



March Madness - The Caldwell Way

Cobras Win Region X Championship and Compete in the NJCAA National Tournament



Calendar

April

1
FAFSA Filing Target Date for Summer 2022

4-5
Priority Registration for Current Students for Summer and Fall 2022

6
Registration for Summer and Fall 2022 opens for all students

7
Virtual Employer Spotlight: Bayada, 12:15 p.m. Online

Check disbursement for 2nd 8-weeks and all previous start dates

11
12-Week Minimester I Ends

14
Caldwell Campus Job Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Breezeway

15
Good Friday, Institution Closed

16
Clean Up Caldwell, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Caldwell Campus

18-22
Cap and Gown Pick Up, both campuses

22
Check Disbursement for all previous Spring start dates

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

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

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Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's men's basketball team defeated USC-Salkahatchie on March 5, clinching the Division 1 Region X/ Atlantic District Tournament Championship for the first time as part of Division 1. The win earned the Cobras the 22 seed for the NJCAA Division 1 tournament and a trip to Hutchinson, Kan. for the National Junior College Athletic Association National Championship Tournament.

The Cobras faced 11-seed Triton College on Tuesday, March 15. The Triton Trojans, from River Grove, Ill., were an at-large selection with a record of 27-5 on the season. The Triton team was Region 4 Tournament Champions and runners-up in the Midwest District Championship.

Caldwell jumped out to a 6-2 lead, forcing a Triton timeout with 17:16 left in the 1st half. Caldwell led 8-6 when Triton's Cobie Montgomery hit a three-pointer with 15:47 remaining in the half to give Triton their first lead of the game. Montgomery's three started an 11-0 run by the Trojans. Caleb Mauldin's basket with 12:30 to go in the first half stopped the run and cut Triton's lead to 17-10. That would be the closest Caldwell would get as Triton finished the half outscoring the Cobras 31-18. Caldwell finished the season 25-8.

Northwest Florida State took home the 2022 NJCAA DI Men's Basketball Championship title. The tenth-seeded Raiders defeated No. 1 Salt Lake (UT) by a score of 83-67 to win their third title in program history.

Congratulations to the Cobras and all the teams who made it to the 2022 NJCAA National Tournament.



CCC&TI Foundation Community Campaign Begins

The Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute held its Annual Fund Campaign kick-off luncheon on Tuesday, March 15 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. It was the first in-person campaign kickoff since 2020 due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions in 2021.



Photo Courtesy of David Prewitt News-Topic

Featuring community leaders, campaign volunteers, and college faculty and administrators, the event starts fundraising efforts for the Foundation's Annual Fund Drive. Peg Broyhill, Chair of the Foundation's Board of Directors, offered opening remarks and welcomed the crowd of supporters. Broyhill also announced the goal for this year's campaign is \$400,000, the highest to date for the campaign.

Broyhill's remarks were followed by a video featuring community leaders who spoke on the impact that the college has on the community. The video included remarks from Caldwell County Emergency Services Director Chief Dino DiBernardi, Granite Falls Police Chief Chris Jenkins, Blue Ridge Energy CEO Doug Johnson, Caldwell UNC Healthcare Nursing Recruiter Lisa Keller, and Hudson Mayor Janet Winkler. Each expressed their gratitude for the impact that CCC&TI has on the greater community and in their individual service areas. "The value of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute to Caldwell County EMS is immense. From Corporate and Continuing Ed all the way to the advanced and higher education component for our EMS employees," said DiBernardi. "Over 90 percent of our employees receive their initial education through

Caldwell Community College and 100 percent of our employees receive their continuing education at CCC&TI, and that includes everything from the basic level training to advanced training including critical care and community paramedicine."

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch was not in attendance at the event due to the Cobra Men's Basketball Team's participation in the NJCAA National Basketball Championship Tournament in Kansas. However, Poarch addressed the group in a pre-recorded message. "As you know, this past year's Annual Fund theme was 'The Community's College.' That theme resonated with our community and they responded with a record-breaking annual fund drive during the middle of a global pandemic," said Poarch. "That theme has carried over to this year's Annual Fund Drive but also has become the tagline for the college. We truly are the community's college." Poarch went on to stress the importance of the Annual Fund and community support in removing barriers to education including providing tuition, textbooks, childcare and transportation support. "We want these students to know that they have an avenue to a better future at CCC&TI. Thanks to your continued support, CCC&TI will continue to be the community's college and a beacon of hope for all those that we serve."



Photo Courtesy of David Prewitt

Two student scholarship recipients also spoke at the event. Nuclear Medicine student and Lenoir native Ishmael Dula thanked the Foundation and the donors for their support in helping him reach his educational goals. "I am honored to be speaking to you all today who have graciously helped me along my journey here at CCC&TI," said Dula. "I would like to thank the Foundation and the donors for their commitment to helping the students of this institution realize their dreams and see their future endeavors become a reality...Your generosity and your commitment to education have really meant a lot to me...I hope one day to find myself in the position to help other students the way that you have helped me."

CCC&TI student Roberta Hewitt is studying Human Services Technology with an emphasis on Mental Health. Hewitt shared that she was recently homeless following the death of her mother and spent six months at the Women's Shelter Home in Lenoir. While at the shelter, Hewitt enrolled at CCC&TI and is now living on her own once again. "I am so thankful for the funds that I have received... These scholarships helped ease my fears about how I would cover my books and tuition... I never thought I would have enough money to make it through college," said Hewitt. "Most people have some family for financial support. I have none. So these scholarships have made a world of difference and have given many opportunities to me that would not be there without them."



Broyhill introduced each of the team captains for this year's campaign. They are Barbara Freiman, Guy Walters, Joan McGee, Deborah Murray, Dr. Mark Poarch, Mary Frances Sullivan, Peg Broyhill and Wade Wilmouth.

Foundation Executive Director Marla Christie recognized the faculty and staff members at CCC&TI, who kicked off their portion of the campaign in February. To date, the employee campaign has raised more than \$28,000 and employees are continuing their efforts.

Christie also announced that a newly endowed scholarship has been created in memory of Matt Malloy, a much-loved CCC&TI Communications Instructor who passed away in December. Malloy was very supportive of the Foundation over the years having served on the Scholarship Committee and as an Annual Fund Campaign Co-Chair. Christie announced that employees, students, friends, and family members have given more than \$13,000 to endow the Matt Malloy Memorial Scholarship.

Christie also thanked CCC&TI students, who are also working to raise money for the campaign. The Student Government Association is hosting several fundraising events on both campuses and throughout the community and will continue to raise funds throughout the semester.

Board priorities for this year's campaign include funding for scholarships, the Dream Award Program, childcare, student emergencies, academic support, a new adult learner initiative and professional development.

For more information on the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, or to make a gift to the Annual Fund Drive, visit www.cccti.edu/donate or contact the Foundation Office at 828-726-2260.

1 Application
30 Minutes
100+ CCC&TI
Foundation
Scholarships

Now is the time to apply for Foundation of CCC&TI Scholarships!
100+ Scholarships from \$250 up to \$2,500 are available
to students planning to attend CCC&TI this fall!

Just one easy, online application allows you to be considered for all Foundation Scholarships.

Priority Deadline is April 8, 2022

For more information or to apply visit www.cccti.edu/scholarships

February Cobra Cares Awards

February Cobra Cares Award winners are evidence that the one person can make a huge impact. Please join us in congratulating Rose Austin (PT Housekeeper, Caldwell Campus) and Marty Walker (Energy Programs Coordinator, Caldwell Campus).

Rose is proof that being part-time doesn't limit one's ability to be part of the Caldwell family. "Rose has the biggest heart. She takes care of all of us here, and we consider her to be part of our office family. She takes pride in A Building and her work shows that. When I recently was out of the office for a week for a training, I was concerned about leaving my plants behind unattended. Rose volunteered to take care of the plants in my office. She babyed them and took care of them as if they were her own. Additionally, while I was out, Rose took the time to clean my office chair. It was pretty dingy from years of use and overall, just looked a bit worn out. I thought I had a new chair when I returned because it looks so clean!" The core value Rose best portrays is community.

Marty is consistently promoting the lineman program and bragging about his students. His dedication to students and this institution is contagious. "It is so hard to choose just one core value to represent Marty! His top three are definitely teaching and learning, community, and academic excellence! It is clear that Marty's work is more than a job to him. He builds community around him wherever he goes. He takes time to get to know and care for his students. He is also a natural teacher - no matter who he is talking to, they will learn something new from him! Marty is a well-rounded person and we are so lucky to have him at CCC&TI!" The core value Marty best portrays is community.

Congratulations to Rose and Marty!



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:
www.governmentjobs.com

Current Openings:

- **Coordinator, Oral and Written Communications; Instructor**
- **Counselor, Counseling and Disability Services - Caldwell**
- **Purchasing Agent**
- **Instructional Technology Specialist**
- **Director, Nuclear Medicine Technology**
- **Full-Time and Part-Time Instructors - Various Programs**

and more!

CCC&TI Joins Initiative Targeting Adult Learners

Adult learners have been a primary focus of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute since its founding in 1964. Fifty-eight years later, CCC&TI is joining a partnership to re-energize that focus and help the local adult population acquire valuable training and credentials beyond high school.



“We have a lot of underskilled and underemployed people in our community that could really benefit from coming back to school to learn a new skill or earn a credential or degree,” CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch said. “This is a direct, intentional effort to reach out to students 25 and older and to re-engage them in what we have going on at CCC&TI.”

Representatives from CCC&TI, the John M. Belk Endowment, myFutureNC, as well as local government, business and education leaders from Caldwell and Watauga counties gathered on CCC&TI’s Watauga Campus in Boone on March 11 for the initiative’s local launch. The event also included a facilitated discussion on how to accomplish the project’s goals as well as gather ideas and input from local leaders.

The NC Reconnect campaign, a joint effort by the John M. Belk Endowment and myFutureNC, was launched in June 2021 in collaboration with Blue Ridge Community College, Durham Tech Community College, Fayetteville Tech Community College, Pitt Community College and Vance-Granville Community College. The next phase of the initiative adds five more colleges: CCC&TI, Wilkes Community College, Lenoir Community College, Forsyth Technical Community College and Central Carolina Community College.

The goal is to connect and inform as many adults as possible about the colleges’ variety of fast, flexible and affordable education and training programs.

John M. Belk Endowment President and Board Chair MC Belk Pilon told the audience that an estimated 1.3 million adult North Carolinians lack the post-secondary skills and credentials that today’s employers are seeking. She lauded the North Carolina General Assembly and Governor for efforts in 2019 that led to the NC Reconnect project.

Pilon was followed by myFutureNC President and CEO Cecilia Holden, who shared that two-thirds of the jobs in North Carolina require some level of education after high school and about half of North Carolinians have the level of education needed to fill those jobs.

“We have a lot of work to do,” Holden said, adding that if no action is taken, North Carolina is projected to fall about 400,000 workers short of what the state will need by 2030. “A systemic and strategic approach to engaging our adult learner population is going to be very important.”

Higher Education Consultant Mike Krause, former head of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, told the group that the number of adults with post-secondary training is a key factor in economic development efforts.



“North Carolina is in a dog fight for economic development projects,” Krause said. “If you are in the manufacturing sector, if you are in the logistics or the supply chain sector, you are looking at how many people have

done anything beyond high school. And the way that economic development is evolving ... you don't even get the meeting to discuss tax incentives if you don't have the right number of people with something beyond high school."

"Reaching adult learners in this area is an economic imperative," Krause said.

Much of the focus of NC Reconnect will be on special outreach tactics to reach adults who have completed some college, but never finished, through special events, targeted advertising and customized tactics geared toward adults ages 25 to 44.

NC Reconnect will provide a variety of resources and funding to CCC&TI as part of the project.

"We have a lot of opportunities for growth," Poarch said, adding that the college's Foundation also will contribute funding to help with tuition, childcare, transportation and other expenses that serve as obstacles for adult learners.

CCC&TI Emergency Management Program Among Nation's Best

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Emergency Management program is among the nation's best, according to recently released rankings.

According to Student Training & Education in Public Service (STEPS), CCC&TI ranks No. 6 nationally among 2-year schools for online Emergency Management programs. STEPS is a community of public service specialists and experts that offers advice and resources on degrees and careers in public service.

The rankings are based on data from the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) and focus on eight primary factors:

- Number of online programs in a given subject and/or degree level
- Number of online students at the college or university
- Availability of academic counseling
- Availability of career placement services
- Tuition and fees
- Percentage of students who receive institutional aid
- Median earnings of students 10 years post-entry
- Institutional accreditation

"We're proud of the countless hours of hard work that it takes to achieve national recognition," CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch said. "As is our goal with every course and program we offer, our Emergency Management students can rest assured they are receiving a top-quality education, and this ranking is further proof of that."

CCC&TI's online Emergency Management offerings include an associate degree and two certificate options, criminal justice or public safety. The associate degree requires 64 to 75 credit hours, which most full-time students complete in five semesters including one summer semester.

The curriculum allows students to explore both management and technical aspects of emergency medical services, fire protection, law enforcement, and emergency planning. The program prepares students for careers in fire rescue agencies, law enforcement agencies, industrial firms, emergency management offices, educational institutions, and more.

Students who are interested in the program can find additional details at:
www.cccti.edu/EmergencyManagement



Finish Strong!
Virtual Tutoring
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Available April 11-14
8-11 p.m. nightly
Tutoring available for
Writing, Math, Biology
Chemistry, A&P, and more!

Campus Happenings

Branches Receptions

Both the Caldwell and the Watauga Campuses hosted receptions in March celebrating the release of Branches - CCC&TI's literary and arts magazine. Student authors participated by reading excerpts from their featured works. In addition, original art included in the publication was on display for attendees to view up close and personal.



Guest Speaker Dr. Tiffany Christian

Thank you to our special guest Dr. Tiffany Christian, at right, who spoke about "Risk and Resilience" on the Watauga Campus on Wednesday, March 16. Her lecture also was broadcast to students on the Caldwell Campus and at South Caldwell High School.



CCC&TI Fine Arts Music Director Elected to Board

Congratulations to Associate in Fine Arts Music Degree Program Director Justin Butler, who has been elected to the executive board of the North Carolina Community College System Associate of Fine Arts Association. He will serve as the statewide representative for Associate in Fine Arts Music programs during his two-year term.

The election was held at the association's recent annual conference, which represents Music, Visual Arts and Theatre programs from all the 58 community colleges across North Carolina. The association includes a membership of community college faculty and deans, UNC system Music/Art/Theatre faculty and deans, and community arts organizations, with every member holding voting rights.

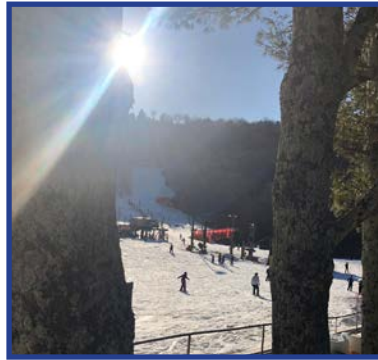
Pi Day Celebration

Students in Kerri Craven's Caldwell Campus Math 171 Class celebrated Pi Day on March 14. Participants were quoted calling the celebration "irrational" but lots of fun!



Ski Trip Fundraiser

The Watagua Campus SGA recently sponsored a Skiing and Snowboarding trip to Appalachian Ski Mountain. Students donated \$5 to the Foundation of CCC&TI for a night of skiing and snowboarding.



CCC&TI
Choral Ensemble
Spring Concert

Wednesday,
April 27 at 1 p.m.
CCC&TI
Recital Hall
Caldwell Campus
B-100

Free and open
to all students
and employees.

Current Students: Now is perfect time to plan for Summer and Fall 2022!

- **PLAN** your schedules in **Self-Service** and submit for approval.
- **SET A REMINDER** for your priority registration date.
- **REGISTER** on your priority date (April 4-5).

For more information, see Student Services or your Academic Advisor!

A woman in a red and white striped sweater is holding a large clock and pointing towards the text.

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 January 6, 2022 to March 23, 2022.

Honoraria:

In honor of Olivia Stephanie Varela Bigley to the Career and College Promise Fund:

Josie Varela

In honor of Peg Broyhill, Marla Christie, Donna Church and Susan Wooten to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive:

James Sponenberg, III

In honor of CCC&TI Faculty to Institutional Support:

Stacy Reagan

In honor of Bill and Ruth Crump for 66 years of marriage to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive:

Dr. Tracy Crump

In honor of Sara Putzell to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive:

Carol Senf

In honor of Marty Waters to the Linda C. Waters Art Fund: William Salsbury

In honor of Hugh Wilson to the Hugh and Martha Wilson Scholarship:

Roger and Karen Grippe

In memory of Gwen Steadman to Music and Arts:

Robert Steadman

In memory of Matt Malloy to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive:

Tuesday Sigmon

In memory of Matt Malloy to the Matt Malloy Memorial Scholarship:

Camille Annas

Maria Asherbraner

Elizabeth Asturi

Janice Bahash

Rose Boelke

Amy Bowman

Peg Broyhill

Jessica Chapman

DeAnna Chester

Marco Leonardo Chumbimuni

Dr. Erin Cooper

Caitlyn Council

Laura Curran

James Donohue

Dustin Greene

Katie Hoover

Tonja Horn

Amy Huffman

Amber Jacks

Kimberly Lackey

Lella Lytle

Diane Malloy

MaryEllen Mishner

Myra Moore

Claire Morgan

April Nelson

Raymond Perica

Susan and Tommy Pritchard

Faith Race

Paula Rash

Melissa Renzi

Nancy Risch

Emily Roberts

Liz Silvers

Christina Toy

Matt Williams

Writers Symposium Committee

Melodie Yancy

Memorials:

In memory of Phillip Annas to the Granite Falls High School Class of 1963 Dream Award:

Pat Annas

In memory of Jonathan Bryant to the Electrical Lineman Program:

Donna Church

In memory of Franklin Effler to Student Aid:

Susan Duncan

In memory of John Forlines, Jr. to the Dan and Ila Stallings Scholarship:

Rudy Snow

In memory of Crissy Guzman to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive: Jennifer Teague

In memory of Brenda T. Kiser to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive: Angie Ruppard

In memory of Emma Murphy:

Kay and Patrick Crouch

In memory of Emma Murphy to Dream Awards:

Renae Winkler

In memory of Emma Murphy to General Scholarships: Jennifer and Scott Teague

In memory of Samuel Orlando to the Samuel William Orlando Scholarship:

Andrew Orlando

CCC&TI Watauga Campus Offering Friday Evening Culinary Arts Classes for Adults

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Watauga Campus will offer several evening Culinary Arts classes for adults this spring. The 3-hour evening courses will be led by Watauga Culinary Arts Instructor, Chef Robert Back and will cover several different types of cuisine and cooking techniques. The classes will be held in CCC&TI's culinary kitchen on the Watauga Campus in Boone.

Classes will be offered on Friday evenings from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$75 per class and space is limited.

Following is the schedule of upcoming classes and topics:

Friday, April 8

A Holiday Meal to Impress

This class will cover a variety of traditional Easter celebration dishes including sides and main dishes. Students will learn techniques and recipes to make this year's holiday feast extra special.

Friday, April 22

Not Just Basil Pesto

This class will be all about pesto but will introduce a variety of greens and herbs that can be used in place of basil for a flavorful new take on the classic. Students will experiment with arugula, cilantro, kale and parsley and learn new ways to use and enjoy their pesto creations. Students will also learn how to prep and store their pesto for the freezer so they can use all their greens and herbs with no waste.

Friday, May 6

Asian Sampler Class

This course will help students master two Asian favorites: Pad Thai from Thailand and Fried Rice from China. Students will learn how to make sauces, get creative with vegetables and prepare proteins to accompany their traditional Asian dishes. Students will learn new skills, new techniques and new recipes for these familiar dishes.

For more information or to register, contact Watauga Campus Culinary Arts Instructor Chef Robert Back at 828-297-3811 ext. 5370.

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CCC&TI's Student Government Association

NEEDS YOU!

Get involved, find solutions, plan events, gain leadership skills and experience, *earn money for school* and more!

Positions Available on the Caldwell & Watauga Campuses!

Application Deadline: April 11

For more info and a link to the application, see your student email or the Student Activities Moodle Page or Contact Kim Lackey (Caldwell) or Diane Mazza (Watauga)



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Caldwell Campus SGA Presents:



SPRING

Activities Week • April 11-15

Food, Prizes, Games, Club Info and more!

See your Student Email or the Student Activities Moodle Page for details!



WATAUGA CAMPUS SPRING ACTIVITIES WEEK

April 11-13

Free Food • Crafts • Mini Golf

Free and open to all students!

Sponsored by your Watauga Campus SGA!
See your student email or the Student Activities Moodle Page for more details!

April is National Poetry Month!



April 4 -14

Poetry Themed Fun • Weekdays in the LRC

April 14

pOetRy Slam • 12 p.m. • Breezeway

Due April 18 • Haiku Contest in the LRC