WCU to focus on diversity, scholarships, student experience, employee support
Western Carolina University Chancellor David O. Belcher has identified four areas of emphasis for the 2015-16 academic year that are central to the institution’s future success: increasing diversity on campus, preparing for a comprehensive fundraising campaign to boost scholarship dollars, enhancing the total student experience, and supporting faculty and staff. … (CONTINUE READING)

Campus gearing up for start of fall semester, and another possible record enrollment
The potential exists for a fourth straight year of record enrollment as the Western Carolina University community prepares to welcome new and returning students for the start of the fall semester. … (CONTINUE READING)

New members of Leadership Academy announced
Western Carolina University is welcoming 12 faculty and staff members into the 2015-16 Leadership Academy, a program designed to grow leaders at all levels, regardless of their title or position. … (CONTINUE READING)
Base Camp Cullowhee finds a new home
Packing up 12 kayaks, 12 canoes and 10 rafts, along with a ton of outdoor gear, and moving it across campus was actually the easy part. ...

WCU appoints new director of emergency services
Stephen “Shane” Stovall, a certified emergency manager with nearly 20 years of experience leading private and public sector emergency management and disaster recovery efforts, is the new director of emergency services at Western Carolina University. ...

BRIEFS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs
Institute offers professional development to WCU administrative support professionals
Faculty members take part in second year of Health Educators Academy
Three entertainment series promise variety for 2015-16
Nominations open through Aug. 15 for women’s leadership program
Photo studio to open for new employee photographs, headshot updates

ACHIEVEMENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements
Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Ben Tholkes, Justin Menickelli and James Costa.

HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES | news-prod.wcu.edu
WCU ready to kick off fall semester
A 60 percent surge in external funding enhances education, research, programs
Local students Bike Across America
WCU Board of Trustees to meet Sept. 4
WCU Director of Athletics Randy Eaton receives contract extension
Accountancy program fall banquet set for Sept. 18
Dean signs letter supporting engineering diversity
Author to speak at Friday convocation
Catamount football team begins fall practice
WCU’s ACE series offering variety of entertainment

EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu
Aug. 15 | Valley Ballyhoo
Aug. 15 | Best of Controlled Chaos Film Festival
Aug. 16 | Outdoor Movie: San Andreas
Aug. 19 | Tim Montana and the Shrednecks

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch
Scientists Foresee Losses as Cities Fight Beach Erosion | Climate Central – about coastal communities and beach erosion problems, with comment from WCU’s Andy Coburn and information from Program for the Study of Developed Shorelines
Onstage at WCU | Smoky Mountain Times – entertainment/arts/culture roundup of WCU’s Mainstage, Galaxy of Stars and ACE series
Heath Shuler cryptic on possibility of Senate bid | Asheville Citizen-Times – about possible Heath Shuler Senate bid, with comment from WCU’s Chris Cooper
NC Senate sends bond plan to legislative black hole | Asheville Citizen-Times – update on bond proposal that would include money for a new Natural Sciences Building
Charlotte-Mecklenburg police captain: Shooting by cop not consistent with department policy | Charlotte-Mecklenburg Star Tribune – Associated Press story about trial in Charlotte fatal shooting by a police officer includes testimony from WCU’s David McCord
Psychology professor testifies about police officer at trial | WRAL – about trial in Charlotte fatal shooting by a police officer includes testimony from WCU’s David McCord
Kerrick Trial – Day 16 – August 11 | CMPD captain testifies Kerrick not justified in firing his weapon | WSOC-TV – about trial in Charlotte fatal shooting by a police officer includes testimony from WCU’s David McCord
MG: Kennesaw State Names Bryant Odom Head Men's Golf Coach | Kennesaw State University – announces hiring of Bryant Odom as men’s golf coach
Mountain Heritage Day to feature bluegrass group Balsam Range | Morganton News Herald (news release) –
about WCU’s Mountain Heritage Day

Local students triumph in Skills USA Nationals | Bristol Herald Courier (Virginia) – about local students in a technology skills competition, including student headed to Kimmel School this fall

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com

W. Golf. Mitchell Emerges from Playoff; Concludes Play at U.S. Women's Am
Football. Catamount Football Fall Report #5: Wednesday, August 12, 2015
Football. Meet the Cats Scheduled For Friday, Aug. 22
W. Soccer. Women's Soccer Hosts Former Rival Appalachian State in Exhibition Friday
W. Golf. Mitchell Makes Cut; In Match-Play Playoff at U.S. Women's Amateur