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Veteran psychology professor changes strategy after taking hard look at classroom texting

They lie in wait like potholes on the road to effective learning in the classroom – the plethora of potential distractions that can derail a student’s ability to pay attention to the academic topic at hand, regardless of the teacher’s fervent efforts. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

Patricia Bricker wins statewide service-learning award

Western Carolina University faculty member Patricia Bricker has been honored for her contributions to the practice of service-learning by North Carolina Campus Compact, a coalition of 35 public and private colleges and universities in the state. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

Faculty Scholarship Celebration showcases 187 works

In its 27th year, the annual Faculty Scholarship Celebration will unveil 187 creative and academic works by members of Western Carolina University’s faculty and staff at a reception and event Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the Blue Ridge Conference Center on campus. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

Planning, preparations begin for 2016 Mountain Heritage Day festival at WCU

While Mountain Heritage Day is months away, Western Carolina University is already making preparations for this year's festival as organizers begin groundwork for the showcase of Southern Appalachian music, crafts and culture. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

WCU's Mountain Heritage Center selected for small museum accreditation academy

Western Carolina University's Mountain Heritage Center is among 10 museums selected to participate in the American Alliance of Museums' new accreditation academy for small institutions. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

As Zika virus spreads, WCU mosquito expert advises state

During the first week of February, the World Health Organization declared the mosquito-borne Zika virus a public health emergency, and three days later the first instance of it being transmitted sexually during the current outbreak was confirmed in Texas. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

NOTEWORTHY NEWS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/news

Fine Art Museum exhibit examines use of color in art
Prospective students can get a taste of college life at WCU's Open House on Feb. 20
WCU Programs at Biltmore Park to hold Feb. 16 Open House
WCU class sponsors international festival at Smoky Mountain High
WCU Wind Ensemble presenting 'A Night at the Theater' concert Feb. 12
School of Stage and Screen presenting drama 'Macbeth is the New Black'

ACHIEVEMENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements

Kossick lectures as visiting professor at East Carolina University

HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES | news-prod.wcu.edu

WNC students to gather for Feb. 16-17 science fair at WCU
WCU to host new teacher 'boot camp' Feb. 13
Video: Explaining the Urban Death Project
WCU Fine Art Museum hosts exhibit by acclaimed Cherokee artist Wilnoty
Cast announced for March 17 'Blackbeard's Ghost' production
Campus academic leaders announce two-phased approach to proposed new center

EVENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/events

Chief Diversity Officer candidate forum for Dr. Roberto Sanabria, Feb. 11
Sacco to present Ron Morrow Lecture Feb. 17
Retirement Reception for Barb Schade, March 29, Blue Ridge A
12th Annual Service-Learning Awards Ceremony
Learn to Find Funding for Your Research

CALENDAR | events.wcu.edu

2/10/2016 Civil Rights and Jazz
2/10/2016 Technology Refresh
2/10/2016 Artist Talk: Jon Ogburn
2/10/2016 Cotton Club/Jazz Band
2/11/2016 Women's Basketball vs. ETSU

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch

Blue-ribbon committee seeks balance in push-and-pull over Koch-funded center at WCU | Smoky Mountain News – coverage of the implementation advisory board for the Center for the Study of Free Enterprise

Are Pets Really Good for Us? | Pacific Standard – about pet ownership includes comment from WCU's Hal Herzog

Therapy Dogs or Robots for Nursing Home Residents? | Psychology Today – opinion piece by WCU's Hal Herzog looking at therapy dogs and robots in nursing homes

The Vegan Studies Project: On Being Vegan in America | Huffington Post – about Laura Wright and the Vegan Studies Project

Campus Leaders Weigh In on Higher Ed's Top 10 IT Issues | Ed Tech Magazine – about top 10 IT issues in higher ed includes comment from WCU's Craig Fowler

Bond referendum | WFSC Radio (Franklin) – about upcoming bond referendum and proposed science building
TDA's tourism conference rescheduled for later this month | WHKP Radio (Hendersonville) – about rescheduled tourism conference, with Steve Morse as keynote speaker

Mountain Mediation welcomes new board members | The Mountaineer – about Mountain Mediation board members, including WCU graphic designer John Balentine

WCU should stay away from Koch money, influence | Smoky Mountain News – op-ed about the Koch Foundation

Atlas' big smug shrug | Smoky Mountain News – op-ed about the Koch Foundation

Rash heads new writing conference at Brevard | Asheville Citizen-Times – about Ron Rash heading a new writing conference in Brevard

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com

W. Golf. Mitchell Paces Catamounts at Spring-Opening UCF Challenge

W. Soccer. Chad Miller Adds 11 for 2016 Women's Soccer Season

W. Golf. Women's Golf Remains in 17th at UCF Challenge in Orlando

Softball. Softball's Sigmon and Price Tabbed SoCon Preseason Second Team

W. Tennis. Western Carolina Drops Match to Davidson



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