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## Students to travel to New Orleans, Jamaica to serve

The chance to go to Jamaica led student Courtney Humphries to sign up last year for a service learning-focused spring break trip to the country, but the reason she will return is the people – people who have very little that she could not forget. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## Student cycling team to host collegiate ‘Airport Assault’ race

The WCU Cycling Team will host a regional collegiate road bike race, “The Airport Assault,” on Saturday, March 22, and Sunday, March 23.

Faculty member Michael McDonald prepares donated laptops for a school in Jamaica.

“The climb up to the airport is extremely difficult and short, but it’s a test of your current physical fitness and your pain threshold,” said Patrick O’Neal, race organizer and WCU student. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## Zhang stepping down as Kimmel dean

James Zhang, dean of the Kimmel School of Construction Management and Technology since October 2012, will be stepping down from the post in May to become provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Kettering University in Flint, Mich. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## Tarzan of the Apes’ radio re-creation wins national award

WCU’s original production of a radio re-creation of “Tarzan of the Apes” has been recognized with one of the top awards in the Broadcast Education Association Festival of Media Arts. The show, which was presented Feb. 26, 2013, in WCU’s John W. Bardo Fine and Performing Arts Center, is the winner of the best of competition award in the long-form faculty audio production category. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

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Granddaughter of Duke Ellington works with students  
Gloria Steinem to address sold-out crowd

**ACHIEVEMENTS** | [thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements](http://thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements)

Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Herb Bailey and Mark A. Kossick.

## HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES | [news-prod.wcu.edu](https://news-prod.wcu.edu)

Basketball teams heading to conference tourney

Weather advisory issued for area

WCU timeline reveals milestone events, achievements, traditions, personalities

Track and field wins Southern Conference indoor championships

## EVENTS | [calendar.wcu.edu](https://calendar.wcu.edu)

March 6 | First Thursday Concert and Jam

March 6 | An Evening with Gloria Steinem

March 7 | Board of Trustees meeting

March 8 | Tennis vs. Wofford

March 14 | Baseball vs. Rider

March 15-16 | Softball vs. Elon (DH)

March 15-16 | Baseball vs. Rider

March 18 | Documentary film screening "Finding Hillywood"

March 19 | Baseball vs. ETSU

## HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH | [news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch](https://news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch)

Tribute: Robert J. Conley Told Towering Cherokee Tales | Native News Today (biographical sketch of the late Sequoyah Professor at WCU)

Conley remembered at Memorial Service | Cherokee One Feather

Mary Hemphill followed her love of education to become principal of Koontz | Salisbury Post (about WCU master's degree alumna and her career path since graduating)

Buncombe commissioner races heat up | Asheville Citizen-Times (comment from Chris Cooper)

Jacob Deal – WLOS News13 Person of the Week | WLOS News 13 (about Jacob Deal's virtual run for Special Olympics)

Mitchell K. 'Mitch' Alexander, McDaniel director | The Baltimore Sun (comment from James Felton)

WCU professor studies healthy eating demographics | Smoky Mountain News (features April Tallant's research)

From PACs to individuals, who is funding Foxx, McHenry, Meadows' campaign coffers? | Carolina Public Press (comment from Chris Cooper)

## ATHLETICS | [catamountsports.com](https://catamountsports.com)

Softball: Karley Harkey's walk-off single pushes softball past Charlotte 4-3 in extra innings

Men's golf: WCU's J.T. Poston sixth on Spring's First Palmer Cup ranking

Men's golf finishes 12th at Spring-Opening Samford Intercollegiate

Baseball knocks Off #15 Clemson, 18-10

Softball hosts Charlotte Wednesday in home opener



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