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Curriculum Graduations,
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Comedian Jim Breuer, 7:30 p.m.; J.E. Broyhill Civic Center

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For a complete calendar of events including student workshops and other activities, visit www.cccti.edu

Spring Fling 2015

Caldwell Campus Spring Fling

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Caldwell Campus Student Government Association hosted the annual Spring Fling event for students and employees on Thursday, April 16. The festivities were moved to the gym due to weather conditions but students were still able to enjoy free lunch from Salsarita's, club activities and games.

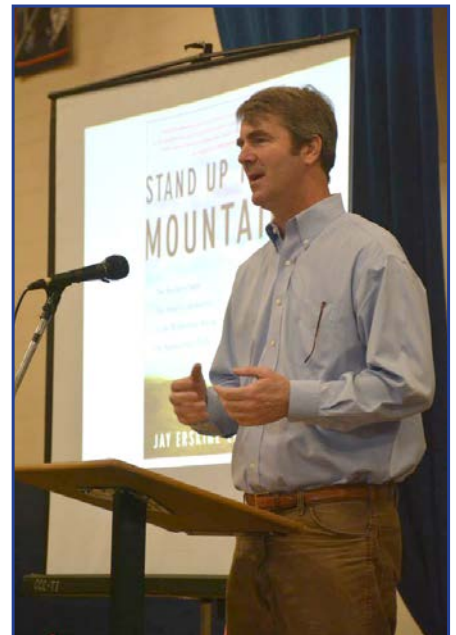
Watauga Campus Spring Fling

CCC&TI's Watauga Campus SGA hosted Spring Fling on Thursday, April 23. According to SGA representative Monica Moore, the event was enjoyed by all participants. "It was a major success. We had Puerto Nuevo for lunch and dinner. We got to choose from an assortment of food such as quesadillas, beef tacos and chicken burritos with sides like rice, beans and chips. Students then had a blast with Kramer's Laser Crystals and a hoot with the caricature artist," said Moore. "Overall the day went very well and everyone had a great time."

Special thanks to SGA students on both campuses and Activities Directors Kim Roper and Diane Mazza for all their hard work hosting these events for our college family.

Writer's Symposium

CCC&TI hosted the 2015 Loretta LePrevost Writers Symposium with author Jay Erskine Leutze on April 9 and 10. At events on both the Caldwell and Watauga campuses, Leutze spoke to students and community members about his book "Stand Up That Mountain: The Battle to Save One Small Community in the Wilderness Along the Appalachian Trail." The book provides a nonfiction account of the author's participation in the fight to save Belview Mountain (in Avery County, just off the Appalachian Trail), giving readers a peek into Southern Appalachian culture and the tenuous relationship between the environment, state and local law, and local economies. Following the presentations, Leutze answered questions and autographed copies of his book for the audience.



Student Completes Leadership Training

CCC&TI student Travis Huffman recently completed the year-long North Carolina Community College System Student Leadership Development Program (SLDP).

The year-long journey began with a week at William Peace University in downtown Raleigh in June 2014. "During this week I was paired with a group of six other leaders. We were tasked with preparing a 50 minute workshop that would later be brought back to our respective schools," said Huffman. "Our group created a workshop on learning styles in order to educate students on how they learn and how to adapt their style to different classroom settings." Huffman presented the workshop at CCC&TI as a Wise-Up Workshop, then again for an accounting class.

"One of the greatest lessons I learned from SLDP was that a good leader should be able to step back and trust his or her teammates to do their part," said Huffman. "Far too often, I would find myself trying to take on too much of a project, but team members are far more reliable than what we may believe in our own heads."

Huffman graduated from the program on March 20, 2015. CCC&TI congratulates Travis Huffman on this accomplishment.



Jim Breuer brings Comedy to the Civic Center

Comedian and Saturday Night Live alum Jim Breuer will bring his unique stand-up comedy to Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's J.E. Broyhill Civic Center on Saturday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m.

With more than 20 years of stand-up comedy experience, Jim Breuer remains one of today's top entertainers and continues to win over audiences with his off-the-wall humor and lovable personality. Named one of Comedy Central's 100 Greatest Stand-Ups of All Time. Breuer is one of the most recognizable comedians in the business, known for his charismatic stage antics, dead-on impressions and memorable stand-up.

Even as a young student at Valley Stream Central High School in Long Island, N.Y., Breuer knew he wanted to be a stand-up comedian. After spending several years working comedy clubs across the country, Breuer settled in as a regular on the New York comedy club circuit. After being in New York for only seven months, Breuer landed a gig on the nationally syndicated show "Uptown Comedy Club," where he spent two seasons. Later he appeared on ABC's "Home Improvement" starring funny man Tim Allen, before making his big break, which came in 1995 when he joined the cast of NBC's legendary "Saturday Night Live." During his four years on "SNL," Breuer quickly became a fan-favorite for his original character "Goat Boy" and his dead-on impressions of actor Joe Pesci.

Following his success on "SNL," Breuer starred alongside Dave Chappelle in the cult favorite film "Half Baked." He has since appeared in the popular films "Zookeeper," "Dick," "Titan A.E." and "Beer League." On the small screen, Breuer hosted MTV's popular "Beach House" and VH1's "Web Junk 20." His other television appearances include "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," "The Late Late Show with Craig Ferguson," "Jimmy Kimmel Live," "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon," and "The Marriage Ref." Breuer is also a frequent guest on the Howard Stern Show.



Enjoy an evening full of laughs with Jim Breuer on May 9 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. The show is set for 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25.62 for adults and \$10.68 for students and children. For more information or to reserve your tickets, call the Civic Center Box Office at 828-726-2407 or visit www.broyhillcenter.com.

What's new at the Library? (New art, videos, website, and books!)

By Deborah Joyner, LRC Director

Things are always changing – and it's our pleasure to let you know about some of our favorite new things at the Learning Resource Center.

The Caldwell Campus LRC is delighted to be able to display the artwork selected for the current edition of Branches. We hope you'll stop in to see it and look at a few new library books, too.

The LRC website has been updated. Check out the new version (www.cccti.edu/library) and give us input into how well it works. The online library card application is easier to access and the chat window is featured as part of our "Need Help?" page. We'll continue to let you know about new content as we expand our online resources.

You have access to instructional video content from Films on Demand via NCLIVE! If you haven't checked out this resource yet – make time. With closed captioned content created by major education video providers (BBC, PBS, Films for the Humanities & Sciences, and more), it is certain to be of use. Already seen it? – You may be interested in the 554 new titles added in March.

Curious about other new NCLIVE resources? Get a quick run through in the NCLive video (3 minutes 30 seconds) posted on the LRC web page.

These are just a few of the new things at the LRC. Let us know how we can continue to improve, suggest a book/video, or stop in and relax a while!

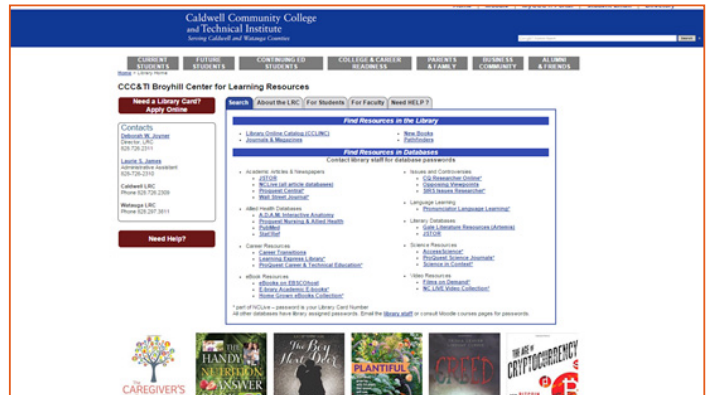
Poetry Slam



CCC&TI held a Poetry Slam event on the Caldwell Campus on Thursday, April 23. Students were invited to share their original poems. Nancy Posey served as MC and Justin Butler, Melissa McCarragher and Kelly Kowalski served as judges. (Pictured left.)



Winners were: (Pictured far left) Elijah Rosenberg, 1st Place, Stella Fog, 2nd Place and Sophia Calhoun and Deanna Kilby tied for 3rd Place. Thanks to everyone who participated!



CCC&TI to offer Medical Assisting Program on Caldwell Campus

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute has announced that it will now offer the Medical Assisting program on the college's Caldwell Campus in Hudson.

The program was launched on CCC&TI's Watauga Campus in Boone in Fall 2014 with much success and is now being expanded to the Caldwell Campus in Hudson. 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 higher than average for other occupations in the United States. The median annual wage for Medical Assistants in 2014 was \$29,360.

The course work includes instruction in scheduling appointments, coding and processing insurance accounts, billing, collections, computer operations, assisting with examinations and treatments, performing routine laboratory procedures, electrocardiography, supervised medication administration and ethical/legal issues associated with patient care. Program graduates will be eligible to take the Clinical Medical Assistant Certification (CCMA) and/or the Medical Administrative Assistant Certification (CMAA) offered by the National Healthcareer Association.

To apply for the program, students must fill out a CCC&TI application, provide high school and college transcripts and take CCC&TI placement tests. 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.

Registration is ongoing for both Summer and Fall 2015 semesters. For more information on applying for the Medical Assisting program, contact Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator Amy Huffman at 828-726-2710 or email ahuffman@cccti.edu

Saying Goodbye to our Friend

Amy Bowman

On March 25, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute lost a member of its family with the passing of Patty Greer. Patty served CCC&TI for more than 20 years in various areas, including the Learning Resource Center, Basic Law Enforcement Training Program and the Marketing and Communications Department.

Patty was many things to many people: a loving wife, mother, Nana, co-worker and friend. She seemed to have an infinite supply of smiles, laughter and encouragement, as well as an infinite supply of staples, ink pens and paper clips. If we needed it, Patty was there to find it for us, whether it was a mid-afternoon laugh to get us through to 5 o'clock, the break down on our budget lines, or another refill of sticky notes.

In the weeks since she has passed, those of us who worked closely with her have found ourselves grieving for the loss of her, laughing at the many memories we made with her, and at times downright angry that she was taken from us so unexpectedly. Getting used to things in the Marketing Department without her around has not been easy.... and I am not just saying that because the electronic sign hasn't worked right since she passed.

Patty truly made a positive impact on all those fortunate enough to know and love her. She had a true servant's heart and gave her best each day for our department and for the college family as a whole. She may not have been in the spotlight very much, but she made CCC&TI a better place and I am a better person because I knew her.

Because of her faith and the testimony that she lived out each day in word and deed, I know I'll see Patty again. When that day comes, I hope that I can sit down with her and tell her how thankful I am that our paths crossed in this life and also how aggravating that darn electronic sign has been to figure out without her here.

Rest in peace, sweet Patty. We love and miss you.



CCC&TI TRIO/SSS Program Honors Students

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently held its annual TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) Awards Celebration at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. Students, college officials and community supporters gathered for a reception 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.

A total of 47 TRIO/SSS students, from both CCC&TI campuses, will graduate this spring. Another six will either transfer to a 4-year institution or graduate from CCC&TI this summer. CCC&TI Vice President of Student Services Dena Holman presented those graduates in attendance 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 Ashley Webb, a senior at West Caldwell High School, the 2015 G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholar, and Sydnee Sanders, a senior at South Caldwell High School, the 2015 G. Lewis Bernhardt Fellow. This year marks the 13th 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 tradition at the annual event, a TRIO/SSS student shared her "TRIO First-Generation College Statement." Judy Durr-Choate, who is currently completing her Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Administration, shared how TRIO and CCC&TI have helped her succeed.

TRIO Director Dr. Alice Lentz, who thanked her staff as well as TRIO supporters for making the program a success, ended the program with a fond farewell. Lentz, who is retiring this year, has been with TRIO since 2003.

"Every year since 2003, I have felt the same extraordinary sense of hope and excitement about what might lie ahead for all of you, as TRIO/SSS students," she said to the group of students. "I feel extraordinary gratitude to you for the privilege of knowing you and working with you. In recalling the years that I have spent with the TRIO programs at CCC&TI, I smile at the countless moments and experiences that hold meaning for me in our work to support you as you succeed in reaching your goals. I thank you deeply."

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



PICTURED AT RIGHT

TOP: TRIO/ETS program participants Sydnee Sanders, far left, recipient of the 2015 G. Lewis Bernhardt Fellow and Ashley Webb, far right, the recipient of the 2015 G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholar award. Also pictured, from left to right, are Larry Freiman, Barbara Freiman and Lucy McCarl.



SECOND FROM TOP: TRIO/SSS Academic Excellence Award recipients were, from left to right: Tammy Anderson, Jayme Braun, Shontel Buchanan, Judy Durr-Choate, Claudia Cruz-Perez and Travis Huffman.



CENTER: Recipients of the Certificate of Personal Growth included, from left to right: Joshua Hood, Frances Moody, Linda Picazo and Martina Price.

SECOND FROM BOTTOM: Recipients of the Certificate of Outstanding Persistence included, from left to right: Cazzie Tester, Doris Barker, Reba Baldwin, Ana Barrera, Joshua Hood and Linsy Piña.



BOTTOM: Several were honored for Outstanding Participation and Service to TRIO/SSS. Pictured are left to right:

Front row: Tammy Anderson, Doris Barker, Jayme Braun, Marlene Burmeister, Judy Durr-Choate and Mark Jordan.

Back row: Rachel Michaels, Sheila Mikeal, Linda O'Connell, Martina Price and Callie Tester



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TRIO GRADUATES: from left to right:

Front row - Claudia Cruz-Perez, Shontel Buchanan, Mattie Adams, Reba Baldwin, Doris Barker, Marlene Burmeister, Irene Caldwell, Cazzie Tester and Linda O'Connell.

Back row - Mandy Reese, Travis Huffman, Joshua Hood, Mark Jordan, Evelyn Keever, Rachel Michaels, Sheila Mikeal, Camille Mull and Shelley Penley.



Director of TRIO Programs Dr. Alice Lentz to Retire

Dr. Alice Lentz, Director of TRIO Programs at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, will retire this summer after 37 years in education.

Lentz, who joined the college in 2003, is credited with rejuvenating the TRIO/Student Support Services program for college students on the Caldwell and Watauga campuses and launching the TRIO/Educational Talent Search program, a federal grant-funded program that serves potential first-generation college-students in grades 6 through 12 from across Caldwell County.

Lentz earned her Bachelor's Degree at Vanderbilt University, her Master's in International Studies from the University of South Carolina, an MBA from Wake Forest University and most recently earned her Doctorate in Education at Appalachian State University in 2013.

Over the course of her career, Lentz has served in varied educational arenas, including global management, institutional development, grant writing, children's book writing, student services and membership services. She has also served as a private consultant with clients in the United States, Canada, Latin America and Africa providing strategic planning expertise, political risk analysis, training for university administrators and faculty, and not-for-profit staffs in fund-raising and grants development. Lentz has also visited K-12 schools on a regular basis to discuss writing with students. During her tenure at CCC&TI, Lentz also guided a committee through the first phase of the college's Quality Enhancement Plan process, which identifies areas for improvement in compliance with accreditation standards.

During her retirement, Lentz says that she and Tom, her husband of 36 years, will be working together on a couple projects but she also hopes to continue working and using her skills and experience. "I would describe my career to this point as a 'three-chapter' career; global economic development, stay-at-home mom plus children's book-writing plus grant-writing for foreign universities, and directing TRIO programs at CCC&TI. I'm looking forward to my fourth chapter, whenever the time is right and whatever that chapter turns out to be," says Lentz.

Lentz says that her time at CCC&TI has been rewarding both personally and professionally. "I so appreciate learning about CCC&TI and the NC Community College System, and I have loved the opportunity to serve students, on an individual basis, through CCC&TI's future-focused, success-oriented, and hope-filled TRIO programs," said Lentz. "I will always be a proud advocate for this tremendous institution."

CCC&TI extends its congratulations to Dr. Lentz on her upcoming retirement.



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 March 26 through April 24, 2015:

In honor of Vivian Armfield to the Bill and Vivian Armfield Scholarship:

- Ms. Loretta Annas

In honor of Isaac Church Rose:

- Ms. Rose Church

In honor of Jerry Church, son of Rose:

- Ms. Rose Church

In honor of Patricia Church, daughter of Rose:

- Ms. Rose Church

In honor of Kay and Patrick Crouch, on the occasion of being named the 2015 Caldwell County Tourism Ambassador of the Year, to the Kay and Patrick Crouch Music Scholarship:

- Anonymous Donors

In honor of Jimmy Hemphill, former CCC&TI Trustee, to the Jimmy Hemphill Scholarship:

- Dr. Ron and Mrs. Shirley Kiziah

In honor of Nancy Hemphill, CCC&TI Board of Director, to the Jimmy Hemphill Scholarship:

- Dr. Ron and Mrs. Shirley Kiziah

In honor of Louise Sullivan, mother of William, to the Lenoir Rotary's Dent Sullivan Memorial Scholarship:

- Mr. and Mrs. William Sullivan

In honor of Marty Waters, CCC&TI Foundation Board of Directors, to the Linda Correll Waters Art Scholarship fund:

- Paul and Earlene Hudson

In honor of Martha Y. Zimmerman to the Physical Therapist Assistant [PTA] Scholarship fund:

- F. A. Davis Company

- South College of North Carolina

In memory of their newborn grandson, Matthew Joseph Annas, to the Granite Falls High School Class of 1963 Dream Award:

- Phillip and Pat Annas

In memory of Dr. George "Bill" W. Armfield, CCC&TI Retiree, to the Bill and Vivian Armfield Scholarship:

- Ms. Loretta Annas

In memory of Dr. H. Edwin Beam, CCC&TI President Emeritus, to the Dr. H. Edwin Beam Scholarship:

- Mr. Richard and Dr. Shelda Aultman

- Ms. Eliza F. Bishop

- Dr. Gene and Mrs. Linda Carpenter

- Lynn and Kent Crawford

- Sherry and E. Clark Ford, Jr.

- Paul and Brenda Goble

- Ms. Janet F. Hartley

- Mr. James E. Hatley

- Harmony Animal Hospital staff

- Jimmy and Nancy Hemphill

- Larry and Ann Houck

- Ms. Phyllis Huffstetler

- Dr. Rainer and Mrs. Roz MacGuire

- Mrs. Vance "Ruth" Miller

- Merlin and Julia Perry

- Dr. Charles and Mrs. Frances Scheil

- Ms. Elizabeth Miller Spillman

- David and Libby Tucker

- Ms. Julia "Jeanne" Whisnant

In memory of Dr. H. Edwin Beam, CCC&TI President Emeritus, to the Lydia Beam Award:

- Ms. Eliza F. Bishop

- Dr. Gene and Mrs. Linda Carpenter

- Mr. George T. Crowell, Jr.

In memory of Dr. H. Edwin Beam, CCC&TI President Emeritus, to the CCC&TI TRIO Program Support fund:

- Dr. Alice B. Lentz

In memory of Steve Bean:

- Ms. Amy Cortner

In memory of Dwight Church, husband of Rose:

- Ms. Rose Church

In memory of Karen Doll, Max's wife and former Librarian at Caldwell County Public Library, to the Hartz-Martin Memorial Scholarship fund:

- Mr. Max Doll

In memory of Patty Greer, Program Assistant to both the CCC&TI BLET [Basic Law Enforcement Training] Program as well as the CCC&TI Marketing & Communication Department, to the BLET Program fund:

- Patrick and Kay Crouch

In memory of Inez Jones, former member of both CCC&TI Board of Trustees and CCC&TI Foundation Board of Directors:

- Paul and Brenda Goble

In memory of Joan Rogers, former member of the CCC&TI Foundation Board of Directors, to the Dr. Robert Rogers Memorial Scholarship fund:

- Judy and Alvin Daughtridge

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- Judy and Alvin Daughtridge

In memory of Dr. Daniel N. Stallings, CCC&TI Retiree – Vice President of Instruction, to the Dan and Ila Stallings Scholarship:

- Tim and Peggy Lynn Caudle

- Mrs. Ila Stallings

In memory of Robert Stewart:

- Ms. Amy Cortner

In memory of Dent Sullivan, father of William and former CCC&TI Foundation Board of Directors Member and Lenoir Rotarian, to the Lenoir Rotary's Dent Sullivan Memorial Scholarship:

- Mr. and Mrs. William Sullivan

In memory of James Douglas Weiller, to the James Douglas Weiller Scholarship:

- Ron and Janice Van Osdol

CCC&TI Hosts Immigration and Diversity Symposium

CCC&TI's College and Career Readiness and Global Diversity Committee hosted an Immigration and Diversity Symposium on Friday, April 24 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. Featured speakers were Cameron Lippard from Appalachian State University and Carly Dlugoszewski from the United States Citizen and Immigration Services Field Office in Charlotte.

Jennifer Francesco, a student on CCC&TI's Watauga Campus also spoke to those in attendance about her personal immigration story and how it has affected her family. Kassandra De Martinez, an employee at CCC&TI, also spoke about her experiences with the USCIS in regard to her husband, who immigrated to the U.S. from Guatemala.



Pictured at right, Cameron Lippard from Appalachian State University, Below from left: Carly Dlugoszewski from the United States Citizen and Immigration Services Field Office in Charlotte, Jennifer Francesco, a student on CCC&TI's Watauga Campus and CCC&TI employee Kassandra De Martinez



Looking for a fun, one hour credit class for Fall 2015?



Register for Chorus, Piano or Guitar!

Chorus:

Tuesday/Thursday, 12pm-12:50pm

Piano: (Offered on both campuses)

Tuesday/Thursday, 9:15am-10:05am

Guitar: (Offered on both campuses)

Mondays, 6pm-7:45pm.

For more info, contact Justin Butler,
Music Program Director at

828-726-2357 or

email jbutler@cccti.edu.

Cosmetology Partners with Local Girl Scouts

CCC&TI's Cosmetology program hosted a 2-day event for the Caldwell County Girl Scout Troop, Service Unit 130. This event was a celebration of the end of cookie season. This troop sold approximately \$24,000 in cookies. The participants received a manicure and a hair style with lots of curls.



Early Childhood Students Celebrate 'The Week of the Young Child'

Students in CCC&TI's Early Childhood Program recently celebrated "The Week of the Young Child" with several activities on campus and at the Lenoir Branch of the Caldwell County Public Library.

The Week of the Young Child is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association.

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

During the week, students shared their cardboard box play-props designed in the EDU 234 Class (Infants, Toddlers and Twos) and the EDU 280 Classes (Language and Literacy Experiences) on both the Caldwell and Watauga Campuses. The play props are designed to promote emergent literacy and dramatic play opportunities in the early childhood classroom. Infant toddler props for sensory exploration were also included.

On Saturday, April 18, students participated in CCC&TI's Fourth Annual Read Aloud for children and families at the Lenoir branch of the Caldwell County Public Library. Students in EDU 280 Language and Literacy shared their storytelling projects using flannel boards and other props.





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Register Now for Summer Semester!
Final registration for Summer semester is May 14.
Summer classes begin Monday, May 18.
Registration for Fall is ongoing.
Final registration for Fall Semester is Aug. 12.
Fall classes begin on Aug. 17.

Cobra Standout Signs with Winston-Salem State

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Men's Basketball standout TJ Wilson, who will graduate this May with an Associate in Arts degree, signed with Winston-Salem State University on April 15 to finish out his two years of eligibility with the Rams.

Wilson played two seasons with the Cobras and earned several honors along the way. In addition to helping lead the Cobras to back-to-back trips to the NJCAA Division III National Championship Tournament, including a second-place finish in 2014, Wilson was chosen as a Third Team All-American in 2014 and MVP of the 2014 NJCAA Men's Basketball Coaches Association All-Star Game in Las Vegas. Wilson, who is a graduate of Hunter Huss High School in Gastonia, said he's excited to play for the Rams and is looking forward to their up-tempo style of offense. He plans to major in Business Management at Winston-Salem State.



Pictured from left to right, CCC&TI Minority Male Mentoring Program Director Elaine Setzer-Maxwell, CCC&TI Vice President of Student Services Dena Holman, CCC&TI Men's Head Basketball Coach Matt Anderson and CCC&TI Executive Vice President Mark Poarch join TJ Wilson and his father Thomas Wilson Sr., for the signing ceremony.

Save the Date

2nd Annual Foundation 5K

Saturday, May 30, 9 a.m. at Redwood Park in Hudson

Early Registration - \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and kids - includes t-shirt
After May 15 - \$25 for adults, \$20 for students and kids
All proceeds go to the Foundation of CCC&TI Annual Fund Drive.