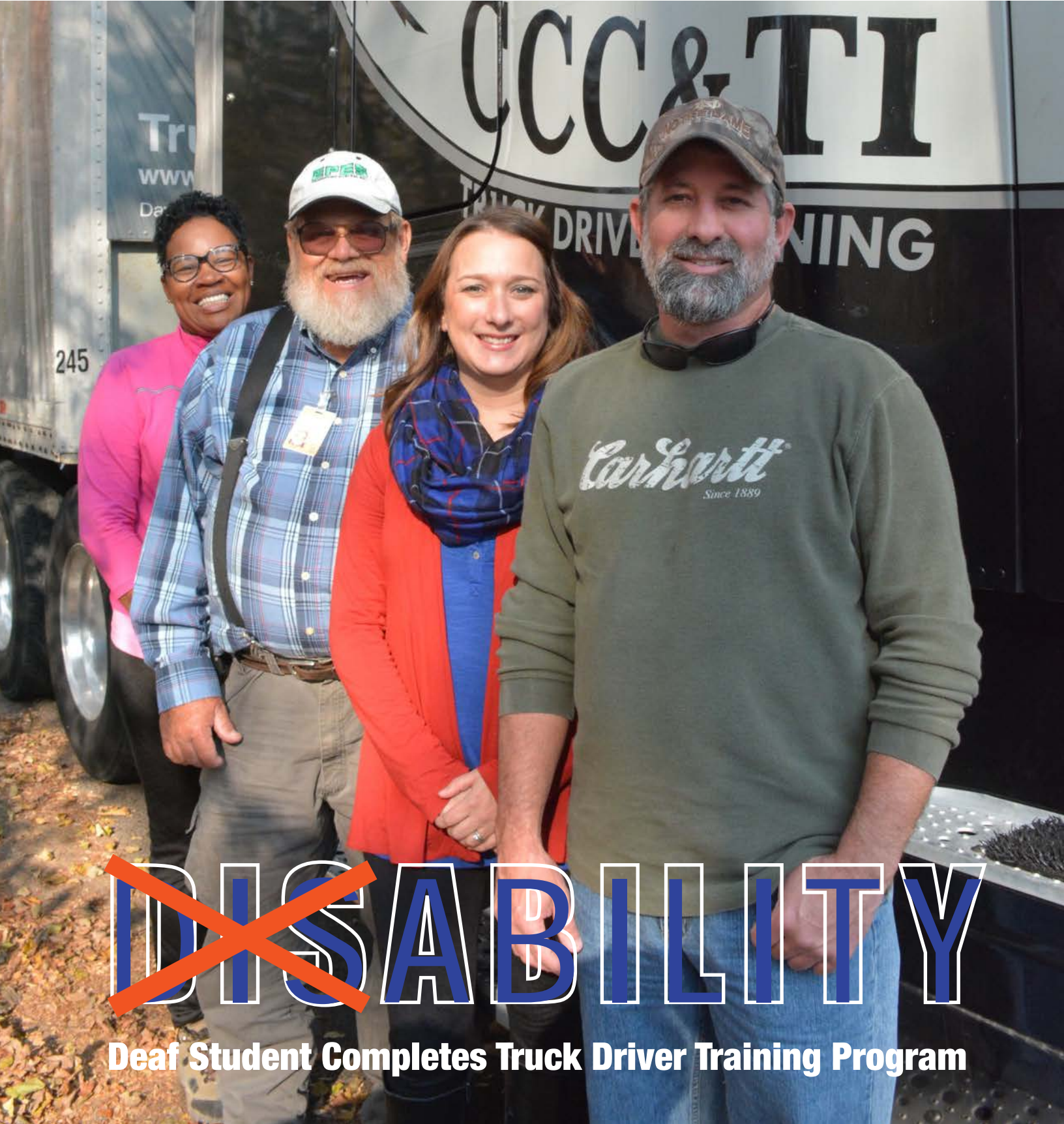




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Final Registration for Spring Semester, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Spring Semester Begins

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Institution Closed for Martin Luther King Holiday

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Watauga Campus TRIO Deli, 12 p.m.; WC Student Lounge

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Financial Aid Check Disbursement

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Spring Graduation Application Deadline

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

Deaf student completes CCC&TI Truck Driver Training

Being deaf has never stopped 43-year-old Cameron Wright Jr., of Rockingham, N.C., from doing what he wants to do. Now he can add completion of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Truck Driver Training Program to his list.

Wright, who has been deaf since birth, recently completed the 9-week program, which was administered in partnership with Richmond Community College. By his side through the entire experience was interpreter Carolyn Everett of Morganton and Tuesday Sigmon, coordinator of Disability Services at CCC&TI.

"It means a lot to see a student graduate and be successful," Sigmon said, adding that having a deaf student in CCC&TI's Truck Driver Training Program was uncharted territory. "It clearly shows us that for people with disabilities – those obstacles are what we see, but not what they see."

Wright, who is the first deaf student to complete CCC&TI's Truck Driver Training Program, plans to drive a truck for his family's plastic recycling business in Rockingham. Thanks to his father teaching him to drive at an early age, the driving came easy, he said.

His instructor, Jacob Rhodes, said it didn't take long before he realized that Wright knew trucks and would make an excellent student.

"He caught on really well," Rhodes said. "I showed him what I wanted him to do, and he did it."

Wright said he hopes his success in the program will encourage other deaf students to pursue their goals.

"Other deaf people need to know that they can do it," he said. "All you need is a team that's willing to work with you."

It was a new experience for his interpreter as well, who had worked with other students for CCC&TI, but never a Truck Driver Training student.

"We had to develop some new types of signs for different parts of the truck," she said, adding that she now knows the various parts of a tractor-trailer.

For more information about Disability Services at CCC&TI, which provides support services and accommodations to ensure that qualified students are able to access the institution and its programs, call 828-726-2716 on the Caldwell Campus or 828-297-5239 on the Watauga Campus or visit www.cccti.edu.

For more information on registering for Truck Driver Training call 828-726-2380.



On the Cover:

New Truck Driver Training graduate Cameron Wright Jr., far right, is joined by his CCC&TI support team. From left to right: Interpreter Carolyn Everett, Truck Driver Training Instructor Jacob Rhodes and Disability Services Coordinator Tuesday Sigmon.

NCCCS President Visit

NC Community Colleges President Dr. Jimmie Williamson visited Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Caldwell Campus in late November.

Dr. James C. "Jimmie" Williamson became the eighth president of the NC Community College System on July 1, 2016. He brings extensive experience as a leader, innovator and proponent of community colleges along with a background steeped in business, economic development, workforce development and community service.



Watauga Cuinary: Seafood Buffet

Students from the Culinary Arts Garde Manger II class on the Watauga Campus prepared a fresh seafood buffet in December for students, faculty and staff. The menu included sushi, scallop sevice, oysters, tuna, crab, salmon and shrimp.



Celebrating Retirees



Congratulations to College and Career Readiness Support Services Director Melinda Hefner and Registrar Debbie Yount on their recent retirements.

Pictured are Debbie (far left) and Melinda (near left) receiving certificates of recognition from Dr. Mark Poarch at the December CCC&TI Trustees Meeting.



Annual Angel Tree Project

The North Carolina Association of Education Office Professionals (NCAEOP) chapter on the campus of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute in Hudson distributed Christmas gifts to 45 local children on Monday, Dec. 12 for its annual Angel Tree Project. For 16 years, CCC&TI NCAEOP members have collected donations from CCC&TI faculty, staff, retirees, students and friends for its annual Angel Tree drive. The project provides gifts for the children of qualifying CCC&TI students. In addition to the usual Christmas toys and clothes, this year's drive included children's furniture donations from Ashley Furniture and Highland Woodcraft.

Pictured from left to right are: CCC&TI staff Tammy Greene, Martha Minton, Connie Wilson, Ruthie Price and Stacy Syles.

Students Donate for Area Relief Agencies

CCC&TI students and our Student Government Association held donation drives for area food pantries and the LEOS Shelter in Lenoir. More than 810 food items were donated to local food pantries. In addition, more than 1,000 pounds of goods were donated to the Lenoir Emergency Outreach Shelter (LEOS) in the form of food, cleaning supplies, paper products and other essentials. Congrats to the CCC&TI Science Club for donating the most items and winning the LEOS Drive competition. The winner of the food drive competition was the Cosmetology Day Class! Special thanks to these groups and to all the students, faculty and staff who participated. Giving: The Caldwell Way.



Support Your Caldwell Cobras

Upcoming Men's Home Games

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

Upcoming Women's Home Games

Jan. 11 vs. Bryant & Stratton, 6 p.m.
 Jan. 18 vs. Spartanburg Methodist, 5 p.m.
 Jan. 25 vs. Combine Academy, 5 p.m.
 Jan. 28 vs. Clinton JC, 1 p.m.
 Feb. 6 vs. Spartanburg Methodist, 7 p.m.
 Feb. 11 vs. Combine Academy, TBA.

Lady Cobras Sign Bayleigh Ponds

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Lady Cobras Basketball Team has signed a new player. Bayleigh Ponds, a 2016 graduate of Richland Northeast High School in Columbia, S.C. and a transfer from Montreat College, recently joined the Lady Cobras team. Ponds, who is 6-foot-1, averaged 11.5 points per game as a senior at Richland and was picked for the 3A All Region Team. CCC&TI Women's Head Coach Ty Johnson said Ponds is a long, athletic guard who can slash and shoot. "She's one of those players every coach wants of their team," he said. "She makes good decisions." As a transfer, Ponds will be eligible to play beginning in Fall 2017, Johnson said.

Pictured at right: (Front row, left to right) Taura Ponds, mother, Bayleigh Ponds, and Johnny Ponds, father. (Back row, left to right) Garrett Ponds, brother, CCC&TI Women's Head Coach Ty Johnson and CCC&TI Athletic Director Matt Anderson.



Lady Cobra Caleigh Raby Signs with Lenoir-Rhyne University

CCC&TI student and basketball commit Caleigh Raby of Hudson has signed with Lenoir-Rhyne University Women's Basketball team. Raby is a 5-foot-9 guard who led South Caldwell High School in scoring as a senior, averaging 16.6 points per game. Though enrolled at CCC&TI, she had not joined the Lady Cobras this season. CCC&TI Athletic Director Matt Anderson said she will still have four years of eligibility when she joins the LRU squad.

"Caleigh is one of the hardest working student athletes I have ever seen and I couldn't be happier for her," Anderson said. "I hate that we never had the opportunity to see her in a Caldwell uniform but I am so happy we were able to help her meet her goals. Lenoir-Rhyne is a great institution and has one of the top Division II athletic programs in the country. They are getting a steal in Caleigh and she will definitely help them continue their athletic tradition, and take them to new heights."

Raby, who plans on studying Elementary Education, said she appreciates the opportunity and support offered by CCC&TI.

"I would like to thank Coach Matt Anderson and Coach Ty Johnson for all they have done for me throughout his process," she said. "Also, I would like to thank Coach Pate and the Lenoir-Rhyne coaching staff for believing in me and giving me an opportunity to continue my career. I am excited to be a Bear!"

Pictured, left to right: CCC&TI Athletic Director Matt Anderson, Caleigh Raby and Vice President of Student Services Dena Holman.



CCC&TI Holiday Celebration



Upcoming J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Events:

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.

Feb. 4 • Rockin’ Road to Dublin

Rockin’ Road to Dublin is the new sensation changing the Irish Dance world. A fusion of rock and Irish, Rockin’ Road combines the best of both worlds to thrust Irish Dance back into the spotlight. This stylish, can’t-miss spectacle is the perfect balance between concert and stage show! Tickets for the show are \$30 for adults and \$16 for students. Showtime is 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 11 • Hot Rize - Dinner and a Show

It didn’t take long after Tim O’Brien, Pete Wernick, Nick Forster, and Charles Sawtelle first appeared onstage together in 1978 for the bluegrass music world to realize that the Colorado band, Hot Rize, was something special. It’s no surprise, then, that 24 years after their last studio album, the foursome brings an even deeper strength to bear on their new record, When I’m Free. Launching a nationwide tour in 2015, with their Western Swing alter-ego sidekicks, Red Knuckles and the Trailblazers, Hot Rize is a making music for long-time fans and gathering countless new ones along the way. Dinner before the Show Menu: Pulled Pork BBQ • Fried Chicken • Southern Dijon Potato Salad • Creamy Cole Slaw • Fresh Collard Greens • Buttermilk Biscuits. Tickets for the show are \$30 for adults and \$16 for students. Dinner is \$13 per person.

For more info or to purchase tickets to any of these events, visit www.broyhillcenter.com



Tributes to the Foundation of CCC&TI

Memorial gifts and honoraria are very meaningful ways to recognize someone on a special occasion or to express sympathy to a bereaved family. An individual’s legacy will continue to live on through the educational opportunities made possible by these special gifts. The Foundation of CCC&TI gratefully acknowledges the following tributes received Oct.15, 2016 through Dec. 12, 2016:

Honors:

In honor of Marty G. Waters, son of Linda and a member of the CCC&TI Foundation Board of Directors, on the occasion of the 2016 Christmas season, to the Linda Correll Waters Art Fund:

John and Alice Grimes
Justin and Courtney Harris
Earlene and Paul Hudson
William and Beverly Salsbury
Linda Miller
Keith Rhymer
Nathan Spears
Allen Whisnant, Jr.
Tim Wallace

Memorials:

In memory of Jonathan Bryant, son of Jimmy and Brenda Bryant & nephew of Donna and Gary Church, to the CCC&TI Corporate and Continuing Education Department’s Electrical Lineman Program Funds, on the occasion of his November 2nd Birthday:
Scott Triplett

In memory of Joseph Czarnecki, III to the Watauga Campus Art Department:
Elizabeth and Wayne Arnold

In memory of Dr. Daniel N. Stalling, CCC&TI Retiree – Vice President of Instruction, on the occasion of the 2016 holiday season, to the Dan and Ila Stallings Scholarship:
Tim and Peggy Lynn Caudle

In memory of Robert Jeffrey Starr:
Betty Buss

In memory of Dent Sullivan, father of William, husband of Louise, and former member of the CCC&TI Foundation Board of Directors and Lenoir Rotarian, to the Lenoir Rotary’s Dent Sullivan Memorial Scholarship:
Lenoir Rotary Club

In memory of James D. Weiller to the James. D. Weiller Memorial Scholarship:
Camilla Stacy



CCC&TI Chorus Christmas Concert

CCC&TI's Chorus presented their Christmas Concert in December on the Caldwell Campus and at St. James Episcopal Church in Lenoir. The concert included many traditional holiday selections and accompaniment by bells, drum and piano.



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Upcoming Continuing Education Offerings:

Free Computer Classes

Learn to use a computer or sharpen your skills with basic computer classes offered at CCC&TI and Caldwell County DSS.

Basic Computer Skills for the Workplace - CALDWELL

Tuesdays and Thursdays • Jan. 24 to Feb. 23 • 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Caldwell County DSS, 2345 Morganton Blvd. SW, Lenoir OR

Tuesday and Thursdays,
Feb. 14 to March 16 • 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on CCC&TI Caldwell Campus

Basic Computer Skills for the Workplace - WATAUGA

Tuesdays and Thursdays,
Feb. 14 to March 16 • 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
CCC&TI Watauga Campus • 372
Community College Drive, Boone

Fees waived for those who qualify.
Space is limited. Please sign up early.

Intro to Beekeeping

This short course will introduce the basics of beekeeping including races of bees, basic beehive and frame construction and placement and beekeeping tools.

Tuesdays and Thursdays • Jan. 17 to Feb. 7 • 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
CCC&TI Watauga Campus • 372
Community College Drive, Boone
Cost is \$21 and includes registration and text book. For more information or to register, call 828-297-3811.

Spain
Summer Study Abroad

Walking the Camino

May 16 to June 2, 2017

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