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Leading the Charge

CCC&TI Foundation Leaders and Volunteers Kick Off 2018 Campaign



April

2-6
Curriculum Spring Break

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Cap & Gown Pick Up on the
Watauga Campus

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SGA General Assembly
Meeting, 12:15 p.m.; B-130
and WC 372-101

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Summer Tuition Payment due
by 6 p.m.

Watauga Campus Student
Workshop, "Test Taking Anxi-
ety," 1 p.m.; W372 Room 112

Performing Artist Series
Event, "The Warren Wilson
College Old Time String Band
and Bluegrass Ensemble," 1
p.m. Caldwell Campus B-100

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CCC&TI Board of Trustees
Meeting

Caldwell Campus Student
Workshop, "What Would You
Do: Alcohol Awareness," 12
p.m.; Library Classroom

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

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Last day to pick up Cap &
Gown

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Watauga Campus Stu-
dent Workshop, "Financial
Literacy: Presented by State
Employees Credit Union," 12
p.m. W372 Room 102

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Film Presentation: "Chasing
the Dragon - The Life of an
Opiate Addict," 3 p.m. Cald-
well Campus Room B-104

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Caldwell Campus Student
Workshop, "Money-Wise:
Budgeting and Money
Management Workshop," 12
p.m.; Library Multipurpose
Classroom

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Watauga Campus
Spring Fling

Watauga Campus Student
Workshop, "De-stressing for
Finals," 12 p.m.; W372 Room
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**For a complete
calendar of events,
including student
workshops and other
activities, visit
www.cccti.edu**

CCC&TI Foundation Community Campaign Begins

The Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute held its Annual Fund Campaign kickoff luncheon on Tuesday, March 6 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 \$370,000, the highest to date for the campaign. Broyhill also announced that the Honorable Robert Brady and Sheila Triplett-Brady will lead the 2018 Annual Fund Drive campaign.

The couple, both having taught and attended classes at CCC&TI, eagerly accepted the invitation to co-chair the campaign due to their love for lifelong learning and the vital role the college serves in the community. Triplett-Brady shared a personal story about their daughter who earned her associate degree at CCC&TI and then went on Appalachian State University.

"Her time at CCC&TI gave her the confidence to finish what she hadn't been able to finish before," she said. "We are a family of life-long learners. We're counting on you for a record-breaking Annual Fund Campaign."

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 plays a significant and critical role in recruitment and retention for many companies. In my opinion, there's not a more valuable partner in this region's economic development than the college," said Murray.

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch also addressed the group, sharing the college's success last year in serving more than 13,000 students and more than 750 curriculum graduates. He pointed out that by 2020, it is estimated that 67 percent of jobs will require some college education.

Poarch expressed his gratitude for the volunteers and their efforts each year to raise funds for the college. "We have a community of people who are dedicated to the success of our students, and we have a community of people who are committed to removing barriers for our citizens to access higher education," said Poarch. "Without your help, the ability to attend college and the hope for a better tomorrow would not be possible for many of our students."

Several students also spoke at the event. Bailee Burluson, Dean Church and Amy Vue shared how scholarships and assistance through the Foundation have helped them pursue their educational goals.

Burluson is the first recipient of the Jack and Shirley Robbins Scholarship and is working toward a degree in Nursing. "After much hard work, my dream will become a reality this May when I graduate from CCC&TI," said Burluson. "This scholarship was an answer to prayer and I am so thankful for this opportunity." Ophthalmic Medical Assistant student Amy Vue echoed that sentiment. "I want to thank each of you for giving me and other students the opportunity to continue our education," said Vue.



Above, student and scholarship recipient Bailee Burluson speaks to those gathered for the kick off of the CCC&TI Foundation Annual Fund Drive.

Below SGA President Sarah Estes presents a check to Foundation Board Chair Peg Broyhill.



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

Foundation Executive Director Marla Christie 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 more than \$30,000 and employees are continuing to bring in pledges.

CCC&TI students are also working to raise money for the campaign. The Student Government Association hosted a Dinner and a Movie event on March 22 with all proceeds from the event going to the Foundation Annual Fund. They raised a total of \$800 for the campaign.

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 828-726-2260.

CCC&TI High School Students Win Big at Regional Science Competition

Students from the Caldwell Early College High School (CECHS) and the Caldwell Career Center Middle College (CCCMC) recently participated in the North Carolina Science Olympiad Hickory Regional Competition and brought home several awards. The CECHS Team took Second Place overall with 16 students winning individual medals, more than any other team competing.

Their performance at the regional competition has won the CECHS Team the right to move on to the statewide Science Olympiad competition to be held in April at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

North Carolina Science Olympiad (NCSO) is a nonprofit organization with the mission to attract and retain the pool of K-12 students entering science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) degrees and careers in North Carolina. Every year NCSO hosts tournaments on university, community college, and public school campuses across the state. These tournaments are rigorous academic interscholastic competitions that consist of a series of different hands-on, interactive, challenging and inquiry-based events balanced between the various disciplines of biology, earth science, environmental science, chemistry, physics, engineering and technology. In 2017, more than 900 K-12 teams representing over 18,000 students and 85 counties in North Carolina participated in NCSO activities.

All of the students who participated in the regional event have been involved with CCC&TI's Science Club and have been preparing for competition since August 2017. Students have also worked to raise the funds needed to participate in the competition.

"The students have put in countless hours of hard work and dedication," said Science Club Advisor and CCC&TI Instructor Denise Williams. "Early College students have been competing for five years and have won numerous individual medals every year. However, this is the first year that the CECHS team had a full roster and enough members to enter all events at the competition, giving them the chance to be competitive in team standings. We're very proud of their accomplishments!"

At the state competition in April, the CECHS Team will be competing for a chance to move on to the national tournament in Colorado.



Pictured above are members of the Caldwell Early College High School and Caldwell Career Center Middle College 2018 Science Olympiad Teams and Faculty Advisors.

CCC&TI Minority Program Hosts Former Caldwell County Athletic Standouts for Workshop

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Minority Male Success Initiative recently hosted two former stand-out high school athletes for a motivational workshop. Jamie Jenkins and Mike Setzer, both graduates of West Caldwell High School, talked with students about setting goals, taking advantage of opportunities and being successful.

Jamie Jenkins is a 1994 graduate of West Caldwell High School and went on to become captain of the men's basketball team at The Citadel in Charleston, S.C. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1998. He earned Master of Science in Leadership and Master of Business Administration degrees in 2015 at Pfeiffer University. Jenkins is a Senior Medical Sales Consultant with Dendreon Pharmaceuticals in Charlotte, N.C.

Jenkins urged students to make the most of the opportunities afforded them by their athletic skill and talent and focus on furthering their education. Jenkins also spoke to students about setting and reaching goals and having a plan for success.

Mike Setzer is also a 1994 graduate of West Caldwell High School. He earned Bachelor of Science degrees in Therapeutic Recreation and Rehabilitation Studies at East Carolina University and earned his Masters degree at Pembroke University. Setzer has 16 years experience as a coach and educator and is currently serving in the Robeson County Public School System. He and his family reside in Lumberton, N.C.

Setzer talked with students about personal accountability and urged them to take pride in being both students and athletes. "Mr. Setzer talked to us about being a part of an elite group. He said that only 1.2 percent of high school athletes make it to college," said CCC&TI student and Cobra Men's Basketball player Michael Pfifer. "He said we should do everything with pride and to the best of our ability."

The Minority Male Success Initiative was established by the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) in 2003 and is designed as a goal-oriented program to support the educational, professional and civic aspirations of minority males at all 58 community colleges throughout the state. The program works to increase student success and maximize student and campus participation.

For more information about CCC&TI's Minority Male Success Initiative, contact program specialist Elaine Setzer-Maxwell at 828-759-4687 or email esetzer-maxwell@cccti.edu.

CCC&TI Announces Summer, Fall Registration for New Students

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute is now registering new students for the Summer 2018 and Fall 2018 semesters on both the Caldwell and Watauga Campuses. Summer classes begin on May 29. The Fall Semester begins on Aug. 15.

A variety of financial aid options are available for students who qualify.

In addition to classes for adult students, CCC&TI also offers opportunities for Caldwell and Watauga county high school students to earn free college credit through the Career and College Promise program.

For more information on registering for classes at CCC&TI, contact Student Services at 828-726-2200 on the Caldwell Campus and 828-297-3811 on the Watauga Campus.



Pictured are students involved with CCC&TI's Minority Male Success Initiative and CCC&TI athletic staff members with speaker Jamie Jenkins (third from left) and Mike Setzer (fourth from left.) Jenkins and Setzer talked to students about setting goals, taking advantage of opportunities and being successful.

CCC&TI President Gets Inside Look at U.S. Air Force Reserves

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute President Dr. Mark Poarch recently joined other community leaders in a special event, sponsored by the U.S. Air Force's 315th Airlift Wing in Charleston, S.C., that gave guests an idea of what Citizen Airmen from the U.S. Air Force Reserve do when they are away from their civilian jobs. Poarch was nominated for the experience by Chief Master Sgt. Mark Barber, an Air Force Reservist and Human Resource Development Coordinator/Instructor at CCC&TI. During the weekend tour, Poarch and the group were flown on an Air Force C-17 to Lackland Air Force base in Texas where they were able to witness the Airmen in action, participate in training drills and experience a basic training graduation.



Read Across America

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch participated in Read Across America events at local schools during the month of March.

Dr. Poarch read Dr. Seuss' "What Pet Should I Get?" to second-graders at Hudson Elementary School (below left) and Valmead School in Lenoir (below right). In addition to the stories, students enjoyed "Cat in the Hat" cupcakes prepared by the college's Culinary Arts program to celebrate Read Across America and Dr. Seuss' March 2 birthday.



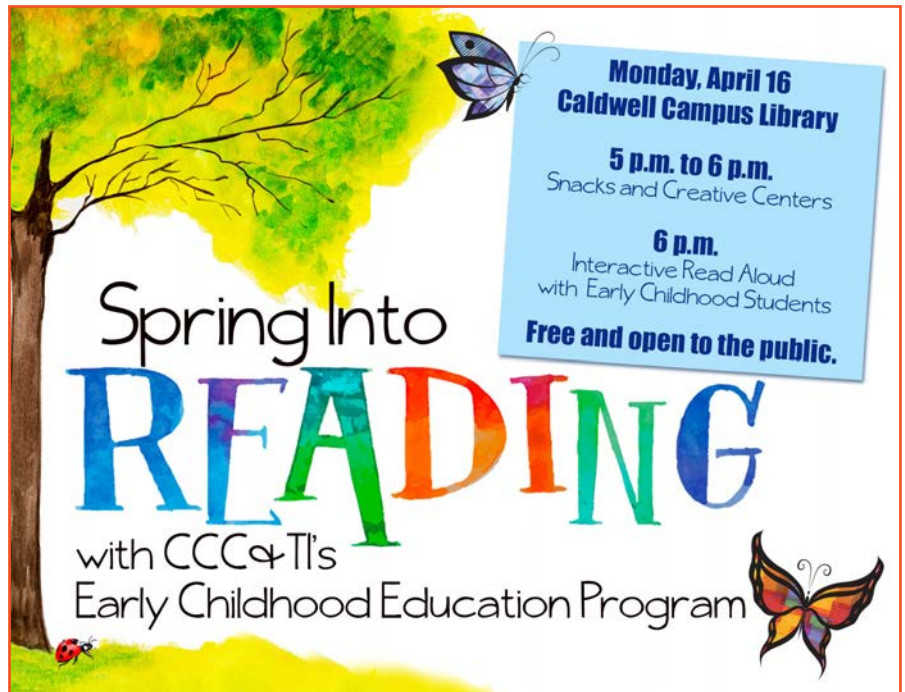
CCC&TI Early Childhood Education Program Hosting Free Reading Event

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Early Childhood Education Program will host "Spring Into Reading," a free reading event for children, on Monday, April 16 at the Caldwell Campus library in Hudson. The event will begin at 5 p.m. with snacks and creative centers throughout the library followed by an interactive read-aloud led by CCC&TI's Early Childhood program students.

The event will coincide "The Week of the Young Child," an annual week of events promoted by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), which celebrates early learning, young children, their teachers, and families. This year's Week of the Young Child is April 16–20.

CCC&TI's event will feature several hands-on stations throughout the library including art, clay and face painting from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Snacks will be available as well as information on CCC&TI's Early Childhood Program and other programs of study. At 6 p.m., children will be invited to the library's classroom for an interactive reading and activity session with CCC&TI Early Childhood students. Students will share stories, flannel board activities and selected readings featuring the work of children's author Eric Carle.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information on this event or CCC&TI's Early Childhood Education Program, contact Program Director Amanda White at 828-726-2604 or email mwhite@cccti.edu.



Caldwell Is Hiring Event and Prep Courses

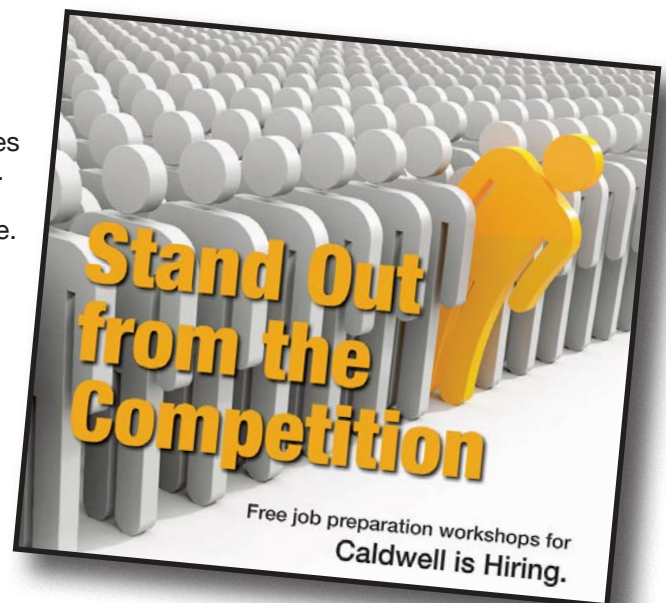
Just in time for the newest group of CCC&TI graduates, the next Caldwell Is Hiring is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, May 7 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. The event typically features more than 50 employers and hundreds of local job opportunities. Regular updates about the event, including lists of participating employers, are available on the Caldwell Is Hiring Facebook page.

In addition, CCC&TI will offer free classes to help job seekers prepare for the event. The workshops will include resume help, interview skills and pre-registration for Caldwell Is Hiring.

The classes are offered on

April 10 (3 p.m. - 4 p.m.),
April 17 (1 p.m. - 2 p.m.) and
May 1 (5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

All classes will meet in F-221 on the Caldwell Campus. For more information call 759-4677 or email: careerconnections@cccti.edu



Upcoming Events:

Watauga Carry-Out Cuisine

The Watauga Campus Culinary Arts program will offer "Carry-Out Cuisine" on Tuesday, April 10. Meals are \$20 per person and reservations are recommended. Cash only payments are accepted when meals are picked up on the day of service. Pick up times are 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Watauga Campus Kitchen, Building W141, Room 102. To make your reservation, contact Chef Robert Back at 828-297-3811, ext. 5222

Caldwell Cuisine

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Culinary Arts program will host Caldwell Cuisine on April 12 at 6 p.m. at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. Tickets are \$21 per person plus tax. The event is open to the public but diners are required to purchase tickets prior to the event.

Free Outdoor Movie Night at CCC&TI

CCC&TI will host a free outdoor movie night on Friday, April 13 at 8 p.m. on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson. The event, featuring a PG-13 movie, is FREE and open to the public. The movie will be shown in the parking lot in front of H Building and guests are asked to bring their own chairs. Pizza and drinks will be sold. The rain date is April 27.

All About Herbs Class at CCC&TI

CCC&TI will offer an "All About Herbs" course on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson that will focus on growing and harvesting herbs, pairing herbs with food, freezing and preserving herbs and making herbal products. The class is a "Make and Take Class" that will allow students to plant, maintain and take home their class herb projects, including herbal body products, dried herbs, herbal vinegars, recipes and more. The course will be taught by Master Gardener Debbie Mitchell and will be held on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. April 17 through May 22. The cost of the course is \$70. For more information or to register for the class, call 828-726-2242.

Counseling and Advising Events

An Alcohol Awareness Workshop for students will be held on Wednesday, April 18 at 12 p.m. in the Caldwell Campus Library Classroom.

On Tuesday, April 24 at 3 p.m., CCC&TI will host a special screening of the documentary film "Chasing the Dragon: The Life of An Opiate Addict" on the Caldwell Campus in Room B-104. This film features real people addicted to prescription drugs and heroin. Hear their stories in their own words.

For more information, contact CCC&TI Counseling and Advising Services at 828-726-2746 (Caldwell) or 828-297-3811 (Watauga).

Watauga Campus Poetry Week

Are you a



April is National Poetry Month and the Watauga Campus will host the 7th Annual

Poetry Poster Panorama

Deadline to submit posters is Friday, April 20. For details see Suzanne Shaut, Bobby Hamby, Lella Lytle, Amy Tilly, or the front desk on the Watauga campus.

April is National Poetry Month!

CALDWELL CAMPUS POETRY WEEK

April 23 - Chalk the Walk

Create poetry on the patio with chalk.

12 to 2 p.m. • Breezeway

April 24 - pOetRy sLam

Come read and listen to original poetry.

12:15 p.m. • Breezeway

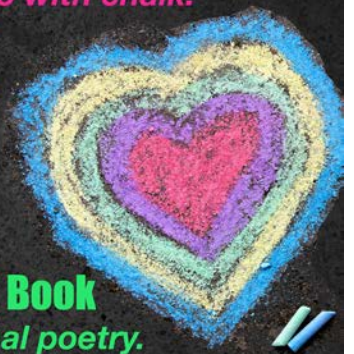
April 25 - Rhymes with Book

Write and decorate original poetry.

11 a.m. to 3 p.m. • Library

April 26 - Poem in Your Pocket Day

Show us your poem and get candy in the LRC or from your favorite English Instructor!



POETRY MONTH
ACTIVITIES ARE
BROUGHT TO YOU BY
THE WRITING CENTER,
CCC&TI ENGLISH FACULTY
AND THE LIBRARY.



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 comic classic: the female version of The Odd Couple. Tickets are \$14 for adults, \$12 for students over 12 and \$7.50 for children 12 and under.

Upcoming Performing Artist Series Event

The Warren Wilson College Old Time String Band and Bluegrass Ensemble • Tuesday, April 17, 1 p.m.

Caldwell Campus B-100; Free and open to the public

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CCC&TI is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

The CCC&TI Library, Writing Center, and Academic Support Center Present:



NIGHT OWL EVENT

Open for Working Late!

**Thursday, April 12
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Learning Resource Center
Caldwell Campus - E Building**

All three student support areas will be open and fully staffed to help you complete class assignments, projects, and papers.

Don't let those end-of-semester due dates sneak up on you!

PLUS: Food, Prizes, Interactive Breaks

Participate. Don't procrastinate!

Save the Dates:

Class of 2018
Graduation Exercises

Adult High School & High School Equivalency

Thursday, May 10
at 6:30 p.m.

Curriculum

Friday, May 11 at
5 p.m.
and 8 p.m.