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WCU to kick off celebration of 125 years Jan. 23

The festivities for celebrating WCU's 125th anniversary begin Thursday, Jan. 23, with an afternoon event at A.K. Hinds University Center and evening festivities at the Catamount men's basketball game. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

Ticket sales and distribution begin Jan. 24 for Gloria Steinem address

WCU will host "An Evening with Gloria Steinem" in the Bardo Arts Center at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6. Ticket sales begin Friday, Jan. 24. In addition, a limited number of complimentary student tickets will be available for faculty members to distribute to students to attend as part of a class. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

WCU to collect emergency contact information through My Cat

Starting this month, faculty and staff members will be prompted twice each year when they log into My Cat (at the beginning of the spring and fall semesters) to enter or update their cellphone numbers, or to opt-out of receiving emergency alerts through their phones. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

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. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

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. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

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



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