica Smyre and Sherry Petty. Back row, left to right: Rodney Williams, Travis Huffman, Chandler Harshaw, Kam Harmon, Kari Clossman, Robert Propst, Cazzie Tester, Tammy Anderson, Trisha Gryder and Dot Barker.



CCC&TI's TRIO/SSS program graduates: Pictured from left to right are: Derek Yang, Melody Dollars Aleshinloye, Kathy Bowers, Angie Coffey, Sheila Mikeal, Margaret Pritchard, Makayla Price, Trisha Gryder, Kam Harmon, Lee Mask Jr., Rodney Williams and Chandler Harshaw.

Early Childhood Education Program Earns Accreditation

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Commission on Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation is pleased to announce that it has granted accreditation to Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Associate in Applied Science, Early Childhood Education Degree Program. CCC&TI received the accreditation along with several other programs across the nation.

"These programs have demonstrated their commitment to continuous quality improvement, transparency and public accountability at a critical time when increased attention is being placed on the quality of the early childhood education professional pipeline," said Marica Cox Mitchell, Director of Higher Education Accreditation and Program Support at NAEYC. "This is a rigorous competency-based accreditation model. It requires programs to provide evidence that their students possess the nationally identified competencies needed to positively influence the development and learning of young children, birth through age eight. These programs should also be applauded for meeting the accreditation standards in a way that is innovative and responsive to their unique contexts."

The accreditation system was established to raise the quality of early childhood teacher education, and in turn raise the quality of early education programs serving young children. Accredited associate degree programs play a critical role in preparing a competent and diverse pool of early childhood professionals that can support increasing demands for more professionals with specialized higher education degrees and credentials.

CCC&TI's Early Childhood Education program has a long history dating back to 1976 when the college began offering a one-year diploma and an Associate in Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education. The program has grown tremendously over the past 20 years. As a result of a strong collaboration with the early childhood workforce throughout Caldwell and Watauga counties and their developing needs, nearly 200 students per year are served through programs on

both the Caldwell and Watauga Campuses.

Mandy White, Director of CCC&TI's Early Childhood Education Program, says that the new accreditation will be a great benefit to ECE students, the college and the community. "Being an accredited program ensures that we continually evaluate our instructional strategies, collect data on our students' progress, and collaborate with community partners to strengthen our program. It signifies that students are required to meet professional preparation standards and higher learning expectations, thereby making them more attractive to employers," said White. "Achieving NAEYC accreditation validates our program's commitment to developing knowledgeable ECE practitioners. The accreditation process has and will continue to enhance the quality of our program and ensure that graduates of CCC&TI's Early Childhood Education Program are competent early care and education providers who will make a positive impact on the children they teach, the families of those children, and the community in which those families live."

Founded in 1926, the National Association for the Education of Young Children is the largest and most influential advocate for high-quality early care and education in the United States. The NAEYC Commission on Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation is a fully autonomous body established by the NAEYC Governing Board to ensure the equity, integrity and accountability of the associate degree accreditation system.

For more information on CCC&TI's Early Childhood Education Program, contact Program Director Mandy White at 828-726-2604 or visit www.cccti.edu



CCC&TI Early Childhood Education Program Director Mandy White, far left, and instructor Linda Allbritton, standing near left, talk to local high school students interested in learning more about the program. CCC&TI's Early Childhood Education Program recently earned its accreditation from The National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Foundation of CCC&TI Launches Watauga Fund Drive

The Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute hosted the kickoff of its Watauga annual fund drive on Monday, April 7 challenging team captains to help raise the highest total ever in honor of the college's 50th anniversary.

The overall campaign goal for 2014 is \$350,000, up from last year's \$314,000 campaign goal and a record for the institution. As part of the event, the campaign co-chairs for the Watauga Foundation Fund Drive were introduced: Mary Hall, co-owner of Bandana's in Boone, and Sheri Moretz, Community Relations Manager for Mast General Store.

"We're hoping to raise \$50,000 in Watauga County," said Dr. Ken Boham, President of CCC&TI. "We also want to increase the number of friends we have supporting the institution. I appreciate everything you do and thank you for volunteering and helping."

The group of fund-raising captains gathered to hear more about this year's fund drive, as well as hear directly from students how the Foundation changes lives.

Kari Clossman, 26, received a scholarship from the Foundation, which enabled her to afford extra classes to help reach her goal of graduating next spring. She is studying Early Childhood Education and hopes to open a low-cost daycare in the area.

"It helped me tremendously," said Clossman, who is involved in Student Government and TRIO on the Watauga Campus.

Carey Taylor, 19, will graduate this spring with an Associate in Arts degree and will transfer to UNC-Asheville to study Health and Wellness Promotion and Elementary Education. Her Foundation scholarship has enabled her to dedicate more time to her studies, she said, enabling her to make the President's List three of four semesters.

"I love my experience at Caldwell," she said. "I sincerely appreciate everything the Foundation gave to me."

Foundation of CCC&TI Vice Chair Deborah Murray, who also serves as Executive Director of the Caldwell Economic Development Commission, also lauded the college for the impact it has on the community and encouraged support of the fund drive.

thing more transformational in a community.”

Foundation Executive Director Marla Christie reported to the group that the Foundation provides financial assistance to 600 to 800 individuals each year. In 2012-2013, about half of all CCC&TI students received some type of financial assistance, she said, adding that the Foundation awarded more than \$150,000 in scholarships last year. CCC&TI has served over 236,000 students in its 50-year history. Last year, the college saw a total of 16,697 students. The Watauga Campus makes up over one third of the college’s student population. The Foundation of CCC&TI is a nonprofit organization, incorporated in 1970, to support the college and its students. Funds go toward a variety of scholarships, as well as student aid such as child care, emergency assistance, counseling, academic support and work-study opportunities.

For more information about the Foundation of CCC&TI and the 2014 Annual Fund Drive, please call Executive Director Marla Christie at 828-726-2203.



Pictured above, Sheri Moretz, left, and Mary Hall, who are serving as co-chairs of CCC&TI’s 2014 Watauga Fund Drive.

CCC&TI Academic Excellence Award

The traditional path is to begin with community college, then transfer to the university to complete a Bachelor’s degree. But Asheville native Katie Riddle, who graduated from Emory University in Atlanta with a double major in Linguistics and Political Science before enrolling in community college, is not one to follow traditional paths. She found the next step in her college experience with Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute’s Speech Language Pathology Assistant program.

“I had no practical or therapeutic skills, or child development background,” said Riddle, who will graduate in May 2014 and recently finished the clinical portion of her studies at Davenport A+ School in Lenoir. “I have gotten that here.”

After graduating from prestigious Emory University in Spring 2012, she applied to CCC&TI’s SLPA program – one of two statewide. She was accepted for Fall 2012 and has benefited from the experience. Noting a huge difference between her university and community college experiences, she credits the quality of instruction as well as an abundance of encouragement from CCC&TI faculty for her success.

“The instructors know who you are and want you to do well,” she said. “The program has high expectations, but has the resources to make it attainable.”

Riddle was recognized for her success on Wednesday, April 16 at the CCC&TI Board of Trustees meeting. She received a standing ovation from the college’s leadership, as well as a medallion and plaque from the North Carolina Community College System Office for being CCC&TI’s selection for the annual Academic Excellence Award.

Riddle has an overall GPA of 3.926 at CCC&TI, and a 4.0 GPA in her program of study. After graduation from CCC&TI, Riddle will pursue a Master’s degree in Speech Language Pathology at Western Carolina University. She hopes to one day work in a medical or school setting, she said.

“For me, the most successful part of my community college experience was just trying it,” Riddle said. “I have worked hard, done well in my classes, and gained numerous valuable experiences; but I would not have any of that so-called success if I hadn’t tried something new first. I think every story of success, mine being no exception, must begin with try.”



CCC&TI President, Dr. Ken Boham, left, presents Katie Riddle with the Academic Excellence Award.

Caldwell Campus Poetry Slam

The Writing Center, Developmental Education and English Departments on the Caldwell Campus hosted a Poetry Slam on April 24 on the Caldwell Campus Breezeway. The event was open to students, faculty and staff, who are invited to read and/or perform original poetry for the event. The Poetry Slam winners: Donovan McConnell and Camron Lipford tied for first. David Goodman took second place.



Writers Symposium

CCC&TI held its 26th Annual Laurette LePrevost Writers Symposium in April with author Denise Kiernan. Kiernan's book, "New York Times" Best-Seller "The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II," was the focus of this year's symposium. Two ladies who worked at the Oak Ridge, Tenn. facility that is the focus of the book were also in attendance for the events and signed books for students, employees and community members.



Watauga Campus Open House

CCC&TI and the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a Business After Hours event on the college's Watauga Campus on Thursday, April 17. The event included campus tours, a look at the newest building being constructed on the campus and food by the Culinary Arts Program and Catering Group. Special thanks to Blue Ridge Electric for sponsoring the event and to all those who joined us for the event!



CCC&TI Honored at Caldwell County Board of Education Meeting

Caldwell County Schools hosted a birthday reception for the CCC&TI Board of Trustees and college officials Monday, April 14 prior to the Board of Education meeting in Lenoir. Following the reception, the Board voted on a resolution honoring CCC&TI's 50-year history.



CCC&TI Adds Medical Assisting Associate Degree Program

Students at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute soon will be able to train for one of the fastest growing careers in the country: Medical Assistant.

The new program will be offered through CCC&TI's Watauga Campus in Boone beginning Fall 2014. With employment opportunities in physicians' offices, health maintenance organizations, health departments and hospitals, Medical Assistants perform administrative, clinical and laboratory procedures.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the projected job growth through 2022 is 29 percent, which is much higher than average for other occupations in the United States. The median annual wage for Medical Assistants in 2012 was \$29,370 or \$14.12 per hour.

The course work includes instruction in scheduling appointments, coding and processing insurance accounts, billing, collections, medical transcription, computer operations, assisting with examinations and treatments, performing routine laboratory procedures, electrocardiography, supervised medication administration and ethical/legal issues associated with patient care.

To apply for the program, students must fill out a CCC&TI application, provide high school and college transcripts, take CCC&TI placement tests, attend an information session. After acceptance they must show proof of current infant/child/adult CPR/AED certification for health care providers and complete the CCC&TI Student Medical Form.

For more information on applying for the Medical Assisting program, contact Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator Amy Huffman at 828-726-2710 or Department Chair Barbara Harris at 828-726-2345

Staines Earns Chief Fire Officer Designation

Norman Staines, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Emergency Services Director/Instructor and Assistant Fire Chief at Hudson Fire Department, recently earned the professional designation of Chief Fire Officer from the Commission on Professional Credentialing. Staines is one of only 956 Chief Fire Officers nationwide.

To earn the designation, an individual must successfully meet all of the organization's criteria, including an assessment of the applicant's education, experience, professional development, technical competencies, contributions to the profession and community involvement. The program also uses a comprehensive peer review model to evaluate candidates seeking the credential.

The designation, which recognizes fire officers who have demonstrated excellence and outstanding achievement throughout their career, will benefit Staines as an instructor and the students he serves.

"It gives extra credibility to instructors teaching leadership courses as it is based upon qualifications set forth by peers who are in similar positions within fire departments," Staines said. "Information regarding the Chief Fire Officer designation is included in several courses I instruct and now I am able to give a first-hand account to the process and can serve as a local resource for our students who wish to pursue their CFO." The designation also puts Staines in a position to mentor future Chief Fire Officers as well, he said.



CCC&TI congratulates Norman Staines on earning his Chief Fire Officer designation .

Culinary Students Win Statewide Awards

Congratulations to Katlyn Kirby and Michael Gilbert, both studying Culinary Arts at CCC&TI, for winning awards at the statewide Mystery Basket competition at the Wake Tech Culinary Arts Showcase in Raleigh. Katlyn and Michael received a silver medal and the No. 1 seat out of 10 teams on the first part of competition and finished third overall after the final day of competition.

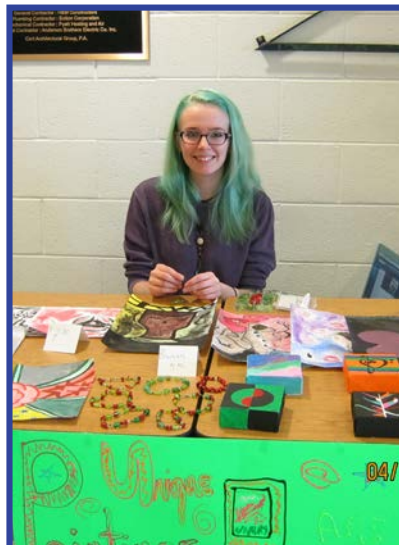
Competitors were given a mystery basket of ingredients and a time limit on preparing dishes with those ingredients - similar to the Food Network program "Chopped." As a team, Katlyn and Michael prepared pan-seared shrimp over smoked gouda quinoa with pear chutney and crispy kale chips and walnut crusted pork tenderloin with mango apricot glaze & butternut squash and purple sweet potato sauté. Later that afternoon they prepared pan-seared lamb chops with fond sauce over parsnip puree & sautéed asparagus tips and striped bass en papillote with a toasted pine nut & citrus basmati rice & braised swiss chard.

Congratulations to Katlyn and Michael!



Watauga Campus Entrepreneur Day - By Amanda Munday

On April 16, CCC&TI's Watauga Campus SGA hosted an Entrepreneur Day fundraiser. The profits from the event went to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The vendors raised \$60 for the cause. Each person who participated paid \$10 for a table in order to sell their handmade items, and they got to keep the profits from their sales. We had an assortment of different items for sale. Jessica Pressley sold some of her handmade artwork and jewelry. Mark Jordan sold pearl earrings. Bobbie Watson, who works in student services, promoted her Mary Kay business, and she had a drawing to win a bucket of candy with some Mary Kay samples. Cheryl Patteson and her students sold an assortment of different items (such as paper flowers, magnetic note clips, jewelry, stones, and artwork), which she and her students had made. Barbra Coffey sold handmade jewelry. Cori Holladay sold socks, arm warmers, and stickers to raise money to donate to our local high school for a memorial fund for Leigh Wallace, a teacher who passed away recently. SGA extends its thanks to all those who participated.



Williams Named New Lady Cobras Head Coach

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute has named Ike Williams, a former women's basketball assistant coach at rival Catawba Valley Community College, as its new head women's basketball coach.

With coaching experience dating back to 1989, Williams also was head coach at Newton-Conover High School and an assistant at Statesville, Bunker Hill and Hickory high schools, as well as two high schools in Columbia, S.C. He also has been a successful coach in local AAU and has coached several athletes who went on to play Division I basketball.

CCC&TI Athletic Director Matt Anderson considers Williams a great addition to CCC&TI Athletics' winning tradition.

"I am extremely excited to have Ike Williams join the Cobra family," Anderson said. "He brings a tremendous amount of experience; he is a great coach, and even better person. Coach Williams shares the same vision to develop student athletes and to establish our women's basketball team as one that will compete on the national level."

A native of Columbia, S.C., Williams attended and played basketball at Richland Northeast High School in Columbia, S.C. He also played a year at North Carolina A&T in Greensboro. Williams has a 15-year-old daughter, Autumn, and an 11-year-old son, Kobe.

Williams said he is excited about the opportunity to coach the Lady Cobras and add to its history of winning programs. This will be his first time as a collegiate head coach.

"I love this community," he said. "This area is fertile with basketball talent and is fanatical about basketball."

Williams said he teaches his players to have four priorities: religion, family, education and basketball, in that order. He also wants to instill a strong work ethic in his players.

"We are going to outwork any team," he said. "They will be prepared to be on the cutting edge and work harder than they ever have in the past."

Williams said his team will play hard-nosed defense and fast-tempo, in-your-face offense. Fans can expect a classy, hard-working, winning and community-minded team taking the court for each game, Williams said, adding that he hopes fans will get behind the team and be involved.

Williams will get to work immediately recruiting and preparing for this fall. In addition to several planned signings the next few weeks, he hopes to find some talented local players through open tryouts.

Williams will host open tryouts for the Women's Basketball team from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 3 in the gym on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson. Prospective players must bring a current copy of their physical and must be unsigned in order to be eligible. For more information about the tryouts, contact CCC&TI Athletic Director Matt Anderson at 726-2606.



CCC&TI - Brazil Partnership Continues

Students from Única Escola de Negócios, a business school in Minas Gerais, Brazil, recently visited CCC&TI for nearly two weeks of studies in English and International Business Management. The group also toured Western North Carolina visiting government offices, schools, businesses, a hospital, a Hickory Crawdads Baseball game and various other attractions. The students did presentations and received their certificates of completion during a special graduation ceremony on Thursday, April 24.





City of Lenoir Honors CCC&TI

The Lenoir City Council passed a resolution at their April meeting to honor Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's 50th anniversary. Pictured is CCC&TI President, Dr. Ken Boham, with council members.



Students of the Month

The March Student of the Month for the Caldwell Campus was **Quentin Hickam** (pictured at right with SGA President Joel Pitman). Quentin is a native of Caldwell County. He chose to come to CCC&TI after some difficulties in high school made it necessary for him to stay close to home. "CCC&TI gave me a second chance and made my transition from home education to college very easy, and I'm tremendously grateful for that."



Quentin will graduate from the College Transfer Program with an A.A. degree this May. He has been accepted to Appalachian State University to pursue a B.S. in Computer Science.

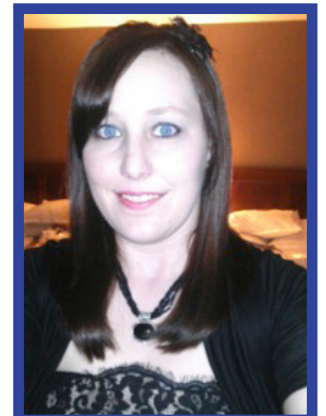


The March 2014 Student of the Month for the Watauga Campus was **Karen Lerch**. (Pictured at left.)

Karen is a non-traditional student following in her daughter's footsteps attending college. She has a rich and diverse work history. Karen made her decision to attend CCC&TI after an injury made it impossible to continue her career as a flight attendant. English Instructor Tom Hearron stated he was impressed with her leadership skills demonstrated in class. He also wrote, "In short, Karen is an embodiment of the values that Caldwell is trying to instill into our students and deserves to be the Student of the Month."

The April 2014 Student of the Month for the Watauga Campus was **Kari Clossman**. (Pictured at right.)

Nancy Leonard describes Kari as someone with a smile always on her face and a fantastic attitude. Kari asks thoughtful questions, participates in class and shows an amazing initiative to excel in her academics. She is also a member of TRIO and SGA and represents the college with enthusiasm and confidence.



CCC&TI congratulates these students!

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