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Welcome to CCC&TI!



2015-2016 Student Government Association Officers

August

3-7
Registration for Fall Semester

7
Fall tuition payment due by
Noon.

10
Employee Kick-Off and De-
partmental Meetings

11-12
Welcome Back Days -
Caldwell Campus, 9 a.m. to
5 p.m.

11-21
Bookstore Charge Dates

12
Final Registration for Fall
Semester, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

17
Fall Semester Curriculum
Classes Begin

17-18
Schedule Change Period

20
Welcome Back Day - Watau-
ga Campus, 12 to 1:30 p.m.
and 5 to 6:30 p.m.

27
Watauga Campus Blood
Drive, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.,
Student Lounge

September

7
Labor Day Holiday, Institution
Closed

7-8
No Curriculum Classes

14-18
NSLS Orientation

15
Red Cross Blood Drive -
Caldwell Campus

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Constitution Day Activities

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complete
calendar
of events
including
student
workshops
and other
activities, visit
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Strategies for College Success

By Laura Wollpert, Academic Support Center Instructor, Watauga Campus

You are about to embark on an experience unlike any other. Taking the time to fill out the college application, send your transcripts, and decide on a major are just the first steps in planning a successful college experience. The following guide can help your experience be not only more successful but more rewarding as well. It may even help you take the first steps toward a healthier lifestyle. The information that follows is not exhaustive by any measure, but trying a new strategy is worthwhile when starting any new program.

Making the Grade

Like anything else, succeeding in college takes planning. However the best plan does not always go well without support. Make a commitment the first day of school to go to the Academic Support Center to obtain a tutoring schedule. Then, meet the Writing Center consultants to find out how to have papers reviewed. Most often, students come for tutoring because they want to earn an "A." Going to tutoring and the Writing Center from the beginning of the semester just makes good sense. When students wait until they have failed a test or done poorly on a paper, they have to worry about all the rest of their tests and papers to make a good grade. Everyone needs help from time to time. Be proactive and seek out help before it is needed.

Visit Your Instructor

Some instructors may seem unapproachable because they are responsible for managing 25-30 students in the class, but I cannot think of a single instructor who does not welcome students coming to see them during their office hours. Visiting your instructors when you have questions indicates that you care and are genuinely interested in the course. Your instructors are dedicated to teaching and student success, so make it part of your school routine to visit your instructors during the first week of school.

Get Involved

One of the best indicators of college success is student engagement. When students get involved on campus, they have a vested interest in the whole college experience. College is more than going to class, doing homework, and studying for exams. College is about stretching yourself beyond your comfort zone by meeting new people and trying new clubs and organizations on campus. Trying something new requires stepping out of what is comfortable but that is what college is all about. The whole experience can be a little scary but being fully engaged in the college experience will benefit you in ways you cannot imagine.

Here are some positive benefits from being involved on campus:

- Make new friends
- Build your resume
- Can lead to scholarships
- Could lead to a student job
- New study partners
- Fresh ideas
- Leadership potential
- Learning new life skills
- Personal and professional growth
- Enhance public speaking skills
- Increase planning & organizational skills
- Collaborative work

Balance

College students often feel out of balance as they multitask too many activities. We often hear that we live in an age where multitasking is an essential part of life, but if students do not stop to look within from

On The Cover

Your 2015-2016
Student Government
Association Officers.
Pictured left to right, front
row are: Callie Tester,
Kristen Sanders,
Sara Pereira and Sadie
Orozco. Back row, left to
right are: Luke Barber,
Monica Moore,
Mackenzie Waters and
Ben Bolick.
For more on this year's
SGA Officers,
see pages 3-5.

time-to-time, burnout can be the result. Look inside yourself to discover what is out of balance.

Are you getting enough of the following?

- Sleep
- Exercise
- Healthy food
- Water
- Alone time
- Recreational time
- Laughter
- Spiritual invigoration
- Someone to share your feelings
- Time away from electronics
- Time in nature

Everyone experiences a lack of balance from time-to-time. Reflect upon what your body needs and make small realistic changes. Slowly you will notice a difference.

Breathing & Stretching

Start your morning with some simple stretches and long even deep breaths. Breathing deeply and evenly calms the sympathetic nervous system and promotes clear thinking. Try a simple routine in the morning before work or school. It only takes a few minutes, but the results can be extremely beneficial when practiced over an extended period of time.

Success

Succeeding in college does not happen in isolation. Utilize the support services the college offers. If you need help, but are unsure where to turn, go to the Academic Support Center. The Academic Support Center staff can lead you in the right direction.

For more information regarding these topics please contact Laura Wollpert at lwollpert@ccct.edu.

Meet Your 2015-2016 SGA Representatives

Caldwell Campus

President Mackenzie Waters

President Mackenzie Waters is a Lenoir native and says she decided to come to CCC&TI to build her confidence and get ready for life at a four-year institution. She is currently working toward Associate in Science and Associate in General Education degrees with plans to pursue an Associate Degree in Nursing. Eventually, Waters says that she'd like to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and then enter pharmacy school. Waters says that she decided to become involved with SGA because she wanted to make a difference at the college. "Although I felt I could give back to my school, I did not realize that SGA would also give me the support I was missing in my college experience," said Waters. She says she already has several ideas that she hopes to implement during her time in office, including more service learning projects and portfolios that will help fellow SGA members share their experiences, growth and accomplishments after they graduate from CCC&TI. In addition to her involvement in SGA, Waters is also involved in TRIO, The Global Scholars Program and National Society of Leadership and Success. One interesting fact that Waters shared is that she participated in beauty pageants as a child and won Little Miss NC. She went on to compete and finish third in the Little Miss USA Pageant. In her spare time, Waters enjoys painting because it reminds her of painting sessions with her grandmother, who was an art teacher.



Pictured above, front left to right, Sara Pereira and Mackenzie Waters. Back, left to right, Luke Barber and Ben Bolick. Not pictured, Ashley Woods.

Vice President Sara Pereira

Vice President Sara Pereira is originally from El Salvador and came to the United States in 2000. She currently resides in Lenoir and says her family inspired her to attend college. "I decided to attend CCC&TI because I wanted to become a person that my kids could look up to and be proud of." She is currently working toward two degrees in general education and Speech-Language Pathology Assistant. After graduation, she hopes to land a job with a private practice as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant and continue work toward a bachelor's degree in the Speech field. Pereira started out with SGA as a senator and fell in love with the work and mission of Student Government. "I know that I can make a difference. If I work together with my colleagues we can make CCC&TI an open door to the community," said Pereira. Pereira is bilingual and a single mom to three children. She enjoys volunteering at their school and collecting high-heels. "As a mother of three, going to school can get overwhelming. There have been times when I wanted to quit, but when I thought about the rewards that will come after graduation I keep on going. I am excited and determined to finish what I have started."

Treasurer Ben Bolick

Treasurer Ben Bolick is originally from Lenoir and began his education at CCC&TI by earning his Adult High School diploma. From there, he went on to earn a diploma in Auto Body and an Associate Degree in General Education. Bolick is currently working toward a degree in Automotive Systems Technology (AST). Once he's completed his degree in AST, he plans to continue his education and eventually earn a Bachelor's degree in business, automotive, engineering or a related field. Bolick says he was encouraged by friends to run for an SGA office and decided he'd give it a try. "Every time I walked by the SGA office, it just looked like a really neat environment that I would like to be in and around. Once I became part of SGA I realized what a good service it is for students, and it has really helped me with my leadership and time management skills," says Bolick. He hopes that through his work with SGA, that he can encourage and inspire both his fellow students and his daughter. "I want them to see through my example that they can obtain their education and better themselves. I want to be a role model for my daughter and anyone and everyone that is watching. I want to better the school by being an advocate for the college." In addition to his involvement with SGA, Bolick is also a member of the Automotive SkillsUSA Chapter at CCC&TI, works full-time and also takes care of his daughter.

Secretary Ashley Woods

Secretary Ashley Woods is a Dream Scholar and Caldwell County native. As a 6th grader, she received a Dream Scholarship, which covers the cost of her tuition at CCC&TI. She is working toward a degree in Radiography and hopes to find employment as a Radiography Technician in a doctor's office. Woods has been involved with SGA during all three of her years at CCC&TI thus far. "I thought it would be a good opportunity to become more familiar with my school and connect with students on a different level. All of those things have been true since I've been involved with SGA," said Woods. She also says that she hopes to use her position in the SGA for the good of the College and to the benefit of her fellow students. Woods says she spends most of her free time with her son, Parker, outdoors or doing fun activities that her son enjoys.

Parliamentarian James Luke Barber

James Luke Barber is originally from Charlotte, NC but moved to the Caldwell County area after graduating high school to attend CCC&TI and to eventually transfer to Appalachian State University. He says that he decided to become involved with Student Government at CCC&TI so that he could help make decisions that positively impact students and help them become more involved in student life on campus. In addition to serving on the SGA, Barber is also a College Ambassador and is a member of the National Society of Leadership and Success. In his spare time he enjoys ju-jitsu, drums, writing and reading.

Watauga Campus

Vice-President Kristen Sanders

Watauga Campus Vice President Kristen Sanders is a native of Boone and is attending CCC&TI with plans to transfer to Appalachian State University to pursue a degree in accounting. Sand



Pictured above, Kristen Sanders, left, and Callie Tester

ers has been involved with Student Government on the Watauga Campus for the last year and enjoyed it so much that she wanted to continue. Sanders hopes that during her time in SGA, she can help students get more than just an education. "I want to help make CCC&TI a place where you learn and further your education, while also having fun," she said.

Secretary Callie Tester

Callie Tester will be serving as the Watauga Campus Secretary. She is originally from Sugar Grove and is pursuing a degree in Computer Technology Integration with a goal of transferring and earning a four-year degree. Tester, who is also involved with CCC&TI's TRIO programs, says that she hopes to help make the college a better place for students. In her spare time, Tester enjoys kayaking, camping and working outside.

Student Life at CCC&TI

By Kim Lackey, Director, Student Activities

Get involved! Apply yourself! Prepare and prosper! All these statements point to something we know about many successful college students: they are involved in student life and student activities. Research shows us those students who are involved in campus clubs and organizations have greater satisfaction with their college experience, have higher GPAs, they build leadership skills and gain the soft skills needed to be competitive in real world. The skills learned by being engaged in campus clubs and organizations will stay with you for a lifetime.

Here at CCC&TI we have multiple ways to get involved in student life and student activities. The Student Government Association on both campuses develops activities so you can be involved, plans festivals to help you enjoy college life and supports campus clubs so you can gain the life skills needed in the real world.

We have more than 20 clubs and organizations on our two campuses to help you be engaged in student life! You can choose from program specific clubs (ex: Culinary Guild, Paralegal Club) or Special interest clubs that are open to all students (ex: Global Student Club, Science Club). We also have Honor Societies that students are asked to join based on certain criteria, (ex: National Society of Leadership and Success, Ambassador's Club). To see a full list of clubs and organizations please go to the student life tab under current students on our web site.

Want to know what is happening on campus? Go to our web site and on the front page you will see the calendar, "What's Happening at CCC&TI...." Click on the calendar and you will find information about workshops, campus activities and more.

What are you waiting for? Get Involved! Apply yourself! Prepare and Prosper! For more information about student activities or clubs, contact Caldwell Campus Student Activities Director Kim Lackey at 828-726-2301 or email kroper@cccti.edu or Watauga Campus Student Activities Director Diane Mazza at 828-297-3811 or email dmazza@cccti.edu.

Broyhill Recognized for Years of Service

Peg Broyhill, Board Chair for the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, was recognized by fellow boardmembers and Foundation staff at their June meeting for 26 years of service as a volunteer with the Foundation and Chair of the Board. Congratulations Peg and thank you for your service on behalf on CCC&TI and its students!



J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Announces 2015-2016 Showcase of Stars

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's J.E. Broyhill Civic Center has announced the line-up for its 2015-2016 Showcase of Stars. The season includes music, comedy, drama and more for audiences of all ages.

The season kicks off on **Saturday, Nov. 7** with young bluegrass duo **Mandolin Orange**. The road has been good to Mandolin Orange since the 2013 release of their critically acclaimed album 'This Side of Jordan.' NPR called the album "effortless and beautiful," naming it one of the year's best folk/Americana releases. American Songwriter said it was "honest music, shot through with coed harmonies, sweeping fiddle, mandolin, and acoustic guitar." It's no surprise the duo's newest release, "Such Jubilee," echoes similar praise for its simple, yet strikingly beautiful concoction of bluegrass, folk and Americana. Don't miss this enchanting evening of heartfelt lyrics, shimmering harmonies and acoustic instrumentation with Mandolin Orange. Tickets for the show are \$21.50 for adults and \$12 for students and children.



The talented local players of Foothills Performing Arts will present the C.S. Lewis classic "**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**" **Dec. 3-6**. The White Witch has trapped Narnia in a perpetual state of winter with no hope of Christmas. But all that changes when four siblings venture through an old wardrobe and enter this land of talking animals, charming fauns, giants and dwarves. Standing shoulder to shoulder with Aslan the Great Lion, the children courageously battle the forces of evil and discover that Love is the deepest magic of all. Join us as we celebrate Foothills Performing Arts' 40th season with this inventive and highly theatrical adaptation of the C.S. Lewis classic that's sure to delight children and adults alike. Tickets for the show are \$16.25 for adults and \$9 for students and children.

The J.E. Broyhill Civic Center will start the new year with bluegrass heavy hitters, Dailey and Vincent. **Milton Harkey Bluegrass presents Dailey & Vincent on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 7:30 p.m.** Dubbed by CMT as "The Rock Stars of Bluegrass," the Dailey & Vincent duo has been hailed throughout the music industry as one of the most exciting, reputable and elite Bluegrass bands in America. Dailey and Vincent have won numerous awards for their uniquely contagious and riveting music, including: three GRAMMY Award Nominations, 14 IBMA Awards (International Bluegrass Music Awards) which include numerous wins as "Entertainer of the Year," "Vocal Group of the Year," and "Album of the Year;" They've also won four Dove Awards for "Bluegrass Album of the Year" and "Bluegrass Song of the Year." Each, a seasoned performer in his own right, both have performed alongside famous acts such as Dolly Parton, Vince Gill, Emmylou Harris and more. Enjoy a night of unforgettable music with Dailey & Vincent, the rock stars of bluegrass. Tickets for the show are \$26 for adults and \$11 for students and children.



Local favorite, comedian **Jon Reep** will bring his unique, homegrown comedy to the Civic Center stage on Saturday, **Jan. 30 at 7:30 p.m.** Hickory, N.C. native Jon Reep has come a long way since winning season 5 of the NBC show "Last Comic Standing." His goofy and off-the-wall take on growing up in the South and his unique perspective on culture have landed him on SPEED TV's, "R U Faster than a Redneck," HBO's "Eastbound and Down," and his

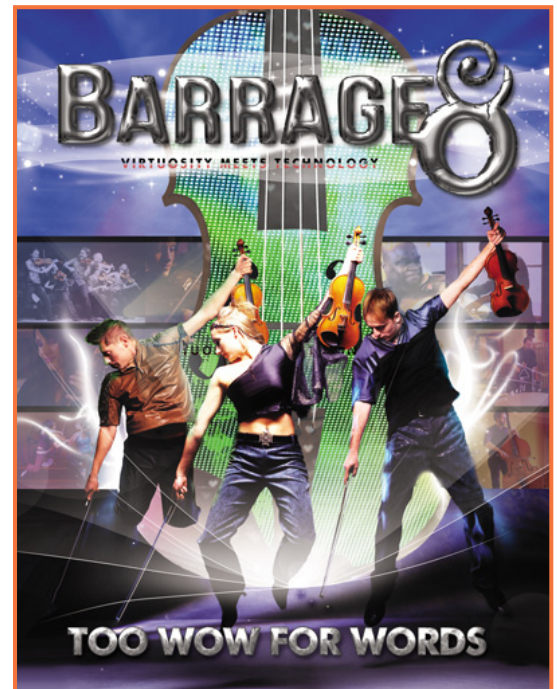
own comedy special “Jon Reep: Metro Jethro.” Don’t miss the homecoming of this Western North Carolina native and hilarious comedian, Jon Reep. Tickets for the show are \$26 for adults and \$11 for students and children.

Saturday, Feb. 27 will mark the 18th year of the wildly popular **Caldwell Traditional Musicians Showcase**. The event brings together some of our area’s most talented musicians and singer/songwriters for an evening of home-grown entertainment! Join local favorite Strictly Clean and Decent and friends for an evening of music, Caldwell County style. Tickets for the show are \$11 for adults and \$5.50 for students and children. CCC&TI students are admitted free with a valid student I.D.



The J.E. Broyhill Civic Center is excited to present **Disney Fantasia Live in Concert on Saturday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m.** Disney shares one of the crown jewels of its animated feature films with a live orchestra concert in Disney Fantasia Live. The Czech National Symphony accompanies scenes from Walt Disney’s original FANTASIA (1940) and Disney FANTASIA 2000, highlighting a selection of the magnificent repertoire from both films including Tchaikovsky’s The Nutcracker Suite. Other iconic moments from Disney’s stunning footage, such as Mickey Mouse dabbling in magic to composer Paul Dukas’ “The Sorcerer’s Apprentice,” and the mythical unicorns and winged horses that accompany Beethoven’s “Pastoral Symphony,” will also be shown in high definition on the big screen. Combining the wonders of Disney’s Fantasia on the big screen and the awe-inspiring sounds of a world famous orchestra, this is sure to be an event the whole family will love. Tickets for the show are \$45 for adults and \$18 for students and children.

On Saturday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m., string phenomenon **Barrage 8** will take the Civic Center by storm. Barrage 8 stands tall on the shoulders of an incredible string legacy. Between 1996 and 2012 Barrage gave more than 3,000 performances in 27 countries. Its contemporary string arrangements of music both familiar and new, were presented to millions of people around the globe through its successful TV shows, DVDs, audio recordings and invigorating stage shows. Barrage 8 is the latest project from John Crozman, Dean Marshall and Tony Moore, the original creators of the hit show Barrage. Utilizing the same energy, panache and innovative stage performance that Barrage was known for, Barrage 8 features all the instruments in the modern string family. The “8” in the name represents a re-imagining of the string octet: 4 violins, 2 violas, cello and double bass. This instrumentation drives a rich and powerful sonic palette that further explores the musical diversity in the Barrage 8 compositions and arrangements. Barrage 8 presents what the Barrage name has come to represent worldwide: “a memorable presentation of music, from many genres and cascading generations, delivered in a way not seen or heard before.” Make plans now to be a part of the Barrage 8 experience! Tickets for the show are \$26 for adults and \$11 for students and children.



Foothills Performing Arts will return to the Civic Center **April 28- May 1** with a riveting performance of **Jesus Christ Superstar**. FPA presents this famous rock opera with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Loosely based on the Gospels’ accounts of the last week of Jesus’ life as he struggles to prepare his disciples for what is to come. Politics, history and faith collide in a power-packed epic of song and dance that will leave audiences electrified! Tickets for the show are \$16.25 for adults and \$9 for students and children.

For more information on any of these events or to buy tickets, visit www.broyhillcenter.com or call the Civic Center Box Office at 828-726-2407.

CCC&TI HIRES ABERNATHY AS NEW LADY COBRAS HEAD COACH

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute has named Alicia Abernathy, a standout player at Hickory High School who went on to play at UNC-Charlotte and professional basketball in Europe, as its new head women's basketball coach.

Most recently, Abernathy served as an assistant on the undefeated 2014-2015 3-A state champion Hickory High School women's varsity team, which had a 27-0 perfect season after beating Chapel Hill for the state title.

CCC&TI Athletic Director Matt Anderson said Abernathy is a great addition to CCC&TI Athletics' winning tradition.

"Alicia is a proven winner and I have all the confidence she will be able to re-establish Caldwell Women's basketball," Anderson said. "She has played at the highest level, she is a great coach and she has a passion for helping young athletes.

"Alicia has what it takes to build our women's program and develop our student athletes both on the court and in the classroom," he added.

Prior to coaching, Abernathy played at Hickory High from 1995 to 1999, where she was named North Carolina Player of the Year as a senior and led her team to two straight 3-A state championships. She went on to play at UNC-Charlotte from 1999 to 2003, including a trip to the NCAA tournament in her senior season and the NIT in her junior year. She was a third-team All-Conference USA selection in 2002 and 2003.

After college, Abernathy played for Musel Pikes, a professional team in Luxembourg, as well as a semi-pro team in Greensboro. In addition to her time as an assistant coach for Hickory High's varsity squad, Abernathy also has coached the junior varsity team as well as AAU basketball in the Hickory area. A native of Hickory, N.C., Abernathy has a 9-year-old son, Jamien.

Coaching the Lady Cobras will be the first collegiate-level coaching job for Abernathy.

"It's like an open book," Abernathy said. "You can write your own story."

Abernathy plans to start with recruiting "girls who want to play," she said. She plans to emphasize defense, a fast-paced offense and an aggressive style of play when the team takes the court this fall.

"I just want them to play hard, and I feel like good things will happen," she said.

For information about upcoming Lady Cobras tryouts, or CCC&TI Athletics, contact Athletic Director Matt Anderson at 828-726-2606.

Students Clean Up Walk Path

A group of CCC&TI's Landscape Gardening Students worked for several days this summer to clean up the walking path located on the college's Caldwell Campus in Hudson. Students cleared away debris, fallen limbs and leaves and trimmed back overgrowth along the path. Thanks to these students and LSG Program Director Debbie Mitchell for the work they've done on the path!



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 25 through July 26, 2015:

In honor of Carrie Blackburn, CCC&TI Compass class student, to the CCC&TI Compass Class Activity fund:

- Joyce and Lucius Bell, Jr.
- Anita and Mike Broach
- Ms. Brenda Fairbetter

In honor of CCC&TI Supervisors, on the occasion of 2015 Bosses Day:

- NCAEOP [North Carolina Association of Educational Office Professionals] of CCC&TI

In honor of Jerry and Amy Church to the CCC&TI Dream Program fund:

- George Cook and Patricia Church

In honor of Rose Church to the CCC&TI Dream Program fund:

- George Cook and Patricia Church

In honor Patrick Crouch, on the occasion of being inducted into the 2015 Caldwell County Schools Hall of Fame, to the Kay and Patrick Crouch Music Scholarship:

- Anonymous Donors
- Harriet and Leslie "Sonny" Hines, Jr.

In honor of Dr. Tony Deal, founder of the Dream Tuition Guarantee Award Program at CCC&TI and CCC&TI Retiree, to the CCC&TI Dream Program:

- Dr. and Mrs. Rainer MacGuire

In honor of the Gibbons Family, to honor the work of Joe and Becky Gibbons, to the CCC&TI Minority Male Mentoring Program funds:

- Mr. Richard Ferguson

In honor of Jimmy and Nancy Hemphill to the Jimmy Hemphill Scholarship:

- Jeff and Rita Joines
- Alice and James Whisnant

In honor of Nancy Hemphill, CCC&TI Foundation Board of Director, to the CCC&TI Dream Program:

- Ms. Barbara Jones

In honor of Vickie Kiser to the CCC&TI General Scholarship fund:

- Ms. Ginny N. Little

In honor of Dr. Alice B. Lentz for her many years of service as CCC&TI TRIO Programs Director, to the Dr. Alice Boggs Lentz TRIO Work-Scholarship:

- Barbara and Larry Freiman

In honor of Mary Frances Sullivan, CCC&TI Foundation Board of Director and Dream Program Committee Chair, to the CCC&TI Dream Program:

- Ms. Barbara Jones

In honor of Gene Waters, father of Marty, to the Linda Correll Waters Art Fund:

- Marlin Company, Inc.
- Marty and Michelle Waters

- Ms. Shannon Waters

In honor of Marty Waters, CCC&TI Foundation Board of Director and son of Linda, to the Linda Correll Waters Art Fund:

- Mr. Larry Barnes
- Employees of the Marlin Company
- John and Alice Grimes
- Mr. Justin Harris
- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hudson
- Sam and Heather Murphy
- Mr. William Salisbury

In honor of Martha Zimmerman, CCC&TI Director/Instructor of the Physical Therapist Assistant [PTA] Program, to the PTA Scholarship fund:

- UNC – Asheville, South College

In memory of Dr. George "Bill" Armfield to the George and Vivian Armfield Scholarship:

- Mr. W. C. Adams
- Loretta and Ralph Annas

In memory of Dr. H. Edwin Beam, CCC&TI founding President, President Emeritus, and CCC&TI Foundation Board of Director, to the Dr. H. Edwin Beam Scholarship:

- Rosanne and Eddie Annas
- Dr. Shelda and Mr. Richard Aultman
- Mrs. Evelyn Beam
- Ms. Eliza Bishop
- Dr. Kenneth and Betty Boham
- Broyhill Family Foundation, Inc.
- Ms. Margaret "Peg" MacQueen Broyhill
- Sheila and Phil Burns
- CCC&TI Retirees Association
- Jean and Clint Castellaw, Jr.
- Lynn and Kent Crawford
- Kay and Patrick Crouch
- Dr. Tony and Mrs. Jennie Deal
- Mr. Charlie Dobbin
- Sherry and E. Clark Ford, Jr.
- Harmony Animal Hospital
- Mr. James Hatley
- Ms. Phyllis Huffstetler
- Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jonas, Jr.
- Mrs. Vance "Ruth" Miller
- Dr. Lorraine and Mr. Charles Minton
- Ms. Ann Smith
- Ms. Elizabeth M. Spillman
- Fil and Anna Stidham
- David and Libby Tucker
- Alice and James Whisnant
- Ms. Julia "Jeanne" Whisnant

In memory of Dr. H. Edwin Beam, CCC&TI founding President, President Emeritus, and CCC&TI Foundation Board of Director, to the Lydia Beam Award fund:

- Ms. Eliza Bishop

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In memory of Lydia Beam, to the Lydia Beam Award fund:

- Alice and James Whisnant

In memory of Kenny Beane, former CCC&TI Instructor and son of Bill and Sandra, to the Kenny Beane Memorial Scholarship fund:

- Bill and Sandra Beane

In memory of Ora C. Boham, Jr., father of Ken, to the Dr. Kenneth and Betty Boham Scholarship”

- Anita and Mike Broach
- Ms. Margaret “Peg” MacQueen Broyhill
- CCC&TI Faculty Senate
- CCC&TI Retirees Association
- Ms. Marla C. Christie
- Foundation of CCC&TI Board of Directors
- Ms. Margaret Hampson
- Ms. Ruth Herold
- Mr. David Holman
- Ms. Dena Holman
- Ms. Elaine Lockhart
- Debbie and Jack Mason
- Dr. W. Dale McInnis
- Dr. Mark Poarch
- Alice and James Whisnant
- Ms. Susan Wooten
- Ms. Martha Zimmerman

In memory of Irene Boston Correll, grandmother of Beau and mother of Carroll, to the CCC&TI Nursing Students fund:

- Beau and Carroll Correll, Sr.

In memory of the Ferguson Family to the CCC&TI Minority Male Mentoring Program funds:

- Mr. Richard Ferguson

In memory of John A. Forlines, Jr., CCC&TI Board of Trustees Chair from 1964 - 1983 and CCC&TI Board of Directors member from 1984 – 2010:

- Ms. Judy R. Hendrix
- Mr. Rudy Snow
- Mike and Karen Warlick

In memory of Ophelia Fox, former CCC&TI Bookstore Technician, to the CCC&TI Dream Program fund:

- Alice and James Whisnant

In memory of Dr. William R. Harris, husband of Barbara Harris, to the CCC&TI Ophthalmic Medical Assistant [OMA] Program:

- Ms. Leigh-Ann Boggs

In memory of Helen J. Hatley, mother of Ann and CCC&TI Controller Emerita, on the occasion of 2015 Mother’s Day, to the Helen J. Hatley Achievement Award:

- Larry and Ann Houck

In memory of Helen J. Hatley, CCC&TI Controller Emerita, to the Helen J. Hatley Achievement Award:

- Betty and Fred Piercy
- Alice and James Whisnant

In memory of Barton and Estoy Hayes, parents of Frances, to the Barton and Estoy Hayes Scholarship fund:

- Ms. Frances Swanson

In memory of their son Clay, to the Clay Holland Memorial Scholarship:

- Robert and Ina Holland

In memory of Tom Lentz, husband of Alice, to the Dr. Alice Boggs Lentz TRIO Work-Scholarship:

- Anonymous Donors
- Ms. Leigh-Anne Boggs
- CCC&TI TRIO Staff
- Ms. Deanna Chester
- Ms. Melinda Hefner
- George and Jean Kutzschbach
- Albert and Meta Laabs
- Pat and Keith Pritchard
- Ms. Mary Woodard
- Ms. Martha Zimmerman

In memory of Irene Mayes, grandmother of Carrie Blackburn [CCC&TI Compass class student], to the CCC&TI Compass Class Activity fund:

- Joyce and Lucius Bell, Jr.
- Anita and Mike Broach
- Ms. Brenda Fairbetter

In memory of Jack Moore, to the Myron “Jack” Lenoir Moore, Jr. Scholarship:

- Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Jonas, Jr.
- John and Janice Orick

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

- Paula and Sean Finneron

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

- Mrs. Marjorie Pearson

In memory of David Pittman, to the David Pittman Student Emergency fund:

- Ms. Sylvia Pittman Kirby

In memory of Carl and Olene Prestwood, parents of David, to the Carl and Olene Prestwood Memorial Scholarship fund:

- PAMPCO, Inc.
- Mr. and Mrs. David Prestwood

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

- Ms. Jennifer Haas Teague

In memory of Dent Sullivan, former CCC&TI Foundation Board of Director and Lenoir Rotarian, to the Lenoir Rotary’s Dent Sullivan Memorial Scholarship:

- Pete and Mary Kidder
- Mr. Adam Sterken

In memory of Diana E. Tye, wife of John, to the Diana E. Tye B.S.N. Memorial Scholarship:

- Mr. and Mrs. James C. Harper, Jr.
- Dr. John G. Tye

In memory of Linda C. Waters, wife of Gene, to the Linda Correll Waters Art Fund:

- Marlin Company, Inc.
- Mr. Gene Waters
- Marty and Michelle Waters
- Ms. Shannon Waters

CCC&TI Instructor and Connections Host Set to Retire

Matt Connor, long-time instructor and host of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Connections television program is retiring this summer after 23 years with the college.

Connor started his CCC&TI career as a Basic Skills instructor in 1992. Soon after, he took on recruiting duties for the division and later also began teaching curriculum religion classes. Connor was also involved with the Men's Basketball Program at CCC&TI, serving as announcer, assistant coach under Athletic Director Bill Payne and as head coach after Payne's retirement. During his time with the team, Connor and Payne led the team to two appearances in the National Junior College Athletic Association's National Tournament and to several top 5 national rankings.

In the last decade, Connor has served as full-time host of the College Connections program covering college news and events for the institution's Charter Cable channel. He has also taught a number of Continuing Education and Human Resource Development courses while also continuing to teach curriculum Religion classes. "I want to thank retired Basic Skills Director Martha Hollar for her leadership, determination and friendship. She trained me to be patient but to never give up on students and to take them where they were and bring out the best in them so they could be successful," said Connor.

Another duty that has allowed Connor to interact with the public and students, has been his role as Chief Usher at graduation ceremonies for both curriculum and Adult High School/High School equivalency graduates.

"I have worked with four different departments and with many great colleagues over the past 23 years," said Connor. "I suppose the one thing I will miss most is the kindness of the people I have worked for at Caldwell Community College. I will also miss the many opportunities to invest in students' lives and helping them realize their potential. And I will definitely miss being 'chief' at graduation," he added with a smile. "I also want to thank Dr. Boham for his support and care. I have never known someone who looks out for the needs of his employees to the degree that he does. I will always be indebted to him for his leadership and support," said Connor of CCC&TI's President Dr. Kenneth Boham.

In his retirement, Connor plans to pursue a life-long dream of living in the American West. "My first stop is Arizona and then, who knows after that. I will travel all over the north and southwest and eventually settle down on a small ranch with some horses and if, everything works out, work in the Western apparel business."

While Connor has big plans for the future, he says that CCC&TI will also hold a special place in his heart. "I want to sincerely thank Caldwell Community College for granting me the honor of working for such a fine institution. It was here that I grew and came to find my confidence, self worth and true talents," said Connor. "I want to wish the best of luck to the students, faculty and staff at Caldwell Community College in the years to come. This institution will always be dear to my heart and I will think of her often as I ride off into the sunset. Adios!"

CCC&TI congratulates Matt Connor on his retirement. Good ride, cowboy. Good ride.



CCC&TI Music Faculty Win Top Prize at Local Festival

The Hot Club of Lenoir won a top prize at the N.C. Blackberry Festival's "Picking on the Porch" Music Competition on July 10. The band, whose members include CCC&TI faculty Justin Butler and Bobby Steadman, was also asked to perform for the Caldwell Arts Council's 30th Sculpture event in September. Congratulations!



Electrical Lineman Graduation

CCC&TI celebrated a new class of Electrical Linemen with a completion ceremony on Wednesday, May 27 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. Participating in the ceremony were: Back row, left to right: Instructor Dean Ford and Instructor Steve Stilwell. Front row, left to right: Joe Mikeal, Logan Chapman, David Powell, Kris Barrett, Ethan Burns, Brady Patterson and Brad Pettry. For more Electrical Lineman Institute info or to register, call 828-726-2242.



Foundation Announces Additional 2015 Fall Scholarships

Following is a list of scholarships available this fall for CCC&TI students through the Foundation.

Anne and Alex Bernhardt, Sr. Scholarship – 4 @ \$2,000 (\$1,000 fall; \$1,000 spring)

Student must be single parent demonstrating financial need, enrolled full-time in curriculum classes; first-generation college student (neither parent holds Bachelor's Degree); minimum 3.0 GPA; preferred Caldwell Co. resident or family member of Bernhardt Furniture Co.

Barbara L. Clark Scholarship - \$1,000 (fall only)

Female student demonstrating financial need. Student must be working full-time and attending college part-time.

Nellie and Gladys Cobb Scholarship - \$500 (fall only)

CCC&TI Nursing or OMA (Ophthalmic Medical Assistant) student demonstrating financial need.

Marischa B. Cooke Scholarship - \$2,000 (\$1,000 fall semester; \$1,000 spring semester)

Second-year full-time transfer student pursuing a degree in education; minimum 3.0 GPA

Beverly Holt Memorial Scholarship - \$250 (fall only)

Second-year Cardiovascular Sonography student demonstrating financial need

Brent and Kathryn Kincaid Scholarship - \$1,000 (\$500 fall; \$500 spring)

Student of a full-time CCC&TI employee

Lenoir Rotary Club Dent Sullivan Scholarship - \$1,000 (spring)

Second-year student demonstrating potential for success and need for financial assistance

Dick and Nancy Mitchell Scholarship - \$2,000 (\$1,000 fall; \$1,000 spring)

Student who plans to obtain communications degree; resident of Caldwell Co.; preferably not PELL eligible; sense of humor

Samuel Orlando Scholarship – 3 @ \$1,000 (\$500 fall; \$500 spring)

Watauga Campus student who has taken or plans to enroll in a religion class; demonstrates financial need

Deadline to apply for these scholarships is Aug. 14. For more info on any of these scholarships, call 828-726-2260 or visit www.cccti.edu.

Live chat or email-based service for students. Get help in a variety of subjects including math, reading, business, accounting, sciences, nursing, allied health and more.

To access this free service, visit:
<http://www.cccti.edu/asc/SmartThinkingLogin.htm>

Compass Students Share “A Different Expression”

College Compass classes at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute hosted a reception at the Caldwell Arts Council in Lenoir in July to celebrate the opening of “A Different Expression - Celebrating Me.” The students produced more than 200 works of art for display at the Caldwell Arts Council, from self portraits and landscapes to sculptures and yard art. Most of the artwork was for sale with proceeds benefiting the College Compass program at CCC&TI, which serves adults who wish to improve their academic and independent living skills. For more information about the College Compass program at CCC&TI, call 828-726-2230.



CCC&TI Receives Grant for Project TEAM Initiative

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently received a \$400,000 grant from the Golden Leaf Foundation in support of Project TEAM, a partnership initiative with the Caldwell County School System, the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Commission, Communities in Schools, local employers and the local NCWorks Center. The initiative will provide a structured pathway for individuals to be trained to fill high demand jobs in the areas of Technology, Engineering, and Advanced Manufacturing (TEAM).



The Golden Leaf funding will be used to modernize and upgrade simulation equipment, classrooms and labs, upgrade faculty credentials and provide professional development for instructors and advisors. CCC&TI Programs that will benefit from the funding will include Electrical Engineering Technology, Electrical Systems Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Electrical Lineman, Maintenance Technician, Welding, Upholstery, Industrial Sewing, Pharma-Science and BioWorks.

CCC&TI's Corporate and Continuing Education Division administrators hope that the funding and the improved lab space will help fill a void for local employers and help local workers find sustainable work and higher-than-average wages. “The project's goals include educating the workforce, filling employer needs and providing individuals with the opportunity to earn a wage higher than the county average,” said Donna Bean, Continuing Education Department Chair. “By developing structured pathways in the TEAM clusters, we hope to see increases in TEAM related job placement, employer engagement, students participating in simulations, course enrollment, degrees conferred and certificates and credentials awarded. While other variables will impact economic development successes, having a readily accessible trained workforce should spark an increase in business expansion and development.”

Local employers are supportive of the efforts, with many, including Fairfield Chair, Bernhardt Furniture, Google and Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, writing letters of support that accompanied the grant proposal. “Continuing to develop innovative training programs to teach relevant skills and ensure workforce readiness is critical for the ongoing economic health of areas like Caldwell County,” said Chris Williams with Google. William Howard, Vice President of Human Resources with Bernhardt Furniture echoed that sentiment. “Being Chairman of our Economic Development Commission combined with my nearly 18 years with Bernhardt, I am keenly aware of our community's need to educate, train and develop our young people for the jobs of tomorrow.”

For more information about the Project Team Initiative, contact Continuing Education Department Chair Donna Bean at 828-726-2383 or email dbean@cccti.edu.

CCC&TI Announces Fall Caldwell Cuisine Schedule

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Culinary Arts program has announced the dates and menus for its fall semester installment of Caldwell Cuisine. Each of the meals will be served at 6 p.m. at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir and are priced at \$21 plus tax per person. The events are open to the public, but diners are required to purchase tickets prior to the event.



Deanna Kurzhals, a Culinary Arts student at CCC&TI, prepares a dish before dinner service at a spring Caldwell Cuisine event at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir.

In addition to providing an opportunity for the community to enjoy the gourmet Caldwell Cuisine menus at a reasonable price, the events also provide CCC&TI's Culinary Arts students a chance to apply their classroom knowledge.

Following are the dates and menus for the events:

Thursday, Sept. 17 – Thailand

Appetizer/Salad: Chopped Thai Salad with Sesame Garlic Dressing
Main Course Options: Pad Thai (Noodles with shrimp and pork) or Kaeng Pet Kai Normai On (Chicken and bamboo shoots in red curry)
Dessert: Sangkhaya (Steamed Coconut custard)

Thursday, Oct. 22 – Germany

Appetizer/Soup: Blumenkohlsuppe (Cream of Cauliflower Soup)
Main Course Options: Wiener Schnitzle With Kartoffelsalat Mit Spec (Warm potato salad with bacon) or Konigsberger Klopse (German Meatballs) over spatzle
Dessert: Zwetschgen Kuchen (Plum Pie)

Thursday, Nov. 19 – The British Isles

Appetizer/Salad: Yorkshire Pudding stuffed with blue cheese and shaved beef
Main Course Options: Lancashire Hotpot (Lamb stew topped with sliced potatoes) or Toad in the Hole (Sausages in Yorkshire pudding with vegetables and onion gravy)
Dessert: Tea with biscuits (cookies)

Space is limited at each event. For tickets visit www.cccti.edu/cuisine/ or call the Civic Center Box Office at 828-726-2407.

For more information about CCC&TI's Culinary Arts Program, contact Director Chef Keith Andreasen at kan-dreasen@cccti.edu or 726-2478.

CCC&TI offering New Health Unit Coordinator Program

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Continuing Education division has announced that its new Health Unit Coordinator Program will launch in August.

The program is designed to train entry-level health professionals to coordinate health unit operations. Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will meet the necessary requirements and be eligible to sit for the national certification examination administered by the National Association of Health Unit Coordinators.

Employment opportunities for Health Unit Coordinators include work in hospitals, long-term facilities, outpatient facilities and clinics. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average annual salary for Health Unit Coordinator is \$32,670.

The course runs Aug. 10 to Nov. 25 and meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson. The cost for program is \$209.50 in tuition and fees, \$13 for malpractice insurance and \$148 for textbooks. Students will also be required to purchase scrubs and pay for a criminal background check prior to clinical visits.

To enroll in the program, students must be 18 years of age, have a high school diploma or high school equivalency, must have a health form completed by their healthcare provider and take the Health Sciences orientation. Drug screening and immunizations are also required prior to clinical visits.

For more information or to enroll in the program, call 828-726-2242 or visit www.cccti.edu.



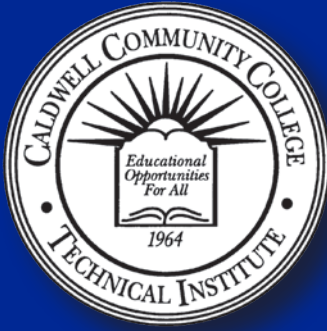
Branches

Call for Submissions

You are invited to submit your prose, poetry, and / or art work for possible publication in the twentieth volume of *Branches*, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's literary arts magazine. All students of CCC&TI are eligible for entry, as well as any resident of Caldwell or Watauga counties.

Entry forms may be picked up at the LRC or Writing Centers on both campuses or downloaded from the CCC&TI web page. The direct link is www.cccti.edu/Branches. For more information, contact Jessica Chapman at 828-726-2624 or Laura Aultman at 828-297-3811.

Submission deadline is September 11, 2015. Good Luck.



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Student Labs Get Upgrade

The computer labs located in the Forlines Building on the Caldwell Campus received an upgrade this summer. In all, 10 labs were updated with new computer workstations and new chairs. In addition, the layout of the open lab was reconfigured to make the space more user-friendly for students working in groups or for one-on-one tutoring sessions. Students will also notice that there's now more room at workstations to allow space for writing and textbooks.

The computer labs are available to any CCC&TI student for the purpose of class related work. The labs also have printers and scanners for student use.

Lab hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Closed on weekends and during semester breaks.) Be sure to stop by and check out the new upgrades!



CCC&TI Celebrates First of Grads from New Program

CCC&TI celebrated the first graduating class of the new Industrial Maintenance Technology Program at a special ceremony on July 15 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. The first graduates were, pictured below from left to right, Jacob Chapman, Erin Greer, Arlie Henson, Cody Sanders and Brandon Sweitzer. Representatives from Aiken Controls and Bakers Waste Equipment were present at the ceremony to recruit new employees. The program prepares students for entry-level employment in the industrial maintenance field. Among the skills that program graduates acquire are: safety, blueprint and schematic reading, mechanical systems, plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), electrical systems including programmable logic controller (PLC) systems and motor controls, hydraulics, pneumatics and many other skills and certifications. For more information on this program or to enroll, call 828-726-2242 or visit www.cccti.edu.

