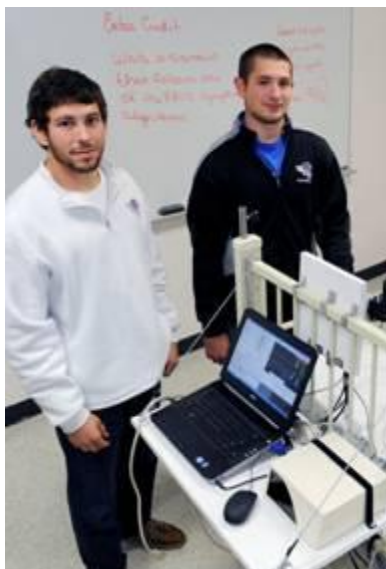


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From left, engineering technology students Matt Stenger and Clark Sechrest helped develop a more efficient and mobile-friendly system for a patient simulator used by health and human sciences students.

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Student engineering project benefits nursing, emergency management

What used to be a cluster of cords and equipment for a high-fidelity SimBaby mannequin used by WCU nursing and emergency management students is now organized into a mobile-friendly, efficient system that WCU engineering students designed. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

Officials await answers on Nov. 21 fire

The future of three dining establishments damaged by a November fire on the WCU campus remains unknown as state insurance and construction officials continue analyzing the structural integrity of the building and conducting a financial assessment of the damages. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

Holiday video greeting is unveiled

WCU has shared its third annual holiday video greeting card, titled "Moments to Remember" and hosted at the website seasonsgreetings2013.wcu.edu. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

Festival opening with WCU Night

Iceless ice skating and a fireworks show headline the activities for the 30th annual Dillsboro Lights and Luminaries Festival, which is always the first two Fridays and Saturdays in December in downtown Dillsboro. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

Faculty member and students light and learn in Dillsboro

Helping Dillsboro glow for the town's annual Lights and Luminaries festival are Carroll Brown, an associate professor in the hospitality and tourism program, and her students. For the last five years, they have helped light more than 2,500 candles, placed luminaries in designated locations and assisted with decorations and lights. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

Faculty gain access to national online education tool

Faculty can now access the rubric developed by Quality Matters, a nationally recognized research-based resource for online educators, for applying quality standards to course design and soon will be able to take part in related professional

development opportunities and peer reviews. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

BRIEFS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs

Communication students host public outreach presentations
Kickoff event announced, website launched for WCU's 125th anniversary
WCU students to present at Carolina Coding Initiative event

ACHIEVEMENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements

Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Roseanna Belt, Bill Clarke, Karena Cooper-Duffy, Lisa Lefler, Ben Tholkes and David Westling.

HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES | news-prod.wcu.edu

WCU's Biltmore Park site to host TESOL conference
Jam series to feature concert by Speaking-In-Tunes
WCU accepting student payments through Visa
Dulcimer Weekend to be held Jan. 9-12
Nutrition Club provides service to Community Table

EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu

Dec. 5 | BFA Portfolio reception
Dec. 5 | Mountain Heritage Center Jam
Dec. 6 | Dillsboro Lights & Luminaries – WCU Night
Dec. 8 | Sounds of the Season concert
Dec. 9 | Carolina Coding Initiative, Dec 9-15
Dec. 14 | Commencement
Dec. 16 | Women's Basketball vs. Charleston South
Dec. 18 | Men's Basketball vs. Charleston Southern
Dec. 30 | Men's Basketball vs. Milligan
Jan. 2 | Men's Basketball vs. UNCG
Jan. 4 | Men's Basketball vs. Elon
Jan. 11 | Women's Basketball vs. Chattanooga
Jan. 13 | Spring 2014 First Day of Classes
Jan. 13 | Women's Basketball vs. Samford
Jan. 13 | An evening with Mat Kearney

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch

There's an app for that: If not, a growing number of students are learning to create one | Smoky Mountain News

At WCU, an app to keep students out of the rain | Smoky Mountain News

Student Profiles | Smoky Mountain News (includes WCU students)

Coding for the rest of us | Smoky Mountain News

Degree programs prioritized in face of system cuts | The Daily Tar Heel (comments from our Mark Couture)

ECU ends tenure hiring for librarians | The Daily Tar Heel

Artist uses handshakes to promote thinking | Pittsburgh Post-Gazette (about an artist who will have work on display next year in Fine Art Museum)

1,200 Acres Of South Carolina's Barrier Islands Have Washed Away In The Last 25 Years | Climate Progress (comment from Rob Young)

POLITICS: New homes rise on hazard-prone beach as officials lobby for more federal protection | Environment and Energy News (comment from Andy Coburn)

Wildlife could be biggest losers as SC islands wash away | The Island Packet at Hilton Head, S.C. (comment from Rob

Young)

Politics of the Board: Part 5 | The Daily Tar Heel (includes Joan MacNeill)

Lightning Exclusive: The rise and fall of Mountain 1st Bank | Hendersonville Lightning (comment from Ken Flynt)

Is there a 'pet effect' on our health? | CanIndia (comment from Hal Herzog)

Asheville area business people | Asheville Citizen-Times (names new external relations director at WCU)

WCU fire blamed on electrical problem | Asheville Citizen-Times

Colburn: Cloud of uncertainty hovers over App-State-Western rivalry | Wilkes Journal-Patriot

Asheville Mayor Bellamy won't run for Congress | Asheville Citizen-Times (comment from Chris Cooper)

AWENDAW: Wildlife could be biggest losers as SC islands wash away | The Herald (Rock Hill, SC) (comment from Rob Young)

TES fifth grade students go to college | Tryon Daily Bulletin

Canadian group studies Sevier County tourism | The Mountain Press (comment from Steve Morse)

Economist: Sevier County tourism grew through first eight months of 2013 | The Mountain Press

October took a hit with park shutdown | WVLT TV 8 Knoxville

WCU Businesses Plan to Rebuild | WLOS TV 13

Editorial: Three Cheers | The Mountain Press (comment from Steve Morse)

Death of a rivalry? Former Appalachian, Western players weigh in | Shelby Star

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com

Men's basketball: Catamounts and Chanticleers tipoff Wednesday

Fourth 'Celebration of Catamount Baseball' set for Jan. 18

First stops of WCU athletic holiday socials this week

Women's basketball fends off ETSU 58-56

Men's basketball: Raiders ride first half to 85-77 win over Catamounts



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