Homecoming festivities to be Oct. 23-26

After students return from fall break, the WCU community will come together to celebrate Homecoming 2014 over a four-day period – Thursday, Oct. 23, through Sunday, Oct. 26 – with events that include a professional step show performance, golf tournament, parade through downtown Sylva and football game versus The Citadel. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Social work program receives $1.1 million federal grant

WCU's social work program is the recipient of a federal grant of more than $1.1 million to expand the number of social workers qualified to practice in the areas of substance abuse prevention and behavioral health in Cherokee and other underserved areas of Western North Carolina. ... (CONTINUE READING)

WCU program receives $436K grant to help protect U.S. coastal parks from rising seas

Through the project, WCU’s Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines will be responsible for assessing the vulnerability of everything from the Statue of Liberty in New York to small roads in places such as Gulf Islands National Seashore in Florida and Mississippi, and then helping the National Park Service decide how to deal with threats that may be presented by coastal flooding. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Athletic training group ready for 175-mile fundraising relay

The longtime football rivalry between Western Carolina University and Appalachian State University, known as “the Battle for the Old Mountain Jug,” has ceased with ASU leaving the Southern Conference, but a fundraising relay run named after the rivalry and conducted by WCU athletic training students and faculty is continuing. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Students to participate in Charleston, S.C., service trip

The alternative fall break group’s environmental and poverty-related service projects will include helping recycle empty oyster shells with the South Carolina Oyster Restoration and Enhancement program,
working in school gardens associated with the farm-to-school Green Heart Program and assisting Keep Charleston Beautiful with a marsh cleanup. ... (CONTINUE READING)

**WCU welcomes new employees**
Learn more about faculty and staff who joined the WCU community during 2013-14. ... (CONTINUE READING)

**BRIEFS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs**
Education students spend day in service at Great Smoky Mountains National Park
WCU Division of IT selected as finalist for 2014 NC Tech Award
Step Afrika! to perform on Oct. 22

**ACHIEVEMENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements**
Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Craig Fowler, David Henderson and Anna McFadden.

**HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES | news-prod.wcu.edu**
WCU voter registration drive ramps up
WCU Department of Athletics announces 2014 Hall of Fame class
WCU Percussion Ensemble to perform Nov. 6
Founder of Atlanta motion graphics company will be visiting artist on Oct. 23
Top high school bands to compete in WCU Tournament of Champions on Oct. 18
WCU Association of Retired Faculty and Staff to meet Oct. 15

**EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu**
Oct. 9 | Guest Recital: Elaine Saloio, Flute
Oct. 10 | Kids Climb
Oct. 11 | Cullowhee Ck 10k - Taste of Cullowhee
Oct. 11 | Volleyball vs. ETSU
Oct. 11 | Football vs. Wofford
Oct. 12 | Volleyball vs. The Citadel
Oct. 15 | Volleyball vs. Furman
Oct. 17 | Volleyball vs. Mercer
Oct. 17 | Women's Soccer vs. UNC Greensboro
Oct. 19 | Women's Soccer vs. VMI
Oct. 20 | Guest recital: Alex Shlifer, Violin
Oct. 21 | Southern Circuit Film Series: "Stay Then Go"
Oct. 21 | Faculty Recital: Eldred Spell, Flute
Oct. 22 | Ron Rash and "Serena" Author Event
Oct. 23 | ACE Series Performance: Step Afrika!
Oct. 23 | Doug Grimmett, Founder, Primal Screen
Oct. 23 | Guest recital: Andrea Dawson, Violin

**HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch**
NY Island Work on Hold Because of Protected Bird | ABC News (about a New York coastal restoration project after Hurricane Sandy; includes comment from Rob Young)

Across the USA: Reaction to same-sex marriage decision | USA Today (includes comment from Roger Hartley)

Update: Supreme Court paves way for same-sex marriage | Asheville Citizen-Times (includes comment from WCU’s Roger Hartley)

‘Saving Face’: On Battling Social Death | Pop Matters (review of a book by Heather Talley)

Converge 365 – changing the college conversation | Biblical Recorder (about campus churches; includes one that meets at WCU)
Fort Mill, NaFo bands both win ‘Grand Champion’ awards | Fort Mills (S.C.) Times (about local marching band that will be performing at WCU Tournament of Champions)

Fracking figures into WNC Senate race | Asheville Citizen-Times (includes comment from Chris Cooper)

Nancy Williams: WCU band provides action on the field | Asheville Citizen-Times (columnist opines about marching bands, including WCU’s Pride of the Mountains)

I’m with the band | Asheville Citizen-Times (column by UNC Board of Governor member Roger Aiken on the subject of marching band, mentions WCU’s Pride of the Mountains)

Sand Thieves Are Destroying the World’s Beaches to Make Concrete | Gizmodo (includes comment from Rob Young)

VIDEO: Fall colors as viewed from space | Pocono Record (includes comment from Kathy Mathews)

The Sand Thieves: World’s Beaches Become Victims of Construction Boom | Der Spiegel (includes comment from Rob Young)

NC Senate Debate: Jane Hipps & Jim Davis | WLOS News 13 (coverage political debate at WCU)

Fall colors are just beginning | Knoxville News-Sentinel (includes comment from Kathy Mathews)

Cold snap will boost Carolinas fall colors, experts say | Charlotte Observer (includes comment from Kathy Mathews)

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com
Poston records Top 10 finish to lead WCU at Wolfpack Intercollegiate
Notes from Tuesday's (Oct. 7) SoCon football teleconference
Baseball: Purple & Gold College Fall World Series scrimmage postponed
Men's golf tied for 17th thru 36 holes at Wolfpack Intercollegiate