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## Sweet Briar's Jill Granger named dean of WCU Honors College

Jill Nelson Granger, associate dean of academic affairs and director of the Honors Program at Sweet Briar College in Virginia, will be the next dean of Western Carolina University's residential Honors College. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## Tom Ashcraft appointed Distinguished Professor of Visual Arts

Tom Ashcraft, head of the sculpture program in the School of Art at George Mason University, has been named the inaugural Distinguished Professor of Visual Arts at Western Carolina University. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## Tickets for August 15 film festival available July 13

Area film lovers can anticipate viewing some freshly minted, award-winning student-created films in the second annual Best of Controlled Chaos Film Festival, Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## WCU receives \$225,000 grant to help increase family nurse practitioners in WNC

The College of Health and Human Sciences at Western Carolina University is recipient of a \$225,000 grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation to help increase the number of family nurse practitioners working in health care settings in rural Western North Carolina. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## Menickelli wins innovation grant; disc golf book announced

Justin Menickelli, associate professor of health and physical education at WCU, received a mini-grant of \$500 from the Professional Disc Golf Association ([www.pdga.com](http://www.pdga.com)) on July 2, and has accepted an offer from Triumph Books in Chicago, Illinois, ([www.triumphbooks.com](http://www.triumphbooks.com)) to publish his work, "The Definitive Guide to Disc Golf." ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

### BRIEFS | [thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs](http://thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs)

WCU's Mabry addresses local youth during Real World Expo  
Latest volumes added to the Carlyle Letters Online  
Jones, Williams honored by Foundation  
Graduate degree program receives new title  
Brass quintet returns from eastern Europe tour  
Hudson, Zimmerman join Health and Human Sciences administrative team  
Service learning director wins second award for inspiring civic engagement  
Nominations sought for WCU's Mountain Heritage Award  
Parking services department moves to Camp Building  
Friends General Conference meeting on WCU campus

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

Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Yang Fan and Christina L. Reitz.

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

Broadwell chosen to lead WCU trustees  
EMC program hosting inaugural seminar  
Doug Gibson to play folk, blues for WCU's Summer Concert Series  
Cultural presentations offered to schools across Western North Carolina  
WCU receives grant for equipment from NCBiotech  
Heritage museum hosting bark basket workshop  
WCU scientists co-author Interior Department report on sea-level rise  
Catamount Club hoping to hit big fundraising goal by June 30  
Local students raising funds to Bike Across America

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

July 8 | Ice Cream Social  
July 8 | Movie: Unfriended  
July 9 | Live Performance: "Nance Dude"  
July 15 | Ice Cream Social  
July 15 | Movie: Paul Blart Mall Cop 2  
July 16 | Reception: Cullowhee Mountain Arts  
July 16 | Live Performance: Doug Gibson  
July 19 | 2015 Triple Arts Show  
July 22 | Ice Cream Social  
July 22 | Movie: Hot Pursuit

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

**If boomers have to grow old, they're going to need dogs** | Sarasota Herald-Tribune (Florida) – about aging baby boomers and their pets that includes comments from WCU's Hal Herzog  
**Business Spotlight: Two Crowes Ice Cream** | Cherokee One Feather – about a WCU freshman who owns an ice cream shop with his sister  
**Eyewitness tried to save former WCU student killed in hit and run** | The Sylva Herald – an out-of-state man saw the accident near campus which killed a former WCU student

**Climate: National Parks face huge sea level threats** | Summit County Citizen's Voice (Colorado) – about the recent U.S. Department of Interior report co-authored by WCU's Rob Young and Katie McDowell Peek  
**Carter calls it a career with UNCP exit** | Robesonian (Lumberton) – former WCU provost Kyle Carter retires from UNCP to home near WCU  
**NPS: sea level rise puts cape at risk** | Carteret County News-Times – about the recent U.S. Department of Interior report co-authored by WCU's Rob Young and Katie McDowell Peek  
**Fishing for a title: Frazier bound for Bassmaster college national championship** | Polk (County) Sports – about WCU competitors in tournament  
**Led by Former Georgia Prosecutor, NC College Students Urge Changes for Law Enforcement** | Daily Report (Atlanta) – class taught by Tom Morgan makes recommendations  
**Pantherstown: 'Yosemite of the East'** | Raleigh News & Observer – about Pantherstown Valley includes reference to comment from WCU biology professor emeritus Dan Pittillo  
**Virtual politics: Democracy Apps arms citizens with budget breakdowns** | Mountain Xpress – about a citizens' political involvement app includes comments from WCU's Chris Cooper  
**Kayaks and kegs? Feelfree Kayaks diversifies** | Asheville Citizen-Times – about local business and diversification includes comment from WCU's Ed Wright  
**Report: Sea rise has big price tag for nation's parks** | Florida Keys News – about Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines report on sea-level rise impact on coastal parks  
**Family of Man Killed in Hit & Run Pleads for Justice** | WLOS News 13 – about search for driver in a hit-and-run accident that killed a former WCU student

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

**Football.** Catamount Football Adds Tyler Carlton to Staff  
**W. Golf.** Three Catamounts Named WGCA All-American Scholars  
**Baseball.** Former Catamounts MiLB All-Stars, Receive Promotions  
**W. Basketball.** Stephanie McCormick Rounds Out Staff with Addition of Safiya Grant  
**Baseball.** Former Catamount Null Shines in Midwest League All-Star Game



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