

# Proven Partnerships that Work

## Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute and Caldwell and Watauga County Schools



### Components of Partnership

- People
  - **Caldwell and Watauga Cooperative Leadership Councils**
    - Two joint councils comprised of representatives from both school districts and the community college meet monthly to discuss programs, concerns, and questions.
    - Council Members:

#### **Caldwell County Schools**

- ❖ Superintendent
- ❖ Associate Superintendent for Educational Program Services
- ❖ Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services
- ❖ High School Director
- ❖ Career and Technical Education Director
- ❖ Traditional High School Principal
- ❖ Caldwell Career Center Middle College Principal
- ❖ Caldwell Early College High School Principal
- ❖ Middle School and/or K-8 School Principal

#### **CCC&TI**

- ❖ President
- ❖ Executive Vice President
- ❖ Vice President of College Transfer and Adult Education
- ❖ Vice President of Continuing Education and Workforce Development
- ❖ Vice President of Student Services
- ❖ Director of Counseling and Advisement Services
- ❖ Transition Advisors for each of the schools (5)
- ❖ Executive Director, Watauga Campus

#### **Watauga County Schools**

- ❖ Superintendent
- ❖ High School Principal
- ❖ Career and Technical Education Director
- ❖ Middle School and/or K-8 School Principal
- ❖ High School Curriculum Director
- ❖ Career Development Facilitator

- *Caldwell Cooperative Leadership Advisory Council* includes the joint Cooperative Leadership Council and local community and business leaders. This council meets twice per year.

- **Transition Advisors**
  - Personnel based at the high schools who promote the cooperative programs and assist students in enrolling in college courses as well as CCC&TI or other post-secondary institutions.
- College Programs for High School Students - <http://www.cccti.edu/HSS/HighSchoolPrograms.html>
  - **Career and College Promise** offers structured opportunities for qualified high school juniors and seniors and eligible freshmen and sophomores to enroll in community college courses that provide pathways that lead to a certificate, diploma, or degree as well as provide entry-level job skills.
  - **Cooperative Innovative High School Programs**
    - **Caldwell Career Center Middle College** is a four year high school program with three academies: Advanced Technology, Engineering, and Life Sciences. Students take both high school and college courses to work toward earning industry credentials.
    - **Caldwell Early College High School** is a five year high school program supported in conjunction with the North Carolina New Schools Project. Students have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and a two year college transfer associate degree.
- Recent Enrollment Data
  - ❖ In 2012-2013, **689** high school students earned **6,805** college credit hours, a tuition savings of **\$469,545**.
  - ❖ In 2012-2013, **70** high school students earned college credentials.
  - ❖ Number of high school students enrolled in college courses:
    - Fall 2012 - 601
    - Spring 2013 - 609
    - Fall 2013 - 717
    - Spring 2014 - 722
- Related Programs
  - **TRIO – Educational Talent Search (ETS)** - <http://www.cccti.edu/TRIO/ETS/ETSHome.htm>
    - Serves up to 600 middle and high school students, promoting high school graduation and post-secondary enrollment.
    - For 2012-2013, the ETS student graduation rate was 100% and post-secondary enrollment was 93%.
  - **Dream Scholars Program**
    - Incentive program awarded to sixth grade students who will be first generation college students to encourage students to maintain good grades, graduate, and enroll in post-secondary education.
    - Students are guaranteed two years of tuition paid at CCC&TI. Seventy percent of Dream Scholars currently old enough to attend CCC&TI are enrolled. As of 2013, CCC&TI has awarded over **1000** Dream Scholar Awards.