Engagement awards program gets underway
The student-initiated and student-designed Lily Community Engagement Awards program was launched as a pilot program in the fall and celebrated its first honoree, Adam Ray, a graduating senior from Cullowhee, in December. 

Grant directed at engineering education in WNC
WCU is the recipient of a $500,000 grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation to help expand engineering education across Western North Carolina through a partnership with regional community colleges.

Campus master plan endorsed by trustees
Some highlights of the plan include construction of a new science building and a new building for the College of Business,
consolidation of programs in the College of Fine and Performing Arts to new and existing space near the John W. Bardo Fine and Performing Arts Center, enhancement of pedestrian connectivity across campus and additional revitalization of the historic hill area of campus. ... (CONTINUE READING)

**King celebration to take place Jan. 20-25**
TV show host, political science professor and writer Melissa V. Harris-Perry will be the keynote speaker for WCU’s annual celebration in honor of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. Host of the weekend news and opinion show “Melissa Harris-Perry” on MSNBC, Harris-Perry will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22. ... (CONTINUE READING)

**WCU building receives LEED gold certification**
The Health and Human Sciences Building has become WCU's first structure to be LEED-certified for its comprehensive energy-efficient and environmentally friendly features. ... (CONTINUE READING)

**Collaboration solidified between allied health professionals in the Czech Republic and WCU**
A team of seven allied health professionals from the Czech Republic who recently visited WCU said they were impressed with the faculty and students, the Health and Human Sciences Building, the techniques and equipment being used to deliver services for people of all ages with communication disorders at WCU’s Speech and Hearing Clinic, and the cordiality of all the people they encountered in Western North Carolina. ... (CONTINUE READING)

**BRIEFS** | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs
‘Good Thoughts Better’ exhibit opening Thursday at museum  
Cross Training Challenge participants sought  
Director of clinical affairs hired  
Registration open for spring half marathon, 5-K; free training program offered at WCU  
Programs recognized by higher education guides  
Regional business leaders to share insights  
‘Smokey Joe’s Cafe’ rock ‘n’ roll revue to stage on Jan. 26  
String players sought for orchestra  
Artist, critic and writer to give public lecture Jan. 30  
Human resources students assist nonprofit organizations

**ACHIEVEMENTS** | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements
Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Roger Hartley.

**HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES** | news-prod.wcu.edu
Catamounts unbeaten in SoCon action  
Guest pianist to perform Finnish, American music Jan. 27  
Apollo Winds to perform chamber music Jan. 21  
Former Catamount coaching Chargers in playoffs  
Chancellor meeting with Cherokee residents Jan. 30  
WCU online programs get high national ranking  
WCU baseball team ranks 31st nationally in preseason poll  
Alumnus receives math education honor

**EVENTS** | calendar.wcu.edu
Jan. 16 | Reception: Edward J Bisese  
Jan. 18 | Men’s Basketball Vs. Samford  
Jan. 21 | Concert: Apollo Winds and Bradley Martin, piano  
Jan. 23 | 125th WCU Anniversary Kickoff Event  
Jan. 23 | Men’s Basketball vs. Davidson  
Jan. 25 | Women’s Basketball vs. Georgia Southern

**HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH** | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch
Abandon our coast? Heaven – and HUD – forbid | Long Island Herald (comment from Rob Young)

The Government Shutdown: Effects and Aftereffects that Might Surprise You | The Resort Trades (references economic impact study by Steve Morse)

High School Huddle: Briggs to coach Cherokee football | Asheville Citizen-Times (about former WCU football coach Kent Briggs)

Dealing With Unstable Students | Inside Higher Ed (column by Nate Kreuter)

The 2014 Fiction Issue | Theme: Coming of age in Charlotte | Creative Loafing / Charlotte (award-winning writer is WCU student Grady Michael Hill)

Bob Waters tapped for N.C. Sports Hall of Fame | Sylva Herald (about former football coach Bob Waters)

Some college athletes play like adults, read like fifth graders | CNN.com (comment from Kadence Otto)

Cherokee exhibit at Jackson County library | Smoky Mountain News (involves Cherokee Language Program)

The Artside: Gallery shows for January feature groups of artists | The Augusta Chronicle (about exhibit that includes Richard Tichich)

Bronze plaque to be installed in Dillsboro on Jan. 14 | Asheville Citizen-Times (about WCU art students involved in project in Dillsboro Green Energy Park)

Dems can’t count on economy to save them in midterms | The Hill (comment from Chris Cooper)

WLHS and WCU alumnus honored by teachers association | Lincoln Times-News (about recent WCU grad)

Lab’s world-record study still going after more than 30 years | Aiken (S.C.) Standard (involves Joseph Pechmann)

Demos lose as N.C. electorate grows | Asheville Citizen-Times (comment from Chris Cooper)

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com
Women's basketball holds on to collar Samford Bulldogs 54-50
Track and field competes at Wake Forest Invitational
Men’s basketball: Catamounts claw out 68-67 win over Eagles
Women's basketball falls to Chattanooga 77-57