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## CCC&TI Foundation Announces \$311,000 Fund Drive Goal

**The Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute had the kickoff for its Annual Fund Campaign at a luncheon on Tuesday, March 8 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. Foundation Board of Directors Chairwoman Peg Broyhill announced a \$311,000 goal for this year's campaign at the event, which included community leaders, campaign volunteers, and college faculty and administrators. The 2011 goal is \$1,000 higher than 2010.**

"This is a challenging time," Broyhill said. "Never have so many needed our help. We can make the difference one support at a time and one student at a time."

Through the community's generous donations, the Foundation of CCC&TI is able to fund student scholarships, the annual Writer's Symposium, childcare assistance for current students, student work study opportunities, professional development and more.

Comparing the various elements to the Foundation's fund-raising to the spokes of a wheel, Broyhill challenged the group to roll on to a successful Fund Drive as Tina Turner's Proud Mary played in the background. She described the six spokes of the wheel as the 2011 Fund Drive Chairwoman Allene Broyhill Stevens (see page 3 for more info), the

CCC&TI staff-faculty team leaders, the fund-raising team captains, Fund Drive volunteers, the Foundation office staff, CCC&TI students and the community.

Broyhill lauded early efforts to get this year's campaign off to a solid start.

CCC&TI staff already have contributed more than \$38,000 toward the \$311,000 goal, and the Foundation anticipates that amount to grow as more pledges come in. As of March 8, the employee contribution pace was \$2,300 ahead of last year's final total. CCC&TI President Dr. Ken Boham offered the employees' generous contributions as an example for the rest of the community.

"Our employees have not had a raise in two years and probably aren't going to have a raise this year," Boham said. "And what have they done? They have given the Foundation a raise, even when they have not had one."

While the economy has affected the size of the community's paychecks, it also has exponentially affected the needs of CCC&TI's students. The amount of financial aid has doubled since the year before, he said, and the average income of CCC&TI students receiving financial aid has decreased by 25 percent. At the same time, he said, the average financial aid needs have increased by 70 percent.

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Watauga Campus Blood Drive, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Alpha Omega Club Meeting, 12 p.m.; E-310

Intramurals, 12 p.m.; Caldwell Campus Gym

Also making a contribution to this year's Fund Drive will be those who benefit most from its efforts. Caldwell campus Student Government Association President, Christen Wilson, introduced a new component to this year's campaign – the first ever Student Fund Drive. She emphasized that even the smallest donations can make a big difference in the lives of CCC&TI students.

So far, she said, \$200 has been donated in just one week. "The students are more than happy to give," Wilson said.

Giving event guests an example of the kind of impact the Foundation of CCC&TI has, Wilson introduced nursing student and SGA Senator Tammie Bryant, who shared her personal experience. Bryant is a mother of four, who without the Foundation's help would not have been able to attend college. Her success story is a common one on CCC&TI's campus.

"Thank you to the Foundation," Bryant said. "It has helped me come back to school and try to fulfill my dreams."

To round out the program, Broyhill introduced each of the team captains for this year's campaign. They are Dr. Ed Beam, Peg Broyhill, Marty Waters, Ann Hancock Barbara Freiman, Ann Hancock, Jimmy Hemphill, Nancy Hemphill, Susan Jones, Wayne Keller, Debbie Mason, Deborah Murray, Mary Frances Sullivan, Guy Walters and Barbara Weiller. Broyhill also introduced the Foundation's new director, Marla Christie.



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**-Tammie Bryant**

Christie, who has been with CCC&TI's Marketing Department for 15 years, taught high school and worked in telecommunications and finance prior to joining the college. She brings much insight and experience to the position, having worked with every director since the Foundation was first organized, Broyhill said.

Christie thanked volunteers and the Foundation Office for their commitment, in addition to offering fund-raising advice to the group. Introducing this year's campaign theme, which focuses on CCC&TI graduates as "The Foundation of Our Community," she presented a commercial with former students on the job. Encouraging volunteers to be informed and passionate about CCC&TI when making their pitches, Christie also unveiled a new look for the Foundation's Web page at [www.cccti.edu/foundation](http://www.cccti.edu/foundation), which includes much of the information for this year's Fund Drive.

As the event, which was catered by CCC&TI's Culinary Technology students and the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Catering Group, drew to a close, a notable absence was officially recognized. The late John A. Forlines Jr., a key supporter of CCC&TI

since its founding in 1964, passed away in July 2010. This year's Fund Drive was the first without him.

"I know he's looking down and saying 'Fantastic'," Broyhill said.

Forlines' former fund-raising team now will be led by Marlin Chemical's Marty Waters, who will have big shoes to fill. In announcing that the team will retain Forlines' name, Waters also announced that the team already had collected \$20,000 in pledges.

Before the event concluded, Denise Long, representing the Caldwell County Democratic Party, made a \$500 donation to the Foundation in John Forlines' honor. Long said it was the group's first public donation made in his memory.

For more information on the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute or to make a gift to the Annual Fund Drive, contact the Foundation Office at 828-726-2260 or visit its Web site at [www.cccti.edu/foundation](http://www.cccti.edu/foundation).

**At left, Foundation Board Chair Peg Broyhill.**

**Cover Photo: CCC&TI Student Tammie Bryant speaks to those in attendance at the Foundation's Kick Off Luncheon.**

# Stevens to Lead CCC&TI Foundation Fund Drive

**The Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute announced Tuesday that Allene B. Stevens, a long-time supporter of the college and various other local organizations, will be the chairwoman of the 2011 Annual Fund Drive.**

Stevens, who is best known for community service and philanthropy, has challenged the community to think about CCC&TI's importance when considering a donation to the Foundation.

She describes the growth and impact of the college as mind boggling.

"These students are your friends, neighbors, colleagues and relatives who may be completing a degree program, taking computer classes, earning their GED, exploring a special interest or learning a trade," she said in her campaign letter to potential donors. "Each year the majority of the graduates of CCC&TI stay right here in Caldwell and Watauga counties, using the skills they learned in college to benefit our communities. You will find them everywhere – working in local businesses, healthcare, computers, education, cosmetology, transportation, construction and so much more."

Foundation Chairwoman Peg Broyhill, in her remarks at March 8 Fund Drive Kickoff luncheon, described Stevens as the perfect person to lead the campaign. Introduced as a cheerleader and champion for the Foundation, Stevens has been a CCC&TI supporter since its inception more than 45 years ago.

"She has changed students' lives one at a time, and they have enriched our community," Broyhill said. "It's impossible to list all the ways she contributes."

Stevens was formally recognized in 2010 for her contributions to the local community through her receipt of the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce's L.A. Dysart Woman of the Year Award as well as the Caldwell County Council of Women's Satie Broyhill Lifetime Achievement Award – an honor named for Stevens' mother, the matriarch of the Broyhill Furniture family.

In addition to the Foundation of CCC&TI and many other causes, Stevens has been a champion for Habitat for Humanity, Helping Hands Clinic, the Caldwell Arts Council and Caldwell Memorial Hospital, where the Radiation Oncology Center is named in her honor.



**2011 Annual Fund Drive  
Chairwoman,  
Allene B. Stevens**



## CCC&TI Presents: **Summer Abroad in Brazil**

**Experience living and studying in São Paulo, the financial capital of South America. Plus visit Rio de Janeiro, Corcovado, Copacabana Beach and much more.**

**Travel Dates: June 17 - July 6  
Deadline for Application: March 25  
For more information, call 726-2225.**

# CCC&TI Paralegal Student Wins Scholarship Essay

**Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Paralegal student Tammy Pyles recently placed first in the North Carolina Paralegal Association Student Scholarship Essay Contest.**

Pyles will receive a \$400 scholarship, a free one-year student membership in NCPA, and free registration to the 31st Annual NCPA Meeting and Seminar in Cary, N.C. from March 24-26, 2011. Pyles' essays will also be published in a future issue of the NCPA FORUM magazine.

The essay recounts Pyles' story as one of six children raised in a "blue-collar" family with a strong work ethic. Pyles says she started working as a child, first with a paper route, chores and baby-sitting and moving on to part-time work as a teenager to help her mother with household expenses.

"I have worked for nearly my entire life," Pyles writes in her essay. "Through all of this, the desire for higher education remained in my heart. I attended college classes at night from time to time but never completed a degree."

Pyles, who is originally from Pittsburg, Pa., relocated to the Caldwell County area in 2002. She worked for a short time in sales and later took a job in a medical office where most of her previous experience had been. After five years, Pyles decided she needed a change. She found herself without a job and with a decision to make.

"I asked myself, 'OK, where do I go from here,' and the most attractive and exciting scenario that played through my mind was the opportunity for a new career. I could better myself, even in the face of unprecedented economic

downturn, by earning a college degree."

Pyles says that the decision for her to return to school was a family decision and that she is thankful for the support she receives from her husband, Brian, and two sons. "It has been a sacrifice for my whole family for me to be doing this, to be going to school full time. I couldn't do it without their support."

Being a full-time student with a family was part of what motivated Pyles to enter the North Carolina Paralegal Association's essay contest.

"With being in school full time and having a family, money is tight but I was interested in membership with the NCPA and attending the conference," she said. "I am truly thrilled that my essay won and that I will be able to attend the NCPA Annual Meeting and Seminar."

Paralegal Program Director Amy Hall says that Pyles is an excellent student and is deserving of the award.

"Tammy is an exemplary student. She brings a wealth of knowledge to the classroom and is a joy to teach. I am so proud of Tammy's accomplishments," said Hall. "She is very deserving of this award and will represent our college well at the upcoming North Carolina Paralegal Association Annual Seminar."

Now in her second semester of the Paralegal Program at CCC&TI and boasting a 4.0 grade point average, Pyles says she is excited about what the future will hold once she has achieved her dream of earning a degree. Pyles says she has some specific plans for how to use her newfound knowledge and skills.

"My desire is to work within the community



**North Carolina Paralegal Association Student Scholarship Essay Contest winner, Tammy Pyles.**

through a government or county agency or court system, perhaps as a child support advocate, or in a social services position," she said. "This type of paralegal work is most attractive to me because helping people, especially children, is truly my heart."

CCC&TI congratulates Tammy Pyles on winning the 2011 NCPA Scholarship Essay Contest.

## *Important Summer Registration Dates*

**Priority Online registration for current and returning students begins April 4.**

**New students should submit all application materials by April 1 to participate in New Student Orientation and take advantage of early registration.**

**Final Registration for summer semester is May 11. For more information, call Student Services at 828-726-2709 (Caldwell Campus) or 828-297-2185 (Watauga Campus).**

# CCC&TI's Landscape Gardening Students Shine at Spring Show; Win Merit Award

Landscape Gardening students from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute brought home another award from the annual Southern Spring Home and Garden Show held at The Park, (formerly the Charlotte Merchandise Mart) March 2–6. Students received a Merit Award for Grand Showcase Garden, placing their exhibit among the top six of the year.

The theme for this year's show was "A Novel Idea" and featured exhibits based on books. CCC&TI's students chose *Swiss Family Robinson* as their inspiration and created a garden featuring a bamboo hut, working water

wheel, tropical plants grown in the Landscape Gardening campus greenhouse, three life size topiary monkeys and a topiary gorilla.

The award brings the total for CCC&TI's Landscape Gardening students to 10, which have been earned over the last 8 years. Among others, CCC&TI students have won the J.C. Raulston Award, the Palette Award for best use of color in a showcase garden and in 2006, the CCC&TI garden earned the "Best of Show" award, the highest award given at the yearly event.

Landscape Gardening Director Debbie Mitchell commented on the hard work and efforts of her students this year.

"This year's garden was so creative and different. I am so proud of the work our students have done and how well they've worked together," she said. "We've had several show guests comment to us that this year's show has been the best they've seen and to know that our students are in the top six, it's just amazing."

For more information on CCC&TI's Landscape Gardening Program, contact Director Debbie Mitchell at 726-2330.



Above, CCC&TI Landscape Gardening's Merit Award for the 2011 Southern Spring Home and Garden Show with their topiary gorilla.

At right, the hut, inspired by *Swiss Family Robinson*.



# Upcoming Events: Henry Cho, Writer's Symposium

## J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Welcomes Comedian Henry Cho

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's J.E. Broyhill Civic Center will welcome comedian Henry Cho on Saturday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Actor, comedian, rancher Henry Cho defies stereotypes. "I'm an Asian with a Southern accent. To a lot of people, that right there is funny," says Cho.

Cho, a Korean American, was raised in Knoxville, Tenn. and started his stand-up comedy career in 1986. He attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and later moved to Los Angeles to continue his career but hoped to, one day, return to his southern roots. Much of Cho's material stems from his experiences as an Asian American growing up in the South.

As a stand-up comedian, Cho has appeared on many television shows including "Bob Hope's Young Comedians Special," MTV's "1/2 Hour Comedy Hour" and VH-1's "Stand-Up Spotlight." His other TV credits include guest roles on various sitcoms such as "Designing Women," "Lenny," "The New WKRP in Cincinnati" and a starring role in the TV movie "Revenge of the Nerds III: The Next Generation." He has also appeared on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "The Arsenio Hall Show."

Cho has also appeared in three feature films. First, starring opposite Tom Arnold and David Alan Grier in "McHale's Navy." He also appeared in the Farrelly Brothers' 2001 movie "Say It Isn't So," and in 2006's "Material Girls." Cho also had his own Comedy Central special entitled "Henry Cho: What's That Clickin' Noise?"

Listeners can also hear Cho several times a week on XM Radio's Laugh USA and Sirius Radio's Blue Collar Radio Channel.

If you love to laugh, you'll love Henry Cho! Catch him live at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center on Saturday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the show are \$24 for adults and \$15 for children. The Civic Center will also offer dinner that evening catered by the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center catering group. Dinner will begin at 6:15 and will feature a menu of tomato mozzarella bruschetta, maple-glazed Cornish hen, wild rice, vegetable medley, rolls and chocolate truffle cake. Cost for the meal is \$15 per person.

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

**CCC&TI to Welcome Noted N.C. Poets for Writers Symposium**

## Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute will host several noted North Carolina poets for the 2011 Laurette LePrevost Writers Symposium including current N.C. Poet Laureate Cathy Smith Bowers and former N.C. Poet Laureate Kathryn Stripling Byer.

The college will host a poetry reading and question-and-answer session with Bowers on Thursday, March 31 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Watauga Campus. Later that evening, Bowers will hold a reading/question-and-answer session at CCC&TI's Caldwell Campus Gym at 7 p.m. for students and the community. On Friday, April 1, Kathryn Stripling Byer will

All events are free and open to the public. The symposium, entitled "Finding our Voice, Knowing Our Place, and Having Our Say: Poetry in North Carolina" will conclude studies of poetry that have been part of English and Reading course work for current CCC&TI students.

Visiting poet Cathy Smith Bowers is a native of Lancaster, S.C., and one of six children born to a mill worker and housewife. She earned her bachelor's degree and master's degree at Winthrop University in Rock Hill, S.C., and worked



**N.C. Poet Laureate Cathy Smith Bowers**

join Bowers for a joint reading and panel discussion in the Caldwell Campus gym from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

CCC&TI will also host N.C. poets Scott Owens, Tim Peeler and Ted Pope for a special reading and "Poetry Café" on Thursday, April 14 at 12:30 p.m. in the Caldwell Campus Student Lounge. The reading will be followed by a student poetry slam judged by the visiting poets. Rounding out the symposium will be a poetry reading and discussion on Friday, April 22, at 1 p.m. with poet Joseph Bathanti on the Watauga campus.

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**Henry Cho**

for 10 years as a high school English teacher. In 1983, Bowers joined the faculty at Queens University in Charlotte, N.C., where she continues to serve in the M.F.A. in Creative Writing Program. Bowers is also a faculty member for UNC-Asheville's Great Smokies Writing Program and at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C.

Bowers poetry about family and loss have appeared in *The Atlantic Monthly*, *The Georgia Review*, *Poetry*, *The Southern Review* and *The Kenyon Review*. She is the author of four books: *The Love that Ended Yesterday in Texas* (inaugural winner of the Texas Tech University Press First Book Competition, 1992); *Traveling in Time of Danger* (Iris Press, 1999), *A Book of Minutes* (Iris Press, 2004), and *The Candle I Hold Up to See You* (Iris Press, 2009).

Bowers has received several awards including Queens University's 2002 J.B. Fuqua Distinguished Educator Award and the Gilbert-Chappell Distinguished Poet Award given by the North Carolina Poetry Society in 2006 and 2007.

Bowers was named N.C. Poet Laureate in 2010 by Gov. Beverly Perdue.

Kathryn Stripling Byer holds the honor of being the first female N.C. Poet Laureate. She was appointed in 2005 and served through 2009. Byer is a native of southwest Georgia. She attended Wesleyan College in Macon and attained an M.F.A. from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Byer moved to the mountains of North Carolina in 1968.



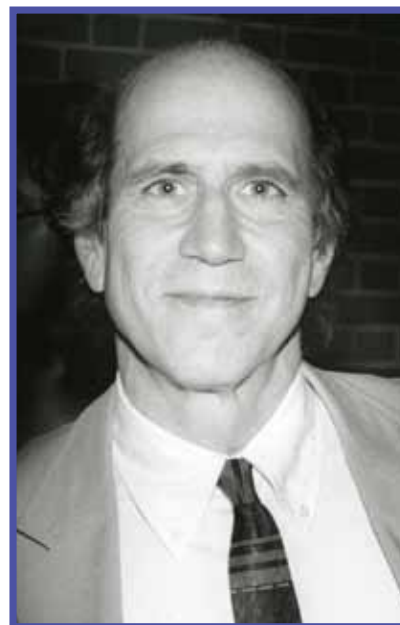
**Former N.C. Poet Laureate  
Kathryn Stripling Byer**

Byer has served as poet-in-residence at Western Carolina University (1988-98), UNC-Greensboro (1995), and Lenoir-Rhyne College (1999). Her work has appeared in prestigious poetry and scholarly journals, including *Poetry*, *Georgia Review*, *Southern Review*, and *Hudson Review*. She has published numerous essays and has received numerous awards, including fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the North Carolina Arts Council. Her second volume, *Wildwood Flower* (1992), received the Lamont Prize for the best second book by an American poet.

Several other local poets will also participate in this year's symposium including Hickory resident Scott Owens. Owens is an instructor at neighboring Catawba Valley Community College and founder of the reading series, "Poetry Hickory." Owens is author of the weekly poetry column, "Musings," published in *Outlook*, editor of *Wild Goose Poetry Review*, former Associate Editor of *Southern Poetry Review*, Vice President of the Poetry Council of N.C., and a writer of reviews of poetry collections. His poems have been published in several journals and have also been nominated for numerous awards.

Tim Peeler lives in Hickory, N.C., and directs the Learning Assistance Program at CVCC. He has published over 600 poems, stories, essays and reviews with university and small presses. His work has appeared in various venues including RAW BONE PRESS, HBO and Time Life. He has published nine books. Morganton, N.C., poet Ted Pope will lend his unique multi-media performance-based poetry to this year's symposium. Pope is leader of Somos Dias Del Muertos, a music-poetry band. His work is featured on a 1994 Fern Hill Records release, *Live at the Green Door*, and has been published in *Nexus* and the *Asheville Poetry Review*.

Award-winning author and Appalachian State University Professor of Creative Writing Joseph Bathanti will also participate in the symposium. Bathanti, a native of Pittsburgh, relocated to North Carolina in 1976 to continue work with Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), a branch of the domestic Peace Corps. As part of the program, Bathanti taught and mentored inmates in a Huntersville



**Poet Joseph Bathanti**

prison, which he continued after his VISTA contract expired. In addition to his writing and teaching career, he has spent more than 25 years volunteering in prison ministry. Bathanti is the author of two novels, *East Liberty* and *Coventry*, one work of nonfiction and several poetry journals.

This year's event is the 23rd Annual Laurette LePrevost Writers Symposium. Laurette LePrevost, former Dean of Arts and Sciences for CCC&TI, was instrumental in building the Writers Symposium into an annual event that has brought in such renowned writers as Maya Angelou, Ernest Gaines, Nikki Giovanni, Robert Morgan, and Clyde Edgerton. Under her leadership and guidance, CCC&TI's symposium became the longest-running consecutively held writers symposium in western North Carolina and one of the longest in the southeast. The writers symposium series was renamed in her honor when she retired in 2004.

Support for the Laurette LePrevost Writers Symposium is provided by the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. For more information on CCC&TI's Laurette LePrevost Writers Symposium, call 726-2200.

# Law Enforcement Officers Receive Training on Mental Health Issues, Resources

**Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently conducted a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training class for law enforcement officers from across the region. The goal of the training sessions was to make them more aware of mental health issues and the community resources that are available. Other goals for the class included training the officers to connect mental health clients to the appropriate resources, and to avoid incarceration and involuntary commitments when appropriate.**

The training took place in the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office training room in February and included participants from the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office, Lenoir Police Department, Hudson Police Department, Alexander County Sheriff's Office and the Marion Police Department. The response to the training was outstanding with 12 law enforcement officers among those who attended the 40-hour training event.

A planning committee with representatives from Smoky Mountain Center, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), New River Behavioral Healthcare and CCC&TI began working on the schedule several months prior to the training. Presenters from Smoky Mountain Center, NAMI, New River Behavioral Healthcare and the N.C. Alzheimer's Association had 16 sessions on signs, symptoms and strategies when responding to emergency calls involving mental health clients.

At the end of the training each law enforcement officer demonstrated the skills they learned in practical exercises involving professionals who were posing as mental health clients in crisis.

Upon completion the participants enjoyed a well-deserved meal catered by Southern Comfort; received a certificate from CCC&TI and a gold NC CIT pin to wear.

For more information about CCC&TI's law enforcement in-service program, and the various training opportunities it offers, call Norman Staines 828-726-2271.



## Participants in the recent Crisis Intervention Team training class included:

**Front row, left to right: Christopher Martin, Caldwell County Sheriff's Office; Mark Coffey, Hudson Police Department; Matthew Lovins, Hudson Police Department; Shannon Roberts, Alexander County Sheriff's Office; Kelly Duncan, Marion Police Department; Angie Fineberg, Marion Police Department**

**Middle row, left to right: Ann Robinson, Smoky Mountain Center (instructor) and Kimberly Britt, Caldwell County Sheriff's Office (instructor)**

**Back Row: Isaac Pennell, Caldwell County Sheriff's Office; Jerry Wolfe, Caldwell County Sheriff's Office; Kenneth Bentley, Caldwell County Sheriff's Office; Jody Herman, Lenoir Police Department and Chris Robinson, Lenoir Police Department; Larry Clark, Lenoir Police Department**

# CCC&TI SGA Pitches in at Soup Kitchen

On Saturday, Feb. 12, members of the Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Student Government Association from the Hudson and Watauga campuses traveled to Haywood Community College, located in Clyde, N.C., for the N4CSGA Western Division meeting.

The N4CSGA is the state Student Government Association for the Community College System in North Carolina.

The group attended a business meeting then conducted a community service project at a local soup kitchen called "The Open Door."

Some students worked outside, while others cleaned the inside of the soup kitchen. Various members cleaned the litter from the banks of the stream that ran behind the buildings. They also hauled gravel around the parking lot to fill in the potholes, and transferred furniture to the thrift store from the warehouse.

The remainder of the volunteers helped with duties including: washing walls, unloading and degreasing shelves, cleaning ceiling fans, scrubbing baseboards, cleaning doors and windows, tables and chairs, as well as cleaning the three bathrooms.

"We worked vigorously for two or three hours," said Sheri Hicks, one of the project volunteers. "Although, the work that we completed was physically demanding it was rewarding to give back to the community. We had a chance to meet and bond with the other members of the Western Division's N4CSGA."

Similar activities were held across the state in the Central and Eastern Divisions of the N4CSGA.



Pictured above are members of CCC&TI's SGA from both the Watauga and Caldwell Campuses along with advisors Diane Mazza and Kim Roper. Students participated in community service projects during the N4CSGA Western Region meeting in February.

## SAVE THE DATES

### Upcoming Activities

*Lose Yourself  
1000 pound Campus  
Challenge*

SGA is challenging students, faculty and staff to lose 1000 pounds in the coming weeks. SGA will provide information about weight loss, healthy lifestyles, aerobic activities and weight loss tracking. Come by E-118 to sign up.

### *Caldwell Campus SGA Elections*

SGA will hold elections for 2011-2012 President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Parliamentarian.  
March 16-28 - Campaigning  
March 29-30 - Voting

### *Career Fair*

March 22, Caldwell Campus Gym;  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please dress appropriately.  
For more information, contact  
Department of Counseling and  
Advising, 759-4635

### *Spring Fling*

Caldwell Campus Spring Fling will be Thursday, April 14. The theme for this year's event is "The Movies" and food from Chick-Fil-A and Domino's will be available. SGA will also sponsor two contests during the festivities:

**Movie Trivia and Scene It.**  
**For the "Scene It" contest,** individuals or groups will compete for a cash prize by acting out a movie scene. Scenes should be no longer than 4 minutes and have no profanity, no explicit sexual content or drug references.

# CCC&TI Corporate and Continuing Education Students Honored

**The hard work and determination of more than 600 Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute students was recognized Feb. 28 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic in Lenoir. But the real payoff comes in the form of new employment and exciting career opportunities for the students.**

CCC&TI's Corporate and Continuing Education Division honored its 2010 students with its first ever course completion ceremony. More than 600 students were honored in the completion ceremony, which was attended by an enthusiastic group of friends, family and CCC&TI faculty and staff.

"New jobs require education and training beyond a high school credential," CCC&TI Vice President of Adult, Corporate and Continuing Education Elaine Lockhart said to the students. "Historically, this service area has been known for our incredible workforce and each of you are continuing the legacy. By stepping out and taking the opportunity to continue your education, you become a role model to all of those around you."

The students had completed coursework in the areas of Construction Trades, Emergency Services, Health Services and Teacher Assistant Certification. Certificates earned included: Cabinetmaking, Carpentry, Electrical, HVAC, Plumbing, Weatherization, Upholstery, EMT, Health Information Management, Massage Therapy, Manicurist/Nail Technology, Nurse Aid I and II, Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomy and Teacher Assistant.

Lockhart offered some examples of how the Corporate and Continuing Education programs have changed lives. She shared how people who had been laid off or stuck in a dead-end job had become certified in a new trade. In other cases, lives were positively impacted as students applied their newfound knowledge to their everyday lives. Lockhart said one Construction Trades student applied weatherization tech-

niques to his own home and cut his December power bill from \$400 in 2009 to \$160 in 2010.

Standout students James Palmer (Weatherization), Justin Studt (EMT) and Jeremy Hopkins (Nurse Aide) addressed the audience with their personal reflections. Their stories of mid-life career changes are all too familiar in this region.

Hopkins worked in warehouses, factories and in shipping, where his latest layoff led to a life-changing decision. He's now seeking a more stable career, having earned his Nurse Aide certificate and now applying to CCC&TI's Nursing School. In a post-ceremony interview, he described the experience as a positive one.

"Personally it's a stepping stone," he said. "This is one of the first steps in a long process and it feels good to accomplish something."

The feeling of accomplishment was common. CCC&TI President Dr. Ken Boham, who said he was honored to share in the celebration of their success, congratulated the students and encouraged them to continue chasing their dreams.

"There are stories behind each and every individual that's here," he said. "Go out and do great things and make us proud."

Based on the shouts of support and cheers projected from the audience as students marched across the stage to receive their certificates, the Corporate and Continuing Education students are well on their way to answering

that challenge.

For more information about CCC&TI's Corporate and Continuing Education programs on the Caldwell campus call 726-2242. For the Watauga campus' Continuing Education Center, call 263-5370.

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Pictured at right is student speaker Jeremy Hopkins. At left, Adult, Corporate and Continuing Education Vice President Elaine Lockhart speaks at the recent Continuing Education course completion ceremony.



# News, Notes & Nods

## Club Recognizes Instructor

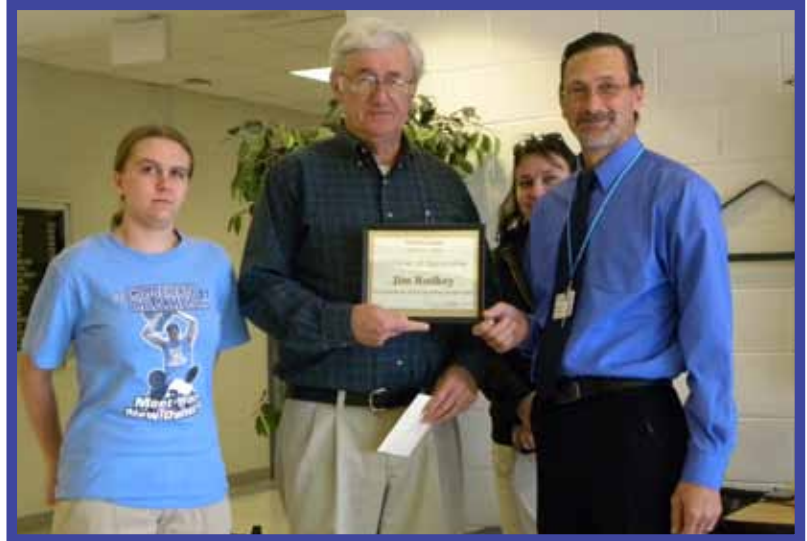
**CCC&TI's Phi Beta Lambda Club recently hosted an Advisor Appreciation Day on the Watauga Campus. Members of the club recognized Instructor James Rodkey.**

Rodkey, an instructor of Business Administration and Law, joined the college faculty in 2008 with extensive experience in human resources and employee relations.

Rosanna Bridges, Vice President of CCC&TI's Phi Beta Lambda Club commented on Rodkey's support of the club and its students.

"He is a great asset to our local chapter of PBL," said Bridges. "With his help, our membership numbers have grown in numbers. We have also been able to give back to our community by connecting with our local DOT office and teaming up with The Adopt-A-Highway Program to adopt a stretch of highway in efforts to help keep America beautiful."

CCC&TI congratulates Instructor James Rodkey on receiving this recognition.



**Pictured above are Watauga Campus Phi Beta Lambda Vice President, Rosanna Bridges, Watauga Campus Instructor James Rodkey, and Watauga Campus PBL President, Randy Elliot.**

## Guest Speakers

Dr. Robert Esch, Executive Vice President of Research and Development at Greer Laboratories, Inc. in Lenoir recently visited Janice Wheeling's Microbiology Class on the Caldwell Campus. Dr. Esch, pictured at right, lectured on Airborne Bacterial Diseases. Greer Laboratories, Inc. develops and provides allergy immunotherapy products and services for treating humans and animals. The company offers Aller-g-complete, a serum blood test and prescription service. It serves veterinary dermatologists and teaching universities.

Prior to Dr. Esch's visit, military personnel Brad Hicks and Mitchell Moses spoke to the class on vaccinations for tours of duty abroad and diseases that affect people in areas outside of the United States. "The information they provided was very much related to the classes study of bacterial diseases of the respiratory system," said Wheeling.



# Watauga Campus Celebrates Fat Tuesday

CCC&TI's Watauga campus celebrated Fat Tuesday with a Mardi Gras party for staff and students. The event included food, games and festive costumes.



Left, Dr. Sandra Phillips and Bet Asafalo show off their Mardi Gras masks and costumes.



Right, Shawna Greene shows off her Mardi Gras spirit.

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**Position:** Coordinator, Academic Advising Center-Watauga Campus

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**Experience:** Two years of increasingly responsible experience in advising in a college setting. Five years of student services experience preferred.

**Training:** Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in education, counseling, student development or related field is required.

**Application Deadline:** April 4, 2011

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