

CCRI Chronice

January 2021



Calendar

January

7 Curriculum Classes Begin

7-8 Drop/Add Period

18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Institution Closed

21 What's Next: Job Prep Part 1, Virtual Workshop, 12:15 p.m.

27 Carrer Connections Employer Spotllight: Google, Virtual event, 12 p.m.

28 What's Next: Work-Based Learning, Virtual Workshop, 12:15 p.m.

February

5 Twelve-Week Minimester Begins

9 What's Next: Job Prep Part 2, Virtual Workshop, 12:15 p.m.

10 Career Connections Employer Spotlight: Charleston Forge, Virtual Event, 12 p.m.

11 What's Next: Self-Care for All, Virtual Workshop, 12:15 p.m.

12 Financial Aid Check Disbursement 1

16 What's Next: Interview Prep, Virtual Workshop, 12:15 p.m.

19 Financial Aid Check Disbursement 2

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

All information and events listed in this publication are subject to change according to institutional, local, state and national guidelines issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the most up to date information and CCC&-Tl's current guidelines and protocols, visit www.cccti.edu.

Welcome/Spring Health and Safety Protocols

We want to welcome our CCC&TI family back to campus for the Spring 2021 Semester and also extend a warm welcome to the students and employees who are joining us for the first time this semester. CCC&TI continues to operate under the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, but we are confident that this semester will be successful. To that end, we will continue to work together to keep each other safe and healthy while also working toward our goals and helping students do the same.

To ensure the safety of our employees and students during the Spring Semester, CCC&TI is continuing the guidelines and protocols set in place last semester. These are outlined below.

Spring 2021 COVID-19 Guidelines and Protocols:

• Students, employees and visitors who have recently been exposed to positive cases of COVID-19 or are experiencing symptoms are asked to stay home. Face coverings must be appropriately worn (covering both nose and mouth) at all times in buildings, classrooms, and laboratories. Face coverings will also be required in outdoor spaces on campus property where appropriate physical distancing cannot be maintained. Everyone on campus is expected to carry a face covering at all times, in case they encounter an unforeseen situation where at least six feet of physical distance cannot be maintained.

• Temperature scans will be required each day for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Colored wrist bands will be issued each day to indicate that the person has a temperature of less than 100.4 degrees. The following locations will serve as temperature scanning stations:

Caldwell Campus- F Building, H Building, and B Building; TAPS Center; Watauga Campus- Student Services Center (W-460) and the Instructional Building (W-372)

- Social distancing will be required when at all possible. Social distancing requires at least six feet of physical space between parties and should be practiced in all campus areas. Social distancing signage is posted throughout campus.
- Good hygiene practices are encouraged for everyone on campus. Signage has been placed in all building lobby areas to remind students and employees the three W's (wear, wait, and wash). In addition, hand sanitizing stations have been installed in all campus buildings.

Due to the potential for large gatherings, the following areas will remain closed:

- Student Lounges (Both Campuses)
- Weight Room (Caldwell Campus)
- Gym (Caldwell Campus) **Exceptions allowed as part of official athletic recruiting visits and/or workouts under the supervision of athletic staff
- Gaming Lab (Caldwell Campus)

For the full list of guidelines and protocols, visit our website at: www.cccti.edu/COVID-19/Protocols.asp. **Note: Due to the rapidly changing situation, guidelines are subject to change as additional information becomes available.

Upcoming Student Activities

January 13-14: SGA Welcome Days

Look for giveaways from your Student Government Association on both campuses.

January 14 at 7pm: Welcome Back Movie Watch Party

Got Netflix? If so, plan to join us for a Netflix Virtual Movie Watch Party of "Enola Holmes" at 7 p.m.on Thursday, Jan. 14. Make sure to pick up your "Movie Watch" gift pack prior to the event for snacks and other freebies to enjoy during the movie. Stay tuned for more details on where to pick up your gift pack prior to the show.

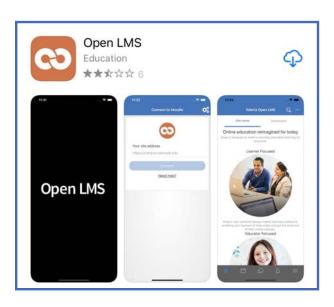
Coming in February:

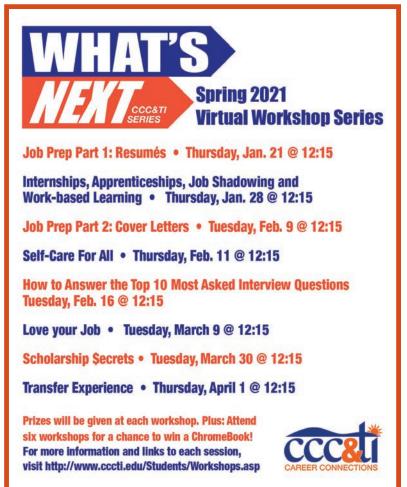
SGA will host several activities and events to highlight *Black History Month*. More details coming soon. February is also *Career and Technical Education Month*. Look for information highlighting CCC&TI's CTE programs like Truck Driver Training, Electrical Lineworker Program, Plumbing, Welding, Mechanical Engineering and more.

Be sure to watch your CCC&TI Student Email for more information on student activities throughout the semester!

Moodle Mobile App Update

Beginning Jan. 1, 2021, CCC&TI no longer will use the Moodle Mobile App. Students must switch to the new Open LMS Mobile App. The new app will have the same features as the Moodle Mobile App and is available for both Apple and Android devices. You can find the Open LMS Mobile App in your app store (see photo below.)





CCC&TI Foundation Announces Two New Scholarships for CCC&TI Students

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship

The Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute has announced the establishment of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund by the Bernhardt Family. The fund, created in June 2020, awards two \$2,000 scholarships to African-American students with demonstrated financial need. The students must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and demonstrate campus or community involvement. In addition to the funds, mentors to help guide and support the recipients are also provided.

"CCC&TI is honored with the establishment of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship endowment, which will help provide even more opportunity for our African American students," said Dr. Mark Poarch, President of CCC&TI. "This population now represents approximately 4.5 percent of our student body."

"We are pleased to be able to provide assistance to those who have demonstrated academic achievement and engagement within the college or community," Poarch added. "This endowment is very timely and one more step toward our ongoing commitment to the institution's core values, which reflect diversity and inclusion in education."

The first two recipients of these awards were named in Fall 2020. They are Darien Farley of Denver, N.C. and Quiariana Miller of Lenoir, N.C.

Farley is a CCC&TI baseball player who transferred to CCC&TI from Erskine College in South Carolina and currently holds a 3.4 GPA. He is enrolled in the Associate in Arts program and plans to transfer to a university to pursue a career in sports management.

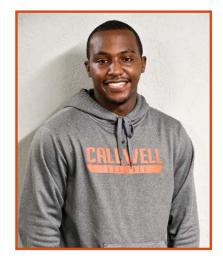
Farley expressed his appreciation for the award in a letter to the Foundation Board. "With a grateful heart, I am truly appreciative to have been selected as a recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship," he said. "I am confident my commitment to being a well-rounded student will improve my future by teaching me discipline and time management skills to enhance my leadership abilities. Thank you for your generosity in assisting student like myself through this scholarship."

Quiariana "KeyKey" Miller was also awarded the Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship. Miller is a 2018 graduate of Alexander Central High School who is working toward an Associate in Arts degree at CCC&TI. She is a member of CCC&TI's women's basketball team. Miller hopes to earn a four-year degree in social work so that she can help guide others in the right direction. As a

first-generation college student, Miller hopes that her success as a student will set a good example for her younger siblings.

"While being here (at CCC&TI), I've accomplished so many things, made the dean's lists, All Region X selection, All Academic Region team, bought my own car and have a roof over my head," said Miller. "This scholarship has allowed me to put money toward my education and other important necessities. It is allowing me to make my dreams and goals a reality."

For more information on the Foundation of CCC&TI or to apply for a scholarship, visit www.cccti.edu or call 828-726-2260.





Above: Pictured are Darien Farley (top) and Quiariana Miller, the first recipients of the newly established Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship.

Harold Coffey Scholarship

The Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute has announced a newly endowed



scholarship in memory of Harold Coffey. Established by the Coffey Foundation, the competitive scholarship will reward some of the best and brightest local students who wish to pursue a technical degree or career.

The scholarship is merit-based and provides \$2,500 annually to a graduate of Caldwell County Schools or a graduate of a certified Caldwell County home school who does not qualify for a Pell grant. The graduate must also have a minimum GPA of 3.5 and have demonstrated civic or community involvement. The scholarship provides funds to cover the cost of tuition, books and supplies for a student who plans to enroll in either an Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science program of study at CCC&TI.

"The Foundation is grateful for the long-term support of the Coffey Foundation," said Peg Broyhill, CCC&TI Foundation Board Chair. "We are honored with the gift of this prestigious scholarship, which is such a fitting tribute to Harold Coffey."

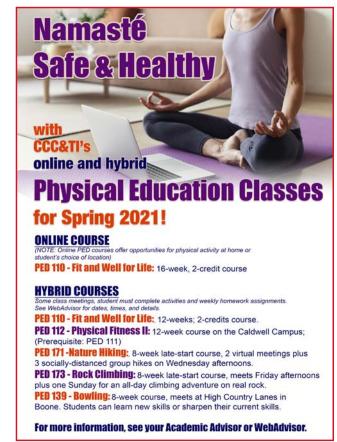
Above:
Pictured is CCC&TI student
Elisha Greene, the first
recipient of the new
Harold Coffey Scholarship.

The first Harold Coffey Scholarship was awarded this fall to South Caldwell High School graduate Elisha Greene of Hudson. Greene was involved in several extracurricular activities and also did volunteer work in the community, logging more than 50 hours as a volunteer with the local Humane Society. Greene also received a number of academic honors while in high school including a nomination for the Governor's School and an appointment to the

All County Band. In addition, he received the Academic Excellence Award for all four years of high school and graduated Summa Cum Laude. Greene is pursuing an Associate in Applied Science degree at CCC&TI and plans to transfer to a four-year university to pursue additional degrees in the computer science field.

Greene expressed his appreciation for the scholarship in a letter to the CCC&TI Foundation. "With the money received from this scholarship, I will now truly be able to explore the full extent of my career opportunities. I can assure you that every dollar of this scholarship will go to furthering my education in a meaningful way," he said. "I thank you all for giving me this opportunity. It definitely means a lot, and with your generosity, I can now soar to new heights."

Started by Harold Coffey in 1954, the Coffey Foundation has long served as a leader in the area in giving back to the residents of Caldwell County and improving the quality of life for all. For more information on the Harold Coffey Scholarship or the Foundation of CCC&TI, visit www.cccti. edu or call 828-726-2260.



FALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Catch the Cobra

CCC&TI's SGA on both campuses hosted a semester long "Catch the Cobra" promotion through social media. Students who participated were entered into a drawing for a Chromebook at the end of the Fall Semester.

Pictured at right are the winners. Near Right: Caldwell Campus winner Alicia Martin with Student Activities Director Kim Lackey. Far right: Watauga Campus winner Eleanore McKendree.





Virtual Ugly Sweater Contest

SGA also hosted a virtual Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest and the entries did not disappoint. Pictured at right are the winners from left: 1st Place, Sandra Bowers, 2nd place Shelby Wilson and 3rd place Bryanna Banks.







Cobra Cafe

SGA also sponsored the Cobra Cafe during the week of Dec. 7, providing hot drinks and sweet treats to help students with that final push to the end of the semester.



Spreading Good Cheer

CCC&TI's Electrical Lineworker students and instructors helped spread a little cheer for the holiday season in December. Students and instructors helped employees at the Lenoir Chick-Fil-A erect a giant Christmas tree just outside the restaurant. If you ask us, that's a great way to use a bucket truck!







Food Collection for Watauga Agency

The Watauga Campus Student Government Association collected 200 pounds of food for Watauga's Hunger and Health Coalition. We're thankful for the faculty, staff and students who supported the SGA's November Food Drive to help the needy in our community during the holidays.

Pictured at right with some of the donated items are Watauga Campus SGA Vice President Mi-



chaela Waters, far right, Watauga Campus Student Activities Coordinator Diane Mazza, center, and a volunteer from the Watauga Hunger and Health Coalition, far left.

CCC&TI Adds New Vehicles

CCC&TI recently added two new vehicles to it's fleet of instructional equipment: a newly wrapped trailer for Truck Driver training featuring an advertisement for high-tech careers, and a new Ford Explorer for Basic Law Enforcement Training. Look for them out and about in the community.





Caldwell Campus TRIO Group Helps Local Agencies

CCC&TI's Caldwell Campus TRIO group did a couple of fundraisers for local agencies during the month of December. The group sold doughnuts, coffee and hot chocolate to raise funds to provide school supplies for community classrooms. They also coordinated a donation drive for LEOS, the Lenoir Emergency Outreach Shelter for much-needed cleaning and general supplies this winter. They delivered the items on Friday, Dec. 18.



Computer Basics for Employment

Feb. 1 - 23

Mondays & Wednesdays 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the

Caldwell Campus in Hudson.

Cost: \$70 or FREE for those who qualify.

Students will learn basic computer skills at a relaxed pace while developing employability skills. Focus will be on improving keyboarding skills and increasing comfort level with computers. Emphasis will be on the role of technology in the workplace. Class projects will include creating a resume, preparing a cover letter, preparing an online job application, and setting up an email account.

No prior computer experience necessary!

For more info or to register, call 828-726-2242.



CCC&TI Career Connections F Building Room 146 Email: careerconnections@cccti.edu Phone: 828-726-2609

CCC&TI, Lees-McRae College Announce New Co-Admission Agreement

Leadership from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute (CCC&TI) and Lees-McRae College have announced a new Guaranteed Admissions Program that creates seamless pathways for students who

want to start at CCC&TI and continue their education at Lees-McRae.

The Guaranteed Admission Program (GAP) is designed to provide students affordable access to higher education and additional support services during their time at CCC&TI for a successful transition to Lees-McRae.

Providing a pathway for students who plan to earn a bachelor's degree, the agreement will guarantee admission to Lees-McRae for CCC&TI students who complete certain two-year associate degrees. Students must meet academic requirements, which vary based on the program of study they plan to enter.



In addition, CCC&TI students who enroll full-time at Lees-McRae will automatically qualify for the Lees-McRae's New Horizon Transfer Scholarship. Awards are based on academic performance and range from \$2,000 up to \$14,000 per academic year.

The new agreements take effect for the Spring 2021 semester.

Joined by Lees-McRae College President Dr. Herbert L. King for the signing ceremony on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson Tuesday, CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch expressed gratitude for the opportunities that the agreement will provide to local students. "Helping students on their way to a four-year degree is a big part of what we do and these agreements are critical," said Poarch. "Partnerships like this are paving the way for more local students to reach their educational goals."

Students seeking additional information on the CCC&TI, Lees-McRae Guaranteed Admission Program can contact Director of Enrollment Management Dennis Seagle at 828-726-2705, Student Engagement and Educational Partnerships Executive Director Jeff Link at 828-726-2606





Remembering Penny Whisnant

Longtime CCC&TI employee, Penny Whisnant, passed away on the evening of Dec. 30 after a tough fought battle with cancer. Penny served the college for more than 26 years and most recently served as the Office Manager in Continuing Education.



Through her dedication to the college and her colleagues. she touched countless lives.

Penny was also a devoted daughter, sister and aunt and friend and enjoyed making memories with loved ones. In commenting on her life and legacy, her family said "She would do anything for anybody, She always wore a smile and made everyone feel important and loved."

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch also commented "Penny loved her work family, and she will be greatly missed by all of us. She impacted thousands of students' lives during her time as a devoted employee of CCC&TI."

In her memory, flags on both the Caldwell and Watauga Campuses were flown at half-staff for the week of Jan. 4.

To honor her wishes, Penny's family also made an additional request: "In lieu of flowers or donations, we ask that in memory of Penny, spend some time with a loved one. Give them a hug, go for a walk, have a talk, laugh and just create wonderful memories. And most of all, thank God for your blessings."

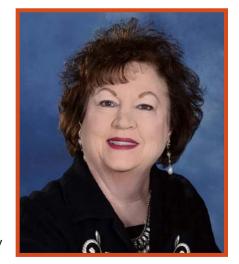
CCC&TI Retiree Receives Award

CCC&TI Retiree and former Radiography program director Rosanne Annas was recently named the recipient of the 2020 Carolinas College of Health Sciences Distinguished Alumnus of the Year award.

Rosanne graduated from the Charlotte Memorial Hospital School of Radiologic Technology in 1972 (the precursor to Carolinas College of Health Sciences Radiologic Technology program).

Annas spent 36 years in education at CCC&TI and served as the Radiography program director for 30 years.

Throughout her career, Annas was extensively involved with the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) and served as a site visitor/team chair her last 12 years. She worked extensively with the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) on radiography reengineering and curriculum improvement projects. She is still an



active member of the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) and the North Carolina Society of Radiologic Technologists (NCSRT) where she frequently chaired the state instructors committee.

The full article on Annas and the award was published in the Summer 2020 issue of "Carolinas College of Health Sciences Magazine". To read the full article, visit: http://ow.ly/Fdmu50CSg0y

Congratulations to Rosanne Annas on receiving this distinguished award!

Tributes from the Foundation of CCC&TI

Memorial gifts and honoraria are 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 July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020:

Honoraria

In honor of Eliza Bishop's birthday to the Writers' Symposium:

Kay and Patrick Crouch

In honor of Marc and Bennie Carpenter to the Boyd Wilson Family Scholarship:

Boyd Wilson, Jr.

In honor of Jean Cauthen, former art instructor, to CCC&TI art scholarships:

Thomas Stolz

In honor of Marla Christie on the occasion of her birthday:

Sherry Wilson

In honor of Taylor and Karley Guzman to the Athletics

Department: Jennifer Teague

In honor of Randy Ledford, CCC&TI Vice-President of

Instruction:

Stacy Reagan

In honor of CCC&TI President Mark Poarch to the

Poarch Scholarship:

Marla Christie

Donna Church

Liz Silvers

In honor of Hugh Wilson, former CCC&TI Board of

Trustees Chair, to the Hugh Wilson Scholarship:

Karen Grippe

Memorials:

In memory of Karen Bell's father to Nursing Program

support:

Barbara Harris

In memory of Jon Bryant to the Electrical Lineworker

program:

Rita Triplett

In memory of Russell Coffey to the Lois Tolbert Ward

Scholarship:

Claudia Ward-Eller

In memory of Marischa Cooke, former CCC&TI Librarian, to the Marischa Cooke Scholarship: Dr. Harry Cooke

In memory of Joseph Czarnecki, III, former art instructor, to the Watauga art program:

Elizabeth Arnold

In memory of John and Goldie Frazier to the Frazier Literature Scholarship:

Eliza Obst

In memory of Chrissy Guzman to the Athletics Department:

Jennifer Teague

In memory of Helen Hatley, former CCC&TI Controller,

to the Helen Hatley Achievement Award:

Rebecca Bentley

In memory of Dr. and Mrs. Larry Lutz, and their son

Ryan, to the 2020 Annual Fund Drive: Dr. Richard and Mrs. Rebekah Curtis

In memory of Dr. Dan and Ila Stallings to the Stallings

Scholarship:

Peggy Caudle

In memory of Penny Whisnant, former Continuing Education Office Manager, to the 2021 Fund Drive:

Pea Broyhill

In memory of Mr. And Mrs. Boyd Wilson, Sr. to the

Boyd C. Wilson Family Scholarship:

Marc and Bennie Carpenter

In memory of June Wilson to the General Scholarship

Fund:

Broyhill Family Foundation

In memory of June Wilson:

The Honorable Robert Brady and Sheila Triplett-

Brady



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Cobra Athletics - Ready for Action

CCC&TI Cobra Athletics are about to get underway for the season, following a delay imposed by the National Junior College Athletic Association in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

To follow all the action and get the latest updates, follow CCC&TI Athletics on social media:

#CobraNation

Facebook: Caldwell Cobra Athletics

Twitter: @CaldwellCobras Instagram: caldwellcobras

Upcoming Women's Basketball Games

January 20 vs. Belmont-Abbey JV @ Home, 6 p.m.

January 22 vs. Montreat JV @ Home, 6 p.m.

January 27 vs. Belmont-Abbey JV, Away, 7:30 p.m. January 28 vs. Catawba Valley @ Home, 5:30 p.m.

January 30 vs. Louisburg @ Home, 3 p.m.
February 2 vs. Central Carolina, Away, 6 p.m.
February 5 vs. SC A&M Faith @ Home, 7 p.m.
February 13 vs. Central Carolina @ Home, 1 p.m.
February 17 vs. Carolina Christian, Away, 6 p.m.

Upcoming Men's Basketball Games

January 23 vs. Denmark Tech @ Home, 2 p.m.

January 29 vs. Cape Fear @ Home, 6 p.m.

February 2 vs. Catawba College JV, Away Time TBD

February 6 vs. Central Carolina, Away, 3 p.m.

February 9 vs. Catawba College JV @ Home, 5 p.m.

February 13 vs. Sandhills @ Home, 3 p.m.

February 17 vs. Spartanburg-Methodist, Away Time TBD

February 20 vs. USC-Salk @ Home, 4 p.m.

February 21 vs. Central Carolina @ Home 2 p.m.

Upcoming Softball Games

February 6 vs. Pitt, Away, 3 p.m.

February 7 vs. Peace College, Away, 1 p.m.

February 10 vs. Belmont-Abbey JV, Away 1 p.m.

February 13 vs. Spartanburg-Methodist, Away 1 p.m.

February 25 vs. Montreat JV @ Home, 2 p.m.

February 27 vs. USC-Union, Away 1 p.m.

February 28 vs. Potomac State College, @ Home, 12 p.m.

Upcoming Baseball Games

February 13 vs. Wake Tech (Double Header), Away, 12 p.m.

February 14 vs. Wake Tech, Away, 12 p.m.

February 20 vs. Guilford Tech (Double Header), @ Home, 12 p.m.

February 21 vs. Guilford Tech (Double Header), Away, 12 p.m.

February 24 vs. Combine Academy (Double Header), @ Home, 3 p.m.

February 25 vs. Cleveland CC, @ Home, 2:30 p.m.

February 27 vs. Combine Academy (Double Header), @ Home, 1 p.m.

For updates and complete schedules, visit www.cccti.edu/gocobras