Campus leaders explore WNC from Murphy to Asheville in weeklong tour

Thirty campus leaders including members of the 2013-14 WCU Leadership Academy crisscrossed the mountains of Western North Carolina for a weeklong tour to learn more about the region that the university serves and to help strengthen relationships between WCU and its surrounding communities. Applications are being accepted through Friday, May 30, for the 2014-15 WCU Leadership Academy class. ... (CONTINUE READING)

WCU welcomes delegation from Hannam University to campus

Hyungtae Kim, president of Hannam University, was honored with a luncheon at WCU as he and other representatives from the South Korean university visited Cullowhee to celebrate the partnership that exists between the two institutions of higher education. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Library specialist closes career with all-nighters

Unlike other faculty and staff who retired in May and prepared to ease into a slower pace of life, Hunter Library’s Terry Ensley opted to work all night during the weeks students prepared for finals. Ensley answered questions, helped students find books, checked library materials in and out, and made coffee – lots of it. ... (CONTINUE READING)

‘Where’s Paws’ contest to end with free children’s event

The “Where’s Paws” game in which children are scouring Cashiers, Cullowhee, Dillsboro and Sylva businesses for images of Paws, WCU’s Catamount mascot, will conclude with a party featuring games, prizes and the chance to meet Paws in Reid Gym on Saturday, June 28. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Students donate to help local nonprofit feed hungry

WCU students recently donated more than $12,000 worth of food and merchandise through the annual end-of-year C-Store Buy-Out program to help the Community Table in Sylva alleviate hunger. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Sylva resident wins trip to see WCU band in Macy’s
parade
Vivian Cleaveland of Sylva had forgotten about the raffle ticket she bought to support Western Carolina University’s Friends of the Arts when Robert Kehrberg, dean of WCU’s College of Fine and Performing Arts, called with some news and asked if she was sitting down. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Dorondo, Hyman named to professorships
David Dorondo, associate professor of history, has been awarded the Creighton Sossomon Professorship in History, and Jeremy Hyman, associate professor of biology, was named to the H.F. and Catherine P. Robinson Professorship. Both will hold the professorships for three-year terms. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Summit on natural products planned for June 10
Western North Carolina’s growing natural products industry will be the focus of a gathering at WCU on Tuesday, June 10. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Interior design students assist alumna with medical facility
Dr. Janine Keever wanted Smoky Mountain Obstetrics & Gynecology’s new office in Sylva to be a place where all women would feel comfortable, and WCU students stepped forward to help. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Online bachelor’s programs ranked among nation’s best for veterans
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BRIEFS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs
Spring 2014 issue of WCU magazine posted online
Summer ice cream socials offered on UC lawn
Which Wich, Moe’s Southwest Grill coming to campus
Campus dining announces summer hours, ‘$5 Fridays’
WCU to host free outdoor summer concerts
WCU wins season ticket card design contest
MBA students help regional businesses
Master’s degree students serve as human resources consultants to nonprofit organizations

ACHIEVEMENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements
Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Kristan Blanton, James Costa, Todd Creasy, Janina DeHart, Lisa Frady, A.J. Grube, Henson Sturgill and Linda Woody, and employees of Orientation Programs and Writing and Learning Commons.

HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES | news-prod.wcu.edu
Sport management students place third in undergraduate research competition
Students earn certification in hotel business analysis

Liar’s Bench to present final performance Thursday

‘The Biggest Loser’ put this alumna on the path to healthy living

Legacy Dance Camp coming to campus June 22-28

Nature photography course offered in Asheville

May travel course includes students with intellectual disabilities

Catamounts eliminated from conference tournament

Free outdoor film series scheduled for June, July

Men’s basketball tops solid showing in NCAA APR

Catamounts win Southern Conference regular season championship

EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu
May 29 | Reception: North Carolina Art Educators
June 4 | WCU Surplus Sale
June 4 | Ice Cream Social
June 5 | Outdoor Movie: “Divergent”
June 7 | MusicWorks! Studio of Performing Arts presents “Disney Goes Broadway!”
June 10 | Concert on the Lawn
June 11 | Ice Cream Social
June 12 | Outdoor Movie: “The Lego Movie”
June 14 | Encore Dance Studios presents “Cartoon Network & Cheaper By The Dozen”
June 18 | Ice Cream Social
June 19 | Reception for Cullowhee Mountain Arts Summer Faculty Exhibition
June 19 | Outdoor Movie: “300: Rise of an Empire”
June 24 | Concert on the Lawn
June 25 | Ice Cream Social
June 26 | Outdoor Movie: “Muppets Most Wanted”
July 2 | Ice Cream Social
July 3 | Outdoor Movie: “Captain America: The Winter Soldier”
July 8 | Concert on the Lawn
July 9 | Ice Cream Social
July 10 | Outdoor Movie: “Need for Speed”

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch
Sea level rise and erosion forum an eye-opener | Nantucket Coastal Conservancy (participants include Rob Young)

WCU baseball not happy about missing NCAA tournament | Asheville Citizen-Times

Second graders remember student teacher | WRGC Radio 540 AM (about school honoring student teacher Reagan Hartley who was killed this spring in a traffic accident)

VIDEO: Summer tourism season kicks off in Sevier County | WATE 6 (Knoxville, Tenn.) (references study by WCU hospitality and tourism program)

Apodaca a firm supporter of education | Asheville Citizen-Times (guest op-ed by George Little of Board of Trustees)

N.C. program paves road from ADN to BSN | Nurse.com (article about the RIBN program)

Museum of Cape Fear celebrates sports | Southern Pines Pilot (about upcoming presentation by Alex Macaulay)
Coastal communities to be forced to pay for beach renourishment in Charleston, Southeast? | Charleston Post & Courier (comment from Rob Young)

Asheville-area business people news | Asheville Citizen-Times (bout College of Business supporter receiving honorary doctorate; ninth item in the round-up)

N.C. grad in first tour, headed to Broadway in 'Mamma Mia!' | Durham Herald-Sun (about recent graduate)

Committee seeks to replace director of Honors Program | NC State Technician (Brian Railsback listed as a candidate)

Asheville sees moderate population growth | Asheville Citizen-Times (comment from Chris Cooper)

Opinion: What is the General Assembly telling our children? | Asheville Citizen-Times (reference to education class at WCU)

All in the family: Asheville's brewery culture builds community | Mountain Xpress (comment from Peter Nieckarz)

The Report Card for May 20 | Asheville Citizen-Times (editorial report card gives WCU students a grade 'A' for student donations of more than $12,000 to the Community Table)

Tryo Tracts: Writing Environments | Inside Higher Ed (regular column by Nate Kreuter)

A champion for women in business gets her own due | Asheville Citizen-Times (about Annice Brown of N.C. Small Business & Technology Development Center)

CRC Limits Sea-Level Rise Study to 30 Years | North Carolina Coastal Federation / Coastal Review (comment from Rob Young)

NCCAT again faces possible shutdown amid budget scramble; governor not recommending continued funding | The Sylva Herald (about NCCAT, unfunded in governor’s budget, possibly closing June 30 and its campus turned over to WCU)

Asheville area volunteers assist prison, inmates | Asheville Citizen-Times (includes reference to entrepreneurship class taught by WCU)

Man involved in fatal car chase with police arrested, released from hospital | Greensboro News & Record (update on status of man charged in fatal accident involving WCU student)

Taken for a ride: Taxpayers send tourism officials on a bus tour and get questionable numbers in return | IowaWatchDog.org (comment from Steve Morse)

Capital from the crowd: Artists, entrepreneurs go online for a financial head start | Smoky Mountain News (comments from Bob Mulligan)

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com
Catamount Football Classic Golf Tournament set for June 4

Baseball: Catamount Diamond Notes: Season Wrap-Up May 26

Men's golfer J.T. Poston named PING All-East Region

Track: Six Catamounts qualify for NCAA East Prelim Track & Field Meet

Baseball falls on Thursday in SoCon Championship