Partnerships Matter

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AT A GLANCE

CCC&TI OFFERS

41 DEGREES
17 DIPLOMAS
29 CERTIFICATES

OVER
9,560

Students Served Annually

Student to Faculty
Ratio 19:1

31 DEGREES, DIPLOMAS
AND CERTIFICATES
OFFERED
COMPLETELY
ONLINE

CCC&TI is the 20th largest in enrollment among the 58 North Carolina community colleges and employs 301 full-time faculty and staff members, as well as 265 part-time faculty and staff.

In the 2021-2022 academic year:

• 1,292 degrees, diplomas and/or certificates were awarded.
• Students served ranged in age from 13 to 90.
• Fifty-two percent of students were age 24 and older.
• Thirty percent were first-generation college students.
A Message from the President

Sometimes, you don’t realize just how strong something is until it is tested. Having faced the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, I can confidently share that Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute has been battle tested, weathered the storm, and emerged stronger than ever. This year’s report illustrates that CCC&TI’s unwavering commitment to providing quality educational experiences for students and to the residents of Caldwell and Watauga counties.

One of the most important keys to our continued success, during the pandemic and beyond, has been partnerships. Partnerships matter – and for CCC&TI, our students and the communities we serve, those partnerships have allowed us to have a tremendous impact.

These partnerships also have helped us develop new and innovative programs in response to workforce development needs, create opportunities for students to train for high-paying, local jobs, and to provide the skilled workers needed for our community to be economically successful.

Perhaps one of the most rewarding displays of how these partnerships positively impact our students and the community, is our graduation celebration. In 2022, we were able to return to the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center for our traditional graduation ceremony to honor more than 1,000 CCC&TI graduates in front of a full house of friends, families, and supporters. It was a very special day for our graduates and the CCC&TI family.

Equally special was seeing our campuses come alive again with events throughout the year. Students were able to get back to in-person learning and participate in a variety of activities on campus and in the community.

Behind the scenes, our talented faculty and staff were also hard at work building relationships, strengthening partnerships, and providing exceptional services to stakeholders. During the 2021-2022 academic year, CCC&TI provided more than 100 customized training sessions for local employers; won more than $1.84 million in grant funding for various projects across both campuses; launched a new initiative targeting adult learners; secured nearly $30 million for future building projects; and enjoyed seeing our basketball and baseball teams compete at the national level.

These are just a few of the many highlights you’ll see in this year’s report. Ultimately, we know that none of them would be possible without the support of individuals like you. Thank you for your investment in CCC&TI and your continued partnership as we work to make life better for those we have the privilege of serving.

We are stronger together.

Mark G. Franklin
Partnerships for Student Success
CCC&TI celebrated more than 1,000 graduates with a ceremony for the Class of 2022 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. The commencement speaker, Lenoir native and CCC&TI graduate Emily Thomas, shared her story of being on the same stage 16 years earlier and the challenges she faced to get there. She acknowledged the CCC&TI instructors, some of whom were sitting in the audience, who helped keep her on track when she had thoughts of quitting school.
Two students were awarded the State Employees’ Credit Union “People Helping People” scholarship to cover the cost of tuition, books and college-related expenses. Students **Charles Anderson** of Zionville and **Peyton Boggs** of Lenoir were selected to receive the scholarships from the SECU Foundation, each having a value of up to $5,000. Pictured from left to right are State Employees’ Credit Union Senior Vice President Bryan Johnson, scholarship recipient Charles Anderson of Zionville, scholarship recipient Peyton Boggs of Lenoir and CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch.

**Lyric Larson** of Collettsville was honored at a Board of Trustees meeting as the 2022 Academic Excellence Award winner. CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch presented her with a medal, an award plaque and a letter of congratulations from former N.C. Community College System President Thomas Stith III. She is one of 58 students statewide to receive the annual award, one from each of the North Carolina’s community colleges. She was nominated by one of her instructors and chosen for the award by a committee of CCC&TI faculty and staff. Listed among the reasons for her selection were her academic achievements, volunteer service and her enthusiasm for education.

**Student Government Association** launched a new series of activities for students titled “Revive and Thrive” with a focus on mental health wellness. The series includes yoga, tai chi, a meditation labyrinth and other wellness activities.
Ray Hood signed on for an apprenticeship at Exela Pharma Sciences in Lenoir, making him the first biopharma apprentice. Hood, a 2020 graduate of West Caldwell High School, began working on his Biopharmaceutical Technology associate degree and started his job at Exela Pharma Sciences in Lenoir in Aug. 2021, the same week he began his college classes at CCC&TI. CCC&TI’s Apprenticeship Caldwell program combines classroom instruction and on-the-job training to prepare students for an industry. Students are paid for their work and their wages will increase as they progress in the program. Upon graduation, apprentices will receive a Certificate of Completion and will have earned the highly skilled “journey worker” designation.

Caldwell County native and May 2022 Caldwell Early College and CCC&TI graduate Sarah McLean was chosen as a regional finalist for the Governor Robert Scott Leadership Award. In 2004, the North Carolina Association of Community College Presidents created the Governor Robert Scott Leadership Award to recognize student leadership on a statewide level while also honoring the former. This is an award designed to highlight outstanding curriculum student leadership and service. The Instructional Administrators Association screens and selects one award winner and five regional finalists for recognition.

The Financial Aid office launched the FAFSA Fridays initiative to improve FAFSA completion rates. Students have the opportunity to sign up for 1-hour sessions with an experienced financial aid professional to help with completion of the FAFSA application.

The Office of Accountability and Strategic Initiatives was responsible for securing more than $1.84 million in grants during the 2021-2022 academic year.

CCC&TI students shared their thoughts, ideas and issues at a series of focus group meetings on both campuses for adult learners. The input has led to several new initiatives and projects to assist with recruiting adult learners.
CCC&TI celebrated the first group of students to complete the new BioWork Process Technician course during a ceremony on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson. The 20-week course is designed to prepare students for entry-level process technician jobs in bioprocess manufacturing, pharmaceutical manufacturing and chemical manufacturing. The first class launched in August 2021 as part of the college’s push to provide workforce development support to the area’s biopharmaceutical industry.

The Transitional Studies department was awarded a $25,000 Digital Navigator Network Grant from the NC Community College System and participated in the Digital Literacy Skills Project. A total of 82 badges and 80 North Star Digital Literacy certificates/credentials were earned by Transitional Studies students in the 2021-2022 program year.

In early 2022, CCC&TI joined a statewide effort to engage adult learners with a goal of filling North Carolina’s anticipated skills gap. The NC Reconnect campaign, a joint effort by the John M. Belk Endowment and myFutureNC, was launched in June 2021 in collaboration with Blue Ridge Community College, Durham Tech Community College, Fayetteville Tech Community College, Pitt Community College and Vance-Granville Community College. In 2022 the initiative added five more colleges: CCC&TI, Wilkes Community College, Lenoir Community College, Forsyth Technical Community College and Central Carolina Community College. NC Reconnect leaders estimate that 1.3 million adult North Carolinians lack the post-secondary skills and credentials that today’s employers are seeking and the state estimates that there will be a shortfall of 400,000 workers by 2030 if the current trends do not change. With help from the North Carolina General Assembly and the Governor, the NC Reconnect project hopes to add 2 million adults who will have earned a postsecondary degree or credential to the workforce by 2030.
The TRIO/ETS program returned to CCC&Ti in October of 2021, thanks to a federal grant of $1,386,875. The program had previously been offered to area middle school and high school students for approximately 15 years. Two Success Coaches were hired by May 2022, and staff began immediately recruiting students and developing summer plans and activities. The program targets low-income students in Caldwell County who would be the first members of their families to earn college degrees to prepare for and enroll in college.

TRIO/SSS traveled to Washington, D.C. for a cultural and educational experience. The trip included a scenic riverboat sunset cruise, the Smithsonian, the National Mall, visiting various memorials and monuments, and other sights around D.C. The group had a fine dining experience one evening and attended a Major League Baseball game, the Atlanta Braves vs the Washington Nationals, the first for many on the trip. TRIO/SSS is a program that provides various supports for CCC&Ti students while working towards their successful completion of personal, educational and professional goals.

Motivational Speaker K.D. Wilson spoke on both campuses as part of TRIO/SSS’s First-Generation College Student Celebration. He spoke about the importance of having goals, leadership, emotional intelligence and success.

Students participated in the Trade Up program, made possible through support from Blue Ridge Energy, the High Country Home Builders Association, the Caldwell County Home Builders Association and the Lowe’s stores in Boone and Lenoir. The program combines classroom instruction and hands-on experience with local employers to prepare students for careers in the construction trades. The program introduces local high school students and recent high school graduates to career and training opportunities, while also filling a growing industry need for skilled workers.
Nurturing Partnerships

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch was the keynote speaker at the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner.

Caldwell County Schools principals and Education Center leadership toured the new Paul H. Broyhill Center for Advanced Technologies and the Electrical Lineworker Training Center. The group walked through each classroom and lab used for CCC&TI’s engineering, mechatronics and machining programs, and also gathered in the outdoor pole yard area to watch students demonstrate their skills. The group learned about high-paying job opportunities for students who complete the 14-week program and how the new facility sets CCC&TI apart compared to other schools that offer Electrical Lineworker training.
Leaders from **Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC** and **EducationNC** visited the Caldwell Campus for tours of our new Biopharmaceutical Technology lab and the Electrical Lineworker Training Center. In addition to tours, the group had great discussions with community leaders about the economy, healthcare and educational partnerships.

CCC&TI faculty participated in the **HOSA - Future Health Professionals** conference at Watauga High School. The event featured high school students from 11 counties in northwest N.C. who are interested in health care careers.

**Caldwell County 4-H** brought a group ranging in age from 10 to 18 to the Caldwell Campus to learn about hands-on careers and training opportunities. The day included activities and demonstrations at the Electrical Lineworker Training facility with instructors and students. The day concluded with tours of the welding, furniture technology and construction trades programs.
Local lawmakers, college leadership, community leaders and CCC&TI graduates gathered for a breakfast event at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center to discuss legislative priorities and student success stories. Participants included Senator Deanna Ballard and Senator Warren Daniel from the N.C. General Assembly. Featured speakers included CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch, a nursing student and two electrical lineworker students, as well as several business and education leaders from the area.

Congressman Patrick McHenry and members of his staff visited the Caldwell Campus to meet with college administrators and trustees to discuss institutional needs, as well as a tour of the Electrical Lineworker Training Facility.

International participants from Appalachian State's 2021 Fulbright Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA) visited the Caldwell Campus in the Fall of 2021. The group toured CCC&TI facilities and programs as part of their 6-week visit to the United States.
CCC&TI donated approximately 200 desktop computers to Caldwell County Schools. We’re thankful for our community partnerships and happy to assist with providing technology for local students and educators.

As part of a district-wide professional development day, every Caldwell County traditional high school teacher toured CCC&TI’s Caldwell Campus. Local educators toured campus and learned about several program areas.

To complete the pediatric lab, CCC&TI Associate Degree Nursing students were invited to bring their children to class for practicing clear communication at a child’s eye-level, measuring growth and development, giving physicals and taking vitals. The pediatric lab is a component of the Associate in Nursing degree and focuses on the health and well-being of children from infant to 18 years.

The Watauga Campus hosted the NC Association of Community College Presidents meeting in July 2021. Along with community college presidents from across the state, leadership from the North Carolina Community College System Office also participated.
CCC&TI opened the new Biopharmaceutical Technology program labs and classrooms to its first students in 2021. The investment includes a simulated cleanroom with a fully functioning fill line that emulates the environment that students will encounter in the pharmaceutical industry. The program’s 2020 launch was a response to the area’s growing biopharma cluster, as well as the recruitment of a new pharmaceutical manufacturer, BioNutra, that chose Caldwell County for its new U.S. facility. The project was developed with input from Lenoir-based Exela Pharma Sciences and Stallergenes Greer, two of the area’s largest biopharma employers, as well as funding from Future Forward Economic Alliance and Charles A. Cannon Charitable Trust.
CCC&TI launched the **Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technology** program in Fall 2021. The classes and labs are offered on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson, as well as on a regional basis in the future through a mobile program that will travel throughout Northwest North Carolina. The program will prepare individuals for employment as entry-level transportation service technicians. Funding for the program came from the Golden LEAF Foundation’s Community Based Grants Initiative. In 2021, CCC&TI was awarded nearly $1.1 million to develop and implement the program to serve a 9-county region in Western North Carolina.

Thanks to a $23 million grant from the **North Carolina General Assembly**, CCC&TI is making plans for a health sciences facility, which will be the first new building construction on the Caldwell Campus in approximately 15 years. Currently, CCC&TI’s health sciences programs occupy 55,000 square feet of space spread among five buildings. The goal of the project is to put all health sciences programs under one roof, while providing updated equipment in a simulated health care setting. Also funded by a grant from the N.C. General Assembly, CCC&TI is planning a $5 million, 10,000-square-foot expansion to the existing Occupational Training Facility on the Watauga Campus in Boone. The project will provide space for the new construction trades programs and expanded space for nursing programs.

The Watauga Campus hosted an open house to celebrate the new **Student Services Center**, which opened in early 2020. Event guests included government and business leaders from Watauga and Caldwell Counties. Speakers for the event included CCC&TI Board of Trustees Chairman Larry Taylor, CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch, Watauga County Board of Commissioners Chairman John Welch, Boone Area Chamber of Commerce President and CEO David Jackson and Architect John Cort, whose firm designed the building.
In front of a crowd of elected officials, business leaders, educators and corporate partners, CCC&Ti hosted the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Electrical Lineworker Training Center. The 7,500-square-foot building, located on Roy E. Coffey Drive in Hudson adjacent to CCC&Ti’s outdoor Electrical Lineworker pole yard, opened in 2021 but the ribbon cutting was delayed to Spring 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The facility features a large main room with four 33-foot poles, modern classrooms and faculty office space, with a goal of providing an indoor space for training in evenings and during inclement weather, as well as additional capacity to produce more graduates. The project was funded by grants from Duke Energy, Blue Ridge Energy, the Cannon Foundation and the Connect N.C. Bond.

In January 2022, HVAC and Plumbing classes were launched on the Watauga Campus. Plans to expand Construction Trades offerings on the Watauga Campus are included in facility enhancements for the Occupational Training Facility.

During the 2021-2022 academic year, CCC&Ti Continuing Education and Workforce Development provided 122 customized training sessions to more than 1,350 individuals at 20 companies.
CCC&TI expanded its welding lab capacity on the Caldwell Campus in 2021, using labs in J Building previously dedicated to the college’s engineering programs. The engineering programs were moved to the new Paul H. Broyhill Center for Advanced Technologies in 2021, which freed up space on the main campus to allow for the welding expansion and the new biopharmaceutical space. The expansion more than doubled the college’s welding lab space.
The public got its first look inside the new Paul H. Broyhill Center for Advanced Technologies facility in Hudson during a ribbon cutting and open house event in late 2021. Government, education and business leaders, as well as family and friends of the building’s namesake, the late Paul H. Broyhill, gathered in the parking lot at the corner of Pine Mountain Road and Hickory Boulevard in Hudson for the ceremony. Located in a 13,600-square-foot former retail building, the new facility focuses on preparing students for technology and manufacturing jobs.

A new sign was installed near U.S. 321 in Hudson for the Transportation and Public Services (TAPS) Center. The property is home to the Truck Driver Training, Public Services and Automotive program, as well as the Paul H. Broyhill Center for Advanced Technologies.
The first of several summer Kids in the Kitchen classes kicked off in June 2022 on the Watauga Campus. The group spent the week learning to make delicious pizza. Activities included dough tossing, dessert making and learning the basics of the kitchen.

The Caldwell Campus hosted a series of Extreme Super Summer camps for kids, including robots, science and baton twirling. Students in the Little Bots class, for ages 8 and under, spent the week learning about robots, coding and problem solving.

The Transitional Studies Café program students spent more than 1,000 hours volunteering in our community at Walgreens, Caldwell Senior Center, CCC&TI Transitional Studies department, and Caldwell County Communities in Schools. These students also participated in Project Unify with Early College students.

The Watauga Campus SGA sponsored a Skiing and Snowboarding trip to Appalachian Ski Mountain. Students donated $5 each to the Foundation of CCC&TI for a night of skiing and snowboarding.
CCC&TI hosted a Cobra Family Fest on the Caldwell Campus in the summer of 2022, allowing the community to tour the campus and learn about educational opportunities. Families enjoyed lots of fun activities from our various program areas in the gym, pizza, free Cobra tees, snowballs, popcorn, and so much more.
The Culinary Arts program, with help from a Foundation of CCC&TI grant, donated 60 hams to the Casting Bread Food Pantry in Watauga County. The hams were given to needy families in the area for the holidays.

Watauga Campus students volunteered their artwork to help support Yokefellow’s Empty Bowls fundraising event. Handmade bowls were thrown by instructor Laura Aultman and their clay surfaces designed by the students in her Two-Dimensional Design and Three-Dimensional Design and Sculpture classes. Twenty-two bowls were donated to the fifth annual Yokefellow Empty Bowl fundraiser, “Empty Bowls: Feeding Our Neighbors.” The event is a collaboration between artists, who create and donate handmade bowls, and local chefs, who prepare meals, in an effort to raise proceeds to support local food pantries. Guests to the event make a donation and receive a handcrafted bowl and a meal.

The Culinary Arts program prepared a Christmas meal for the Shelter Home of Caldwell County for a sixth year. The meal was funded by a grant from the Foundation of CCC&TI with volunteer help from current and former students.

The Transitional Studies department began a community partnership with Lenoir Housing Authority and opened a comprehensive family literacy program serving English Language Learners and High School Equivalency students and their children.
The HUB Station in Hudson hosted the Fine Arts - Music, Fine Arts - Visual Arts and Culinary Arts programs during a community showcase. Guests enjoyed delicious food, live music and art by our talented students.
Caldwell Campus Culinary Arts students partnered with Vintage Cafe & Bakery to prepare 25 orange marmalade cakes for the grand opening of The Mitford Museum at HUB Station in Hudson.

CCC&TI students and faculty provided services to local veterans at the 2021 Foothills Winter Stand Down at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. The Foothills Veterans Winter Stand Down is a collaborative effort by the Foothills Area Stand Down Committee, CCC&TI and NCWorks Career Centers to bring about awareness along with community resources to address the needs of our veteran’s population with respect to at-risk veterans, clothing needs, educational/medical resources, etc.

Students on both campuses made homemade Valentines. The Watauga Campus creations were taken to three different nursing homes in Watauga County. Valentines from the Caldwell Campus went to the J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center in Morganton.
After taking a break at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Associate of Fine Arts - Music program resumed hosting the Performing Artist Series during the 2021-2022 academic year. The lineup of artists who performed in free concerts on the Caldwell Campus included The Hayes String Quartet, Stone’s Throw, The Page Brothers (pictured), The World Wide Acoustic Quartet and the CCC&TI Choral Ensemble.

The 33rd annual Laurette LePrevost Writers Symposium featured an online book discussion with William Sturkey, author of Hattiesburg: An American City in Black and White. Dr. Sturkey is an Assistant Professor of History at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he teaches courses on African American history and the history of the American South. His work has appeared in The Atlantic, the Washington Post, the New York Times, the Journal of Mississippi History, the Journal of African American History, and numerous other publications.
CCC&TI celebrated the 24th edition of *Branches* - CCC&TI’s literary arts magazine. Receptions were hosted on both campuses, with many of the writers and artists featured in the magazine present for the event.

The Learning Resource Centers on both campuses hosted Sept. 11 exhibits for the 20th anniversary of the tragic day. Among the items on display were short essays written by CCC&TI students on the 5th anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001.
The men’s basketball team won the Region 10/Atlantic Division 1 tournament, beating USC-Salkehatchie 68-66. It was the program’s first Region 10 title since moving to Division 1. The team earned a bid to the NJCAA National Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., where they fell to Triton College in the first round. The team finished with an overall record of 25-8. Toyaz Solomon was named First-Team All-Region, as well as Region 10 Newcomer of the Year. Caleb Mauldin was named Second-Team All-Region.
Partnerships On and Off the Court

Head Coach Jamison McIver was chosen as the NJCAA Division 1 Men’s Basketball Coach of the Year for the Atlantic District. McIver, in his fourth season as head coach, led the Cobras to a 25-8 record this season, a Region 10 Championship and a berth in the NJCAA National Championship Tournament.
The CCC&TI softball team finished the regular season with a 32-9 record, tied for second place in Region 10 Division 2. The team made appearances in the NJCAA Softball Division 2 poll, peaking at No. 18. It was the most wins in a season in CCC&TI softball history. After elimination from the Region 10 Division II tournament Thursday following losses to Pitt and Florence-Darlington, the Cobras finished the season 33-11.

Five student-athletes were named to All-Region 10 Division II softball teams for the 2022 season. Kiara Dewey and Brittney Reynolds were All-Region 10 first-team selections, along with Lauren Anderson and Ashlyn Castle on the second team and Christa Walsh All-Region 10 third team.
The Cobras baseball team made it all the way to the National Junior College Association Division III World Series in Greeneville, Tenn., following a championship 2022 season. The Cobras won both the Region 10 Championship and Mid-Atlantic District Championship to advance to the national competition as the top-ranked team. The Cobras fell to 5th-ranked Dallas College-Eastfield in the semifinal elimination game on May 31 with a final score of 11-1. It was the second elimination game of the day for the Cobras, who earlier in the afternoon bested St. Cloud in a 4-0 shutout to advance to the semifinal game. The Cobras ended the season 49-9 and third in the nation for the division.

Tyler Bradley, Hayden Setzer and Seth Willis were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Cole Hales was named the Region 10 Player of the Year. He had a .335 batting average for the season, with 39 RBI and 61 runs scored. He also drew 40 walks on the season (3rd in the nation) and had a .469 on base percentage. Spencer Ledford was named the Region 10 Pitcher of the Year. The right hander had 11 starts this season, going 9-0. He had a 2.94 ERA with 80 strikeouts in 64.1 innings of work.

Student athletes Cole Hales, Mason Lyda, Breon Ishmael, Michael Logan, Spencer Ledford and Seth Willis were named NJCAA Baseball Division III First Team All-Region. Second Team All-Region selections included catcher Jacob Bebber, infielders Jermie Greene and Tyler Bradley, and pitcher Hayden Setzer.

Four baseball players were named to the 2022 NJCAA Division III Baseball All-America Teams: Cole Hales, Seth Willis, Breon Ishmael and Spencer Ledford.
Frank Pait was named Region 10 Division III Coach of the Year. He led the Cobras to the Region 10 Championship in the program’s second full season of competition. Under his leadership during the 2021-2022 season, the Cobras also achieved a No. 1 ranking in the NJCAA Division III Baseball Poll (first top ranking in school history in any sport). Including the 2020 season that was canceled due to COVID, Caldwell has a record of 78-26 under Coach Pait, including 36-0 in Region 10 Division III regular season contests.

 CCC&TI hosted the 19th Annual Cobra Classic Golf Tournament on October 14 at Cedar Rock Country Club in Lenoir. The winning foursome was Kevin Brookshire, Cameron McCrary, Lawrence Laws and Brady Childers with a score of 54. Proceeds from the Cobra Classic help sustain operating costs within the CCC&TI athletic department, which receives zero state funding. All of the financial proceeds from the tournament go directly to the athletic program to be used for travel, equipment, uniforms, officials, insurance and maintaining effective recruitment programs.
Partners Achieving Excellence

A group of CCC&TI and Caldwell Early College High School students, known as the Kármán Seekers, competed in the statewide NASA/NC Space Grant Community College High-Altitude Balloon Competition at Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC) in Hickory, falling short of a first-place finish by only a few points. CCC&TI tied with Wake Tech for second place in the overall competition, with Nash Community College topping the competition rankings. At 92,205 feet, CCC&TI’s team was only 1,500 feet short of the top altitude in the competition. The team won the award for Closest to Predicted Landing Site at approximately 15.5 miles. The balloon landed near the Alamance and Chatham County line in a wooded area. The next closest competitor landed their balloon 26 miles from the predicted site.
Long-time Board of Trustees member Tom Thuss (above) was honored for his years of service to the college. Thuss had been a Board of Trustees member for 24 years, from 1997 to 2021.

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch was inducted into the Caldwell County Schools Hall of Honor at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in 2021. Dr. Poarch’s plaque is on display at West Caldwell High School.

CCC&TI won the Top Campus Award for the NC Community College System at the 2022 N4CSGA Spring Conference Banquet in Durham. The award recognizes the Student Government Association’s outstanding involvement and interaction on campus as well as in the community.

According to Student Training and Education in Public Service (STEPS), CCC&TI ranks No. 6 nationally among 2-year schools for online Emergency Management programs. STEPS is a community of public service specialists and experts that offers advice and resources on degrees and careers in public service.

Transitional Studies instructors Sophie Brown, Ana Pacheco, Meghan Edmisten, Jennifer Robson, Megan Norwood, and Dana Rosario earned the North Carolina Community College System Core Credential in Adult Education.
Associate in Fine Arts Music Degree Program Director Justin Butler was elected to the executive board of the North Carolina Community College System Associate of Fine Arts Association. He served as the statewide representative for Associate in Fine Arts Music programs during his two-year term. The election was held at the association’s annual conference, which represents Music, Visual Arts and Theatre programs from all the 58 community colleges across North Carolina. The association includes a membership of community college faculty/deans, UNC system Music/Art/Theatre faculty/deans, and community arts organizations, with every member holding voting rights.

Workforce Development Instructor and Trainer Tim Wallace earned his Manager of Environmental Safety and Health (MESH) certificate.

Dean of Career and Technical Education Dr. Keegan Anderson earned his Doctorate in Education from North Carolina State University in December 2021.

To show appreciation for all of their hard work, CCC&Ti employees were treated to free pizza, salad and drinks from Village Inn Pizza.
The Community’s College Foundation Annual Fund Drive
Foundation Sets New Fundraising Record

The Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute set a new fund-raising record in 2022 and had a monumental surprise gift, both of which were announced at a festive Fund Drive celebration Aug. 2, 2022 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center.

“I am proud to be a part of a community that has such a big heart,” Foundation of CCC&TI Chairwoman Peg Broyhill said to a group of supporters and community leaders. “Every single one of you has made such a difference in helping lead our community’s college into the future.”

Broyhill announced that the 2022 fund drive set a new one-year fundraising record with more than $650,000 raised to support the Foundation’s mission, as well as an anonymous pledge of $1 million.

“It’s about families and jobs and the people and businesses that we interact with every day,” Broyhill said. “Preparing students for the future is simply the best investment you can make for yourself and your community.”

Echoing the importance of the Foundation’s contributions to the college and community, Caldwell County Economic Development Commission Executive Director and Foundation of CCC&TI Vice Chair Deborah Murray said the record high fundraising reflects the community’s love for CCC&TI.

“It’s not about fundraising – it’s about changing lives,” Murray said. “It’s a high, high calling, and you folks have answered.”

CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch thanked Foundation supporters and community partners that helped the Foundation raise record amounts during difficult times. He also thanked CCC&TI employees and students for their support of the fund drive.

“Wow, wow, wow – the support the community provides to this institution just blows me away,” Poarch said. “You all have stepped up and supported this institution in ways that I never thought were possible.”
Poarch said the fund drive’s success in recent years has enabled CCC&TI to add new programs and facilities, and better serve the needs of students and the community. And, Poarch explained, the college has plans for more growth as well as major expansions on both the Caldwell and Watauga campuses. “We’re just getting started,” Poarch said. “This community believes in us, it invests in us, and, in turn, our job is to respond to the needs of our community. I’m glad to be a part of it.”

2021 Mini-Grant Awards

A total of $15,000 of Academic Support Funds from the Foundation was awarded in mini-grants to help fund the following projects last year. Mini grants allow faculty and staff to propose an innovative project of up to $3,000 that directly ties to instruction and the college's strategic plan.

Nancy Risch, Cate Shiles, and Justin Butler – “A Transfer Experience for Students”
Planned university trips allow transfer students to visit UNC Charlotte, Appalachian State University and Western Carolina University, where students can tour the campuses, meet with transfer advisors and successful transfer students, and experience a taste of campus life. These visits will aid students in transitioning seamlessly and successfully to a university to complete their desired course of study.

Laura Benton and Phoebe Greene – “In the LRC”
LRC events are a highlight of the CCC&TI experience, whether in-person, distanced or virtual. Students on both campuses will be able to participate in Grab-n-Go sessions, Night Owl events and other various academic activities. Each event can be reconceived if needed to account for socially distanced or virtual options.

Jimmie Griffith – “What’s Next Series”
This project provides assistance to students and the community beyond academics, including employability and self-improvement skills training, career preparation, financial literacy, self-care, life skills, employer presentations, job fairs and job placement. Monthly workshops and presentations, along with quarterly job fairs will be offered.

Keith Andreasen – “Women’s Shelter Christmas Dinner and Holiday Hams for Casting Bread”
On Christmas Day, culinary students engaged in community service by preparing, cooking and delivering a hot meal to the Caldwell Women’s Shelter. Also, hams were purchased and distributed to Casting Bread Food Bank in Watauga County.

Edward Terry and Allan Johnson – “CCC&TI Scenic Overlook Kiosk”
This project engages prospective students and the public via the installation of a scenic overlook kiosk which advertises the Watauga Campus programs, activities, and facilities along an aesthetic view of the mountains and valleys. The kiosk also incorporates educational information about the surrounding area.
Foundation Names Dream Scholars

The Foundation of CCC&TI welcome another class of 41 Dream Scholars in 2021. Recipients are selected from among sixth-grade students in Caldwell and Watauga counties. Those selected must be first-generation college students who have demonstrated academic achievement, school or civic involvement and the potential to succeed. Funded through private donations to the Foundation, the program guarantees free tuition to local students to attend CCC&TI upon graduation.

2021 Dream Award Recipients

Tristan Barlow, Granite Falls Middle School
* Debbie Yount Dream Award
Zain Benfield, Mabel School
Liberty Bolick, Hudson Middle School
Jonathan Botello, Parkway School
Kalani Brown, Hardin Park School
Madison Caldwell, Collettsville School
Ava Carignan, Valle Crucis School
Josephine Cornett, Valle Crucis School
Lillian Crosswell, Blowing Rock School
Crawley Dawkins-Young, Hudson Middle School
Isabelle Diaz Torres, Kings Creek School
Karsyn Drum, Hudson Middle School
Kathryn Drum, Gamewell Middle School
Layah Dula, William Lenoir Middle School
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Aaliah Macias, William Lenoir Middle School
Mario Martinez-Munoz, William Lenoir Middle School
* Dr. Tony Deal Dream Award
Emma Miller, Green Valley School
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* Dwight and Rose Church Dream Award
First Horizon Foundation Donation

The First Horizon Foundation made a $5,000 grant donation to the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. The Foundation of CCC&TI funds scholarships, academic support, childcare, emergency assistance, counseling, professional development and various achievement awards and grants. First Horizon Bank Vice President of Commercial Banking David Martin (far left) and First Horizon Bank Market President Jason Triplett (center right) presented the grant award to CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch (center left) and Foundation of CCC&TI Executive Director Marla Christie on the Caldwell Campus. First Horizon Foundation is the private charitable foundation of First Horizon National Corporation. Founded in 1993 to serve the communities in which First Horizon operates, the Foundation has donated more than $100 million across First Horizon’s footprint.

Bernhardt Family Scholarship Assists Single Parents

Eleven years after being established the Bernhardt Family Scholarship program continues to assist 15 single parents who are first-generation college students. Each semester, Bernhardt Scholars are awarded $1,000 to complete their programs are assigned mentors to help provide educational and personal guidance through their educational journey at CCC&TI. This year, the Foundation Office offered various activities for the group to attend, including a Holiday Drop-In and a wellness workshop presented by the Counseling Services Department. The Foundation is pleased to be able to help assist with the unique challenges of this special student population where success truly impacts the whole family.

2021-2022 Bernhardt Scholars:

- Shelby Anderson
- Heather Bay
- Jennifer Church
- Sherry Crane
- Jennifer De La Sancha
- Mandy Franklin
- Valerie Gragg
- Bethany Hardin
- Taylor Lowdermilk
- Kayla McCloud
- Leslie Miller
- Kara Potter
- Sarah Preston
- Sonie Sellars
- Ashley Sutton
La-Z-Boy Foundation Donation

The La-Z-Boy Foundation donated $2,500 to the Foundation of CCC&TI. La-Z-Boy Case Goods Vice President of Marketing Max Dyer presented the check to CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch and CCC&TI Foundation Executive Director Marla Christie.

Bernhardt students and mentors gather for a holiday drop-in before exam time.
CCC&TI Foundation Announces Scholarship Recipient

Biopharmaceutical Technology student Taylor Bradley Russell of Granite Falls was the 2021-2022 recipient of the Harold F. Coffey Scholarship from the Foundation of CCC&TI, while he was working toward an Associate in Applied Science in Electrical Systems Technology as well as a certificate in Mechatronics.

Established by the Coffey Foundation in memory of Harold Coffey, the scholarship is merit-based and provides $2,500 annually to a graduate of Caldwell County Schools or a graduate of a certified Caldwell County home school who does not qualify for a Pell Grant. The graduate must also have a minimum GPA of 3.5 and have demonstrated civic or community involvement. The scholarship provides funds to cover the cost of tuition, books and supplies for a student who enrolls in either an Associate in Science or Associate in Applied Science program of study at CCC&TI.

CCC&TI Foundation Hosts Alumni Event

CCC&TI hosted its first Alumni Social on Feb. 10 on the Caldwell Campus. Alumni enjoyed networking, refreshments and giveaways followed by the Cobras vs. USC-Salk basketball game. Alumni are invited to join the college’s Alumni Association to stay up-to-date with college news and upcoming events. It is free to join at www.cccti.edu/Alumni.
A Message to Our Donors

What a magnificent year for the CCC&TI Foundation! I am humbled by your generosity as I reflect on a record year of contributions. Through your support, CCC&TI continues to be a catalyst for the ever-changing needs of our area. The value you place on education is vital to the future and success of our community.

Thank you to all our donors and fund drive volunteers who understand the amazing impact CCC&TI has on the community. We are grateful for this year’s team captains who championed our cause and were especially important in helping us reach our milestone year: Barbara Freiman, Joan McGee, Deborah Murray, Dr. Mark Poarch, Guy Walters and Wade Wilmoth. We also appreciate CCC&TI’s faculty and staff for kicking off our efforts with their own collective contribution of over $32,000.

Special thanks for the support from several area leaders who helped boost the understanding of the incredible impact CCC&TI has on the community:

Chief Dino DiBernardi, Emergency Director, Caldwell Co. Emergency Services
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Lisa Keller, Nursing Administration Recruitment, Caldwell UNC Health Care
Mayor Janet Winkler, Town of Hudson

Because of your commitment, CCC&TI is helping more students than ever before with tuition, student aid and academic support to ensure a successful future for families and our community. By supporting the Foundation, you are not only helping recent high school graduates, but many adult learners who would otherwise not be able to complete or further their education.

Thank you again for another wonderful year and stepping up to a cause that makes such a remarkable difference in changing lives. Your generosity has provided hope for countless families for generations to come. CCC&TI is the Community’s College.

Warmest Appreciation,

Peg M. Broyhill, Chair
The Foundation of CCC&TI, Inc.

2022 Annual Fund Drive Priorities
The Foundation of CCC&TI, Inc.

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## CCC&TI Financial Report

### Revenue

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State funds - funds for current operating and plant fund expenses as provided in General Statutes 115D-31. The items of expense in this fund include salaries and other costs to carry out the functions of general administration, instructional services and support services.

Local funds - county funds for current operating and capital outlay expenses as provided in General Statute 115D-32.

Institutional funds - loan funds, scholarship funds, auxiliary enterprises, state, private, and federal grants and contracts, endowment funds and agency funds.

### Expenditures

#### 2021
- Auxiliary Enterprise ...............965,593.83
- Student Financial Aid ............3,738,338.21
- Operations & Maintenance ......4,168,360.30
- Institutional Support ............5,701,947.91
- Student Services .................3,452,941.44
- Academic Support .................2,044,346.53
- Instruction ........................16,719,199.35
- Total ..............................36,790,727.57

#### 2022
- Auxiliary Enterprise ...............1,170,111.37
- Student Financial Aid ............7,385,436.76
- Operations & Maintenance ......3,641,036.95
- Institutional Support ............7,513,433.66
- Student Services .................4,406,786.76
- Academic Support .................2,380,689.00
- Instruction ........................17,582,179.00
- Total ..............................44,079,673.50

![Revenue Chart](chart1.png)

![Expenditures Chart](chart2.png)
**Tributes**

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 of CCC&TI gratefully acknowledges following tributes received July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

**Honoraria:**
- In honor of Brock Beck to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive: Charles and Rebecca Beck
- In honor of Olivia Stephanie Varela Bigley to the Career and College Promise Fund: Josie Varela
- In honor of Dr. Kenneth Boham to the Dr. Ken and Betty Boham Scholarship: Donna Church
- In honor of Peg Broyhill to the Margaret “Peg” Broyhill Scholarship on the occasion of Christmas: Marla Christie, Laurin Dula, Shaina Dyson, Lynn Holder
- In honor of Peg Broyhill, Marla Christie, Donna Church and Susan Wooten to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive: James Sponenberg, III
- In honor of Peg Broyhill and Ginny Herman to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive: Emelyne Williams
- In honor of the CCC&TI Board of Trustees to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive: Billy Winkler, III
- In honor of CCC&TI Faculty to Institutional Support: Stacy Reagan
- In honor of Marc and Bennie Carpenter to the Boyd Wilson Family Scholarship: Boyd Wilson, Jr.
- In honor of Chick-fil-A at Smith Crossroads to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive: Mike and Jessica Sheley
- In honor of Rose Church to the Dwight and Rose Church Dream Scholarship: Jerry Church
- In honor of Patricia and Jerry Church to the Dwight and Rose Church Dream Scholarship: Rose Church
- In honor of Hannah Clark to the Minority Male Mentoring Program: Kate Benoit
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- In honor of Jimmy Hemphill to the Jimmy Hemphill Scholarship: Jeff and Rita Jones
- In honor of Sonny Hines on the occasion of his 90th birthday: Harriet Hines
- In honor of Randy Ledford and Instruction: Stacy Reagan
- In honor of Fred Piercy to Student Aid for the 2022 Annual Fund Drive: Charles and Dawanna Downs
- In honor of Dr. Mark Poarch to the Dr. Mark Poarch Scholarship: Donna Church
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- In honor of Sara Putzell to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive: Carol Senf
- In honor of Liz Silvers to the 2022 Annual Fund Drive: Kate Benoit
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- In honor of Mary Frances Sullivan to General Scholarships: Jeanne Whitnall
- In honor of Marty Waters to the Linda C. Waters Art Fund: William Salsbury
- In honor of Hugh Wilson to the Hugh and Martha Wilson Scholarship: Roger and Karen Gripp

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