



Daring to Dream



CCC&TI Foundation Honors Dream Award Recipients

Academic Calendar

November

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Open to everyone

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Institution closes at Noon

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2022

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CCC&TI Foundation Celebrates 86 New Dream Award Recipients

Nearly 90 students from Caldwell and Watauga counties took their first steps toward becoming college graduates as the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute hosted its annual Dream Award ceremony at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir on Wednesday, Nov. 3.



On the Cover:

Pictured at are the 2020 Dream Award recipients (top) and the 2021 Dream Award recipients (bottom) who participated in the ceremony at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir.

Above: Irene Caldwell, a 2015 CCC&TI graduate, speaks to Dream Award recipients about her success story.

Below: Stephanie Reeves, a 2021 CCC&TI graduate speaks to Dream Award recipients about her college experience



Unable to host the traditional annual event in 2020 due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions, the Foundation of CCC&TI decided to honor two years' worth of Dream scholars in one ceremony. The Dream Award, which ensures free tuition for local students to attend CCC&TI upon graduation from high school, was presented to 86 middle school students from Caldwell and Watauga counties.

Dream Award recipients are selected from among sixth-grade students in Caldwell and Watauga counties. Those selected must be first-generation college students who have demonstrated academic achievement and civic involvement, and who have the potential to succeed. The program, which is funded through private donations to the Foundation, has presented awards to 1,364 students since its inception in 1989.

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch opened the ceremony by welcoming scholars, their families and guests. "I'd like to be one of the first to congratulate you on receiving this award. Congratulations to the class of 2026 and class of 2027," Poarch said. He also recognized members of CCC&TI's Board of Trustees who were in attendance for the event, and thanked other community leaders, including school officials from Caldwell and Watauga counties.

Peg Broyhill, Chairwoman of the CCC&TI Foundation, congratulated the group and recognized her fellow Foundation Board members and CCC&TI administrators as well as various county school officials, local organizations, civic groups, churches and clubs whose contributions help make the program possible.

She gave special thanks for endowments and grants made possible by the Broyhill Family Foundation, the Coffey Foundation, the Granite Falls High School Class of 1963, the Hogan Family Foundation and the Rose and Dwight Church Family. She also recognized Dr. Tony Deal, retired Executive Vice President and Vice President of Student Services at CCC&TI, who introduced the idea of the Dream Award more than 30 years ago.

“You are the first in your families to attend college and now you will have the opportunity to lead the way for generations to come,” Broyhill said. “We look forward to seeing you shine and hearing about your successes in the future.”

Dena Holman, Vice President of Student Services at CCC&TI, provided a history of the program and encouraged recipients to make the most of the opportunity.

“With the promise of college in sight, now is the time to start setting your goals and dreaming of your future,” Holman said. “We encourage you to never stop dreaming and never let anybody tell you that you can’t do something.”

Holman then introduced guest speakers Irene Caldwell, a 2015 CCC&TI graduate, and Stephanie Reeves, a 2021 CCC&TI graduate. Both told event guests about how attending CCC&TI has changed their lives and offered advice on succeeding as a first-generation college student.

Caldwell shared her story of overcoming health issues at 41, enrolling at CCC&TI and how it impacted her life. “Be willing to take chances,” she urged the group. “You can’t do anything if you don’t take the chance. Go for it.”

Reeves, who now works in the corporate office at Blue Ridge Energy, shared how she was scared to go to college, but found the help she needed at CCC&TI to be successful. “CCC&TI is the place where your dreams can become a reality,” she said. “I owe everything to CCC&TI because they believed in me. And it’s the same belief that they have in each of you.”

To conclude the ceremony, Dream recipients introduced themselves to the audience and shared their career goals, while Holman read comments from their Dream nominations.

CCC&TI Awarded \$1.38M To Help Students Access Higher Education

The U.S. Department of Education has announced that Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute has received a federal Talent Search grant of \$1,386,875 to help more low-income students who would be the first members of their families to earn college degrees to prepare for and enroll in college.

The funding allows CCC&TI to relaunch its TRIO Talent Search program, which had previously been offered to area middle school and high school students for approximately 15 years. CCC&TI also offers the TRIO/SSS program, which serves currently enrolled first-generation college students.

“I am thrilled that CCC&TI has received funding for the TRIO Talent Search grant program,” said Emily Garrison, TRIO Programs Director. “The impact this program will have on the lives of students and families and the opportunities this will bring to eligible students in Caldwell County Schools are life-changing.”

One of the federal TRIO programs, Talent Search identifies and assists middle and high school students succeed in higher education. At least two-thirds of the students in each local Talent Search program are from low-income economic backgrounds and families in which neither parent has a bachelor’s degree. Talent Search provides those students counseling as well as information about college admissions requirements, scholarships and various student financial aid programs so that they can better understand their educational opportunities and options. According to the U.S. Department of Education, 80 percent of Talent Search participants enroll in postsecondary institutions immediately following high school graduation. In fiscal year 2020, more than 309,000 students were enrolled in 473 Talent Search TRIO projects in the United States.

Talent Search began in 1965 as part of President Lyndon Johnson’s War on Poverty. It was the second of eight federal “TRIO” programs authorized by the Higher Education Act to help college students succeed in higher education.

“The earlier we can reach students, the better our chances of preparing them for college and a career after high school,” CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch said. “The Talent Search program will put our people in schools throughout the area with a goal of connecting them to resources and experiences that will inspire them to reach for the stars. We’re thrilled to have this opportunity and appreciative of the federal funding to get started.”

The funding will allow CCC&TI to provide TRIO Talent Search services to the following Caldwell County schools: Collettsville, Happy Valley, Kings Creek, Gamewell Middle, Granite Falls Middle, Hudson Middle, William Lenoir Middle, Hibriten High, South Caldwell High and West Caldwell High.

“As systemic inequality and financial hardship discourage students from succeeding in college, TRIO programs like Talent Search take on new importance because they continue to help students who are low-income and first-generation to earn college degrees,” said Maureen Hoyler, president of the non-profit Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) in Washington, D.C. COE is dedicated to furthering the expansion of college opportunities for low-income, first-generation students, and students with disabilities nationwide.

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch Inducted into Hall of Honor

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute President Dr. Mark Poarch was inducted into the Caldwell County Schools Hall of Honor for his contributions to his profession and community.

Dr. Poarch, along with three other Class of 2021 and three Class of 2020 inductees, were honored at a ceremony on Oct. 18 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. Poarch is a native of Caldwell County and a graduate of West Caldwell High School, where his Hall of Honor plaque will be displayed.

“I just want to let everyone know how humbled and honored I am to be part of such an amazing group of people in Caldwell County,” Poarch said. “I’m truly grateful and honored and humbled by this honor. Also, I want to thank my family for being here tonight. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and support and for your many years of sacrifice that allows me to do what I love.”

In his introduction of Dr. Poarch, Lenoir Mayor Joe Gibbons shared examples of impactful new projects, college expansions and community partnerships that have made a difference in the community.

“Mark has worked tirelessly to improve things in Caldwell County and he’s taking our community college to a higher level,” Gibbons said.

Since 2003, Caldwell County Schools Hall of Honor has recognized distinguished alumni. Nominations are reviewed by a committee whose members represent each school district. A maximum of six individuals are inducted each year.



Other inductees at the recent ceremony included: Dr. Carmen Wendelle Icard Teague, Thomas Evan Capshaw, George W. Petrie, Jr., Neil T. Annas, James W. (Bill) Oxford and George T. Crowell, Jr.

19th Annual Cobra Classic Golf Tournament

CCC&TI hosted the 19th Annual Cobra Classic Golf Tournament on Thursday, Oct. 14 at Cedar Rock Country Club in Lenoir. The winning foursome was Kevin Brookshire, Cameron McCrary, Lawrence Laws and Brady Childers with a score of 54. Proceeds from the Cobra Classic will help sustain operating costs within the CCC&TI athletic department, which receives zero state funding. All of the financial proceeds from the tournament goes directly to the athletic program to be used for travel, equipment, uniforms, officials, insurance and maintaining effective recruitment programs.



Empty Bowls for Yokefellow

Watauga Campus students volunteered their artwork to help support Yokefellow's Empty Bowls fundraising event. Handmade bowls were thrown by instructor Laura Aultman and their clay surfaces designed by the students in her Two-Dimensional Design and Three-Dimensional Design and Sculpture classes. Twenty-two bowls were donated to the fifth annual Yokefellow Empty Bowl fundraiser, "Empty Bowls: Feeding Our Neighbors." The event is a collaboration between artists, who create and donate handmade bowls, and local chefs, who prepare meals, in an effort to raise proceeds to support local food pantries. Guests to the event make a donation and receive a hand-crafted bowl and a meal.



SGA President and Advisor Moderate Forum

Student Government Association President Brianna Swanson and Student Activities Director Kim Lackey were invited to moderate the Town of Hudson's Board of Commissioners candidate forum in late October. The forum was recorded and aired on Caldwell County TV prior to the Nov. 2 election.



Fall Fun!

CCC&TI's Student Government Association hosted a number of student activities in October including a costume contest, a Revive & Thrive Labyrinth activity, and a pumpkin carving contest,

Virtual Costume Contest

Caldwell Campus Winners:

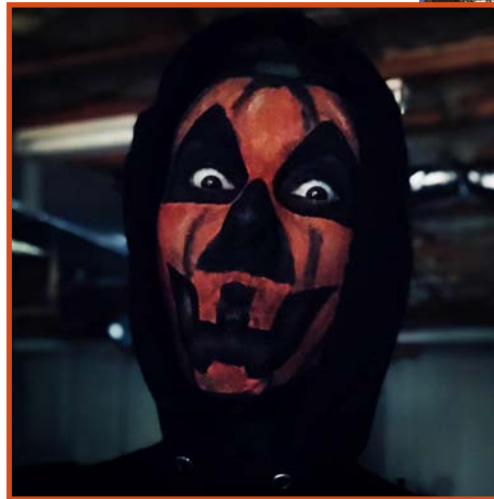
1st Place - CECHS Student Kiara Rodriguez as Crona from the show Soul Eater. Pictured far right.

2nd place - Caldwell Campus Student Kehaulani Ziegler as Jack-O-Lantern. Pictured near right.

3rd place - Caldwell Campus Student Joe Griffin as Mr. Incredible. Pictured bottom left.

Watauga Campus Winner:

1st place - WHS Student Summer Finch as Toadstool Mushroom Fairy. Pictured bottom right.



Watauga Campus Pumpkin Carving Contest

Congratulations to the winners of the Watauga Campus pumpkin carving contest: Michelle Rodriguez, 1st place (below, far left.) Alta Turner, 2nd place (center) and Seleen Horani, 3rd place, below, far left. Thanks to all of the students who entered and, of course, our judges!



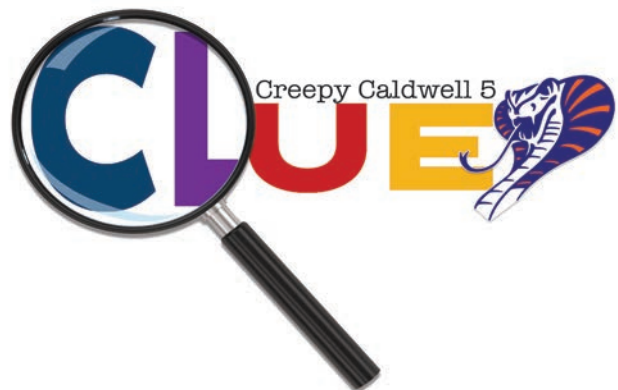
Pumpkin Pi Day

The CCC&TI Math Department hosted "Pumpkin Pi Day" Thursday, Oct. 28 on the Caldwell Campus breezeway. The event included games, a raffle, treats and of course the chance to meet the college's awesome math instructors.



CLUE! Winners

The Grand Prize Winners for Creepy Caldwell 5 were Lyric Larson, who won the Lake Hickory Haunts tickets and Garrett Goudas, who won two passes to the XSCAPE Room in Hudson! Congratulations to these students and thanks to everyone who participated in Creepy Caldwell 5!



Revive & Thrive Event

The Student Government Association hosted an October Revive and Thrive event on the Caldwell Campus as a stress reliever and fun mid-semester break for students. The activities included a 7-fold path labyrinth in the gym and wellness activities outside. Instructor April Nelson led a meditative yoga session for students and employees to help them relieve stress and refocus.



Upcoming Continuing Education Courses: Massage, IMPACT Institute

Massage Therapy Course

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute will offer a Massage Therapy course from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and each third Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Feb. 2, 2022 to Feb. 22, 2023 on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson. This course is designed to prepare students for the certification examination required for the North Carolina licensure application process. The course will include anatomy and physiology, multiple massage styles, multiple therapy styles, ethics, North Carolina laws and regulations and wellness and self-care. Students who successfully complete this massage therapy training will receive three points toward competitive admission into the Physical Therapist Assistant program at CCC&TI. The cost of the class is \$200. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, call 828-726-2242.

IMPACT Institute

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's free IMPACT Institute prepares students for entry-level advanced manufacturing jobs and qualifies them for scholarships to continue their education in: Industrial Maintenance, Machining, Mechatronics, Mechanical Engineering and Welding. Students must be at least 18 and have earned a high school credential. The daytime IMPACT Institute meets on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Jan. 10 to Feb. 7. The evening IMPACT Institute meets on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, Feb. 7 to March 31. For

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>

Tributes from the Foundation of CCC&TI

Memorial gifts and Honoria 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, 2021 to November 5, 2021.

Honoria:

In honor of Sonny Hines on the occasion of his 90th birthday:

Harriet Hines

Memorials:

In memory of Laura Wollpert's husband, John Buford:

CCC&TI's Department of Oral and Written Communication

In memory of Virginia Sauer to the Virginia Sauer Art Scholarship:

Theodora Bowen
Caregivers by Design LLC
David Dill
Linda Gaule
Cor and Marti Kardol
Jan Martin
United Presbyterian Church
United Presbyterian Women of the Church

In memory of Sue Wilmoth to the Sue Wilmoth Scholarship:

Ron and Christine Beane
Charles Czermak Jr. M.D. and Jean Czermak
Reba Moretz
Michael Mayhew, DDS
Gregory Wilmoth
Wade Wilmoth

In memory of Lois Tolbert Ward to the Lois Tolbert Ward Scholarship:

Holly Sinco

In memory of Rev. Fred Barnes to the Fred and Martie Barnes Fund:

Helen Adams
Broyhill Family Foundation
M. Ann Greene
Louise Sullivan
Zion Evangelical & Reformed United Church of Christ

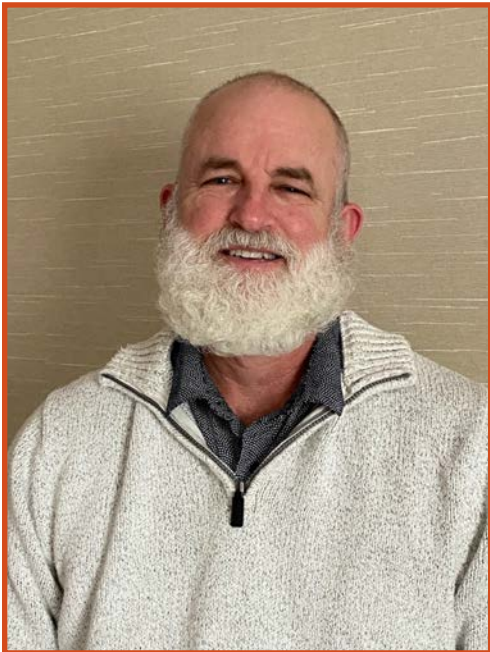
In memory of Spencer Bruining to the Spencer Bruining Memorial Scholarship:

Tiffany Alder
Maryann Angeline
Cheryl Bailey
Christine Buck-Windelborn
Carrie Clark
Katrina Coble
Claire DiBlasi
Annette DiBona
Richard Eiler
Lisa Elia
John and Mary Evans
Nancy Findley
Melanie Gardner
Lawrence and Lori Ann Gould
Laura Jean Hodges
Wayne and Ruth Ann Hoschar
Marilyn Humphrey
Deb Jones
William Knotts
Rachel Marchionda
Mary McGarity Lee
Sigridur Mitchell
Brenda and Joseph Morse
Kelly Pendergrass
Don Phipps
Dana Sobha
Paula Soto
Brenda Terry
Susan Terry

CCC&TI Global Students Club
Supply Drive
to benefit the Helping Hands Clinic in Lenoir.

Donations will be accepted through Nov. 30. Items can be dropped off in the LRC or in Room A-207a on the Caldwell Campus.
For more info or an item list, contact Cate Shiles:
cshiles@cccti.edu or 828-726-2258





CCC&TI Names New Volleyball Coach

The athletic department at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute has announced the hiring of Brian Harris as head coach of the volleyball program. Harris comes to Caldwell from Wake Tech, where he served as head coach of the Eagles volleyball program. Caldwell will be restarting the volleyball program in the fall of 2022, fielding its first team since 2008.

Harris had been the volleyball coach at Wake Tech for three years. In his first season with the Eagles, he guided them to a 20-5 record and a semifinal appearance in the NJCAA Region 10 tournament. Wake Tech did not field a team during the 2020 season due to COVID. In the recently completed 2021 season, the Eagles finished 16-5, losing in the quarterfinals of the Region 10 tournament to top seeded Surry Community College. Harris comes to CCC&TI with an overall NJCAA record of 36-10.

Harris arrived at Wake Tech after serving as head volleyball coach at Rolesville High School (2015-2018). Harris has also served as a head coach in the Triangle Volleyball Club. He has been coaching volleyball at multiple levels since 2005.

Harris graduated from The Citadel in 1990, where he was a member of the varsity tennis team and started and competed with the club men's volleyball team. He and his wife, Stephanie, have two daughters who both played high school and club volleyball.

From Brian Harris: "I'm very excited about the opportunity to establish the volleyball program at Caldwell! The strength of volleyball in western North Carolina gives us the resources to build a successful program. I look forward to getting the program started and building relationships with the local high school and club team coaches!"

From athletics director Jeff Link: "We are very excited to have Brian Harris leading our volleyball program at Caldwell! Coach Harris has a proven track record of success, and we feel he is the perfect fit as we restart our volleyball program. His experience of coaching at the NJCAA level and his connections in the volleyball communities throughout the region will be key to establishing and building a winning program."

GO COBRAS!

The 2021-2022 Cobra
Basketball Game Schedule is live!

For game dates, highlights
and more information,
visit www.cccti.edu/GoCobras
or follow Cobra Athletics on
social media!



Caldwell Volleyball will be competing in Region 10 of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

Student-athletes interested in volleyball at CCC&TI can contact Coach Harris at beharris@cccti.edu.

Keep up with the latest on Caldwell Cobra Volleyball via social media: Twitter: @CaldwellCCVBall or Instagram: Caldwellccvball

J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Showcase of Stars Events

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's J.E. Broyhill Civic Center has announced several upcoming Showcase of Stars events. The events feature returning favorites as well as some new faces for a variety of entertainment options. Following is a schedule of upcoming events:

Christmas in Killarney • Thursday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Created by the 2009 World Champion of Irish Dance Scott Doherty and worldwide touring Irish musician Chris Smith, "Christmas In Killarney" combines the excitement of Irish dance with the harmonies of traditional Christmas classics. Set in Killarney, Ireland in the late 1920's, "Christmas In Killarney" shows what it means to celebrate Christmas the 'Irish' way, where many of our own Christmas traditions originated. Tickets are \$27 for adults and \$12 for students/children.



Milton Harkey Bluegrass presents Dailey & Vincent • Saturday, Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

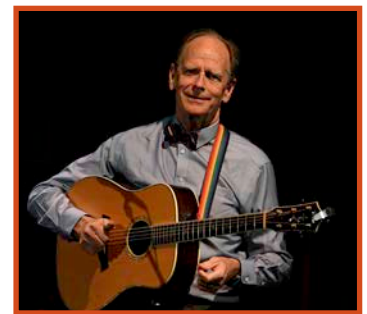
Dubbed by CMT as "The Rock Stars of Bluegrass," the Dailey & Vincent duo has been hailed throughout the music industry as one of the most exciting, reputable and elite Bluegrass bands in America. Dailey & Vincent have won numerous awards for their uniquely contagious and riveting music. Tickets are \$33 plus taxes and fees for adults and \$15.50 plus taxes and fees for students/children.

Caldwell Traditional Musicians Showcase • Saturday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Celebrating over two decades of promoting local music and talent, the Caldwell Traditional Musicians Showcase hosted by local musicians Kay and Patrick Crouch will feature a line-up of local musicians who are helping to keep the community's rich history of traditional music alive today. Tickets for the show are \$13 for adults and \$6 for students and children.

Livingston Taylor • Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m.

Livingston Taylor's career as a professional musician has spanned over 50 years, encompassing performance, songwriting and teaching. Livingston has written top-40 hits recorded by his brother James Taylor and has appeared with Joni Mitchell, Linda Ronstadt, Fleetwood Mac and Jimmy Buffet. He is equally at home with a range of musical genres – folk, pop, gospel, jazz – and from upbeat storytelling and touching ballads to full orchestra performance. In addition to his performance schedule, Livingston has been a full professor at Berklee College of Music for 30 years, passing on an extensive knowledge gained from his long career on the road to the next generation of musicians. Tickets for the show are \$24 for adults and \$10 for students/children.



Kruger Brothers with Kontras Quartet • Friday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Classical, bluegrass and folk music take center stage together as the members of the Kontras Quartet team up with the world-renowned bluegrass group, the Kruger Brothers. The Kontras Quartet, composed of violinists Dmitri Pogorelov and Francois Henkins, violist Ben Weber, and cellist Jean Hatmaker are dedicated to exploring contrasts in music. ("Kontras" is the Afrikaans word for "contrasts.") However, listening to them perform alongside Jens Kruger, Uwe Kruger and Joel Landsberg, you can easily hear that classical and folk music contrast less than you might think. Tickets for the show are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students and children.

The J.E. Broyhill Civic Center is also offering an "All-In" Rate of \$90 that includes one ticket to each show.

All dates and scheduled performances are subject to change. All ticket prices listed include tax except where noted. For more information about becoming a Season Subscriber or for individual tickets, call the Civic Center Box Office at 828-726-2407 or visit www.broyhillcenter.com.



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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.

Get Ready. Get Set
REGISTER!

Spring 2022
Registration for current students is Nov. 15 and 16.
Open Registration for all students begins Nov. 17.

Final Registration is Jan. 6, 2022.
Spring Semester begins Jan. 10, 2022.

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