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Business leaders to educators at WCU-convened conference: strong math skills a must

Western North Carolina’s educational institutions must re-emphasize the importance of mathematical skills at all levels – from basic addition and subtraction to advanced statistics, analysis and predictive modeling – if mountain students are to succeed in the modern workforce. … (CONTINUE READING)

Campbell’s Timothy Metz to lead institutional planning, effectiveness

Timothy D. Metz, who began his career in higher education as a faculty member in biology before moving into university assessment and planning, will begin his new role leading WCU’s Office of Institutional Planning and Effectiveness beginning Oct. 15. … (CONTINUE READING)

Employees honored for years of service

Employees were honored for reaching milestones in their years of service to the state of North Carolina during the past fiscal year at the recent 2013 Employee Appreciation Day. … (CONTINUE READING)

The audience to take the stage at Mountain Heritage Day

A new platform will join the three performers’ stages at Mountain Heritage Day, Saturday, Sept. 28, on the campus in Cullowhee – right in front of the Balsam Stage, created for audience members to share their dance skills while the bands play on. WCU’s free celebration of Appalachian culture also will feature a full schedule of mountain music, fun activities, about 100 booths of the region’s finest arts and crafts, and 28 vendors offering ethnic, heritage and festival food. … (CONTINUE READING)

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Hunter Library to host spoken word workshop Oct. 4
Program director named health and human sciences interim associate dean
Book fair to be held Sept. 26-Oct. 1
Dance company to perform Oct. 2
Brownbag speaker series under way
WCU to hold MBA information sessions in Asheville
Art students paint in downtown Sylva
Graduate program directors attend workshop
Music folklorist to give presentation at museum
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Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Shawn Collins, Jennifer L. Hinton and Jack Sholder.

OFF THE CLOCK | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/offtheclock
Reporter newsletter to share faculty and staff “off the clock” news

EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu
 Sept. 25-28 | Musical “Next to Normal”
 Sept. 25 | Sublime Frequencies Film Screening
 Sept. 26 | Brendan Greaves, Folklorist
 Sept. 26 | Safe Haven (Film on the Lawn)
 Sept. 28 | Mountain Heritage Day
 Sept. 29 | Brass Transit - The Music of Chicago
 Sept. 30-Oct. 2 | Latino-Hispanic Expo
 Sept. 30 | Oasis Quartet Recital
 Oct. 1 | Faculty Recital: Dan Cherry, trombone
 Oct. 2 | WCU Surplus Sale
 Oct. 2 | Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company Performance

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch
College students must jump through new hoops to vote where they go to school | Smoky Mountain News
State voting changes dissected, debated at political forum | Smoky Mountain News (coverage of forum at WCU)
From the great outdoors to musical theater, WCU’s drawing cards are all over the map | Smoky Mountain News
WCU makes big strides in freshmen retention rate | Smoky Mountain News (includes student comments)
How academics should deal with letters of recommendation | Inside Higher Ed (regular column by Nate Kreuter)
The 6 percent solution | Mountain Xpress (op-ed piece by Roger Hartley)
With positive tourism trends in Haywood, DWA looks ahead to cultivate new visitors | The Mountaineer (comments from Steve Morse)
Fall Foliage Forecast | WLOS News 13 (update from Kathy Mathews)
Dry weather brightens Asheville’s fall leaf outlook – Month without big rains increases chances for vibrant colors | Asheville Citizen-Times (comments from Kathy Mathews)
Not everyone thinks Occupy Asheville is dead; ‘Dormant’ movement could return to action in the future | Black Mountain News (comments from Chris Cooper)

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com
Men’s golf: Poston wins back-to-back events; claims Cardinal Intercollegiate
Notes from Tuesday’s (Sept. 24) SoCon football teleconference
WCU's George earns SoCon Volleyball Defensive Player of the Week honors

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