WCU’s fall color commentator predicts best leaf-looking season in years

Fall leaf color in the mountains of Western North Carolina should be the best it has been in a number of years because of generally drier-than-normal conditions during 2015. … (CONTINUE READING)

Proposed QEP topics to be presented at Sept. 1 forum; vote set for Sept. 2-12

The power to choose the topic of focus for Western Carolina University’s next Quality Enhancement Plan rests with the WCU community, and a forum has been scheduled to outline the eight topics that will be put up for vote. … (CONTINUE READING)

Forum provides update on reaccreditation, master plan, enrollment – and the links between them

Members of the Western Carolina University community gathered Monday, Aug. 24, for updates on three important topics for the year ahead, the first in an ongoing series of conversations about some of the issues that keep Chancellor David O. Belcher and other campus leaders awake late at night. … (CONTINUE READING)

University to focus on sexual assault prevention, other compliance issues

Mary Ann Lochner, general counsel for Western Carolina University, repeatedly has characterized higher education as “the most heavily regulated industry in the United States.” Take the Americans with Disabilities Act as one lone example. … (CONTINUE READING)
Steep Canyon Rangers to perform at WCU Friends of the Arts members-only concert

Grammy Award-winning bluegrass supergroup Steep Canyon Rangers will perform at a membership concert for the Western Carolina University Friends of the Arts at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, on campus. ... (CONTINUE READING)

WCU Bookstore gets Energy Star certification

The Energy Star logo is frequently found on household appliances across the country. But rarely do you see it affixed to a building. Unless that building is the Western Carolina University Bookstore. ... (CONTINUE READING)

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Faculty Showcase Recital kicks off WCU’s recital series Sept. 1
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Family friendly paddling competition set for Sept. 12 in Cullowhee
Cathryn Griffin photography exhibit on display at WCU Fine Art Museum
WCU’s lifelong learning institute offering second year of educational sessions
Sneed to deliver Indian health lecture at WCU on Sept. 2

ACHIEVEMENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements

Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Michelle Sorensen, Jeffrey Vickery, Christopher Hoyt, Mark Kossick, Jackie Sievert, Jay Gerlach, Tyler Reinagel, Chris Cooper and Santiago Garcia-Castanon.

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WCU volleyball team hosting tournament
Several construction projects in the works or on drawing boards
Faculty talent to be showcased in Sept. 1 recital
WCU’s SGA president notes top priority
Country star Hunter Hayes kicks off ‘21 Tour’ at WCU’s Ramsey Center Oct. 22
Cathryn Griffin photography exhibit on display
WCU’s Pride of the Mountains polishing up this year’s show
Series of aqua fitness classes to begin Monday
Remembering the impact of former dean Cliff Lovin

EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu

Aug. 26 | Visiting Artist Lecture: Shaurya Kumar
Aug. 28 | Volleyball Fresno State vs. Murray State
Aug. 28-29 | Pitch Perfect 2
Aug. 28 | Volleyball vs. Georgia State
Aug. 29 | Volleyball Georgia State vs. Fresno State; vs. Murray State; Georgia State vs. Murray State
Sept. 1 | Faculty Showcase Recital
Sept. 1 | Volleyball vs. UNCA

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Fewer people want NC teaching jobs | Asheville Citizen-Times – about drop in number of people seeking jobs, with info about education majors at WCU and comment from Dale Carpenter
Sneed to deliver Indian health lecture at WCU on Sept. 2 | Cherokee One Feather – news of upcoming Indian
Health Lecture at WCU

**Professor predicts stunning fall leaf season** | Greenville News (South Carolina) – (news release) based on the annual fall foliage forecast from WCU’s Kathy Mathews (also Asheville Citizen-Times online)

**Sports’ Impact Felt Far Beyond The Games – Brevard NC** | Transylvanian Times – about presentation by WCU’s Alex Macaulay on history of sports in North Carolina

**Out of Africa: Kenyan learning football in Cullowhee** | Asheville Citizen-Times – about WCU football player from Africa, Helva Matungulu

**Race gaps continue in college enrollment** | UNC Wilmington Seahawk – about diversity at UNC campuses, including WCU

**Burned and buried: an uncovered legacy** | The Daily Tar Heel – about archeological excavation in Chapel Hill includes comment from WCU’s Brett Riggs

**Tourism boom more complicated than dollar signs** | Asheville Citizen-Times – about tourism industry; includes comment from WCU’s Steve Morse

**State of the Arts: The 2nd Terrain Biennial comes to Asheville** | Mountain Xpress – about WCU art alumnus and her professor, Ron Laboray

**Former Monarch Ventures owner could face charges** | Smoky Mountain News – update about legal issues facing former developer of proposed student housing

**ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com**

**Football.** 2015 Catamount Football Position-by-Position Preview: Quarterbacks

**W. Soccer.** Women's Soccer and Winthrop Draw 1-1 Double OT Tie

**Football.** Catamount Football Holds Final Scrimmage, ‘Meet the Cats’

**W. Volleyball.** Young Catamounts Impressive in Final Volleyball Scrimmage

**W. Soccer.** Catamounts Open Season Blanking EKU 3-0