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Diploma to
Doctorate**

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December

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CCC&TI Chorus Concert,
12 p.m.; Caldwell Campus
Theatre, B Building

SGA General Assembly,
1 p.m.; Caldwell Campus
Room B-118 and Watauga
Campus Room WC-118

14
End of Fall Semester

16
Spring Tuition Payment Due
by 12 p.m.

CCC&TI Board of Trustees
and Employee Christmas
Luncheon, 12 p.m.; Caldwell
Campus Gym

22
Institution Closes at Noon for
Christmas/New Year Holiday

23-Jan. 2
Institution Closed for Holi-
days

January

5
Final Registration for Spring
Semester, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

9
Spring Semester Begins

16
Institution Closed for Martin
Luther King Holiday

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calendar of events
including student
workshops and other
activities, visit
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CCC&TI Graduate: From Diploma to Doctorate

Dr. April Williams has an impressive and lengthy resume as a medical professional. She currently serves as part of Lenoir-Rhyne University's Nursing Faculty, has worked in the Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit at Baptist Medical Center and as a travel nurse in intensive care units in Arizona, California and Colorado. But she got her start in the medical field as a nervous 19-year-old taking a chance on a new program at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute.

At 18, Williams had just graduated from a small, private school in Hickory and says she had no idea what type of career she wanted to pursue. She narrowed it down to the medical field and felt that starting local at a 2-year institution would be the best fit for her. "At the time, nursing and certified nurse assistant programs were the only medical programs being offered at local community colleges," she said. "I knew I wanted to do something different." She happened to see an article in a local newspaper about CCC&TI's new Ophthalmic Medical Assistant Program that sparked her interest and looked like a good fit. "The program was new, unique and I felt I could excel in the program," she said.

Williams, who worked in retail and also completed a certificate in Phlebotomy while working toward her OMA degree, says that the comprehensive clinical rotations in the OMA program made a lasting impression on her. "I did not know this at the time, but the OMA program laid the foundation for me to continue in the medical field for years to come."

In 2000, Williams completed her OMA degree and moved from Hickory to Clemmons, N.C. and began her first job at Wake Forest University Health's Eye Center. Her work experiences included providing patient care for ophthalmic patients with chronic eye diseases, ocular traumas, and pre and post-surgical procedures. During her employment at the Eye Center, Williams says she became more familiar with the field of nursing and decided to continue her education. In 2003, she earned her Associate Degree in Nursing from Forsyth Technical Community College in Winton-Salem and began her nursing career in the Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit at Baptist Medical Center. "Looking back at my time in the Eye Center and my classes at CCC&TI, I quickly realized ophthalmology had provided me with more than a career. It had ignited a desire in me to keep challenging myself and to grow professionally and personally," said Williams.

Her nursing career provided her with the opportunity to travel across the United States working in Intensive Care Units and eventually to continue her education. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing in 2009 at Appalachian State University in Boone. "It was at this time, I began to explore the role of clinical nurse educator and I began to teach nursing students at a local community college," said Williams. "As my role as a clinical nurse educator expanded I knew I wanted to do more for nursing students in my community."

Williams earned her Master of Science in Nursing degree in 2011 at UNC-Charlotte. In 2015, she accepted a full-time faculty position at Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory



*On the Cover:
Dr. April Williams pauses for a photo
by the Lenoir-Rhyne University Bear
on their campus in Hickory. Above,
Williams near the building on the
LRU campus where she teaches as
a member of the University's Nursing
Faculty.*

while also working on her doctorate. Williams earned her Doctorate of Nursing Practice from Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Ariz., in 2016.

Williams says that she is often asked why she didn't go to a four-year institution right after high school. "I always respond that a four-year college was not a good fit for me. Each student is unique and students learn differently in different environments. For me, community college was a great fit. My fellow students at CCC&TI felt more like family. We were a very small class and everyone supported each other," she said. "Our instructor, Mrs. Harris, was an engaging and encouraging instructor. She made our class interactive and she wanted us to be successful. She believed in us."

Even though Williams has worked all over the country and earned several advanced degrees, as an instructor, she says she calls upon much of what she learned at CCC&TI in the classroom with her own students. "A lot of time has passed since I sat as a nervous 19-year-old in CCC&TI's OMA classroom however, the lessons I learned in that classroom are lessons that I am now sharing with my students," said Williams. "CCC&TI's OMA program laid the foundation for me to continue on in the medical field. When I entered the OMA program I had no idea it would lead me down this path but I am so glad it did."

For more information about the Ophthalmic Medical Assisting Program at CCC&TI, call 828-726-2200 or visit www.cccti.edu.

41 Local Students Receive Dream Awards to Attend CCC&TI

In a recent ceremony held at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir, the Foundation of CCC&TI named 41 local seventh-grade students as this year's Dream Scholars. The Dream Award ensures free tuition to attend CCC&TI upon graduation from high school. The program, offered through the Foundation, is in its 27th year and has presented 1,143 awards since its inception.

Dream Award recipients are selected from among sixth-grade students in Caldwell and Watauga counties. Those selected must be first-generation college students who have demonstrated academic achievement and civic involvement, and who have the potential to succeed.

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch opened the ceremony by welcoming scholars, their families and guests. "I'd like to be one of the first to congratulate you on receiving this great award. Each one of you is being awarded the promise of full tuition to Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute," said Poarch. "I would encourage you all to keep dreaming and make sure that college remains a priority going forward." Poarch also recognized members of CCC&TI's Board of Trustees who were in attendance for the event.



Peg Broyhill, Chairwoman of the CCC&TI Foundation, spoke to those gathered at the ceremony and congratulated this year's scholars. "You're here because each of you has already stood out in someone's eyes. You have gone above and beyond in demonstrating good character, leadership and achievement. You are a remarkable group of students," said Broyhill. "We look forward to seeing you shine, and hearing of your successes."

Broyhill recognized the donors who have made the program possible. "The community's longtime support of this program is amazing," said Broyhill. She then asked Foundation donors and supporters, CCC&TI faculty and staff and students' parents and family members to stand. "Students. Look around this room," she said. "We would like for you to think of us as your extended family. We are going to cheer you on and we're going to help you reach your dreams."

Broyhill also recognized CCC&TI and Caldwell and Watauga county school administrators as well as various local organizations whose contributions help make the program possible. She gave special thanks for endowments and grants made possible by the Broyhill Family Foundation, the Coffey Foundation, the Granite Falls High School Class of 1963, the Hogan Family Foundation and the Jerry Church Family. Broyhill also thanked her fellow members of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

Dena Holman, Vice President of Student Services at CCC&TI, spoke about the history and purpose of the program. "College is now an expectation," she said. The Dream Program was started at CCC&TI in 1989 by Dr. Tony Deal. The purpose is to encourage students to identify career options, earn good grades, complete high school and attend college.

Holman then introduced speakers Crystal Isaacs and Jennifer Starnes, two Dream Scholars who have since completed their degrees at CCC&TI and are now employed in the community. Isaacs received the Dream Award in 1995 and is a graduate of CCC&TI's Nuclear Medicine Program and earned an Associate in General Education degree. She is now employed in the Nuclear Medicine Department at Mission Hospital in Asheville. "The Dream Award gave me a sense of hope and a chance to succeed in life," said Isaacs. "My advice for you all is to never give up on your dreams. You must believe in yourself and have faith in yourself and anything is possible."

Jennifer Starnes received her Dream Award in 2005 while at Granite Falls Middle School. She is a 2012 graduate of CCC&TI and earned both an Associate in Art and Associate in Applied Science degree. From CCC&TI, Starnes went on to earn her Bachelor of Science in Emergency Medical Care with a concentration in Health Care Management at Western Carolina University. She is now employed with Caldwell County Emergency Medical Services as a paramedic. "My advice to you would be to use this opportunity to follow your dreams. Believe in yourself and don't give up. You can achieve anything you set your mind to," said Starnes. "Dream big. Congratulations."

The three student speakers were Emma Jakab from Hudson Middle, Melanie Parsons from Kings Creek Elementary and Joseph Penley from Hardin Park Elementary. "When I got the award, I was shocked and happy," said Jakab, who plans to enter the Education or technology field. "Receiving the Dream Award was a special moment for me," said Parsons, who hopes to become a nurse one day. "I appreciate the confidence that the school, my family and the scholarship committee has in me. I look forward to giving back to my community through this scholarship." Joseph Penley is a seventh-grader at Hardin Park Elementary School in Watauga County and says that the Dream Award is the best award he's ever received. "With the scholarship, I will do great things in the future. Thank you to my teacher for nominating me and to CCC&TI for providing it," said Penley.

At the end of the evening, Dream Scholars introduced themselves one-by-one and shared their career goals for the future. A reception was held in their honor following the ceremony.

Watauga Campus Welcomes ASU Chancellor

CCC&TI hosted Appalachian State University Chancellor Dr. Sheri Everts in early November for a tour of the Watauga Campus. In addition to meeting with CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch and Steve Melton, Executive Director of the Watauga Campus, Everts toured various buildings on campus and enjoyed our beautiful views of the surrounding Blue Ridge Mountains.



Students Attend Regional CPA Event

Four students attended the 2016 NCACPA Catawba Valley Student Night in November at the Crowne Plaza in Hickory, NC. The event provided an opportunity for students to network with CPAs in local firms, an IRS Special Agent, educators, and other business leaders. A panel discussion was facilitated which provided answers to student questions.

Dr. Garrett Hinshaw, President of CVCC, was the keynote speaker for the evening. Dr. Hinshaw addressed past watershed changes that impacted business and industry and provided predictions for the future. He encouraged all students to be lifelong learners and always be ready to adapt to change.

Elizabeth Dowell, a resident of Boone, NC, was awarded a \$500 scholarship. She graduated from Appalachian State University majoring in Finance. She has previously served as a tutor on CCC&TI's Watauga campus. Dowell has returned to CCC&TI and is enrolled in courses that will prepare her to qualify to become a CPA.

Pictured left to right: Jennifer Starnes, Instructor Derinda Stiene, Phillip Mattheis, Aurburney Ferguson and Elizabeth Dowell.



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Drawing will be held Wednesday, December 7th
1 ticket \$5.00 or 5 tickets for \$20
Need not be present to win
(Cobra not included)

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Upcoming Men's Home Games

Dec. 7 vs. CVCC, Home 7 p.m.
Dec. 10 vs. Walters State, Home 4 p.m.
Jan. 4 vs. Davidson CC, Home 7 p.m.
Jan 7 vs. Sandhills, Home 3 p.m.
Jan 14 vs. Brunswick, Home 3 p.m.
Jan 18 vs. Spartanburg M. Home 7p.m.
Jan 25 vs. Denmark Tech, Home 7 p.m.
Jan 28 vs. Cape Fear Home 3 p.m.
Jan 31 vs. Mount Zion Home 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 4 vs. USC Salk Home 3 p.m.
Feb. 7 vs. Clinton JC Home 7 p.m.

Upcoming Women's Home Games

Dec. 7 vs. Combine Academy, Home 5 p.m.
Jan. 7 vs. Onondaga CC, Home 1 p.m.
Jan. 11 vs. Bryant & Stratton, Home 6 p.m.
Jan. 18 vs. Spartanburg M., Home 5 p.m.
Jan. 25 vs. Combine Academy, Home 5 p.m.
Jan. 28 vs. Clinton JC, Home, 1 p.m.
Feb. 4 vs. Central Carolina, Home 1 p.m.
Feb. 6 vs. Spartanburg M., Home 7 p.m.
Feb. 11 vs. Combine Academy, Home TBA.



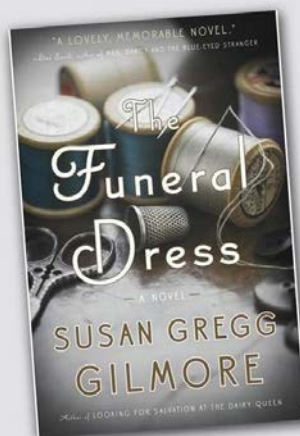
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Save the Date:

CCC&TI's 29th Annual
Writers Symposium
March 30-31, 2017

featuring Susan Gregg Gilmore
author of "The Funeral Dress"



Welcoming Reception

CCC&TI held a November reception officially welcoming Dr. Mark Poarch as the institution's fourth president.



CCC&TI Music Program Director Receives Grant

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Associate of Fine Arts-Music Program Director Justin Butler has been awarded a Regional Artist Project Grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Butler was one of just a few regional artists to be awarded the grant which will help him improve and upgrade his studio equipment with the purpose of publishing his original compositions and songs. Butler says the funds will allow him to purchase new high-end microphones and other equipment to aid him in producing high-quality audio recordings to submit to talent buyers, to license to film and television production companies and for distribution to retail outlets.

Butler says that his studio and equipment has been of benefit to CCC&TI AFA-Music Program students, as well. "My recording studio has previously been used to record auditions for graduating AFA Music students transferring to 4 year music programs," said Butler "as well as providing a location for out of class professional development experiences for students who have completed the "Business of Music" course and who are interested in becoming studio engineers."

Butler is one of 8 grantees in Caldwell, Burke and Catawba counties to receive the Regional Artist Project Grant. The program is funded by the North Carolina Arts Council, the United Arts Council of Catawba County, the Caldwell Arts Council, the Hiddenite Center of Alexander County, the Rock School Art Foundation in Burke County, the Burke Arts Council, and the McDowell Arts Council Association.

CCC&TI congratulates Justin Butler on receiving this grant.

For more information about CCC&TI's AFA-Music Program, call 828-726-2200 or visit www.cccti.edu.



State Board Member Attends Trustees Meeting

NC Community Colleges Board Member Bill McBrayer was on campus in November for the CCC&TI Board of Trustees meeting and TRIO Deli. A native of Forest City, McBrayer was appointed to serve on the State Board of Community Colleges in 2015 by N.C. House member Jay Adams of Hickory.

McBrayer is employed at Lexington Home Brands as manager of human resources, safety, health and environmental.

He grew up in Forest City and has resided in Hickory for the past 27 years with his wife, Laura and two sons, Will and Thomas. McBrayer is a graduate of Lenoir-Rhyne University,



CCC&TI Spirit Week Sponsored by SGA

Monday, Dec. 5 - PJ Day

Tuesday, Dec. 6 - TACKY DAY

Wednesday, Dec. 7 - COBRA GEAR for Home Basketball Games

Come out and support your Lady Cobras as they take on Combine Academy at 5 p.m. and stay to cheer the Cobras Men's team on to victory against local rival CVCC at 7 p.m. Both games are free for students! Show your spirit and support our Caldwell Cobras!



Ceramics Students Help with Yokefellow Fundraiser

CCC&TI's Ceramics I and II students on the Caldwell campus volunteered their artwork to help support Yokefellow's Empty Bowls October fundraising event. Handmade bowls were thrown by instructor Laura Aultman and their clay surfaces designed by the ceramics students. Eighteen bowls were donated to this first annual Yokefellow Empty Bowl event. "Empty Bowls: Feeding Our Neighbors" is a collaboration between artists, who create and donate handmade bowls, and local chefs, who prepare meals, in an effort to raise proceeds to support local food pantries. Guests to the event make a donation and receive a hand-crafted bowl and a meal.

Yokefellow's Empty Bowls fundraiser was held on Oct. 22 at William Lenoir Middle School.

Pictured are: Back Row (Left to Right): James Waters, Chris Dula, Hannah Smart, Bethany Smith, Zach Winstead and Richard Jeffries; Front Row (Left to Right): Lily Laramie, Angel Shook, Kat Scott and Frances Nicholson



CCC&TI Has Talent!

CCC&TI's Student Government Association hosted a talent show in November at the JE Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. The event showcased the talent of CCC&TI students from both the Caldwell and Watauga Campuses and also raised more than \$260 for Hurricane Matthew relief at NC Community Colleges impacted by the storm. Prizes were awarded to the top 3 contestants, chosen by the event's guest judges. Quinn Roberts - 1st place for her performance of Janis Joplin's "Ball and Chain"; Grace Hall - 2nd place for her rendition of "Spooky" by the Classics IV; and Sharon Taylor who belly danced to Erev Shel Shoshanim and took 3rd place.



The Caldwell Way: In The Community

Veteran's Stand Down

Students and staff from CCC&TI participated in November's Foothills Mini Stand Down and Service Fair at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir, providing a variety of free services for area veterans. Students from the Cosmetology, Medical Assisting and Massage Therapy programs provided free haircuts, massages and blood pressure checks. Representatives from Student Services and Workforce Development and Continuing Education also were present to provide info on what the college has to offer.



Cosmetology at SCHS and LEOS

CCC&TI cosmetology students have been busy this fall. In November, groups of students went to South Caldwell High School to provide free haircuts for students in the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corp (NJROTC) program. The event offered a great opportunity for CCC&TI students to practice their skills and also provided the free service to SCHS students in the NJROTC program.

Also in November, a group of CCC&TI Cosmetology students spent a day practicing their craft and brightening the day for residents of LEOS (Lenoir Emergency Outreach Shelter) with free haircuts.



Upcoming J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Events:

Dec. 17

“A Celtic Christmas” featuring The Silvio Martinat Swing Band and Puddingstone

Two local musical powerhouses will help usher in the holiday season with a night of unforgettable music. The Silvio Martinat Swing Band was formed nearly 3 decades ago as a performance class at CCC&TI. Founding members have kept the tradition of performing big band swing alive and well with performances throughout the region. Puddingstone formed first as a trio and has grown to a 7-member band with vocals, guitar, synthesizer and sometimes fiddle. The band plays a range of musical styles from Americana and Classical to Celtic, Folk and New Age. Hailed as one of North Carolina’s “Best Kept Secrets,” the band’s signature sound has earned them a loyal following throughout the state and beyond. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$11 for adults and \$5.50 for students and children.

Jan. 7

Dailey and Vincent

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.”

Tickets for the show are \$29 for adults and \$13 for students Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

For more info or to purchase tickets, visit www.broyhillcenter.com

OMA Week

First year students enrolled in CCC&TI’s Ophthalmic Medical Assistant program held a brunch in November to celebrate Allied Ophthalmic Personnel Week which is Nov. 7-11, 2016.

Allied Ophthalmic Personnel are specialty trained technicians in the field of Ophthalmology. They assist the physician in the clinic to help improve the delivery and quality of eye care and are crucial members of the eye care team. Allied Ophthalmic Personnel Week is a combined effort of the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO®), the Association of Technical Personnel in Ophthalmology, Inc. (ATPO®), and the Contact Lens Society of America (CLSA®) to recognize Allied Ophthalmic Personnel and their contribution to eye care, and to make the public more aware of ophthalmic careers.



Informational Meeting: Study Abroad Opportunity

All students, faculty and staff are invited to come learn about CCC&TI’s excursion across Spain via the Camino de Santiago. The Camino de Santiago is an ancient trail of cultural significances that crosses the northern region of Spain. Students can expect to be immersed in Spanish culture while trekking the Camino de Santiago in Spain. The trip is scheduled for May 16 - June 2, 2017. Students will earn four hours of transferable credit while hiking on the Camino de Santiago.

Meeting Date: December 2, 2016

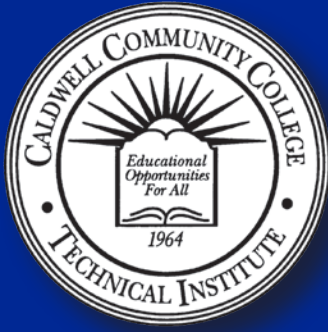
Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Room B-104 on the Caldwell Campus and Room W372 - 116 on the Watauga Campus.

Final Registration for Spring is Jan. 5.

For more info, Visit Student Services or go to www.cccti.edu





Compass Presents: Grouchy Scrooge

Students in CCC&TI's Compass Classes presented their annual production at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in November. This year's presentation of "Grouchy Scrooge" was held at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17. Donations were accepted at the door with all proceeds going to support CCC&TI's Compass program. College Compass classes are designed for adults who wish to improve their academic and independent living skills. The classes are planned to help students acquire basic skills to develop abilities needed to become more independent and self-directed and to meet and manage community, social, work, and personal adult responsibilities. For more information about College Compass, please call 828-726-2275.



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