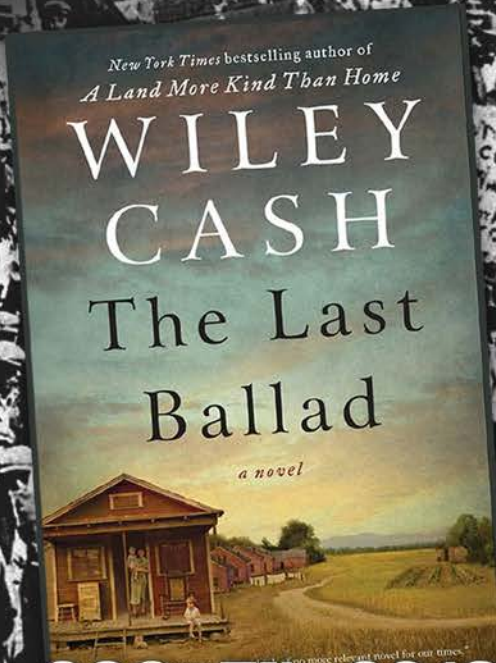




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# COURAGE in the face of OPPRESSION



CCC&TI's 2018  
Laurette LePrevost Writers Symposium

## March

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FAFSA Filing Target Deadline  
for Summer 2018

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ring to University, 11 a.m. to  
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Cash, 12 p.m.; Watauga  
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Reading and Discussion  
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Reading and Discussion with  
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W372- Room 102

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*For a complete  
calendar of events,  
including student  
workshops and other  
activities, visit  
[www.ccti.edu](http://www.ccti.edu)*

## CCC&TI Hosts Author Wiley Cash for Writers Symposium

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute will host Wiley Cash, author of *The Last Ballad*, for its 2018 Laurette LePrevost Writers Symposium.

The college will host a reading and discussion session with Cash on Thursday, March 15 at 12 p.m. on CCC&TI's Watauga Campus and at 7 p.m. at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. On Friday, March 16, the college will host a reading and discussion with Cash at 12 p.m. in the gym on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson. All events are free and open to the public.

Cash, who is a native of Western North Carolina, earned his B.A. in Literature at UNC-Asheville, an M.A. in English from the UNC-Greensboro, and a Ph.D. in English from the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. Cash is the New York Times best selling author of the novels *The Last Ballad*, *A Land More Kind Than Home*, and *This Dark Road to Mercy*. He currently serves as the writer-in-residence at the UNC-Asheville and teaches in the Mountainview Low-Residency MFA. He lives with his wife and two young daughters in North Carolina.

Many CCC&TI students are reading Cash's novel, *The Last Ballad*, this semester as part of the English and Reading curriculum. The novel is set in 1929 Bessemer City, NC and focuses on the story of Ella May Wiggins, a young, single mother working the night shift at a textile mill to support herself and her four children. When Union organizers begin circulating information, Ella May decides to join the movement – a decision that has lasting consequences for her children, her friends and her town. Spanning three generations, the story brings to life the struggle of the labor movement in early twentieth-century America.

Laurette LePrevost, former Dean of Arts and Sciences for CCC&TI, was instrumental in building the Writers Symposium into an annual event that has brought in such renowned writers as Maya Angelou, Ernest Gaines, Nikki Giovanni, Robert Morgan and Clyde Edgerton. Under her leadership and guidance, CCC&TI's symposium has become the longest-running consecutively held Writers Symposium in western North Carolina and one of the longest in the Southeast. The Writers Symposium series was renamed in her honor when she retired in 2004.

Support for the Laurette LePrevost Writers Symposium is provided by the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. For more information on CCC&TI's Laurette LePrevost Writers Symposium, call 828-726-2321.



### Additional Book Club Discussion Events

#### Caldwell Campus Library

March 1 at 6 p.m. • March 8 at 6 p.m.

#### Watauga Campus Library

March 8 at 2 p.m.

*All Writers Symposium events  
are free and open to the public.*

## J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Presents 20th Annual Caldwell Traditional Musicians Showcase

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's J.E. Broyhill Civic Center will present the 20th Annual Caldwell Traditional Musicians Showcase on Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Designed to highlight the achievements of local musicians, the series has presented more than 200 performers since 1998. This showcase will feature soloists, duets, bands, and members of Caldwell County's Junior Appalachian Musicians program.

Strictly Clean and Decent, consisting of Kay and Patrick Crouch and Ron Shuffler, will return as host band as they have each year since 1998. The Crouches recently won the L.A. Dysart Man and Woman of the Year awards, presented by the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce, largely for their work in promoting traditional music and musicians of the area. According to Patrick Crouch, "the title of the showcase in 2001 was It Must Be Something in the Water, the only explanation for why there are so many great musicians in Caldwell County." The title of this year's showcase, Still Something in the Water, pays homage to the 2001 showcase and will feature performers from throughout the history of the showcase as well as several musicians new to the series.

David Briggs, first director of the JE Broyhill Civic Center, originally conceived the idea of programming local traditional musicians on the center's Showcase of Stars series. He will return to help mark the anniversary and also to perform.

Roger Hicks and Lyndy Johnson will return after having performed on the 2001 showcase. Both are finger-style guitarists who play a mix of Piedmont Blues and Tin Pan Alley, musical styles popular in the early years of the 20th century. Hicks is listed in the Blue Ridge National Heritage area roster of traditional artists as both a musician and a potter.

Making his first showcase appearance is Conrad Boudreau who will be joined by Donna Minton, a popular performer who participated in the 1998, 2001, and 2007 showcases. Both Boudreau and Minton have worked with young musicians, encouraging them to carry on the folk traditions of the area.

Charlie Carpenter, who performed in 2005, will be joined by Todd McCloud making his first showcase appearance. They have been highly visible in the local music scene for many years, both individually and with other bands. Together, they are known for their unique and powerful duet vocals.

Well-known in the furniture industry but not as performers, Anne and Alex Bernhardt will make a rare musical performance. Both play several instruments and they have long been supporters of traditional music and dance through their involvement with the Happy Valley Fiddlers Convention and the Caldwell Junior Appalachian Musicians program. The Bernhardts will play Cajun music for their first showcase appearance.

Red Rocking Chair, a band playing "Bluegrass Plus," has been together more than 12 years. Although Patrick Crouch is the only Caldwell County native in the group, other members have a long musical association with the area. Jack Lawrence performed with the New Deal String Band, Bluegrass Alliance, and most notably with the legendary Doc Watson for 23 years. Tom Kuhn, a native of Catawba County, performed throughout the Unifour in the 1980s with Long Time Gone. Dale Meyer, a native of Burke County, is known throughout the region as a multi-instrumentalist who has collaborated with many Caldwell County musicians. All members were active in Hudson-based jam sessions as early as the 1970s.

Rooted is a fresh acoustic band that plays Americana and roots music as well as originals in an acoustic setting. Violinist/vocalist Sarah Seymour performed on the 2010 showcase as part of Sweetbriar Jam. Other band members making their first showcase appearance are Jimmy Atkins on guitar and vocals, Drew Gray on resonator guitar, mandolinist Seath Gray, Katie Chapman on bass, and percussionist Morgan Smith.

Also performing at this year's showcase will be Blackberry Jam. Blackberry Jam is a band formed by members of the Caldwell Junior Appalachian Musicians. The JAM program provides opportunities for children to learn to play and dance to traditional old time and bluegrass music.



Nancy Posey will return for her third turn as emcee. She is a mandolinist and songwriter and, as a poet, her writing is informed by traditional music and musicians.

The showcase will be presented on Saturday, March 10, at 7:30 pm at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. Tickets for the show are \$11 for adults and \$5.50 for children/students.

A Local Food Buffet dinner prepared by the JEBCC Catering Group will be available prior to the show at 6 p.m. Cost for the meal is \$15 per person.

For more information, or for tickets visit [www.broyhillcenter.com](http://www.broyhillcenter.com) or call the Civic Center Box Office at 828-726-2407.



## Kay and Patrick Crouch Receive L.A. Dysart Awards

CCC&TI congratulates Kay and Patrick Crouch on receiving the L.A. Dysart Woman of the Year and Man of the Year Awards. Kay and Patrick were presented the awards at the Caldwell County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Awards presentation in February. The Crouches, both accomplished musicians who are active in many community groups, are only the second husband and wife to get the awards, which are given to individuals who show outstanding citizenship with their community service. Kay Crouch recently retired from CCC&TI, where she served for as Director of the Associate in Fine Arts - Music Program.

*Pictured above, from left, are Alex and Anne Bernhardt with Kay and Patrick Crouch at the Chamber's Annual Dinner and Awards Presentation at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in February.*

## More Upcoming Showcase Events at the Broyhill Civic Center

**The Victor Wooten Trio • Friday, April 6, 7:30 p.m.**

Tickets for the show are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students/children.

**FPA Presents "The Odd Couple" • May 3-5; 7 p.m. nightly, two shows on Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.**

Unger and Madison are at it again! Florence Unger and Olive Madison, that is, in Neil Simon's hilarious contemporary

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## Ledford Comes Full Circle in Return to CCC&TI

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's new Vice President of Instruction may be new to campus, but he's certainly not a stranger to CCC&TI and the communities we serve.

Randy Ledford, a Burke County native and first-generation college graduate, started his role in the newly created position Jan. 2. As Vice President of Instruction, Ledford will lead several departments on campus, including Continuing Education, Adult Education, Workforce Development and Curriculum.

Shortly after arriving on campus, Ledford said his focus is on developing seamless pathways to help students enter the workforce or continue their college education after finishing at CCC&TI.

"Caldwell is good at meeting students where they are and then taking them where they want to go," Ledford said, adding that he's also focused on meeting the workforce needs of local industry through technical training.

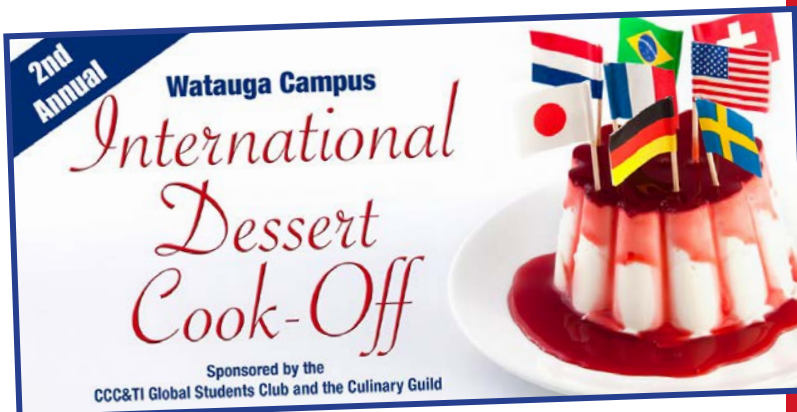
Ledford most recently served as Vice President of Academics and Student Services at Mayland Community College. His previous community college roles included Vice President of Student Services at Surry Community College and Dean of the School of Business, Engineering and Technical Studies at Davidson County Community College. But his first community college job was at CCC&TI as a Math Instructor, bringing him full circle to where his career started.

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch announced Ledford's hire in late 2017 and expressed confidence in the experience he brings.

"Randy brings to us a strong background in organizational and civic leadership, in addition to experience in grant writing and program design," Poarch said. "We're excited about the new ideas and energy, as well as his focus on student success."

Ledford has earned the following degrees: an Associate of Applied Science from Western Piedmont Community College; a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics from UNC-Charlotte; and a Master of Arts in Mathematics Education from Appalachian State. He's currently completing an Educational Specialist degree in Higher Education Leadership at Appalachian State.

CCC&TI welcomes Vice President Randy Ledford.



**Enter your favorite international dessert and you could win! Prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and People's Choice.**

Open to CCC&TI students and employees! For entry form and complete guidelines, see Laura Wollpert or any Global Students Club member. Entry forms must be turned in by 3/27.

**Judging Event: March 29  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. • W372- Lobby.  
Everyone invited to come taste and cast your vote for the People's Choice Winner!**

## The Foundation of CCC&TI Launches Faculty/Staff Campaign

The Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute launched the faculty/staff phase of its Annual Fund Campaign on Feb. 6 with a luncheon in the Forlines Board Room on the Caldwell Campus. The luncheon featured comments from Peg Broyhill, chair of the Foundation Board, Deborah Murray, Vice-Chair of the Foundation Board, Dena Holman, Vice President of Student Services, Foundation Executive Director Marla Christie and CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch.

This year's campaign theme is "Follow the Road to Success."

Broyhill announced that the Foundation Board has set a goal of \$370,000 for this year's effort. Priorities for the fund include scholarships, student aid, the Dream program, academic support and endowment support. "Thank you for joining us as we follow the road to success. Your support and your work on this campaign will help us reach our goal and impact more lives," said Broyhill.

Foundation Board Vice-Chair Deborah Murray praised the college for its partnership in bringing in new industries and helping change the economic landscape for the community. "We have so many new and growing opportunities available in our community. This college provides the training and is our secret weapon for economic development," said Murray. "Everything that you do is incredibly important. Thank you. You are appreciated more than you know."

Vice President of Student Services Dena Holman stressed the importance of Foundation funds in helping meet student needs in the form of scholarships, emergency assistance, childcare assistance and counseling. "This campaign helps make the dream of college a reality for more students," said Holman. "What makes the difference for these students is the relationships that you form with them, the faith you have in their abilities, the encouragement you offer, and the fact that our institution has the right resources to help meet their needs."

In his remarks, Dr. Mark Poarch stressed the importance of CCC&TI's internal campaign and expressed his gratitude for the faculty and staff's past contributions. Last year employees raised over \$33,000. "We have the best community college in the state but we couldn't be the best with just state resources. Institutional support through the Foundation provides for professional development (such as the recent Active Shooter Training), tuition reimbursement, accreditation visits, the Writers Symposium and so much more," said Poarch. "This campaign and the funds it provides are critical to our success. Keep up the good work."

Foundation Executive Director Marla Christie spoke to the campaign process and ultimately thanked faculty and staff team captains for their work. Christie also pointed out that scholarship assistance alone has grown from just \$60,000 annually in 2012 to over \$300,000 in 2017. "That's only possible with every area working together to process and identify needs of students," she said. "Thank you for your dedication to the fund drive and for all you do year round to make this a success."

Each faculty and staff member is encouraged to give to this year's Annual Fund Campaign. Employees may give in person, online with debit/credit or through campus mail. Monthly payroll deductions and pledges are also accepted.

For questions or more information on the 2018 Annual Fund Drive, contact the Foundation Office at (828) 726-2260.



## Culinary Arts Graduate Encourages Students to Eat Healthy

Deborah Annas may be fighting an uphill battle when it comes to convincing elementary school children that fresh fruits and vegetables are way better than fast-food burgers and fries. But that won't stop her from volunteering at local elementary schools where she shares expertise she gained at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Culinary Arts program.

On an afternoon at Baton Elementary, one of the after-school Wraparound programs that she regularly visits, Annas prepared a snack that included cheese, pepperoni, grapes and bananas for the students. While preparing the food, she and Culinary Arts Director Keith Andreasen offered a few lessons they hope the children take home with them. The children learned about the importance of having lots of fruits and vegetables as part of a balanced diet. The chefs also offered some fun ideas on how kids can incorporate more healthy foods into their meals.

"I love to cook and I love the children," Annas said. "Out of all the people I've cooked for, the kids appreciate whatever I do."

Annas has always loved cooking, which influenced her decision on what to study when she returned to school after being laid off a few years ago. She attended CCC&TI, where she earned her high school equivalency and completed an Associate Degree in Culinary Arts.

She began visiting local schools about five years ago, while still a student at CCC&TI. Andreasen isn't surprised to see one of his former students volunteering her time and sharing her culinary knowledge.

"One of the things we try to tell our students is to always use your gifts and talents to give back," he said.

Annas tries to visit each school once per month and several times during the summer break, when fresh, healthy foods are in season. She said the children especially enjoy the summertime lessons, which include seasonal items like watermelon. She also focuses on fun food activities, such as building a gingerbread house at Christmas.

She said she hopes to spend more time volunteering with school children after she retires.



*Pictured above, CCC&TI Culinary Arts Program Director and Deborah Annas prepare a snack for kids in the Baton Elementary School WrapAround Program.*



*At left, Baton WrapAround Program Director Emily Annas with Chef Keith Andreasen and Deborah Annas.*

# *Dinner and a Movie*

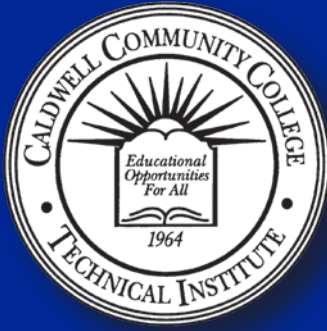
## CCC&TI Foundation Fundraiser



**Thursday, March 22**  
**Dinner at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Movie at 7 p.m.**  
**J.E. Broyhill Civic Center**

**General Public: \$25 (plus tax)**  
**Students: \$15 (plus tax)**

**Food provided by CCC&TI Culinary Arts Program.**  
**For tickets visit the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Box Office.**



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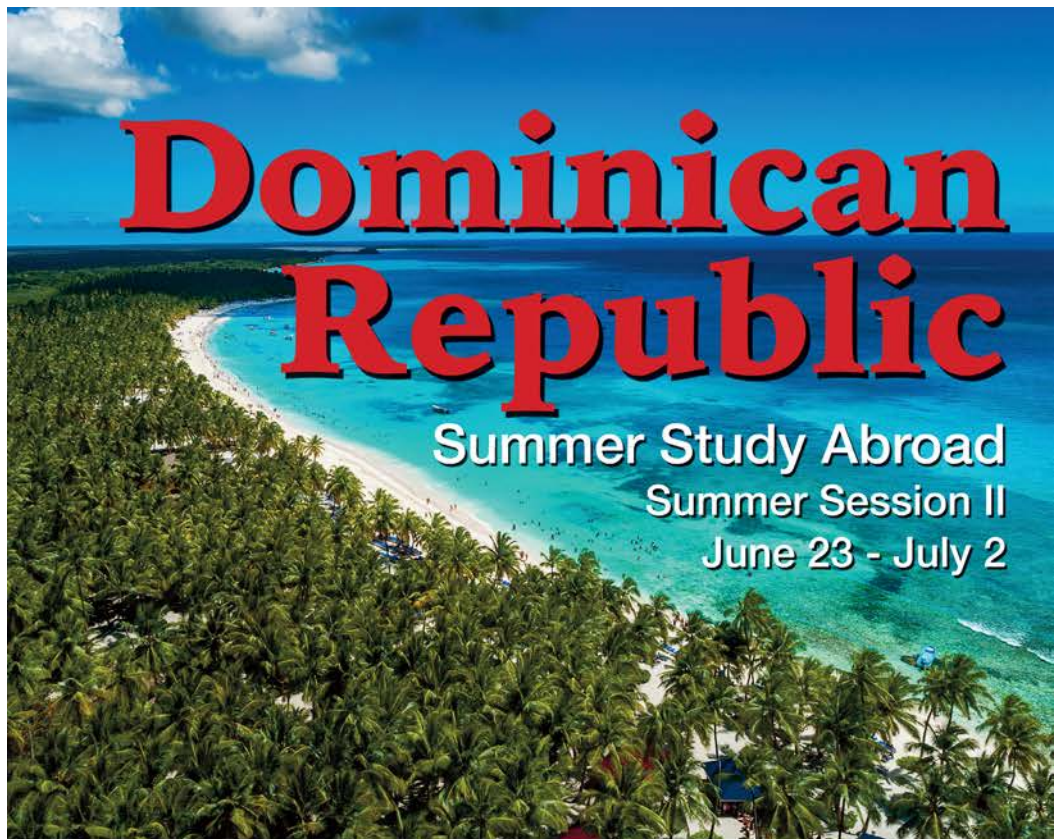
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# Dominican Republic

Summer Study Abroad  
Summer Session II  
June 23 - July 2



### Course Credits:

HUM 230 – Cultural Immersion (3 credits)  
PED 170 – Backpacking (1 credit)

### Experience:

Students will fly as a group to Santiago de los Caballeros where we will be picked up by Wine to Water. We will spend several days making water filters out of clay and distributing them locally. Our week will also include a city tour and outdoor excursions such as hiking or white water rafting.

### Cost:

\$1,750\*  
Payment deadlines: \$700 - March 30 • \$800 - April 27 • \$250 - May 25  
\*Price does not include tuition at CCC&TI or any additional spending money. (\$100 - \$200)

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