Early registration for currently enrolled students begins Nov. 3 and ends Nov. 14. An appointment with an advisor is required. Payment for classes is due Monday, Dec. 1, 2003. For Caldwell campus: Registration times are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday. Evening advisors are available in Student Services Nov. 3 through 6 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Evening advisors are available in their offices Nov. 10 through 13 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For Watauga campus: See advisor.

Circle K is hosting an Eastern Style BBQ fundraiser, Monday, Nov. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is $5 per plate, which includes BBQ, bun, slaw, beans and a drink. All proceeds benefit community service projects. To purchase tickets or for more information, call (828) 758-1882.

CCC&TI and Caldwell Memorial Hospital are sponsoring a Job Fair Nov. 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Gym. Companies and agencies with jobs available will be recruiting. Contact Kim Roper at (828) 726-2705 for more information or e-mail kroper@cccti.edu.

$$ for Spring: Visit the Financial Aid office for information about scholarships and other financial assistance. Deadlines are coming up. For more information, call (828) 726-2713 or (828) 297-2185.

The NCAEOP Angel Tree is now up on the top floor of E building outside the faculty office. Faculty, staff and students submitted 123 names, all of which were accepted. Each angel lists a recipient’s gender; age; shirt, pant and shoe size; and any other type of present that person would like to receive. You are not obligated to purchase everything on the list. If you do not have time to pick-up an angel, please call Sharon McCrary at (828) 726-2316 or e-mail smccrary@cccti.edu. Gifts must be returned to Sharon or Martha Minton by Wednesday, Dec. 3.

This week on The College Connection: Boris Baskakov of the Moscow ballet talks about local children’s’ performances in The Nutcracker; Matt Connor covers the Basic Skills orientation process; and David Briggs highlights the holiday season performances at the Civic Center. 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.
Eight-time Grammy Award winner Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder will play their way into the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir for two performances on Friday, Nov. 7 and Saturday, Nov. 8. Both shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. with relative newcomer “The Old Crow Medicine Show” serving as the opening act.

Born in eastern Kentucky, Skaggs had already become an accomplished singer and mandolin player by the time he reached his teens. He entered the world of professional music in 1971 when he and his friend, the late country singer, Keith Whitley, joined the band of bluegrass pioneer, Ralph Stanley. As a member of Stanley’s band, Skaggs gained additional experience and started building a reputation of his own.

Beginning in the late 1970s, Skaggs turned his attention to country music, first as a member of Emmylou Harris’ Hot Band and later as an individual recording artist. With the release of his first album, *Waitin’ For The Sun To Shine* in 1981, Skaggs reached the top of the country charts and remained there throughout most of the 1980s.

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Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder released their latest album, *History of the Future*, in 2001, which was nominated for a Grammy Award in the ‘Best Bluegrass Album’ category. The recent nomination adds to an incredible track record for the new label @ all albums released on Skaggs Family Records have been nominated for a Grammy, with three albums by Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder winning a Grammy.

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Tickets range in price from $28.50 in gold seating to $32.50 in platinum seating. For more information or to reserve seats, call (828) 726-2407. To purchase tickets online visit: http://www.broyhillcenter.com. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express are accepted.

The performance is sponsored by the Broyhill Family Foundation, JemClean, Comfort Inn/HGMHotels, Foothills Radio Group, Golden Corral, and Triangle Communications.
You never get a second chance to make a first impression. CCC&TI employees focused on this key principle of customer service at the colleges recent professional development session held over fall break. Guest speaker, Dr. John Roueche, reminded employees how much everyone plays an important role in marketing the institution and conveying the values of the college.

Dr. Roueche has served as professor and director of the Community College Leadership Program at the University of Texas at Austin since 1971. Ranked as the number one graduate program in the country for its impact on community colleges, the doctoral leadership program is the nations oldest and has produced more presidents, vice presidents and deans than that of any other university.

Nationally renowned for his research, teaching, service and leadership, Roueche is an author of 34 books and more than 150 articles. His most recent books, some of which have appeared on PBS, include High Stakes, High Performance: Making Remedial Education Work, Embracing the Tiger: The Effectiveness Debate and the Community College, Strangers in Their Own Land: Part-time Faculty in American Community Colleges, The Company We Keep: Collaboration in the Community College, and Between a Rock and a Hard Place: The At-Risk Student in the Open-Door College.

Roueche, a graduate of Mitchell Community College, earned his doctorate in higher education administration from Florida State University. Prior to joining the Texas faculty, he served as a high school history and English teacher, community college dean of students and instructional dean, and faculty member at UCLA and Duke University.

Roueche stressed to CCC&TI employees that excellent human skills in all areas of the college are the mark of every successful organization. While availability of programs and quality of teaching and services often drive a person to make initial contact with the college, first points of contact, from receptionists to housekeepers and security officers, often make a big difference in whether or not a person has a positive experience or chooses to enroll. Factors such as adequate parking, proper signage and maintenance of facilities and grounds also heavily affect a persons impression of the college.

Many community college students are first generation students who may be more easily intimidated, confused, scared or lost with their first college experience, noted Roueche. As a result, directing calls or inquiries, acting courteous, being prepared and personally directing visitors takes on greater importance. Employees should act glad to see visitors.

Roueche added that students are not always excited about learning and urged instructors to point to the value and usefulness of each class. All content is not of equal value, he noted, so teachers can ensure more positive classroom experiences by giving a focus and helping students concentrate on what is critical.

The major reason students leave any college, aside from family or financial obligations, is that they don't connect and get discouraged, added Roueche. “Anything you can do to involve students outside class helps retention,” he said. The payoff is huge when you take the time to use names and learn about your students.

“Students are the reason we’re here,” said Roueche. “If you have an interest in them, they will have more of an interest in you and in learning. Remember, you’re not just teaching, you’re touching lives.”

8 graduate from Nurse Aide II

The Nurse Aide Level II program graduated its most recent class this October. Pictured from left to right (front row), Doreta Harris, Darleen Loefer, Julie Johnson, Joanie Banner (back row), Kim Price, Sherry Green, Emma Slater and Holley Trivette. The Nurse Aide II program is a 160-hour course that prepares students to perform more complex skills for elderly and other adult patients in a variety of settings, including infection control, catheterizations and other elimination procedures, oropharyngeal suctioning and observation and maintenance of oxygen therapy. Once students complete the course, they are eligible to apply for listing as a Nurse Aide II through the North Carolina Board of Nursing. In all employment settings, a Nurse Aide II works under the direct supervision of licensed personnel. For more information about the program, contact Jan Middleton at 726-2256 or e-mail jmiddleton@cccti.edu
In the Spirit:
Students, faculty and staff at CCC&TI’s Caldwell and Watauga campuses went a little kooky with the spooky stuff. Watauga’s SGA hosted a costume contest with cash prizes (see last page for more info). For more Halloween pictures visit www.cccti.edu/activities/03HWcostumes.
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute honored 34 of its best and brightest students at a recent induction ceremony into the international Phi Theta Kappa Honor Fraternity for community colleges. The scholastic averages of the inductees represent the top nine percent of CCC&TI’s curriculum students and the upper ten percent of those enrolled in two-year college systems throughout the nation.

“We celebrate your success, your determination and your academic achievement,” said PTK chapter sponsor and mathematics instructor, Melissa Davis. “You have the power to accomplish great things. You are the very best.”

Guest speaker for the ceremony was Dr. Shelda Aultman, associate dean of business at CCC&TI. A first generation college student, Aultman graduated from Western Piedmont Community College where she received her associates degree in business administration. She went on to earn her masters degree at Appalachian State University while working full-time. Later in life, she completed the doctoral program in Adult and Community College Education from North Carolina State University.

Crediting her family as inspiration for her belief in lifelong learning, Aultman stressed the importance of determination, setting goals and taking responsibility for choices in life. “Sometimes goals don’t always fall into place on your timeline,” she said, “but don’t ever give up.”

Aultman encouraged inductees to be passionate about and commit themselves to education. Invest in yourselves. “Reduce your dependence on others and learn to give yourself a pat on the back. Invest in others and be supportive of your family, friends and community,” she said. “The return on your investment will be high.”

Aultman added that learning to manage money, time and stress is important in reaching life’s goals. “You can save dollars but not time, so use it effectively or lose it,” she said. “It is equally important to find good friends and schedule some fun.”

“You have control over the course of your life,” said Aultman. "It is not what happens to us but our response that molds us.”

Following the induction ceremony, an honorary membership was bestowed upon Dr. Boham for his support and endeavors with the society. Remember scholarship, leadership and service for PTK, said Davis. “Life is a continual process of growth and change,” shared Aultman. “Enjoy every minute of it.”

CCC&TI President, Dr. Kenneth A. Boham, saluted inductees and recognized PTK officers. Erica Mask, chapter president, will receive her associate in arts degree in May. She plans to enroll at Appalachian State University next fall to pursue her bachelors degree in information systems and possibly enter the seminary. Also a sophomore, Stacie Holtsclaw, vice president, will graduate in May before seeking her degree in chemistry with a doctorate in pharmacy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Sharon McCrary serves as the chapters secretary and treasurer. A graduate of CCC&TI, she has been employed as the college’s faculty secretary for over eight years.

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CCC&TI’s 2003-04 PTK inductees are as follows:

- Jennifer Dianne Beal, Nursing
- Jeremy Todd Cannon, Cardiovascular Sonography
- Barry Grant Carswell, Physical Therapist Assistant
- Cassandra Carswell
- Kevin James Carver, Accounting
- Sandra Marley Carter, College Transfer
- Tammy Wallace Critcher, Radiography
- Erin Elizabeth Ellis, Medical Sonography
- Darren Ray Fornash, Bio Medical Technology
- Vanessa Caroline Fox, Medical Sonography
- Shana Marie Guy, College Transfer
- Teresa Church Heien, Nursing
- Angela Frye Helton, Information Systems Technology
- Stacie Dawn Holtsclaw, College Transfer
- Wendy Horton
- Justin Michael Husted, College Transfer
- Mary Jeanette Kahle, Accounting
- Sherrie Anne King, Accounting
- James Edward Kirby, Bio Medical Technology
- Debbie Reed Little, Nuclear Medicine
- Susan Marie Lovins, College Transfer
- Michael T. McNeil, Jr., Bio Medical Technology
- Janet Ann Martin, College Transfer
- Al Meade
- Leslie Rosetta Miller, College Transfer
- Vickie Lynn Moser, Information Systems Technology
- Monique LeFever Nelson, Physical Therapist Assistant
- Lee M. Propst, Bio Medical Technology
- Robin Stuart Purcell, Office Systems Technology
- Carrie Ann Reid, College Transfer
- Kevin Jack Richardson, Business Administration
- Angela Gloria Roberts, College Transfer
- Jesse Carman Stollings, Jr., College Transfer
- Jodie Ann Stoops, Nursing
- Dawn Elizabeth Webster, Business Administration
Workshops, training sessions feed mind and tummy

Lunch and Learn

Workshops

Feed your mind and your face at one of many Lunch and Learn Workshops offered to CCC&TI Faculty and staff. Several of the workshops focus on Blackboard, the online instructional tool used by our distance learning classes. Lunch is carted in from various area restaurants, but you can bring your own if you’re not interested in the menu.

All workshops and training sessions will be offered on both campuses simultaneously via videoconferencing, except where noted.

Nov. 4, 12 to 1 p.m.
Enhance the look of your Blackboard course using simple HTML code
Want to change font type or style? Want to create lists or tables? Learn how to simply add HTML code to enhance your Blackboard course. Lunch - Mexican

Nov. 13, 12 to 1 p.m.
Digital Cameras and Scanners
Join Denise Wagner and learn what to look for when buying a Digital Camera and/or Scanner. Learn all about mega pixels and DPI. Also find out which type is hot on the market. Lunch - Arbys

Nov. 18, 12 to 1 p.m.
The Internet and Plagiarism
Nancy Risch will discuss how students cheat, how to address Plagiarism with students, and how to prevent and detect plagiarism. Lunch - Japanese

Nov. 20, 12 to 1 p.m.
Technology Tools for Blackboard
Learn how and where to access viewers and plugins to ensure that every student can access all that is in your course. Lunch - Subway

Nov. 25, 12 to 1 p.m.
Buying a New Computer
How much memory do you need? What’s the difference between RAM and DDR RAM? What’s a megahertz? Mary Kincaid will explain these and discuss what to look for when buying a new computer. Lunch - Pizza

Dec. 4, 12 to 1 p.m.
Cleaning up your Blackboard course / Using the Available / Unavailable Tool
Learn how to quickly clean up your Blackboard course and how to use the available/unavailable tool. Lunch - Chinese.

Training Sessions

All training sessions will be offered on both campuses simultaneously via video conferencing, except where noted.

Nov. 6, 2 to 3:30 p.m.
Getting Started in Blackboard
Learn how to create a class in Blackboard. You will become familiar with how to use the control panel tools to create an online course. Refreshments provided.

Nov. 11, 2 to 3:30 p.m. (Hudson)
Copyright Issues in the Classroom and Blackboard
What is “Fair Use” and how does it apply to the classroom, both traditional and online. Join Carolyn Evert and learn what is legal and illegal concerning copyright laws. Refreshments provided.

Nov. 14, 2 to 4 p.m.
NCIH Training
Join Jennifer Setzer and the NCIH Technicians to learn all about video conferencing. You will become familiar with how video conferencing works and instructional tips to help make your video conferencing class a success.

Nov. 19, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Intro into FrontPage
Interested in developing your own homepage? Join Jennifer Setzer in learning how to go about developing a webpage using MS office. Refreshments provided.

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**Training**

Nov. 21, 2 to 4 p.m.
NCIH Training
Join Jennifer Setzer and the NCIH Technicians to learn all about video conferencing. You will become familiar with the video conferencing equipment, how video conferencing works and instructional tips to help make your video conferencing class a success.

Nov. 21, 2:30 to 4 p.m. (Watauga)
Copyright Issues in the Classroom and Blackboard
What is “Fair Use” and how does it apply to the classroom, both traditional and online. Join Carolyn Evert and learn what is legal and illegal concerning copyright laws.

Nov. 26, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Creating a Blackboard Supplement Site
Find out how Blackboard can be used to enhance your seated class. Learn what tools area available and set up a course site using only the items you like. Refreshments provided.

Nov. 26, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
PowerPoint: Beyond the overhead projector
Learn how to use PowerPoint as an Interaction/brainstorming tool and not just a presentation tool. Refreshments provided.

Dec. 3, 2 to 3 p.m.
How to access your File on the Faculty/Staff server
Did you know that you now have a Folder on the Server to save and backup files? Now you do. Join Janice Clark and Jennifer Setzer and learn this new and simple way of backing up your files without a CD-R or zip drive. Refreshments provided.

Dec. 17, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Using Smart Classrooms
We will soon have several “smart classrooms” on campus. Learn how to navigate your way in a “smart classroom.” Refreshments provided.

Dec. 17, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Intro/Refresher to Blackboard
Learn how to create a class in Blackboard. You will become familiar with how to use the tools and to create an online course. Refreshments provided.

**Notes & Notables**

Fur and loathing in Watauga
The Watauga SGA Costume Contest brought out the animal in some contestants last week. The top three winners represented some meannies from world history. First place winner Joseph Pozell scored points with his caveman costume and, well, his caveman charisma. Second place went to Chris Capozzoli who pulled off Pan to a tee (where did he get those cloven hooves). Third place went to late-comer William Winebarger in samurai garb. Winners walked away with some cash and a few bragging rights. Other costumes worth noting: a Pez dispenser, a lavender fairy, and a holy-rolling evangelist who wished everyone hell. For more pics covering both campuses, visit www.ccti.edu/activities/03HWcostumes.

In other Watauga events, Beverly Ward walked off with first place in the campus Pumpkin Carving Contest. Second place went to William Harrison and Jennifer Chabot won third place. Watauga also raised $1,165.05 for Relay for Life with its Haunted Mill Trail of Terror.

Men’s basketball preseason wraps up
CCC&TI lost its final scrimmage Friday night to Montreat College 86-78 and then rebounded the next day to earn a 80-70 win against the CCC&TI Alumni team. Leaders for the Cobras were Zeke Mayes with 13 points scored and Ty Horton with 11. Leaders for the Alumni team were Jason Marley and James Barnett with 10 points each. Caldwell goes on the road Wednesday, Nov. 5, to play Spartanburg Methodist College. The next home game is Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. against Pfeiffer University.

NCCC Art Exhibit deadline approaches
Nov. 14 is the deadline for submissions to the Annual Community College Art exhibit. Submissions are welcome from full-time and part-time faculty, students, alumni and staff of North Carolina’s community colleges. Submissions can range from full range fine arts and crafts to related fields such as advertising, graphic design, computer design, photography and film.

Artists should submit images of their artworks (not the actual works) attention Chancy Kapp, NC Community College System, 5001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-5001 for Friday, November 14, 2003. Digital images are preferred.

For more information, contact Chancy Kapp at kappc@ncccs.org.