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Copies (DVD or VHS) will be made available for checkout at the LRC on both campuses beginning the week of airtime for each ceremony.

2004 Graduates, don’t forget to register with CCC&TI Jobs Network. This is a new service available to our students and alumni. See page 4 for more information.

The Blue Ridge Fly Eagles were named the Top Two-Year School in the nation at this year’s national SAFECON competition held in Smyrna, TN. CCC&TI’s team also won the National Safety Award, and now ranks in the top 3 percent of all aviation schools in the United States. CCC&TI aviation student Daniel Poit is now ranked 13th in the nation as a collegiate pilot. CCC&TI students who competed are: Andrew Baker, Tim Brown, Neil Ball, Daniel Foster, Daniel Poit, Matthew Pippin, David Goldberg, Michael Vinay, Matthew Strickland Brian Matthews (captain). Director and Chief Flight Instructor Dawn Sullivan accompanied the students at the event.

Paralegal Club elects new president: Paralegal students recently elected Bethlehem resident Larry Lipfird as Paralegal Club President for the 2004-2005 academic year. Lipfird will take office in fall 2004 and will call the first meeting of the club. Elections for Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer will be made in the fall.

Foothills Performing Arts will be producing Pinocchio for its 2004 Children’s Summer Play. Written by William Glennon and directed by Joshua Scott, 16 roles are available for boys and girls grades K through 12. Show dates are July 16-18 and 22-25 at the FPA Theatre located on the Caldwell campus of CCC&TI. Ticket prices are $10 for adults, $8 for seniors and $5 for students. For more information or for reservations, call 828.726.2318.

Position Vacancies: CCC&TI currently has the following position vacancies. Contact Human Resources for an official application package at 828.726.2318.

- Instructor, Reading. Responsibilities: Teaches 15-22 contact hours of reading per semester. works closely with other reading faculty. Assists with class schedule prepa-
CCC&TI Celebrates 40 years of service to the community

CCC&TI celebrated its 40th birthday in April with a cake cutting ceremony and an employee luncheon. Dr. Kenneth Boham, Dr. Garrett Hinshaw and SGA President Heather Taylor were on hand at Spring Fling to cut the college’s birthday cake. The next day, Boham performed Cake Cutting, Part II at the Employee’s BBQ held on campus April 23. On hand to help us celebrate were past and present leaders such as John Forlines Jr., Dr. Edwin Beam, Brent Kincaid, Dr. Donald W. Lackey and Hugh Wilson. Peg Broyhill informed the audience that the Foundation’s Annual Fund Drive was within reach of its $250,000 goal, which they would surpass by the end of the drive (see more).

CCC&TI Students Honored for Academic Excellence

Two outstanding students from Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute were honored by the North Carolina Community College System at a special luncheon held in Raleigh on May 7. Stacie Holsclaw and Robin Howe were among 116 high achievers in the state to receive special recognition for their academic achievements and leadership abilities. The annual event celebrates the accomplishments of the best and brightest students from among North Carolina’s 58 community colleges.

Holsclaw, a resident of Lenoir and graduate of South Caldwell High School, will graduate from CCC&TI’s college transfer program with an associate in science degree this month. With a current 4.0 grade point average, she has been accepted at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill this fall where she will study chemistry. Holsclaw plans to pursue a career in pharmacy.

Howe will graduate this month from CCC&TI’s physical therapist assistant program, also with a 4.0 grade point average. A former registered nurse, Howe graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill, but decided to return to the classroom to become a therapist after being laid off from her work at Corning Cable Systems. She and her husband have three children and currently reside in Bethlehem.

This is the seventh celebration hosted by the North Carolina Community College System that honors two students from each of the 58 community colleges. Students were selected for their excellence in the classroom and dedication to making a difference on their campuses and in their communities. As part of the recognition, Governor Mike Easley has proclaimed May 7 “Academic Excellence in Community Colleges Day.”

As president of the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents, CCC&TI’s Dr. Ken Boham presented this year’s awards. “Your dedication, persistence and initiative have led to this noteworthy academic recognition,” he said. “We applaud you and wish you well as you undertake future endeavors.”

The event is a joint effort sponsored by the State Board of Community Colleges and the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents. Each student was honored with a plaque, medallion, mug, t-shirt, tote bag and key ring, all made and donated by community colleges and system organizations.
CCC&TI celebrates Class of 2004, 40 Years of History

“The year was 1964. The name was Caldwell Technical Institute,” began Dr. H. Edwin Beam, founding president of CCC&TI, as he addressed over 400 graduates at the Broyhill Civic Center Friday night. Marking the college’s 40th anniversary, he and John A. Forlines, Jr., first chairman of the board of trustees, lauded the accomplishments of this year’s graduating class and marveled at the growth of the institution.

“Today is a milestone in your lives. It is your day, and it’s your accomplishments that help validate the reason this institution was created,” said Beam. “We share your joy in reaching the goals you have set for yourselves.”

Beam urged graduates to ask themselves where they are going. “Always have a plan, and never stop learning,” he said.

John A. Forlines, Jr., Bank of Granite CEO, echoed Beam’s pride in the achievements of the college and of this year’s graduating class. Forlines, who chaired CCC&TI’s first board of trustees for 19 years, hired Dr. Beam in 1964 who served as the college’s president for 20 years.

“It’s great to see the faces of these graduates and how proud they are of their accomplishments,” he said. “I can tell you that you’re not just graduating from any community college, you’re graduating from one of the best in the state. The greatest thing to happen to Caldwell County since I’ve been here is the establishment and growth of this community college,” he said, adding that he has long kept a watchful eye on CCC&TI since his tenure with the State Board of Community Colleges.

Forlines and Beam further shared their memories of the college and their education before a full house of college staff, family and loved ones on hand for the occasion. “The first board of trustees set the tone for what the institution was to become, set the base for quality and set priorities for programs,” said Beam, noting that in the college’s 40-year history, CCC&TI has served well over 125,000 students.

“When I first stood on the college property 40 years ago, there were no buildings and no students,” Beam shared. “We started off in an unused elementary school in the Dulantown area with a little over 200 students. Seeing nearly 15,000 students come through the doors each year and seeing you graduates here tonight is a credit to those who have made education their life’s work.”

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CCC&TI graduate, Jimmy Atkins, kicks off an historical graduation ceremony with “Carpe Diem,” a musical piece he wrote. “Seize the day,” he sang. “We’ll chase our dreams and destiny…” A CCC&TI Ambassador, Atkins performs contemporary Christian music and will attend ASU in the fall in the (secular) Music Industry program.

Forlines shared his experience and determination to earn his education. “My parents did not go to college, but they encouraged me. I worked four jobs while in college and enjoyed my experiences in all facets of education,” he said. Having grown up in Alamance County, Forlines graduated from Duke University and went on to lead the Bank of Granite to its nationwide success for 50 years in addition to serving with numerous civic and community organizations.

“As you leave here,” Forlines told graduates, “I encourage you to always have a lifelong learning experience. To never stop learning is the only way you can make progress.”

“Don’t sit on the sidelines,” he added. “Get involved. What you do for yourself dies with you. What you do for your community will live forever.”

CCC&TI President, Dr. Kenneth A. Boham proudly conferred degrees, attributing the honor to the efforts and dedication of graduates, faculty, staff, trustees and community support. Recognizing CCC&TI Executive Vice President, Dr. Lorraine Minton, for over 35 years of service to the college, Boham also noted that this is the last graduation ceremony over which she will preside.

Minton shared her congratulations with graduates, referring to a poem written by Elizabeth Barrett Browning. “Each day is a miracle,” she said. “My wish for you tonight is new beginnings and daily miracles.”

David Freeman, psychology instructor at CCC&TI’s Watauga Campus, was honored as this year’s recipient of the Dr. Donald W. Lackey Award for Excellence in Teaching. See the next page for other scholarships and awards.
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graduation 2004
The 2004 Adult High School and GED graduating class from Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute is a class “full of talent and desire to complete this goal and go onto the next goal,” said Martha Hollar, dean of the college’s Basic Skills program, who presided over her last graduation ceremony. She retires in August after more than 26 years of service to the college and the community.

Last night, 254 graduates received their diplomas to the cheers, tears and standing applause of their friends, family members and members of CCC&TI’s faculty and staff at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. “Every student here tonight has a story,” Hollar said, and many of CCC&TI’s graduating class members can cite stories of hardship, job loss, health problems and other obstacles that stood between them and their second chance at earning a high school diploma.

In a point in time when Caldwell and Watauga counties have seen record job losses as manufacturing work dried up, last night’s graduates took the opportunity to finish their secondary educations, even though some of the graduates have been out of school for as many as two and three decades. Watauga resident, Julie Miller, said she went back for her GED after being laid off from a furniture plant, and took advantage of the federal incentives that currently pay displaced workers while they get their educations. “I knew this was an opportunity I needed to take advantage of,” Miller said. She entered CCC&TI’s GED program at the Watauga campus January 5, 2004 at her husband’s urging and completed her GED in just 11 weeks.

Miller, who plans to enroll at CCC&TI’s Watauga campus to pursue a degree in Business Administration, praised CCC&TI’s Basic Skills instructors for the support and encouragement they provided throughout the program. For many students in the program, the hands-on instruction and support is the key to their success.

Conover resident Joshua Ruch said he was considered the class cut-up while he was attending Fred T. Foard High School and transferring to another high school didn’t help his attitude toward getting his high school diploma. “I was told that whenever I had a problem, I should go to the guidance department,” he said, but despite counseling sessions, he quit, became unfocused and nearly gave up on his dreams. The personal touch at CCC&TI made the difference for Ruch, and he developed a close relationship with Hollar while he was in the program. He fondly referred to Hollar as “Momma Dukes” and said, “Thank you for taking my hand
Surpassing its goal once again, the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute celebrated another successful Annual Fund Drive with a 12 percent increase over this year’s record goal of $250,000. Announcing contributions of over $280,000, Peg Broyhill, chair of the college foundation, thanked dozens of team captains, college officials and community supporters on hand at a recent luncheon held at The Broyhill House of CCC&TI.

“You’ve met the great challenge, but remember this total is a moving target,” said Broyhill. Donations are still coming in as the campaign winds to a close at the end of June.

Jimmy and Nancy Hemphill, co-chairs for this year’s fund drive, expressed their thanks to volunteers for a job well done. “It is the needs of our students that bring us all together for a common purpose,” remarked Jimmy Hemphill. “It is amazing what this community can do for a worthwhile cause,”

Nancy Hemphill echoed her husband’s appreciation for the foundation’s efforts. “We appreciate your devotion, your victory and your victory for the students,” she said. “It’s not always easy, but our success is due to you. You kept it going.”

Of the 831 contributors this year, 38 of them were new, shared Anita Broach, executive director of the Foundation of CCC&TI. “Those 38 people alone contributed $28,000! We also had a record amount of in-kind gifts raised this year with help from CCC&TI Student Government members, Ambassadors and Student Support Services students,” she noted.

Broach added that the foundation received an additional $25,000 in matching funds from the state. “This is the first year those funds were available through an act by the 2003 General Assembly in response to recent budget shortfalls and due to the large amount of contributions,” she explained. “Though the extra money is not included as part of our goal, the funds will go toward meeting some of the priorities established prior to the campaign.”

Community team captains for the 2004 campaign were: Dr. H. Edwin Beam, Peg Broyhill, Robyn St. Clair, John A. Forlines, Jr., Barbara Freiman, Kim Kincaid, Dick Mitchell, Mary Frances Sullivan, Guy Walters, Wade Wilmoth and Barbara Weiller.

CCC&TI President, Dr. Kenneth A. Boham, expressed his heartfelt thanks to the foundation. “The state does give us funds for adequate services, but what makes us excellent is the commitment you have so that we can do all that we do for our students,” he said. “We appreciate that love.”

Contributions received from this year’s drive will go toward student scholarships, student aid and instructional support for Caldwell and Watauga Counties. To make a donation or receive further information, contact the CCC&TI Foundation Office at 828.726.2260.
Foundation Tributes

The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following tributes received March 13 through May 7, 2004:

In Honor of Dr. Kenneth A. Boham on the occasion of his March 2004 birthday:
- Brenda and Paul Goble

In Honor of Jean Cauthen:
- Ms. Jan H. Pennell

In Honor of their children, Jerry Church and Patricia Church:
- Dwight and Rose Church

In Honor of John A. Forlines, Jr. to the John A. Forlines, Jr. Educational Scholarship:
- Central Carolina Bank
- Harry and Jerri Heltzer
- Karsh Family Foundation

In Honor of Brenda Goble on the occasion of her retirement:
- Hughleta and Johnny Edmiston

In Honor of Laurette LePrevost, on the occasion of her retirement, to the Arts and Sciences Department Scholarship:
- Ms. Esther C. Hoyle

In Honor of Jack Moore to the Myron L. Moore, Jr. Scholarship:
- Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Moore, Jr.

In Honor of Gilma Roberts, on the occasion of her retirement:
- Hughleta and Johnny Edmiston

In Honor of Mrs. D. C. Stallings, mother of Dan, to the Dan and Ila Stallings Scholarship:
- Dr. Dan and Mrs. Ila Stallings

In Honor of Diane Tuttle on the occasion of her retirement:
- Gilma and Don Roberts

In Memory of Guy V. Bailey:
- Mrs. Weyburn R. Bailey

In Memory of Bob and Andrea Bell:
- Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Bell, III

In Memory of Dr. William Nye Corpening, to the Allied Health Program Scholarship Fund:
- Caldwell County Medical Society

In Memory of Margaret Deal:
- Ms. Sylvia Deal

In Memory of Roger Allen Deal, step-father of Jennifer, to the General Scholarship Fund:
- Ms. Jennifer Stubbs

In Memory of Rebecca Moore Harrison, Granny Becky to Angela, to the General Scholarship Fund:
- Ms. Angela L. Siever

In Memory of T. C. and Annie High, parents of Thomas, to the T. C. and Annie C. High Memorial Scholarship Fund:
- Thomas and Phyllis High

In Memory of Beverly Holt to the Beverly Holt Memorial Scholarship:
- Billy and Jennifer Clanton
- Ms. Tammy S. Cline
- Larry and Donna Fleming
- South Trust Bank

In Memory of Mary Bridget Kelly, mother of Frankie Kelly:
- Faculty Senate of CCC&TI

In Memory of John McDonald, father of Melinda Hefner:
- Anita and Michael Broach
- Mr. and Mrs. Skip Downs
- Jimmy and Nancy Hemphill

In Memory of Samuel William Orlando, Watauga Campus Instructor, to the Samuel William Orlando Memorial Scholarships:
- Paula and Sean Finneron

In Memory of Marian Patterson, mother of Cathy, to the General Scholarship Fund:
- Ms. Cathy Patterson

In Memory of David Pittman, on the occasion of his April 16th birthday, to the David Pittman (Watauga) Student Emergency Fund:
- Ms. Sylvia Kirby

In Memory of Mrs. D. L. Snyder, mother of Patsy, to the Mrs. D. L. Snyder Scholarship:
- Ms. Patsy S. Fowler

In Memory of James Douglas Weiller, son of Don and Barbara, to the J. Douglas Weiller Scholarship:
- Don and Barbara Weiller
SSS students charted new territory by responding to an invitation to contribute to the Foundation’s Annual Fund. When TRIO Director Alice Lentz put out the request for donations, nine students, or 6% of active SSS participants on the Hudson campus, dug deep to contribute a total of $107. SSS counselor Anna Brown engaged SSS students on the Watauga campus, who shipped an additional $20 to the Foundation.

“Participating in Spring Fling was the most awesome experience I was fortunate enough to be a part of through SSS and ACA 090,” says Kristen McNeill. Adds Kristin Carpenter, “...it was a great opportunity to be creative. I love creating an atmosphere and watching it come to life.”

The atmosphere that SSS students Kristin and Kristen helped create translates to a $235 contribution by SSS students to the general scholarship fund of the CCC&TI Foundation.

Kristen McNeill and Kristin Carpenter are two of the students in Ms. Lentz’s study skills class who chose to raise money for the Foundation as a service-learning project. The project, which entailed planning and manning the booth at Spring Fling, incorporated two important focuses of the college this spring—the Foundation’s fund drive and celebration of the college’s 40th anniversary. For a one-dollar donation to the Foundation’s SSS scholarship fund, patrons of the booth drew a “factoid” about the college’s forty-year history, a piece of candy, and a chance to win—what else?—$40! The winner was Joy Bellamy, and the group raised a total of $107.82.

The function of the CCC & TI Foundation is to provide for the college, through private donations, those “extras” that state, local, and federal funding sources don’t cover. Of course, “extras,” such as scholarships and child care subsidies, turn out to be essentials for many.

One lucky beneficiary of the Foundation is the Student Support Services program, whose students enjoy a work-scholarship program, child care subsidies, and monthly mentoring lunches earmarked especially for them, as well as eligibility for the needs- and merit-based scholarships open to all qualifying CCC&TI students. For many years, SSS students have shown their gratitude to the Foundation by providing volunteer assistance during busy times in the Foundation office and through speaking at Foundation events. Their participation this year through financial contributions was a first for CCC&TI students. As is so often the case, SSS students lead by example. Their performance bodes well for the Foundation next year.

— By Nancy Hatley, Academic Specialist, Student Support Services.

SSS Students Leyli Carballo and Yolonda Stowe are pictured with Alice Lentz, director, TRIO programs and Anita Broach, Director, CCC&TI Foundation.
Watauga High School recently won first place at the fifteenth annual Edwin Troy Carpenter Mathematics Competition hosted by the Arts and Sciences Department of Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute. Freedom High School placed second in the competition and Hickory High School placed third.

Each year, CCC&TI invites numerous public and private high schools from Alexander, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Lincoln and Watauga counties to participate in the mathematical showdown. This year, the Patterson School, Harris Chapel Christian Academy, West Caldwell, South Caldwell, Freedom, Hickory and Watauga high schools fielded teams for the event. “We had seven teams and 52 students compete this year,” said Michael Bradshaw, coordinator of CCC&TI’s Math Department. “Many students are repeaters. They’ll participate in one area this year and then come back to compete in another area next year.” Each school was allowed to send a maximum of eight students, with two students competing in one of four areas: Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II and advanced mathematics.

Bradshaw said the event provides some friendly competition for area students and helps prepare them for future tests in high school and college. Participants have 80 minutes to complete a multiple-choice test composed by CCC&TI math instructors. The student scoring the highest in each level receives a plaque, and second and third place winners receive ribbons. Individual scores are added up to determine team rankings.

Individual winners in Algebra I were: J.R. Archer of Watauga, first place; Benjamin Rudolph of Watauga, second place; and Britt Brown of Freedom, third place. Geometry winners were Thomas Mahaffey of West Caldwell, first place; Michael Goff of Hickory, second place; and Thomas Kurian of Freedom, third place. Algebra II winners were: Michael Smith of South Caldwell, first place; Ann Mast of Watauga, second place; and Alice Bost of Hickory, third place. Advanced Math winners were Josh Carroll of Watauga, first place; Kehvon Clark of Watauga, second place; and Jack Gage of Freedom, third place.

The Altrusa Club of Caldwell County, a service club for professional women, helped sponsor the event by providing money to pay for the plaques, ribbons and trophies.

For more information about the ETC Mathematics Competition, call 828.726.2354 or e-mail mbradshaw@cccti.edu.

Individual winners of the 2004 Edwin Troy Carpenter Math Contest were: (back row standing left to right): J R Archer, 1st Place Algebra I, Watauga; Thomas Mahaffey, 1st Place Geometry, West Caldwell; Michael Smith, 1st Place Algebra II, South Caldwell; Josh Carroll, 1st Place Advanced Math, Watauga; (2nd row seated left to right), Ben Rudolph, 2nd Place Algebra I, Watauga; Michael Goff, 2nd Place Geometry, Hickory; Ann Mast, 2nd Place Algebra II, Watauga; Kehvon Clark, 2nd Place Advanced Math, Watauga; (front row left to right), Britt Brown 3rd Place Algebra I, Freedom; Thomas Kurlan, 3rd Place Geometry, Freedom; Alice Bost, 3rd Place Algebra II, Hickory; Jack Gage, 3rd Place Advanced Math, Freedom.
Administrative assistants and office systems technology students at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute were honored recently with a seminar and luncheon held on Administrative Professionals Day.

The annual event, hosted by the Caldwell Chapter of International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) and CCC&TI faculty, featured professional development activities, scholarship presentations and door prizes.

Kicking off the event was CCC&TI President, Dr. Ken Boham, who expressed thanks for the hard work of administrative professionals. "You look good at 40," he remarked, recognizing this year as the college's 40th anniversary. "Years ago, many thought technology was going to replace your roles, but that's definitely not the case. Every one of you are valuable."

Keynote speaker was Kimberly Mitcham, program coordinator for Wagner Family and Child Development Center in Iredell County and adjunct faculty member at Mitchell Community College. Mitcham has published articles in "Child Care Business Magazine" and "Private School Journal."

Mitcham motivated participants to examine their strengths and goals. "Self-esteem is neither high nor low," she said. "It is your opinion of your value." Her light-hearted presentation, "The Magic Wand of Success," included tools for developing greater self-esteem (see box at left).

The Caldwell Chapter of IAAP awarded two scholarships to CCC&TI office systems technology students, Nicole Stough and Erica Mask. Each IAAP scholarship is for $500.

Gifts and door prizes were made possible by the following co-sponsors: Avery Dennison Office Products, Belks of Lenoir, Bi-Lo, Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, CCC&TI's Cosmetology Dept., Corporate Express, Gold Mine, Krispy Kreme of Hickory, Ruby Tuesdays, Southern Living at HOME, Shurtape Technologies LLC and Staples.

Tips for Greater Self-Esteem from “The Magic Wand of Success”

- Challenge your inner critic with a little truth
- Set realistic goals
- Make things happen instead of waiting for others to make them happen
- Start a file of things that went well
- Make a daily note of at least one thing that made you feel good
- Build on your own skills and know what they are
- Take chances
- Forgive yourself when you don’t do all you’d hoped
- Measure what you do have, not what you don’t have

Above: Erica Mask (middle) and Nicole Stough (right) each received $500 IAAP scholarships. At right, keynote speaker Kimberly Mitcham returned this year, encouraging participants to examine their strengths and goals.
Two calls to the fire department and one call to animal control: sounds like quite a party. The 2004 Spring Fling, sponsored by SGA featured all the usual suspects, including Dr. Garrett Hinshaw at the pie throwing booth. Clubs on scene included the Omega Rho Sigma (OMA), which provided free glaucoma checks on the breezeway; Blue Ridge Flying Eagles, which was raising funds for their trip to the national SAFECON competition; the Landscape Gardening Club; BioMed; Cosmetology; Student Support Services; Independent Women's Group, which sponsored the pie-throwing event this year; Business Club (that would be David Shockley locked up in their booth at left); Ambassadors; Paralegal Club and others. Festivities included the jalapeno eating contest, the jello-eating contest, and this year's specialty—the 40th Anniversary Celebration led by Dr. Boham and Dr. Hinshaw (minus the whipped cream). Watauga's Spring Fling, held a week earlier, was catered by Back Yard Burgers; SSS held a craft sale to raise money for its Relay for Life team, the Biology Club, sponsored its pie-throwing event (Matt Williams being the "honored guest"), the Business Club sold raffles, and then there was the Talent Show. Leah Wallach won first place, Thomas Smith took second, and Nate Aquaviva placed third. For more photos, go to http://www.cccti.edu/pages/Activities.htm and click on 2004 Spring Fling.
CCC&TI Tech Faculty Attend State Conference

Computer instructors from Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute recently attended the tenth annual spring conference of the North Carolina Computer Instructors Association (NCCIA) held at the McKeithan Center on the North Campus of Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, NC. This year also marks the organization’s tenth anniversary.

Mary Kincaid, Teddie Barrier, Susan Wooten, John Enamait, Heather Wright, Dr. Regina Hartley, Carroll Correll and Betty Jolly attended the three-day conference.

Two CCC&TI instructors also led sessions at the conference. Wright presented Designing Creative Websites in Dreamweaver MX, and Dr. Hartley presented Ethical Hacking, a seminar that taught computer instructors how to think like hackers to prevent network and Web site security breaches.

Other sessions covered topics on VB and C# programming, IT curriculum improvement plan models, tips on teaching technology courses, Web design, developing gaming software curriculum, LINUX, wireless network security issues and others.

Kincaid, director of Information Systems Technology at CCC&TI and current president of NCCIA, said, “We in North Carolina are fortunate to have many, many talented and highly trained instructors who are willing to share their expertise with their colleagues. During our 10 years of existence in the North Carolina Community College Systems, our hands-on, high-technology spring conferences have been one of our driving forces and one of our most important projects.

Working together, we are able to achieve a high level of competence in the classroom at minimal cost to the state and taxpayers.”

NCCIA is a nonprofit organization that seeks to improve the quality of computer instruction throughout the North Carolina Community College System. Faculty, staff and personnel involved with computer instruction in the North Carolina Community College System are eligible for membership. For more information about the organization, visit http://www.nccia.org. For more information about CCC&TI’s Information Technology Systems program, call 828.726.2340 or e-mail Debbie Kincaid at dkincaid@cccti.edu. For more information about CCC&TI’s Office System Technology program, call 828.726.2328 or e-mail Betty Jolly at bjolly@cccti.edu.

Career Services launches new online jobs network

CCC&TI Jobs Network provides free access to student and alumni resumes

Log onto CCC&TI’s home page and you’ll notice a new icon at the lower right-hand corner of the page. CCC&TI has teamed up with College Central Network, a leading web-based job network provider that serves small, medium and community college job seekers.

Unlike HotJobs.com or Monster.com, the College Central Network allows institutions like CCC&TI to invite employers to participate in their networks. This enables the institution to create a more targeted database of jobs that students and alumni can qualify for. Kim Roper, Employment Services coordinator, calls the new service the CCC&TI Jobs Network. “This is really a community where our students and alumni can go to for a number of career-related services, including job listings.”

Employers, students and alumni can register for the service on any computer with access to the Internet by going to www.cccti.edu and clicking on the CCC&TI Jobs Network icon. “This is a free service to employers that allows them to easily reach out to our community college students,” Roper says. Once they are registered, students and alumni can create and edit their profiles, upload resumes and search the qualified list of employers in CCC&TI’s network. Employers can post jobs, update search student and alumni resumes and also update their profiles.

Job listings are both local and national, Roper says. For more information about the CCC&TI Jobs Network or for help with registering with the service, contact Kim Roper at 828.726.2705 or e-mail kroper@cccti.edu.
**Nurse Aide I Spring Graduates**

Congratulations to the latest group of Nurse Aide graduates. Pictured below are (front row, from left): Judy Billings, Taisha Taylor, Diana Sloan, Julia Hamby, (second row, from left) Debbie Stillwell (instructor), Janice Billings, James Poston, Cynthia Puot and Anthony Wiseman. Pictured at right are (front row, from left): Barbara Ferguson, Mary Minton, Melinda Estes (second row, from left), Jesse Moretz, Kathy Williams, Leslie Bishop (third row, from left), Brenda Overcash, Melissa Walker, Janice Chester, Angela Cowick (back row, from left), Jason Hamby, Debbie Stillwell (instructor), Rebecca Hartley (instructor). Nurse Aide Level I is a continuing education course that prepares students to provide personal care and perform basic nursing skills for the elderly and other adults. Emphasis is placed on the aging process, which includes the overall mental and physical health and well-being of the patient. This course requires students to successfully complete classroom and laboratory skills before proceeding to the clinical setting. Upon successful completion of the class/lab and clinical experience, the student is required to take a written competency and skills exam. After satisfactory completion of the course, the student will be eligible to apply for listing as a Nurse Aide I with the Nurse Aide Registry through the NC Division of Facility Services. For more information or to register for a Nurse Aid I class, call 828.726.2242 or e-mail jmiddleton@cccti.edu.

**Watauga students help furry friends**

Students from Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute’s Watauga Business Club recently delivered goods to the Watauga Humane Society. The goods, which included food, toys and grooming supplies were collected by the club from students, faculty and staff at CCC&TTI’s Watauga campus in Boone.

Faculty Co-Advisor Tom Fleckenstein, Business Club president Charles Pace and club vice-president Tommy Payne visited with shelter residents, which primarily serves cats and dogs.

Lynn Northrup, manager of the Watauga Humane Society, informed club representatives that the society plans to raise funds to build a new compound on 14 acres of land in Watauga County. The estimated cost for this new facility is $2 million. For more information about future food and grooming supply drives, contact Diana Miller or Tom Fleckenstein at 828.297.3811 or send an e-mail to either dmiller@cccti.edu or tfleckenstein@cccti.edu.

**BLET honors graduates of programs 19th academy**

Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute’s Basic Law Enforcement Training program recently graduated its 19th Academy with a 100% pass rate. Graduates of the 19th Academy are (front row, from left): Jared Austin McConnell, Christopher L. Walton (second row, from left), Shawn C. Houston, Juan Carlos Chirino, Travis James Kistler, Chrystal Annette Calloway, Kenneth C. Banner II, John R. Johnson, Grant H. Medlock (back row, from left), Christopher Poe, Eric J. Miller (class leader), Robin Carol Powell, Sandra K. Fox, Abelardo Maldonado Jr. and Corey A. Dionne. Kistler earned the Top Driver Award for this academy, Calloway earned the Hank Lane Report Writing Award, Maldonado earned the Top Gun Award in Law Enforcement Firearms, Powell received the Most Improved Award in Physical Fitness Dionne. Kistler earned the Top Driver Award for this academy, Calloway earned the Hank Lane Report Writing Award, Maldonado earned the Top Gun Award in Law Enforcement Firearms, Powell received the Most Improved Award in Physical Fitness Dionne. For more information about the Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) program, contact Nancy Setzer at 828.726.2751 or e-mail nsetzer@cccti.edu.
ration. Prepares objectives and syllabi for courses taught, advises students and maintains office/conference hours according to school policy. Participates in professional development activities and cultural events, recommends textbooks, supplies and equipment and carries out general college responsibilities as listed in the official job description. **Qualifications:** Master's degree in Reading or related discipline from an accredited college or university. Two years of increasingly responsible experience in academic field. Experience in teaching and/or counseling at a post-secondary level preferred. **Application deadline:** June 18.

- **Instructor, Nursing Assistant.** **Responsibilities:** To assist in the coordination of the academic subject matter of the Nursing Assistant program. To instruct classes, clinicals, and labs in assigned division. To coordinate assigned activities with other college programs, divisions, departments and outside agencies. To provide highly responsible and complex administrative support to the Director, Nursing program. **Qualifications:** Master's degree in Nursing or related discipline from an accredited college or university required. Two (2) calendar years of prior full-time employment, or the equivalent, in clinical nursing practice as a registered nurse. At least one (1) year experience in the provision of long-term care facility services or providing care for the elderly or the chronically ill at any age. Experience in teaching at a post-secondary level preferred. **Application deadline:** June 18.

- **Instructor, Landscape/Gardening.** **Responsibilities:** Teaches 15-22 contact hours of landscape gardening and horticulture classes on the Caldwell and Watauga campuses, works closely with faculty, Director, Landscape/Gardening and the Vice President of College Transfer. Prepares objectives and syllabi for course taught, advises students, maintains office/conference hours according to school policy. **Qualifications:** Bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture or a related field from an accredited college or university. Master's degree preferred. Two (2) years of increasingly responsible experience in the horticultural/landscape gardening field. Experience in teaching and/or counseling at a post-secondary level preferred. **Application deadline:** June 18.

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### 2004 OMA graduates achieve 100% pass rate

CCC&TI’s 2004 Ophthalmic Medical Assistant graduates achieved a 100% pass rate on the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology National Certification Exam for certified ophthalmic assistants (COA). Pictured are: (seated, from left to right) Hope Hayes, Crystal Payne, Audrey Harris (no longer in program), Belinda Martin and Joy Dabner. Standing from left to right are: Barbara Harris (instructor), Amanda Roberts, David Course, Amy Beatty, Jaquel Henry, Sandra Covard, Brian Pierce and Mona Dula. The Ophthalmic Medical Assistant program at CCC&TI is a one-year program that prepares individuals to provide support services under the supervision of a licensed physician specializing in Ophthalmology. The curriculum provides students with the knowledge to work with ophthalmologists—doctors who specialize in the structure, functions and diseases of the eye—and their patients. Course work includes didactic, laboratory and clinical training with emphasis on ophthalmic history, taking ocular measurements, ocular testing, lensometry, administering of topical and oral medications and instrument care. Graduates are employed in medical institutions, clinics or physicians groups. For more information about CCC&TI’s OMA program, contact Barbara Harris at 828.726.2324 or e-mail bharris@cccti.edu.

### Medical Office Simulation students join association

CCC&TI students taking Medical Office Simulation were inspired by a chapter in their textbooks to join the International Association of Administrative Professionals Caldwell Chapter. Sponsor Melody Yancey said, “This local professional chapter meeting was a wonderful opportunity for them to put their reading into real-life practice.”

“Many times students do not have the experience to get jobs,” she explained. “This is one innovative way of enhancing their resumes by getting some experience through a professional organization.”

Yancey said 30 students signed up to attend the local chapter meeting. “I was proud to have so many dedicated students to take time out of their busy schedules to attend a Saturday meeting,” she said. “Three students even drove down from Boone.”

Eight of the 30 students joined the professional organization, and Heather Williams won a free membership.
Monica Brookshire told the audience she nearly quit the GED program when she came up 4 points short on her cumulative score, but her mother’s threat to throw away the new car she bought Monica for graduation—and encouragement from CCC&TI’s Basic Skills instructors—convinced her to retake her Social Sciences test and complete the program.

Brookshire said she nearly quit the program several times when knee surgery kept her out of classes for several months and again when she missed the minimum cumulative GED score by 4 points. Though it was hard work, she said it was worth all the effort. “I would not trade that year for anything I have ever done,” she said. The instructors “were more than teachers: they were friends.”

“I had the best time. It was a blessing that I lost my job. I met so many people. We hung together in Math. We fellowshipped on field trips,” Brookshire said.

The 43-year-old former upholsterer now wants to continue her education at CCC&TI so she can pursue a career doing something she loves—hair. Brookshire plans to enroll in the college’s cosmetology program this fall.

Graduates last night urged audience members who are considering returning to school to do it. Beverly Harmon, a 22-year-old Watauga resident who dropped out of high school in the 12th grade, said, “There are a million reasons to go back, so pick one and go for it.” Harmon is the daughter of Diane and Jimmy Harmon. In 2000, Diane appeared on stage as one of that year’s AHS/GED graduates. “The night she walked across that stage, I knew that I wanted that for myself,” Beverly Harmon said. Harmon plans to enroll in computer courses at CCC&TI this summer and eventually study psychology.

“If there’s anyone out there telling you that you can’t do it, don’t believe them,” Brookshire said. “If I can do it, anyone can. It’s something to be proud of, and I’m proud of myself for doing it.”

Dr. Edwin Beam, CCC&TI’s first president, noted that 11,000 students have earned their high school diplomas or GEDs through CCC&TI’s Basic Skills program during the college’s 40-year history, while the college itself has served more than 125,000 students. “I thought if we served a 1,000 in a year’s time we’d be doing a good job. The numbers, he said, are a testimony to the dedication and hard work of CCC&TI’s faculty and staff. He urged students to continue their educations: “If you don’t, I believe you are short-changing your future and possibly some else’s future down the road.”

“Thank you, Mama Dukes.” Joshua Ruch spoke of the support and sense of community that helped him earn his high school diploma the second time around.
Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently announced the 2004 G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholar and Fellows. Students were recognized at a recent Student Support Services Awards Ceremony held at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir.

Tamara Lee Rogers, a senior at Hibriten High, was named the 2004 G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholar. The 2004 G. Lewis Bernhardt Fellows are Lorray Bentley and Heather Lovins, Hibriten High; Theresa Pierce and Holly Carrico, South Caldwell; and Christopher Messer, West Caldwell High. The Scholar received a $3,000 scholarship and each Fellow received a $600 scholarship to pay for tuition costs while attending CCC&TI.

Dr. Garrett Hinshaw, Vice-President of Student Services expressed his. “The selection process was very difficult because all of the students who applied were good students and very deserving. CCC&TI no doubt has a task ahead to continue to look for more means of financial assistance, so that all students have equal opportunity for education,” he added.

Endowed in 2003, the G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholarship is reserved for students who are part of CCC&TI’s Educational Talent Search program (ETS). The federally funded TRiO program works with 600 Caldwell County students in grades 6 through 12 to provide information and counseling support that will help them successfully enroll in college. Almost all ETS students are first-generation college students, which means that neither parent has earned a four-year degree.

ETS’s main objective is to see each participant enroll in college. The program often tries to resolve the socio-economic barriers that potential first-generation college students often face. The G. Lewis Bernhardt scholarship was established by Mr. Bernhardt’s estate a way to tangibly address students’s financial needs by paying the college. Though the scholarship is only a year old, it has assisted 10 students. Not only is a need being met, but according to Heather Lovins, a 2004 Fellow, “This scholarship is a great motivator for me to continue my education.”

For more information about the qualification criteria for the G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholarship, call 828.726.4677 or e-mail mfulbright@cccti.edu. To contribute to the scholarship, contact the CCC&TI Foundation office at 828.726.2260 or e-mail abroach@cccti.edu.