



Fall Semester Fun

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October

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Health Sciences Career Fair

Grab-N-Go Learning, "NC Live-ly" 12 - 1:30 p.m.; LRC

Watauga Campus Movie, "Hocus Pocus," 12 p.m. W460 - Room 135

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Branches Reading & Reception; 5:30 p.m., Caldwell Campus LRC Multipurpose Room

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Priority deadline for spring semester scholarship applications

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Spring Schedule available on Self-Service

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Halloween Spirit Week

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Last day to drop a class without academic penalty

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Grab-N-Go Learning, "Secrets of the CCC&TI Website," 12 - 1:30 p.m., LRC

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Watauga Campus
Oktoberfest, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; W460-Room 135

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Creepy Caldwell Campus Trunk-or-Treat Event, 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Branches Reading & Reception, 5:30 p.m.; Watauga Campus W460 - Student Services Center

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Watauga Campus Trunk-or-Treat Event, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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Caldwell Campus Costume Contest

Events are subject to change. For the latest information and a full calendar of events and activities, including Cobra Athletic Events, visit www.cccti.edu

On the Cover: Busy Fall Semester

Fall is a busy time of year at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. Both campuses have been buzzing with activity since the start of the semester. Students have enjoyed various on-campus activities, including Constitution and Punctuation Day Celebrations, a ping pong tournament and performing artists concert featuring the Jonathan Scales Fourchestra. In addition, CCC&TI courses are in full swing including a fall Kayaking Course on Price Lake, art classes on the Watauga Campus and our PTA class in the pool learning about aquatic physical therapy techniques. Activities will continue throughout the rest of Fall semester on both campuses. Stay tuned to CCC&TI social media and your student email for details on how you can get involved!

Trustee Larry Taylor Honored for 30 Years of Service

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Board of Trustees Chairman Larry Taylor was honored Wednesday, Sept. 21, for his 30 years as a board member, 23 of which he has served as chairman. The presentation took place at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir during the monthly Board of Trustees meeting. The event included a special meal and comments from fellow board members and CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch. Taylor was first appointed in July 1992 and was elected chairman of the board in 1999. He is the longest serving chairman in CCC&TI Board of Trustees history.



CCC&TI

Free and open to the community!

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Caldwell Campus
Thursday, Oct. 27
4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Watauga Campus
Friday, Oct. 28
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Free treats for local kids while supplies last.
Children must be accompanied by parent or guardian.

CCC&TI Introduces New Leadership Team Members

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently announced two leadership team hires and hosted receptions on both campuses to introduce them.

Dr. Jason Chaffin joined CCC&TI effective Oct. 1 in the role of Chief of Staff. Chaffin previously served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington. He had served in various roles at Cape Fear since 2005, including Assistant Vice President of Instructional Operations and as an instructor.

Chaffin has earned degrees from Elon University, UNC-Wilmington and East Carolina University. Chaffin said he is looking forward to being a part of the CCC&TI family and living in Western North Carolina.

“I am passionate about community colleges and their mission, having seen first-hand the difference they can make in the lives of the students and communities we serve,” Chaffin said. “My wife, Patty, and I are excited about moving to Caldwell County and being a part of this dynamic community.”

Though a familiar face at CCC&TI, Liz Silvers took on a new role as of Oct. 1 as the new Vice President of Instruction and Chief Academic Officer. Silvers joined the CCC&TI team in 2016 and most recently served as the Executive Director of Accountability and Strategic Initiatives.

Prior to coming to CCC&TI, Silvers spent 24 years at Mayland Community College in Spruce Pine in a variety of roles, including instructor, Interim Vice President of Academics and Interim Dean of Arts and Sciences. Silvers has earned degrees from Lees-McRae University and Appalachian State University.

“CCC&TI is such a special place, and I’m glad to have the opportunity to make a difference for our students and the community,” Silvers said. “Preparing the community for tomorrow’s jobs and challenges is a huge task, but we have a great team and I’m excited to work with them.”

The decades of experience that Chaffin and Silvers bring to their new positions will be a huge asset to the college, CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch said.

“I am confident that Jason and Liz will position the college to continue our great work of supporting students, employees and our communities as we continue to make CCC&TI the best community college in North Carolina,” Poarch said.



CCC&TI Installs Kiosk at Popular Overlook

By *Tehan McMahon, Appalachian State University, CCC&TI Marketing Intern*

To connect with the community of visitors seeking beautiful sunset views, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute has installed an information kiosk on the west side of the Watauga Campus in Boone. The kiosk is located in the parking area that overlooks a west-facing view of landmarks such as Grandfather Mountain and Beech Mountain, which has become a popular destination for enjoying the beautiful High Country scenery.

Funded by a grant from the Foundation of CCC&TI, the goal of the kiosk is to highlight information about the college and upcoming events for campus visitors.

“Throughout the year, crowds of visitors gather on campus to watch the beautiful sunset and we realized that would be a great opportunity to share information about all of the other exciting opportunities and activities CCC&TI has to offer,”

CCC&TI Executive Director of Community Relations Edward Terry said. “In addition to connecting with visitors to our campus, we hope to take advantage of the popularity of this gathering spot in the future by hosting special events and activities for the community.”

The next community event on the Watauga Campus will be the annual Trunk-or-Treat for area families from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28 in the parking lot.

The kiosk was installed in early September and will be regularly updated with new information. CCC&TI's Watauga Campus is located off the Highway 105 Bypass at 460 Community College Drive, Boone. The western parking area is open to the public.



Caldwell County Smart Start Makes Donation to CCC&TI

Caldwell County Smart Start recently donated 68 EDU textbooks to the Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Early Childhood Education program. The donation will create a lending library to assist with the cost of college textbooks for Early Childhood students. Caldwell County Smart Start presented the gift in the CCC&TI library. Pictured, left to right, are: Smart Start Program Specialists Hannah Romero and Kristy Campbell, Smart Start Fiscal Manager Michael Smith, Smart Start Executive Director Teresa Branch, CCC&TI Early Childhood Education Director Mandy White and CCC&TI Teacher Preparation Instructor Linda Allbritton.



Change Agent Philip Cooper Speaks at CCC&TI

CCC&TI recently hosted Change Agent Philip Cooper on the Caldwell Campus. Cooper spoke to students about overcoming personal challenges to find success and shared stories of recovery, growth and change. He encouraged students to turn struggles into strength and to turn challenges into opportunities.

Cooper, a first-generation college student himself, credits his community college experience among several factors that helped him face adversity and achieve his goals.



Student Receives Harold F. Coffey Scholarship

The Foundation of CCC&TI recently presented Lana McCall of Hudson with the Harold F. Coffey Scholarship for 2022-2023. McCall is working toward an Associate in Science degree as well as an Emergency Medical Technician certificate.

McCall is a 2022 graduate of South Caldwell High School, where she participated in Beta Club, the Health Occupations Students of America Club, Citizens of the World Club, Student Ambassadors Club and varsity women's golf. She also has volunteered with Wheelhouse Sports Academy and North Catawba Optimist. McCall plans to transfer to Appalachian State University to pursue a bachelor's degree in biology and continue her education to become a Physician Assistant.

Established by the Coffey Foundation in memory of Harold Coffey, the scholarship is merit-based and provides \$2,500 annually to a graduate of Caldwell County Schools or a graduate of a certified Caldwell County home school who does not qualify for a Pell Grant. The graduate must also have a minimum GPA of 3.5 and have demonstrated civic or community involvement. The scholarship provides funds to cover the cost of tuition, books and supplies for a student who enrolls in either an Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science program of study at CCC&TI.



September Cobra Cares Award Recipients

Both of our September Cobra Cares Award winners were nominated for the extra time they spent ensuring student success. Congratulations to Lucas McGuire (Director, Biomedical Equipment and Electronic Engineering Technologies, Caldwell Campus) and Sandra Reece (Administrative Assistant, Student Services, Caldwell Campus).

Lucas McGuire

Lucas prioritizes students and makes them feel valued. “When I lost my brother over spring semester he worked with me in plc class to make sure I not only managed to learn everything before the end of the semester but allowed me access to the lab room and was super flexible with teaching me and having me come in when the classroom was empty to do work when I wasn’t feeling ready to be around people yet.

This was one of the hardest classes I’ve done at that point, and his willingness to help and flexibility for my work during that troubling time went a long way for keeping me with it and not dropping out.” The core value Lucas best portrays is integrity.



Sandra Reece

Sandra is helpful and supportive of everyone on campus. “Sandra was ‘assigned’ as my mentor and has reached out numerous times to ask me how things were going and to offer advice. We have met up multiple times for lunch to discuss things going on in life. Sandra knows my faith is important to me and she shared some Bible verses with me to help me get through my difficult times. She has mentored me in many ways. I am coming up on my graduation date and I have had a hard time getting answers on what to do next. Most recently, Sandra has helped me make sure I get to the right people to get those questions answered so I can make a smooth transition to my university.” The core value Sandra best portrays is student success.

Ping Pong Tournament

CCC&TI’s Student Government Associates recently hosted a Ping Pong tournament on the Caldwell Campus for students. Top prizes were awarded to Caldwell Campus student Zion Main (left) who took first place and received a \$50 Amazon gift card and Watauga Campus student Joe Misovec (far right) who took second Place and received a \$25 Amazon gift card.

Congratulations to these students and thanks to all who participated.

Get involved! For information on upcoming student activities, visit www.cccti.edu/studentlife or your student email.



Global Students Club Hosts Ukrainian Speakers

By *Tehan McMahon, Appalachian State University, CCC&TI Marketing Intern*

While the world watches a war raging on television and social media, a group of students and employees at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute were able to gain a new perspective on it.

English Instructor Suzanne Shaut invited Appalachian State University Computer Science Assistant Professor Andrew Polonsky, his wife Viktoriia Kovtun and his father Sergii Polonsky to speak on the Watauga Campus Oct. 4. Hosted by the Global Students Club, the event focused on a discussion about the ongoing war in Ukraine and how it has affected Ukrainians living in the United States.

Polonsky spoke about the history of Ukraine, specifically Ukraine's history of conflict with Russia. He said that a main reason for the current war is each country's differing government systems and issues that date back centuries. The speakers also talked about their family and the impact that the war has had on them.

Kovtun, a former CCC&TI student, said that when the news about the Russian invasion broke, she checked on her family still in Ukraine and they were hiding in their basements. She said she hopes Ukraine wins the war and that afterward there will be more diversity and people wanting to immigrate to her home country. She also believes the support and media awareness from the United States has been helpful and has "saved a lot of Ukrainian civilian lives."

Event participants also learned about Ukrainian culture, specifically its infrastructure and cuisine. Polonsky said Ukrainian architecture mirrors a lot of Poland's building design and engineering. In regards to the cuisine, one of the most famous dishes in Ukraine is borscht, a soup made with beets, cabbage and other vegetables.

"I am thankful for the opportunity CCC&TI offered for us to hear a first-hand account of the current crisis and its immediate impact on their families in Ukraine, as well as learning about their culture and strong family values," said Diane Mazza, Coordinator of Student Life and Engagement at CCC&TI. "I have learned so much about Ukrainian history through this presentation."

The Watauga Campus Global Students Club hosts meetings every Tuesday from 10:40 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Academic Support Center (W-460). It's open to all students and provides opportunities to learn about cultural diversity and global issues as well as sampling foods from around the world.



The Global Students Club recently hosted guest speakers from Ukraine. Pictured, from left to right, are: CCC&TI Instructor Laura Wollpert, former CCC&TI student Viktoriia Kovtun, Appalachian State University Computer Science Assistant Professor Andrew Polonsky (holding his son Ronnie), Sergii Polonsky, student Zaine Swiger, CCC&TI English Instructor Suzanne Shaut, student Alex Farmer and student Nancy Onsrud.

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 July 1, 2022 to October 13, 2022.

Honoraria

In honor of Spencer Bruining and his parents, Bill and Tracy Bruining's August birthdays to the Spencer Bruining Memorial Scholarship:
Brenda Morse

In honor of Robin Ledford on the occasion of her retirement:
Marla Christie
Liz Silvers

In honor of Janice Malloy Bahash to the Matt Malloy Memorial Scholarship:
Caitlyn Council

In memory of Phyllis Huffstetler:
The CCC&TI Retirees' Association

In memory of Maurice Theodore McLaurin, Laurin Dula's grandfather:
Liz Silvers

In memory of Matt Malloy and his 9/11 legacy to the Matt Malloy Memorial Scholarship:
Caitlyn Council

In memory of Matt Malloy to the Matt Malloy Memorial Scholarship:
Tim Bahash and Erick Rexrode
Caitlyn Council
Patricia Kaye Reynolds

In memory of Virginia Sauer to the Virginia Sauer Art Scholarship:
James and Virginia Brown

Memorials

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

In memory of Ruth Herold to the Barbara T. Harris Scholarship:
Barbara Harris

Early Childhood Education Students Create Storybook Pumpkins

Students in CCC&TI's EDU 235 School Age Development and Programs course have been learning about classroom methods and strategies to enhance the literacy skills of the students they serve. For a recent assignment, students were tasked with creating storybook pumpkins based on their favorite children's book. Students plan to share their books and pumpkins with the children in their classrooms.



Upcoming Showcase of Stars Events at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center

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.

Upcoming Performing Artist Series Events

The WWC Gamelan Ensemble • Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m.

CCC&TI Recital Hall (B-100) • Caldwell Campus

Gamelan is a traditional instrumental ensemble of Indonesia mostly made up of metal percussion instruments. The WWC Gamelan Ensemble, founded in 2011, is an introduction to Indonesian gamelan performance. It performs different styles of gamelan from Java and Bali depending on the semester, with nearly all of the repertoire coming from the transcriptions and arrangements of Burhan Sukarma and Dr. Han Kuo-huang. The ensemble is open to all students, and auditions are not required. Out of respect for the gamelan instruments and the spirit believed to inhabit them, musicians in Indonesia remove their shoes before playing and are careful to not step over the instruments. Members of the WWC Gamelan Ensemble also observe these performance practices.



CCC&TI Chorus • Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 1 p.m.

CCC&TI Recital Hall (B-100) • Caldwell Campus

The Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Chorus is directed by Alexandria McNeely and the ensemble features students, community members, staff and faculty. Holding a master's degree in vocal performance, McNeely is a recent graduate of the prestigious Eastman School of Music. This concert's theme will be based on music that focuses on peace, love and unity. The CCC&TI Chorus serves as the only community chorus in the area which is open to all community members ages 16 and up. If you are interested in singing with the CCC&TI chorus please contact the college's music director Justin Butler at 828-726-2457, jbutler@cccti.edu.

Performing Artist Series events are free and open to all students and the public.

CCC&TI Culinary Students Impress at System Conference

CCC&TI's Culinary Arts students and faculty, displayed their skills at the NC Community College System Conference in Raleigh Oct. 9-11. The conference offers an opportunity for community college administrators, faculty and staff to come together for informative sessions, updates from the NCCC System office, networking and hearing from peers about best practices and new initiatives from sister institutions.

CCC&TI's Culinary Arts students provided an impressive display of hors d'oeuvres for an evening reception for all attendees. Their menu included smoked trout cakes, pimento cheese, beef tartar, foie gras profiteroles, shrimp and crab stuffed peppers, and duck sausage sliders.

Thanks to our Culinary Arts Faculty and students for their work at the conference. We're proud of you!



Trustee Named Woman of the Year

Congratulations to CCC&TI Board of Trustees member and former Caldwell Early College High School principal Candis Hagaman on being honored as The Hudson Community Development Association's 2022 Woman of the Year.

HCDA recognized Hagaman and several other honorees at their 51st annual Man & Woman of the Year Banquet on Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Hub in downtown Hudson.

Thank you, Trustee Hagaman for the tremendous work you do for our community and congratulations on receiving this honor.

CCC&TI Lineworker Students Get First Look at New Tools of the Trade

Officials from Utility Solutions Inc. recently visited the Electrical Lineworker program on the Caldwell Campus. As part of the ongoing support the company has provided the program, students were able to try out some new equipment during the visit, including the Klondike Clamp and BLUE STRIPE Shotgun Stick.

Special thanks to Utility Solutions for supporting CCC&TI and our students!



CCC&TI Culinary Students Host Greek Night

By Tehan McMahon, Appalachian State University, CCC&TI Marketing Intern

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently resumed a long-standing tradition after a two-year break. And just as expected the results have never tasted better.

CCC&TI hosted its second Caldwell Cuisine event of the semester on Oct. 6 at J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. A long-term component of the college's popular Culinary Arts program, the dinner events had been suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Caldwell Cuisine allows culinary students to gain hands-on experience planning, cooking and serving a meal for the community. The events are a key component in translating classroom knowledge to a real-world experience.

The delectable dinner consisted of five Greek-inspired courses that were served and cooked by CCC&TI's Culinary Arts students. When guests first arrived, they were seated at decorative tables while musicians played Greek music softly in the background. The servers, also Culinary Arts students, offered beverages such as tea and beer.

The first course was dolmades, which contains lamb, rice, tomatoes, pine nuts and fresh herbs. Following the dolmades, students served Greek salad, shish kabobs, rice, and for dessert, baklava.

During dinner, guests chatted with each other and gave their compliments to the chefs. A survey was provided on each seat to rate each dish and provide feedback, a valuable learning tool for the students. At the end of the dinner, the Culinary Arts instructors brought out the students to take a bow and commended them on their hard work.

CCC&TI will host another Caldwell Cuisine on Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. at the civic center. The menu for the final Caldwell Cuisine of the semester will feature Latin American foods including empanadas, Mexican-braised chicken, stewed pinto beans and more.



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CCC&TI Athletics Presents: PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT



Friday, Nov. 4 • 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. • Mulberry Recreation Center
\$30 Per Person Entry Fee • Proceeds go to CCC&TI Athletics

Registration Deadline: Nov. 2

For more information or to register contact
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CCC&TI is Hiring!

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

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

www.governmentjobs.com

Branches Vol. 25 Reception & Reading

Caldwell Campus: Thursday, Oct. 20 at 5:30 p.m.
LRC Multipurpose Room

Watauga Campus: Thursday, Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m.
W460 - Student Services Center

