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## **Learning from the Best...**



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workshops and other  
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## Learning from the Best...

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute takes its tradition of excellence in education very seriously. In recent months, that philosophy has been exemplified by a CCC&TI instructor, as well as a student who both sought out the best in order to improve their skills. CCC&TI Networking Technology Instructor Teddie Barrier spent her summer as an intern with Google - arguably the best tech company in the business which also happens to have a facility in Lenoir. Mary Opila moved to Western North Carolina from Minneapolis, Minn. to study the art of furniture and upholstery from the best in the trade, among them, CCC&TI instructors. Here are their stories, just a couple of the reasons why CCC&TI is one of the best community colleges in the state.

### CCC&TI Instructor Spends Summer "Googling"

Teddie Barrier, a Networking Technology Instructor at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, wanted to spend her summer doing something worthwhile. When the opportunity arose to spend the summer working as an intern at Google's Lenoir Data Center, she jumped at the chance.

The opportunity was offered as part of the North Carolina Business Committee for Education (NCBCE) Teachers@Work Initiative, a program that helps local teachers gain a better understanding of business skills needed in their region and highlights the relevance of those skills to their classroom curriculum.

Locally, Google extended the concept and offered several Caldwell County teachers the opportunity to work in the Lenoir Data Center for the summer. The "interns" worked alongside Google's Hardware Operations team, learning hands-on processes and technologies used to maintain the infrastructure in a Google production data center.

According to a statement from Google about the program, they hoped to help local teachers "take some of the concepts learned over the summer, and integrate those into lesson plans and classroom instruction." Ultimately, the goal for the program and the industries involved is to inspire interest in science and technology careers, and help to build a future workforce for companies like Google.

Barrier applied for one of the positions and was selected after an interview process. "There were several other teachers there, but I was the only community college instructor. I got the opportunity to work with students from ASU and graduates from CCC&TI," said Barrier. "I gained knowledge of the type of jobs performed to keep a datacenter running. This relates greatly to my hardware class at the college."

Barrier says that the experience will help her develop new instructional lessons and activities for her students. She says it's also helped her gain a greater understanding of what's current and what's around the corner for the technology industry. Barrier says this knowledge will be very beneficial to CCC&TI students, looking to start a career in that field.

***On The Cover: Mary Opila works on giving new life to an old piece of furniture in the upholstery classroom at CCC&TI. Inset: CCC&TI Instructor Teddie Barrier pauses for a photo at the Google facility in Lenoir.***

"The experience will allow me to share an updated, insightful view of the real technological world with my students," said Barrier. "I have enjoyed it immensely. I found that I was surrounded by familiar faces as I was working alongside former students who have found employment with Google, as well as other Caldwell County residents. We are fortunate to have Google in our community."

For more information about computer programs at CCC&TI, call 828-726-2200 or visit [www.cccti.edu](http://www.cccti.edu).

## Student Makes Big Move to Learn from the Best

Mary Opila, an architect and former college instructor, recently decided to make a career change and dive into the world of furniture re-upholstery. The Midwest native knew that training was in order and sought out the best in the country. Appropriately, she landed in Western North Carolina, the furniture capital of the world.

Opila made the move to North Carolina in summer of 2014 and began learning manual cutting and sewing.

She also apprenticed with a local upholstery shop owner, with plans to stay in the area through June 2015 and learn all she could about the trade. While in the area, she visited the “Furniture. Well Crafted” exhibit at the Catawba Science Center in Hickory and found a flier about an upholstery class being offered at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. Opila says that the information could not have fallen into her lap at a better time. “I jumped at the opportunity to start upholstery class in January 2015,” said Opila. “I’d allocated one year to my upholstery education, so I needed to step up my training and learn as much as possible prior to returning to Minneapolis in June.”

Opila enrolled in CCC&TI’s Upholstery course and says that the class was exactly what she was looking for when she relocated to North

Carolina for her training. “The thing that stands out the most to me is the commitment of the instructors and the quality of education they provide due to their experience in upholstery. They’re experts at teaching others their craft,” she said. “Plus, they also have the ability to flex their teaching style to fit any type of student that takes the class whatever their goals or skill sets. The atmosphere is relaxed and they’re open to answering any questions.”

Now that her training is complete, Opila has returned to her neighborhood in Minneapolis. She and a friend who has upholstered as a hobby for the past 25 years, opened their re-upholstery business on July 1. “It’s called Encore Upholstery Studio, and we focus on custom reupholstering furniture, sewing indoor and outdoor cushions and pillows, as well as fabricating accent upholstered furniture pieces such as ottomans and headboards,” said Opila.

As for her success in the new venture, her CCC&TI instructors have no doubt that her talent and drive will help her go far. “Mary was a special student. She was very determined and dedicated to the craft. I have no doubt in my mind she will succeed,” said CCC&TI Upholstery Instructor Dennis Smith. “I’m hoping that she’ll cut me in when she makes her first million,” he added with a smile.

For more information or to register for a class, contact Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute’s Continuing Education Division at 828-726-2242.



## *Watauga Students Soar with Butterfly Garden Project*

A special project has recently enabled Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's College Compass Program students on the Watauga Campus to take flight, while at the same time further beautifying the most picturesque community college campus in North Carolina.

It's hard to ignore their beautiful addition to campus, near the Career and College Readiness building: a large butterfly garden with blooming flowers, butterfly flags and a stacked rock wall ringing the creation.

Recently retired Compass Instructor Cheryl Patteson, who had a love for Monarch butterflies and incorporating lessons about them into the curriculum, conceived the project. It has since been taken over by new Compass Instructor Judith Ledford, who now has the project soaring to new heights.

"Before the space was transformed into a garden, it was a big pile of dirt and giant rocks," she said. "I am amazed by their work because they took an unused area and made it into a beautiful space for everyone who visits campus."

In addition to adding a peaceful, colorful natural area to campus, the project allows students in the Compass program to learn valuable life skills.

"Each day we have class, they have to look up the weather to see if we need to water," Ledford said. "That gives them the opportunity to utilize technology for practical uses. Through the garden, the students have learned the value of hard work, responsibility and dependability – all of which are important values and life skills."

This summer, the students raised Monarch butterflies in the classroom with a goal of setting them free in the garden before their eventual migration to Mexico. The project will continue again next year, so campus visitors, including butterflies, can enjoy it.

"The best part about participating in a project like this with my students is seeing the pride they have in the garden," Ledford said. "They have worked so incredibly hard on this project, and their dedication to the plants and to the butterflies is what is truly beautiful."

CCC&TI Compass classes are designed for adults who wish to improve their academic and independent living skills. The classes are planned to help students acquire basic skills to become more independent and self-directed and to meet and manage community, social, work and personal adult responsibilities. Classes, which are offered free of charge, are available in Caldwell and Watauga counties. Classes and materials are free.

For more information on the College Compass Program at CCC&TI, call (828) 726-2230 (Caldwell) or (828) 297-5253 (Watauga).

## *Community Colleges, Independent Colleges and Universities Sign Revised Agreement Improving the Transfer Process*

The presidents of the NC Community College System and NC Independent Colleges and Universities recently signed a revised Independent Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (ICAA) that better defines transfer options for students between the two systems, saving North Carolinians money and potentially shortening the time to degree attainment.

"This signing, joined with our revised agreement with the UNC system in 2014, brings North Carolina's higher education alignment to a new level," said Dr. R. Scott Ralls, former System President of the NC Community Colleges. "It means increased access and opportunity for our community college students and clearly defined pathways to success at both public and private higher education institutions in our state."

The ICAA moves community college students toward their four-year degree goals by clearly defining transfer pathways and how earned credit hours fit into the requirements of signatory institutions. For more information on the agreement, visit [www.nccommunitycolleges.edu](http://www.nccommunitycolleges.edu).



***Pictured are: Front row, left to right - Jessica Penley and Juli Whitesides; Back row, left to right - Cassidy Turley, Robert Patteson and Dillon Bragg.***



## J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Welcomes Mandolin Orange

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's J.E. Broyhill Civic Center will kick off its 2015-2016 Showcase of Stars season with North Carolina bluegrass duo Mandolin Orange on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The road has been good to Mandolin Orange since the 2013 release of their critically acclaimed album 'This Side of Jordan.' NPR called the album "effortless and beautiful," naming it one of the year's best folk/Americana releases. American Songwriter said it was "honest music, shot through with coed harmonies, sweeping fiddle, mandolin, and acoustic guitar." It's no surprise the duo's newest release, "Such Jubilee," echoes similar praise for its simple, yet strikingly beautiful concoction of bluegrass, folk and Americana.



After the breakout critical success of Mandolin Orange's Yep Roc debut, 'This Side of Jordan,' you'd expect the relentless onslaught of touring that accompanied it to seep into the writing of the North Carolina duo's follow-up. You'd expect the sound to reflect long days on the road, long nights onstage, unfamiliar cities, countless miles. You'd expect the classic "road record." But you'd be wrong.

"All of these songs are definitely a product of being on the road," says multi-instrumentalist/singer Emily Frantz of Mandolin Orange's gorgeous new album, 'Such Jubilee,' "but they're not about the road."

"They're about home," explains songwriter/multi-instrumentalist/singer Andrew Marlin. "Not because we were missing it, but because when you're gone so much, you start realizing what you have and what's waiting for you. You realize there's this place to come back to at the end of the journey, and that's where a lot of these songs come from."

Marlin and Frantz recorded the ten original songs live, sitting face to face at Echo Mountain Recording in Asheville, NC. This setup captured the undeniable chemistry of their live performances. All ten songs were written by Marlin and address a range of topics, from finding comfort in relationships on the harmony-filled "Little Worlds," to society's rejection of gun reform in the wake of the Sandy Hook shooting on "Blue Ruin," to a ghostly adaptation of Virginia folklore on the elegiac "Jump Mountain Blues."

Mandolin Orange has shared the stage with Rosanne Cash, Willie Watson and The Wood Brothers. Don't miss this enchanting evening of heartfelt lyrics, shimmering harmonies and acoustic instrumentation with Mandolin Orange on Saturday, Nov. 7 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. Tickets for the show are \$21.50 for adults and \$12 for students and children.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.broyhillcenter.com](http://www.broyhillcenter.com) or call the Civic Center Box Office at 828-726-2407.

## Visitors from Denmark

A group of students from Aarhus Business School in Denmark spent a week in Western North Carolina and on the campuses of CCC&TI. The students' study visit included tours of both campuses, attending classes and exploring our community to expand their knowledge of English and experience American culture, as well as the daily life of the American college student. The visiting students enjoyed socials with CCC&TI students, pizza, doughnuts, local BBQ, visits to local attractions like the Blue Ridge Parkway and more.



## ***Upcoming Late Start Classes***

Seats are still available in several upcoming late start classes. Following is a list of available courses and start dates:

### **Online Classes starting Oct. 14:**

Music Appreciation  
World Religions  
Survey of Economics  
Intro to Business  
Personal Finance

CCC&TI is also offering two seated courses. Turfgrass Culture and Identification starts Oct. 14 and Intro to Interpersonal Communication begins Oct. 20.

For more information or to register for one of these courses, call 726-2200 (Caldwell) or 297-3811 (Watauga) or see someone in Student Services on either campus.

## **Counseling to Host Healthy Relationships Workshop**

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and in recognition of it, Counseling and Advisement Services will host two special events that demonstrate the importance of Healthy Relationships over Unhealthy Relationships.

• CCC&TI Counseling & Advisement Services, in collaboration with the Psychology Department and The Shelter Home of Caldwell County, will host a workshop on Thursday, Oct. 1 titled “Healthy Relationships” from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in A-205 on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson. Patricia A. Warfield, MSE, NCC- CCCTI Psychology Instructor, and Anita Hicks from the Shelter Home will present.

• Also on Thursday, Oct. 1, the Watauga Campus will host a “Healthy Relationships” workshop at 12 p.m. in W-372, Room 112. Callie Hutchens, LPCA, NCC- CCCTI Counselor, and Kelsi Butler, Outreach Coordinator from OASIS, will present.

If you have questions, please contact the Department of Counseling at 828-726-2716 (Caldwell) or 828-297-2185, ext. 5263 (Watauga)

## ***Upcoming Continuing Education Cooking Classes***

CCC&TI’s Continuing Education Department will offer several one-day cooking classes with Culinary Arts Instructor Chef Corey Hooks. Each class will be held in the Culinary Arts Kitchen located in K Building on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Participants in each class will receive a chef’s knife, CCC&TI embroidered apron, and recipe packet. Following are the dates and topics for each course:

***Let’s Roll Sushi - Oct. 10 or Oct. 31***

***Italian Cuisine - Oct. 17 or Nov. 7***

***Creole Cuisine - Oct. 24***

***Asian Cuisine - Nov. 14***

Cost for each class is \$121. For more information or to register, call 828-726-2242.

## **CCC&TI Expands Broadcasting**

For more than 20 years, CCC&TI has offered college-related TV programming through a PEG (Public, Educational, Government access) channel, produced by staff on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson. Until now, the channel was only accessible to Charter Cable subscribers living in Caldwell County. We’re pleased to announce that our channel is now accessible to anyone in the world, through a live feed on YouTube. We’ve also recently made changes to programming and scheduling, such as 24-hours CCC&TI/Caldwell County Schools programming and new themed shows, including a cooking show and a gardening show utilizing college faculty expertise.

If you’d like to access the live feed or view past programming that’s available on YouTube, visit the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/user/CCCTIMandC>

## Academic Support and Writing Centers Host Open House Events

The Academic Support Centers and Writing Centers on both campuses hosted Open House events in September. The centers offered students a chance to win prizes, learn about the services and resources available through the ASCs and the Writing Centers and refreshments. For more information on services available to students through the Academic Support Centers or Writing Centers, call or come by the centers.



## Electrical Lineman Graduation

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently celebrated a new class of Electrical Linemen with a completion ceremony at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. Participating in the ceremony were: Back row, left to right: Instructor David Coffey, Instructor Steve Stilwell, Josh Buckner, Josh Ballew, Ralston Soots, Logan Leary and Instructor Dean Ford. Front row, left to right: Tanner Starnes, Tanner Rose, Phillip Lail, Tim Penley and Hunter Huston. The next Electrical Lineman 1 class with available seats begins Feb. 29, 2016 on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson. For more Electrical Lineman Institute info or to register, call 828-726-2242.



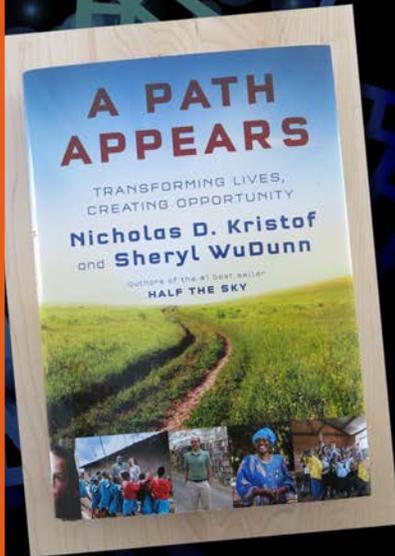
## TRIO Deli

The Caldwell Campus hosted its first TRIO Deli of the semester on Thursday, Sept. 17. The meeting included an introduction of new TRIO Director Emily Garrison. Garrison, pictured far right, is a former principal/assistant principal/teacher with Burke County Public Schools. Her academic credentials include a BS in Elementary Education from Wingate University and a Masters in School Administration from Appalachian State University. She is currently working towards completion of her Education Specialist Degree, also at ASU.



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# International Film Series



## “A Path Appears: Breaking the Cycle of Poverty”

October 8

5:30 pm - Watauga Campus Room 112

7:00 pm - J.E. Broyhill Civic Center

## “A Path Appears: Violence and Solutions”

November 17

5:30 pm - Watauga Campus Room 112

7:00 pm - J.E. Broyhill Civic Center

**FREE ADMISSION**

## Constitution Day

Both campuses celebrated Constitution Day in September. SGA leaders distributed free copies of the U.S. Constitution for students, faculty and staff. The Caldwell Campus also offered a Constitution Quiz, free coffee and voter registration during the event.



## Blood Drive

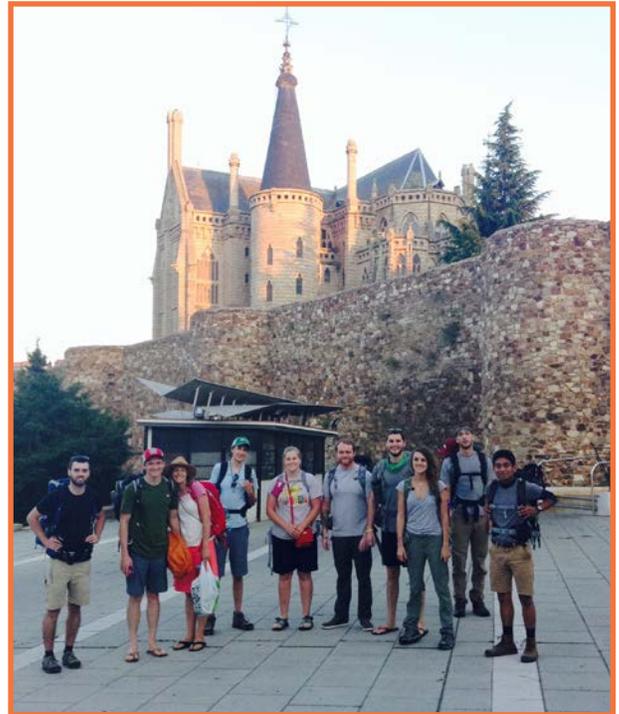
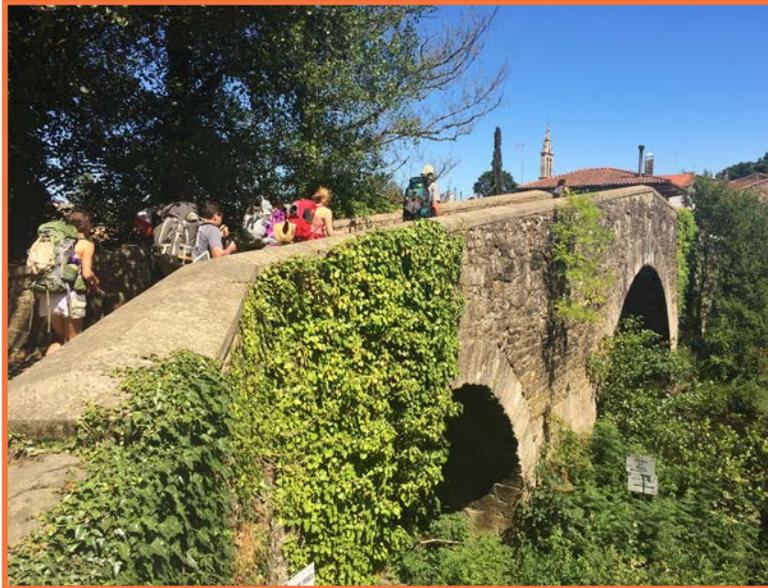
CCC&TI's Student Government Association hosted a blood drive on the Caldwell Campus in September. More than 50 donors participated including 8 new donors and 56 pints of blood were added to the American Red Cross Blood bank. Save the date for the next blood drive, scheduled for Dec. 4.



Fall Student Fest 2015  
Thursday, Oct. 22  
Both Campuses  
Free Food  
(Must show student ID for food.)  
Games, Club Info and More.  
Don't Miss The Fun!

## Students Travel to Spain

Eight CCC&TI students took the journey of a lifetime in June 2015. Accompanied by CCC&TI faculty members Landon Pennington and Jasyyn Klamborowski, the students hiked 170 miles on Spain's famous Camino trail and also toured Madrid. The trip focused on providing the students an international experience, as well as improving their Spanish skills and learning about Spanish culture. Among the highlights of the trip were trying new foods, attending local festivals along the trail and visiting Madrid.

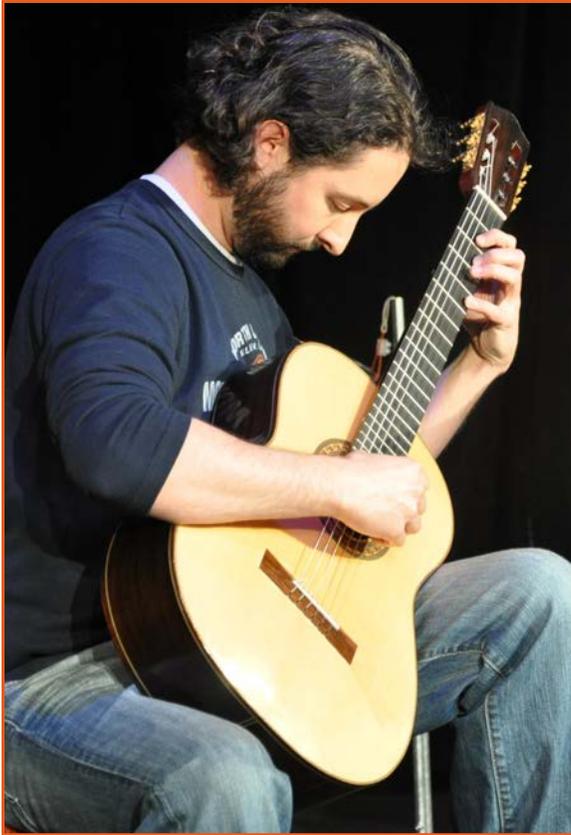


## Motorcycle Club Supports CCC&TI Foundation

The Blue Knights NC XXIV International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club Inc., has made a \$500 gift to the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Adam Klutz Scholarship, which supports students in the Basic Law Enforcement Training Program. Pictured, from left to right, are: Roy Price, Johnny Overby, Foundation of CCC&TI Executive Director Marla Christie, Lynn Parsons and Tim Stoker. The local Blue Knights chapter is made up of 21 retired and active law enforcement officers from Caldwell County. The donation came from proceeds raised at the group's annual Officer Down Memorial Ride. Adam Klutz, a native of Caldwell County and deputy in the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office, was killed in the line of duty in 2008. Funds donated in his memory have gone to support scholarships for future law enforcement officers. For more information about the Adam Klutz Scholarship or the Foundation of CCC&TI, please call 828-726-2260.



## CCC&TI AFA Music Program Fall Concerts



Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Associate, Fine Arts Music Program is hosting several free concerts this fall that are open to the public. The concerts will feature faculty, students and guest artists. Following is the list of events:

**CCC&TI Music Faculty Concert: David Smith**

Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 12 p.m.

CCC&TI Watauga Campus, Building W372, Room 112

Free and open to the public

**CCC&TI Music Faculty Concert: Robert Steadman**

Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 1 p.m.

CCC&TI Caldwell Campus, B-100, FPA Theatre

Free and open to the public

**CCC&TI Student Chorus Concert**

Thursday, Dec. 10 at 12 p.m.

CCC&TI Caldwell Campus, B-100, FPA Theatre

Free and open to the public

and

Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 12 p.m.

St. James Episcopal Church

806 College Avenue, SW

Lenoir, N.C.

For more information on these events or CCC&TI's AFA Fine Art Music Program, contact Director Justin Butler at 828-726-2357 or email [jbutler@cccti.edu](mailto:jbutler@cccti.edu).

## New CCC&TI Trustees

The Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Board of Trustees has added a new member, while another was re-appointed. The Honorable Bob Brady, retired Chief 25th District Court Judge, is a new appointee and was recently sworn in. Re-appointed to the Board for another term is retired educator and former Watauga County Commissioner William Ralph Winkler III. Both were appointed to 4-year terms.

Near Right: William Ralph Winkler III is sworn in as a new member of the Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Board of Trustees by Donna Church, Executive Assistant to the CCC&TI Board of Trustees.

Far right, The Honorable Bob Brady.



## September Student of the Month - Watauga Campus

Ben Zeidell, pictured at right, was recently named Student of the Month for September on the Watauga Campus. Instructor Suzanne Shaut states, "In class he usually takes unusual and interesting approaches to his work, resulting in excellent original work." He is a member of the Global Scholars Program and also volunteers with campus activities. Zeidell plans to attend Chapel Hill. Congratulations, Ben!





## Professional Kitchen Added on Watauga Campus

A new Culinary Arts kitchen/classroom was recently completed on the Watauga Campus, allowing CCC&TI to offer the Culinary Arts program on both campuses.

Members of the Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Board of Trustees, Watauga County Manager Deron Geouque, Watauga County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Scott Elliott, as well as members of the Watauga Board of Commissioners and Watauga Board of Education, enjoyed a sneak peek Wednesday evening of the new Culinary Arts kitchen and classroom that was recently added to CCC&TI Watauga Occupational Training Facility on the Watauga Campus in Boone. CCC&TI expanded its Culinary Arts degree program to the Watauga Campus at the start of the Fall Semester and will offer the first classes utilizing the new space beginning with the Spring Semester, allowing the program to be offered in both Watauga and Caldwell counties.



Pictured bottom, right: CCC&TI Trustee Nathan Miller, left, opens the door to one of several new stoves in the Culinary Arts kitchen on the Watauga Campus as Watauga Board of Education Chairman Ron Henries participates in a tour of the new facility. Watauga County Government and School officials toured the space at the September CCC&TI Trustee Meeting.



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