

CCCRIC Chronicle October, 2021



Health screenings offer hands-on experience for students and valuable aid to the community.

Academic Calendar

October

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

31 Happy Halloween!

November

1 12 Week Minimester II Begins

3 Cobra Pride Day

5 Check disbursement

11 Veteran's Day, Institution Closed

15-16 Priority Registration for Current Students

17 Registration for Spring 2022 Open to everyone

24 Institution Closes at 5 p.m.

25-26 Thanksgiving Holiday, Institution Closed

> 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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Students Offer Health Screenings for Area Seniors

Students from several Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute health sciences programs recently had the opportunity for some hands-on experience, while also providing a valuable service to the community.

CCC&TI hosted a Health and Balance Screening event at a local church on Tuesday, Sept 14. Students from CCC&-TI's Medical Assisting, Nursing, Practical Nursing and Physical Therapist Assistant programs performed various checks while helping guests navigate the screening stations. The event included vital sign checks, balance/fall risk screenings, medication review, mental health screenings, and hearing and vision testing.

For students and the faculty responsible for preparing them for a future career, activities such as this one are invaluable.

"Interdisciplinary events help students see how they will work in tandem with other members of the health care team, in the clinical or hospital settings," CCC&TI Dean of Health Sciences Barbara Harris said. "Students are able to get hands-on experience while learning to work cooperatively with those who have other areas of expertise."

Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) students had previously hosted a Balance and Falls Screening to the same group of seniors. The effort has since expanded to include other CCC&TI programs.

"Since the experience was so rewarding, we decided to invite other health science students to participate," said Kelly Harvey, Academic Clinical Coordinator of the PTA program at CCC&TI. "The results were amazing. We have already been asked by the '55+ Seniors' Group to make this a yearly event."



On the Cover: Taylor Ray Hood, front, center, signed his CCC&TI Nursing student Breanna Keziah measures Doris Mathews' blood pressure during a free Health and Balance Screening event for seniors.

Above: CCC&TI Nursing students Zoey Kolb, right, and Shelby Mayer, left, perform an eye test on Betty Aldridge during a free Health and Balance Screening event for seniors

Below: CCC&TI Physical Therapist Assistant Kayler Kanipe measures Betsy Wilmoth's reach during a free Health and Balance Screening event for seniors.



The screenings were provided for 20 church members, 55 and older, free of charge. The 67 participating CCC&TI students and faculty also brought various items to build gift baskets and gift bags for a giveaway drawing for participants who completed all the screening stations. In appreciation of the event, the seniors group provided lunch for the students and faculty who organized the event.

Granite Falls Student Receives Scholarship

The Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently presented Bradley Russell of Granite Falls with the Harold F. Coffey Scholarship for 2021-2022. Russell is working toward an Associate in Applied Science degree in Electrical Systems Technology as well as a certificate in Mechatronics. Russell is a graduate of South Caldwell High School, where he participated in Quiz Bowl and Beta Club, earning fourth place in robotics at the Beta Club State Convention. He was also a volunteer with South Caldwell Christian Ministries, local food pantries and churches, school festivals, community events and animal shelters. Estab-

lished by the Coffey Foundation in memory of Harold Coffey, 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 enrolls in either an Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science program of study at CCC&TI.



Local Company Makes Donation



On behalf of Hudson-based La-Z-Boy Casegoods, the La-Z-Boy Foundation recently made a \$2,500 donation to the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. The Foundation of CCC&TI provides funding for scholarships, academic support, childcare, emergency assistance, counseling, professional development and various achievement awards and grants. The gift was presented by La-Z-Boy Case Goods Vice President of Marketing Max Dyer (center) to CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch (left) and Foundation of CCC&TI Executive Director Marla Christie (right) on Wednesday, Sept. 15 on CCC&TI's campus in Hudson.

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.

September

Our September Cobra Cares Award winners were nominated by students and colleagues. They are both always smiling while working hard. Please join us in congratulating *Brenda Cloer* (Housekeeper, Caldwell Campus) and *Beth Holland* (Records & Registration Director, Caldwell Campus).

Brenda Cloer

Brenda is the person who always says she's happy to help and truly means it. She goes way past her job description and impacts everyone in a special way. Students describe Brenda as someone with a positive attitude, great work ethic, and the "embodiment of integrity and the cobra way." One colleague shared a specific instance where Brenda recently went above and beyond: "On the Monday after our huge orientation event in the LRC, the staff showed up in jeans ready to organize the library back to its normal state. Instead, we found that Brenda had already taken care of EVERYTHING-moving furniture (countless chairs and tables) washing food and beverage containers, and even carefully packing up items that had been left behind by various departments. None of this was her responsibility, but she did it anyway! Brenda takes pride in making the LRC look good, and we are beyond fortunate to work with her." The core value Brenda best portrays is community.



Beth Holland

Beth is always pleasant, knowledgeable, and thorough. This is more than just a job for her. She goes the extra mile every time, and students feel this in their interactions with Beth. "Mrs. Holland has been so helpful with my transfer from Mars Hill to CCC&TI. She worked through my transcript to make sure I received as much credit as possible for the courses I had taken last year. Once my schedule was set, she helped me locate my classes and the campus bookstore. She went out of her way to make me feel at ease and at home at CCC&TI. She encouraged me and pretty much ensured me that I'd love CCC&TI. So far, she's been right! I can't thank her enough for helping me get off to a great start." Another student said, "She was kind enough to look over my program even though she didn't have to and saw that I earned another degree as well as a certification and sent me two letters notifying me of these qualifications. She included the appropriate forms to start the graduation process for those credentials. I really can't express how appreciative I am of this." The core value Beth best portrays is student success.



October

The October Cobra Cares Award winners do a lot behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly, and we don't think either knows just how much they are beloved and appreciated. Please join us in congratulating Ron Mahala (Housekeeper, Environmental Services, Watauga Campus) and Margo Rice (Technician, Distance Learning Support, Caldwell Campus).

Ron Mahala

Doing whatever needs to be done, Ron is truly the heartbeat of the Watauga campus. "Ron is one of the most hardworking men at CCC&-TI. He steps up and takes on much more than is his responsibility just to be sure everything is perfect. He never complains." "Ron is the most helpful, honest, kind and genuine person! He takes care of our building, making sure that it is clean and looking good. He greets each of us with a smile and always asks how we are doing. He is also friendly and helpful to students. Ron not only works as our housekeeper, but he works for Griffin Security in the evenings, watching over our campus until late evening. He changes from his housekeeping clothes to his officer uniform and continues working after most of us have left for the day." "Ron has gone above and beyond the call of duty! He does his work with pride and wants to ensure that he does his job well!" The core value Ron best portrays is integrity.



Margo Rice

While it is impossible to anticipate every technology issue that might arise, Margo definitely tries, and she does so with a positive attitude and witty sense of humor. "Margo took it upon herself to establish 4 test connects with other institutions to ensure the technology was working prior to the start of fall classes." "Our program utilizes a hybrid classroom twice a week to connect to students at CPCC and Mitchell Community College. Due to a cyberattack at CPCC this past spring, their computer system has been completely locked down. Unfortunately for us, this created quite a problem when attempting to connect with them virtually. Margo has coordinated many practice runs between all parties to ensure everything runs smoothly. During these trials, she has been patient and kind with the support staff while troubleshooting the problems. She has also been arriving to our highway room before each class to make sure the connection is working." The core value Margo best portrays is community.



Game Schedules are posted for CCC&TI Baseball, Softball and Basketball teams.

For schedules, highlights and more information,

visit www.cccti.edu/GoCobras or follow Cobra Athletics on social media!



Campus Happenings...

It's been a busy Fall Semester on both the Caldwell and the Watauga Campus for students and employees alike. Here are a few photos from activities over the last month.

Pizza for the People!

To show appreciation for all of their hard work, CCC&TI employees were treated to free pizza, salad and drinks from Village Inn Pizza. Thank you for all you do to support our students and the communities we serve!





Revive & Thrive

SGA hosted the first "Revive and Thrive" event on the Caldwell Campus. It included the stress relieving activity of writing a worry or trouble on a water balloon, then throwing it. Lots of students stopped by to release some stress.



Cakes for Mitford

CCC&TI's Caldwell Campus Culinary Arts students partnered with Vintage Cafe & Bakery to prepare 25 orange marmalade cakes for the official grand opening of The Mitford Museum at HUB Station in Hudson. The museum honors the town of Mitford, made famous in novels by Jan Karon, a Hudson native. The orange marmalade cake, or OMC as its often referred, made appearances in many of Karon's books.



Civil War Historian Presentation

Civil War historian and author Michael Hardy from Crossnore, N.C. spoke to student in CCC&TI's HUM-122 class on the Caldwell Campus. His talk included the motivations behind Union and Confederate enlistments, as well as the history of the local Hibriten Guard and Caldwell Guard.

The lecture is availabe on YouTube via the following link or by scanning the QR code below. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6ZDydIEPHY





Focus on Advising

CCC&TI instructors and advisors have been working this semester to increase awareness and emphasize the importance of academic advising for all CCC&TI students.

An Advising & Registration Grab-N-Go event was held on each campus to help students make connections with their advisors and learn more about the process.

Following is information on other upcoming Advising events and important registration reminders for students.



Students: Fill out an advising survey this semester for a chance to win one of two Microsoft Surface laptops!

#CCCTI #CobraPride











The time has come....

Two Ways to Participate! Two Ways to Win!

Creepy Caldwell 5



· Check your student email or the Student Life Moodle Course for video clues featuring your fellow students in iconic CLUE roles. Solve the mystery and submit a form to get a t-shirt* and get entered

into the grand prize drawing! Clues will be available Oct. 28-31.

ts available while supplies last. Grand Prize winner will be drawn from correct entries

Virtual Costume Contest



Two Free Passes to

Lake Hickory Haunts

Two Free Passes to Xscape Room in Hudsor

> Submit a photo decked out in your Halloween Costume for a chance to win cash prizes!

Entries accepted Oct. 18-31. Use the QR code to enter.



PRIZES: 1st Place-\$150 • 2nd Place-\$125 • 3rd Place-\$100

Creepy Caldwell is Sponsored by CCC&TI SGA.

All activities open to all CCC&TI students!

Career and Technical Students Needed for CCC&TI SkillsUSA Club

Career and Technical Students: Would you love to compete in your field of study? Want to gain valuable leadership experience and build your resume?

CCC&TI's SkillsUSA club is looking for students interested in competing in their area of study. Competition allows students to showcase their talents in the industry, meet with potential employers, and become more industry ready.



SkillsUSA is a national organization for students and professionals enrolled in training programs in trade, technical and skilled service occupations - including health care and culinary arts!

Each year, SkillsUSA members have the opportunity to compete in career competition events on the local, state and national levels for recognition in a variety of fields.

CCC&TI's SkillsUSA Chapter is 100% student led and is open to all career and technical students at CCC&TI and CASA. Chapter leadership positions are also available for students who are interested.

For more information, contact Keegan Anderson at kbanderson@cccti.edu.

Foundation Scholarships Available

Need money for the Spring Semester? The Foundation of CCC&TI can help. Scholarships are available for CCC&TI students and applying is easy!

Just visit www.cccti.edu/scholarships and complete the online application. By completing the online application, you'll be automatically matched with dozens of scholarships ranging in value from \$250 up to \$2,500. Recipients are selected by the CCC&TI Scholarship Committee.

The priority deadline to apply for Spring Semester scholarships is Nov. 1. If you have any questions or need additional information, please email scholarships@cccti.edu.



CCC&TI is Hiring!

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

Watauga Campus Student Activities:







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J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Showcase of Stars Events

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.broyhill-center.com.



CCC&TI Chorus Concert

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Associate in Fine Arts – Music Program will host the CCC&TI Chorus Ensemble's performance of "Songs of the Season" on Wednesday, Dec. 1 at 1 p.m. in the CCC&TI Recital Hall in B-100. This event is part of CCC&TI's Performing Artist Series and is free and open to all CCC&TI students and employees.

