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Engineering Technology students discuss the conversion of three-dimensional solid models into rapid prototypes.

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State budget funds engineering program at Biltmore Park

The \$20.6 billion biennial budget recently approved by the N.C. General Assembly includes more than \$1.4 million for expansion of WCU's undergraduate engineering program to Biltmore Park.. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

Preparations under way for fall semester

WCU expects to welcome a record number of students this fall with total student enrollment on track to top last year's fall enrollment of 9,608. Faculty, staff and student volunteers are still sought to help with Freshman Move-In Day on Friday, Aug. 16. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

School of Nursing wins \$1 million grant

The WCU School of Nursing is the recipient of a \$1 million federal workforce diversity grant designed to increase the number of students from underserved rural populations who enter the nursing profession, including members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

Academic program prioritization decisions announced

Chancellor David O. Belcher announced Thursday, July 18, that the university will proceed with the phased discontinuation of 10 of the 13 academic programs previously recommended by a campus task force for closure. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

Faculty encouraged to link ACE events to curriculum

Driving the 2013-14 Arts and Cultural Events Performance Series is a hope that students will not only enjoy the diverse music, dance, films and art events but also broaden their world perspective and connect with their studies on a deeper level. "Our goal is to bring acts that students will want to attend, and experiences that faculty members will encourage students to attend so that it can lead to meaningful discussion and thought inside and outside of the classroom," said Lori Davis. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

Former Tennessee tourism center director joins faculty

Steve Morse, an economist who specializes in tracking business trends in the hotel, restaurant and tourism sectors of the Southeast and U.S. economies, is the new director of WCU's Hospitality and Tourism Program. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

Students and faculty create video for fundraising event

Organizers of a fundraiser for a Cashiers nonprofit organization say a documentary-style video created by Western Carolina University students and faculty helped contribute to the success of the event, with more than \$43,000 of the \$200,000 raised coming in after the video was screened. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

Chancellor, first lady and friends to perform Sept. 3

WCU's first couple will team up with other WCU performers, including recent Tony Award-nominated Broadway star Terrence Mann, for "Belchers and Friends," an evening of music and dance, Tuesday, Sept. 3, to benefit WCU's Friends of the Arts organization. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

BRIEFS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs

Photo studio to open for new employee photographs and headshot updates
Staff Senate shares results of opinion survey
Employee Appreciation Day to be held Sept. 5
Opening Assembly, master planning forum to be Aug. 14
Staff member wins iPad through health program
Campus master planners to seek community input Aug. 13 in Sylva
Mainstage Season includes musicals, tragedy – and zombies
SLIDESHOW: Academic Success Program, partners raise \$4,000
Exhibit highlights WCU employee creativity
Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet tours Germany and the Czech Republic
Host families needed for international students
Couple connected to WCU wed in historic ceremony in Rhode Island
Division of IT staff and students tour a Microsoft campus

ACHIEVEMENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements

Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Vittal Anantatmula, Michael Despeaux, Harold Herzog, J. Dan Pittillo, Matthew J. Rave, Jen Schiff and Jack Sholder.

EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu

Aug. 14 | Opening Assembly, Master Planning Forum
Aug. 16 | Freshman Convocation and Class Photo
Aug. 17 | Valley Ballyhoo
Aug. 22 | Are You Seeing Red? Information Fair
Aug. 22 | Third Thursday: Credo Reception
Aug. 22 | Relient K in Concert
Aug. 22 | Woodwind Faculty Recital
Aug. 27 | DJ and Side Swipe/ Martial Arts
Aug. 27 | School of Music Faculty Showcase Concert
Sept. 3 | Belchers and Friends Concert
Sept. 5 | Jazz Piano Recital

HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES | news.wcu.edu

Whiskers to compete at Mountain Heritage Day
Student awarded scholarship for graduate research
Workshop focuses on early childhood mathematics
WCU named 'College of Distinction' by online guide
WCU student participates in summer research academy at Texas A&M
Athletics department to hold 'Ladies Love Football' on Aug. 9
WCU women's basketball team named to academic top 25
Southern Circuit Film Series kicks off Sept. 17

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

Organization, outrage inspired big protest turnout | Asheville Citizen-Times (comments from Chris Cooper)
As WNC legislators use new clout, wariness of General Assembly remains | Carolina Public Press (comments from Chris Cooper)
2013 WCU Fall Practice First Day in Full Pads | YouTube/Catamount Sports Channel

Rains might put a damper on Asheville's fall color | Black Mountain News (also published in the Asheville Citizen-Times; comments from Kathy Mathews)
A to Western Carolina University psychology professor Harold Herzog | Asheville Citizen-Times
Students map their university campus with MapKnitter | OpenSource.Com (By Adam D. Griffith)

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com

Catamount football Fall Report #4: Tuesday, Aug. 6

Volleyball releases 2013 Schedule



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