Kelly Tracy, assistant professor in the School of Teaching and Learning, is the recipient of the 2014 Chancellor’s Distinguished Teaching Award. Read more about her and all of the honorees at the Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards ceremony in this issue.

Faculty and staff honored at 2014 awards event
WCU celebrated employee excellence and achievements during the 2013-14 academic year at the annual spring Faculty and Staff Excellence Awards ceremony Friday, April 25. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Spring commencement ceremonies set for May 9-10
WCU will hold a trio of commencement ceremonies over a two-day period – Friday and Saturday, May 9-10 – to recognize the academic achievements of what is expected to be a record-breaking spring class. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Twelve students awarded scholarships from Curtis, Enid Meltzer endowment
Top students in the College of Arts and Sciences are winners of merit-based scholarship awards from the Curtis and Enid Meltzer Endowed Scholarship Fund. ... (CONTINUE READING)

A video counseling faculty published with journal article garners 127,000 views
Faculty members who embedded a link to their video titled “How to Conduct a First Counseling Session: Treatment Fit” in a journal article say they expect – and hope – that the use of video in scholarly counseling journals will become increasingly common. ... (CONTINUE READING)

WCU celebrates 125th anniversary with luncheon
WCU was a “place of a great deal of culture, and it started a long, long time ago,” said Sara Sutton Madison, luncheon keynote speaker and an alumna with ties to WCU’s founder and first students. ... (CONTINUE READING)

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WCU conserves energy but loses “Battle of the Plug”
Dozens of student volunteers assist with inaugural bicycle rodeo event
Students, Asheville Symphony musicians to perform together May 1
ACHIEVEMENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements
Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Alberto Centeno-Pulido, Santiago Garcia-Castanon, Mark Kossick, Will Lehman, Todd Murdock, Lori Oxford, Maurice Phipps, Teresa Tate and Laura Wright.

HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES | news-prod.wcu.edu
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Guest lecturer to discuss science, philosophy May 2
WCU to hold spring commencement ceremonies May 9-10
WCU golfer Poston wins Southern Conference championship
Chancellor to meet with Macon County residents April 30

EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu
May 1-2 | Catamount Stores Customer Appreciation
May 1 | Haydn’s Lord Nelson Mass Concert
May 2 | Guest Lecture: Do Scientists Need Philosophy?
May 2-4 | Baseball vs. App. State
May 2 | Controlled Chaos Film Festival
May 3 | Flute Ensemble Concert
May 4 | Student Woodwind Quintet Recital
May 5 | The Art of Worship: Go North
May 7 | WCU Surplus Sale
May 8 | Nursing Convocation
May 9 | Spring Commencement – Graduate School
May 10 | Spring Commencement – Undergraduate
May 12 | MBA Information Session
May 13 | Baseball vs. Kennesaw State

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch
Americans not stupid, just complacent, about Congress | Smoky Mountain News (guest op-ed by Don Livingston)

Jennifer Lawrence’s ‘Serena’ still MIA after 2 years | Asheville Citizen-Times (updating status of movie version of novel "Serena" by Ron Rash)

Thompson touts priority projects with HHS, EMS up on his list | The Tribune (Hendersonville) (mentions WCU economic impact study)

Fishing festival to take over and Mastercast: The perfect cast is an elusive catch | Smoky Mountain News (about upcoming fly fishing festival on campus)

Education remains best long-term investment | Asheville Citizen-Times (comment from Mardy Ashe)

Moffitt opponent raises nearly $150k | Asheville Citizen-Times (comment from Chris Cooper)

Asheville’s Moogfest closes on a high note | Asheville Citizen-Times (includes information about economic impact study that involves WCU students)

Lead at firing range could pose a concern | The Sylva Herald (about potential environmental impact of lead at local firing range includes comment from Jerry Miller)

Opinion: Russia, Ukraine and the absence of simple solution | Asheville Citizen-Times (guest op-ed by David Dorondo, Niall Michelsen and Jennifer Schiff)

Job prospects brighter for college grads | Asheville Citizen-Times (comments from Mardy Ashe and several WCU students)

Zappos educates educators on making students workforce ready | Las Vegas Review Journal (about workshop to help educators better prepare students for workforce includes Patrick Gardner)
Maybe a politician should not be president | Asheville Citizen-Times (op-ed by Don Livingston)

Tryon Fine Arts Center accepting student art for Evening of Excellence juried competition | Tryon Daily Bulletin (about an art competition juried by Greg McPherson)

Heritage Walk brochure will be available during festival | The Sylva Herald (about Heritage Walk project, with involvement from George Frizzell)

Special interests pumping dollars into NC political ads at unprecedented rate | Carolina Public Press (comment from Chris Cooper)

Harris-Stowe University names new president | St. Louis Post-Dispatch (about Harris-Stowe State University naming former WCU staff member Dwaun Warmack its next president)

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com
Softball Wednesday doubleheader with North Carolina A&T canceled
Head women's soccer coach recaps spring practice
Catamount Diamond Notes: Weekly Wrap-Up April 28
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