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*"Western is a great place to study. What better way to go to school than to be surrounded by beautiful mountain scenery."*

► **Nishelle Caudill**  
**North Davidson '02**  
Major—Elementary  
Education

Impressed by the strong reputation of the *Pride of the Mountains* Marching Band, Nishelle chose to study at Western and earned a place as both a flute player and staff coordinator for the band, which is managed by students. She started out as a music major but switched to elementary education with a focus on history and a minor in music. She was selected for the North Carolina Teaching Fellows program, which pays her tuition to Western in exchange for her commitment to teach one year in a public school for every year she accepts the scholarship. She says the program is giving her great experiences as a teacher before she ever steps into her own classroom.

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