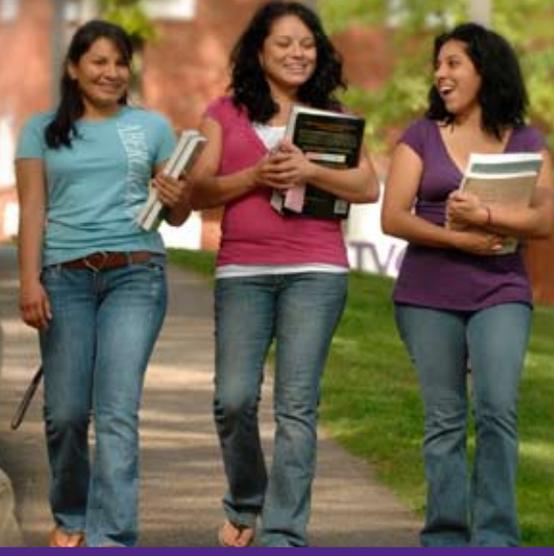


### University of North Carolina Tomorrow



Leading  
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*WCU commits in its UNC Tomorrow response to expand (clockwise from right) recruitment and retention of Latino students and other historically underrepresented populations, educational and partnership opportunities in engineering, and physical therapy.*

## New Degrees, Buildings, Policy Changes Part of WCU's Response to UNC Tomorrow

Adding a bachelor of science in engineering, a master's in environmental science and a doctor of physical therapy to degrees offered at WCU are among the ways Western plans to respond to the most pressing needs of North Carolinians, as identified in the University of North Carolina Tomorrow report.

Other proposals in WCU's most recent response to the UNC Tomorrow effort include establishing a branch campus in Henderson County, constructing a College of Education and Allied Professions building and developing the "health neighborhood" component of the Millennial Initiative. The health neighborhood would be a cluster of health-related academic buildings, research facilities, private businesses and industries, and housing.

Many of these proposals may sound familiar, and that's good news for WCU: That means the plans for the future that Western's leaders have been crafting for years position the university to respond to the needs prioritized in the recently

released UNC Tomorrow report – needs such as improving public education and aiding economic transformation. The UNC Tomorrow report is guiding the system's plans and resource allocations, and each UNC institution had to submit a response to the UNC Tomorrow report identifying how each will address its needs. "At Western, we were most of the way down this road already," said Bardo during a campus forum in which he shared WCU's response.

Bardo said initiatives chosen for inclusion in the report can be supported by resources reallocated or obtained for them within the next five years and will produce verifiable or measurable results. They also fit with the university's integrative, intentional learning model set out in the university's Quality Enhancement Plan, and with WCU's commitment to serving the region as a steward of place – a commitment that guided recent changes to WCU's tenure, promotion and reappointment policies.

For each major report finding, WCU's response includes "flag" statements – "bold declarations of where the institution can best serve the interests of North Carolina; that is, where we plan to 'plant our flag.'" They are statements such as "WCU will expand its role as the major provider of allied health and nursing education," and "Through its partnerships with the region's schools and its applied research, WCU will influence public policy and practice with regard to teacher preparation and retention, administrative quality and school performance."

"Those statements really get at the heart of where we intend to develop our niches," said Melissa Wargo, director of assessment. Read all of the flag statements and related proposals in WCU's response, which is posted at [www.wcu.edu/6264.asp](http://www.wcu.edu/6264.asp).

After the university receives feedback on the UNC Tomorrow response, work will begin on the second phase response due in December. That response will propose ways to align WCU's mission, the academic planning process, faculty rewards system, and faculty recruitment and retention with UNC Tomorrow.

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to Regional Planning Effort*

**UNC Tomorrow at WCU**  
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# WCU Resources Help Western North Carolina Plan for Growth

An effort to address growth and development pressures in North Carolina's mountains is tapping Western faculty for organizational and research talent.

In June 2007, government representatives from the state's seven westernmost counties – Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain – and the Qualla Boundary met en masse.

"The intent of the meeting was to gauge interest in promoting responsible development in the western region," said Vickey Wade, director of WCU's Local Government Training Program. The LGTP and the Southwestern Commission, a government office that assists the region in a number of ways, including community development, organized the meeting. A high level of interest among local governments eventually sparked the Mountain Landscapes Initiative, a project to create guidelines for growth in the state's far west.

To introduce the concept, organizers planned a series of community forums where residents could learn about the MLI and offer input on growth and development concerns.

Money from the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, Duke Energy and local governments funded the first phase of the MLI. The Lawrence Group, which offers town planning services and has an office in Davidson, facilitated the forums.

Intent on providing as much existing information as possible to forum facilitators, Wade began contacting fellow faculty members who worked in relevant fields, including mapping, water resources and public policy. "It's a shame to have these resources collect dust on a shelf when they can provide primary source information for an initiative like this," Wade said.

Professors Gibbs Knotts and Chris Cooper, of the department of political science and public affairs, contributed regional political and economic information to the process. Findings from the newest version of the WCU Public Policy Institute's WNC Regional Outlook Report, recently updated by Cooper, Kathleen Brennan, of the department of anthropology and sociology, and Inhyuck "Steve" Ha, an economics professor in the College of Business, provided context on the economy and public opinion.

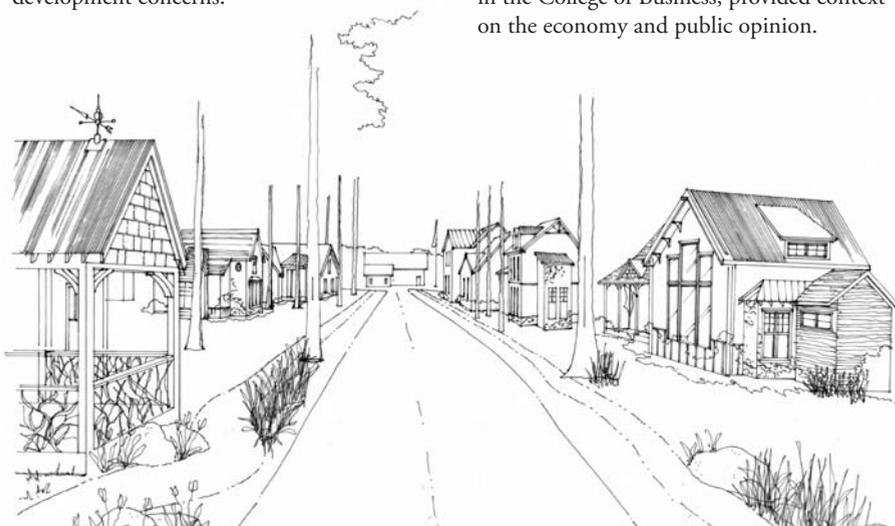
A needs assessment based on interviews and questionnaires that Anthony Hickey, a professor in the department of anthropology and sociology, and his students compiled enlightened Cashiers residents. Joni Bugden-Storie and Ron Davis, professors in the department of geosciences and natural resources, had their students provide planners and residents with GIS-based data and maps that helped them better understand the region's topography.

From those community forums emerged common themes of conservation, the economy and sense of place. An intensive, weeklong, community-led workshop held in May at Western's A. K. Hinds University Center yielded suggested planning and development guidelines related to mountainside and ridgetop development, water quality, protection of farmland and other natural spaces, affordable housing and economic development. These suggestions were presented to a crowd of about 180 on May 20 in the UC theater.

The next phase of the Mountain Landscapes Initiative is the publication of the guidelines – which are purely optional – and their distribution to local elected officials, government planners, real estate agents, developers and people preparing to move to the region. The Southwestern Commission has raised more than \$250,000 toward this effort.

According to Ben Brown, MLI spokesman, the university will continue to be a "big player" in the initiative, with the department of political science and public affairs, the Institute for Watershed Research and Management and the Institute for the Economy and the Future contributing resources.

–By JILL INGRAM



From top, this rendering offers an example of homes that might fit Cashiers in terms of scale and design. Above, a designer's plan reflects some of the suggestions that Cashiers residents participating in the Mountain Landscapes Initiative made for their community, including walkable neighborhoods, affordable housing and manageable traffic and parking. (Drawings courtesy of the Mountain Landscapes Initiative and Daryl Rantis Architects.)



From left, Wendy Ford, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Vickey Wade, director of WCU's Local Government Training Program, and Ginny Faust, senior planner for the western regional office of the N.C. Division of Community Assistance, discuss ideas at a Mountain Landscapes Initiative meeting.

# UNC Tomorrow at WCU

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Initiatives identified under “flag” statements in WCU’s response to UNC Tomorrow include:

- Expand forensic science.
- Expand partnerships with community colleges.
- Expand the Academic Success Program, which enables students to begin their college experience early and provide a complete first year experience to students.
- Enhance the study of languages and culture through partnerships with other UNC campuses and international partners.
- Address the nursing shortage by increasing the number of students seeking master’s degrees in nurse education.
- Implement the Sustainability, Tracking and Rating System, or STARS, to monitor progress toward becoming an environmentally conscious campus.
- Implement P.A.C.E., opportunities to increase efficiency and effectiveness identified by the President’s Advisory Committee on Efficiency and Effectiveness.
- Leverage institutional resources to address critical land use issues, including environmental reclamation, land use planning and sustainable development.
- Respond to the AdvantageWest Vision Plan’s call for development of a “think tank” to analyze regional development needs.
- Better integrate academic programming with regional visual and performing arts and crafts to enhance the livability of the community.
- Boost recruitment and retention activities with historically underrepresented populations in higher education, with special emphasis on the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the emerging Hispanic population.
- Advocate for UNC systemwide policy changes such as fully funding summer school.
- Expand degrees to include a bachelor of science in engineering, master’s in environmental science and a doctor of physical therapy.
- Construct a College of Education and Allied Professions Building.
- Establish a branch campus in Henderson County.
- Develop the “health neighborhood” component of the Millennial Initiative.
- Increase the integration of the Office of Technology Transfer, Center for Rapid Product Realization and the nationally recognized entrepreneurship program to enhance existing business competitiveness and to create new sustainable globally competitive enterprises.

Check out the full WCU response at [www.wcu.edu/6264.asp](http://www.wcu.edu/6264.asp).

—By TERESA KILLIAN



**“This is not just UNC Tomorrow. This is UNC yesterday, today, tomorrow and forever.”**

**—Chancellor John W. Bardo**



*WCU commits in its UNC Tomorrow response to expand educational and partnership opportunities with (from top) forensic science, health care, performing arts, and (below left) education. Below right, Jim Phillips, chairman of the UNC Board of Governors, speaks at a UNC Tomorrow listening forum held at Southwestern Community College.*



## Staff Forum Elects New Members

Twelve new representatives recently were elected to Staff Forum to two-year terms that begin in July.

Newly elected members are: Anne Aldrich, assistant to the provost; Wiley Danner, water treatment specialist in the plumbing shop; Virginia Fowler, assistant director of facilities in residential living; Brenda Holcombe, financial aid counselor; Jeff Hughes, director of A.K. Hinds University Center; Kim Jamison, office assistant in athletics; Thomas C. Johnson, chief of university police; Joe McFalls, housekeeping supervisor in residential living; Kenny Pauley, sports turf manager in athletics; Carrie Shuler, housekeeping supervisor in residential living; Donna Welch, executive assistant in student affairs; and Debbie J. West, assistant to the director of residential living.

For more information, check out <http://staffforum.wcu.edu/>.

## Search Extended for Dean of Education, Allied Professions

Retirement will wait for Michael Dougherty, dean of the College of Education and Allied Professions, who has agreed to continue serving as dean through the end of the fall semester as the search continues for his replacement. Dale Carpenter, associate dean of the college, also will remain in his current position.

Meanwhile, WCU has contracted with Maya Kirkhope, a senior consultant with Academic Search, to lead the next phase of the search for the new dean. The search firm has placed several deans of education, including the dean at the University of Georgia.

Kirkhope will visit WCU in June. Advertising is expected to begin this summer with candidate interviews in early fall. Provost Kyle Carter said the goal is for the new dean to begin as soon as possible after Jan. 1. Wendy Ford, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, will continue to chair the search committee. Check for updates at [www.wcu.edu/334.asp](http://www.wcu.edu/334.asp).



*Suzanne McDowell, curator of the Mountain Heritage Center, and Peter Koch (right), education associate at MHC, set up the plain-style furniture exhibit, of which Steve Lott (center) is a guest curator.*

## Campus Museums Open Furniture Exhibits

As the Mountain Heritage Center welcomed visitors to “The Artistry of Plain-Style Furniture” exhibit, the Fine Art Museum prepared to open a complementary exhibit titled “Contemporary Furniture: Innovation in Wood from Appalachian Traditions.” The plain-style furniture exhibit, available through Dec. 15, celebrates furniture handmade in Western North Carolina during the 1800s and early 1900s. The contemporary furniture exhibit, which runs from Tuesday, June 3, to Saturday, June 28, features fine furniture created by three regional artists. The exhibit openings coincided with a symposium co-hosted by the Mountain Heritage Center and the Cashiers Historical Society and made possible through the collaboration of the Mountain Heritage Center, Fine Art Museum, Zachary-Tolbert House in Cashiers and The Bascom in Highlands.

“Plain-style furniture personifies the values of a 19th-century farming community more interested in function than finery,” said Scott Philyaw, museum director. Steve Lott, head coach of the women’s golf team, served as a guest curator and, working with a group of generous collectors, gathered a significant number of furniture pieces never displayed publicly. Among the items are several “Highway 10” painted cupboards, whose maker remains unidentified, but is a popular topic of discussion among serious antique collectors; a collection of children’s furniture; African-American-made furniture; and pieces created by Jesse Bryson Stalcup, a Macon County master carpenter and Baptist preacher.

Next door at the Fine Art Museum, the contemporary furniture exhibit will feature work by Jerome Clark of Sylva, John Gernandt of Waynesville and David Scott of Clyde. Clark’s furniture reinterprets traditional Shaker and arts and crafts styles from a contemporary perspective. Gernandt, whose grandfather and great-grandfather built furniture, said his style is to ask what he can bring forward from the past into 21st century pieces of furniture. Scott builds standard and custom contemporary furniture with hardwoods from the region and around the world. “We are excited to feature three of Western North Carolina’s finest contemporary designers and craftsmen,” said Martin DeWitt, museum director. “This region is blessed with fine furniture craftsmanship rooted in tradition.”

*The Fine Art Museum’s contemporary furniture exhibit includes, from left, a chair by Jerome Clark, a chest by John Gernandt and a rocker by David Scott.*



## New Social Work Department Head Driven by Desire to Help

John Q. Hodges, the new head of WCU's social work department, used to worry about the clients he served at a Salt Lake City program for homeless people who had severe mental illnesses. In one case, teens attacked the "kindest, sweetest man you would ever want to meet," as the man pushed a shopping cart downtown, said Hodges. "He was in the hospital with severe injuries for weeks," he said. His clients were vulnerable and sometimes hard to reach, but Hodges witnessed breakthroughs. "In many cases, it took a year or so of just chatting with someone over free coffee in our day room before they would begin to trust us enough to open up and let us connect them with services," said Hodges.

The experience led him to see social work as a kind of hands-on helping profession that enabled him to make a difference to extremely vulnerable people with many needs. So, after earning his bachelor's degree in psychology in 1992 from the University of Utah, Hodges went back to pursue his master's degree in social work and then on to the University of California at Berkeley to earn his doctorate in social welfare in 2001.

He comes to WCU on June 15 from the University of Missouri, where he was an award-winning associate professor of social work.

"His teaching and scholarly work in the area of mental health treatment and policies, his energy and enthusiasm, and his strong interpersonal skills will be a welcome addition to our new graduate and ongoing undergraduate programs," said Marie Huff, who is leaving the social work department head position to become full-time associate dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences at WCU.

Much of Hodges' research has explored the added value of consumer-run mental health services such as support groups, and mental health courts, which help divert mentally ill clients from prison to treatment in the community. "It's both more humane and much cheaper than processing someone through the traditional court system and incarcerating them," said Hodges. "Recidivism rates for offenders who go through mental health court are much lower than those with similar offenses and mental health disorders who go through the traditional system."



*John Q. Hodges*

He also said studying the needs of first-generation college students is an issue that is close to his heart, as he was in the first generation in his family to earn a college degree.

"While first-generation college students might need some additional socialization and help in acculturating to college life, they bring with them many strengths, including hard work, strong family support and an emphasis on the value of a college education," said Hodges. "I look forward to working with other first-generation students at WCU as well as conducting more research on this topic."

—By TERESA KILLIAN

## Professors Contribute To 'Encyclopedia of Appalachia'

What is a moonlight school? How are heirloom vegetables grown? How can a family graveyard have artistic value? WCU professors answer these questions and more as contributors to the recently published "Encyclopedia of Appalachia."

"The encyclopedia is a herculean endeavor to peel back the layers of misinformation on Appalachia and deepen the scholarship on the mountainous states that extend from northern Alabama to New York," said Jeff Biggers, author of "The United States of Appalachia."

The 1,832-page encyclopedia consists of 34 topic sections, each edited by recognized experts in the field. Jean Haskell and the late Rudy Abramson, co-editors, began deciding topics and authors in 1995, eventually choosing, along with dozens of others, WCU professors Anna Fariello, leader of Hunter Library's Craft Revival Project, Mary Jean Herzog of the department of educational leadership and foundations, and Curtis Wood of the department of history. Others from WCU who contributed writing or editing to the volume include: Tyler Blethen and Richard Starnes from the history department; William L. Anderson, John L. Bell and Max R. Williams, retired history professors; Harold Herzog from the psychology department; Michele Glover and

Suzanne H. McDowell from the Mountain Heritage Center; Sharon L. Jacques from the nursing department; James Manning from the communication, and stage and screen departments; Kevin Pennington from educational leadership and foundations department; Nancy Carol Joyner and Karl Nichols, retired English professors; Robert B. Pittman, a retired education professor; Karl Rohr, a former history instructor; Newton Smith, an English professor; and Jane L. Brown, an anthropology instructor.

The encyclopedia, which covers such diverse topics as land, food, religion, art and government, was started by the Center for Appalachian Studies and Services at the East Tennessee State University and was published by the University of Tennessee Press.

The Center for Appalachian Studies and Services and the Appalachian Regional Commission raised money to try to place one copy in every middle school and high school in distressed and at-risk counties. Approximately 1,000 books have been distributed so far through the Books-In-Schools program.



*Anna Fariello, leader of Hunter Library's Craft Revival Project and an editor of the "Encyclopedia of Appalachia," labels a basket held by Tonya Carroll.*

"The encyclopedia is an outstanding contribution to our knowledge about Appalachia," Blethen said.

"Before it, there was no one place where we could go to find reliable answers to all kinds of questions about the region."

—By JENNY JARAMILLO



*Mary Jean Herzog*

# State Funds WCU Energy Efficiency Projects

## Newsfile

- **Carol Burton**, assistant vice chancellor for undergraduate studies; **Melissa Canady Wargo**, director of assessment; and **Scott Philyaw**, associate professor of history and director of the Mountain Heritage Center, presented a session titled “Small Changes, Big Rewards: Integrating the Disparate Threads of Undergraduate Education” this spring at an Association of American Colleges and Universities’ Conference in Austin, Texas. Philyaw and Burton also recently provided a keynote address titled “Integration with Intentionality: Small Changes, Big Rewards” at Lenoir-Rhyne College’s spring faculty meeting in Hickory.
- **Joni Bugden-Storie**, assistant professor of natural resource conservation and management, co-authored a poster titled “Mapping Existing River Cane Sites Within Jackson County, North Carolina, Using Visible Aerial Photography,” which recently was presented by WCU senior and co-author Carey Burda at the Association of American Geographers’ Meeting in Boston. The research was initiated by a grant provided by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians through the Revitalization of Traditional Cherokee Artisan Resources. Bugden-Storie also was co-author of a second AAG conference presentation titled “Mapping of Non-tidal Wetlands Using ALOS Palsar Polarimetric Radar Data in Carteret County, North Carolina.”
- Provost **Kyle R. Carter** was inducted as the first honorary member of the Mu Epsilon chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda national honor society during the annual ceremony at A.K. Hinds University Center. Alpha Sigma Lambda recognizes academic excellence for nontraditional students. Carter was selected for his commitment to academic excellence and his efforts in addressing student needs, said **Pat Brown**, national president of Alpha Sigma Lambda and dean of educational outreach.
- **Bethany Davidson**, visiting assistant professor of entrepreneurship, recently served as a guest adviser for ideablob.com, an online community where small business owners and entrepreneurs share business ideas in exchange for feedback and advice from the community.

WCU has received \$125,000 as one of the recipients of the state’s first Energy Efficiency Reserve Fund grants designed to help state agencies, University of North Carolina system campuses and N.C. community colleges implement power-saving projects.

Western’s energy management office in the facilities management department will plan implementation of an \$80,000 grant to modify and repair the heating, ventilation and air conditioning controls system of H.F. Robinson Administration Building, a project that will restore the system to its original efficiency levels or better.

“The project will enable us to build an automated system that can be programmed for energy efficiency, including automatic adjustment of temperature, pressure and flow settings, and set back during periods when the building is unoccupied,” said Chuck Wooten, vice chancellor for administration and finance.

When completed, the project is expected to result in annual savings of \$50,000, Wooten said.

WCU also will receive a \$15,000 grant to convert outdated warehouse lighting to energy efficient systems, which is expected to result in annual savings of \$3,000, and a \$30,000 grant to inspect and replace steam traps, which is expected to result in annual savings of \$40,000.

In addition, the North Carolina State Energy Office agreed to supply WCU with 3,000 energy efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs, 1,200 low-flow aerators used for sink faucets to reduce the rate of water flow to no more than half of a gallon per minute, and 1,000 low-flow showerheads designed to reduce the rate of water flow to no more than 1.5 gallons per minute. Most of these water saving products are planned for residence halls and Lauren Bishop, energy manager in the facilities management department, will coordinate installation this summer with the department of residential living.



## Recycling Escalates During Contest

WCU recycled 90,474 pounds of bottles, cans, paper and corrugated cardboard this spring during the 10-week collegiate RecycleMania competition. The rate of recycling on campus nearly doubled, with the frequency of pickup of bins of paper increasing from once a month to two or three times a month, and the frequency of pickup of bins of bottles and cans increasing from about once a month or month-and-a-half to every one to two weeks, said Lauren Bishop,

energy manager in the facilities management department.

Bishop said the move to using blue plastic bags to better identify recycling materials helped raise awareness and participation in recycling across campus. She also said more people are requesting recycling bins and making personal commitments to support recycling on campus. For instance, Beth Tyson-Lofquist, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, pledged to pay for additional bins for H.F. Robinson Administration Building.

“Folks are more likely to recycle when it is made convenient for them to do so, and having recycling bins available on every floor and in each office makes it more convenient,” said Tyson-Lofquist. “It grieves me how wasteful we are as a society – me included. I feel like I am doing at least a small part in saving our planet when I recycle.”

Check out the RecycleMania results at [www.recyclemaniacs.org](http://www.recyclemaniacs.org).



# Partnership with Haywood Community College Expands Entrepreneurship Degree Opportunities

Students entering Haywood Community College's new entrepreneurship degree program this fall will be able to transfer seamlessly to WCU and complete a bachelor's degree in entrepreneurship two years later under an articulation agreement recently signed by leaders of the two institutions. "This partnership will make the critical study of entrepreneurship more accessible to students who are the future business leaders and innovators of our region," said WCU Chancellor John W. Bardo.

Discussions between Rose Johnson, president of HCC, and Frank Lockwood, assistant professor of entrepreneurship at WCU, about a possible partnership began more than a year ago. Those talks resulted in HCC leading the North Carolina Community College System in developing the first associate degree in entrepreneurship. HCC is now working with 12 other community colleges in the state interested in implementing an entrepreneurship program for their communities.

"Small business owners play a key role in the economic welfare of our region," said Johnson. "The development of the new associate degree in entrepreneurship at Haywood Community College recognizes this role and encourages business development."

The entrepreneurship articulation arrangement ensures HCC students who

enroll in and follow the program will graduate four years later with a four-year business degree in entrepreneurship from WCU. They will graduate with the skills necessary to start and operate a new venture that could be entrepreneurial, innovative or a small business.



*From left, Rose Johnson, president of Haywood Community College; John W. Bardo, chancellor of Western Carolina University; and Bill Rhodarmer, vice president of academics and workforce development at HCC, sign an entrepreneurship degree articulation agreement.*

## Grants Office Announces Latest Awards for Research, Initiatives

WCU's grants office announced in April more than \$660,000 of funding was awarded to faculty and staff.

Funded projects range from supporting Cherokee language immersion classrooms to educating students about the harmful consequences associated with abusing alcohol and drugs. Grants include:

- The Cherokee Preservation Foundation awarded \$199,927 to Hartwell Francis, director of the Cherokee language program at WCU, to help develop teaching methods and curriculum for fostering language development in young Cherokee students in Cherokee language immersion classrooms.
- University of North Carolina General Administration awarded \$11,560 to Janice Holt, director of the NC TEACH alternative teacher preparation program at WCU, to make revisions to graduate-level methods courses and develop undergraduate-level methods courses, all of which will be offered this fall.
- The North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center awarded \$108,603 to Steve Ha, assistant professor of economics, to complete a comprehensive analysis of the economic impact of the equine industry on North Carolina.
- The Community Foundation of Henderson County awarded \$35,000 to Jean Hill, assistant professor of nursing, to study the number of hours that school nurses spend at 12 elementary schools, and their impact on early releases due to illness and the amount of time teachers spend managing student health issues.
- University of North Carolina General Administration awarded \$18,000 to Michael Dougherty, dean of the College of Education and Allied Professions, to develop online courses for teacher preparation and licensure in middle grades math and science that feature regular online communication with interns and internship supervisors. Funds will be used to acquire technology resources to facilitate e-learning and communication.
- The National Science Foundation awarded \$280,081 to Rob Young, director of the Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines, to develop a network of partners to deliver culturally-integrated, geosciences education to Native American young people in the northern Olympic Peninsula of Washington.
- The Town of Sylva awarded \$7,600 to Rick McClendon, coordinator of the Study to Prevent Alcohol-Related Consequences, to design a program called "Think Outside the Bottle" to educate students on being safe, responsible and legal when choosing to use alcohol, and understanding the harmful consequences associated with abusing alcohol and drugs.

For more information, contact Wanda G. Ashe, grants manager, at 227-7212 or [ashe@wcu.edu](mailto:ashe@wcu.edu).

# The Reporter Calendar

June 2 - July 6

**Monday, June 2-Tuesday, July 1**

**Summer school** — First session. (227-7216)

**Monday, June 2-Friday, Aug. 1**

**Summer school** — Nine-week session. (227-7216)

**Thursday, June 5**

**Opening reception** — For two exhibits, "Contemporary Furniture: Innovation in Wood from Appalachian Traditions" and "Hickory Nut Gap Farm Portfolio: Photographs by Ken Abbott." 5-7 p.m. Fine Art Museum, FAPAC. (227-3591)

**Summer Concert Series** — Brad Sweitzer and the Young Sophisticates, witty songwriting. 7 p.m. UC lawn. Rain location: Club Illusions, UC. (227-7206)

**Friday, June 6**

**Wired Workshops Computer Training** — Unleashing the Power of Google. Learn to access maps, search academic journals, store documents and more. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Room 137, CCB. \$. (227-7397)

**Meeting** — WCU board of trustees. 9:30 a.m. Room 510, HFR. (227-7100)

**Tuesday, June 10**

**Summer Concert Series** — Dead End Parking, funk/fusion/jam quartet from Charlotte. 7 p.m. UC lawn. Rain location: Club Illusions, UC. (227-7206)

**Thursday, June 12**

**Symposium** — Service learning and civic engagement, "Advancing the Engagement Agenda through Campus and Community Collaboration." Lead speaker: Robert Shumer, founder and former director of the National Service-Learning Clearinghouse. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. UC. \$. (227-7184)

**Summer Concert Series** — Hannah Miller, acoustic rock from Columbia, S.C. 7 p.m. UC lawn. Rain location: Club Illusions, UC. (227-7206)

**Friday, June 13**

**Wired Workshops Computer Training** — Designing Your Free Web site. Create an online, multipage Web site with text, links and graphics with free maintenance. All skill levels welcome. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Room 137, CCB. \$. (227-7397)



**Tuesday, June 17**

**Summer Concert Series** — The Barefoot Movement, acoustic fusion of bluegrass, folk, rock, Celtic and blues from Granville County. 7 p.m. UC lawn. Rain location: Club Illusions, UC. (227-7206)

**Thursday, June 19**

**Summer Concert Series** — Hwy 54, blues, folk and rock from Chapel Hill. 7 p.m. UC lawn. Rain location: Club Illusions, UC. (227-7206)

**Saturday, June 21**

**Concert** — The Raleigh Ringers, handbell choir playing sacred, secular and popular music. 7:30 p.m. FAPAC. \$. (227-2479)

**Sunday, June 22-Friday, June 27**

**Mountain Dulcimer Week** — Skill development classes for beginners through experts. Instruction, concerts and jams. All ages. Campus locations. \$. (227-7397)

**Thursday, June 26**

**Summer Concert Series** — Lo-Fi Breakdown, bluegrass from Asheville. 7 p.m. UC lawn. Rain location: Club Illusions, UC. (227-7206)



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**Tuesday, July 1**

**Summer Concert Series** — Rebecca Loebe, Americana and folk. 7 p.m. UC lawn. Rain location: Club Illusions, UC. (227-7206)

**Wednesday, July 2-Friday, Aug. 1**

**Summer school** — Second session. (227-7216)

**Friday, July 4**

**Independence Day** — Holiday. Offices closed, no classes meet. (227-7495)

## Exhibits

### Fine Art Museum

"Contemporary Furniture: Innovation in Wood from Appalachian Traditions" — A selection of fine furniture in a variety of styles by Jerome Clark of Sylva, John Gernandt of Waynesville and David Scott of Clyde. In conjunction with the Mountain Heritage Center exhibit "The Artistry of Plain-Style Furniture." Tuesday, June 3, to Saturday, June 28. Reception 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 5.

**KEY:** \$—Admission fee; BB—Belk Building; CAC—Catamount Athletic Center; CAT—Center for Applied Technology; CCB—Cordelia Camp Building; CSC—Catamount Softball Complex; FAPAC—Fine and Performing Arts Center; HA—Hoeys Auditorium; HFR—H.F. Robinson Administration Building; HL—Hunter Library; HS/CF—Hennon Stadium/Childress Field; MHC—Mountain Heritage Center; NSA—Natural Sciences Auditorium; RH—Recital Hall, Coulter Building; RRAC—Ramsey Regional Activity Center; UC—A.K. Hinds University Center; WS/BW—Whitmore Stadium/Bob Waters Field.

### Submissions:

Send news items, calendar notices and address changes to [Reporter@email.wcu.edu](mailto:Reporter@email.wcu.edu) or WCU Calendar, 420 H.F. Robinson Building, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723. Submit items for The Reporter calendar at least three weeks prior to the event.

"Hickory Nut Gap Farm Portfolio: Photographs by Ken Abbott" — Portfolio celebrating the living legacy of the family-run Hickory Nut Gap Farm, near Fairview in Buncombe County. Tuesday, June 3, to Saturday, June 28. Reception 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 5.



*Apples at Hickory Nut Gap Farm, by Asheville photographer Ken Abbott.*

"Worldviews" — Selections from WCU's permanent collection. Ongoing.

### Fine Art Museum summer hours:

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, excluding school holidays. (<http://fapac.wcu.edu> or 227-3591)

### Mountain Heritage Center

"Mountain Trout" — Slideshow spotlight. June.

"Migration of the Scotch-Irish People" — Slideshow spotlight. July.

"A Craftsman's Legacy" — The furniture of Jesse Bryson Stalcup. Gallery B. Through Friday, July 18.

"The Artistry of Plain-Style Furniture" — An exhibit of furniture handmade in Western North Carolina during the 1800s and early 1900s. Gallery C. Through Monday, Dec. 15.

"Migration of the Scotch-Irish People" — Text panels, illustrations, artifacts and murals that trace the Scotch-Irish Appalachian settlers from Ulster to Pennsylvania, through the Shenandoah Valley, and into Western North Carolina. Gallery A. Permanent exhibit.

### Mountain Heritage Center hours:

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. (227-7129 or <http://www.wcu.edu/mhc>)

### Hunter Library

Art education exhibit — Artwork by students in the art education program is on display through July on the main floor. (227-7210)

"Bartram's Journey: The 1775 Journey of William Bartram to Western North Carolina" — Exhibit on the life and observations of botanist William Bartram is on display through the end of August on the ground floor. (227-3398)