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September 2021



First Apprenticeship Caldwell student signs with EXELA Pharma Sciences



Academic Calendar

September

17 Last day s

Last day students can drop without academic penalty.

Financial Aid Check Disbursement

Red Cross Blood Drive, 9a.m. to 2 p.m.; Caldwell Campus Gym

21-22 Book Buy Back at Campus Bookstores

October

1 FAFSA Filing Target Date for Spring 2022

11-12 Currifulum Student Fall Break

13 7-Week Minimester II Begins

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Last day students can drop
15-week course without
academic penalty.

For a full calendar of events and activities, including Cobra Athletics events, visit

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For the most up to date information and CCC&Tl's current guidelines and protocols, visit

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CCC&TI's First Biopharmaceutical Technology Apprentice Signs With Exela

Taylor Ray Hood is a little over a year out of high school, but already has a great start on a future career in the pharmaceutical industry.

Hood is working toward a Biopharmaceutical Technology associate degree at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute and recently became the first student to land a job in the biopharmaceutical industry through CCC&TI's new Apprenticeship Caldwell program. Hood, a 2020 graduate of West Caldwell High School, started his job at Exela Pharma Sciences in Lenoir on Aug. 16 and began his college classes at CCC&TI the same week.

CCC&TI's Apprenticeship Caldwell program combines classroom instruction and on-the-job training to prepare students for an industry. Students are paid for their work and their wages will increase as they progress in the program. Upon graduation, apprentices will receive a Certificate of Completion and will have earned the highly skilled "journey worker" designation.

"This is a great example of the community college responding to the needs of the community," CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch said of the newly announced agreement with Exela Pharma Sciences. "It's a true example of partnerships and what we can do together with our business partners."

On Tuesday, Aug. 24, CCC&TI hosted a signing ceremony on campus, making Hood's participation in the program official. In attendance were leaders from the North Carolina Community College System, ApprenticeNC, Exela Pharma Sciences and Hood's mother, Agnes Hood.

The term of the apprenticeship is 1.5 years, which will include more than 3,000 hours of on-the-job training. Hood said he has always had an interest in science and he's enjoying his biopharma studies and new job at Exela.

CCC&TI is only the second community college in the state to offer an Associate in Applied Sciences degree in Biopharmaceutical Technology, and the only one that offers it west of Raleigh. The program was added in 2020 in response to the growing pharmaceutical industry in Caldwell County and its need for workers. Work is nearly complete on a

On the Cover:

Top: Taylor Ray Hood, front, center, signed his Apprenticeship Caldwell agreement with Exela Pharma Sciences during a ceremony on Tuesday, Aug. 24 at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. Also pictured: (front row) his mother, Agnes Hood, left, and Exela Pharma Sciences Human Resources Director Beni Kincaid, right; (back row from left to right) CCC&TI Dean of Career and Technical Education Keegan Anderson, CCC&TI Vice President of Academics Randy Ledford, NC Community Colleges Vice President of Economic Development Bruce Mack, CCC&TI President Mark Poarch, Apprenticeship Regional Coordinator Shelby McClain, NC Community Colleges Regional Apprenticeship Consultant Charlie Milling, CCC&TI Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development Brandy Dunlap and

Bottom: Taylor Ray Hood, center, signs his
Apprenticeship Caldwell agreement with Exela
Pharma Sciences during a ceremony on
Tuesday, Aug. 24 at Caldwell Community College
and Technical Institute. He was joined at the
signing by his mother, Agnes Hood, left, and
Exela Pharma Sciences Human Resources
Director Beni Kincaid, right.

CCC&TI Workforce Development Director Rick

Shew.

Biopharmaceutical Technology lab space on campus, which will include a working clean room and simulated manufacturing environment.

"We're excited to be able to offer a pharmaceutical program to meet the needs of our business community," Poarch said at the signing ceremony. "We're excited to be able to provide the next

generation of workforce for (the pharmaceutical industry) and give students the opportunity to learn in a state-of-the-art facility."

Apprenticeship Caldwell launched in 2021 and provides a variety of on-the-job training opportunities for high school and college students. Among the apprenticeship career opportunities that are available are: automotive technology, biopharmaceutical technology, industrial maintenance, construction trades and welding.

For more information about Apprenticeship Caldwell, please contact Rick Shew at 828-759-4635 or rshew@cccti.edu.

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

The following CCC&TI employees were recently presented 5-year service pins: (Front row, left to right) Robert Back, Pam Seymour, Kelly Harvey, Heather Bowman and Amber Jacks; (Back row, left to right) Myron Greene, Liz Silvers, Jennifer Campbell, Barbara Coffey and Barbara Day. Not pictured: Faith Race and Taylor Workman.





10 Years of Service

The following CCC&TI employees were recently presented 10-year service pins: (Front row, left to right) Sandra Reece, Roger Chester, Clayton Crump, Tuesday Sigmon and Edward Terry; (Back row, left to right) Diane Mazza, Sherry Herman, Martin Moore, Ronald Holste and Allan Johnson. Not pictured: Kate Benoit and Kassandra Pennington Martinez.

15 Years of Service

The following CCC&TI employees were recently presented 15-year service pins: (Front row, left to right) Heather Barnett, Rashelle Penley, Jeannie Hollar and Amy Bowman; (Back row, left to right) Mark Poarch, Dennis Seagle, Matt Malloy, Jessica Chapman and Robert Whitley. Not pictured: Trina Curtis, Susan Proietti and Lauri Stilwell.



20 Years of Service

The following CCC&TI employees were recently presented 20-year service pins: (Left to right) Myra Moore, Michelle Triplett, Brandy Dunlap and Teddie Barrier.

25 Years of Service

The following CCC&TI employees were recently presented 25-year service pins: (Left to right) David Holman, Mark Barber, Marla Christie and Steve Melton. Not pictured: Christopher Williams.



30 Years of Service

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



40 Years of Service

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch presents the 40 Years of Service award to Robin Ledford.

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 are this year's award winners, from left: Laura Benton, Tuesday Sigmon and Greg Watson. Not pictured: Teresa Asherbraner.



Canada Spender Canada Spender

Lydia Beam Memorial Award

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch presents the Lydia Beam Memorial Award to Curriculum Administrative Assistant Christine Sprinkle. 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 Nursing Program Director Dr. April Cline. 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 Communications Instructor DeAnna Chester. The award honors a faculty member who characterizes personal dedication, concern for student welfare and academic excellence.

NC Community College Leadership Program

The following CCC&TI employees have completed North Carolina Community College Leadership Program courses: Amber Edwards, Amy Bowman, Angela Kirk, April Cline, Beth Hardy, Beth Holland, Brandy Dunlap, Brenda Floyd, Candice Quackenbush, Deborah Mitchell, Diane Mazza, Donna Price, Tracy Crump, Jennifer Campbell, Jimmie Griffith, Julie Couch, Justin Harris, Kate Lee, Keegan Anderson, Laura Auton, Lauri Stilwell, Lisa Rector, Liz Silvers, Mark Howell, Melissa Darling, Monteresa Schoenen, Nancy Risch, Patrick Morgan, Paula Rash, Roberta Rice, Rose Moon, Shari Brown, Stacy Reagan, Susan Wooten, Teresa Asherbraner, Tuesday Sigmon and Kimberly Lackey.

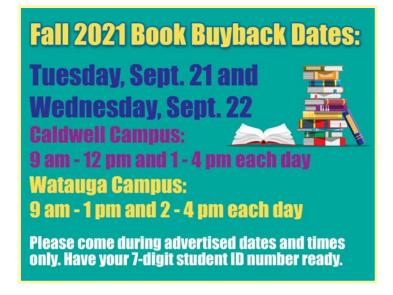
CCC&TI Foundation Receives Grant from First Horizon Bank

The First Horizon Foundation recently made a \$5,000 grant donation to the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. The Foundation of CCC&TI funds scholarships, academic support, childcare, emergency assistance, counseling, professional development and various achievement awards and grants. First Horizon Bank Vice President of Commercial Banking David Martin (far left) and First Horizon Bank Market President Jason Triplett (center right) presented the grant award to CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch (center left) and Foundation of CCC&TI Executive Director Marla Christie on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson Wednesday afternoon. First Horizon Foundation is the private charitable foundation of First Horizon National Corporation. Founded in 1993 to serve the communities in which First Horizon operates, the Foundation has donated more than \$100 million across First Horizon's footprint.



Trustees Sworn In

In a ceremony at a recent Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Board of Trustees meeting on the campus in Hudson, a new Trustee was sworn in as a first-time member and a long-time member was re-appointed. Donna Church, assistant to the Board of Trustees and the college president, administered the oath to (from left to right): new board member Candis Hagaman and returning board member Lowell Younce. Hagaman was appointed to a 4-year term by the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners and Younce was re-appointed to a 4-year term by the Watauga County Board of Commissioners. Hagaman replaces Thomas Thuss, who had served on the CCC&TI Board of Trustees since 1997.





NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

CCC&TI hosted new students for orientation on both the Caldwell and Watauga Campuses in August. Students were able to tour the campuses and hear from several college leaders on what they could expect this fall as new students. Representatives from several student clubs and academic programs were on hand with interactive displays and information on ways students could get involved while attending CCC&TI. Students who completed surveys during the event were entered into a drawing for a prize pack. Pictured, top right, is the winning student, Kiara Dewey. Thanks to all those who participated in the event and to all the students who













Intentional Connections: Cobra Cares Awards

The Intentional Connections initiative works to infuse a greater sense of community and positivity into the CCC&TI culture. The program outlines intentional steps to reinvigorate the cobra community and provide opportunity for connection among CCC&TI employees. One aspect of the program is Cobra Cares Awards, which are announced monthly. Following are recent Cobra Cares Award Recipients.

April 2021

Miranda Morris, Part-time Instructor, English

Miranda "goes above and beyond with her communication with her students. She wants each and every student to succeed in her class. Not only is she very helpful, but she also goes the extra mile in making sure that the assignments are exciting and that they keep your attention...I cannot imagine the amount of stress that it takes to teach, plan and communicate with your students, but Ms. Morris is an exceptional leader and teacher." The core value Miranda best portrays is student success.





Tate Townsend, Instructor, Automotive Systems Technology

Nominated by multiple students, Tate "helps us to find the answers to a problem even if we are not in his class" and "goes out of his way to help others by staying after class to help students finish working on their vehicles." He "shows his dedication to the automotive program every day. He does not just go through a PowerPoint or book; he explains things and shows how systems work and the importance of each system in a vehicle." The core value Tate best portrays is teaching and learning.

May 2021

Becky Boone, Caldwell Campus TRIO Counselor

Becky is a go-to person for many students. Since Cobra Cares nomination began, Becky has been nominated more than anyone else. Students compliment her supportive and encouraging nature. Here's what a few students had to say: "Becky is the greatest person I've worked with since starting CCCTI. My emails to her are always answered that day. She reaches out to me to check on me. She has the utmost encouragement and excitement for her students. I've never met anyone so caring." "She makes sure we know what opportunities are available to us." "I've never met anyone so helpful." The core value Becky best portrays is student success.



Stacy Reagan, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning Director

Stacy is the go-to person for many faculty. In addition to being nominated, Stacy is our top nominator this year. Every time we sent a call for nominations, Stacy nominated colleagues from many departments doing a variety of jobs. This says everything about who Stacy is and how much she values her colleagues. One nominee said, "Stacy was my rock. She quickly replied to every email I sent (and there were many). She was patient, kind, and supportive in every way...She is constantly adding resources, videos, instructions, etc. for instructors to find what we need to efficiently teach our courses." The core value Stacy best portrays is teaching and learning.



Chef Robert Back, Culinary Arts Instructor, Watauga Campus

Nominated by many students and colleagues throughout this year, Chef Back is very clearly beloved and student-centered. "He spent part of spring break helping a student figure out a recipe plan for the student's future BBQ truck. He spent the day helping the student prepare his food items, giving suggestions and tips on how to make the process easier, faster, and more economical." "Chef is at the Watauga County Farmers Market every Saturday promoting CCCTI and the Culinary Program. Not only is Chef Back excellent with instruction he also single handedly researched and promoted hydroponic growing to be added to the program." The core value Chef Back best portrays is community.



June 2021, Continued

Jeff Herman, Facility Services and Capital Projects Director

Jeff was nominated by most of his department, and they highlighted the things he does that no one else sees. "Jeff is the behind-the-scenes supervisor that is constantly working on something...Jeff is always there when we need him. He helps with small things like a plug in your tire to the bigger things like spending the whole day on the roof trying to get the HVAC system to run at the civic center... Many times he has been called in the middle of the night by Simplex with boilers down. Then he would come in around 4am to get everything running so that we can go on with our normal work days." "He is the main reason everything at the CCCTI campus runs smooth and looks great." The core value Jeff best portrays is integrity.





July 2021

Melinda Laws, Director, Medical Assisting Program

Nominated and loved by her students, Melinda is a caring and supportive instructor. She is a role model for them in and outside the classroom. Her students call her the "best instructor ever." She "always makes sure we have what we need in class and is very responsive out of class if we have a question. She is hands on all of the time and makes her classes very personable." "She is very professional and conducts herself in this manner as well as staying on track with all of her responsibilities." The core value Melinda best portrays is student success.

Melody Moss, Administrative Assistant, Continuing Education, Caldwell Campus

Melody always maintains a positive attitude. "She goes out of her way to help anyone (staff, faculty, or students) she meets." One student said, "She gave me excellent information what I needed to know, answered all my questions and made me feel like I was making the right decisions through my goals." "She reassured me that people who are going through the same stages of me, that's it's okay to feel anxious and that my peers will be in the same boat with me, and I have nothing to fear about." The core value Melody best portrays is communication.





August 2021

Amy Bowman, Media Director

Amy's personal touch is on so much of what we do as an institution and what we do for the Cobra Cares mini-grant. She is always working behind the scenes to make the CCC&TI magic happen. "She is the beauty and brains behind all of our advertising. When we are planning events, we collaborate with Amy and she designs all of our marketing materials. Her creativity is just amazing and she puts her whole heart into everything she produces. Often things come up quickly and I sheepishly go to her. She has never backed down from a challenge and has gone above and beyond without ever a complaint. She is so valued and appreciated beyond words." The core value Amy best portrays is communication.

Jeff Link, Student Engagement and Educational Partnerships Executive Director & Athletic Director

Jeff is the face of this institution seven days a week. "Jeff does an incredible job on behalf of our students and the community at large. He is always open to helping a student at any time with any problem. He does everything with energy, enthusiasm and with a depth of knowledge. He juggles Athletic Director duties, hands on work with all the athletic teams, he is the voice of Hibriten Football, he hosts a local radio show, he serves as a town of Hudson council member, he is the contact for our cooperative programs with local high schools, and he is helping organize events for the public in Hudson. He is a great team member to work with on any project." The core value Jeff best portrays is community.



CCC&TI Presents Fall 2021 Performing Artist Series

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Associate in Fine Arts – Music Program will host the Performing Artist Concert Series this fall with several featured events that are free and open to all students and employees. The concerts are held in the CCC&TI Recital Hall in B-100.

Following is a schedule of upcoming events and additional details.

• Thursday, Oct. 21st, 1 p.m. - The World Wide Acoustic Quartet (featuring members of the Western Piedmont Symphony and CCC&TI Music faculty) - "An Afrolachian Caribbean Voyage"

World Wide Acoustic Quartet formed in the Spring of 2021. Founding members Charles Smith and Shawn Roberts, Timpanist and Principal Percussionist respectively for the Western Piedmont Symphony, were asked to create an event program for Central Latino, an organization in support of the

Hispanic Community of Hickory, NC. In an effort to provide music beyond the Western European Art tradition, Smith and Roberts drew from their international experiences. Completing the quartet is violist/violinist Maria Kindt (also of the Western Piedmont Symphony) and bassist/guitarist Justin Butler, both versatile in a plethora of diverse styles.



WWAQ strives to create arrangements that are original and inventive, while maintaining the cultural integrity from the sources in which

they draw, resulting in an eclectic blend of both the music and the instruments on which they are performed. Individual expression through improvisation plays a vital role, allowing self-discovery through exploring within traditions different than their own. The intent is to expose listeners to a vast array of musical styles from around the world with an understanding of both the peoples that contrived it and those who are presenting in now, hopefully making global connections in the process. Perhaps it's a small world after all.

• Wednesday, Dec. 1st, 1 p.m.- The CCC&TI Chorus Ensemble - "Songs of the Season"

All events are free and open to CCC&TI students and employees.

CCC&TI is Hiring! CCC&TI has a number of full-time and part-time

CCC&TI has a number of full-time and part-time employment opportunities available now.

For a complete list of openings and how to apply visit:

https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/cccti



GO COBRAS!

Fall seasons are underway for CCC&TI Baseball and Softball teams. For a complete schedule, highlights and more information, visit www.cccti.edu/GoCobras or follow Cobra Athletics on social media!



Students Receive SECU Scholarships

Two students were awarded the State Employees' Credit Union "People Helping People" scholarship to cover cost of tuition, books and college-related expenses. Students Charles Anderson of Zionville and Peyton Boggs of Lenoir were selected to receive the scholarships from the SECU Foundation, each having a value of up to \$5,000. Anderson is in his second year of the Culinary Arts program on

the Watauga Campus. Boggs will be a freshman on the Caldwell Campus this Fall and is a member of the CCC&TI softball team.

The SECU Foundation established this two-year scholarship program to assist North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) students in achieving academic success. The members of the State Employees' Credit Union take an active role in assisting organizations and communities across North Carolina and truly believe in "People Helping People!" Recipients



considered are students who best exemplify the membership philosophy of credit unions, "People Helping People," and have demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity and community involvement.

Pictured above from left to right are State Employees' Credit Union Senior Vice President Bryan Johnson, scholarship recipient Charles Anderson of Zionville, scholarship recipient Peyton Boggs of Lenoir and CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch.

Upcoming Job Fair:

Automated Solutions, LLC

Wednesday, Sept. 22 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CCC&TI Caldwell Campus LRC

Hiring for a variety of positions; all shifts; full or part-time available. Competitive wages, benefits, and opportunities for training and growth.

Family and student-friendly workplace.

For more details, see your student email or contact Jimmie Griffith at jgriffith@cccti.edu or 828-726-2245.

Apply Now!

Golden Leaf Scholarship

CCC&TI Financial Aid Office is now accepting applications for the Golden Leaf Scholarship. The scholarship provides grants of up to \$2,250 annually for curriculum students and up to \$1,000 annually for students enrolled in occupational programs. Awards can be applied to tuition, fees, books, supplies and any other related expenses.



For more information or to apply, visit www.cccti.edu or contact Financial Aid.

Application Deadline: Oct. 1

J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Showcase of Stars Events

Denver and the Mile High Orchestra - Traditional Big Band • Friday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the show are \$24 for adults and \$10 for children and students.

John Driskell Hopkins • Thursday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the show are \$22 for adults and \$15 for children and students.

Comedian Chonda Pierce • Saturday, Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets for the show are \$30 for adults and \$18 for children and students.

All dates and scheduled performances are subject to change. All ticket prices listed include taxes and fees. For more information about becoming a Season Subscriber or for individual tickets, call the Civic Center Box Office at 828-726-2404 or visit www.broyhillcenter.com.



Local Leaders Tour New Facility



Members of the Caldwell County Economic Development Commission Board of Directors toured CCC&TI's new Paul H. Broyhill Center for Advanced Technologies in Hudson on Tuesday, August 10.

EDC Executive Director Deborah Murray said the center is key to the county's ability to train workers, retain jobs and recruit new companies.

The building features several labs and classrooms with high-tech equipment for students in the Electronics Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mechatronics and Machining degree programs.

OMA Students Get Special Training

Students enrolled in CCC&TI's Ophthalmic Medical Personnel Program recently received some specialized training on how to assist with vision screening for school-age children from kindergarten through high school. The training was led by Prevent Blindness, the nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization.

PBNC delivers direct service programs designed to preserve sight through screening, publications, safety, education, information and referral through volunteer efforts. PBNC's mission is to reach people before blindness strikes.

The training took place in early September on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson.





CCC&TI Sonography Programs Add New Training Equipment

Students in Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Medical Sonography and Cardiovascu-

lar Sonography degree programs will have new high-tech tools to train them for their future careers.

CCC&TI recently purchased two Vimedix CAE Healthcare exam simulators that will allow students to practice their scanning skills. The male simulator features chest and abdominal organs and issues, while the female mannequin simulates obstetrics and gynecology.

The new equipment will provide hands-on experience students otherwise could not receive outside of a clinical health care setting or by practicing on their classmates. Instructors can program the devices with a variety of health issues and real-world scenarios as well.

"The addition of this state-of-the-art simulation equipment to our sonography lab provides the students with an opportunity



CCC&TI Medical and Cardiovascular Sonography Program Director Robin Nichols demonstrates the Vimedix CAE Healthcare exam simulators.

to refine their scanning techniques under the watchful eyes of our program faculty," said Barbara Harris, CCC&TI's Dean of Health Sciences. "It will also expose them to a vast variety of pathologies that they may not have the opportunity to see in their clinical settings."

Another benefit is providing students with additional training before they enter local health care facilities where they will work with real patients for the clinical portion of the degree programs' requirements.

Students who are interested in enrolling in either Sonography Associate Degree program can contact Health Sciences Admissions Coordinator Ruthie Price at 828-726-2711.

Lineworker Students Learn Chainsaw Safety





Electrical Lineworker students recently completed chainsaw safety class, which includes learning safe operation and how to properly maintain a chainsaw.

Students will earn a Chainsaw Safety Credential, along with several other technical and safety credentials.

For more information on CCC&TI's Electrical Lineworker program, visit www.cccti. edu.



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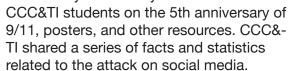
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9/11 20th Anniversary Remembrance Week

CCC&TI presented several activities and events to commemorate the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 in remembrance of the lives taken and the heroes, survi-

vors, and families who have been impacted by the 2001 terror attacks in New York City, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.

The Learning Resource Centers on both campuses hosted 9/11 20th anniversary exhibits. Among the items on display were short essays written by



Also during the week, CCC&TI faculty Matt Malloy and Jonathan Howle shared their personal experiences in New York City as witnesses to the Sept. 11 terror attacks. The discussion is now available on CCC&TI's YouTube page.







