



Student life goes

VIRTUAL...

Academic Calendar

26
Last date students can drop
16-week courses without
academic penalty

26-27
On Campus Book Buyback
Days

November

9-10
Priority Registration for
Spring 2021

11
Veteran's Day Holiday, Institu-
tion Closed

12
Spring 2021 Registration
begins for all students

26
Thanksgiving Holiday, Institu-
tion Closed

27-29
Institution Closed

December

1
Fall Graduation Application
Due

15-16
On Campus Book Buyback
Days

16
Fall Term Ends

18
Grades Due

23
Institution Closes at Noon

24-31
Institution Closed

**For a calendar of
events and activities,
visit www.cccti.edu**

Student Life Goes Virtual: Activities in the time of COVID-19.

Fall 2020 is shaping up to be a semester unlike any other for colleges, universities and schools. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, institutions have been forced to find new and innovative ways for students to continue their educations while also staying safe and healthy. Courses and meetings have moved online, in-person classroom sizes have been decreased, and masks have become a requirement for anyone venturing past their own front door.

In the face of these challenges, CCC&TI's administration, faculty and staff have worked tirelessly to make sure students are able to continue working toward their academic goals and milestones. Classes are continuing. Assignments are being completed. Labs are being conducted. Education is still happening at CCC&TI.

In a normal year (if anyone can remember what that was like) there are many other aspects to the CCC&TI experience. The college usually offers opportunities on both campuses for students to engage with each other, attend workshops on a variety of topics, participate in community service or awareness events and so much more.

Many of these things are not necessarily "required" and given the enormous challenges brought on by the pandemic, it would have been perfectly understandable if they were postponed or simply cancelled until restrictions are lifted. But that's not the Caldwell Way.

Student life at CCC&TI has not been cancelled. It's just gone virtual.

At the very beginning of the nationwide lockdown that started in March, Kim Lackey, CCC&TI's Director of Student Activities began scouring the Internet for resources for students and produced a list that included virtual tours of state parks and museums, free streaming of concerts, e-sports and game-based learning apps. The list was made available to students, as well as the public, via CCC&TI's Student Life webpage. And that was just the beginning.

Lackey, along with her Watauga Campus counterpart, Diane Mazza, and a team of Student Government Association officers on both campuses have been working hard behind the scenes to offer a variety of opportunities for students to engage with each other, socialize, have fun and further enhance their CCC&TI student experience while also staying safe and following the college's COVID-19 protocols. That includes the college's beloved "Creepy Caldwell."

If you're wondering about the fate of Creepy Caldwell, rest assured, it's ALIVE! Yes, it will be very different from the massive on-campus event of previous years, but this year's SGA officers have come up with a couple unique, clever and fun virtual events for students that will keep the tradition of Creepy Caldwell above ground, despite the challenging circumstances. There is a "Who is Terrorizing

On the Cover:

CCC&TI's Caldwell Campus SGA students and Student Activities Director Kim Lackey conducting an online meeting with Watauga Campus SGA students and Coordinator Diane Mazza. The group has worked throughout the semester to offer a variety of virtual activities for CCC&TI students.

CCC&TI?" mystery with photo clues, as well as a virtual costume contest for students.

In addition, SGA students are also promoting awareness and fundraising events throughout October for breast cancer and domestic violence. On the Watauga Campus, daily COVID-safe walks for awareness will take place the week of October 19-23. Students also plan to make donations to two Watauga County relief agencies to help address both issues.

When asked about the motivation and the creativity behind these activities, Lackey and Mazza are both quick to give credit to the students. "Our SGA students understand the importance of offering activities for their fellow students and keeping them engaged. They're a creative group and I've been extremely pleased and proud of the work they've done this semester," said Lackey. Mazza agrees. "The students are the motivation behind all that we do."

Some of the benefits of participating in these events are fairly obvious. There are cash prizes offered for the costume contest, a drawing for a new laptop at the end of the semester for those who participate in the "Catch the Cobra" contest, and free t-shirts for students who solve the Creepy Caldwell mystery. But the greatest benefits are less tangible. "I want students to remember that it is important not to isolate yourself. As humans we are literally wired biologically for connection. This has been a very disconnecting time in our lives," said Lackey. "Even if it is just one other student, reach out, connect and share your experiences. If you are feeling, 'some kinda way', about something, you are most likely not alone. It is through sharing our stories, our grief, our joys, our heartache, our mundane day to day, that we build community and right now, community and connections are everything."

Watauga Campus Vice President Michaela Waters says that these types of activities are more important now than ever for her fellow students. "In this year of confusion, anxiety, and isolation, any opportunity to bring people together, even virtually, is vital to supporting each other," she said. "Everyone could use some fun in their lives! At a time where there are minimal events happening and we aren't able to enjoy the regular activities we are accustomed to, these events are a great opportunity to experience a little bit of normality and hopefully some joy."

Many other college service areas have also moved resources and activities online. Tutoring and Writing Center services are available online. The LRC is also offering virtual "Grab-N-Go" workshops and other activities each week for students. Career Connections staff are continuing the "What's Next?" workshop series and career fairs online, and have started a new series of online employer spotlight events. Also this month, there is a system-wide online transfer fair that will allow students to interact with representatives from four-year institutions across the state. And these are just some of the online resources and events available to students.

When this year began, we had no idea that our commitment to "The Caldwell Way" would be tested so thoroughly by outside circumstances, especially a pandemic. But the effort put forth by CCC&TI's faculty and staff to make sure that students can continue working toward their goals has been inspiring to witness.

Yes, 2020 has been a challenging year. We've been called upon to do things differently, to work harder, to work longer, to stretch, to adjust. The CCC&TI family has stepped up to the challenge in a big way and will continue to do so in the days ahead. Turns out, the Caldwell Way is pandemic-proof.

Following is a list of upcoming and continuing virtual activities for students:

[Catch the Cobra](#)

Online Student Contest, Win a Chromebook. Follow CCC&TI on Instagram or see your student email for details.

[Tuesday Trivia in the LRC](#)

Each Tuesday, students will have the opportunity to be entered into the weekly drawing by answering 5 trivia questions and sending the correct answers to ccctiLRC@cccti.edu.

What's Next Virtual Workshops

Oct. 20 • Increasing Access & Opportunity
Oct. 29 • Bachelors degree w/out leaving home
Nov. 5 • Interview Skills & Networking
Links to individual workshops are sent via student email and are available on the CCC&TI website.

Grab-N-Go Online Challenges

Oct. 29 • NCLive
Nov. 12 • Choose Your Own Adventure: Literature or Desmos

Virtual Costume Contest

Oct. 19 - 31 (See your student email or any member of SGA for details.)

Virtual Transfer Fair

Oct. 19 - Nov. 6
Visit www.cccti.edu for details and to register

Employer Spotlight Series

Oct. 21 at 12 p.m. • Baker's Waste via Collaborate

Virtual Financial Aid Night

Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m.
Open to all local high school students and parents. Visit www.cccti.edu/FAnight for information or to register

NLSL Speaker Broadcasts

Please check your e-mail or the Cobra Calendar on the website for the link to reserve your place. Space is limited.

Oct. 26 at 3 p.m. • Jack Black.
Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. • Bill Nye
Nov. 10 at 3 p.m. • Matthew McConaughey

Student Media Survey

CCC&TI wants to learn more about our students' attitudes, opinions and media habits! The survey takes about 10 minutes and your responses will be kept confidential and non-identifiable.

Follow the link to access the survey, and enter the prize drawing for a chance to win! Prizes will be awarded before the end of the Fall 2020 Semester.

URL: www.mediaprefs.com/430
Password: 430920

CREEPY CALDWELL 4

Two ways to participate:

Look for the "WANTED" posters around campus, and get details in your student email and on Moodle.
Help solve the mystery of who is terrorizing CCC&TI!
Photo clues will be posted on **Oct. 15, 19, 21, 23, & 27**
Collect the clues, solve the case and receive a free "Creepy Caldwell" t-shirt.

Virtual Halloween Costume Contest • Oct. 26-31

Submit costume photos to enter the competition.
Watch your student email for an opportunity to vote.
Top 3 entries on each campus win **CASH PRIZES.**

A MONTH FOR AWARENESS

October is the month for both

Breast Cancer Awareness & Domestic Violence Awareness.

Join with your Watauga Campus Student Government Association as we walk to raise awareness and funds for these worthy causes.

Oct 19-23 @ 12 p.m. daily

Faculty, staff and students will meet at the flag pole in front of building W-460 to walk for awareness.
Curriculum students will receive free tees.
Tees can also be purchased for \$10 each with all proceeds going to:
The Cancer Center of Boone and Oasis of Boone

For more information or to purchase a t-shirt, see Diane Mazza or any member of the Watauga Campus SGA.



When you're on campus, know your Ws:



WEAR a cloth face covering.



WAIT 6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.



WASH your hands often or use hand sanitizer.



J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Presents John Driskell Hopkins

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's J.E. Broyhill Civic Center will host John Driskell Hopkins on **Saturday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.**

The musical career of John Driskell Hopkins spans more than 20 years. As a member of several rock bands, Hopkins first rooted himself in the Atlanta music scene in 1995 — but he is most well known as a founding member, vocalist, multi-instrumentalist and songwriter of the GRAMMY Award-winning Zac Brown Band (ZBB). Hopkins helped write, engineer and perform numerous hit songs which, thus far, have garnered three GRAMMY awards, and landed the group on Saturday Night Live as the musical guests in March 2015.

When he's not performing with the ZBB, Hopkins performs at music festivals and venues across the country with his original six-piece band, The John Driskell Hopkins Band, which includes: Mike Rizzi on drums/vocals; Sean McIntyre on bass/vocals; Leah Calvert on fiddle/vocals; Greg Earnest on banjo; and Brian Bisky on keyboard/vocals.

If you enjoy the homegrown sound of the Zac Brown Band, you'll love John Driskell Hopkins. Catch him on stage at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$22 for adults and \$15 for children and students.



Listed ticket prices include taxes and fees. For more information or for tickets, call the Civic Center Box Office at 828-726-2404 or visit www.broyhillcenter.com.

CCC&TI Honors Employees for Service

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently announced several awards honoring employees' years of service and outstanding professional performance. Details are in the captions below:

Five Years of Service

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch (back row, left) presents 5-year service pins to the following employees: (Front row, left to right) Leslie Deal, Dr. ..Erin Cooper, Margaret Pritchard and Susan Deal; (Back row, left to right) Roxanne Stout, Jamison McIver, Donna Price and Dr. Kim Van Wie. Not pictured: Virginia Navarro, April Nelson, Linda Watts, Lella Lytle, Emily Garrison, Natasha Buchanan and Carla Patton.



10 Years of Service

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch (left) presents 10-year service pins to the following employees: (Left to right) Ray Kirby, Rick Shew, Kevin Ward and Kristin Harrison.



15 Years of Service

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch (left) presents 15-year service pins to the following employees: (Left to right) Julie Parsons, Connie Wilson, Shannon Brown, Jennifer Fisher and Tammy Greene. Not pictured: Amanda Williams, Aaron Littell and Kelly Greene.

20 Years of Service

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch (right) presents 20-year service pins to the following employees: Left to right: Norman Staines, Pat Pritchard and Barbara Harris. Not pictured: Michelle Powell.



25 Years of Service

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch (right) presents 25-year service pins to the following employees: (Left to right) Ron Wilson, Cheryl Bolt and Cheryl Miller. Not pictured: Penny Whisnant.

30 Years of Service

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch presents the 30 Years of Service award to Myra Sanders.



Colleague of the Year Awards

Members of the college's faculty and staff are nominated by their colleagues based on quality of work, job performance and collegiality with all personnel, including students, community involvement, professionalism, and other attributes. Pictured with CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch (left) are this year's award winners, from left: Kristin Harrison, Kim Lackey, Heather Barnett and Stacy Reagan.



Lydia Beam Memorial Award

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch presents the Lydia Beam Memorial Award to Human Resources Administrative Assistant Robin Ledford. This award was established in 1988 by Dr. H. E. Beam and his family in memory of Lydia Beam. The purpose of the award is to reward a full-time Clerical/Technical/Paraprofessional Assistant with a cash award in recognition of outstanding service to the institution through quality job performance, professionalism, cooperation with other employees, and dedication to the success of the institution.

E.M. Dudley Employee Achievement Award

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch presents the E.M. Dudley Employee Achievement Award to Continuing Education Office Manager Penny Whisnant. The award is presented to an employee who has excelled in service to the college, its students and the community.



Donald Lackey Excellence in Teaching

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch presents the Dr. Donald Lackey Award for Excellence in Teaching to Stacy Reagan. The award honors a faculty member who characterizes personal dedication, concern for student welfare and academic excellence.



The Caldwell Chronicle is a publication of CCC&TI's Marketing & Communications Department, a division of Instructional Support Services.

Find us on the web at: www.cccti.edu/chronicle

Have news or information for the Chronicle?

*Contact:
Edward Terry, Public Information Officer,
at 828.726.2202 or eterry@cccti.edu
or
Amy Bowman, Media Director,
at 828.726.2209 or abowman@cccti.edu.*



CCC&TI is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

18th Annual Cobra Classic Golf Tournament

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute hosted the 18th Annual Cobra Classic Golf Tournament on Friday, October 9 at Cedar Rock Country Club in Lenoir. A total of 17 foursomes participated in the captain's choice format.

The winning foursome consisted of Brandon Haney, Noah Haney, Colton Tucker and Maddox Whittington with a score of 51. Finishing in second place with a score of 54 was the team of Jonathan Craven, Brian Curry, Trey Scruggs and Chris Townsend. The third-place team with a score of 58 was Miller Kirkpatrick, Lawrence Laws, Zachary Laws and Cameron McCrary.

Individually, Jonathan Craven took home the award for closest to the pin while Trey Scruggs had the longest drive of the tournament.

This year's event featured 19 hole sponsors as well as 26 businesses and individuals who donated in-kind contributions.

Proceeds from the Cobra Classic will help sustain operating cost within the CCC&TI athletic department, which receives zero state funding. 100% of the financial proceeds goes directly to the athletic program to be used for travel, equipment, uniforms, officials, insurance and maintaining effective recruitment programs.

Special thanks to our sponsors and everyone who participated for their support of Cobra Athletics.



Registration has **Begun!**

Virtual Transfer Tour and College Exploration

October 19 to November 6, 2020

North Carolina Community College Student Development Personnel Association
N3CSDPA



Scan this code to register!

Considering the next steps after completing an associate degree?

Interested in earning a bachelor's degree or higher?

If you answered yes, attend the Fall 2020 **Virtual Transfer Tour and College Exploration!**

The transfer fair is free for all community college students.

The tour provides opportunities for students to ask questions about majors, financial aid, residence life, scholarships, transfer requirements and more.

Student registration is now open!

Visit us online to register for a panel discussion or college information session.

<https://www.cacrao.org/programs/transfer-student-registration-2>

Sponsored by the NC Community College Student Development Personnel Association.