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Write Wise Wednesdays,  
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Wise-Up Workshop,  
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## CCC&TI Receives Two Awards at Statewide Conference

**Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute was well represented at the recent North Carolina Community College System's Basic Skills Conference & Training Academy at N.C. State University in Raleigh, N.C., bringing home two state-wide awards.**

Kim Hinton, CCC&TI's ABE/GED Programs Director, was chosen from numerous nominees from across the state as the winner of the 2013 Angela Moore Trogon Staff of the Year Award. In addition, CCC&TI student Ana Fleming was named winner of the Angela Moore Trogon Student of the Year Award.

Each year at the conference, awards for students, volunteers/tutors and instructors are given in memory of Angela Moore Trogon, former director of Basic Skills and Human Resource Development at Randolph Community College and Guilford Technical Community College. Trogon lost her battle with breast cancer in 1999 and has been memorialized through these awards by donations in her name to the N.C. Literacy Association.

CCC&TI ABE/GED Program Director Kim Hinton earned her BA at Mars Hill College in 1977. After graduation, she taught English as a Second Language in Arusha, Tanzania and returned home after two years to concentrate on raising her young children. Hinton joined the

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staff at CCC&TI as an Adult Basic Education and GED Instructor in 1991, teaching classes at a local furniture factory. Over her 22-year career in the department, Hinton has been involved in almost every aspect of basic skills education at the college, becoming the Director of ABE/GED in 2003. In 2007, Hinton earned her Masters Degree in Higher Education with a concentration in Adult Education from Appalachian State University.

Hinton also is certified in Family Literacy, STAR Early Literacy Enterprise diagnostic assessment software and the Motherhead training and curriculum development organization. She is a Certified Resource Specialist in Adult Education through the Adult Basic Skills Professional Development Institute at Appalachian State University, and she is a Learning Needs Specialist. Kim has participated in the Leadership Excellence Academy and the North Carolina Community College Leadership Program. She visited Washington State to observe the I-BEST programs and has attended many national conferences. Hinton has also been a presenter at several state and local conferences.

Hinton has been part of a collaborative effort across campus to redesign developmental curriculum for students transitioning from secondary to post-secondary education, helping to create the College Bridge curriculum.

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Wise-Up Workshop,  
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Caldwell Campus Film  
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Sugarman, J.E. Broyhill Civic  
Center, 7:15 p.m.

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Room 112

Hinton's nomination for the award not only highlighted her education, credentials and professional development, it also noted her care and concern for students. "Kim's concern for the welfare of our students is the force that drives her to continue to learn and to continue to push the department forward in new directions. Her support for students goes beyond the classroom. Kim helps to identify students who need assistance [and then helps meet those needs.] Kim Hinton is very deserving of being recognized as the Angela Moore Trogdon Staff of the Year Award winner."

The Angela Moore Trogdon Student of Year Award went to Ana Fleming, who is currently a student at CCC&TI working toward her degree in Early Childhood Education. She is also employed part time at CCC&TI's Family Resource Center in Lenoir.

Fleming is a native of Guatemala who came to the U.S. at the age of 17. Due to several set-backs and a growing family, Fleming was unable to enroll in traditional high school. At the age of 21, Fleming became a widow with two small children and put her education on hold to care for her children and figure out her direction for the future.

A few years later, Fleming remarried and had two more children. She says she always had the desire to continue her education but couldn't find the right fit for her situation and her family's needs. Fleming said all that changed, when she learned about CCC&TI's Family Literacy Program, a program that would help her earn her GED while also providing childcare and pre-school activities for her 3-year-old son. After getting started in the program, Fleming convinced her 18-year-old daughter to join her in her studies and both had completed their GED within six months.

After earning her GED, Fleming transitioned in the Early Childhood Education program at CCC&TI and has excelled as a student. She has earned a place on the President's List of Academic Honors and was chosen as CCC&TI's Student of the Month in February 2013. Fleming is also a CCC&TI Student Ambassador. Fleming was also chosen as the student speaker for the National Center for Family Literacy Conference in Louisville, Ky. in April 2013.

Fleming's nomination for the award spoke of her unique personal story, her determination as a student and her compassion for those she works with at the Family Literacy Center. "Our program is enhanced by her passionate and enthusiastic assistance to the teacher, parents, and children of the preschool classroom. Ana has used [her life] experiences to strengthen her spirit and those around her are enriched."

CCC&TI congratulates Kim Hinton and Ana Fleming on receiving these awards.

For more information about College and Career Readiness programs at CCC&TI, including Adult Basic Education, English as a Second Language, GED and Family Literacy Programs, call 726-2230 or visit [www.cccti.edu](http://www.cccti.edu).



**Pictured above is CCC&TI student Ana Fleming, left, with Adult Education Coordinator and Instructor Shari Brown.**

**Cover Photo:  
Pictured is CCC&TI ABE/GED Programs Director Kim Hinton, left, with College and Career Readiness Department Chair Beverly Jaynes. Hinton was named winner of the 2013 Angela Moore Trogdon Staff of the Year Award at the NCCCS Basic Skills Conference & Training Academy in Raleigh, N.C.**

# Honduran Student Spends Summer Studying in the High Country

Ana Josse Machado, who is in the midst of a 2.5-month visit as an English student at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, came to the United States not sure what to expect. She quickly learned that Watauga County summers are nothing like what she was used to in her native Honduras and that Boone has a lifestyle and pace all its own.

"Boone was not what I was expecting," said Ana, who is 20 years old and a full-time college student at UNITEC university in Honduras. "I was expecting a big city."

Of course most North Carolina cities will seem small compared to Tegucigalpa, which has a population of more than 1.1 million and is the capital of Honduras. But even though Boone seems small, Ana has found many positives.

"Here there is no traffic, no taxis, no motorcycles," she said. But there is Tweetsie Railroad, which has been one of her favorite parts of her 2.5-month visit to the United States. She's also enjoyed the shopping and having a break from her busy schedule at home.

Most importantly, during her visit, she has learned about a new culture and the benefits of studying a language through immersion.

"I met Ana only after she had arrived in the U.S. and had been studying English at CCC&TI in Boone for two weeks," said Dr. Alice Lentz, Director of CCC&TI TRIO programs and a leader on several educational exchange trips to Honduras. "In the weeks that I have known Ana, I have seen her grow more comfortable with English. More important, Ana says she believes she is learning a lot."

Ana's connection to CCC&TI comes through three educational trips taken by CCC&TI students and staff to Honduras. Ana's father, who works with Heifer Honduras, was one of the hosts during the 2010 and 2011 trips. In 2012, efforts to organize an educational exchange for Ana began. She arrived in the United States on June 26 and started her English classes on June 27. She will return home in mid-September.

Her hosts have included CCC&TI faculty and staff, who, along with welcoming her into their homes, have shown her the local attractions and provided a well-rounded experience. In addition to her experiences in Boone, including a day at the Highland Games, Ana visited Hickory, Asheville, Charlotte, Clemson University and Portland, Ore., where she hoped to see snow for the first time.

Explaining the benefits to the various participants, including staff and students at CCC&TI as well as the host families, Watauga Campus Testing Center Technician David Sanders has seen Ana having an impact on his entire family during her stay at his home.



Testing Center Technician David Sanders, left, and Spanish Instructor Landon Pennington hosted Honduran exchange student Ana Josse Machado at their homes.

## Get on the Fast Track

Skip the long lines at Caldwell Is Hiring by taking 'Fast Track To Your Next Job'

Day and evening classes are available. **Free tuition** for those who qualify. To sign up (classes start 8/26, 9/3, 9/9, 9/17 and 9/23), call the Career Planning and Placement Center at 759-4680 or the N.C. Division of Workforce Solutions at 757-5622.

### Caldwell Is Hiring

J.E. Broyhill Civic Center, Lenoir  
3 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013



"It's been a wonderful experience for us to learn about her culture," he said. "It's great for our children to learn that people eat different things and wear different styles of clothes."

CCC&TI Spanish Instructor Landon Pennington, who has visited 17 countries on his own educational exchanges, felt like hosting Ana was his opportunity to return the favor.

"My kids will get to see the world through her," he said, adding that he's learned new Spanish words and expressions during Ana's stay. "I think we should try to get more students involved and encourage others to host. We get as much out of it as she does."

Her experience in the English As A Second Language (ESL) classroom on the Watauga Campus has been a positive one, she said. Her hosts have seen her confidence grow, and she has especially enjoyed the group classroom setting in which multiple levels of English speakers are able to help one another and various cultures are represented.

The ESL classes in which Ana participated are offered to the community in Watauga and Caldwell Counties, tuition free through CCC&TI's College and Career Readiness division. For more information, call 297-5253 (Watauga) or 726-2230 (Caldwell).

# CCC&TI Honors Employees at Fall Kickoff Event



Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute employees gathered for the annual fall semester kickoff recently with a State of the College address and luncheon. The following faculty and staff members were honored for their work and years of service during the event:

## Colleagues of the Year Awards

Members of the college's faculty and staff are nominated by their colleagues based on quality of work, job performance, collegiality with all personnel including students, community involvement, professionalism, and other attributes. Pictured are this year's award winners, left to right, Greg Watson, Jennifer Phillips, Lynn LeFever and Martha Minton.

## Lydia Beam Memorial Award

This award was established in 1988 by Dr. H. E. Beam and his family in memory of Lydia Beam. The purpose of the award is to reward a full-time Clerical/Technical/Paraprofessional Assistant with a cash award in recognition of outstanding service to the institution through quality job performance, professionalism, cooperation with other employees, and dedication to the success of the institution. Pictured is Laurie James, left, this year's award winner with former CCC&TI President, Dr. Ed Beam.



## North Carolina Association of Educational Office Professionals Member of the Year Award

CCC&TI recently recognized the winners of the 2013 NCAEOP Member of the Year Awards. The award is presented annually to recognize a member who has been part of the organization for at least one year, who participates in organization activities, is active in committee work and who regularly attends the monthly meetings. This year the NCAEOP Member of the Year Award went to two recipients. Pictured are this year's winners, Martha Minton, left, with CCC&TI President Dr. Ken Boham, and Connie Wilson, right.

## R.J. Reynolds Excellence in Teaching Semifinalist

CCC&TI's Electronic Engineering Technology Director Joe Looney was recognized as a statewide semifinalist for the R.J. Reynolds Excellence in Teaching Award. He is pictured with CCC&TI President Dr. Ken Boham.



## E.M. Dudley Employee Achievement Award

This award is presented to an employee who has excelled in service to the college, its students and the community. Pictured is this year's award winner, Susan Wooten, left, with CCC&TI President, Dr. Ken Boham.

## Years of Service Awards

### 30 Years

Pictured are Rosanne Annas, left, and Camille Annas, right, with CCC&TI President Dr. Ken Boham.





### 25 Years (Top Left)

Pictured is Rita Clement with CCC&TI President Dr. Ken Boham.

### 20 Years (Top Right)

Pictured are, from left to right: Kathy Cloer, Michael Bradshaw, Christina Toy, John Noblitt and Becky Boone.

### 15 Years (Middle Left)

Pictured from left to right (seated) are Nancy Risch, Holly Korta, Darlene Greer, Ruth Herold, Jane Wesson, Jan Bailey and Brenda Cornell. Standing left to right are Sheila Pritchard, Jeff Bentley, Scott Rogers, Beverly Jaynes, Martha Zimmerman, Melinda Hefner, Nancy Leonard and Aaron Cook. Not pictured, Andrew Mahala.



### 10 Years

#### (Bottom Right)

Pictured from left to right (seated) are Mitzi Triplett, Stacy Reagan, Mandy White, Cindy Richards, Tracey Crump and Alice Lentz. Standing, left to right, are Matt Connor, Keith Starnes, Christina Bryant, Dale Ann Harrington, Jane Harrison, Leigh-Anne Boggs and Pam Chapman. Not pictured, Deanna Chester, Debbie Clement and Pam Rowe.



### 5 Years (Bottom Left)

Pictured from left to right (seated) are Margo Rice, Laura Aultman, Roy Jennings, Kathy Seitz, Kathy Jones and Lori Hoffa. From left to right (standing) are Gary Wilson, Bobby Hamby, Wyatt Reynolds, Vincent Fox and Ronald Howell. Not pictured are Eva Harmon, Tina Lovejoy and Roy Mullis.

## JEBCC Presents NewSong's Swallow the Ocean Tour

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's J.E. Broyhill Civic Center will kick off its 2013-2014 Showcase of Stars season with a night of Christian music. The Swallow the Ocean Tour featuring NewSong, Aaron Shust, Royal Tailor, and special guests Love & The Outcome will hit the Civic Center stage on Friday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.

Headlined by contemporary Christian powerhouse, NewSong, the Swallow the Ocean Tour features music from the group's 18th recording, inspired by their fellow Winter Jam headliners. The concert will also feature artists Aaron Shust, Love & the Outcome and the Royal Tailor Band.

The Swallow the Ocean Tour is sponsored by Propulsion Ministries and In His Service Productions. Tickets for the show are \$18 for adults. CCC&TI student tickets are \$12 per person with a valid student ID. A special group rate of \$12 per person for groups of 10 or more is available. For more information or for tickets, visit [www.broyhillcenter.com](http://www.broyhillcenter.com).





## *In memory of Johnnie M. Whisnant* *July 9, 1924 – July 5, 2013*

In July, the CCC&TI family lost one of its own with the passing of Johnnie Whisnant at age 88. Johnnie joined the Basic Skills Department as a part-time clerical assistant in 2002 and promptly earned the title "Queen of the Records Room." Johnnie meticulously handled filing, helped with mailings, copied and distributed various forms and paperwork, kept an inventory of office supplies and made it her mission to remind everyone to recycle and avoid wasting resources. "She was committed to this institution and willing to do whatever was needed," said Kathy Church, Office Manager of CCR-Adult Education (formerly known as Basic Skills) who worked closely with Johnnie during her time at CCC&TI. "She was dependable and such a delight to have in our department. Just her presence made us smile."

Originally from Tennessee, Johnnie and her husband Erskine came to the Hudson area in 1951 where they made their home for more than 60 years. She had five children, 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church, where she taught 2 and 3-year old children for many years.

In addition to her love for her family and her dedication to CCC&TI, Johnnie was also known for her love of parties. "Give her an invitation and she would plan to be there, any time, anywhere," said Church. Knowing how much she enjoyed

these special celebrations, her co-workers in CCR-Adult Education planned a party for Johnnie's 80th birthday and her 85th birthday. "After that, we had a birthday party for her every year."

"There was nothing that Johnnie would not do for us. She not only loved her job, she loved all of us. Johnnie was one of the most giving and caring people anyone could meet. She truly cared for all and all that knew her loved her."

### **Tributes to the Foundation of CCC&TI**

Memorial gifts and honoraria are very meaningful ways to express sympathy to a bereaved family or to recognize someone on a special occasion. An individual's legacy will continue to live on through the educational opportunities made possible by these special gifts. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges the following tributes received June 19, 2013 through August 27, 2013:

In honor of Kay Crouch, on the occasion of her retirement, to the Kay and Patrick Crouch Music Scholarship:

- Dr. Tony and Mrs. Jennie Deal
- Mr. Frankie Kelly

In honor of Helen J. Hatley, CCC&TI Retiree, to the Helen J. Hatley Achievement Award:

- Carolyn and Jim Cook
- Betty and Fred Piercy

In memory of Rosalind Campbell, CCC&TI's first Librarian:

- Dr. Ronald L. and Mrs. Shirley S. Kiziah
- Dr. Lorraine and Mr. Charles Minton

In memory of Jessica Leigh Duncan, daughter of Sandy Duncan:

- Dr. Lorraine and Mr. Charles Minton

In memory of John A. Forlines, Jr., former Chair of the CCC&TI Foundation Board of Directors:

- Karen and Mike Warlick

In memory of Eric Keyes, brother of Joan McGee, member of the CCC&TI Foundation Board of Directors:

- Ms. Nancy Hollaway
- Ms. Sylvia Keyes

In memory of Tony Pope, father of John Pope, to the Tony Pope Memorial Scholarship:

- Mr. Rudy Fox

In memory of Sandi Thomas, CCC&TI Nursing Program alumni, to the Nursing Hospital Fund:

- Anita and Mike Broach

In memory of Linda C. Waters, mother of Marty, member of the CCC&TI Foundation Board of Directors, to the Linda Correll Waters Art Scholarship:

- Caldwell County Arts Council
- Mr. and Mrs. Marty Waters

In memory of Johnnie Whisnant, former CCC&TI Basic Skills Department employee, to the Basic Skills Discretionary fund:

- Ms. Jean Harmon Branch
- Ms. Cynthia Cox
- Ms. Beverly Jaynes

# CCC&TI GLOBAL SCHOLARS

Interested in other cultures, international travel, international and global business, foreign languages or service learning opportunities with a global focus?

Take a look at CCC&TI's Global Scholar Program.

In this program, students will gain:

- Greater intercultural competency in academic & professional areas
- Greater awareness of other cultures
- Greater competency when dealing with people from other cultures
- Enhanced ability to integrate the importance of diversity, civic engagement and social responsibility in a global framework
- Better preparation for successful participation in a dynamic and interconnected world
- Greater awareness of personal cultural norms and how they shape views and perspectives
- A unique resume-building credential that appears on the student transcript and will set the Global Scholar apart in a competitive job market

The mission of Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute's Global Scholar Program is to help students become global citizens that are prepared for both academic and professional endeavors in the interconnected and interdependent world of the 21st century.

## Requirements for the Global Scholar Distinction

Students can submit an application (available online) to the Global Diversity Committee for admission as a Global Scholar. To earn the Global Scholar Distinction, students must fulfill the criteria listed below. When students fulfill these requirements, they will make an oral presentation of their e-portfolio to a jury composed of members of the Global Diversity Committee.

### • Globally-Intensive Courses (15 credits)

This requirement is achieved by completing pre-approved courses. Students will include at least one project from each class in their e-portfolios. To receive Global Scholar Distinction, students must earn a cumulative 3.0 GPA in these classes.

### • International Activities & Dialogue (minimum of 4)

This requirement is achieved by attending events such as film screenings, international fairs, on and off campus events and participation in the International Citizens Student Association (ICSA). Students must include a product related to these activities in their e-portfolios for each global activity.

### • Global Experience

This requirement is achieved by completing at least A, B, or C listed below. Students will insert project-based evidence in their e-portfolios.

- A. One CCC&TI approved international travel & a minimum of 20 hours service learning\*
  - B. One CCC&TI approved national travel & a minimum of 30 hours service learning\*
  - C. A minimum of 80 hours of CCC&TI approved service learning
- \* Travelers must be at least 18 years old by the time of travel and/or application for international travel requirements.

***This program is open to all students, but completion of the graduation requirements is necessary for the distinction. For more information, visit [www.cccti.edu/globalscholar](http://www.cccti.edu/globalscholar)***



IT'S TIME TO  
TEE OFF!

## 11th Annual CCC&TI Invitational Golf Tournament

Cedar Rock Country Club  
Sept. 13 • 1 p.m. shotgun start  
(lunch provided at 12 p.m.)

Captain's Choice, \$50/person  
First place prize - \$400  
(proceeds benefit CCC&TI Athletic Department and athletes)

Call 726-2718 to register or for more info

## Upcoming Continuing Education Courses

### "Pharma Sciences Institute"

Daytime classes offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday from Sept. 9 to Oct. 3. The evening class is offered from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from Sept. 10 to Dec. 3. The cost of the class is \$181.

### Mixology Class

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays from Sept. 9 to Oct. 21 in Room H-308. The cost of the class is \$126 and includes a certificate upon completing. Students must be at least 21 to register.

### Conversational French I

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays from Sept. 10 to Nov. 26 on the Caldwell Campus. The cost of the class is \$71.

### Conversational Spanish I

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays from Sept. 11 to Dec. 4. The cost of the class is \$71.

### Conversational Spanish II

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursdays from Sept. 12 to Dec. 5 on the Caldwell Campus. Some prior knowledge of Spanish is required to enroll. The cost of the class is \$71.

### Intro to Bluegrass Guitar

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays from Sept. 24 to Oct. 29 on the Caldwell Campus. Students must provide their own instrument. The cost of the class is \$75.

***For more information on any of these courses, or to register, call 726-2242.***

# CCC&TI International Film Series

Fall 2013

presented by the  
Global Diversity Committee,  
Student Activities and  
Learning Resource Center

## Searching for Sugarman

September 17 • 7:15 p.m.

JE Broyhill Civic Center

Dinner begins at 6:15 p.m.

Two South Africans set out to discover what happened to their unlikely musical hero, the mysterious 1970s rock 'n' roller, Sixto Rodriguez.

## The Last Mountain

October 15 • 3:00 pm

CCC&TI Caldwell Campus • B-104

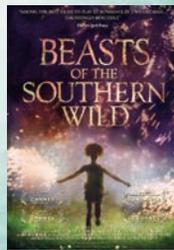
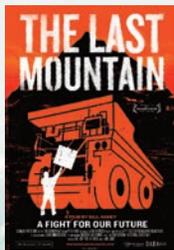
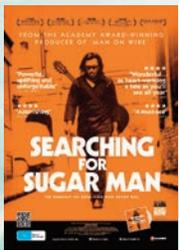
A coal mining corporation and a tiny community vie for the last great mountain in Appalachia in a battle for the future of energy that affects us all.

## Beasts of the Southern Wild

November 12 • 7:15 p.m.

JE Broyhill Civic Center

Faced with both her hot-tempered father's fading health and melting ice-caps that flood her ramshackle bayou community and unleash ancient aurochs, six-year-old Hushpuppy must learn the ways of courage and love.



## Watauga Campus Dates/Times

### Searching for Sugarman

September 23

5:30 p.m.

Room 112

### The Last Mountain

October 28

5:30 p.m.

WOTF Room 106

### Beasts of the Southern Wild

November 7

5:30 p.m.

WOTF Room 106

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## Caldwell Transfer Thursdays & Watauga College Day

For CCC&TI students wishing to transfer to Appalachian State University, a visit with JumpStart is a must. You will have an opportunity to see what JumpStart is all about during "Transfer Thursdays" this fall in the Caldwell Campus Academic Advising Center. JumpStart will be offered on the following dates from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Sept. 5, Sept. 19, Oct. 3, Oct. 17, Nov. 7, Nov. 21 and Dec. 5. For more info, please call 726-2627.

The Watauga Campus will host College Day from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 18, giving CCC&TI access to representatives from several 4-year colleges. Among those planning to attend are: Appalachian State, East Tennessee State, Lees McRae and Western Carolina. The College Foundation of North Carolina also will be in attendance. For more information about the event, please call 297-2185.