



# *Celebrating* **Student Success**





# Calendar

## August

8-24  
Fall Bookstore Charge Dates

15  
Watauga Campus New  
Student Orientation

15  
Final Registration for  
16-Week Classes

In-person tuition payments  
due by 6 p.m.

Online tuition payments due  
by 12 p.m.

16  
Caldwell Campus  
New Student Orientation

17  
Fall Semester Begins

17-18  
Add/Drop

23-25  
SGA Welcome Back Days;  
Caldwell & Watauga Campus

21 - 9/2  
SGA Fantasy Football  
sign-ups for all students

23  
Home Volleyball Game vs.  
USC-Lancaster; 6 pm; Cald-  
well Campus Gym

## September

5  
Labor Day Holiday; Institution  
Closed

7  
Watauga Campus Blood  
Drive

14  
Constitution Day Activities;  
Both campuses.

16  
Caldwell Campus Blood Drive

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change. For the latest  
information and a full  
calendar of events and  
activities, including  
Cobra Athletic Events, visit  
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## CCC&TI Celebrates 2022 Graduates

After a two-year hiatus from hosting its traditional graduation ceremony, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute returned to the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir on Saturday, May 7 to celebrate more than 1,000 graduates from its Caldwell Campus and Watauga Campus during two ceremonies.

CCC&TI Board of Trustees members Joel Carroll and Ann Smith opened the ceremonies by welcoming special guests, congratulating the graduates and listing highlights from the last year.

The Class of 2022, the welcome noted, included:

- 1,016 total graduates, including 461 first-generation college graduates
- Graduates ranging in age from 15 to 65, with the average age being 25
- 14 Dream Scholars
- 24 student athletes
- 24 TRIO/Student Support Services graduates

Smith also presented this year's Trustees' Student Award of Merit to Melody Reeves. The award is selected based on faculty nominations for outstanding academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service. Reeves graduated at the ceremony with an Associate in Applied Science in Medical Office Administration.

The commencement speaker, Lenoir native and CCC&TI graduate Emily Thomas, shared her story of being on the same stage 16 years earlier and the challenges she faced to get there. She acknowledged the CCC&TI instructors, some of whom were sitting in the audience, who helped keep her on track when she had thoughts of quitting school.

"This institution changes lives. I know, because it changed mine," Thomas said.

Thomas earned her Associate in Arts at CCC&TI and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science in Communication at Appalachian State and a Master of Arts in Communication studies at UNC-Charlotte. She is a policy analyst for EducationNC and also teaches Communication courses at CCC&TI.



In her closing remarks, she encouraged everyone in the audience to consider furthering their education and to not let fear hold them back.

"The great thing about the North Carolina Community College System is that it was designed for students to enter college regardless of their educational background," Thomas said. "The colleges meet people where they are and provide them with an education that will transform their lives and the lives of their family. Just as today's graduates have been transformed."

In his charge to graduates, CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch thanked the college's faculty and staff for their hard work and congratulated the Class of 2022 on a job well done. Poarch also spoke about returning to a formal graduation after two years of outdoor, on-campus ceremonies due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It feels so good to be here in this place in person for the first time in three years," Poarch said. "You are here and on this stage in spite of a global pandemic. ... That truly is a remarkable accomplishment."

Poarch challenged the graduates to take the lessons learned the last two years and forge ahead into whatever comes next.

"Students, if you can persevere through a pandemic and perform at this high level, you can succeed in whatever lies ahead," he said. "As you move on, go with confidence and let this situation and your success set the stage for life's next step. As you leave this place, go with the same sense of fearlessness, inspiration and boldness that got you through the pandemic and to this graduation stage."



## **Cobras Make Appearance in NJCAA World Series, Finish 3rd in the Nation**

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institutes's Cobra Baseball Team made it all the way to the National Junior College Association District Three World Series in Greenville, SC following a championship 2022 season.

The Cobras won both the Region 10 Championship and Mid-Atlantic District Championship to advance to the national competition as the top-ranked team.

Ultimately, the Cobras fell to 5th-ranked Dallas College-Eastfield in the Semi-Final Elimination game on May 31 with a final score of 11-1. It was the second elimination game of the day for the Cobras, who earlier in the afternoon bested St. Cloud in a 4-0 shut-out to advance to the semi-final game.

The Cobras ended the season 49-9 and third in the nation for the division.

Congratulations to our student-athletes on a stellar season. We're proud of all you accomplished and look forward to a great season in 2023.





## Larson Chosen for 2022 Academic Excellence Award

When Lyric Larson arrived at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute and Caldwell Early College High School five years ago, she didn't know how to log on to a computer or complete assignments online.

In 2022, she graduated with an Associate in Arts degree from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute with a 4.0 grade point average. She attributes her success, and the ability to overcome the challenges she faced in the beginning, to the teachers, mentors and advisors she met along the way.

"Without the amazing support system (both) schools provided me, I doubt college would have been possible," Larson said of attending CCC&TI and Caldwell Early College High School. "I feel like that's a big part of the culture here – supporting people, making them feel like 'you can do it.'"

Larson, who grew up in Collettsville and was homeschooled, was honored April 7 at the CCC&TI Board of Trustees meeting as the 2022 Academic Excellence Award winner. CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch presented her with a medal, an award plaque and a letter of congratulations from former N.C. Community College System President Thomas Stith, III. She is one of 58 students statewide to receive the annual award, one from each of the North Carolina's community colleges.



She was nominated by one of her instructors and chosen for the award by a committee of CCC&TI faculty and staff. Listed among the reasons for her selection were her academic achievements, volunteer service and her enthusiasm for education.

"Lyric loves to learn and has clear academic gifts," said Matt Williams, an instructor of English and humanities at CCC&TI. "I sensed qualities of leadership, service and character in Lyric. ... I believe she is headed toward long-term academic and life success."

Larson has been active on campus, including being chosen as a CCC&TI Ambassador, a member of the CCC&TI Film Club and working as a Writing Center tutor. At Caldwell Early College High School, she participated in Art Club, Interact, Rotary, the Environmental Club and Beta Club. Her community involvement includes Junior Appalachian Musicians (JAM), Blue Ridge Energy's Leadership Track, God's Closet childcare manager, volunteering for the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce, Girl Scouts of America and the Granite Falls Library mural team.

Adding to her accolades, Larson was awarded the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship. She was one of 100 high school seniors nationwide to receive the award.

Larson graduated from CCC&TI in May having completed 75 hours of college credit, in addition to the Caldwell Early College High School program. She plans to study Film and Television Production at Western Carolina University this fall.

## CCC&TI SGA Receives Top Campus Recognition

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute won the Top Campus Award for the NC Community College System at the N4CSGA (North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association) Spring Conference in Durham. Several community colleges were considered for the award, which recognizes the Student Government Association's outstanding involvement and interaction on campus as well as in the community. Several SGA officers were interviewed by the award selection committee and secured the award for CCC&TI.



Pictured from left: officers Emily Norwood, Sarah Estes, Brianna Swanson, former Student Activities Director Kim Lackey, and officer Taylor Ivosic, accept the award at the April Conference.

Congratulations to CCC&TI's SGA on receiving this statewide honor.

## TRIO/Student Support Services Students Visit Nation's Capital

Students in CCC&TI's TRIO/Student Support Services program traveled to Washington, D.C. this summer for a cultural and educational experience. The trip included a scenic riverboat sunset cruise, the Smithsonian Museum, the National Mall, visiting various memorials and monuments, and other sites around D.C.

The group had a fine dining experience one evening and attended a Major League Baseball game, the Atlanta Braves vs the Washington Nationals, the first for many on the trip. TRIO/SSS provides various supports for CCC&TI students working toward their successful completion of personal, educational and professional goals. If you are interested in participating in TRIO/SSS and these free opportunities contact the TRIO center at 828-726-2726.





## CCC&TI Students Take 2nd in Statewide High-Altitude Balloon Competition

A group of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute (CCC&TI) and Caldwell Early College High School (CECHS) students have reached new heights - literally.

The group, named Kármán Seekers, competed this spring in the statewide NASA/NC Space Grant Community College High-Altitude Balloon Competition at Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC) in Hickory, falling short of a first-place finish by only a few points.

CCC&TI tied with Wake Tech for second place in the overall competition, with Nash Community College topping the competition rankings. At 92,205 feet, CCC&TI's team was only 1,500 feet short of the top altitude in the competition. The team won the award for Closest to Predicted Landing Site at approximately 15.5 miles. The balloon landed near the Alamance and Chatham County line in wooded area. The next closest competitor landed their balloon 26 miles from the predicted site.

The approximately 6-month competition consisted of several components ranging from the design of the balloon payload and launch system to community outreach. The main goal of the competition was to design, build and launch a payload equipped with sensors and cameras, carried by a helium balloon, to the edge of space (20 miles up) and hopefully, recover it.

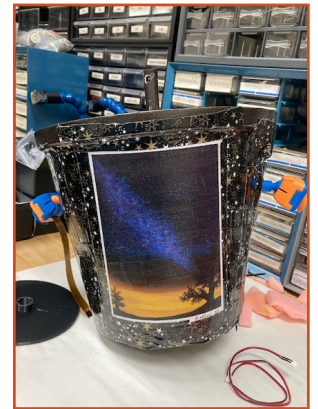
The Kármán Seekers, named for the Kármán Line that represents the barrier between space and Earth's atmosphere, was one of only five teams that were able to complete this mission. The team successfully designed, built, launched and recovered the payload with photos and video from the entire flight. The balloon and payload, flying from CVCC to the Pittsboro area, reached nearly 17.5 miles in altitude and was recovered completely intact. The total flight time was approximately three hours and 146 miles east of the CVCC campus.

The team consisted of seven students from CCC&TI and CECHS. Team members included two co-captains: Zach St. Pierre and Brianna Campbell. Other team members included: Charles Hagaman, Daniel Ward, Lila Bennett and Sarah McLean. Cameron Williams, a student from CECHS, also participated as a student helper. The faculty mentors for the team were: Lucas McGuire, Denise Williams, Mandy Williams and Mel Rhoney.

"This project provided a great way for the students to work together as a team and showcase the wide-ranging skill sets that they have acquired while at our institution," said McGuire, CCC&TI's Program Director for Biomedical Equipment Technology and Electronics Engineering Technology. "I couldn't be prouder of the students' effort and performance, as well as the support of faculty and administration."

The team win and trip to space extended beyond the competitors and advisors. As part of the project's community outreach, CCC&TI's library staff hosted an art contest for students. The winning entry, designed by Matthew Boyle, decorated the balloon's payload with a colorful logo to go with the return label in case the team couldn't find it upon landing. It was a campus wide effort, McGuire said.

Congratulations to the Kármán Seekers and their hard work in this competition.



# Retirement Celebrations

CCC&TI recently celebrated the retirement of several faculty and staff members.



*Barbara Harris*

Congratulations to Dean of Health Sciences Barbara Harris on her retirement after 22 years of service. During a June 24 event at The Broyhill House in Lenoir, she was presented a certificate of appreciation that includes a gift in her name to the Foundation of CCC&TI. Special thanks to Barbara for her years of service to CCC&TI students and the community.

*Christina Toy*

Congratulations to Oral and Written Communications Coordinator Christina Toy. Christina retired this summer after more than 30 years at CCC&TI. (Pictured at right, front row center.)

A group gathered in June on the Caldwell Campus to celebrate. Thanks to Christina Toy for your service to CCC&TI and your many students over the years.



*Kim Lackey*

Also in June, employees and former students gathered to celebrate Student Activities Director Kim Lackey, who retired from CCC&TI after 19 years of service. In her role, Kim served as an advisor to both the Student Government Association and the popular NSLS Honor Society, and helped plan and execute a variety of student activities every semester. (Pictured left, center.)

Thanks for Kim for her years of service to CCC&TI students.

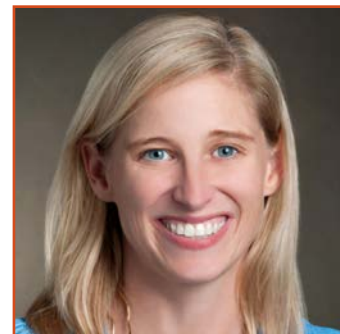


## Adult Learners Can Connect With CCC&TI For Better Skills, Better Jobs

*By Dr. Mark Poarch and MC Belk Pilon*

After two years of unprecedented challenges, we know that many North Carolinians are looking for new opportunities and a fresh start. Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute (CCC&TI) is a great place for them to begin their journey.

In just a matter of months at CCC&TI, adult learners can acquire the skills, credentials, and degrees they need for a better job, a bigger paycheck, and an even brighter future for themselves and their families.



Everyone knows most higher-wage jobs require more than a high school diploma, but unfortunately fewer than half of North Carolinians between the ages 25 and 44 have the education and training needed to fill these jobs. Meanwhile, employers across the region are frantically looking for the skilled talent needed to fill current vacancies.

According to statistics provided by Carolina Demography and myFutureNC, 71 percent of Caldwell County residents ages 25 to 44 lack degrees beyond high school. Though Watauga County's percentage is much better with only 45 percent of adults 25 to 44 lacking a degree beyond high school, there's still much room for improvement.

That is why CCC&TI, the John M. Belk Endowment, myFutureNC, and several other state and local partners are working together to launch a "Better Skills. Better Jobs." outreach campaign this summer and fall to attract even more adult learners back to college.

The goal is to connect and inform as many adults as possible about the variety of fast, flexible and affordable education and job training programs that CCC&TI offers.

CCC&TI offers affordable and convenient higher education and career training options for the residents of Caldwell and Watauga counties, and beyond. Since opening its doors in 1964, CCC&TI has served thousands of people by providing an affordable avenue to earn an associate degree, transfer to a four-year institution, or in updating or learning new job skills when exploring a new career pathway or personal interest.

From nursing and health services to biopharmaceutical technology, from electrical lineworker and construction trades to truck driving training, and many more, these programs offer a direct pipeline to many of the region's top employers.

We are pleased to be partnering on this important new initiative. We are dedicated to ensuring that 2 million North Carolinians, especially those between the ages of 25 and 44, have a high-quality credential or a post-secondary degree by the year 2030.

This summer's "Better Skills. Better Jobs." campaign includes direct outreach to adults who previously earned some college credits but left without a degree or certification; special community events and assistance paying for school; digital marketing and advertising, and customized materials designed to quickly help more adult learners reconnect and re-enroll.

Please join us in sharing this information with your family, colleagues, employees, friends, and neighbors. Remind them that better skills can lead to better jobs – to greater personal and career opportunities – and an even stronger and more economically vibrant North Carolina for all of us.

Visit [www.betterskillsbetterjobs.com/caldwell](http://www.betterskillsbetterjobs.com/caldwell) to connect with CCC&TI to explore your potential new career path and discover the opportunity of a lifetime.



## CCC&TI Announces Fall Caldwell Cuisine Schedule

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Culinary Arts program has announced the dates and menus for its fall semester installment of Caldwell Cuisine. Each of the meals will be served at 6 p.m. at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir and are priced at \$30.89 per person, which includes all taxes and fees. The events are open to the public, but diners are required to purchase tickets prior to the event.

In addition to providing an opportunity for the community to enjoy the gourmet Caldwell Cuisine menus at a reasonable price, the events also provide CCC&TI's Culinary Arts students a chance to apply their classroom knowledge. To purchase tickets, come by or call the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Box Office at 828-726-2407.



Following are the dates and menus for the events:

### **Thursday, Sept. 15 - India**

Starter: Ginger Spiced Cauliflower Soup (ginger, turmeric, cumin, coriander)

Entrée: Chicken Tikki Masala (garam masala, tomato, pepper, coconut milk); Served with Chickpea Chaat (tomato, onion, crispy dough, cilantro-mint chutney) and Caraway-scented basmati rice

### **Thursday, Oct. 6 - Greece**

Starter: Greek Salad (tomato, cucumber, olives, feta, oregano, lemon, olive oil)

Entrée: Shish kabob with Tzatziki (lamb, cremini, zucchini, onion, red wine, oregano) Served with Greek Rice Pilaf (tomato, pine nuts, currants, sage)

### **Thursday, Nov. 17 – The Americas**

Starter: Braised Beef Empanadas (Central, South America – tomatillo, onion, cilantro, chimichurri)

Entrée: Oaxacan Mole de Pollo (Mexico – braised chicken, corn tortilla, Pico de Gallo, cilantro, cotija cheese); Served with Frijoles Giusados (stewed pinto beans) and Arroz Verde (baked rice with cilantro, poblano, onion, garlic)

MoonJoy Meadery will provide drink options for the September and October dinners, and Twisted Vine Winery for the November dinner.

For more information, visit [www.cccti.edu/cuisine](http://www.cccti.edu/cuisine)

## CCC&TI Celebrates New Electrical Lineworker Facility

CCC&TI hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Electrical Lineworker Training Center on Wednesday, April 27 in Hudson. The event included comments from local leaders, as well as demonstrations by students and refreshments prepared by CCC&TI Culinary Arts students.



## Meet your 2022 Student Government Officers

### Emily Norwood, President

SGA President Emily Norwood is from Newton, N.C. and, despite the long commute, decided to attend CCC&TI for the Culinary Arts Program. She is in her third year at CCC&TI and is working toward degrees in both Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management. Once her CCC&TI degrees are completed, she plans to apply for the Disney Culinary program in Florida and eventually earn a bachelor's degree in Hospitality Management. Norwood says that she was very involved as a student at her high school and decided that she also wanted to be involved during her college experience, as well. She originally joined SGA to meet new people and to serve her fellow students. In the years since she joined, she discovered another reason to stay involved. "I have realized how much of a passion I have for being a leader here at CCC&TI and how much I enjoy serving my fellow students." Norwood hopes that during her time as president, that she can help facilitate more communication between students, Student Government officers and staff and faculty so that more students can get involved and make the most of their time at CCC&TI. Norwood says that she plans to devote as much time as possible to SGA this year and encourages her fellow students to seek her out if they have ideas, suggestions or just want to talk. "If you ever need anything, come find me!" she says. "I'll either be in the SGA office in Room E-111, or sitting in a meeting representing you and I'll get back to you ASAP."



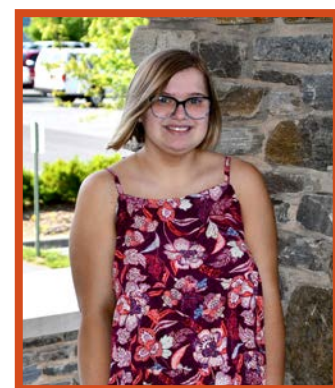
### Tia Wilson, Vice-President

Tia Wilson grew up in Hickory but now makes her home in Hudson. She says it was her interest in the Speech Language field that brought her to CCC&TI and she is currently working toward an associate degree in the Speech Language Pathology Assistant program with plans to graduate in 2023. From there, she hopes to find employment in the field and eventually hopes to continue her education at Appalachian State University. Wilson says she decided to join SGA to make her time at CCC&TI more of a memorable experience. "I wanted to be able to get involved with the school and not just be at school," she said. "I plan to get more students involved and be an encouragement to them. I want to show them that no matter what hardships you go through, being able to finish school is still a possibility." In addition to her SGA position, Wilson is also President of the SLPA club and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society. In her spare time, Wilson, who is also a mom to three, says that she loves to spend time with her family, hiking and loves to crochet and paint.



### Savannah Rhea, Caldwell Campus Senator

Savannah Rhea is a Granite Falls native and came to CCC&TI to stay closer to home for her first two years of college. Rhea is currently working on a degree in Early Childhood Education. Once she completes her associate degree, she plans to continue on toward a bachelor's degree at Appalachian State University. Rhea says that she decided to get involved with SGA for leadership experience and also because she enjoyed the SGA activities that she attended as a student. "I was motivated to run for office after SGA's Kindness Day event. It was a great event and I enjoyed it," she said. She hopes to make a positive impact during her time in office. In addition to SGA, Rhea is also a member of The National Society of Leadership and Success, CCC&TI Ambassadors, TRIO, Global Students Club and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. Rhea says that her service at CCC&TI will be a continuation of her involvement and service in her younger years. "I have accumulated hundreds of service hours since middle school, high school and college," she said. In her spare time, Rhea says she loves to collect things like snow globes, minerals and rocks.





## **Sandra Bowers, Caldwell Campus Parliamentarian**

Sandra Bowers is originally from Collettsville and decided to attend CCC&TI because it offered an affordable, close-to-home option where she could start working toward her educational goals. She is currently working on her Associate in Arts degree and hopes to continue her education in Christian ministry and religious studies. Bowers says she decided to get involved with SGA to learn more about being an effective leader and because she values the opportunity to serve her fellow students and help them enhance their college experience. "I plan on interacting with all students to let them know that they belong here and everyone appreciates who they are." Bowers is also involved in CCC&TI's TRIO Student Support Services program and Global Scholars. In her spare time, Bowers also volunteers with several community organizations including Habitat for Humanity, Pay It Forward Food Pantry, Shelter Home of Caldwell County and the NAACP. She also volunteers her time at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center in Lenoir.



## **Magi Lemus Rangel, Caldwell Campus Senator**

Magi Lemus Rangel is from Longview in Catawba County and says she fell in love with CCC&TI after taking a continuing education course on the Caldwell Campus. "There's something about Caldwell that I couldn't find at any of the other nearby community colleges," she said. Rangel has been taking classes at CCC&TI for the last couple years, taking pre-requisites for health sciences classes and trying to decide on a direction for her future. She hopes to enroll in the Nursing Program in the coming months. Rangel says that student government has always been an interest since her high school days and said that now seemed like the right time to give it a try. "I love being involved in activities and I like making things happen," she said. "Whenever you tour a university, there is always some kind of student life activity going on and I want that for Caldwell." In her spare time, Rangel enjoys gardening, reading and writing, and all things science. When she's not busy with her SGA Senator duties, she says you'll probably be able to find her in the library doing homework, or just browsing the book collection.



## **Alex Vazquez, Watauga Campus Vice President**

Alex Vazquez is a Boone native and says he decided to attend CCC&TI to stay close to home while also working on his college education. Vazquez is working toward an Associate in Arts degree and plans to transfer to Appalachian State University and pursue a degree in history and social studies education. Vazquez says he decided to get involved with SGA because of his own experience getting involved in campus activities during his first year at CCC&TI. "I decided to run for student government because of a sense of duty. Student government provided many activities in my first year of college, and it helped me feel like I belonged," he said. "I would like to provide the same opportunities for students to feel welcomed." Vazquez says he wants to use his time in office to better CCC&TI through his service to other students. "I hope to make CCC&TI a better institution by creating a sense of community and inclusion, and help provide more opportunities for my fellow students to better themselves." In his free time, Vazquez says he enjoys reading, cooking, gaming, creating art and especially enjoys the fall season in the North Carolina Mountains.





# Cobra Family Fest 2022

CCC&TI hosted the community for Cobra Family Fest July 14, on the Caldwell Campus. Families enjoyed lots of fun activities from our various program areas in the gym, pizza, free Cobra tees, snoballs, popcorn, and so much more. Thank you to all the families who joined us for the evening. We had a blast!





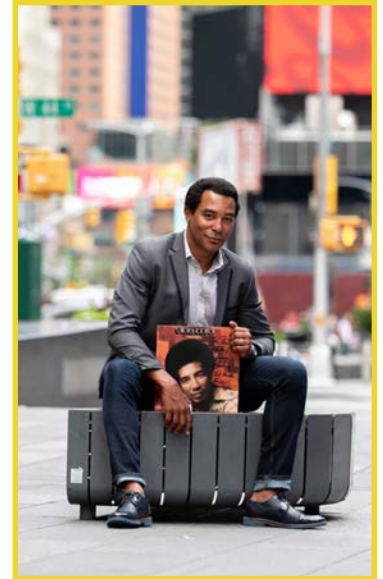
## J.E. Broyhill Civic Center announces Upcoming Showcase of Stars Events

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:

### **Smokey and Me: A Celebration of Smokey Robinson** **Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m.**

Smokey and Me: A Celebration of Smokey Robinson celebrates the life, music and career of acclaimed singer-songwriter Smokey Robinson. Smokey Robinson's career spans over 4 decades of hits and garnered countless awards including Grammys, Kennedy Center Honors and induction into both the Rock'n Roll and Songwriter's Hall of Fame. For this stage production, Smokey is perfectly and uncannily captured by Charl Brown who won a Tony nomination for his portrayal of Smokey in Motown: The Musical. Act One of this production celebrates Smokey's story and many of his biggest hits. Act Two explores the story of the actor who was fortunate enough to become Smokey every night in Motown: The Musical....taking you through Charl Brown's Broadway history and hits, including songs from Hair, Jersey Boys, Pippin, Sister Act, The Wiz and ending with a medley of Smokey's iconic songs, Tears of a Clown and Being With You. Tickets for the show are \$28 for adults and \$10 for students/children.



### **Artrageous**

**Saturday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m.**

Art, Music, Theater, Singing, Dancing, Audience Interaction...All on one stage. All done by a team of friends seeing the world and sharing a love of the Arts. This is Artrageous! Imagine witnessing the creativity of an artist creating a masterpiece before your eyes in mere moments. Combined with captivating vocals, intricate choreography and exciting music, Artrageous takes you on a visual journey and a high energy ride of inspiration, creativity and engagement. The Artrageous troupe of artists, musicians, singers and dancers pay tribute to a variety of art forms, icons and musical genres throughout the evening. The result – a uniquely entertaining, masterpiece show culminating in a gallery of fabulous finished paintings. A signature of the Artrageous Troupe is interaction

and engagement... so be prepared to be a part of the show. Tickets for the show are \$24 for adults and \$10 for students/children.

### **An Evening with Jimmy Webb**

**Saturday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m.**

Jimmy Webb, America's Songwriter, has written songs that transcend generations and genres –think "Wichita Lineman," "MacArthur Park," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix" and "Didn't We." This Motown-trained composer writes all of his own lyrics and music and is the only hit maker to have scored songs on the Pop, Country, R&B, Rap, Disco and New Age charts. During this Evening with Jimmy Webb, audiences will hear this multi-Grammy Award winner's songs and experience his insightful and often humorous stories about his work with Glen Campbell, Frank Sinatra, Linda Ronstadt ("Still



Within the Sound of My Voice”), Art Garfunkel (“All I Know”), The Fifth Dimension (“Up, Up and Away”), The Highwaymen (“The Highwayman”), Kanye West (“Famous” features Webb’s “Do What You Gotta Do”), and more. Tickets for the show are \$24 for adults and \$10 for students/children.

### **Western Piedmont Symphony Christmas**

**Friday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m.**

The Western Piedmont Symphony enriches and engages the communities of Western North Carolina through high-quality symphonic music with creative, relevant performances for all ages. For 57 years, the Symphony has provided exceptional classical music with a wide variety of classically trained guest artists, accompanied by highly trained and talented orchestra members. Ring in the holidays as these talented musicians add their symphonic touch to traditional holiday favorites from a variety of genres. Tickets for the show are \$35 to \$45 each.



### **Milton Harkey Bluegrass presents Dailey & Vincent Saturday, January 7 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 \$41 plus taxes and fees for adults and \$19 plus taxes and fees for students/children.

### **25th Annual Caldwell Traditional Musicians Showcase Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.**

This year, the Caldwell Traditional Musicians Showcase will celebrate its Silver Anniversary and 25 years of promoting local music and talent. Hosted by local musicians Kay and

Patrick Crouch the show 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 \$11 for adults and \$5.50 for students/children.

### **The Wailin’ Jennys**

**Friday, April 21 at 7:30 p.m.**

The Wailin’ Jennys are Nicky Mehta, Ruth Moody and Heather Masse – three distinct voices that together make an achingly perfect vocal sound. Starting as a happy accident of solo singer/songwriters getting together for a one-time-only performance at a tiny guitar shop in Winnipeg, Manitoba, The Wailin’ Jennys have grown over the years into one of today’s most beloved international folk acts. Founding members Moody and Mehta along with New York-based Masse continue to create some of the most exciting music on the folk-roots scene, stepping up their musical game with each critically lauded recording and thrilling audiences with their renowned live performances. Tickets are \$36.50 for adults and \$10 for students/children.



The J.E. Broyhill Civic Center is offering a “Pick Three” Subscriber Rate which includes a ticket to your choice of three shows. Also available, is a special “All In Rate” of \$134, which includes a ticket to each show in the schedule.

For more information on the 2022-2023 Showcase of Stars or for tickets, call the Civic Center Box Office at 828-726-2407 or visit [www.broyhillcenter.com](http://www.broyhillcenter.com).



# CCC&TI Student Athletes Earn Academic Honors

## Nine Student-Athletes from CCC&TI Named to NJCAA All-Academic Teams for 2021-2022 Academic Year

Nine student-athletes from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute were named to the National Junior College Athletics Association's All-Academic teams for the 2021-2022 academic year. Student-athletes are eligible to earn academic honors by the NJCAA for achieving an overall GPA of 3.60 or higher with at least 24 semester hours completed for the academic year. The criteria for the three All-Academic teams are listed below:

- NJCAA All-Academic First Team: 4.00 GPA
- NJCAA All-Academic Second Team: 3.80-3.99 GPA
- NJCAA All-Academic Third Team: 3.60-3.79 GPA

Ashlyn Castle (softball) and Easton Rhoney (baseball) were honored as members of the NJCAA All-Academic First Team. Zoey Boston (softball) and Jacob Bebbler (baseball) earned NJCAA All-Academic Second Team honors. Juliana Aponte (softball), Kiara Dewy (softball), Mackenzie Johnson (softball), Scout Nichols (baseball), and Kaylee Redwine (softball) were NJCAA All-Academic Third Team honorees.

Nationwide, 2,852 student-athletes garnered NJCAA All-Academic First Team honors after achieving a 4.0 GPA. 3,322 student-athletes were named to the NJCAA All-Academic Second Team while 4,221 student-athletes received third team recognition.

## Eighteen Student-Athletes from CCC&TI Named to the NJCAA Region 10 All-Academic Team for Spring Semester 2022

For the Spring 2022 semester, 18 student-athletes from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute were honored by NJCAA Region 10 as All-Academic Team selections. To be named to the Region 10 All-Academic team, student-athletes must participate in a sport that competes during the spring semester (baseball, basketball, beach volleyball, golf, softball, tennis, and track and field) while achieving a 3.0 grade point average and passing at least 12 credit hours.

Caldwell's baseball team had four student-athletes named to the Region 10 All-Academic team: Jacob Bebbler, Kayle Ratliff, Easton Rhoney, and Dalton Stikeleather. Four members from the men's basketball team were honored: Gilbert Brown, Amarie Elijah-Kirby, Nedas Nacickas, and Isaiah Pruett. Softball had ten selections: Lauren Anderson, Juliana Aponte, Zoey Boston, Ashlyn Castle, Kiara Dewey, Mackenzie Johnson, Kaylee Redwine, Abby Reeves, Kileigh Sechrist, and Christa Walsh.

The Spring 2022 semester was the largest All-Academic team in Region 10 history, with 824 student-athletes being named. Thirty-four schools were represented, and each spring sport had a selection.

### On-Campus Food Options

#### **Smart Market Vending Service- Open Daily**

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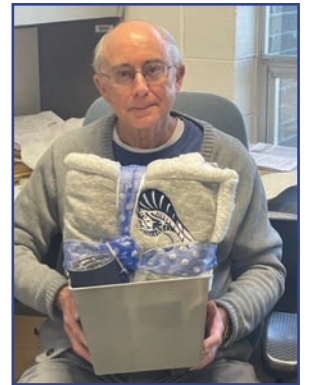
# Cobra Cares Award Winners

## March

March Cobra Cares Award winners were Movita Hurst (Nursing Advisor/Student Counselor, Watauga Campus) and Keith Starnes (Religion/Humanities Instructor, Caldwell Campus).

Movita is a part-time employee with a full commitment to our students. "Movita made me feel like I would and could succeed from our first interaction. As a late life learner, I was very hesitant to enroll into college, but seeing the confidence Movita had in me and the program at CCC&TI assured me that I was in the right place. I work full time currently (really more than full time), and usually I think of questions late in the evening, so I email late at night, without meaning for her to respond so late, only getting the question off my mind when I have time. She always, without fail, emails me back so promptly that I feel guilty for bothering her. With her I feel like I can reach my goals in the medical field." The core value Movita best portrays is student success.

Keith is a dedicated employee who takes his job seriously and connects with each student. "Mr. Starnes is a teacher that goes above and beyond to help students learn course material in various ways. He also applies real world characteristics into his teaching technique. For example, in class discussions are conducted in a respectful, college level, and well-spoken manner. When Mr. Starnes sees one of his students around campus or in public, he never fails to speak and engage in conversation. From day one he makes his expectations known, and the student knows what is expected of them. Mr. Starnes is one of the best teachers CCC&TI has!" The core value Keith best portrays is teaching and learning.

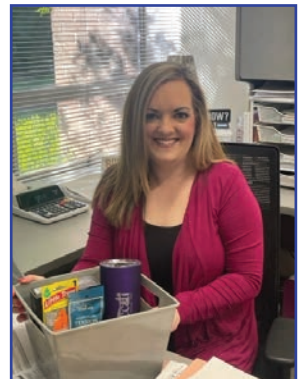


## April

April Cobra Cares Award winners were Julie Couch (Coordinator, Adult Basic Education, Caldwell Campus) and Rashelle Penley (Controller, Business Services, Caldwell Campus).

Julie "takes the time to make sure every student in her class feels valued and has the opportunities needed to achieve their goals. She blends Adult Basic Education (ABE), High School Equivalency (HSE), and English Language Acquisition (ELA) classes together on a weekly basis for classroom activities. Students become interested in others' stories and learn so much from each other. Julie looks for resources outside of our department for students. One of her HSE students needed assistance with a class technology project. Julie found an Early College student to assist the HSE student. They worked together, and the final product was amazing. I have never seen this HSE student so proud." The core value Julie best portrays is inclusion and diversity.

Rashelle "is always willing to help with budgetary questions and great to help move tasks forward. I appreciate her commitment to being such a team player at our college." "Rashelle is not only efficient and professional, she is also very patient. She always responds in a timely manner to any question that I need answered. Even if I ask her a question that may seem complex to me, Rashelle always provides an answer that is clear and understandable. Rashelle always remains kind and professional even when we're all under pressure from deadlines or complications. She definitely exemplifies the characteristics of what it means to be a Cobra." The core value Rashelle best portrays is community.





## May

May Cobra Cares Award winners were Amy Hall (Director, Business and Administrative Programs, Caldwell Campus) and Rose Moon (Executive Director, Human Resource, Caldwell Campus).

Amy is humble, professional, and kind. In her many nominations, Amy is applauded for taking on her new role with grace. “She balances administrative duties with teaching a full course load. Her door is always open to students, staff, and faculty. She builds a sense of community among instructors she supervises as well as other employees of this institution.” “Local businesses regularly reach out to our program areas for potential employees. Amy has created a reputation and sense of trust among local businesses that CCC&TI produces competent and well-trained potential employees.” “Students rave about her to me. You can tell by Amy’s willingness to take on new roles, and help her students and co-workers, she truly is defining The Caldwell Way.” The core value Amy best portrays is community.

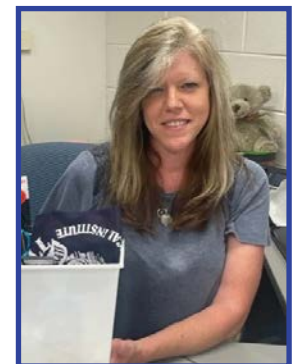


Rose is patient, honest, and thoughtful. “Not only is Rose very knowledgeable, intuitive, and helpful, she is kind and friendly. She expects those who work alongside her to exemplify that same behavior. Rose is dependable, loyal, and dedicated to the college and is one of the most thoughtful people I know!” Another describes Rose in this way: “She always strives to make employees feel like they have a voice. She listens to their problems and is always confidential with any information that comes her way. She is changing the view of Human Resources for the better, and Caldwell Community College is fortunate to have her on board.” “She truly has a servant’s heart and demonstrates compassion for others every single day.” The core value Rose best portrays is integrity.

## June

Our June Cobra Cares Award winners were Jennifer Phillips (Printer, Caldwell Campus) and Jennifer Vance (Assistant Director, Records and Registration, Caldwell Campus).

One nominator said Jennifer Phillips “makes my work life better,” and we couldn’t agree more. “Jennifer is always willing to help no matter the situation. Before the semester begins, she sees that course manuals are printed so we can offer course materials at an affordable price since they are printed in-house. Jennifer works with the bookstore and instructors to make this happen, and does it with a smile even though it can be hectic. Additionally, when it’s time for graduation, she doesn’t take breaks to ensure that the booklets are printed on time. She consistently meets deadlines as requested. On top of her printing responsibilities, she juggles many other things and drives from Watauga to Caldwell everyday. Numerous times there have been orders placed by the Foundation Office or the President’s Office that the courier couldn’t get to, and she takes her personal time to pick up the orders in Boone from Precision Printing to make sure colleagues got what they needed. The core value Jennifer best portrays is community.



Jennifer Vance is equally helpful and happy. “Jennifer Vance is always willing to assist instructors with questions regarding student withdrawals, changes of program, a double-check of student credits, etc. It is also worth noting that Ms. Vance makes herself accessible; I can always count on getting a prompt response from Ms. Vance about any query I may have. More importantly, she extends this same assistance and accessibility readily to our students. Twice I have asked Ms. Vance if I could share her contact info with a student who needed specific Student Services assistance, and she has helped get these students what they needed, eagerly and without reservation. One student who engaged with Ms. Vance stated she felt ‘seen and heard,’ and that kind of positive impact is worthy of recognition.” “Jennifer is so quick to answer my



questions about Career and College Promise protocols. She is always kind in person, on the phone, or via email. She is competent in her position and I always feel confident she is giving me the right information. Being an off-campus employee it can be difficult for me to get answers as quickly as they come, but with Jennifer, it's almost like she's next door." The core value Jennifer best portrays is communication.

## July

July Cobra Cares Award winners were DeAnna Chester (Communication Instructor, Watauga Campus) and David Everhart (Nursing Program Instructor, Caldwell Campus).

DeAnna is student-centered and committed to being an amazing instructor. "I love the way Mrs. Chester sets up the online course. She assigns open assignments every week which allow students to have the freedom to choose what they want to focus on. Mrs. Chester also gives very good, detailed directions which helps when taking an online course. She is also quick at grading. Overall, I just love this course I am taking with her and I am a firm believer that a great instructor makes a great course/semester." The core value DeAnna best portrays is teaching and learning.

David is present with his students and makes learning fun, so it's no surprise that his students feel a real connection to him. One student said, "He is always available to help. He is very patient with his students." Another commented, "He listens to the students, is clear and concise with the information he teaches and with his expectations, and cares about the student's success. He is flexible and makes an honest and genuine attempt to connect with each student." The core value David best portrays is student success.



## Watauga Nursing Scholarship Awards Record Number

To answer the unprecedented demand for nurses in the High Country, the Watauga Nursing Scholarship Committee has distributed its highest number of awards ever and is already recruiting applicants for 2023.

For more than 30 years, the Watauga Nursing Scholarship has provided annual scholarships to students pursuing a Nursing degree at CCC&TI's Watauga Campus. Chaired by Rose Bridgeman, R.N., the scholarship committee awarded a total of \$26,000 to eight students in 2022. The availability of additional scholarship funds was made possible by long-term supporters Juanita and Clayton Dean.

Scholarship recipients are selected through an application process that includes personal and professional references, transcripts and a commitment to practice as a nurse in North Carolina's High Country area. The deadline for 2023 applications is June 1, 2023.

For more information about the scholarship or to request an application form, please contact CCC&TI's Watauga Campus at 828-297-3811.



*Pictured above are this year's recipients: Front row (left to right): Caitlin Laws of North Wilkesboro, Aleya Pillmear-Martin of Boone and Lolita Shields of Zionville; Back row (left to right): Miranda Birchard of Boone, Eric Strickler of Boone, Caitlin Amorocho of Boone and Chelsea Kilgore of Blowing Rock. Pictured separately: Kylee Houser of Claremont*



## 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 March 24, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

### Honoraria:

*In honor of Brock Beck to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive:*

Charles and Rebecca Beck

*In honor of Peg Broyhill and Ginny Herman to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive:*

Emelyne Williams

*In honor of the CCC&TI Board of Trustees to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive:*

Billy Winkler, III

*In honor of Chick-fil-A at Smith Crossroads to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive:*

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Jerry Church

*In honor of Patricia and Jerry Church to the Dwight and Rose Church Dream Scholarship:*

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Charles and Davanna Downs

*In honor of Dr. Mark Poarch for his mentorship to the Dr. Mark Poarch Scholarship:*

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*In honor of Stacy Reagan to Nursing Professional Development:*

Pamela Owens

*In honor of Mary Frances Sullivan to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive:*

Rebecca Sullivan

*In honor of Mary Frances Sullivan to General Scholarships:*

Jeanne Whisnant

### Memorials:

*In memory of Dr. H.E. Beam to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive:*

Evelyn Beam

*In memory of Paul H. Broyhill to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive:*

Hunt Broyhill

*In memory of Dwight Church to the Dwight and Rose Church Dream Scholarship:*

Rose Church

*In memory of Luceil Greene to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive:*

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*In memory of Richard Greer and Rob Greer to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive:*

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Candis Hagaman

*In memory of Mozelle R. Jones and Wilda P. Jones to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive:*

Ray Jones

*In memory of Charles Larry Lutz to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive:*

Dr. Richard and Rebekah Curtis

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

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vs. Surry CC**

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**Saturday, 9/17 • 11 am  
vs. Rockingham CC**

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