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Men's Basketball vs.  
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Watauga Student Workshop:  
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**Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's TRIO/Educational Talent Search program hosted an induction ceremony Monday, Nov. 18 for new students at the college's J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. Ninety-six students from middle and high schools across the county received their official welcome into the program.**

TRIO/ETS at CCC&TI is a federally funded program that works with middle and high school students, most of whom will be first-generation college students, to assist them with all aspects of college enrollment. Through the program, specialists employed by the college make weekly visits to area middle and high schools to serve students enrolled in the program. In addition, students are given the opportunity to visit colleges throughout the state and out of state, participate in various enrichment activities, and receive assistance from TRIO/ETS specialists with college applications, financial aid applications and other college-related issues.

Dr. Ken Boham, President of CCC&TI, welcomed students and their family members to the ceremony, the 11th annual for TRIO/ETS. In addition to praising the partnerships with Caldwell County Schools that make the program possible, he praised the program's ability to help students learn the importance of a college education.

"Of the TRIO/ETS students who graduated last June, 93 percent enrolled in college this Fall at 19 institutions," he said. "Almost half chose

CCC&TI and the others are at public and private community colleges and universities."

Several members of the 2013 TRIO Youth Leadership League shared their experiences visiting colleges and universities in Tennessee and Kentucky. High School students Lanie Sanders (junior, Hibriten), Makayla Carver (junior, South Caldwell) and Rubi Tobias (senior, West Caldwell) spoke of the value of the trip and how it has helped them to better know what they want in their college choice.

TRIO Program Director Dr. Alice Lentz spoke about the program's impact on first-generation college students. Before introducing six students who read their first-generation college statements, she told the audience about books in the TRIO office that hold 1,300 first-generation college statements.

"We believe that every student who chooses to enroll in TRIO/ETS holds aspirations for his or her future," she said. "We believe that your aspirations for your future are powerful resources for helping you stay focused on what and who you want to be, and stay focused on learning about college and exploring how college can help you become that person who you want to be."

Sixth-grade students Emily White (William Lenoir), Victoria Church (Happy Valley), Aaron Metojo (Gamewell), Anya Blackwelder (Collettsville), Kelsey Hamby (Granite Falls) and Joshua Hernandez (Hudson) shared their First-Generation statements, which included a range of career choices and lots of appreciation for supportive family members.

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Cape Fear CC, 6 p.m.; At  
Brunswick CC

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Men's Basketball vs.  
Brunswick CC, 8 p.m.; At  
Brunswick CC

Dec. 22 - Jan. 1  
Christmas and New Year  
Holiday, Institution Closed

*Happy  
Holidays!*

TRIO ETS Specialists Mitzi Triplett, Maggie Sime and Jonathan Bryant recognized the new inductees in attendance, as well as the current TRIO/ETS seniors. Each TRIO/ETS Seniors were given applications for the Go Anywhere! Award application and the G. Lewis Bernhardt Scholarship, both of which are privately funded and reserved for TRIO/ETS participants.

At the end of the program, each new TRIO/ETS inductee in attendance was recognized and given a certificate and official TRIO/ETS binders.



**Cover Photo:**  
**TRIO Youth Leadership League students share stories about their trips with new inductees into CCC&TI's TRIO/ETS Program.**

**Above:**  
**Pictured are CCC&TI's 2013 TRIO/Educational Talent Search inductees. These middle school and high school students were honored Monday night at a special induction ceremony held at the college's J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir.**

## **CCC&TI Receives Grant To Train Unemployed, Underemployed**

Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute recently received a North Carolina Back-to-Work Grant from the N.C. Department of Commerce in the amount of \$173,870. This will be the second time CCC&TI has received the N.C. Back-To-Work Grant, which provides resources for workforce development and job training.

The grant provides financial assistance for unemployed and underemployed North Carolinians to train for new careers through the Electrical Lineman and Truck Driver Training programs at CCC&TI. Veterans and members of the N.C. National Guard also are eligible for N.C. Back-to-Work assistance.

During the first year of the N.C. Back-to-Work program, both CCC&TI programs had successfully helped dozens of unemployed residents earn a degree and find a new career. CCC&TI administrators are hoping to see continued success in the coming year.

"We've had tremendous success with our Truck Driving and Electrical Lineman graduates finding good-paying jobs," said Donna Bean, Department Chair of Corporate and Continuing Education at CCC&TI. "Most of the students in these programs are being offered jobs before they even graduate. Both offer exciting career opportunities."

For students who enroll in the program, the N.C. Back-to-Work process will include assessment, career coaching with career exploration, skills gap training, virtual and hands-on labs and job placement services. All students who successfully complete the program will receive program completion certificates as well as the Career Readiness Certificate and their program specific stackable credentials.

CCC&TI is one of 48 community colleges statewide that received a portion of more than \$5.8 million Back-to-Work Grant funds. The Back-to-Work program was established in 2012 by the N.C. General Assembly.

For more information on the NC Back-to-Work eligible programs, contact CCC&TI's Continuing Education and Workforce Development Division at 828-726-2242.

## Graduate Receives Coast Guard Commendation

A Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic graduate recently had her knowledge unexpectedly tested and has since received a commendation from the United States Coast Guard for her potentially life-saving performance.

U.S. Coast Guard Seaman Lindsay M. Goflin of Conover recently received the Commandant's Letter of Commendation Ribbon Bar for her performance of duty on Sept. 4 while stationed near San Francisco.

According to the letter of commendation, Goflin was on her way to Coast Guard Island for duty when she encountered a two-car accident on the highway. Goflin administered first aid to an unconscious accident victim who was suffering from hypoglycemia.

"With expert knowledge and certainty, you administered an oral glucose treatment and called 911 for emergency support," the letter states. "Your ability to relay the incident and first responder actions afforded the Oakland Fire Department a full understanding of the situation prior to their arrival. This selflessness, professionalism and confidence ultimately lead to tending to an injured person and averting a possible fatality. Your vigilance and willingness to help others exemplifies the commitment we have as members of the United States Coast Guard to the American public."

Her quick thinking does not surprise CCC&TI Fire & Rescue/EMS Coordinator Reid Roper, who remembers Goflin as a student in 2010.

"Our students stand out early on because they are exposed to many different patients in their clinical setting that will prepare them to effectively take care of patients in the real world," Roper said. "The skills and knowledge learned from our Paramedic program will prepare the student to deal with most every situation imaginable in the pre-hospital setting. Our methods of instruction place the students into many critical thinking situations that will prepare them to make wise decisions both at home and in the pre-hospital setting. They become confident in their abilities from the start."

For more information about Emergency Medical Services Training through CCC&TI Corporate and Continuing Education, call 726-2242 or visit [www.cccti.edu](http://www.cccti.edu)



## Lions Club Makes Donation for OMA Program Scholarships

The Caldwell County Lions Club Association, which is comprised of the Cahaj's Mountain, Granite Falls and Hudson Lions Clubs, presented a \$1,000 gift to the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute to support student scholarships for the Ophthalmic Medical Assistant program.



The OMA has a history of working with the local Lions Clubs through vision clinics at the Department of Social Services, the Vision Van as well as collecting eye glasses for needy children.

Pictured, from left to right, are: Hudson Lions Club President Rick McCrary, CCC&TI OMA Clinical Coordinator Faith Race, CCC&TI President Dr. Ken Boham, Caldwell County Lions Club Association President David Freeman, Foundation of CCC&TI Executive Director Marla Christie, CCC&TI OMA Program Director Barbara Harris, DSS Eye Clinic Coordinator John Ferrill, Cahaj's Mountain Lions Club Secretary Harold Earley, Caldwell County Lions Club Zone Chairman Carl Wagner and Dr. Richard Griffin, physician for the Caldwell County Lions Club clinics.



## Fantasy Competition

CCC&TI Cosmetology students had a fantasy-themed hair and makeup competition Monday on the Caldwell Campus. Prizes were given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The contest was judged by three professional cosmetologists from Morganton. This event was educational for the students as they learned to create hairstyles with fabrics, flowers, wigs and other materials. Students also showed their creativity with hair, nails, makeup and the attire. Pictured above from left to right are the contest winners. Far left: 1st place "Puppet", Competitor: Kristy Hullette, Model: Lauren Puett; Center: 2nd place "Woodland Goddess" - Competitor: Ashley Barrier, Model: Brittney Barfield; Far right: 3rd place "Christmas Tree", Competitor: Amber Jolly, Model: Ashely Barrett.

## Minority Male Mentoring Group

CCC&TI's Minority Male Mentoring Program students have participated in several activities this fall including two student leadership speaker programs and received professional development training at the SGA sponsored Etiquette Dinner.

For more information on the Minority Male Mentoring Program, contact advisor Elaine Setzer Maxwell at 759-4687 or esetzer-maxwell@cccti.edu.



## The Wizard of Oz: Twisted!

CCC&TI's Compass Class presented "The Wizard of Oz Twisted, And Boy Is It Twisted!!" to a packed house at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center on Nov. 8. Donations were accepted to support the program and friends and family thoroughly enjoyed the production.



# November Students of the Month

## Caldwell Campus

The Caldwell Campus Student of the Month for November is Alice Hartley. Hartley is a second-year Landscape Gardening student. After earning her degree at CCC&TI, she hopes to continue her education at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. Hartley has already passed the NC Certified Plant Professional Exam and is recognized as a NC Certified Plant Professional in the NCNLA website.

Hartley currently serves as President of the LSG Club, works as a tutor and often volunteers her time to help fellow students with assignments and test preparation. Hartley has also done special work in horticulture therapy with CCC&TI's Compensatory Education students.

Landscape Gardening Director Debbie Mitchell, who nominated Hartley for the honor of student of the month, says that Hartley is an exceptional student and person. "If I could, I would nominate her for 'Student of the Year'," said Mitchell. "She is an amazing person. She is a great asset to the LSG program, CCC&TI and the community. We are blessed to have a student like her."

CCC&TI congratulates Alice Hartley on being named the Caldwell Campus Student of the Month for November.

## Watauga Campus

James Wise is the November Student of the Month for the Watauga Campus.

Wise currently works in CCC&TI's Biology lab, does supplemental instructing, and is an "awesome tutor." He will be competing for the Nursing program for the 2014 fall semester. He is also working on his Certified Nurse Assistant training.

Prior to coming to CCC&TI, James moved here in 2008 from the Outer Banks of North Carolina. He enjoys hiking and rock climbing in his spare time.

CCC&TI congratulates James Wise on being named the Watauga Campus Student of the Month for November.



Above, Alice Hartley, right, receives her Student of the Month award from SGA Senator Kenrick Nesbit.

Below is Watauga Student of the Month, James Wise.



## Watauga's Halloween Blood Drive

By Charles A. Wilkins

On October 31, Caldwell Community College & Technical Institute's Watauga campus hosted its second Red Cross blood drive of the semester. The blood drive was from 9:30am to 2:00 pm. Snacks and drinks were available to blood donors throughout the day. The event was hosted by the Watauga campus SGA and was a great success and exceeded its goal of 30 donors.

The SGA would like to first thank the people who gave to a great cause. The SGA would also like to thank the volunteers who came to help with sign in as well as serving our students and community members. Special thanks to Ginny Anderson, Red Cross liaison who gave her time to come by before the drive to assist in coordination and also attended the blood drive to assist in any way needed.

## SGA Members Attend Conference

Members of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Caldwell and Watauga Campus Student Government Association recently attended the Fall 2013 North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association (N4CSGA) Conference held in Charlotte.

N4CSGA was created and organized by SGA officers at nearby Western Piedmont Community College in 1969 to bring together SGA representatives from community colleges across the state. Today, N4CSGA is a student led organization that works to promote better student government and academic achievement, helps community colleges find practical solutions to common challenges, provides leadership training for students, and promotes fellowship and the exchange of ideas for the advancement of educational institutions across the state. They hold two conferences each year in the spring and fall.

The conference offered students the opportunity to attend sessions and workshops to learn more about student government and the issues facing community college students today. In addition, the conference gives students time to get to know their fellow SGA members and SGA members from other colleges. Representatives from 52 of the states 58 community college were in attendance at the conference.

In addition to conference activities, the group also enjoyed several outings including a trip to the MINT Museum of Art and the Charlotte Bobcats season opener. "I thoroughly enjoyed the art museum, as well as the basketball game," said SGA Senator Jamarri Robbins. "Both of these experiences were ones I think everyone should give a chance. Even for those that do not like sports, it was very interesting to see in person and the art was amazing."

Overall, the students from CCC&TI said that the trip was beneficial. "Not only do you get to meet new delegates from different schools, but you also learn how to be a better leader," said Ashley Woods, CCC&TI SGA Secretary. "I also think that this was a great experience for our group to learn about each other." SGA President Joel Pitman agreed. "I enjoyed our conference this year and bonded well with the rest of our group and look forward to doing great things this year."

For more information on SGA at CCC&TI, contact Advisor Kim Roper at 828.726.2301 or [kroper@cccti.edu](mailto:kroper@cccti.edu).



## CCC&TI Students Earn Certified Plant Professional Certification

Timothy Genske and Alice Hartley, two students currently enrolled in Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Landscape Gardening Program, have earned the North Carolina Certified Plant Professional (CCP) Certification from the North Carolina Nursery and Landscape Association (NCNLA).

Genske and Hartley are currently two of only 2,268 CPPs in North Carolina and the only CCC&TI students to have earned the certification prior to earning their college degrees in Landscaping.

"The North Carolina Certified Plant Professional certification recognizes proficiency in the nursery and landscape workforce, upgrades the status of the nursery and landscape professional and provides the public with a means of identifying qualified nursery and landscape professionals," said Ross Williams, NCNLA Executive Director. "NCNLA congratulates Timothy and Alice for demonstrating their commitment to professionalism in the industry."

NCNLA urges all North Carolina landscape, nursery and garden center professionals to attend continuing education programs and receive certifications to better their business. The Association also urges consumers to hire qualified professionals to get the best results for their lawn and garden.

The CPP exam is a two part test. The written portion identifies knowledge and skills needed while working in a nursery or landscape operation. The Plant ID portions demonstrate knowledge of a wide selection of plant material. To become a Certified Plant Professional, applicants must pass (70% correct) a written test, a plant identification test, as well as document 12 months of experience in plant production or sales. NCNLA administers the test five times a year across the state.

NCNLA is a membership organization of firms interested in the welfare of North Carolina's green industry, with emphasis on the nursery and landscape industries. Members include wholesale growers, retailers, suppliers, landscapers, horticulture students and educators. NCNLA's ultimate goal is to benefit its members' economic, professional and personal growth. For more information about CPP certification or NCNLA visit <http://www.ncnla.com/>.



Pictured from left to right are LSG Program Director Debbie Mitchell and students Alice Hartley and Tim Genske.

## Broyhill Civic Center Presents: An Olde English Christmas starring Herman's Hermits' Peter Noone

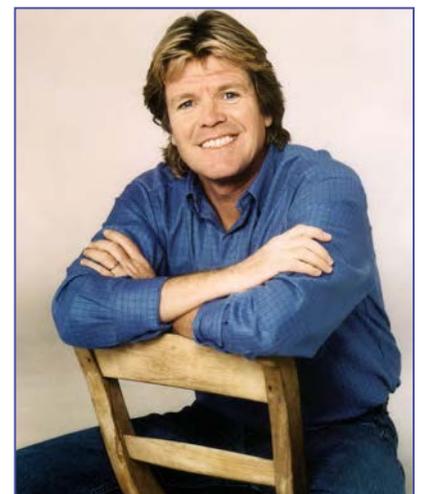
On Saturday, Dec. 7 the Civic Center will present Dinner and a Show featuring An Olde English Christmas with Herman's Hermits Starring Peter Noone.

Enjoy the classic hits made famous by Herman's Hermits, including "There's a Kind of Hush," "I'm Into Something Good," and "Can't You Hear My Heartbeat," just to name a few, mixed in with classic holiday favorites. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Dinner will be served prior to the show at 6:15 p.m. and will feature a menu of roast turkey breast with giblet gravy and cranberry, orange and pecan relish, dijon glazed ham with raisin sauce, cornbread stuffing, rosemary roasted potato medley, sweet peas, cauliflower and carrots and fruity Christmas pudding with whipped cream and brandy sauce flambé.

Tickets for the show are \$27.50 for adults, \$10 for children and \$10 for Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute students with a valid student ID. Cost for dinner is \$12 for adults and \$6 for children.

For more information or for tickets, call the Civic Center Box Office at 828.726.2407 or visit [www.broyhillcenter.com](http://www.broyhillcenter.com).



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