Calendar of Events

15 Curriculum Registration (Watauga), 1 - 3 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.
Continuing Education Registration (Watauga), 1 - 3 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.
Joint Board Meeting: CCC&TI trustees, Watauga Co. commissioners, Watauga Co. Board of Ed. - Watauga Instructional Facility, Rm. 112, 6 p.m.

16 Distance Learning Orientation (Watauga), 5:30 p.m., WC 112

19 Curriculum Registration (Caldwell), 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.
Continuing Education Registration (Caldwell), 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 5 - 7 p.m.

20 Distance Learning Orientation (Caldwell), 5: 30 p.m., E-120

21 Summer Curriculum classes begin

Happy Birthday

Celebrating birthdays from May 12 to 18:
Lyndon Withers, Rudi Rudisill, Tommy Henderson, Jorge Serrano, Anna Alexander, Gilma Roberts

What’s Happening?

Please Note: The Business office no longer accepts Discover Card. However, Mastercard and Visa are still accepted.

CCC&TI’s Financial Aid Department is pleased to announce a new scholarship. The Drum-Wilkinson Educational Foundation is awarding two scholarships in 2003 to two students who will be attending college in 2003-2004. The Scholarships are for $250 each and will be awarded on or before August 15, 2003. The deadline for accepting the application from the student is June 30, 2003. All applicants will be considered. Applications can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office in Room F-119.

Job Vacancy: Administrator; Evening/Weekend. Responsibilities: Assist in the direction, planning and coordination of the evening and weekend instructional programs; assist in the coordination of assigned activities with other college programs, divisions, departments and outside agencies. The direct supervisor will be the Executive Vice President of Instruction. Qualifications: Master’s degree from an accredited college or university with major course work in higher education, administration or instruction. Five years of increasingly responsible experience with responsibility for academic and instructional programs in an administrative capacity, including teaching, administration, and/or counseling at a post-secondary level. Application deadline: May 16, 2003.

Get wrapped up in CCC&TI. The Student Bookstore is now selling afghans. Heavy and well-made, the afghan can be used as a throw, blanket or decoration. A sample is on display on the Ground Level of E Building (at the bottom of the staircase near the Career Center materials). If the bookstore can get a minimum of 50 orders, the cost will be $30. To order, sign up in the bookstore.

This week on The College Connection, Laurette LePrevost discusses the college transfer and early childhood programs, as well as summer offerings; Garrett Hinshaw talks about this week’s registration; and don’t miss highlights from the Basketball Intramurals Championship. The College Connection airs daily on Caldwell County cable channel 3 at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Your ideas for features or guest spots are welcome.

The Caldwell Chronicle is a weekly, electronic publication for CCC&TI friends and family. Items for inclusion should be submitted to the Marketing and Communications Department by noon Thursday. Call 726-2264 or e-mail your news to mchristie@cccti.edu or dwagner@cccti.edu. We welcome your suggestions and contributions. CCC&TI is an equal opportunity educator and employer.
CCC&TI Nail Tech Students, Instructor Rack up Wins

Cosmetology instructor Lisa Rector and two of her students recently won several honors. Students Lisa Blochavick and Nada Greene took second and third place respectively in an EnVogue gel nail competition at the 53rd Annual National Cosmetology Association of North Carolina show. Blochavick and Greene were the first nail tech students from Caldwell County to place in a North Carolina competition. The competition marked only the second time each student had worked with the relatively new nail technology, which is an alternative to acrylics.

The students also won a recent cosmetology competition sponsored by Alan Elrod, owner of Details Salon in Hickory. Out of a group of seven nail tech students, Blochavick took first place in this competition and Greene placed second. Each student received $25, a plaque and an interview with Elrod for a position at his new location.

Blochavick and Greene both enjoy competing. “It’s exciting,” Blochavick says. “The creativity you get to put into your work, the people you meet…and you get to see other people’s ideas.”

“It’s exhilarating, but at the same time it’s fun,” Greene adds. Blochavick always wanted to be in the salon industry. She started out in cosmetology, but switched to the nail technology program when she got pregnant with her son to avoid the chemicals. Greene started doing her own acrylic nails while she was in high school. “People would stop me while I was shopping in Hickory and offer to drive out to my house and pay me to do their nails,” Greene said. “It was something I always like to do, so I figured I’d study and get paid for it.”

What’s the most challenging aspect of nail technology? Blochavick says she doesn’t think of it as being a challenge because it’s so fun. “If you give it your all and you like what you’re doing, it doesn’t seem like a challenge.” If anything, she said it was time.

Greene echoed those sentiments. Both are moms as well as students. Greene commutes from Morganton to take classes at CCC&TI. At the NCA competition, Greene says she found the biggest challenge was absorbing all the information. “The show continued on next page

A local businessman devised an ingenious way to hire new talent. Alan Elrod, owner of Details Salon in Hickory sponsored a Cosmetology competition recently at CCC&TI.

“We wanted to stimulate the students and get them into a competitive spirit,” Elrod said. In addition, “we found a unique and unusual way” to interview potential new hires. Elrod recently opened a new location which offers hairstyling, massage and yoga lessons among other services.

The overall winner, Paula Greene, received $50, a plaque and a guaranteed job at Elrod’s new location for one year, but Elrod said he was impressed with each of the contestants and offered the top two winners in the Nail Technology category interviews (see Nail Tech story on this page).

The competition focused on three categories: Nail Technology, Special Occasion Styling and Advanced Cut and Coloring Techniques.

In the Advanced Cut and Coloring Technique category, contestants had to cut, color and style the hair of a live model, complete her makeup and nails, and get her into an outfit—in two and half hours.

Other winners were: Nail Technology: 1st place, Lisa Blochavick; 2nd place, Nada Green. Special Occasion Styling: 1st place, Heather Walters; 2nd place, Will Poteat. Advanced Cut and Coloring Technique: 1st place, Paula Green; 2nd place, Darby Morrison.
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was so intriguing, the more you learned, the more you wanted to learn,” she said.

The proud instructor received a few kudos of her own at the North Carolina show. An NCA member since 2000, she has served on the Executive Board and the Education Committee. During the executive board meeting, she was named secretary, and she won awards for styles she demonstrated at the show in the Ladies Division and the Nails Division.

Rector performed her first trend release hair cut to Chubby Checker’s “The Twist.” The haircut, also named The Twist, is a “flippy” style with a lot of movement, Rector says. To achieve the look, the stylist actually twists sections of hair and cuts into the twisted section with scissors. This was her first trend release haircut.

As a member of the Education Committee, Rector travels to cities such as Chicago and New York when new style trends are introduced. “We learn the trend, come back and teach that cut to NCA members and also to cosmetology instructors for certification.”

Rector has been a cosmetologist for 10 years and has taught at CCC&TI for almost three years. “I knew after working nine years for someone else that I had to make a change,” she says. And her new career has suited her just fine. “It is never the same field. It’s always changing. There’s always something new to learn.”

That’s the aspect she passes on to her students: Keep sharpening your skills and keep learning. “I tell them that they can be what they want to be and go wherever they want to go,” Rector says. “It’s a self-motivated job.”

The types of information students have to learn often surprise them. Rector says, “They come in here and think, ‘I’m going to polish nails and learn how to put nails on.’ But anyone can do that. There’s more science to it than they realize.”

Notes & Notables

Watauga Stingers Place 5th in Adult Spelling Bee

Jane Lentz (team captain), Mary Farthing, Lavola Henson and Diane Barefoot recently competed in the 2nd Annual Spelling Bee for Grown Ups sponsored by the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce.

The CCC&TI team, which calls itself the Stingers, was ousted on the word “conundrum,” but they won best table decoration.

The Stingers were up against the Mountain Properties Etymologists, the event’s repeat champions, the Mast General Store Bee-Nevolent Teachers (fourth), the ASU Dizzy Spells and the High Country Bank Spelling Savants (tied for second).

Seventeen teams competed in the event, which raises money to benefit the Boone Area Chamber of Commerce Education Committee and the Watauga Education Foundation. The competition was decided in 29 words. “Caterwauling” (howling like a cat in heat) was the deciding word.

Regional Piano Auditions

The National Guild of Piano Teachers (NGPT) regional auditions were held at the Broyhill House May 6 through 8.

Nearly 60 students from piano studios in the Unifour area, as well as piano majors from CCC&TI, performed for an adjudicator who rated and commented on their programs. The process is similar to the band and choral festivals attended by students in public school music programs.

Students played music from the Baroque, Classical, Romantic, and Modern eras. They are rated on nine musical elements: accuracy, tone quality, technique, rhythm, maturity in memory, phrasing, dynamics, use of the pedal, and interpretation.

The adjudicator for the 2003 auditions was Betty Stanford Bodkin. Bodkin holds a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Greensboro College and a Master of Arts in Education from East Carolina University. She also has completed additional graduate studies at Appalachian State University and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Blue Ridge Flying Eagles Take Off to Nationals

Earlier this year, members of CCC&TI’s Aviation program placed third at a regional SAFECON competition sponsored by the National Collegiate Flying Association. Their finish qualified them for the national competition, which is being held May 21 through 23 at the University of North Dakota.

Members of the Aviation program competing next week are:

Stefan Olson, Tim Starnes, Jerry McDowell, Adam Clark, Daniel Poit, Kevin Bryant, Dameion Pugh, Cameron Jones, J.P. King, James Pennell, Kevin
Leadership Conference Inspires CCC&TI Students

Three students from Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute recently attended the 10th Annual Southeastern African American Student Leadership Conference held at the University of North Carolina in Wilmington. The students—Tammy Greene, Terri Roland and Curt Jones—are members of the Ebony Kinship Club. Elaine Setzer, the club’s advisor and Director of Testing and Assessment accompanied the students.

According to its mission statement, the conference seeks to develop the leadership abilities of African American students in the Southeastern United States by incorporating African American History, leadership skills, self-improvement techniques and other motivational activities. Students participate in workshops and social activities and can listen to a number of guest speakers.

This year, Willie E. Gary, attorney, philanthropist, and self-made billionaire, was on tap as the keynote speaker. Gary is a flamboyant corporate attorney who gained notoriety by winning multi-million dollar suits for individuals against major corporations. Born a migrant worker’s son, Gary became known as the Giant Killer and made Ebony magazine’s list of 100 Most Influential Black Americans in May 2002.

Terri Roland, a first-year student studying Medical Office Administration, says the speakers—especially Gary—were her favorite part of the conference. “[Gary] started out with nothing and now he’s one of the wealthiest lawyers in the country,” she said. It convinced her “I can do it if he can do it.”

Gary’s speech also resonated with Curtis Jones, a second year Associate Arts student. “He should be an inspiration to anybody who’s trying to be successful,” Jones said.

Gary provided a number of “tips on leadership and what it takes to work hard and work your way up,” Jones said. His message was “if you have a goal keep pursuing it,” Jones added.

Greene, CCC&TI graduate and current Secretary and Treasurer of Ebony Kinship, enjoyed the workshops most. She said the information helped her develop a personal vision and new goals. Since graduating with a degree in Information System Technology last year, Green found the workshops helped her regain confidence that full-time employment will be on the horizon. She is currently taking additional classes to “broaden her horizons” and works part-time as an administrative assistant at the college. “I still have a future. I do know that,” she said.

Roland plans to earn a four-year degree and believes the leadership skills she honed at the conference will help her in her future career. “I want to be an office manager or a social worker, and you need to be a leader” in those positions, she said.

Jones, who will be attending college in Kentucky on a basketball scholarship, plans to study business marketing or hospitality. For him, the leadership conference experience “helps you prepare to start your own company instead of working for someone else. Leadership means you have to take risks.”

Setzer is planning to make this an annual event for Ebony Kinship members. “Every student needs to have this experience outside the classroom,” Setzer said. “It’s so good for the students to experience campus life outside of the community college environment. It gives them an excellent opportunity to develop fellowship with other students from other two-year and four-year colleges, which is especially beneficial since most of our students are transfer students.”

The Ebony Kinship club was founded in 1985 and is one of the oldest of the college’s student organizations. Like the leadership conference, Ebony Kinship seeks to promote leadership skills among African American students. For more information about the club, contact Advisor Elaine Setzer at 726-2721.