Help Support the NCAEOP Angel Tree: Pick up your angel from the Faculty Office on the top floor of E-Building on the Caldwell campus. Return your wrapped gift to Martha Minton (located in F-Building) or to the Faculty Office by Dec. 1.

CCC&TI’s Adult High School Diploma Program is enrolling now for spring semester 2005. Previous units earned in high school can be transferred into this program. Classes are free. Registration/Orientation deadline is December 2. For more information call 726-2230.

Christmas Door Decorating Contest 2004: Get in the Christmas spirit on the Caldwell campus by decorating your department’s door for the holidays. The contest is open to any club, class, faculty or administrative department, or any group with the Christmas Spirit.

When: Decorations can be put up during Dec. 1 through 8. The judging will begin the week of exams, Dec. 9 through 12. Why: To help the college get in the holiday spirit and to win prize money. First Place: $100. Second Place: $75. Third Place: $50

How: Complete the entry form (available from James Patterson, the SGA office or the SGA web page at www.cccti.edu/pages/SGA.htm) and turn into the SGA office or to James Patterson’s office next to the book store. You may choose any door, just indicate which door you plan to decorate. Judging will be based on style originality, how well the theme relates to the sponsoring group and overall appearance.

Rules:
- No electric lights, but battery power is OK.
- Season themes should be related to sponsoring groups.
- Do not deface the door in any way.
- Door must be able to open and close.
- Take down the decorations after the contest is over.
- ONLY one door per entry; NO double doors allowed.
- You may decorate no further than one foot around the door frame.

Photography Student Art Exhibit opens Dec. 10 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Seila Gallery on the Caldwell Campus. View the works of photography instructor David Hessell and his students in this showcase.

CCC&TI invites you to its Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon on Dec. 16 at 12:30 p.m. at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. Bring your favorite vegetable, dressing, casserole, salad or dessert dishes to share with your friends and colleagues, and try out everyone’s signature dishes. CCC&TI will provide the turkey, ham, gravy and paper products. Contact Debbie Clement by Dec. 9 with the name of the dish you plan to bring to help the planning committee coordinate the menu. For more information, call 828.726.2200 or e-mail dclement@cccti.edu.

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The Blue Ridge Flying Eagles brought home the Region X SAFECON Safety Award once again among other awards and accolades.

The team, which is comprised of students in Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute’s Aviation program, also took third place overall in the recent regional air meet hosted by Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va, and placed second in the flying events. To achieve those top spots, team members placed 10th or better in five of the 10 events.

“They did real well,” said Director Dawn Sullivan. “This is a young team with seven first-year students that participated in the competition this year, and they did a really great job.”

Sullivan explains that it’s typically second-year students that compete, but the first-year team members, with only ten weeks in class, looked like they were ready to go.

Sullivan also points out that CCC&TT’s Flying Eagles compete against four-year institutions with mature aviation programs, institutions like the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. “These guys really hold their own out there. I’m so proud of them,” Sullivan adds.

This makes the fifth year in a row that the Flying Eagles have brought the Safety Award home to Hudson. Winning this award is no small feat. The award is based on the overall safety performance and teamwork demonstrated by a school’s team during the event. FAA volunteers and judges canvas the event making notes on team performances. An FAA judge interviews one member of each team on their aviation safety experience and training throughout the year.

The Eagle’s performance in Lynchburg means they’ll make the trip in April 2005 to the national SAFECON competition, which will be hosted by Kansas State University in Salina.

SAFECON air meets are sponsored by the National InterCollegiate Flying Association (NIFA), a Monroe, La., organization that promotes safety in aviation and seeks to develop and advance aviation education.

NIFA member organizations are divided into eleven regions. Region X is made up of eight schools in Washington DC, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Those schools are Averett University, CCC&TI, Guilford Community and Technical College (NC), Hampton University, Liberty University, Lenoir Community College (NC), the US Naval Academy (Md.) and Virginia Tech University (Va.). CCC&TI is one of seven community colleges in the nation to compete in regional and national SAFECON air meets.

Timothy Deike, director of the Hickory Regional Airport where the flying eagles perform their flight training, said the Flying Eagles are “a good group of folks. I just wish there were more of them, especially women. I don’t see enough women in aviation.” Deike said he’d like to see more students in aviation programs like CCC&TI’s so they can get around planes and see how the math, english and other subjects they learn in high school apply to the mechanics of flight.

2004 Region X Results

Aircraft Preflight Inspection
Brian Matthews 1st Place

Aircraft Recognition
David Goldberg 4th Place
Andrew Baker 6th Place

Ground Trainer
David Goldberg 8th Place

Power-Off Precision Landing
Andrew Baker 1st Place
Brian Matthews 3rd Place

Short-Field Landing
David Goldberg 5th Place
Andrew Baker 7th Place
Daniel Foster 10th Place

Safety Award
Caldwell Community College

Flying Events Team Champion
Caldwell Community College 2nd Place

Regional Championship Trophy
Caldwell Community College 3rd Place

For more information about opportunities in CCC&TI’s aviation program, contact Dawn Sullivan at 828.726.2387 or e-mail dsullivan@cccti.edu.
The Business Club of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently awarded two scholarships to CCC&TI Business students Michelle Robbins and Robin Stuart Purcelle.

Robbins and Purcelle each received $500 scholarships. All proceeds from Business Club fundraisers go toward the group’s scholarship fund, says Mary Kincaid who is a club sponsor and director of the college’s Information Systems Technology programs. “In the past, we have given one or two $250 scholarships. The number of scholarships and the amounts awarded are obviously dependent on how successful our fundraisers are,” she adds. Fundraisers range from monthly, and popular, bake sales to semi-annual Jail Bails, in which infamous faculty are “incarcerated” in mock jail cell and must remain “behind bars” until they have received enough donations to meet their respective bails.

Scholarships are awarded to one or more Business Club members each year, with awards being based on academic performance, club service, community service and financial need. Each applicant also must submit a letter of recommendation from a CCC&TI faculty member. Two Business Department faculty members and a Business Club student representative review each of the applicants.

“It came at the perfect time, what with being a single parent, working part-time and having to make house payments,” Robbins says. “I forgot I applied for it, to be honest.”

Robbins currently works part-time as a teacher’s assistant at Dudley Shoals Elementary School and is the single parent of her 8-year-old son, Josh. A graduate of CCC&TI’s Information Systems/Network Administration and Support program, now she is taking transfer courses at CCC&TI with the intention of applying to Appalachian State University where she hopes to earn a degree in Elementary Education. As a Business Club member, Robbins says she participated in almost every bake sale and fundraising event the club sponsored. “It paid off putting in all the effort,” she said. “I hope they [the Business Club] continue to raise money to help out others.”

Purcelle says the award “definitely came at a time I could use the money.” Majoring in Office Systems Technology and Medical Office Administration, she currently participates in the federal work-study program at CCC&TI where she works in the records department of the college’s Student Services division. In addition to the Business Club, she also is a member of CCC&TI’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honors association.

For more information about CCC&TI’s Business Club scholarship or other scholarship opportunities, contact Diane Henderson, Director of Financial Aid, at 828.726.2713 or e-mail dhenderson@cccti.edu.

The Landscape Gardening program at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently hosted a field day for area high school students. Thirty-five students from South and West Caldwell high schools visited the Caldwell campus in Hudson to get a look at the college’s growing program.

Director/Instructor Debbie Mitchell showed students around CCC&TI’s state-of-the-art greenhouse and talked about the projects students work on there. CCC&TI’s second-year Landscape Gardening students led most of the field day sessions, Mitchell said. “We just thought it was fantastic having all these visiting high school students working hand in hand with our students. Based on the positive feedback we received from evaluations, were looking forward to doing this again next year.”

Sessions included a plant ID expedition, a tour of projects that CCC&TI’s Landscape Gardening students have undertaken along side the college’s grounds maintenance crew and a look at the small equipment that Landscape Gardening students get to work with in various classes. CCC&TI students also led a hands-on drystacking demonstration in which field day participants helped build sections of a rock retaining wall in one of the campus gardens. To round out the day, Dianne Henderson, director of Financial Aid, spoke to the group about financial aid opportunities available to CCC&TI students and how her department might be of help to them in the future.
Prasad continues chemistry week tradition

Since 1987, Dr. Dan Prasad, Instructor of Chemistry and Mathematics at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, has been visiting local schools during National Chemistry Week. Dr. Prasad visits the schools in order to get students interested in chemistry and encourage students to pursue careers in science. Dr. Prasad said it is important to get children interested in science because for the past 20 to 25 years scientists have been retiring and less and less students have been taking science classes in college. Dr. Prasad says that students who pursue careers in science will have better chances of getting jobs in the future. There are a lot of labs in the area where students could get jobs if they pursue careers in science.

National Chemistry Week is an outreach program of the American Chemical Society to get students interested in chemistry and science. This year’s National Chemistry Week theme was Health and Wellness. Dr. Prasad said that our bodies are a chemical factory; they make, release and store chemicals. “For example, if you have a headache the common thing to do is take an aspirin to make the headache go away,” said Dr. Prasad. “The reason we get a headache is because of tension, and tension is created by chemicals the body releases. The aspirin we take to get rid of the headache is also made of chemicals. Keeping clean, eating right, exercising and protecting your skin are other ways in which chemicals can be involved to help keep our bodies healthy and well.”

Dr. Dan Prasad watches two Gamewell Middle School students conduct a chemistry experiment they colored with different fruits and vegetables, including radishes, orange peels, carrots, spinach leaves and purple cabbage, to see the pigments those plants contain.

This year Dr. Prasad visited Gamewell Middle School and Hudson Elementary School to speak with the students about chemistry and health and wellness. CCC & TI chemistry students accompanied Dr. Prasad to the schools.

Dr. Prasad performed two simple experiments with the children, coloring with foods and paper cover up. Coloring with foods is a fun experiment in which children can make drawings by rubbing fruits and vegetables on a piece of paper. This experiment teaches children about the different pigments that are in fruits and vegetables. Paper cover up is an experiment that teaches the importance of keeping one’s teeth clean. Students wrote on a piece of paper with wax and then painted over the paper to reveal the messages they had written in wax. The paper simulates a person’s teeth. The wax is like sealants that the dentist can put on a person’s teeth to protect them. If the person’s teeth are not protected, they will become dirty, but if they are protected the teeth will stay clean and healthy.

Dr. Prasad has been teaching chemistry and mathematics at CCC & TI for 27 years. For more information about National Chemistry Week, or if you are interested in CCC&TI’s Associate in Science degrees, call 828.726.2700.

Chemical Elements in the Human Body

The National Chemistry Association’s Celebrating Chemistry publication lists the following as chemical elements that can be found in our bodies:

aluminum, antimonium, barium, beryllium, bismuth, boron, bromine, cadmium, calcium, carbon, cesium, chlorine, chromium, cobalt, copper, flourine, gold, hydrogen, iodine, iron, lithium, magnesium, manganese, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, niobium, nitrogen, oxygen, phosphorus, potassium, radium, rubidium, selenium, silver, sodium, strontium, sulphur, tellurium, tin, titanium, uranium, vanadium, zinc, and zirconium.
Join J.E. Broyhill Civic Center for the holidays

Fiddler on the Roof, the Tony Award winning musical, comes to the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in a National Broadway Tour sponsored by the Broyhill Family Foundation on November 30. Based on the stories of Sholom Aleichem, Fiddler on the Roof is a remarkable journey traveling through secret love, forbidden betrothal, weddings, devotion and forgiveness.

Fiddler on the Roof takes place in Anatevka, Russia in 1905 on the eve of revolution. The main character Tevye, a loveable milkman, explains his observations on family, marriage, and traditions. Tevye wrestles with the new customs of a younger generation when his daughters choose suitors who defy his idea of a proper match and he comes to realize that his children will begin traditions of their own. This family musical, perfect for the Thanksgiving holiday, is about the bonds that hold husbands and wives and parents and children together in times of hardship and times of joy.

One of the longest running musicals, Fiddler on the Roof is comprised of hits including “Matchmaker, Matchmaker,” “Tradition,” “If I Were a Rich Man” and “Do You Love Me?” Since it’s debut, Fiddler on the Roof has been welcomed on stages around the world, including Finland, Japan, Mexico and South Africa.

In December

The J.E. Civic Center brings to its stage Puddingstone and The Lettermen for the month of December.

Local favorite Puddingstone returns Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. with its blend of new and old instrumentations and sounds. The band, which was formed by two former Lenoir High School students, features David Abernethy, Alice Barlow, Denise Baxter-Yoder, Paul Holt, Doug Stringham, Suzanne Williams and Mike Willis.

The group blends a range of musical instruments that include pan flute, harp, guitar, fiddle, hammered dulcimer and lute. The resulting sound is light, lyrical and perfect for the holidays.

The following weekend, on Dec. 17, the Lettermen come to town with their vocal versatility and a list of hits that spans 40 years. Founding member Tony Butala will be performing with Donavan Scott Tea and relative newcomer Darren Dowler. Come and hear them perform such classics as “Put Your Head on My Shoulder,” “Shangri-la,” “The Way You Look Tonight” and “Can’t Take My Eyes off of You.”

To purchase tickets for any of these shows or for ticket information, contact the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center Box Office at (828)726-2407. Visa, MasterCard and Discover are accepted.

November Birthdays

Sue Hutchens (2), Frederico Castelloes (3), John Hollandsworth (4), David Pipes (5), Carol Corell (6), Trina Curtis (7), Angela Kannup (7), Margie Starnes (9), Dawn Sullivan (10), Shelley Bentley (12), Jeffery Linn (12), Robin Ledford (15), Debbie Clement (16), Jackie Edwards (16), Judith Robbins (16), Ruth Herold (18), Anna Brown (21), Regina Hartley (22), Edna Massagee (25), Nancy Setzer (25), David Briggs (25), Mary Wheeling (26), Brenda Cornell (27), Steve Melton (27), Billy Roberts (28), Bill Patterson (30), Jeffrey Prewitt (30)

December Birthdays

Robert Money (2), Sharon Osborne (4), Martha Zimmerman (4), Joe Abbey (5), Beverly Jaynes (5), Dan Cline (6), Aaron Cook (6), Michael Philyaw (6), Melodie Yancey (8), Cheryl Miller (9), Cheryl Bolt (10), Ron Poteat (12), Ken Bolick (15), Betty Murphy (16), Bonnie Brown (17), Charles LePrevost (17), Holly Korta (19), Nancy Hatley (20), Amanda White (21), Brandy Allen (22), Mark Barber (23), James Mahala (24), Tom Thielemann (27), Rita Clement (28), Jennifer Phillips (29), Pam Chapman (30), Jane Rex (31)
Wortman Lowe Tapped for Leadership Program

The future of North Carolina’s community colleges depends upon the quality and diversity of its future leaders. A statewide program called the North Carolina Community College Leadership Program (NCCCLP) was developed sixteen years ago to provide leadership training to faculty and staff from the 59 institutions comprising the North Carolina Community College System as well as from the System Office. To date, this program has provided leadership training and skill development for over 500 participants.

Lowe of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute was selected as one of 36 participants in NCCCLP’s class of 2004-2005. Lowe is a native of Morganton, NC. She is the Speech Pathology Program Director at CCC & TI. Before coming to CCC & TI, Lowe was a Speech Language Pathologist specializing in Early Intervention and Augmentative Communication Needs. Lowe decided to become a teacher of higher education after becoming interested in starting a new career path with Pathology Assistants in speech. This had never been done before in North Carolina. Lowe will attend three retreats and two seminars throughout the academic year. A graduation ceremony will be held in April 2005.

Partially funded by a grant from the North Carolina Community College System and with roots stemming from the North Carolina Chapter of the American Association of Women in Community Colleges (NC-AAWCC), NCCCLP’s purpose is to develop future community college leaders in North Carolina. NCCCLP believes that quality leadership is important in all levels of community colleges and that excellence with equity can best be fostered through broad-based professional development opportunities offered to a diverse group.

During the year-long program, participants engage in enhancing skills in team building, conflict management, problem solving and career planning. Information topics covered include Diversity, Governance and Budgeting Issues, and the Changing Community College System.

CCC&TI gets $55,000 Beaumont Grant

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute was recently awarded a technology grant worth $55,000 from the Beaumont Foundation of America. The grant, which was awarded to the Student Support Services at CCC & TI, will include 25 wireless laptop computers, ten backpacks for carrying the laptops in, two wireless mobile labs and two printer cartridges.

The Beaumont Foundation of America is a non-profit organization located in Beaumont, Texas. The foundation offers grants of wireless laptop computers and technology equipment to schools and communities that serve low-income populations.

Student Support Services (SSS) is a federally supported TRiO program that assists first generation college students, students with financial needs, students with disabilities and students with academic needs. SSS aims to provide opportunities for academic development, to assist students with basic college requirements and to serve and motivate students towards the successful completion of their post-secondary education.

In May, CCC & TI was invited by the Beaumont Foundation of America to apply for the grant. CCC & TI laid out five proposals to which the new laptop computers and technology will be used and submitted the proposal to the Beaumont Foundation of America. CCC & TI plans to use the new equipment to

1. Instruct SSS students in Study Skills and College Student Success classes.
2. Develop and offer a technology workshop for SSS students. Current SSS students will design this workshop to help other SSS students use the new equipment.
3. Develop and maintain a SSS website by and for SSS students and alumni.
4. Increase the number of hours of accessible computer usage for SSS students.
5. Develop and offer activities for SSS students to use acquired technology skills for others.

SSS students will also be able to check out the new laptops and take them home for personal use. The laptops should be available for SSS students to use in March.

CCC & TI was selected for the grant along with 13 other institutions including: the University of South Florida, Florida A&M University, Louisiana State University, the University of Massachusetts, Michigan State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology, Columbus State Community College, Cuyahoga Community College, Kent State University, Washington State Community College, the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University and East Tennessee State University.
CCC&TI Foundation Continues the Dream

The Foundation of CCC&TI added 49 more Dream Scholarships this year for a total of 691 since the program’s inception in 1989. The new group of select sixth graders gathered for this year’s annual ceremony at the college in October along with family, friends, college and public school officials. Each student was awarded the promise of full tuition to CCC&TI upon high school graduation.

CCC&TI President, Dr. Ken Boham, welcomed guests to the campus for the momentous occasion. “You are receiving this award because someone believed in you,” he told Dream recipients. “The path to reaching your dreams is tough and can be bumpy. Staying in school may not always be easy, but many individuals are pulling for you.”

The unique program recognizes recipients for their quality leadership, outstanding character and academic abilities based on recommendations from teachers, counselors and principals. Students must be the first in their families to attend college. The program works in that it motivates students to pursue a college education, inspiring them to explore career options, set goals, stay focused and finish high school, according to David Shockley, CCC&TI Vice President of Student Services. “This is a competitive process,” he reminded students. “You are not here by chance. You have earned this opportunity.”

Dream recipients are assigned mentors and personal sponsors to provide encouragement and support until they graduate from college. The program further provides students with free admission to cultural arts programming available through the college’s Broyhill Civic Center, Foothills Performing Arts Theatre and Appalachian State University’s Performing Arts Series. Tuition is funded by contributions from individuals, groups, churches, clubs, businesses, industries and school organizations throughout the community.

“We will look forward to seeing you in 2010,” added Boham, also noting the number of opportunities to enroll in high school programs at CCC&TI. “Smile big,” he said, “and we’ll be here to assist you in following through with your dreams.”

Three former Dream students, now college graduates, shared their experiences. Tamira Hightower, a 1991 recipient, is a certified phlebotomist and nurse aide at Longview Assisted Living. She now hopes to further her education in the crisis counseling field.

Christopher Spears, a 1994 recipient, remembered that when he first received his scholarship, he was not thinking about college but was glad someone was. A recent graduate of CCC&TI, Spears is continuing his education at Appalachian State University where he is pursuing his bachelor’s degree in business administration. He has been employed for six years at Food Lion.

Also a 1994 recipient, William Rominger earned his associate in science degree at CCC&TI in 2002. He is currently enrolled at North Carolina State University majoring in electrical and computer engineering. “Without this scholarship program, I wouldn’t have been as serious about school,” said Rominger. “It motivated me to focus and do well. I owe a lot of my success to CCC&TI.”

Guests heard reactions from several of this year’s Dream students. Scholarship recipients shared their future dreams upon presentation of their awards. Professions ranged from anesthesiologists, architects and computer technicians to nurses, math teachers and marine biologists.

CCC&TI Foundation Chair, Peg Broyhill, thanked contributors and the tremendous amount of support from the community for the program. “We hope tonight will always stand out as the beginning of a dream come true,” she told the students.

To date, 356 students have been old enough to take advantage of the scholarship opportunity available to Caldwell and Watauga county students. Nearly 75 percent of those have enrolled in college, and 61 percent have enrolled at CCC&TI. For more information about the program, contact the CCC&TI Foundation Office at 726-2260.
Scholarship opportunities: The following scholarships are sponsored by Datatel Scholars Foundation, which was established in 1990 to perpetuate its commitment to higher education and to give back to its client base through philanthropic efforts.

- The Datatel Scholars Foundation scholarship is awarded to outstanding students currently attending an eligible Datatel client institution. Scholarship awards range from $1,000 to $2,400, depending on the institution’s tuition.
- The Angelfire scholarship is for outstanding students currently attending an eligible Datatel client institution, who served in the Vietnam War, the spouses or children of Vietnam Veterans, or refugees or the war. Scholarships are also available for soldiers who served in Operation desert Storm, Operation Enduring Freedom, and/or Operation Iraqi Freedom. Scholarship awards range from $1,000 to $2,400, depending on the undergraduate tuition of the institution.
- Returning Student scholarships provide assistance to current students of an eligible Datatel client institution who have experienced a five-year or more absence from school. Each year the Foundation awards $1,500 scholarships to 50 outstanding Returning Students.
- The Nancy Goodhue Lynch scholarship is awarded to two undergraduate Information Technology students currently attending an eligible Datatel client institution. Each scholar is awarded $2,500.

The application process for Datatel Scholarships is as follows:
1. Students apply via an online application form available Sept. 1 through January 31 at http://www.datatel.com/dsf. Candidates must complete and submit the application in order to be considered for nomination. Application deadline is Jan. 31, 2005.

More scholarship opportunities: The Jack Kent Cooke scholarship deadline is Dec. 15, 2004. Scholarship awards vary depending on tuition and the amount of other financial aid received. The maximum award available per student is $30,000 per year. In its fourth year, the Jack Kent Cooke undergraduate scholarship program will award approximately 25 scholarships to outstanding students to begin studies in fall 2005. To be eligible:

- Students must be nominated by their two-year institution.
- Be a current student at an accredited US community college or two-year institution with sophomore status by Dec. 31, 2004 or be a recent graduate (since May 2000).
- Have a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or better on 4.0 scale (or equivalent if another scale is used).
- Plan to transfer to a four-year university to begin studies in fall 2005.

Scholarship Watch!

Deadlines loom for national scholarship programs with large awards.

Foundation Tributes

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following tributes received August 1 through November 12, 2004:

In Honor of John A. Forlines, Jr. to the John A. Forlines, Jr. Educational Scholarship:
- H. Lane and Rebecca Kneedler
- Patricia and John Koskinex
- Jeff and Denise Prince
- The Prudential Foundation
- Mike and Karen Warlick

In Honor of Jimmy Hemphill, on the occasion of his birthday, to the Jimmy Hemphill Scholarship:
- Ms. Donna Church

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- Mike and Karen Warlick

In Memory of Lorraine Mummert, to the Kathleen McGalliard Medical Scholarship:
- Caldwell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

In Memory of Herman Patterson, father of James Patterson:
- Caldwell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

In Memory of Herman Patterson, father of James Patterson:
- CCC&TI Student Government Association of 1998

In Memory of Herman Patterson, father of James Patterson, to the Julia Alexander Memorial Scholarship:
- Angela and Jason Kanupp

In Memory of Doug Woods to the Claudia Kincaid Scholarship:
- Hudson High School Class of ‘59

In Memory of Kenny Beane, son of Billy Joe and Sandra, to the Kenny Beane Scholarship Fund:
- Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Beane

In Memory of Hattie Bolick, wife of Kenneth:
- CCC&TI Faculty Senate

In Memory of Lester Coynes, Sr., one of CCC&TI’s first instructors for Basic Skills’ ABE classes, to the Bank of Granite Literacy Fund:
- Ms. Nancy Hatley

In Memory of Elizabeth Miller, grandmother of Karen, to the Elizabeth M. Miller Scholarship:
- Ms. Karen E. Deaton

In Memory of Lorraine Mummert, to the Kathleen McGalliard Medical Scholarship:
- Caldwell Memorial Hospital Auxiliary

In Memory of Herman Patterson, father of James Patterson:
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Approximately 100 area middle- and high-school students were inducted recently into Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute’s Educational Talent Search program during the Second Annual ETS Fall Induction Ceremony at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center.

A federally-funded TRiO program, ETS was launched in Caldwell County in January 2003 after CCC&TI secured a five-year, one-million dollar grant. The program helps educationally talented students in grades 6 through 12 prepare for college by providing them access to academic coaching and tutoring, mentoring, counseling, financial aid information, assistance with preparing for college entrance exams and completing college applications. The ETS program also takes participating students on field trips to college campuses and cultural events.

David Shockley, CCC&TI vice president of student services, told more than 220 audience members that the ETS program epitomizes CCC&TI’s motto “Educational Opportunity For All.”

He told students that they have now committed to going to college and reminded parents that they have committed to helping their children enroll in college by taking part in ETS. “We are here to help you on this exiting journey.”

According to CCC&TI’s statistics, 72 percent of ETS students who graduated in 2004 applied to and enrolled in college or were planning to in the next academic term.

TRiO Director Alice Lentz told students and family members that, though CCC&TI, does the work each year to prepare 600 students to enroll in college, “ETS pushes students to go anywhere.”

She noted that ETS graduates are currently enrolled in 10 different North Carolina institutions of higher learning, including Appalachian State University, CCC&TI, Bennett College, UNC-Greensboro, and Wilkes Community College.

“It is a privilege to watch you succeed and be a part of your academic growth and success,” Lentz added.

Lentz said in spring 2004, 269 of the 600 ETS students (roughly 42 percent) were on the A or A/B honor roll in their respective schools. “Given your talent and our expectations,” Lentz said, “it is not a surprise that ETS students do well.”

The expectations for ETS students were raised this year. Lentz told the audience that in previous years, students had to maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average, but that requirement has been raised to 2.5.

The ceremony also recognized high school seniors in the ETS program who will be part of Caldwell County’s Class of 2005. Among the seniors at the event were, Matthew Hunter, Jessica McWhite and Virginia Ochoa of South Caldwell High School, and Tasha Pearson and Selina Payne of West Caldwell High School. They were honored at the ceremony and given application packets for the G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholarship. Established in 2003 from the estate of Mr. G. Lewis Bernhardt, the scholarship provides financial assistance to ETS students so they can continue their education. Each year, the scholarship program names one “scholar” and several “fellows” as recipients of awards to help with the cost of college tuition.

To the ETS 2005 graduates, Lentz said, “The next step in your learning is college. You committed to going to college when you enrolled in ETS, and the ETS staff are ready to help you.” Lentz told parents, ETS also would be on hand to help them in the process with a seminar on Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) and college visits for students to help them decide on an institution.

For more information about Educational Talent Search or other TRiO programs, contact Alice Lentz at 828.726.2234 or visit the CCC&TI website www.ccccti.edu/ets.
Faculty Holds Forum on Hybrid Classes

Last week, faculty met to talk about hybrid instruction, a method of teaching that blends seated class instruction with distance learning styles of instruction.

Nancy Risch, director of Title III Teaching and Learning, says that though there are many different ways in which hybrid courses can be structured, there is a “consensus though about the statistics that show hybrid classes have better success (retention) rates than other classes, traditional or distance.”

Risch says that on the Caldwell campus alone, instructors see more As and Bs, fewer Cs and Ds and significantly fewer Ws, or withdraws. Risch provided the following summarization at the forum.

Hybrid (or blended) classes typically combine on-campus and Internet instruction, but hybrids can also include combinations of on-campus/video classes or NCHI/Internet courses. These courses offer us all (students, faculty, etc.) many benefits.

1. Greater Success Rates

Since Summer 2003, we’ve been separating the hybrid class data for our DL Success Rates Report each semester, and so far, hybrid classes have greater success rates than either traditional classes or DL classes. This trend is not unique to Caldwell; nationwide, hybrid classes enjoy a greater success (or retention) rate.

2. Flexibility for Students (and Faculty)

Most of our students still learn best face to face, but often they find it difficult to spend hours in class given their work/home schedules. With a hybrid class, students still have weekly contact with instructors in the classroom, but they also include online discussion, online or video lectures, or other assignments on the web that can be done at whatever hour the students need.

3. Freeing up of Classroom Space

Hybrids have different types of schedules, but a three hour hybrid class might only meet in the classroom one hour a week; that frees up that room for other classes. You could fit three hybrid courses like this into one classroom spot (MWF-10 am, for example). A five hour lecture/lab course might meet on campus three hours and have a two hour internet lab; therefore, another class could fill that classroom spot.

4. Teaches Individual Learning/Thinking Skills

One thing DL students have to learn (if they are going to be successful) is how to learn and think for themselves and how to solve problems on their own. With a hybrid course, students learn these same skills. The online or individual assignments force students to develop or improve their study skills (and time management skills). This might be the reason for #1 above.

5. Allows an Instructor to Appeal to Varying Learning Styles

The hybrid instructor has the advantage of incorporating both classroom and online learning activities to appeal to various learning styles. A course that might be primarily lecture in the traditional setting can include many more visual or interactive elements in a hybrid setting. Activities to include could be labs, team projects, oral presentations, videos, and field trips (virtual or real).

6. Eases the Transition to Online Learning (for Students and Instructors)

A hybrid class is a great way to ease a student (or instructor) into online learning. In fact, an ideal way to go is from a

- traditional (seated) course to a
- traditional course with web supplement to a
- hybrid course to a
- fully online course.

For more information about hybrid courses or other distance learning courses, contact Nancy Risch at 726.2236 or e-mail nancyr@cccti.edu.
Phi Theta Kappa Inducts 55 New Members

The Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society of two year colleges, recently inducted 55 new members. The induction ceremony took place on October 26, 2004 to honor the students’ academic success.

Music for the ceremony was provided by the CCC & TI chorus and Jimmy Hemphill was the guest speaker.

Hemphill is the former Executive Vice President of CCC & TI, having retired from the position in 1998. He is still very active with CCC & TI and the college Foundation. In his speech, Hemphill declared that CCC & TI was the best thing that had happened to Caldwell County and it was the key to the success of the people in the community. He also encouraged the students to get involved in community service, saying, “Everybody has some time to give to their community.”

Hemphill said that he was proud of CCC & TI and that it “…has always been a haven for sharing ideas.” Hemphill closed by offering congratulations to the new members of Phi Theta Kappa and encouraging first generation college students not to forget about CCC & TI if they transfer to a four-year university. He encouraged students to give back to CCC & TI in the future.

CCC&TI Celebrates National Radiography Week

Students and faculty in the Radiography Program at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently celebrated National Radiologic Technology Week by wearing custom designed shirts and buttons, creating bulletin boards and displays, and preparing a lunch buffet for over 100 supporters of the CCC&TI radiography program.

The program also celebrated 33 years of service to Caldwell, Watauga, Catawba, and Burke counties. Clinical education settings include Caldwell Memorial Hospital in Lenoir, Watauga Medical Center in Boone, Frye Regional Medical Center in Hickory, Valdese Hospital in Valdese, Lake Norman Regional Medical Center in Mooresville, and Grace Hospital, Broughton Hospital, and Blue Ridge Radiology in Morganton.


CCC&TI Graduates Truck Driving Class


CCC & TI's Truck Driver Training program includes classroom instruction, driving range instruction and highway driving. The program offers four different class options to fit the participant's busy schedule. There is an 8.5 week day class, a 15 week evening class, a weekend class that consists of 17 weeks and a 10 week combination evening and weekend class.

The next class will begin on November 29. For more information on the Truck Driver Training program at CCC & TI, contact (828)726-2386.

Harris elected consortium president

Congratulations to Director of CCC&TI's Ophthalmic Medical Assistant program, Barbara Harris, who was recently elected as president of the national Consortium of Ophthalmic Training programs. She and part-time instructor, Sandra Gay, have also been asked to serve as site visitors for program accreditation across the country and in Canada. Set your sight on a new career in ophthalmic medical assisting. See CCC&TI Student Services for more information.

CCC&TI earns award from ECD

CCC&TI was named the first recipient of the 2004 Workforce Preparedness Award presented by the Caldwell County Economic Development Commission at its recent Industry Appreciation Day.

What’s Happening cont’d

Want to earn your bachelor’s degree in elementary education? Appalachian State University will begin its next cohort program in fall 2005 on the campus of CCC&TI. Those interested are invited to attend an information session on Thurs., Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m. in Rm. B-104. For details about this Learning Alliance opportunity or offerings through the future Appalachian State University Center at CCC&TI, contact Student Services.