

# Chronicle

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#### April

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Watauga Carry Out Cuisine,
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Caldwell Cuisine, Israel, 6:30 p.m.; J.E. Broyhill Civic Center

10 Cap and Gown Pick-Up, Caldwell Campus, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

12 Music Faculty Concert, 1 p.m.; B-100

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Cap and Gown Pick-Up,
Watauga Campus, 11 a.m. to
1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

14 Cap and Gown Pick-Up, Watauga Campus, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

17 Easter Holiday, Institution Closed

No Curriculum Classes

19 Summer Tuition Payment Due by 5 p.m.

20 Caldwell Campus Spring Fling, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

21 Trio Awards Day, 12:30 p.m; J.E. Broyhill Civic Center

27 Watauga Campus Spring Fling, 12 p.m. -1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. -6:30 p.m.

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

### Early College senior wins Academic Excellence Award

As the first college graduate in his family, Caldwell Early College High School senior Marco Leonardo Chumbimuni knows the importance of his accomplishment. Not just for himself, but also for his younger brother and his relatives in his parents' native country.

"I'm representing what perseverance, what courage and what challenging yourself will get you to," he said. "Community College taught me that. You see the diversity of people, the mentality of people from different backgrounds. It makes you know that you're representing something that could help others."

That perseverance and courage has paid off as Chumbimuni has been chosen as Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's 2017 Academic Excellence Award winner. The annual award, which is presented by each of the state's 58 community colleges, is chosen based on faculty nominations and academic achievement.

"Marco always gives his best in every situation," said Candis Hagaman, Principal of Caldwell Early College High School. "Marco has embraced the unique opportunities afforded to Caldwell Early College High School students by immersing himself in college experiences on the Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute campus as well as excelling in all his classes. We are very proud of his success."

For the committee, it was a combination of his academic record and his extracurricular service that made the difference.

"What made him stand out to committee members is his college and community service," said Jeff Link, Academic Excellence Committee Chairman. "He is familiar to so many people on campus because of all the activities and clubs in which he is involved at CCC&TI."

Chumbimuni, the son of Peruvian immigrants and a life-long resident of Lenoir, N.C., will graduate with honors in May from the Caldwell Early College High School and with Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. His next step is to study pre-med and psychology. His goal

is to complete medical school with a focus on trauma, emergency medicine and neurology. So far, he's applied to Johns Hopkins, UNC-Chapel Hill, Georgetown, Lenoir-Rhyne and Northern Illinois.

During his time at CCC&TI, he has worked as a tutor, was an officer in the Science Club, was a member of the National Society of Leadership & Success, and served on the Student Government Association. He's also an Eagle Scout and a member of the Beta Club.



# CCC&TI, Middle College Students Lead Greenhouse Project

Since its installation and opening in 2003, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Caldwell Campus greenhouse has been the location for countless hours of instruction, learning and growing. When the time came for refurbishing the facility, CCC&TI instructors found a way to make sure that the instruction, learning and growing continued for one group of Career Center Middle College students.

The greenhouse project included electrical repairs, refurbishing the structure's steel frame, new plumbing, removing rust and replacing the specialized fiberglass panels around the structure. Facility Services Director Jeff Herman and a number of CCC&TI and Middle College instructors collaborated on the project plan, and the majority of the work was completed by students.

Middle College junior Thomas Melton was the lead engineer for the project. Melton, who is working toward an Associate Degree at CCC&TI with plans to transfer and major in mechanical and architectural engineering, said the greenhouse project was great preparation for real-world work. "This project was the closest experience to the real world we could have received. We learned about hard work, teamwork, and how to deal with problems," said Melton. "On the site we knew we would have to communicate and work together to meet the deadline of the project. We would constantly have to adapt to the problems that occurred and think of a quick solution so the workflow could continue."

Student Avery Clark was also involved with the project and agreed that working on the greenhouse was a great learning experience. "Being able to learn how to work in a group like this for an extended amount of time is something that will be truly valuable when we all enter the workforce," said Clark. "But I think the biggest take away from this is the knowledge I gained of tools to use and how a construction job might look to an engineer like myself in the future. I think having this project on my resume will also help me with potential jobs in the future."

In addition to Clark and Melton, students Ryan Balda, Randall Fleming, Zack Helton, George Hickein, Robbie Link, Manuel Oliva and Seth Pritchard also assisted with the project.

CCC&TI Landscape Gardening Director Debbie Mitchell who oversaw the construction of the greenhouse in 2002 says that she's more than happy with the work done by the students. "They did a very professional job and met a very difficult deadline. I am so happy with their work and anxious to get our plants and our Landscape Gardening students back into the greenhouse," said Mitchell.

For more information on CCC&TI's Landscape Gardening Program. contact Debbie Mitchell at 828-726-2362 or email dmitchell@cccti.edu.

Pictured left to right in the Caldwell Campus Greenhouse are CCC&TI Middle College students Randal Fleming, Avery Clark, Zach Helton, Thomas Melton, Robbie Link, and Manuel Oliva. These students helped coordinate and complete a recent renovation and repair project in the greenhouse.



# **CCC&TI Foundation Community Campaign Begins**

The Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute held its Annual Fund Campaign kickoff luncheon on Wednesday, March 1 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir.

Featuring community leaders, campaign volunteers, and college faculty and administrators, the event starts fundraising efforts for the Foundation's Annual Fund Drive. Peg Broyhill, Chair of the Foundation's Board of Directors, offered opening remarks and welcomed the crowd of supporters. Broyhill also announced the goal for this year's campaign as \$365,000, the highest to date for the campaign. Broyhill also announced that CCC&TI Board of Trustees Vice-Chairman, Jerry Church, will lead this year's drive.

Church, who currently serves as Granite Falls Town Manager, has been on the CCC&TI Board of Trustees since 1996, and has served as Vice Chairman since 2000. Prior to his post with the Town of Granite Falls, Church rose through the ranks at Broyhill Furniture Industries during his nearly 30-year career there. Church is also a graduate of CCC&TI.

"I'm truly excited to lead this year's effort and to help the Foundation reach its goal. Earning a college degree is one of the most important journeys someone can take. CCC&TI provided a great start for me and has been a large part of my life ever since," said Church. "The work of the Foundation is crucial to ensuring that future students have these same opportunities. The Foundation helps so many students in so many ways. So thank you for what you've done and what you're going to do to help us reach our goal this year."

Deborah Murray, Vice Chair of the Foundation and Director of the Caldwell County Economic Development Commission, spoke to the group about the value of CCC&TI in the community. "CCC&TI has been one of the most critical factors in the transformation of our county over the last few years. When unemployment soared, the college opened its doors wider than ever before and helped people train for new jobs," said Murray. "This is not a charity drive and not a hand out. The recipients of the scholarships and assistance that the Foundation provides make the commitment and do the heavy lifting. They make us proud and that's what the Annual Fund Drive is about – the transformation of individuals and families."

A current CCC&TI student and a graduate who received assistance from the Foundation also spoke at the event. Faith Draper is a second-year student working toward a degree in Medical Office Administration. As a single mom, Draper said that the assistance provided by the Foundation has helped her move beyond just making ends meet. "I was working two and sometimes three jobs to try and provide for me

and my son. But I was dreaming of a career," she said. "The Foundation of CCC&TI has opened so many doors for me." Draper is now employed full time with the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce as Manager of Membership Services and continues to work toward her degree. "I am doing a job I love and have plans to continue my education. And in the future, I definitely want to give back to my community."

Nyri Guevara, a graduate of CCC&TI, also spoke at the event. Guevara received two scholarships and did her work study in the Foundation Office. She earned a degree in Business Administration and then transferred to Appalachian State University where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Management. In September 2016, Guevara returned to the Foundation Office as the full time Program Assistant. "Thank you all for what you do because without the support and the financial assistance provided by the Foundation, I would not be standing her today," she said. "Your time, your contributions, they are changing lives and you have forever changed mine."

Broyhill recognized the faculty and staff members at CCC&TI, who kicked off their portion of the campaign in February. To date, the employee campaign has raised almost \$30,000 and employees are continuing to bring in pledges.

CCC&TI students also worked to raise money for the campaign. The Student Government Association hosted a Dinner and a Movie event on March 10 that included a gourmet meal and the movie "La La Land." All proceeds from the event went to the Foundation Annual Fund. (See page 8 for details.)

Broyhill introduced each of the team captains for this year's campaign. They are Dr. Mark Poarch, Peg Broyhill, Barbara Freiman and Marty Waters, Barbara Weiller and Joan McGee, Guy Walters, Jr. and Wayne Keller, Deborah Murray and Mary Frances Sullivan.





Board priorities for this year's campaign include funding for scholarships, the Dream Award Program, childcare, student emergencies, academic support and professional development.

For more information on the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, or to make a gift to the Annual Fund Drive, visit www.cccti.edu/foundation or contact the Foundation Office at 828-726-2203.

Pictured is CCC&TI student Faith Draper. Draper is a scholarship recipient and a second-year student working toward a degree in Medical Office Administration. She was a featured speaker at the Foundation of CCC&TI's Annual Fund Drive Campaign kick off event held on March 1 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir.



# **CCC&TI Performing Artist Series Continues**

CCC&TI Music Instructor David Smith will be featured in a solo guitar concert on Wednesday, April 5 at 1 p.m. on the college's Watauga Campus in Boone. The event will be held in Room 112 and is free and open to all students and the public.



The CCC&TI Music Faculty Guitar Quartet will present a concert on Wednesday, April 12 at 1 p.m. in room B-100 on the Caldwell Campus. The concert will feature CCC&TI faculty members Justin Butler, Paul Holt, David Smith and Robert Steadman. This concert is also free and open to the public.

To finish out the Spring 2017 Performing Artist Series, the CCC&TI Chorus will perform a spring concert under the direction of Dr. Vincent Crist. There will be a performance on Tuesday, May 2 at 12:15 p.m. in room B-100 on the Caldwell Campus and on Thursday, May 4 at 12:15 at St. James Episcopal Church located at 806 College Ave. SW in Lenoir. Both performances are free and open to the public.

For more information on any of these events or for more information on the AFA Music Program at CCC&TI, contact Program Director Justin Butler at 828-726-2357 or email jbutler@cccti.edu.

# **Upcoming "Carry Out Cuisine" on Watauga Campus**

Following is the menu for the last Carry Out Cuisine Event of the semester:

#### Thursday, April 6

Watercress and Avocado Salad with Oriental Vinaigrette Sage Roasted Pork Loin Sautéed Apples Pan Fried Yams Cloverleaf Roll

Meals are \$20 per person and reservations must be made ahead of time. Cash only payments are accepted when meals are picked up on the day of service. Pick up times are 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Watauga Campus Kitchen, Building W141, Room 102.

For more information or to reserve your tickets for one of these events, contact Chef Robert Back at 828-297-3811 ext. 5222.

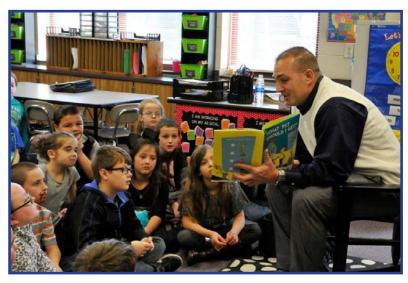
# Oh, The Places He Goes....

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch visited Valmead Elementary and Hudson Elementary in March to read Dr. Seuss books to students in honor of Read Across America. In addition to the stories, Dr. Poarch also brought cupcakes prepared by Culinary Arts students for the students and teachers.











# Save the Date: Class of 2017 Graduation Ceremonies

Thursday, May 11 - Adult High School/GED Graduation, 7 p.m.; J.E. Broyhill Clvic Center

Friday, May 12 - Curriculum Graduation, J.E. Broyhill Civic Center College Transfer and STEM, 5 p.m. • Health Sciences and Career Tech Ed, 8 p.m.

# **Branches Receptions**

CCC&TI hosted receptions on both campuses to celebrate the release of Branches, the college's annual literary and arts magazine. Winners were announced at the Caldwell Campus event as follows:

Cover Art Winner - Frances Nicholson

1st Place Prose - David Moore for short story "A Pause in War"

1st Place Poetry - Holly Michaels for "Purchase Price" 1st Place 3-D Art - Stephen Burchette for "Classic Tyrannosaurus Rex"

1st Place 2-D Art - Melissa Anderson for "Hope"

Copies of the publication are available around campus and also online at www.ccti.edu.



Pictured top right is winning
3-D art "Classic
Tyrannosaurus Rex"
by Stephen Burchette;
Bottom right is winning 2-D art
"Hope" by Melissa Anderson
and near right is
Prose winner David Moore
(standing right) who won the
Prose award for his piece
"A Pause in War"





# Virginia Sauer Art on Display in Seila Gallery

CCC&TI hosted an opening reception on March 23 in the Seila Gallery located in D Building on the Caldwell Campus featuring the work of local artist, Virginia Sauer. Sauer, who is 97 years young, has several pieces in the show that are for sale. Proceeds will go toward establishing the "Virginia Sauer Scholarship" for art students. Pieces will be on display through the end of the semester.







#### **Dinner and a Movie Fundraiser**

The CCC&TI Student Government Association, representing both the Caldwell and Watauga Campuses, hosted a dinner and a movie fundraising event on March 10 on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson. The event included a screening of the Oscar-winning movie La La Land, as well as a three-course dinner prepared by Culinary Arts students. It was a sell-out crowd, with the event raising \$1,200 for the annual Foundation of CCC&TI fund drive. If you'd like to support the Foundation of CCC&TI, please call 828-726-2260. Thanks to the

many students, staff

and community members who helped make this event a huge success!







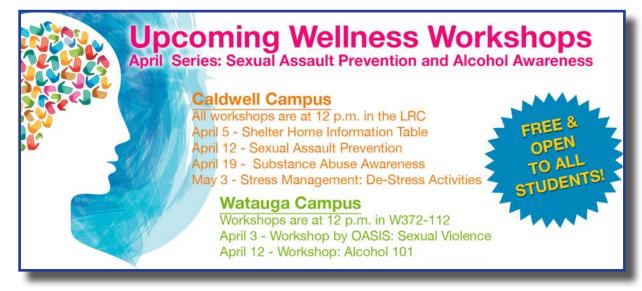
# Lady Cobras Sign West Caldwell's Powell

In early March, West Caldwell's Jade Powell signed her National Letter of Intent to play basketball at CCC&TI. The 5'8" power forward averaged 7.5 points per game and 4.4 rebounds per game for West Caldwell.

In a personal statement posted on recruiting websites, Powell says she loves the sport and that it's had a huge impact on her life. "I have been playing basketball since I was nine years old. This sport has brought me so much joy and has taught me what it means to compete," said Powell. "I want to further my career because this sport is so important to me. I just can't see myself giving this us anytime soon."

CCC&TI welcomes Jade Powell to the Lady Cobra squad.





# **Cobras Finish Strong**

It was an incredible season for the Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute men's basketball team, one that our players and coaches won't soon forget.

Culminating with a 24-9 record and a trip to Hutchinson, Kansas to play in the National Junior College Athletic Association National Championship Tournament, the Cobras made the most of their first season playing Division I basketball.

A long-time powerhouse in Division III, including a second-place national finish in 2014, CCC&TI made the jump to Division I this season and had only returned one starter. Head Coach Matt Anderson is both proud and not at all surprised with their success this season.

"I can't begin to express how proud we, as well as our institution and community, are of this team," Anderson said. "They are as tough and resilient as any group I have ever had. They have worked unbelievably hard and have really bought into our system, so I was so excited for them to have this opportunity."

On Friday, March 17, the team loaded a bus while a group of faculty and staff stood in front of F Building cheering, to begin the 17-hour journey to Kansas. On Monday, the Cobras faced Jones County Junior College from Mississippi in the first round of the tournament. Despite a valiant effort, the Cobras fell to Jones County by a score of 106-78.

The Cobras fell behind early against the tough Jones County defense, and played much better in the second half. Jabrie Bullard led the Cobras in scoring with 21 points and 8 rebounds. Other standout performances included Chase Byrd's 12 points and 6 rebounds, as well as Jahmeel Watts' 15 points off the bench.

The Cobras punched their ticket to the National Tournament after taking second place in the District X Tournament Championship in Southern Pines, N.C., after a 61-60 loss to Spartanburg Methodist.





#### Financial Aid Awareness Week

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute celebrated Financial Aid Awareness Week with a series of contests for students. Each day, a Financial Aid related question was posted on the college's social media pages and winners were selected from among the correct entries. Winners received a prize basket that included snacks, tickets to the SGA Dinner and a Movie fundraiser, CCC&TI merchandise and more.

Pictured at right, back row, left to right are student and winner Bethany Morgan, Director of Finanaical Aid Julie Ahouse, Financial Aid Counselor Syvana Crosby and Financial Aid Technician Tristan Earls. Front row from left are student and winners Sarah Stoker. Christine Rossi and Jordan Zuzolo. (Winners not pictured are Phoebe Green and Emily Lambert)

Congratulations to these students!



#### CCC&TI Students Win Quiz Bowl

A group of second-year Cardiovascular Sonography students from CCC&TI recently attended the NC Ultrasound Society Spring Symposium in Asheville. The students competed in and won the Student Quiz Bowl event.

Pictured at right from left to right are Sonography students and Quiz Bowl team members Jacob Smith, Jordan Beane and Krysti Mast.

Congratulations to these students on their win!



# 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 acknowledges the following tributes received February 21, 2017 through March 15, 2017:

#### In memory of Julia Teeter Cox, mother of Marla C. Christie, CCC&TI Foundation Executive Director:

Ms. Alison Beard

Ms. Joan Brookshire

Ms. Alicia Hartley

Ms. Amber Jacks

Ms. Laurie James

Ms. Anita McRary

Mr. Gregory Walden

Ms. Sheila Walden

Concord Baptist Church

#### In memory of former math instructor, Sam Houston, to the CCC&TI Math Scholarship:

Drs. Jeannie and Wayne Hollar, Jr.

In memory of Brent Kincaid, former CCC&TI Board Chair: Hunt and LeAnne Broyhill

# CCC&TI **Summer/Fall Registration**

**Current Students:** 

Online\*: April 3-9

\*Students must complete advisement before registering for classes online.

**In Person: April 6-19** 

**New Students: April 6-19** 

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# **Upcoming Caldwell Cuisine Events**

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Culinary Arts program has announced the dates and menus for its spring 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.

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 is the remaining date and menu for the event:

Thursday, April 6: Israel

Salad: Orange and Olive Salad

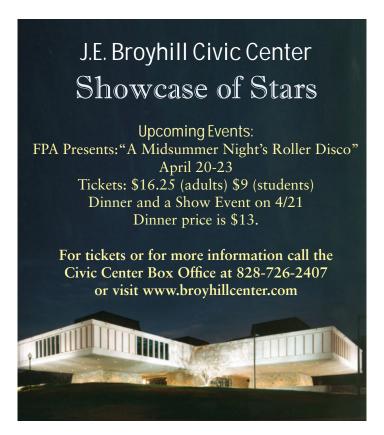
Entrees: Choice of One

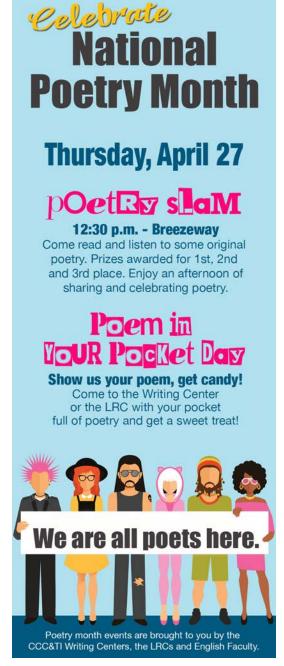
Grilled Fish with Caper Vinaigrette Served with Carrot Tzimmes (Honey-Glazed Carrots) or Lamb Kebabs with Salata Khodra (Diced Salad)

Dessert: Dried Fruit Compote

Space is limited. For tickets visit www.broyhillcenter.com 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 kandreasen@cccti.edu or 726-2478.









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#### **SGA Election Information**

Are you interested in service to your fellow students? Would you like to plan events on campus? Do you consider yourself a leader or would you like to improve your leadership skills? Do you enjoy being part of a team? Would you want to speak for your classmates in committees on campus?

If you answered **yes** to one or more of these questions, then consider running for an office in the Student Government Association of CCC&TI. The Student Government represents the student body of CCC&TI and interacts closely with the administration of the college. SGA plans festivals, intramurals, contests and social opportunities for students. We support campus clubs and student life activities. We travel and interact with student leaders from across the state of North Carolina.

#### **Spring 2017 Timeline:**

Through April 10: Application Pick Up

April 10: Applications are Due

April 10-20: Election Campaigning and Advertising

April 20 and 21: Voting

#### On the Caldwell Campus:

Pick up your application in E-121, in Kim Lackey's office on the Hudson Campus or e-mail Klackey@cccti.edu for an application.

#### On the Watauga Campus:

See Diane Mazza in Office 100 in the Student Services building or e-mail Dmazza@cccti.edu.

# **Watauga Campus Blood Drive Success**

On March 9, the Watauga Campus held a blood drive. Pizza, snacks, and drinks were supplied free to donors. The goal for the blood drive was 25 donors. "We had 34 who signed up and tried to give blood, and we had 29 successful donations. The Student Government Association, the volunteers, and most importantly the phlebotomists with the Red Cross organization, worked diligently to serve our amazing blood donors," said Krystal Cranston with the Watauga SGA. "Overall, the turnout was great, so thank you to everyone who came out and participated."



**Expo and Awards Announced on May 4.**