



It starts with a

Dream



Calendar

November

23
No Curriculum Classes

24-25
Thanksgiving Holidays,
Institution Closed

30
Red Cross Blood Drive,
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Caldwell
Campus Gym

Hunger Banquet, 11:30 a.m.
- 1 p.m.; Watauga Campus
W460, Student Commons

December

1
Fall Graduation Applications
Due

5
Winter Session Begins

15
Fall Semester Ends

16
Check Disbursement for
Fall Classes, if awarded by
11/30/22

19
Grades Due by 12 p.m.

22
Institution Closes at 12 p.m.
for Holiday Break

23-31
Institution Closed

January

1-2
Institution Closed for New
Year's Holiday

5
Winter Session Ends

9
Spring Semester Begins

**Events are subject to
change. For the latest
information and a full
calendar of events and
activities, including
Cobra Athletic Events, visit
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CCC&TI Foundation Celebrates New Dream Award Recipients

With dreams of careers in fields such as engineering, healthcare and education, a group of students began charting their course at the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's annual Dream Award ceremony at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir on Tuesday, Nov. 1.

The Dream Award, which ensures free tuition for local students to attend CCC&TI upon graduation from high school, was presented to 41 students from Caldwell and Watauga counties who were nominated and chosen while in sixth grade.

Participants must be future first-generation college students who have demonstrated academic achievement and civic involvement, and who have the potential to succeed. The program, which is funded through private donations to the Foundation, has presented awards to 1,405 students since its inception in 1989.

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch opened the ceremony by welcoming the students, their families and guests.

"It's a special night when we get to hear about the hopes and dreams of these students," Poarch said. "Thanks to many of you in this room and so many others in our community, college is no longer a question mark for these students. You have paved the way for these young people to have guaranteed access to a college education. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."

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

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

"Each of you has gone above and beyond in demonstrating good character, leadership and achievement," Broyhill said to the students. "We look forward to seeing you shine and hearing about your many successes in the future."

Dena Holman, Vice President of Student Services at CCC&TI, provided a history of the program and encouraged recipients to make the most of the opportunity. "Regardless of your goals, we're here to support you along your journey to a college education," she said.

Holman then introduced guest speakers Tatiana Fernandez, a 2008 Dream Award recipient at Gamewell Middle School and CCC&TI graduate, and Dr. Amanda Stroud, one of the first recipients of the Dream Award in 1989 while she was a student at Happy Valley School.

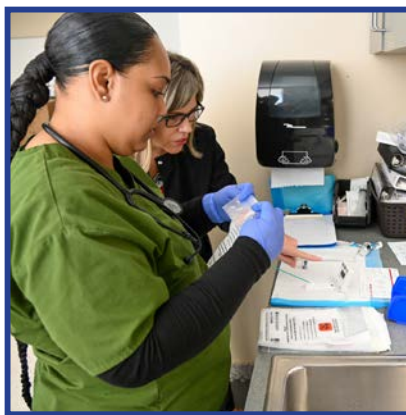
Fernandez has earned Business Administration and Accounting associate degrees at CCC&TI, as well as a Cosmetology diploma earlier this year. She owns two local businesses and attributes part of her success to receiving the Dream Award years ago. “It’s very important that you take advantage of this award and the opportunity to further your education,” she said.

Stroud is the Dental Director for AppHealthCare in Boone and serves as President of the NC Dental Society Foundation Board. She urged the group to imagine their journey to college and a career and likened the Dream Award to a boarding pass. “Whatever your trip looks like, whatever your journey looks like, realize that all of us in this room have things in common with you,” Stroud said. “All of us in this room are here to support you, encourage you and congratulate you.”

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

Medical Assisting Mock Clinic

CCC&TI’s Medical Assisting program held a mock clinic on Thursday, Nov. 3 with faculty and staff volunteering as patients. In preparation for their upcoming internships, students were able to practice clinical skills such as rooming, taking a complete set of vital signs and drawing blood. Special thanks to all of our employee volunteers who participated in the event.



TRIO Celebrates First Generation College Students

CCC&TI’s TRIO/Student Support Services on both campuses celebrated “National I’m First Day” with several events in early November. The events included special TRIO Deli luncheons on both the Watauga and Caldwell Campuses that featured First Generation stories from CCC&TI leaders including President Dr. Mark Poarch and Vice President of Student Services, Dena Holman.

TRIO also hosted a community-wide celebration at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center featuring motivational speaker K.D. Wilson. Along with hearing Wilson’s inspirational story, participants were treated to TRIO t-shirts and door prizes.

A special thank you to K.D. Wilson and all who participated.



CAFE Students Learn About the Malisite Tribe

CCC&TI's CAFE students hosted guest speaker Allison Butler in their classroom in October. Butler is from the Malisite tribe in Canada and came to share her indigenous culture, dressed in a traditional ribbon skirt, beads and moccasins. She read to the class and helped each student make a beaded bracelet.

Students were able to hold special cultural items such as eagle feathers and woven baskets that were carefully passed around. Everyone had a great time learning more about her tribe and the reservation where her family still lives.



Students and Instructors Assist with Empty Bowls Fundraiser

CCC&TI students from both the Caldwell and Watauga campuses participated in a collaboration and volunteered their artwork to help support Yokefellow's Empty Bowls fundraising event. Handmade bowls were thrown by instructor Laura Aultman and their clay surfaces were designed by the students in the Ceramics classes. Nineteen bowls were donated to the annual Yokefellow Empty Bowls fundraiser.

The event held in late October each year, is a collaboration between artists, who create and donate handmade bowls, and local chefs, who prepare meals, in an effort to raise proceeds to support local food pantries. Guests to the event make a donation and receive a hand-crafted bowl and a meal.

Special thanks to all of the students and faculty members who support this effort and for lending their creativity to a worthy cause.



October Cobra Cares Award Recipients

Our October Cobra Cares Award winners were nominated for the love they put into everything they do. Congratulations to Laura Aultman (Instructor, Fine Arts, Watauga Campus) and Katelyn Long (Transition Advisor, On-Campus High School Programs, Caldwell Campus).

Laura Aultman, Fine Arts Instructor, Watauga Campus

Laura does everything with tremendous care. She is selfless and amazing, and when we asked the students in her ceramics class yesterday what they liked most about the class, the answer was her. "What inspired me to nominate Laura Aultman today was walking into the art building this morning and seeing the 19 bowls that she made to represent CCC&TI at the Empty Bowls fundraiser. Laura's generous contribution of her skills and time to a meaningful event makes our school look great. But wait, there's more! Laura volunteers each year at CCCTI's Trunk of Treat, she makes Christmas ornaments for every member of our Board of Trustees, and she offers artistic and meaningful professional development opportunities for our faculty and staff. She does all this out of goodwill for our students, colleagues, and community. Not to overlook that Laura is an outstanding instructor. She goes out of her way to make her classes enriching for every student, regardless of their skill level. The work produced in her studio classes speaks for itself. She provides accessible, quality instruction and is a positive role model for everyone she comes in contact with. In short, Laura is very deserving of this award." The core value Laura best portrays is community.



Katelyn Long, Transition Advisor, On-Campus High School Programs, Caldwell Campus

Katelyn is the perfect combination of a student advocate and supportive colleague. "Katelyn is such a supportive advisor to each one of her students. Going above and beyond, she meets with her students throughout the school year to ensure that they are meeting both their college requirements and the expectations of instructors. Working with Caldwell Early College High School, Katelyn consistently keeps all CECHS teachers updated on the progress of their students and finds ways to be involved within the school atmosphere. We are so truly blessed to have a transition advisor that puts students first!" Another nominator added, "Ms. Long is always willing to go above and beyond her job description. From running errands to covering classes... She knows each student personally and greets them each day as they walk in the door. She is always willing to be a listening ear for students who have issues in college courses and is always actively seeking a solution to any problem... she also leads our student drama club and allows students an opportunity to participate in drama opportunities that CECHS students do not have otherwise. Ms. Long is simply the best and makes our school a great place to be!" The core value Katelyn best portrays is student success.

Congratulations to Laura and Katelyn on this recognition.

Partnerships Matter: Local Leaders Hear from CCC&TI President

Members of the Caldwell County Board of Education, the Caldwell County Board of Commissioners and leadership from both organizations attended CCC&TI's October Board of Trustees meeting. CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch shared information on CCC&TI projects, as well as data on the college's impact throughout the region and the state. Special thanks for local leaders who attended the meeting and for their continued partnership as we work to make life better for our students and the communities we serve.



OCTOBER FUN

October was a whirlwind of activity on both campuses of CCC&TI. Activities included Trunk-or-Treat events for the community on each campus, costume contests, Oktoberfest activities, Donuts with Deans mixer for students and faculty and much more. Special thanks to all those who hosted and participated in these events. Activities like these are just a few of the things that make CCC&TI the Community's College!





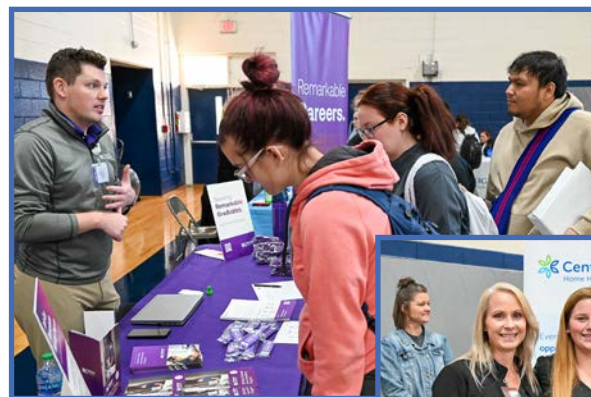
Helping Students Plan for the Future

Throughout the month of October, CCC&TI held several events for students who are exploring future educational and career opportunities.

The Caldwell Campus hosted a Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology Job Fair for current students. Employer representatives were on hand to meet and talk with students about local career opportunities. Special thanks to MHC Kenworth, Rush Truck Centers, TransSource Truck and Trailer Centers, and Vanguard Truck Centers for participating.

Also in October, CCC&TI hosted a College & University Transfer Fair for current students. Representatives from area 4-year institutions were on campus to talk with students about their transfer options and programs and services available at their respective institutions. Thanks to the participating 4-year schools: App State, UNC-Greensboro, ODU Online, Wingate, Warren Wilson, Catawba, Western Carolina, Gardner-Webb, UNC-Asheville, Western Governors, Lees-McRae, Lenoir-Rhyne, UNC-Wilmington and UNC-Charlotte.

A Health Sciences Career Fair was also held on the Caldwell Campus in October. The fair brought a number of regional health care employers to campus to meet with current students about career and job opportunities throughout the area. Special thanks for all the employers who attended and to the students who participated.



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

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, Jan. 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.



Upcoming Performing Artist Series Event

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. This event is free and open to the public and all CCC&TI students and employees.

Students, Faculty and Staff Volunteer for Annual Veterans Stand Down

CCC&TI students, faculty and staff participated in the Foothills Veterans Stand Down event on Thursday, Nov. 10. The event is held each year as a way to connect local military veterans to services and resources in honor of the Veteran’s Day holiday.

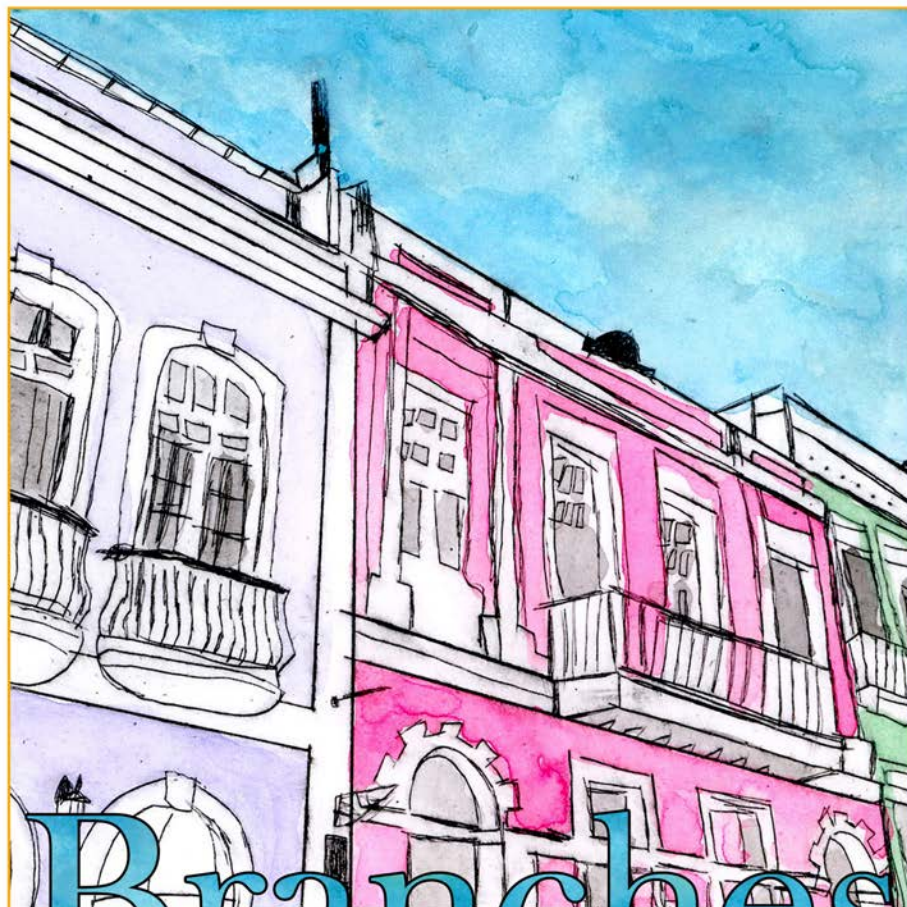
During the event, held at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center, CCC&TI students offered a variety of services including haircuts, massages, eye checks and health screenings.



Branches Reading and Receptions

CCC&TI recently hosted a Reading and Reception event on both campuses to celebrate the release of Volume 25 of the college's Literary and Fine Arts publication. Both events featured the artists and writers included in this edition, as well as the faculty and staff who helped make Branches possible.

For more information and details on submitting your work for the next edition visit www.cccti.edu/Branches



Branches

volume twenty six

Call for submissions

You are invited to submit your prose, poetry, and / or art work for possible publication in the twenty-sixth volume of *Branches*, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's literary arts magazine. All students of CCC&TI are eligible for entry, as well as any resident of Caldwell or Watauga counties.

Entry forms may be downloaded from the CCC&TI web page.
The direct link is: <https://www.cccti.edu/Branches/Default.asp>
For more information, contact Jessica Chapman at 828-726-2624
or Laura Aultman at 828-297-3811.

Submission deadline is March 31, 2023. Good Luck.

Charleston, Kyndal Dollar, intaglio with watercolor, Cover Art Award for the 25th edition of Branches

Basketball Season Underway: Cobras Looking for Another Championship Year.

CCC&TI's Cobra Mens Basketball team, defending Region 10 champions held their home opener on Wednesday, Nov. 9 and faced Catawba Valley Community College. Fans showed up in force for the White Out game to cheer on the home team. The Cobras came away with an impressive win, defeating the Red Hawks with a final score of 85 to 66.

For more information, team roster and upcoming schedules, scan the code or visit www.ccti.edu/gocobras for more information!



CCC&TI Athletics Host Golf and Pickleball Tournaments to Support Student Athletes.

CCC&TI hosted its 20th annual Invitational Golf Tournament on Friday, Oct. 14 at Cedar Rock Country Club to support student athletes. Special thanks to everyone who participated and joined us for the event, our tournament sponsors, and competing teams. We had a wonderful day of golf and raising funds to support the college's Athletic Department and all of our student athletes.

CCC&TI also held a Pickleball Tournament fundraiser for Athletics on Friday, Nov. 4. Twenty participants and lots of fan support were on hand for the event. Special thanks to CCC&TI's Cafe Class, our event sponsors and to Lenoir's Mulberry Recreation Center for hosting the event





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Hunger Banquet

A special event to raise awareness of food disparities in our nation and our world.

Wednesday, Nov. 30 • 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Free to CCC&TI students, staff and faculty.

\$5 suggested donation accepted with proceeds to benefit the Hunger and Health Coalition of Boone.

To RSVP or for more information contact dmoore@cccti.edu by 11/28/22

Hosted by CCC&TI Counseling, TRIO and Culinary Arts

CCC&TI Winter Session courses are now enrolling!

Online classes run 12/5 to 1/5.

For more info or to register,
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