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► **Cara Cavacos**  
**South Mecklenburg '03**  
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Education

Cara decided to study at Western to be close to a friend on campus and because she likes the lovely mountain location. She says she had some difficulty adjusting to the small campus, but finds she appreciates the lack of big-city distractions and the opportunity for more one-on-one time with her professors. She switched her major from nursing and is working toward a career as a kindergarten teacher, perhaps at the Mecklenburg County school where she was a student.

Cara recently was featured in an article in *USA Today* about Western's success in retaining good students.

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