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Steve Ha, director of the Master of Business Administration Program, makes a point during a work session at the regional engagement leadership retreat.

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## WCU, community leaders examine strategies to forge stronger partnerships

WCU has a vital role to play as an “indispensable partner” working with communities across Western North Carolina if the region is to thrive and prosper in the years ahead. The key word in that phrase is not “indispensable” but “partner,” said James Votruba, the keynote speaker for a regional engagement leadership retreat held at WCU. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## Grant supports work to improve opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities

WCU has been awarded a \$225,000 grant to help develop tools and resources to better enable students with intellectual disabilities to transition into the workforce or enroll in post-secondary education. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## Student proposals sought for second Discovery Forum; deadline is Oct. 14

WCU's second Discovery Forum, an event designed to encourage young people to share innovative ideas for making their communities better places to live, will be held Tuesday, Nov. 5. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## Thousands enjoy Mountain Heritage Day

Celebrating its 39th year, Western Carolina University's Mountain Heritage Day drew thousands of visitors to the Cullowhee campus Saturday, Sept. 28, to sample mountain music, arts, crafts, foods, traditions, games and activities. ... [\(CONTINUE READING | VIEW SLIDESHOW\)](#)

### **BRIEFS** | [thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs](http://thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs)

WCU-sponsored conference has strong turnout  
State Employees Combined Campaign under way  
Trophies lure high school bands from six states to tournament at WCU  
Campus benefits from back-up Internet connection  
Association of Retired Faculty and Staff to meet Nov. 6

### **ACHIEVEMENTS** | [thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements](http://thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements)

Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Nancy Helm-Estabrooks and Steve Morse.

### **EVENTS** | [calendar.wcu.edu](http://calendar.wcu.edu)

Oct. 2 | Latino-Hispanic Expo  
Oct. 2 | WCU Surplus Sale  
Oct. 2 | Nai Ni Chen Dance Company Performance  
Oct. 12 | Tournament of Champions  
Oct. 14 | DJ&Svet The Hip Hop Violinist  
Oct. 15 | Faculty Recital: Commercial and Electronic Music Faculty  
Oct. 16 | Alash Tuvan Ensemble  
Oct. 17 | Third Thursday: MFA Thesis Reception  
Oct. 18 | Guest Recital - David Vining, trombone

### **HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH** | [news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch](http://news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch)

WCU researchers predict profitable fall season | Asheville Citizen-Times (comments from Steve Morse)

Shutdown hits Great Smoky Mountains at peak season | Fox News, WGHP 8 and CNN Money (comments from Steve Morse)

Meadows downplays role in federal shutdown | Asheville Citizen-Times (comment from Chris Cooper)

Total Health Care | Counseling Today (comments from Russ Curtis)

Lawsuit over North Carolina's new voter law | WLOS News13 (comment from Todd Collins)

Billy Graham asks Iran to release imprisoned pastor | USA Today (comments from Chris Cooper)

The Mantoloking wall – \$40 million curtain | Parsippany NJ Daily Record (comments from Rob Young)

\$40 million steel curtain proposed to protect NJ shore highway | Cumberland County NJ Daily Journal (comments from Rob Young)

ACT test gaining more popularity | Wilmington Star News (comments from Phil Cauley)

North Shore Decoration Day | Mountain Times (program includes Ted Coyle)

### **ATHLETICS** | [catamountsports.com](http://catamountsports.com)

Kristin Swindell leads women's golf to fourth place at Starmount Fall Classic

Notes from Tuesday's (Oct. 1) SoCon football teleconference

Women's basketball holds first team practice of the season



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