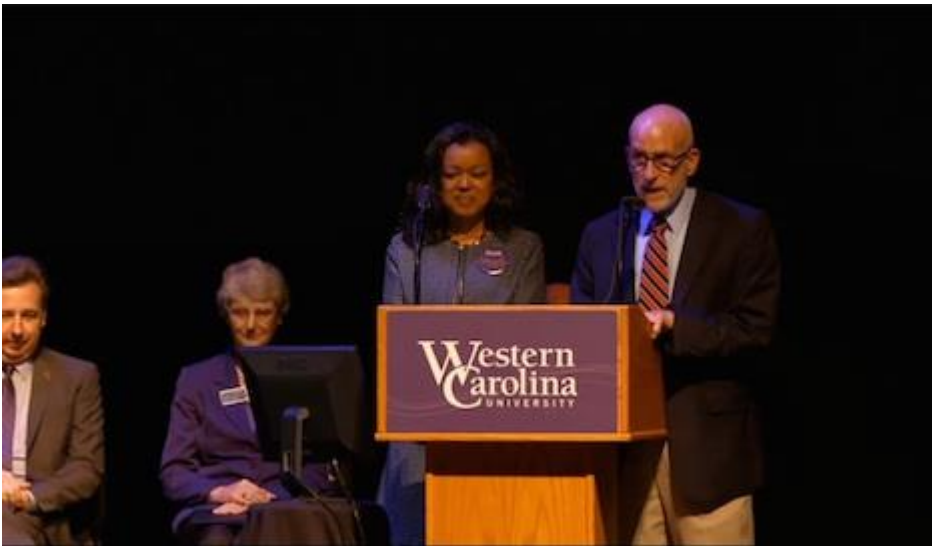


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## WCU to focus on diversity, scholarships, student experience, employee support

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

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

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



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