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## **CCC&TI Radiography Students Win Awards at Annual Conference.**

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Radiography students Shelly Blythe and Jasmine Yang recently won two awards at the annual North Carolina Society of Radiologic Technologist Conference in Concord, NC.

Yang took second place in the Integrated Review of Literature competition with her paper "Is CT Taking Over Intravenous Program." Blythe took third place in the Student Scientific Exhibit competition with her project "Mesothelioma: The Attack Continues." Both students are in their second year of the Radiography Program at CCC&TI.

Both students say they were surprised to receive the awards. "I was very surprised," said Yang, who also had to present her paper to those in attendance at the conference. "The presentation was nerve racking, but it was a positive experience, overall." Blythe was also shocked to hear her name called as one of the winners. "I was very surprised, especially after seeing some of the other exhibits. But, I was very happy and proud of myself," she said.

Both students came to the radiography program to make a career change. Yang started out seeking a degree in the Information Technology field but after seeing the changes in the local economy decided that health care was a more promising field. After graduation, Yang hopes to combine her education in IT with her degree in radiography and pursue a career in Picture Archival Communication System (PACS) administration, working with the computer programs that store medical imaging.

Blythe worked for a local manufacturing company that had already begun sending both jobs and employees to China. "I wasn't feeling secure in my job so I decided it was time for a career change," she said. Blythe says she wants to work directly with patients and may pursue a career in a larger city.

Radiography Program Director Rosanne Annas says she is extremely proud of these students and their awards. "Mrs. Cornett oversaw the grading of this course assignment and she and I are very proud of Shelly and Jasmine. They work hard and deserve the recognition," she said. "The highest compliment I could give one of my students is to say

that I would allow them to x-ray me. I would be happy to have either of these students x-ray me, my children or anyone in my family.”

Annas says the conference is a great way for students to network and become familiar with the continuing education opportunities that they’ll need once they graduate. She has taken a group of students to the event every year for the past 32 years but she says this year’s class is unique. “The students in this class are of excellent quality. They are very motivated and eager for knowledge, very compassionate and giving. They definitely have the right attitude to be successful.”

For more information on CCC&TI’s Radiography Program, call 726-2200 or visit [www.cccti.edu](http://www.cccti.edu).

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***Pictured are Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Radiography students Shelly Blythe (right) and Jasmine Yang who recently won two awards at the annual North Carolina Society of Radiologic Technologist Conference in Concord, NC.***

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***Pictured are students enrolled in CCC&TI's Radiography Program. The students celebrated National Radiologic Technology Week (November 8-14) with a luncheon for CCC&TI faculty and staff members who have supported the program.***