

The Chalkboard

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Those Who Serve...

A "NOTE" From Andrew Blair

I'm a Music Education major with an emphasis in applied percussion. Last semester, I opened a student recital program. This semester I will be making my soloist debut at the NC Percussive Arts Society Convention. I will also be performing a duet with one of the members of the WCU Percussion studio at the convention. I auditioned for and made the Spirit Drum and Bugle Corps Drum-line, which is one of the top 10 marching music organizations in the world. I also recently composed a suite of three pieces of music that will be published by C-Alan Publications, one of the foremost names in modern music publication. I will be spending the summer performing in parts of both the Eastern Music Festival in Greensboro, NC and the Spoleto Festival in Charleston, SC. I have also been contracted to teach percussion symposiums and drum line camps in NC, SC, and VA.

Ecological Spark with Cory Braun

I'm a Social Sciences Education Major, focusing in History. I attended a meeting recently where Legislature led a discussion concerning the flow of the Linville River. The presentation was compiled by Duke Power, which owns the system of reservoirs along the Catawba. When I went up to speak, I said that scientific studies showed that the planet is getting warmer, and water is something that will become an issue of increasing conflict in the future, so therefore the members needed to think carefully about transferring such a huge amount of water away from a basin that will surely see a large amount of growth in the future. The basin will need all the water that it can get. I also made the point that the committee needed to make a decision using less-biased research. I suggested that they get information from several neutral, scientifically-based sources. Several members, including the chairman, agreed that

they needed to hire independent consultants and engineers to help research the water transfer. This was my first time speaking at a public meeting, and it was my father's first time before a legislative committee in Raleigh. My father began conservation work twelve years ago, and started the Citizens to Save Lake James movement and organization, to challenge Duke Power's development along Lake James, which is a few miles outside our home town of Morganton, NC. He began the organization after he saw that a Bald Eagle was nesting in the new development. After eight years of work, we managed to acquire over 10,000 acres along the shoreline of the lake that will be reserved for public use, and can never be developed. We also got much stricter development guidelines put in place. This movement sparked more ecological movements on the Catawba River and has helped give guidelines for other conservation organizations.

Dates to Remember

- ✓ **February 16-** Student Special Requests for March 13 Commission Meeting to Lynne Stewart
- ✓ **February 16-** Requests to Delay Participation in Summer Experiences due to Gladys Graves or Melissa Churchwell
- ✓ **February 17-** Open House- Remember to sign up!
- ✓ **February 24-** Regional Screening on Western. Sign up with Jackie.
- ✓ **March 5-9-** Senior Orientation Week
- ✓ **March 5-11-** SPRING BREAK
- ✓ **March 12-16-** Senior Orientation Week
- ✓ **March 16-** Changes in Junior Enrichment Selection Due to Melissa Churchwell
- ✓ **March 17-** Open House- Sign up with Jackie.
- ✓ **March 19-23-** Senior Orientation Week
- ✓ **March 20-21-** 5 Year Evaluation at Western. Sign up with Jackie to help.
- ✓ **March 24-** Teaching Fellows Formal. In the UC, bring a date or come with friends!

When The Stars Turn Blue

What is the biggest event of the semester on THIS campus? TEACHING FELLOWS FORMAL! That's right. We are having a formal of our own on Saturday, March 24 in the UC. We have spared no expense to make this night a great one! Our theme is When the Stars Turn Blue. The Social Committee has done a great job deciding on decorations and refreshments. Come with friends or bring a date, we can't wait!!

Evaluations and Screening

This year is a big year for WCU. We will not only be holding Regional Screening for the Teaching Fellows Finalists, we will also be having our Five Year Evaluation. Regional Screening will be held on Saturday, February 24th in Killian. A special thanks to everyone for participating in this event and for helping the finalists and the interview committees comfortable. Fellows will be holding registration, showing all Finalists to their designated room, ensuring that the interview committees have everything

they need, conversing with and answering questions for all parents and Finalists, and helping set up and break down the event. March the 20th and 21st, we will be having special visitors from the Raleigh stay on campus and evaluate our program. It is our job to simply show them how awesome we are! There are also Open Houses on February 17th and March 17. Don't forget to sign up to help out with these events! Be Loud, Be Proud, Wear Purple, and Show them that WCU Teaching Fellows

BIRTHDAYS!!!

JANUARY

- 2- MEGAN CHAMBLEE
- 4- STEPHANIE BLUE
- 5- PHILLIP HARRIS
- 9- CASEY BLACK
- 9- JENNIE MCDUFFIE
- 15- LESLI WILLIAMS
- 19- KATIE HONEYCUTT
- 21- LYDIA POETKER

- 22- KELSEY ELLER
- 22- ANNA MCCLINTOCK
- 23- MARGARET BRADSHAW
- 25- LEE FISHER
- 28- AMY ADAIR

FEBRUARY

- 2- NIKKI CABE

- 6- DAVID GIFT
- 7- JOHN MCDARIS
- 11- MAEGAN CLARK
- 17- ANDREW MAPLES
- 18- LAUREN KANNA
- 19- JASMINE WILSON
- 22- LEAH SETZER
- 24- MEGAN GREER
- 26- JAMIE EDWARDS
- 26- MARIN MULKEY

MARCH

- 1- AMANDA SHIRK
- 1- MESHIA KERLEY
- 3- ZACHARY FERGUSON
- 11- EMILY BROWN
- 15- SOPHI COX
- 17- EMILY COLLMAN
- 18- KIMBERLY JACKSON
- 19- JASON STANLEY

- 25- APRIL HICKS
- 27- ANGELA CRAWFORD
- 28- ANDREA CLARK
- 29- HALI ASHAN DAVIS
- 31- SARAH TODD



Happy Birthday Teaching Fellows!!

PICTURES!!! Boy, do we love looking at ourselves!



Want your pictures in our newsletter?? Submit them to [ec50271@wcu.edu!](mailto:ec50271@wcu.edu)

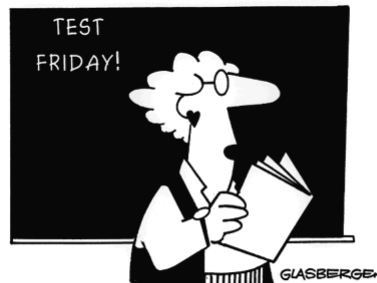


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"I don't like to give a lot of homework over the weekend, so just read every other word."

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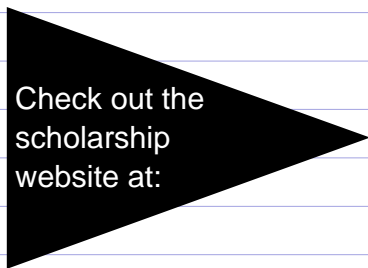


"Class, I've got a lot of material to cover, so to save time I won't be using vowels today. Nw lts bgn, pls trn t pg 122."



WCU Teaching Fellows

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Guest Speaker @ Recruitment- Sally Hundley– for inspiring all of us and making us laugh, then bringing us to tears, then making

us laugh again

All Fellows– for helping make Recruitment Day a success and for your dedication to our program.

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To Everyone Who makes TF a reality– Thank You!

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Obrigado!

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