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## TRiO

Talent Search

Federally-funded TRiO comprises various programs, which, since 1965, have promoted opportunity in education.

Student Support Services (SSS) has served almost 1000 participants at CCC&TI since its inception here in 1993. Its mission is to provide opportunities for academic development, assist student with basic college requirements, and serve to motivate students towards the successful completion of their post-secondary education.

Educational Talent Search (ETS), launched at CCC&TI in 2002, currently serves 600 middle-school and high-school students. Its mission is to get academically talented Caldwell County students enrolled in college. Visit [www.cccti.edu/ets](http://www.cccti.edu/ets) for more information.

For further information on TRiO programs, please visit [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov).

## Who is ETS?

ETS students are academically talented and have a desire to go to college. The majority of them will be “first-generation,” meaning neither of their parents has earned a four-year degree.

The program serves 600 students.

2003-2004 enrollment by grade:

Grade 6	96
Grade 7	118
Grade 8	121
Grade 9	133
Grade 10	51
Grade 11	36
Grade 12	40

Adult High School/GED- 5

## Congratulations, Graduating Seniors!

Listed below are ETS’s seniors and where they are expecting to enroll.

### South Caldwell

Amanda Adams- Wilkes Community College  
Crystal Berry- CCC&TI  
Holly Carrico- CCC&TI  
Keesha Huffman- Mars Hill College

Jodi Kaylor- CCC&TI  
April Hamilton- CCC&TI  
Betty Jo Kincaid- Lenoir-Rhyne College  
Amber Mullett- CCC&TI  
William Miller- CVCC  
Jessica Palermo- Western Carolina University

Theresa Pierce- CCC&TI  
Wesley Sluder- CVCC  
Linda Xiong- UNC-Greensboro  
Angela Triplett- undecided

### Hibriten

Tamara Rogers- CCC&TI  
Ashley Lovins- Navy  
Heather Lovins- CCC&TI  
Lorray Bentley- CCC&TI  
Allen Williams- Appalachian State University  
Leif Hicks- UNC- Pembroke  
Ginger Laws- CCC&TI  
Quala Logan- CCC&TI  
Ryan Miller- CCC&TI  
LaRhonda Howell- CCC&TI or Berea College  
Jerry Taylor- UNC-Greensboro  
Micheal Corpening- Navy

### West Caldwell

Elliot Collins- Western Carolina University  
Eddy Figueroa- CCC&TI  
Ted Freeman II- CCC&TI  
Kendra Johnson- Western Carolina University  
Christopher Messer- CCC&TI  
Megan Rascoe- N.C. State University  
Rebecca Silvas- CCC&TI  
Whitney Suddreth- CCC&TI  
Jennifer Suddreth- CCC&TI  
Beth Bentley- Western Carolina University  
Heather Fowler- CCC&TI  
Cassie Collins- CCC&TI  
James Modar- Appalachian State University  
Ashley Hayes- Craven Community College or Carteret Community College

### Adult High School/GED

Joshua Slenker- CCC&TI or National Guard  
LaToya Coffey- CCC&TI



Best wishes and much success to each of you! Class of 2004, please keep in touch.

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## For ETS Only

On April 29, at the SSS banquet held at the Broyhill Civic Center, the 2004 G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholar and Fellows were recognized. Tamara Rogers, who received a \$3000 scholarship to be used over four semesters while attending CCC&TI, was acknowledged as the G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholar. Heather Lovins, Holly Carrico, Theresa Pierce, Christopher Messer, and Lorry Bentley were named as Fellows and each will receive a one-time \$600 scholarship to be used for tuition or other expenses while attending CCC&TI. The G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholarship is competitive and applications are available every spring to ETS 12<sup>th</sup> graders who plan to attend CCC&TI. The endowed scholarship is for ETS students only.



G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholar and Fellows  
Pictured from left to right: Heather Lovins, Tamara Rogers (Scholar), Christopher Messer, Lorry Bentley, and Holly Carrico. Not pictured: Theresa Pierce.

## You spoke; we heard!

On April 26, ETS held its first Town Meeting. The idea for the Town Meeting came from a parent suggestion through the 2003 parent surveys. The meeting was informational, sharing with parents what ETS is doing, and conversational, allowing for parents to share their ideas and questions. Joseph and Deborah Yandow expressed their need for a timeline of what their daughter, Jessica (11<sup>th</sup>, SCHS) needs during her senior year.

Ashley Causby (6<sup>th</sup>, GFMS) and her parents enjoyed reengaging with Brad Stover, an ETS/SSS tutor, who had helped Ashley make sense of fractions a few weeks before. ETS counselors, Belinda Ballew, Mitzi Fulbright, and Dena Holman, recognized ETS students' academic accomplishments for fall semester 2003. Over 300 ETS students were on either the A, A/B Honor Rolls or Principal's Lists for fall semester 2003. George Kripner, Director of Grant Activities at CCC&TI, shared how and why ETS started in 2002. Maida Pearson, SSS participant and mother of ETS student, Tasha Pearson (10<sup>th</sup>, WCHS), expressed her appreciation for the TRiO staff. "Tasha encouraged me to talk to Alice (Trio Director) and to find out about Student Support Services since I was taking classes at the college. ETS helps me because I am an ETS parent and SSS helps me because I am a student," said Maida.

Parents, remember your commitment to be involved. Don't miss your chance to speak. We promise that we will hear.



Ashley Causby and her father at the ETS Town Meeting

## Alumni Corner

Viviane Poit, former ETS participant, just finished her first year at ASU. This summer she will be working at CCC&TI in a children's enrichment program. During her first year at ASU, Viviane participated in Student Support Services, another TRiO program. In May, she also assisted an ETS student with exam preparation at SCHS.

Kyana Ferguson, another former ETS participant, dropped by the ETS office recently to update Dena Holman about her first year at Bennett College. Kyana shared that she has a 3.5 GPA and is majoring in biology. This summer Kyana is taking a Spanish class at CCC&TI.

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## A Blue Devil or a Tarheel?

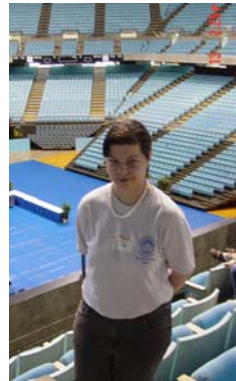
On April 13, 84 ETS students packed two charter buses to head toward the Triangle Area for tours of the Duke and UNC- Chapel Hill campuses. In the midst of rainy skies, students excitedly browsed the premises of these universities. For many students, to be at the homes of the Tarheels and Blue Devils was a dream. Some of the most memorable moments were Duke Chapel, free Duke cups from Blue Devil students, reclining in the Dean Smith Center, and pictures with the Tarheel Mascot. For Cody Scott (9<sup>th</sup>, SCHS) the most memorable moment was shaking the hand of a Duke basketball player. Students also learned what it takes to be accepted at both of these prestigious universities. It looks like some may even be Blue Devils or Tarheels one day.



Outside Duke Chapel on the Duke University Campus

## Tied Together

On April 15, almost 30 students completed the Ropes Course at Murray Elementary. Students learned the benefits of teamwork, enthusiasm, and determination. They also developed their decision-making, planning, and problem-solving skills. But most of all, they had a lot of fun while getting closer as an ETS family. Students not only climbed high to face their fear of heights, but also allowed their level of trust in others to deepen and become more solid. The Ropes Course trip, a favorite among ETS students, is a great way for students to build ties and stick together.



Tasha Pearson inside the Dean Smith Center at UNC-Chapel Hill



Dena Holman (ETS counselor) securing Lauren Davis's (CES) rope before she climbs.

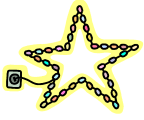


Teamwork at the Ropes Course

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## Students in the Spotlight



Colleges not only look at your academic accomplishments, but they look at personal accomplishments and school and community involvement. Please keep us updated about how you and ETS students you know are excelling outside of the classroom. Send information to Mitzi Fulbright, ETS Counselor, at [mfulbright@cccti.edu](mailto:mfulbright@cccti.edu).

## Persistence Pays

Going into Senior Awards Day on May 14, Holly Carrico, SCHS, only knew that she was receiving the G. Lewis Bernhardt Fellow Scholarship. Little did she know that by the end of the ceremony her scholarships would total \$2100. This day was the rainbow after the rain. Since early in the school year, Holly had filled out numerous scholarship applications. Even when she was tired from work, school, and homework, she checked her school's website, asked her guidance counselor for help, and applied for scholarships. "I know the value of a dollar and I knew what it was going to take for me to go to CCC&TI and then to transfer to ASU," says Holly. With tears in her eyes, she graciously accepted a CCC&TI merit scholarship of \$1000, the Molly Grace Dalton Scholarship of \$500, and the G. Lewis Bernhardt Fellow Scholarship of \$600 on Awards Day. Holly was amazed by the generosity. "They didn't have to give these to me; they wanted my education to happen." So was all the effort worth it? "It was worth every stroke of my pen. Even the scholarships I did not get helped me get the ones I did receive." What does it take to get scholarships? Sometimes it's not a 4.0 GPA or being the Most Valuable Player. Sometimes it is being a person that does his/her best at whatever (s)he is doing; being a person of high character, but most of all, being someone who does not give up.



Holly Carrico (center) at SCHS Awards Day, along with Theresa Pierce, and Mitzi Fulbright (ETS Counselor)

## Summer Enrichment Activities

**June 13-18-** ASU Summer Institute

**June 24-** Exploris/Raleigh trip (UNC-Greensboro tour)

**July 1-** Dinner at Michelangelo's with Lenoir-Rhyne College tour

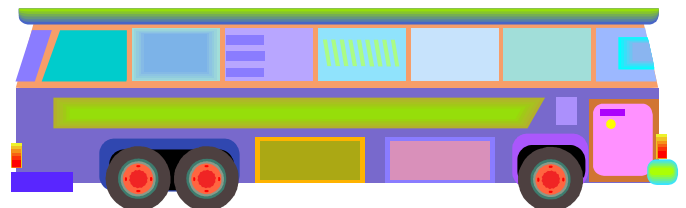
**July 8-** Crawdads game/Catawba College tour

**July 15-** Climbing Wall with Montreat College and Mars Hill College tours

**July 22-** Cherokee Reservation trip with Western Carolina University tour

**July 27-29-** Lees-McRae Mini-College

If you are scheduled for any of these trips and have to cancel, please call 726-2333 or email [ppritchard@cccti.edu](mailto:ppritchard@cccti.edu), ASAP or at least 24 hours before the trip.



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- ❖ Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, Continuing Education offers Super Summer Programs for Super Kids. Check it out. Phone 726-2242 for more information.



- ❖ Read a book.
- ❖ Volunteer in your community.



- ❖ Visit [www.cfnc.org](http://www.cfnc.org) and look up colleges and do a career assessment.

## Other ETS opportunities

Submit artwork, poetry, essays, letters, drawings, short stories, cartoons and photography, so that ETS can showcase your talents.



Be an ETS reporter and submit news articles about your school or fellow ETS students.

Volunteer a day at ETS and learn even more about college.

Attention: ETS High School Students  
TRiO Art Show in September

Get your art ready to be showcased. A selection committee will choose pieces for display. Opening reception will be: September 23, 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the Jo Seila Gallery at CCC&TI.



Email [ppritchard@cccti.edu](mailto:ppritchard@cccti.edu) if you are interested in any of the above opportunities.

## ETS Staff

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Collettsville and West Caldwell High  
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Middle, Kings Creek, Happy Valley, and  
Hibriten High  
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