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Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute honored a total of 775 graduates in ceremonies held Friday, May 10 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir.

Academic Excellence is a program initiated and CCC&TI Board of Trustees Secretary Tom Thuss opened the ceremony by welcoming special guests and congratulating the graduates.

"Regardless of your background or the path that brought you here, each of you has reached an important milestone," Thuss said. "We are proud of your accomplishments and your dedication."

The Class of 2013, Thuss noted, included:

- 775 total graduates
- 406 first-generation college students
- graduates ranging in age from 16 to 67, with the average age being 30;
- 20 were Dream Scholars; and
- 35 were TRIO Student Support Services students.

Ann Smith of the CCC&TI Board of Trustees presented this year's Trustees' Student Awards of Merit to Daniel Chase and Jennifer Hampton. The awards are selected based on faculty nominations for outstanding academic achievement, extracurricular activities and community service.

Presented by Vice President of College Transfer and Technical Programs Margaret Hamp-

son, the Dr. Donald Lackey Award for Excellence in Teaching was given to Kay Crouch, Music Program Director. The award honors a faculty member who characterizes personal dedication, concern for student welfare and academic excellence.

In his charge, CCC&TI President Dr. Ken Boham congratulated the graduates, and thanked the college's faculty and staff for their hard work.

"It is a most high honor and privilege to shake hands and present the degrees to our graduating students," Boham said. "Tonight is the embodiment of our overall mission and our reason for being. We see an evidence and are afforded the pleasure of celebrating student success."



Music Program Director Kay Crouch, right, was honored with the Dr. Donald Lackey Award for Excellence in Teaching at the 2013 Graduation Ceremony. Presenting the award were Vice President of College Transfer Margaret Hampton, left, and President Dr. Ken Boham.

CCC&TI Honors Adult High School and GED Graduates with Special Ceremony

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute held its annual Adult High School and GED graduation exercises on Thursday evening, May 9, at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. Some 290 students received their diplomas during the evening's events.

Jerry Church, Vice Chair of CCC&TI's Board of Trustees, opened the ceremonies with a welcome and spoke briefly about the class of 2013 and its accomplishments. Church noted graduates hailed from communities across the college's service areas and that ages ranged from 17 to 65. "This ceremony signals a new beginning in your lives – one we hope you will find full of opportunities and happiness," said Church. "But tonight is not the end. We hope it's the first step in a lifelong pursuit of education, success and achievement. Congratulations graduates. You have earned this moment and we're so thankful to be sharing it with you."

Elaine Lockhart, Vice President of Adult, Corporate and Continuing Education at CCC&TI, announced the addition of the Distinguished Alumni Award, which will recognize alumni of the GED/AHS program each year who epitomizes the philosophy that the GED/AHS diploma is a new beginning and who has worked to achieve additional credentials, a career with life sustaining wages, and who is representative of what hard work, persistence and motivation can achieve. The College and Career Readiness Distinguished Alumni Award will be an annual award announced each year at graduation.

The inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award was presented to Aden Tate Townsend. Townsend worked in the furniture industry for 30 years before being laid off in the Spring of 2008. After earning his GED, Townsend completed the Automotive Systems Technology Program at CCC&TI and received his Associate Degree. Years of management experience in the furniture industry coupled with his love for automobiles, and his new degree resulted in Townsend being offered a part-time position teaching in CCC&TI's Automotive Systems Technology program in the spring of 2010. "Tate's accomplishments in circle track racing, automobile restoration, and part-time work in the automotive industry made him the ideal candidate to share his experiences with new students," said Lockhart. "Tate has become an asset to the Automotive Systems Technology program by both working with traditional college students, as well as the GED + Automotive Degree program that helps students start where he began. To top off all of his achievements, Tate is frequently a requested instructor by students within the Automotive program and continues to be distinguished representative for student success at CCC&TI."

Lockhart also saluted the graduates for their hard work, dedication and positive attitudes, highlighting just a few of this year's outstanding students. Lockhart cited several student stories including that of a student who not only walked each day to his GED class at Mulberry Recreation Center but was also



Pictured are student speakers featured during Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute's Adult High School and GED Graduation Ceremonies held on Thursday evening, May 9. From right to left are Robert Clayton Campbell, Thomal Neil Colvard, II, Ashley Brooke Crockett and Terri Gail Ford.

the only graduate who had perfect attendance; a student who worked full time and attended class for two hours each week for eight years in order to earn his GED; a married couple who was graduating together and a mother and daughter who were graduating together.

Lockhart, who noted many of this year's graduates have enrolled in curriculum or continuing education courses at CCC&TI, praised students for their perseverance and encouraged them to take advantage of the opportunities provided by their education. "Be a life-long learner. Keep your focus on your ultimate goal and continue the journey," she said. "It is worth the time and the effort. We are so very proud of you. We celebrate your success and offer you our heartfelt congratulations."

Beverly Jaynes, Basic Skill Department Chair, recognized this year's honor graduates, who were distinguished by their gold tassels. Honor graduates must either score above 3,000 on GED tests or maintain at least a 3.0 GPA in Adult High School courses.

Student speakers during the event included Watauga GED graduate Robert Campbell. Campbell dropped out of high school halfway through his freshman year. After the birth of his daughter in 2008, Campbell said he decided to make a change and began attending GED classes on CCC&TI's Watauga Campus. Campbell completed his GED in 2012 and has since been working toward a degree in Business Management from CCC&TI. "While in school, I will continue to grow my small business," said Campbell. "My daughter Jocelyn is now 4 years old. Thank you, Jocelyn; you are the reason I'm standing up here today."

Tommy Colvard also spoke during the event and shared with the audience how a promise to his dad motivated him to continue his education. "When my father became ill with liver disease, I promised him I would get my GED and ASE certifications," said Colvard. "When my father and me sat in his Hospice room and were talking, it got a bit serious. You see, my father was not a very emotional man, and that was the first and only time I saw my father cry. As he was sobbing, I grabbed his hand and told him, 'Dad, I promise I will make you proud and become the best technician I can be.'

Since his father's passing, Colvard has completed his GED, is working toward completing his degree in Automotive Systems Technology at CCC&TI and is currently working as an entry level technician at Teague Automotive and Racing. "[I am] keeping my promise, not only to my dad, but also myself, and most importantly my son Zackery," he said.

Ashley Crockett also spoke at the graduation. Crockett earned her GED through the Caldwell County Family Literacy Program. While working toward her diploma, her 4-year-old son, Tray, attended kindergarten readiness classes at the center. "It made getting my GED so much easier to know that he was learning at the same time I was," said Crockett. Crockett plans to continue her education in CCC&TI's Early Childhood Education program. "Thank you again to all who supported and believed in me," she said. "I couldn't have done it without each and every one of you."

Adult High School graduate Terri Ford Johnson concluded the student speaker portion of the program. Johnson quit school with only six months to go and later struggled to make time to earn her degree. Johnson, a mother of three, says that she and her husband finally decided to come back to school together to get their high school credential. "I was motivated by the need for a good job...I was also motivated by my children. I wanted to be the kind of mother who could give them everything they could possibly want and need," she said. "I also want them to graduate and go to college, so I needed to model what I hoped for them to do." Johnson plans to get her Nurse Aide Certification this summer and eventually enter the Nursing Program at CCC&TI. "I would like to encourage all of the graduates tonight to continue their education and to know that, if I can do it, you can, too!"

Presentations of diplomas were made by CCC&TI President Dr. Ken Boham, Superintendent of Caldwell County Schools Dr. Steve Stone and Assistant Superintendent of Watauga County Schools Dr. David Fonseca.

Boham closed the ceremonies, congratulating graduates for their achievements and bestowing upon them all the official rights and privileges associated with their degrees. Amidst the cheers and applause of both students and audience members, Boham had graduates ceremoniously turn their tassels to indicate their official graduate status.

Friends and family members of graduates filled the 1,000-seat auditorium in support of students. A reception in honor of the Class of 2013 was held following the ceremony.

Foundation of CCC&TI Exceeds Fund Drive Goal

The Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute held its annual Celebration Luncheon, announcing another successful campaign. The group surpassed its goal of \$314,000 for the Annual Fund Drive, announced Peg Broyhill, chair of CCC&TI's Foundation. The Foundation celebrated the efforts and success of volunteers, campaign leaders, board members and college officials at the luncheon. Those in attendance enjoyed lunch under the pergola at the Broyhill House, music by Kay and Patrick Crouch and remarks from several community members.

Deborah Murray, vice chair of the CCC&TI Foundation, offered a toast in honor of the successful campaign. "We look forward to this day every year but this is anything but a finish line. This is a beginning," said Murray. "The significance of today is not in our accomplishment or the amount of money we have raised. The significance is in the accomplishments yet to come – what will be accomplished by the students who take advantage of the opportunities provided by this fund drive. To them – cheers."

Broyhill recognized and thanked campaign captains, team members, college officials, students and volunteers for their hard work during this year's drive. Broyhill also recognized this year's Campaign Chairs Anne and Alex Bernhardt. "Both Anne and Alex are long-time supporters of our college. They understand the needs of the students. Please join me in thanking them for leading our campaign," said Broyhill.

Anne Bernhardt also offered her thanks to Foundation leaders and volunteers. "Congratulations on a job well-done. This is a great cause and you all are great, too," she said.

In addition to community volunteers and leaders, CCC&TI's faculty and staff have contributed nearly \$38,000 for the campaign this year and were recognized for their efforts. The students, who were involved in fundraising for the campaign through a legacy brick project, were also recognized.

CCC&TI President Dr. Ken Boham offered his gratitude on behalf of the college. "The spirit that drives this campaign makes each of you angels and everybody needs angels," said Boham. "You touch the lives of people you may not know or see. At some point in your life you knew there was an angel that helped you go a little further. That's you for these students. Thank you for being those angels for Caldwell."

Broyhill announced that four new endowed scholarships were established this year:

- The Dr. Kenneth and Betty Boham Scholarship
- The Granite Falls High School Class of 1963 Scholarship was established by the members of that class and will provide a Dream Award for a Granite Falls Middle School student.
- The Tony Pope Memorial Scholarship, established by the Catawba Valley Traffic Club in memory of local philanthropist and trucking industry leader, Tony Pope for a Truck Driver Training student.
- The Linda C. Waters Arts Fund was established by Waters family and friends, as well as the Caldwell Arts Council, in memory of Linda Waters, a local art instructor. This fund will go toward scholarships and supplies for Associate in Fine Arts students or Art Department needs.

Murray offered closing remarks at the luncheon. "Our community college is one of the best in the state and one of the best in the country. The key to that success is our Foundation. It is a commitment to walk along the way with folks who are working to complete their educational journey," said Murray. "When those people walk across the stage at graduation, we all walk with them. This year's fund drive means that the needs of next year's students can be met. Thank you."

For more information on the Foundation at CCC&TI, contact Foundation Director Marla Christie at 828.726.2203.

Students Participate in 2nd Annual Homeless Veteran's Standown

Students enrolled in CCC&TI's Physical Therapist Assistant and Ophthalmic Medical Assistants Programs participated in the 2nd Annual Caldwell County Homeless Veteran's Standdown Event held in April. Students in the OMA program provided vision and hearing screenings and dispensed reading glasses as needed.

"The students really enjoyed the experience and were able to practice visual acuity assessment, visual fields and tonometry. We were pleased to be able



Above: Pictured from left to right are Foundation Board Chair Peg Broyhill, Annual Fund Drive Co-Chair Alex Bernhardt, Foundation Executive Director Marla Christie and Annual Fund Drive Co-Chair Anne Bernhardt.

Below: Pictured is local musician Patrick Crouch, who was on hand with entertainment during the Celebration Luncheon, announcing another successful campaign.



Pictured above, front row, left to right are Jacqueline Godoy, Haley Hefner, Faith Race, OMA Clinical Coordinator, Sarah Wentzel-King, and Barbara Harris, OMA Program Director. Back row, left to right, are Sam Bryant, Angel Boyd and Shae Shatley.

CCC&TI Family Literacy Program Receives Mini-Grant Inspired by Local Instructor

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Family Literacy Program recently received a mini-grant from the National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) and funded by Toyota.

The Litera-Seeds Mini Grant provides \$500 grants to support innovative family engagement activities to 20 organizations across the U.S. The Litera-Seeds Mini-Grants are an offshoot of the Toyota Teacher of the Year Award and according to the NCFL website, "this special opportunity draws inspiration from the community garden and family literacy efforts of 2012 Toyota Teacher of the Year Shari Brown."

Brown currently serves as the adult education coordinator and Adult Basic Education/GED instructor for the Caldwell County Family Literacy Program. She won the 2012 Toyota Family Literacy Teacher of the Year Award. The \$20,000 award that accompanied the honor was used to further develop the community garden program that Brown implemented for her students and their families, thus inspiring the mini-grants to support similar family engagement activities.

The mini-grant awarded this year to CCC&TI's Family Literacy Program is being used to further enhance the program's Incentive Store. The Incentive Store was originally created and run by instructors in the programs as a way to teach students life

skills and provide supplies to the families in the program. Students earn incentive points

through accomplishments in the classroom, being punctual, introducing new students to the program, assisting fellow students with class work, assisting instructors or helping with clean-up or other activities in the center. Students can then spend their incentive points in the store on items donated from friends, staff members, community members, local businesses and more. Items in the store range from school supplies and children's toys to diapers and small appliances.

Brown said that the grant funds have helped transform the Incentive Store from instructor-led to student-led. "The students are able to use the grant money to purchase items for the store whether it is items for families to purchase or items to help with organization of the store, but students are in charge of those purchases now," said Brown.

She said the students involved in the project are also creating an Operating Manual so that students who come into the program later will be able to keep the store open. Brown says that the project is beneficial on many levels. "We do a great deal of contextualized instruction, teaching students about budgeting, making good choices, disciplining their children while shopping, just to name a few," said Brown. "Then this knowledge is used as they are shopping with their children in the incentive store. It's a very dynamic way of learning these life skills and also gives them an incentive to do well in the classroom."

As for inspiring the grant, Brown says that she is excited that other communities will get to develop new, inventive ways to engage families and help them reach their goals. "I am thankful that the Caldwell County Family Literacy program's community garden initiative could be an inspiration for other programs to be innovative when developing projects in response to family interests and needs," she said.

For more information about CCC&TI's Caldwell County Family Literacy Program, contact Shari Brown at 828.726.8632 or sbrown@cccti.edu.



Above: CCC&TI Student Angela Guerrero pauses for a photo in the Family Literacy Center's Incentive Store.

Below, Left: CCC&TI Student Lakiya Berry and her daughter shop for items in the Family Literacy Center's Incentive Store.



Learning, Exploring, Breaking Barriers - The Latest Venture in CCC&TI's Ongoing Brazil Partnership

Combining language immersion and exposure to a variety of cultural experiences, a group of students from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute and Surry Community College had the educational opportunity of a lifetime thanks to an ongoing exchange program with several colleges in Brazil.



The group spent 18 days traveling in three states of Brazil, including three of Brazil's largest cities: Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Belo Horizonte. The trip included time on five different college campuses, tours of local industry and employers, stops at landmark attractions, visits to historic places dating back to the 1600s and classroom time learning Portuguese.

The exchange started approximately 7 years ago and has brought more than 100 Brazilian students to the United States, and taken two groups of students from North Carolina to Brazil. The next group coming to North Carolina from Brazil will arrive in September. They will have

a similar experience to the group that visited Brazil in June – experiencing a mix of classroom time, touring local businesses, meeting with government officials and seeing local historic and tourist attractions.

“Everyone who has been involved has grown,” said Ben Willis, Director of Technology Services for the Corporate and Continuing Education Department at CCC&TI. “It helps (the students) get into a better university, it makes their resume stronger. This is the type of thing universities look for that makes you stand out. It really does make you more marketable as a student and as a professional.”

CCC&TI student Mary Katherine Mast said one of her favorite parts of the trip was the historic town of Ouro Preto, where the weather reminded her of her hometown of Boone. She also learned a lot on the visits to the various college campuses, she said.

Surry Community College students who participated described the trip as life changing.

“You meet new people, you try new food, exchange ideas, you go to new places,” said Liset Villacana, of the value of her experience.

The group from Surry listed several benefits to the trip, including: learning to appreciate what you have at home, making new friends, experiencing a new culture and networking with people from around the world.



Throughout the trip, the students were making new friends and have continued to keep in touch with those friends through Facebook in the weeks that followed their arrival back in North Carolina.

The greatest learning experience from the exchanges is overcoming preconceived notions about each other's cultures, said Jimmie Griffith, an instructor at CCC&TI and organizer of the trip who has citizenship in both the United States and Brazil. These ideas are always shattered once the students experience the culture of the country they are visiting.

"By having these interactions it helps to break barriers – it might be in language, it might be in culture, it might be in world understanding," he said. "I think it's very important. This is the biggest gift (of the exchange), to break these barriers."

For more information about the CCC&TI-Brazil Exchange and future travel opportunities, please contact Griffith at 726-2225.



CCC&TI Student Chosen to Speak at National Conference

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Early Childhood Education student Ana Fleming recently spoke at the 22nd Annual National Conference on Family Literacy in Louisville, Ky. Fleming was nominated by instructor Shari Brown and was chosen from a pool of applicants from across the U.S. as the student speaker for the conference.

Fleming was able to use the platform to share her personal story and tell conference attendees about her experience with CCC&TI's Family Literacy Program. Fleming is a native of Guatemala who came to the U.S. at the age of 17. Due to several set-backs and a growing family, Fleming was unable to enroll in traditional high school. At the age of 21, Fleming became a widow with two small children. "This devastating experience put my goals for the future on hold," she said.

A few years later, Fleming remarried and had two more children. She always had the desire to continue her education but couldn't find the right fit for her situation and her family's needs. "I tried to obtain my GED a couple of times without success because I always had child care issues and the classes that I attended were not interesting and the environment was not appealing. I had given up hope of completing my education," she said.

Fleming said all that changed, when she learned about CCC&TI's Family Literacy Program, a program that would help her earn her GED while also providing childcare and pre-school activities for her three-year-old son. After getting started in the program, Fleming convinced her 18-year-old daughter to join her in her studies and both had completed their GED within six months.

Fleming was chosen to speak at her GED graduation and recounted her story to her peers and their families as they celebrated the milestone. "I thought that would be the end of my life as a student, but I was motivated by Shari Brown, my GED instructor, to continue on to college," she said.

Fleming is currently working toward her degree in Early Childhood Education, has earned a place on the President's List of Academic Honors and was chosen as CCC&TI's Student of the Month in February of 2013. Fleming is also a CCC&TI Student Ambassador.

In addition to her studies, Fleming has also taken a position working with CCC&TI's Family Literacy Program. "Now I'm an early childhood teacher at the same Family Literacy Program where I once was a student. This gives me the opportunity not only to gain experience in the field but also to give back to the program that helped me to accomplish many of the most valuable milestones in my life," she said.

Fleming also shared how her experiences with the Family Literacy Program have positively impacted her family. "My family's life has changed in a great way. My daughters are attending college pursuing associate degrees...My 12-year-old son is also motivated to be a good student. He recently received the CCC&TI Dream Award, which will pay for his first two years of college. My 4-year-old son is flourishing in his academic and social skills," she said. Fleming also shared that her husband has been motivated by her



Pictured from left to right are Shari Brown, CCC&TI Adult Education Coordinator, CCC&TI Student Ana Fleming and CCC&TI Basic Skills Instructor Morgan Church at the 22nd Annual National Conference on Family Literacy in Louisville, Ky.

success. "Even my husband who had been out of school for 24 years decided to further his education by also enrolling at Caldwell Community College."

At the conclusion of her speech, Fleming expressed her gratitude for the support and motivation she has received at CCC&TI as well as the NCFL. "I would like to take this opportunity to thank the National Center for Family Literacy and all of you who have made these programs possible and accessible to so many families. Thank you."

In addition to the opportunity to speak and share her story, Fleming said the conference was also a great opportunity for her own professional development. "I was able to attend different sessions that were useful to me, as an Early Childhood Teacher and had the opportunity to briefly meet and have a book signed by author James Patterson. I also had the pleasure to meet so many other special people that are working really hard to engage families in education."

CCC&TI congratulates Ana Fleming on this honor.

For more information about CCC&TI's Caldwell County Family Literacy Program, contact Shari Brown at 828.726.8632 or sbrown@ccti.edu.

Hybrid Car Gives Students Hands-on Experience with Latest Technology

For as long as there have been cars, there have been mechanics who could tune and adjust them for better performance, diagnose and repair malfunctions, and even tear down and rebuild the most complicated of engines. Along the way, new technology has demanded that mechanics increase their knowledge base and experience to keep up with the changing industry.

The latest wave of technology has brought us the hybrid, vehicles powered by both gas and electricity to increase fuel efficiency and decrease emissions, and will require a new breed of mechanic who can keep these vehicles humming.

Thanks to a new hybrid vehicle recently added to its fleet, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Automotive programs are now equipped to train up-and-coming mechanics in the new technology, offering hands-on experience in operating, maintaining and repairing hybrid vehicles.

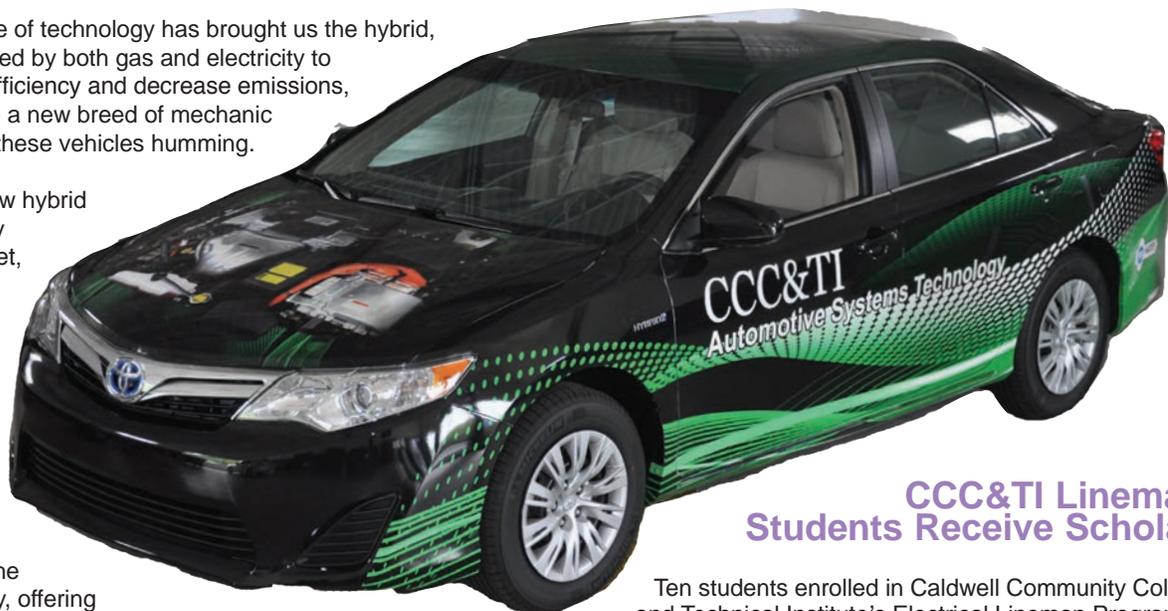
The new vehicle, a 2012 Toyota Camry Hybrid, along with a new hybrid tool kit have been added to the equipment that students use while earning their degree in Automotive Systems Technology at CCC&TI. "Prior to obtaining the car, we could only have discussions about hybrid technology and we weren't able to do any hands-on practice with the concepts discussed in class," said Roy Jennings, Director of CCC&TI's Automotive Systems Technology Program. "Now, students get to see, hear and feel how this technology works. They even get to take it out on the driving range to experience what it's like when the vehicle switches from gas power to electric power. The students have been really excited about not only being able to work on a new vehicle, but one with this hybrid technology."

In addition to the benefits that the new car will provide to students and to the Automotive Programs at the college, Jennings and other administrators at the college hope that the new car will help attract new students as a marketing tool. The car has been outfitted with a custom designed vehicle wrap, advertising the college and the Automotive Systems Technology Program. Jennings hopes to have the car out and about at local events and on local roads to pique interest and get the message out about CCC&TI's cutting-edge Automotive programs. "We're hoping that people will take notice of the car and that it will help us reach new students and the community," said Jennings.

The program is now enrolling students for the Fall 2013 semester, which begins in August. Students interested in enrolling in the program can call Student Services at CCC&TI at 828.726.2200.

In addition, for students who need to earn a GED, the college is offering the GED + Automotive Degree program that allows students to work on their GED while also earning free college credit toward a degree in Automotive Systems Technology. Orientation for this program will be held July 15-26, Monday through Friday, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. with Automotive courses beginning in August. Space

is limited for this program and students must register by July 12. For more information about the GED + Automotive program, call 828.726.2230 or contact Jennifer Foster at 828.759.8199.



CCC&TI Lineman Students Receive Scholarship

Ten students enrolled in Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Electrical Lineman Program have received a \$750 scholarship from the State Employees Credit Union (SECU) Foundation to help cover registration fees and other expenses.

In 2013, SECU Foundation introduced the SECU Continuing Education Scholarship program. The program funds 10 \$750 Continuing Education Scholarships to be awarded to eligible students at each of the 58 NC Community College campuses. The program focuses on assisting unemployed and underemployed adults, military veterans, and members of the National Guard with marketable job skills for future employment. Participants must be enrolled in a program that leads to state recognized or industry-supported credentials.



Pictured are the recipients of the scholarship. From left to right are CCC&TI Corporate and Continuing Education Department Chair Donna Bean, Vice President for Adult, Corporate and Continuing Education and member of the Lenoir SECU Branch Advisory Board Elaine Lockhart, students James Flanagan, Robert Stevens, Jordan Robinett, Brandon Ervin, Dustin Chandler, Brady Parsons, Nicholas Herman, Harrison Bowman, Robert Knight and Lenoir SECU Branch Manager Bryan Johnson. Not pictured is Lineman Graduate Dennis McMenamin.

For more information, contact the CCC&TI Corporate and Continuing Education Department at 828.726.2242.

Tributes from the Foundation of CCC&TI

Memorial gifts and honoraria are very meaningful ways to express sympathy to a bereaved family or to recognize someone on a special occasion. An individual's legacy will continue to live on through the educational opportunities made possible by these special gifts. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following tributes received May 26, 2013 through June 18, 2013:

In honor of Amy Cortner, CCC&TI English Instructor, to the CCC&TI Humanities Fund:

- Ms. Camille Annas

In honor of Kay Crouch, on the occasion of her retirement, to the Kay and Patrick Crouch Music Scholarship:

- Ms. Camille H. Annas
- Mr. Jeff Bentley
- Dr. Kenneth A. and Betty Boham
- Ms. Marla Christie
- Ms. Amy Cortner
- Ms. Caitlyn Council
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- Keith and Tonya Starnes
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- Ms. Melodie Yancey
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In honor of Helen J. Hatley, mother of Ann and CCC&TI Retiree, on the occasion of Mother's Day 2013 to the Helen J. Hatley Achievement Award:

- Ann and Larry Houck
- Betty and Fred Piercy

In memory of Rosalind Campbell, CCC&TI's first Librarian:

- Dr. Ronald L. and Mrs. Shirley S. Kiziah

In memory of Marischa Cooke, wife of Harry and former CCC&TI Learning Resource Center Department Chair, to the Marischa L. Cooke Scholarship:

- Ms. Rita Clement
- Dr. Harry L. Cooke

In memory of T. C. and Annie High, parents of Thomas, Jr., to the T. C. and Annie High Scholarship Fund:

- Phyllis and Thomas C. High, Jr.

In memory of Eric Keyes:

- Ms. Sylvia Keyes

In memory of J. Wade and Mary Sue Kincaid, parents of Steve, to the J. Wade and Mary Sue Kincaid Memorial Scholarship:

- Steven M. and Kimberlin M. Kincaid

In memory of William "Bill" Miller, brother of Joe and former CCC&TI Board of Trustee, to the Watauga Dream Award fund:

- Joe and Lynda Miller

In memory of Gilma Roberts, former CCC&TI Student Support Services Director and Instructor of Speech, Spanish, and English, to the Gilma Roberts Scholarship:

- Camille and Darryl Annas

In memory of Dr. Dan Stallings, retired CCC&TI Vice President of Instruction, to the Dan and Ila Stallings Scholarship:

- Dr. H. Ed and Mrs. Evelyn Beam
- Ms. Eliza F. Bishop

In memory of former Caldwell County Rotarian, Robert N. Styres:

- Caldwell County Rotary Club

In memory of Linda C. Waters, mother of Marty ~ CCC&TI Foundation Board of Director, to the Linda Correll Waters Art Scholarship:

- Mr. and Mrs. Marty Waters

Fox Retires

Rudy Fox, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Truck Driver Training Program Director, has retired after 20 years with the college and nearly 50 years in the trucking industry.

Fox began his career as a Maintenance Mechanic with Ryder Truck Rental in Lenoir in 1964 and quickly moved up the ranks in the company. After 28 total years including the last 11 years as District Maintenance and Safety Manager with the company in Fayetteville, Fox left Ryder and while working as a part-time driver for other local companies, began working as an Instructor for CCC&TI's Truck Driver Training Program in 1992. Fox became Director of the program in 2000.

Fox says that he is looking forward to retirement but there are some things he'll miss. "I'll definitely miss the friends I've made with faculty and staff, Dr. Boham's Eastern style barbecue and the students that I have seen go from unemployed to productive members of the trucking industry," he said.

Fox says that he and his wife will enjoy travelling, visiting old friends and spending time with family including his two children and three grandchildren. But Fox also says that folks shouldn't get too accustomed to his absence. "After enjoying my retirement for 6 months or so, I'll probably be ready to come back to work part-time."

CCC&TI congratulates Rudy Fox on his retirement.



CCC&TI's TRIO/Educational Talent Search Program Hosts Breakfast in Honor of Graduating High School Seniors

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's TRIO/Educational Talent Search (TRIO/ETS) program recently hosted a breakfast in honor of the 11th group of graduating high school seniors to come through the program since its inception.

TRIO/ETS at CCC&TI is a federally funded program that works with middle and high school students, most of whom will be first-generation college students, to assist them with all aspects of college enrollment. Through the program, specialists employed by the college make weekly visits to area middle and high schools to serve students enrolled in the program. In addition, students are given the opportunity to visit colleges throughout the state, participate in various enrichment activities, and receive assistance from TRIO/ETS specialists with college applications, financial aid applications and other college-related issues.

A large group of students, CCC&TI staff members and public school administrators were on hand for the breakfast at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir on Wednesday, May 15. Dr. Ken Boham, President of CCC&TI, welcomed the students. Caldwell County Schools Superintendent Dr. Steve Stone and TRIO Director Dr. Alice Lentz also spoke at the event.

This year's TRIO/ETS class includes 60 students representing each of Caldwell County's five high schools. Each student in attendance received a certificate of recognition and white TRIO cords to be worn with their caps and gowns during their high school graduation ceremonies. Students were also encouraged to keep their cords to wear at future college graduation exercises to represent their participation in TRIO programs.



Above, from left to right, the 2013 Go Anywhere! award winners were Cheyenne Calderon (West Caldwell), Ian Chapman (South Caldwell) and Roberta Hewitt (Hibriten).

Below, TRIO/ETS celebrated 60 students from all five of Caldwell County's high schools at the annual Senior Breakfast at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir on Wednesday, May 15.

Several scholarship and award-winners were also recognized at the event. The 2013 G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholar is Amber Myles of West Caldwell High School, and the 2013 G. Lewis Bernhardt Fellow is Hannah Gurley of West Caldwell High School. The G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholarship program, offering support for study at CCC&TI, is open only to TRIO/ETS seniors.

Roberta Hewitt from Hibriten High School, Ian Chapman from South Caldwell and West Caldwell's Cheyenne Calderon, received the TRIO/ETS Go Anywhere! Award. The award, now in its sixth year, provides scholarships for TRIO/ETS seniors who plan to go to colleges other than CCC&TI. Hewitt will be attending Catawba Valley Community College, Chapman plans to attend the University of South Carolina and Calderon will attend Mars Hill College.

For more information on CCC&TI's TRIO programs, contact Director Alice Lentz at 726- 2234.



Employment Opportunities at CCC&TI

Position: Permanent Part Time Computer Services Technician

Length of Contract: 12 months

Job Summary: To perform a variety of paraprofessional technical assistance for computer systems; to assist in the acquisition of hardware and software; to perform a variety of complex technical duties in the installation and maintenance of stand-alone computer system, servers, computer network systems and peripherals; to provide assistance to computer users, and to provide technical support to the Academic Lab Managers/Assistants.

This is a permanent part-time position working approximately 30 hours per week. Hours are: Monday/Tuesday 2:00 pm - 10:00 pm; Wednesday/Thursday 3:00 pm - 10:00 pm; Friday/Saturday as needed.

Experience: Two years of experience in the installation, maintenance and repair of modern servers, computers, networking components, and related peripheral equipment.

Training: Associate's degree with major course work in computer programming, information systems, engineering technology, database management or a related field required.

Salary: Salary will be based upon institutional salary plan. Excellent benefits.

Application Deadline: JULY 14, 2013

Part Time Nurse Aide Instructor (Caldwell And Watauga Campus)

QUALIFICATIONS: Associate's Degree in Nursing from an accredited college or university is required. Bachelor's degree is preferred. Registered nurse currently registered in North Carolina with unencumbered license. Minimum of two years experience as a Registered nurse (4000)Hrs. Must have proof of completion of a teaching methodology course, or experience in teaching adults, or experience in supervising nurse aides

APPLICATION DEADLINE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED.

Part Time Phlebotomy Instructor (Caldwell And Watauga Campus)

QUALIFICATIONS: Must have current ASPT and/or NAACL's certification; prefer AD or BS degree in related health science; recent 2 years of experience as a full-time phlebotomist; strong personal and professional integrity; minimum 1 year teaching experience in a classroom setting; computer literate with above average verbal and written communication skills.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED.

Student of the Month Dinner

Submitted By: Jennifer Hampton

On Tuesday April 16, the SGA of the Watauga Campus hosted a "Student of the Month" dinner for all of the recipients of this award, which took place at the Daniel Boone Inn.

The students that received Student of the Month during the Spring 2013 Semester were Kate MacDonald, Joshua Hood and Jaehee Post. Kate MacDonald was our Student of the Month for February and was nominated by Glenda Reedy, Nursing Instructor and Movita Hurst, Director of Student Services. Josh Hood was our Student of the Month for March and was nominated by Diane Mazza, Academic Specialist, TRIO/SSS; Coordinator, SGA Advisor. Jaehee Post was our Student of the Month for April and was nominated by Caleb Marsh, Math Instructor and Nancy Leonard, Director of Disability Services Watauga Campus.

In attendance to the dinner were Steve Melton, Executive Director of the Watauga Campus; Movita Hurst, Director of Student Services; Bobbie Watson, Coordinator, Admissions and Records; Diane Mazza, Academic Specialist, TRIO/SSS and Coordinator, SGA; Nancy Leonard, Director, Disability Services Watauga Campus; Glenda Reedy, Nursing Instructor and members of the Watauga Campus SGA.



Pictured above, right are the Students of the Month who were honored at the dinner. From left to right are Josh Hood, Jaehee Post and Kate MacDonald. CCC&TI Congratulates these students!

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