Enrollment hits 10,382 for another record year

University officials say the 2.7 percent jump in the total student population over last year’s tally of 10,107 is driven in part by an increase in the size of the freshman class and another year of improved retention rates. ...

Physical therapy graduates excel on national licensing exam

All of the first graduates of WCU’s doctoral program in physical therapy passed the National Physical Therapy Examination the first time they took it, boosting WCU’s program into select company with their performance. ...

Company’s coming: UNC system board to visit Sept. 10-12

WCU leaders are urging faculty, staff and students to keep “four P’s” in mind when the University of North Carolina Board of Governors holds its September meeting on campus – parking, patience, purple and Catamount pride. ...

Edward Wright to direct WCU Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation

Edward Wright, a corporate executive with more than 30 years in leadership roles involving multinational experience in the medical device industry, is the new director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation in WCU’s College of Business. ...

Graduate program in public affairs earns accreditation

Chris Cooper, head of the Department of Political Science and Public Affairs, called the accreditation – the first for WCU’s master’s degree program in public affairs – a “monumental accomplishment” that verifies that the program is among the nation’s best. ...
**WCU students to release Dillsboro book**

WCU communication and public relations students will release a new book, "A Guide to Historic Dillsboro," in celebration of the town’s 125th anniversary during Dillsboro’s Heritage Day event on Saturday, Sept. 6. ... (CONTINUE READING)

**DENR’s public hearing at WCU to move to Ramsey Center**

A N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources public hearing on Friday, Sept. 12, devoted to North Carolina’s oil and gas rules is being moved to Ramsey Regional Activity Center to better accommodate anticipated crowds. ... (CONTINUE READING)

**BRIEFS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs**

Faculty help clean trails, campsite during service project  
Employee Appreciation Day to be Sept. 4  
Construction management program earns renewal of accreditation  
Horn player James Rester to perform Sept. 4  
‘Cash Mob’ to support Sylva merchants after downtown fire

**ACHIEVEMENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements**

Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Jessie Swigger.

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

WNC leaders sharing insights for MBA classes  
WCU music faculty to present concert Sept. 9  
Mountain Heritage Day celebrating its 40th anniversary at Western Carolina University

**EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu**

Sept. 3 | Mic Check  
Sept. 4 | Employee Appreciation Day  
Sept. 4 | Reception for “Teetering on the Edge of the Uncanny” Exhibit  
Sept. 4 | Michael beadle Presentation: History of Canton  
Sept. 4 | U.S. House of Representatives Debate  
Sept. 4 | Guest recital: James Rester, horn  
Sept. 4 | Red zone film on the Lawn: “The Perks of Being a Wallflower”  
Sept. 5-6 | Film: “The Protector 2”  
Sept. 9 | School of Music Faculty Showcase  
Sept. 10-12 | UNC Board of Governors Visit to WCU  
Sept. 11 | Guest Recital: Trumpet/Oboe: Rub Murry

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

WCU Obamacare makes me a part-time campus worker in name only | The College Fix (includes reference to David Belcher)

Turning the page: Keith Jarrett’s take on WCU football | Asheville Citizen-Times

Efforts to understand human decomposition lead anthropologists to Western Carolina | Charlotte Observer (about forensic anthropology program and facilities)

Adelaide Key: A tribute to a life well-lived | Asheville Citizen-Times (op-ed by David Westling)

Don’t forget the importance of the G.I. Bill | Asheville Citizen-Times (Letter to the editor discusses role of the GI Bill in helping WCU’s growth)
Residents offer praise, suggestions for improvement with Sheriff's Office | Hendersonville Times-News
(about survey conducted by WCU Public Policy Institute)

CRC panel sets dates | Carolina Coast (about sea level rise panel and report, includes comment from Rob Young)

Tourism official: 2014 event brought $1.5 million to county | Shelby Star (about impact of tourism on local economy as determined by system developed by Steve Morse)

Everything we know is wrong | BBC Radio 4 (about scientific research findings and how things change, with comment from Hal Herzog)

Overdose deaths no longer need be a legacy of failed policy | Asheville Citizen-Times (op-ed by a WCU graduate student in social work)

Meadows calls shutdown wrong strategy | Asheville Citizen-Times (about last year's federal government shutdown, includes reference to economic impact study done by Steve Morse and his students)

Support grows for students with disabilities | Daily Tar Heel (mentions program at WCU)

Digging deeper into the Kephart-Calhoun relationship | Smoky Mountain News (about the Horace Kephart collection at WCU's library)

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com
Notes from Tuesday’s (Sept. 2) SoCon Football Teleconference
Football: Troy Mitchell named SoCon Offensive Player of the Week
Women’s soccer battles back to 1-1 tie at High Point
Football: South Florida survives Western Carolina Saturday, 36-31