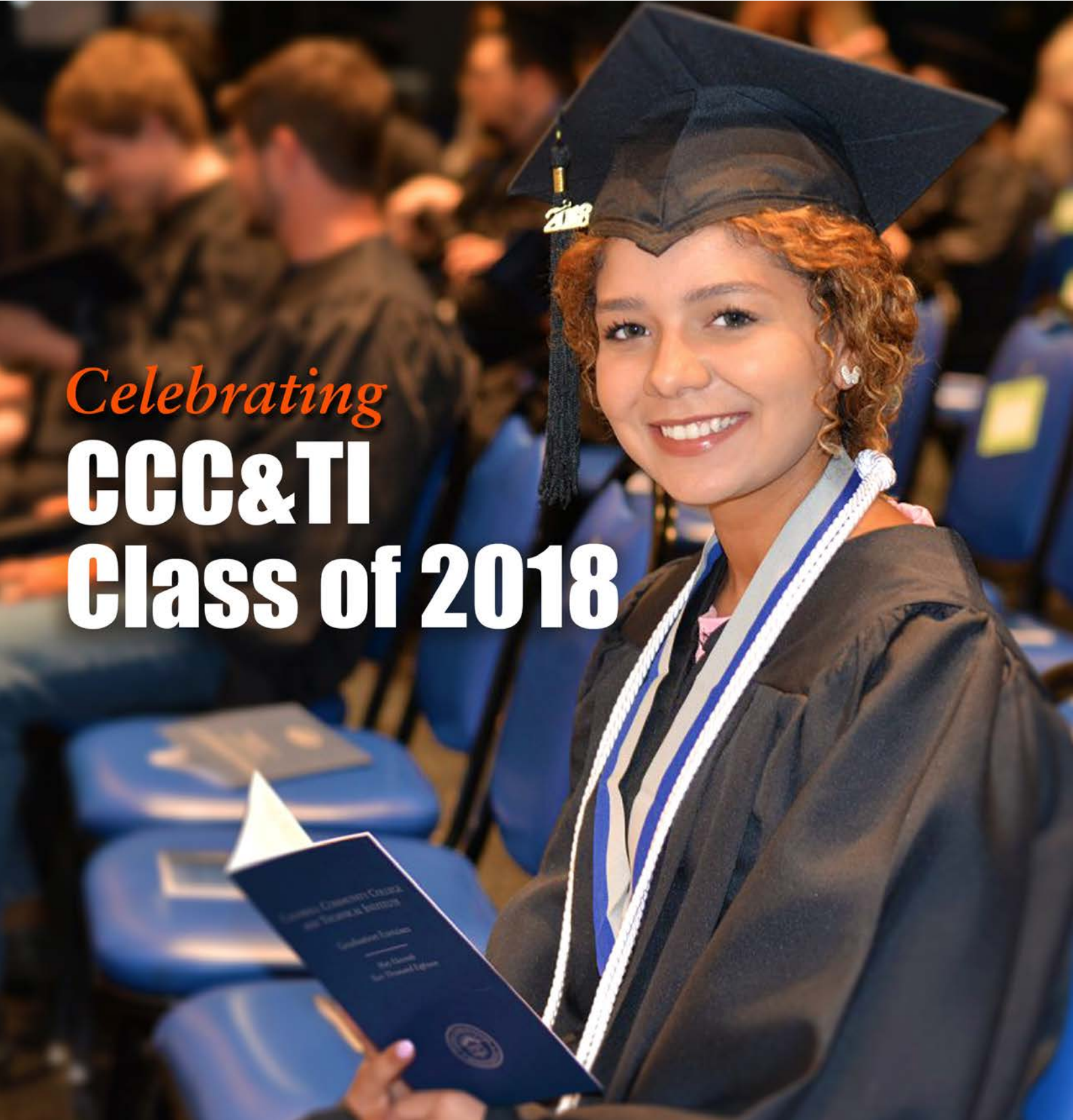




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Celebrating
CCC&TI
Class of 2018



June

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Registration for Late Start
Summer Courses begins

Summer Schedule, Institution
closes at 12 p.m.

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Summer Schedule, Institution
closes at 12 p.m.

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Summer Schedule, Institution
closes at 12 p.m.

21
Caldwell Campus Open
House Event, 5-7 p.m.

22
Summer Schedule, Institution
closes at 12 p.m.

26
Watauga Campus Open
House Event, 5-7 p.m.

July

1
Priority Date for FAFSA Pro-
cessing for Fall 2018

2
Fall Tuition Fees posted to
student accounts.

3
No Curriculum Classes

4
Institution Closed for Inde-
pendence Day Holiday

6
Summer Schedule, Institution
closes at 12 p.m.

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

CCC&TI Celebrates 2018 Graduates

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute honored a total of 783 graduates from its Caldwell Campus in Hudson and Watauga Campus in Boone during ceremonies held Friday, May 11 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir.

CCC&TI Board of Trustees Member Alvin Daughtridge opened the ceremony by welcoming special guests, congratulating the graduates and listing the college's accomplishments over the last year.

The Class of 2018, Daughtridge noted, included:

- 783 total graduates, including 353 first-generation college graduates
- Graduates ranging in age from 17 to 69, with the average age being 27
- Nine Dream Scholars; and
- 70 TRIO/Student Support Services graduates.

Ann Smith, of the CCC&TI Board of Trustees, presented this year's Trustees' Student Awards of Merit to Lucas Price and Lauren Northrup. The awards are selected based on faculty nominations for outstanding academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service.

Presented by Vice President of Instruction Randy Ledford, the Dr. Donald Lackey Award for Excellence in Teaching was awarded to Watauga Campus Culinary Arts Instructor Robert Back. The award honors a faculty member who characterizes personal dedication, concern for student welfare and academic excellence.



The commencement speaker, Mocksville Town Manager Marcus Abernethy, shared his personal CCC&TI success story. Introduced to CCC&TI as a seventh-grader at Granite Falls Middle School through the TRIO program, Abernethy earned an associate degree at CCC&TI before going on to Appalachian State for his bachelor's and master's degrees. At CCC&TI, Abernethy was active in Student Government and several other programs that taught him valuable leadership skills.

"I'm very blessed to have Caldwell as a part of my life," Abernethy said, adding that he was a first-generation college graduate. "The college has been creating success for nearly 55 years. This entire time, the college has been taking ordinary people and training them, educating them and coaching them to do extraordinary things."

In his charge to graduates, CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch thanked the college's trustees, faculty and staff for their hard work, and congratulated the Class of 2018 on a job well done.

"This is your night. You are a college graduate," Poarch said. "I hope you are relishing the moment and take the time to celebrate your accomplishments. I hope you will reflect on your time at Caldwell and think fondly of your experience."



***On the Cover:
Dream Scholar and TRIO Student
Tatiana Fernandez eagerly awaits
the start of graduation ceremo-
nies at the J.E. Broyhill Civic
Center on May 11. Fernandez
received A.A.S. Degrees in
Accounting and
Business Administration.***

CCC&TI Honors Adult High School and High School Equivalency Graduates with Special Ceremony

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute held its annual Adult High School and High School Equivalency graduation exercises on Thursday, May 10, at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. The ceremony honored 79 new graduates.

CCC&TI Trustee Thomas Thuss opened the ceremonies with a welcome and spoke briefly about the class of 2018 and its accomplishments. Thuss noted graduates hailed from communities across Caldwell and Watauga counties and ranged in age from 16 to 57.

Jimmy Council, Dean of Adult and Continuing Education, recognized the recipient of this year's Distinguished Alumni Award, Dr. Caleb Marsh. The award recognizes an alumnus or alumnae of the GED/AHS program who epitomizes the philosophy that the AHS or High School Equivalency diploma is a new beginning and who has worked to achieve additional credentials, a career with life sustaining wages, and who is representative of what hard work, persistence and motivation can achieve. Marsh earned his high school equivalency diploma at CCC&TI in 1997 and shortly after earned his Associate Degree on the college's Watauga Campus. Marsh went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Appalachian State University and recently completed his doctorate at Old Dominion University. Marsh is employed full time at CCC&TI and teaches all levels of mathematics and statistics. He is also a certified appreciative advisor and serves as Faculty Senate President.

Kim Hinton, College and Career Readiness Department Chair, offered special thanks to the Foundation of CCC&TI for its help covering the cost of GED testing for students. "The Foundation has assisted every graduate on this stage with the cost," she said.

Hinton also recognized this year's 5 honor graduates who were distinguished by their gold tassels. Honor graduates must either score above 3,000 on GED tests or maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in Adult High School courses.

Graduate speakers at the event were Julie Green, Belinda Patton, Emily Simmons, Michael Walker, Jr. and Amber Watson.

Julie Green faced major health issues that forced her to drop out of high school. After numerous hospital stays and brain surgeries, her doctors told her mother there was little hope for her to continue her education. "They said I wouldn't be able to learn anything more, but they were wrong," said Green. "All it took was time, patience and the support of my mom and close friends." Green said that she has made many attempts at accomplishing her goal of graduating and finally made it a reality this spring. "On the day I took my last exam, I walked the college parking lot for an hour waiting for the results. When the email came, I was terrified to open it. With trembling hands and a lump in my throat, I opened it. The tears started immediately. I called mom. I did it, mom! I passed. I'm graduating finally!"

Green said that she hoped her experience would inspire others. "It's okay to fail but never give up and never underestimate yourself," said Green. "Thank you to everyone who believed in me, especially you, mom. We did it. We really did it!"

Belinda Patton said that the birth of her grandson TJ inspired her to come back to school and earn her GED. "God



Pictured are the student speakers for CCC&TI's 2018 Adult High School and High School Equivalency graduation. From left are Amber Watson, Michael Walker, Jr., Emily Simmons, Belinda Patton and Julie Green.

Below, Dr. Caleb Marsh accepts the Distinguished Alumni Award.



sent this grandbaby to live with me. At 43, I was starting over raising a baby,” she said. “When TJ started pre-k, I decided things were going to be different for us. I need to be able to set a good example for him and show him how to make good choices.” Patton is now enrolled in CCC&TI’s Culinary Arts Program and is starting an internship this summer with a local restaurant. “I want to thank God for guiding me and showing me His path for my life...and most of all, I want to thank my sweet little boy TJ for being my reason and my inspiration.”

Emily Simmons earned her adult high school diploma and encouraged others to believe in themselves and their ability to reach their goals. “We can be anything we want to be and achieve anything with hard work and dedication. If anyone ever puts you down, prove to them they are wrong. Go back to school, go for that job, or whatever it is that you desire,” said Simmons. Simmons has plans to enroll in CCC&TI’s Ophthalmic Medical Assistant program and to take a photography class. “I think everyone should follow their dreams, even if you are the only one who believes in them.”

Michael Walker, Jr. expressed his appreciation for his instructors and his girlfriend for their encouragement and for believing in his abilities. “So here I am, graduated, having done better than I ever could have imagined; achieving goals I thought unachievable. When I began this program, I was met with such encouragement,” said Walker. “They gave me the tools and I used them the best I could with more determination than I’ve ever had. They all believed in me and here I am.”

Amber Watson earned her GED through courses offered at the Family Resource Center. “I wanted to provide a better life for my two children. I wanted to be someone they could look up to and be proud of,” she said. Watson said that the Family Resource Center allowed her to bring her daughter with her to the center and that they both had a great experience. “It was a wonderful experience for her and her teacher was also amazing,” she said. After completing her GED, Watson also completed CCC&TI’s Phlebotomy class and the Nurse Aide training. She will enter CCC&TI’s Associate Degree Nursing program this fall. “I have accomplished many goals this year and want to thank everyone who helped me get here.”

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch presented high school equivalency graduates with their diplomas. Poarch was joined by Superintendent of Caldwell County Schools Dr. Steve Stone to make diploma presentations to Adult High School graduates.

Poarch encouraged graduates to continue learning and to continue on their paths to success. “Don’t let tonight be the end, let it be the beginning of a journey of life-long learning,” he said. “Every single one of you has the talent and ability to succeed. Be proud and take the time to celebrate but also be willing to take those bold next steps and know that we will be here to support you every step of the way.”

Poarch closed the ceremonies, congratulating graduates for their achievements and bestowing upon them the official rights and privileges associated with their degrees. Amidst the cheers and applause of graduates and audience members, Poarch had graduates ceremoniously turn their tassels to indicate their official graduate status.

A reception in honor of the Class of 2018 was held following the ceremony.

For more information on CCC&TI’s Adult High School and High School Equivalency Programs, call 828-726-2230 (Caldwell) or 828-297-5253 (Watauga) or visit www.cccti.edu





Mother and Son Graduate CCC&TI Sonography Program Together

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's graduation ceremony was held on Friday, May 11 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. Graduates varied in their ages, backgrounds and programs of study and each had a unique story that helped them stand out from their peers. One such unique story was that of Christie and Robert Howell, a mother and son from the Boone area who graduated together from the college's Medical Sonography program.

In 2013, Christie Howell began researching program options for her son Robert, a 2010 Watauga High School graduate. Robert had completed CCC&TI's Paramedic program and was working in the healthcare field but wanted to continue his education and expand his career options. When she found CCC&TI's sonography program, she called upon her background in human resources and looked at the salary potential and employment prospects. She liked what the program had to offer. She suggested the program to Robert and he began his prerequisites in 2014.

What Robert did not know at the time, was that his mom's research had piqued her interest in the program as well. "I was actually early retired and frankly, I was bored. After looking into the sonography field, I too became interested but didn't share my enthusiasm because I wanted Robert to make up his mind on his own," said Christie. "When we went into the meeting with his counselor to transition from Paramedic to Sonography, I said 'sign me up, too!' Robert thought I was kidding but soon learned I was not."

Both Robert and Christie agree that going through the program together had its advantages and disadvantages. "It was nice having

my mother go through the course with me. It kept me grounded and focused. It also made studying a lot easier to do, let me tell you," said Robert. "At first, my fellow students were very confused but then excited that we were taking this journey together. My mother wasn't just my mother in the class, she was the mother figure for the whole class."

Christie said that as a mom, she loved being there for her son. "I always knew what he had to study, knew what his homework was on and knew he would get to class on time," she said. "The downside was realizing that during school hours he was no longer my son, we were both students in a class and the teacher was the boss! Sometimes that was hard, but overall, I learned to deal with it. Robert and I are very close. To those who know us, it is not surprising that we did this special journey together."

Now that both have graduated, they have big plans ahead. Christie passed both of her registry exams and had a job waiting on her at Catawba Valley Medical Center, which she started the Monday following graduation. Robert is looking at several employment offers and hopes to start local and gain some experience before moving to the West Coast.

Both Christie and Robert say that they highly recommend CCC&TI and the Sonography program to anyone considering higher education or work in the medical field. "I would for sure recommend this program to those who are serious and ready to train for an extremely rewarding career. It is not easy, but it is so worth it," said Christie. "CCC&TI is known for putting out the best of the best! I have heard this from many of my clinical instructors. Our instructors make sure we are ready or we don't graduate."

Robert agreed. "I have been a CCC&TI student for about 7 years now and the institution is known to produce the best of the best. I only hope I can live up to the standard as I go off into the world."

And Christie says she has some words of encouragement for nontraditional students who might be struggling with the decision to come back to school. "I am a perfect example of going after what you want at any age! It is better to be afraid and try anyway than to look back and regret not taking the chance," said Christie. "CCC&TI is a great school. I will pass it every day on my way to work and I will smile, knowing my son and I changed our lives there, together."

For more information on CCC&TI's Sonography Program, call Program Director Robin Nichols at 828-726-2322 or visit www.ccti.edu.

Foundation of CCC&TI Exceeds 2018 Fund Drive Goal

The Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute held its annual Celebration Luncheon on May 22. Peg Broyhill, chair of CCC&TI's Foundation Board, announced that the group surpassed its goal of \$370,000, the highest yet for the Foundation.

The Foundation celebrated the efforts and success of volunteers, campaign leaders, board members and college officials at the luncheon. Those in attendance enjoyed lunch at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center and remarks from several community leaders.

Deborah Murray, vice chair of the CCC&TI Foundation, offered a toast in honor of the successful campaign. "You all understand how critical an education is to get and keep a job. Through your generosity and hard work, you've literally touched thousands of lives by making an education possible for more students," said Murray. "Caldwell County has reached a milestone in the number of Caldwell County people who are now working. You did that. This is to you."

Broyhill recognized and thanked campaign captains, team members, college officials, students and volunteers for their hard work during this year's drive. In addition to funds raised by community volunteers and leaders, CCC&TI's faculty and staff contributed more than \$32,000 to campaign. The college's Student Government Association also raised \$800 for the campaign with its "Dinner and a Movie" event and was recognized for its efforts.

Broyhill announced several new endowments and expanded scholarships for the year:

- The Peters Culinary Scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving culinary student in memory of Edwin Dana Peters, a Caldwell County resident, former U.S. Air Force veteran and local philanthropist.
- Jimmy Hemphill expanded his endowment in honor of his wife, Nancy, former educator and long-time Foundation Board member and volunteer. The Jimmy and Nancy Hemphill Scholarship will be awarded annually to a student with academic achievement and community service.
- The Mason Thuss Memorial Scholarship has been expanded by the Thuss Family. The fund was established in 2017 in memory of Mason Thuss, a 2011 graduate of West Caldwell High School. The scholarship will provide assistance toward the cost of tuition and books for a deserving student in CCC&TI's Automotive Systems, Collision Repair and Refinishing, Electrical Systems or Electronics Engineering Technology.
- The Waters Family has also expanded the Linda C. Waters Scholarship with a significant contribution in honor of Marty Waters' mother, who was a long-time art teacher with Caldwell County Schools. The scholarship will now support two annual scholarships, one for an art student and one for a culinary student.

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch also offered remarks at the event. "Over the last couple of weeks, we have been able to celebrate as more than 1,000 students walked across the stage to receive degrees or certificates. Your support is what put these students on the road to success and kept them there to reach the milestone of their graduation," said Poarch. "I'm so proud to be a part of this institution and this community. Through your efforts, we can continue to be the best community college in North Carolina."

Contributions for the campaign are still being accepted through June 30. For more information on the Foundation at CCC&TI, contact Foundation Executive Director Marla Christie at 828-726-2203.



Williams Receives 2018 Great Teacher Award

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute has named English Instructor Matthew Williams its 2018 Great Teacher Award winner.

The Great Teacher Award, an honor given annually to an instructor at CCC&TI, was named for the National Great Teachers Seminar. The award recognizes excellent service among the college's faculty. Each year, faculty members, current students or former students make nominations and a committee, chaired by the previous year's Great Teacher, selects a winner.

Williams is originally from High Point, N.C. and earned his Bachelors and Masters degrees in English at Appalachian State University. Williams worked as a graduate assistant at ASU teaching freshman English classes and it was then that he discovered a love for teaching on the college level. "I loved working with college students and knew pretty quickly that I wanted to spend the rest of my career doing so," said Williams.

It was also during his time as a graduate assistant that Williams first heard about Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute from a friend. "I had a friend in grad school, Joni Hoke, who finished her degree a year before I did, and she found work as an adjunct instructor at Caldwell. She knew I wanted to teach at the community college level," said Williams. "She told me about everything she did in her classes and what it was like to work at CCC&TI. She was so positive about it and encouraged me to apply for an adjunct position." A year later, Williams was hired to teach developmental reading on the college's Watauga Campus and was soon made a full-time English Instructor.



Williams says that, for him, the interaction and involvement with students are the most rewarding aspects of being an educator. "It's a humbling thing to be a stop on folks' road to success. Coming to college is a big, scary thing. I believe seeing a friendly face the first time one sets foot on a college campus can change lives," said Williams. "I teach classes students take near the beginning of their journey. I hope what they learn in my classes gives them a leg up later, and I think part of what we do in those early classes is that we make clear college is doable. It's hard, and it's going to be a lot of work, but it can be done."

Williams also says that hearing about his students' successes once they've moved on can also be an inspiration and motivation for him as a teacher. "I feel so proud every time that I hear one of my students has gone on to success in their career or at the university level," said Williams. "Occasionally, I'll run into former students and they'll talk about the struggles they went through to keep their lives afloat while in school, and then they'll say how glad they were that they kept on and didn't give up. If I can be some small encouragement to folks on that journey, I just feel so blessed."

Williams, who resides in Hudson with his wife, Jenny, and their children Abraham (17) and Abbie (15), is known to his students not only as a great teacher, but also as the local authority on animation and film. He can often be seen wearing ties that feature popular cartoon characters and has an office full of memorabilia from popular cartoon and movie classics.

Williams is also a good sport. In addition to the recognition he's received over the years from students and colleagues, he's also received several pies to the face, been pelted with a barrage of fruit drink-filled balloons and has been duct taped to a chair along with the college president while reading a children's story about a llama to a crowd of students and fellow employees. Williams' students know him to be both a great teacher and an enthusiastic supporter of just about every cause taken up by the students throughout his tenure. He's always willing to participate in student and club activities that benefit charities and local nonprofits, and always does it with a smile.

In his spare time, Williams is involved with his church and enjoys spending time with his family. He hopes to have a long, rewarding career at CCC&TI. He has a few other plans, as well. "I'm hoping that by the time I die that I will have enough clout at CCC&TI that they wall my remains within my office by the music room amongst my mementoes and cartoon memorabilia," said Williams with a grin. "I really do feel like I have a second family at the college. We've shared joys and hardships with each other. This is a good place with good people. I am so grateful to be here."

CCC&TI congratulates Matthew Williams, the 2018 Great Teacher Award winner.

Radiography 100 Percent Pass Rate

Graduates in Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Radiography Program have earned a 100-percent pass rate on the American Registry of Radiological Technologists (ARRT) certifying examination. Pictured, from left to right, are: Kaylee Anthony of Hickory, Madison Wallace of Marion, Sarah Marley of Lenoir, Alysia Johnson of Lenoir and Michaela Beam of Vale.



Radiography Quiz Bowl Competition

Prior to graduation, a group of CCC&TI radiography students competed in a state-wide Quiz Bowl competition at the annual North Carolina Society of Radiologic Technicians Conference in Asheville. The team placed 3rd in the competition. Pictured at right are: Amber Edwards, Sarah Marley, Kaylee Anthony, Alysia Johnson, Madison Wallace, Michaela Beam and Rebecca Garner



SLPA - 100 Percent Pass Rate

Students who recently completed Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Speech Language Pathology Assistant Program have achieved a 100-percent passage rate on the North Carolina Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Exam. All are now eligible to work in North Carolina as a SLP-Assistants. Pictured are, front row, left to right: Amity Dyer of Troy, N.C., Lauren Northrup of Sugar Grove, Crystal Hinson of Hudson, Fallyn Kinman of Cherryville, Lauren Merrill of Charlotte and Elizabeth Nichols of Charlotte. Back row, left to right: Traci Haltom of Hudson, Emily Murphy of Cornelius, Chassie Stone of Granite Falls, Te'Ara Bouldin of Reidsville, Katherine Tevepaugh of Moravian Falls, Brooke Speer of Clemmons, Holly Hanley (SLPA Director), Jessica Raby (SLPA Clinical Coordinator), Jennifer Cox of Mount Pleasant, Arlie Jarrett of Denver, N.C., Bridget Bailey of Mooresville, Taylor Tadlock of Iron Station and Madison Grant of Hickory.



Tributes from the Foundation

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 January 24, 2018 through May 15, 2018:

Memorials:

In memory of Dr. H. Edwin Beam, CCC&TI founding President, President Emeritus, and CCC&TI Foundation Board of Directors, to the Dream Award: Mrs. Evelyn Beam

In memory of Dwight Church, father of Jerry and Patricia, to the Dwight and Rose Church Dream Award:
Mrs. Rose Church

In memory of Loretta Clark: Mr. Leon Clark

In memory of John A. Forlines, Jr., CCC&TI Board of Trustee chair from 1964-1983 and CCC&TI Foundation Board member from 1984-2010: Mr. Rudy Snow

In memory of former math instructor, Sam Houston, to the Sam Houston Math Scholarship:
Drs. Jeannine and Wayne Hollar, Jr.
Dr. and Mrs. John Thuss, Jr.

In memory of Ruth Cobb Howard, to the Gladys Cobb Clark and Nellie B. Cobb Scholarship:
Ms. Patricia Sprinkle Chaisson
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Cobb
Dr. Myra Dickson
Ms. Ellen Johnson
Dr. and Mrs. Rainer MacGuire

In memory of Arlene Owens and Steven Jaynes to the Steven and Beverly Jaynes Corporate & Career Readiness/ Student Assistance Fund:
The Honorable and Mrs. Mike Gentry

In memory of Frank C. Patton, father of Margaret Hampson, CCC&TI Retiree – Vice President of Curriculum and Adult Education: Ms. Liz Silvers

In memory of G.P. and Leslie Price: Ms. Jennifer Teague

In memory of Dr. Robert and Joan Rogers:
Mr. Alvin Daughtridge

In memory of Dr. Daniel N. Stallings, CCC&TI Retiree – Vice President of Instruction, to the Dan and Ila Stallings Scholarship: Mrs. Ila Stallings

In memory of Dent Sullivan, father of William, husband of Louise, and former CCC&TI Foundation Board Member and Lenoir Rotarian, to the Lenoir Rotary's Dent Sullivan Memorial Scholarship: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sullivan

In memory of Mason Thuss, to the Mason Thuss Memorial Scholarship: Mr. Brian Carson
Dr. and Mrs. John Thuss, Jr.
Tom and Vicky Thuss

In memory of James Douglas Weiller, son of Barbara and Don, to the James Douglas Weiller Endowed Scholarship:
Ron and Janice Van Osdol

Honorariums:

In honor of their son, Brock L. Beck, former CCC&TI Student: Charles and Becky Beck

In honor of Peg MacQueen Broyhill and Curtis Braswell, to the Margaret (Peg) MacQueen Broyhill Scholarship, on the occasion of her wedding:

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bernhardt, Sr.
Dr. and Mrs. Geoffrey Burbridge
Ms. Marla Christie
Ms. Karen Finley
Ms. Shirley Foushee
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Freiman
Ms. Rebecca Hedrick
Ms. Nancy Holcher
Mr. Lewis Norman III
Ms. Debbie Pennell
Mr. and Mrs. Don Weiller

In honor of Marla Christie and the Foundation Staff to the 2018 Fund Drive: Ms. Jeanne Whisnant

In honor of Jerry Church and Patricia Church, to the Dwight and Rose Church Dream Award: Mrs. Rose Church

In honor of Dr. Tony Deal, founder of the Dream Tuition Guarantee Award Program at CCC&TI and CCC&TI Retiree, to the Dream Award program:
Dr. and Mrs. Rainer MacGuire

In honor of Jimmy Hemphill, former CCC&TI Board of Trustee, to the Jimmy Hemphill Scholarship:
Dr. Ron and Mrs. Shirley Kiziah

In honor of Jimmy and Nancy Hemphill, to the Jimmy Hemphill Scholarship: Jeff and Rita Joines

In honor of Nancy Hemphill and Mary Frances Sullivan, CCC&TI Foundation Board of Directors, to the Dream Award program: Ms. Barbara Jones

In honor of Sara M. Putzell: Ms. Carol Senf

In honor of Jenny Reilly, to Nursing Program Scholarships:
Jerry and Teresa Jackson

In honor of Youa Vang, CCC&TI Nursing Graduate:
Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Hines, Jr.

Nurse Pinning Ceremony

CCC&TI celebrated a new class of Nursing graduates Tuesday, May 8 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir with the annual Associate Degree Nursing Pinning Ceremony. The Nursing Class of 2018, from both the Caldwell and Watauga campuses, includes: Matthew Baldwin, Hannah Barrier, Haley Bentley, Andrew Bolick, Brittany Brewer, Bailee Burleson, Stephanie Church, James Coffey,



Akeshia Crump, Dalton Crump, Kevin Damron, Bridgette Duffy, Elizabeth Farmer, Abigail Flanigan, Kayla Hamby, Leah Hartley, Sherry Heafner, Amy Hempfling, Toni Hughes, Porscha Isaacs, Michael Jones, Virginia Jones, Emily Lambert, Shannon Lewis, Holly Little, Brittany McRary, Abigail Oylar, Allison Taylor, Youa Vang, Ashlie Yoder and Emily Yuratovac.

Nursing Program Receives Accreditation

CCC&TI's Nursing Program also recently celebrated the successful completion of its initial accreditation process with the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). Accreditation is a voluntary, peer-review, self-regulatory process by which non-governmental associations recognize educational institutions or programs that have been found to meet or exceed standards and criteria for educational quality. Accreditation also assists in the further improvement of the institutions or programs as related to resources invested, processes followed, and results achieved. The monitoring of certificate, diploma, and degree offerings is tied closely to state examination and licensing rules and to the oversight of preparation for work in the profession. The renewal was granted through 2022. Congratulations to CCC&TI's Nursing Faculty on this accomplishment.



Culinary Arts Toque Ceremony

CCC&TI's Culinary Arts Program held a toque ceremony on Wednesday, May 9 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. During the ceremony, this year's graduates received their toque (the tall chef's hat) and a medal indicating the completion of their capstone project. A reception for graduates and families followed the ceremony. Pictured below from left to right are Robert Hull of Connelly Springs, Kou Yang of Newland, Lindsay Weaver of Hildebran, Taylor Reep of Beech Mountain, Bryan Farnsworth of Granite Falls and Mary Eaker of Granite Falls. (Not pictured: Brittney Baynard and Steven Fekete)



Culinary Guild Fine Dining Excursion

Students in CCC&TI's Culinary Guilds from both the Caldwell and Watauga campuses recently came together for a fine dining experience at the Best Cellar in Blowing Rock. The two clubs have been raising money for the past year to cover the cost of the dinner.

The night started at the Spice and Tea Exchange in Blowing Rock where each student got a granite mortar and pestle set, some spices and flavored sugars. From there, students walked to the Best Cellar where they enjoyed a 4-course meal. Some of the items they enjoyed were sautéed mussels, Burrata Cheese plate, lobster bisque, oyster spinach salad, marinated beet and goat cheese salad. Entrées included pan-seared sea scallops, Filet Mignon Au Poivre, rack of lamb with strawberry glaze, roasted half duckling and bone-in ribeye steak with compound garlic butter. Students finished the meal with cheese cake, toffee caramel cake, flourless chocolate cake and baked brie.

Culinary Program Director Keith Andreasen said that it was a great experience for the students for both research and team-building. "The students had a great time getting to know each other, they have worked together on several events throughout the semester which is how they came up with the idea of all going out to dinner together," said Andreasen.



Truck Driver Training Completion Ceremony

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute celebrated a new class from the Truck Driver Training program with a completion ceremony on Tuesday, May 15 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. Those recognized at the ceremony were: Front row, left to right, Montell Killian of Lenoir, Jonathan Triplett of Lenoir, Beverly Greene of Ennice and Carol Wood of Lenoir; Back row, left to right, Jacob Enloe of Lenoir, Benjamin Knight of Boone, Keso Going of Lenoir and Connor Millsaps of Taylorsville. For Truck Driver Training program information or to register, call 828-726-2380. CCC&TI Truck Driver Training classes are offered in Caldwell, Gaston, Iredell, Richmond, Rowan, Rutherford, Union and Yadkin counties. Tuition assistance is available for those who qualify. The next Truck Driver Training Class in Hudson begins Aug. 6. To register for Truck Driver Training at CCC&TI, call 828-726-2380.



Also at the event, the North Carolina State Employees Credit Union awarded a \$750 Continuing Education Scholarship to a CCC&TI Truck Driver Training student. Pictured, from left to right, are: NCSECU Advisory Board Member Elaine Lockhart and scholarship recipient Carol Wood of Lenoir. The SECU Foundation Scholarship was established in 2012 and focuses on assisting unemployed and underemployed adults, military veterans and members of the National Guard attain marketable job skills for future employment. CCC&TI's Electrical Lineman and Truck Driver Training programs are eligible for the scholarship. For more information about enrolling in CCC&TI Continuing Education classes or receiving financial assistance, call 828-726-2242 (Caldwell) or 297-3811 (Watauga).





CCC&TI Announces Open House Events in Hudson, Boone

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute will host Open Houses this summer from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 21 on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson and Tuesday, June 26 on the Watauga Campus in Boone.

Prospective students and their families will have the opportunity to: meet faculty, tour the campus, learn about academic programs, explore Financial Aid and scholarship options, and register for classes. There will be free food and prizes while supplies last.

Rising high school juniors and seniors, including home school and private school students, can also learn about free college credits through the Career and College Promise program, which offers pathways in business, engineering, math, social sciences, health sciences and more.

For more information about the Open House event or how to apply or register for classes at CCC&TI, contact Student Services at 828-726-2200 on the Caldwell Campus and 828-297-2185 on the Watauga Campus.

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Caldwell Campus Open House
Thursday, June 21, 5-7 p.m.

Watauga Campus Open House
Tuesday, June 26, 5-7 p.m.

Final Registration is Thursday, Aug. 2
Fall Semester classes begin Wednesday, Aug. 15

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