

# WCU All-Time Roster

**A**  
 Absher, Tracy 1989  
 Adams, Jennifer 1993-96  
 Allen, Lynn 1985  
**Allen, Yoneko 2002-**  
 Arledge, Jayne 1976-79  
 Arrowood, Kim 1977-78  
 Austin, Belinda 1968

**B**  
 Bailey, Sandy 1986  
 Baker, Amy 1995-96  
 Barker, Sheila 1977-80  
**Barnes, Shaketia 2002-**  
 Barrett, Michelle 1984  
 Benson, Angie 1985-88  
 Benson, Beverly 1966-67  
 Bissinger, LaVeta 1993-94  
 Blankenship, Jill 1984  
**Blackwell, Christy 2000-01**  
 Bohles, Angie 1987-88  
 Braswell, Teresa 1981-84  
 Britt, Jerrie 1966-68  
 Brittain, Alicia 1993-96  
 Brown, Regina 1992  
 Broy, Missy 1995-97  
 Bryant, Jayna 1997-98  
 Bryne, Jeanne 1982  
 Bumgarner, Jeanne 1966-67  
 Burchette, Mandy 1987  
 Bums, Oliver "Sweetie" 1978  
 Butner, Lisa 1987

**C**  
 Cabe, Cindy 1990-91  
 Cain, Janet 1967-69  
 Calder, Alice 1989  
 Cameron, Renee 1996  
 Chafin, Della 1968  
 Chandler, Bess 1966-68  
 Coates, Rosanna 1970  
 Cole, Margaret 1966  
 Colville, Pat 1973-74  
 Cook, Leigh Ann 1991-92  
 Corey, Keri 1985  
 Cribb, Alice 1967  
 Crisp, Beth 1978-81  
 Currence, Beth 1996-99  
 Curtis, Cindy 1980

**D**  
 Daniels, Pam 1985-86  
 Davis, Phyllis 1973  
 Dillingham, Karen 1969-72  
 Donaldson, Julie 1989-90  
 Dowell, Jean 1966  
 Dunlap, Regina 1992-95  
 Duvall, Sheila 1966

**E**  
 Easter, Kim 1983-84  
 Echols, Laura 1999-02  
 Eichhorn, Ginger 1980-83

Eldreth, Krissy 1995  
**Ervin, Melissa 2002-**

**F**  
 Farmer, Stacy 1994  
 Finch, Nora Lynn 1969  
 Fisher, Jennifer 1997-98  
 Fleck, April 1998-01  
 Foster, Wanda 1985-88  
 Fox, Rhonda 1980-81  
 Freeman, Lenora 1978-80  
 Frye, Sandra 1978

**G**  
 Gantt, Georgia 1972  
**Gardner, Jennifer 2002-**  
 Garrett, Kristy 1993-95  
 Gary, Makisha 1996  
**Glass, Ki-Ki 2002-**  
 Glover, Ann 1982  
 Graham, Debbie 1979  
 Granville, Bonnie 1974-76  
 Green, Judy 1981-84  
 Gregory, Pam 1981-82  
 Gregory, Sharon 1989  
 Griffin, Becky 1969-70  
 Griffin, Crystal 1997

**H**  
 Haberman, Becky 1986  
 Hair, Jill 1990-91  
 Halford, Brenda 1974-77  
 Hall, Harriett 1986  
 Hall-Mason, Beth 1994  
**Hamm, Tiffany 2001-**  
 Hammett, Lori 1997  
**Hardy, Teyawna 2002-**  
 Harris, Glenda 1980  
 Harris, Jackie 1988  
 Hart, Shirle 1976  
 Hazelwood, Jane 1967  
**Heggins, Janetta 2000-**  
 Hensley, Rachel 1967-68  
 Hickman, Adonna 1977  
 Hidgon, Debbie 1972  
 Holliday, Emily 1983-86  
 Holmes, Crystal 1983  
 Horne, Vicki 1971-74  
 Horton, Mel 1982  
 Huffman, Donna 1986-89  
 Huskey, Talenna 1987  
 Huskins, April 1988-91

**J**  
 Jackson, Ethel 1975  
 Jackson, LaSha 1995-98  
 Jessup, Edna 1967-70  
 Johnson, Brenda 1974-77  
 Jones, Sharon "Jolly" 1972-75  
 Julian, Sandra 1977-80

**K**  
 Kasch, Sheree 1980-81  
 Kaylor, Barbara 1968-71

Kaylor, Kathy 1974  
 Kent Kris 1998-01  
 Kruse, Sandy 1982-84  
 Kulp, Kris 1969

**L**  
 Laster, Tammy 1982-85  
 Laxton, Wendy 1985  
 Leak, Rose 1985  
 Ledbetter, Tammy 1983-84  
 Loggins, Nicole 2001-  
**Long, Miranda 2002-**  
 Loy, Patti 1976  
 Lyons, Lori 1990-93

**M**  
 Marsh, Betty 1968  
 Marvel, Jeanne 1987-88  
 Mason, Karen 1995-98  
 McCartha, Jane 1970-83  
 McClees, Jane 1967-70  
 McDowell, Linda 1971-75  
 McEntire, Amy 1990-93  
 McFalls, Gail 1976  
**McGillivray, Marsha 2000-**  
 McGinnis, Suzanne 1967-69  
 McInturff, Kim 1987-90  
 McKinney, Donna 1979  
 McKoy, Mary 1986-87  
 McMahan, Tamara 1995-99  
 McNabb, Pam 1984-87  
 Milner, Lynn 1968-71  
 Mincey, Frances 1973-75  
 Morgan, Beth 1976-79  
 Moser, Suzanne 1984-87  
 Moses, Juanita 1967

**N**  
 Nesbitt, Sheila 1966  
 Netherton, Lulu 1971-72  
 Nichols, Judy 1966-67

**P**  
 Parker, Kelly 1988-91  
 Parks, Tameka 1999  
 Penland, Charlene 1989-92  
 Pike, Karen 1969  
 Player, Pam 1972-75  
 Powell, Lori 1991-92  
 Proffitt, Amy 1998-00  
 Pryor, Debbie 1977

**R**  
 Rae, Kit 1979  
 Reece, Amy 1992-93  
 Rhymer, Lynn 1989  
 Rice, Sandy 1975  
 Roberts, Katrina 1985-86  
 Rowe, Anglea 1991-94  
 Rumley, Betty 1974  
 Russell, Willow 1997-00

**S**  
 Saltz, Cindi 1979-82

Sanders, Faren 1970-71  
 Sanders, Judy 1966-67  
 Scott, Katie 1998-02  
 Seaman, Karin 1993-95  
 Sergeant, Malissa 1992  
 Shannon, Shirley 1987-89  
 Shannonhouse, Kathy 1969-72  
 Sharpe, Crystal 1977-78  
 Sheehan, Jan 1975  
 Sheets, Marilyn 1967-70  
 Shields, Mary Alice 1970  
 Shipman, Barbara 1971  
 Smith, Deanie 1979  
 Sorrels, Sarah 1972-73  
 Spairhour, Debbie 1978-79  
 Stepp, Jackie 1999-01  
 Story, Kathy 1978-79  
 Stroud, Judy 1973-76  
 Surratt, Marlena 1991-93  
 Surratt, Serena 1981-84  
 Sutton, Nancy 1982-85  
 Swiger, Donna 1966

**T**  
 Taylor, Carolyn 1968  
 Taylor, Terri 1980  
 Teaster, Christy 1992-93  
**Thagard, Summer 2001-**  
 Thomas, Suzanne 1973  
 Thompson, Meredith 1980-81  
 Thurman, Annette 1980  
 Thurman, Laura 1990-93  
 Tillotson, Emily 1994  
 Tritt, Laura 1975-76  
 Trotter, Debbie 1970

**U**  
 Underwood, Cindy 1976  
 Upton, Ann 1975

**V**  
 Vannoy, Laura 1987-90  
 Vaughn, Barbara 1968-71

**W**  
 Wall, Donna 1974  
 Wallace, Vivian 1967  
 Waters, Ebony 1996-98  
 Watson, Karen 1973-75  
 West, Marsha 1979-80  
 Wheeler, Amber 1996-99  
 White, Janet 1974-77  
 White, Kathy 1981  
 White, Sherrie 1970-72  
 Wike, Anna 1981-84  
 Williams, Brenda 1969-72  
 Williams, Renese 1986  
 Williams, Roxanne 1988-91  
 Williamson, Kim 1989  
 Wilson, Sharon 1979-83  
 Winbon, Donna 1977  
 Wingo, Rhonda 1972

Current letterwinners -in **bold**

# University Chancellor Dr. Bardo



Dr. John W. Bardo, Western Carolina University's chancellor since 1995, has propelled WCU into the national spotlight as a university that is preparing students to face the challenges of the 21st century.

Since becoming the 10th chief executive officer in Western's history, Dr. Bardo has been a driving force in the university's growing status across North Carolina and the nation as a leader in the application of the tools of technology to teaching and learning. Through his efforts, Western Carolina University has obtained National Merit Scholar status and has twice been named one of the 100 "most wired" universities by Yahoo! Internet Life magazine.

It was at Dr. Bardo's suggestion that the university's faculty, staff, student body and board of trustees began to consider the issue of whether to require incoming freshmen to have a networkable computer as a way to ensure that graduates of Western have the basic skills necessary to compete in an economy that will rely increasingly on information management.

Following months of study, Western in November 1997 took the bold step of becoming the first in the University of North Carolina system to adopt such a requirement. Other UNC institutions, including UNC Chapel Hill, have since announced similar requirements.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Bardo also has engineered a university wide effort to "raise the bar" of academic standards at Western. Faculty members have increased their expectations of student performance, and students are rising to meet those expectations. That emphasis on increased academic quality is earning the attention of some of North Carolina's brightest young scholars, improving the average SAT score of entering freshmen, and increasing the number of National Merit finalists and high school valedictorians interested in Western.

Other academic improvements at Western that have taken place under Dr. Bardo's watch include the creation of a broad-based assessment program of the performance of its senior-level students and the establishment of a residential Honors College for top academic performers.

Under Dr. Bardo's leadership, the university has increasingly turned its attention toward promoting economic development as a means of improving the quality of life for residents of Western North Carolina. The \$8 million Workforce Leadership Development Center, now under construction, is designed to address critical labor force issues facing the region by providing educational programs that will support emerging high-tech, "new economy" industries. In the meantime, Western has formed strategic partnerships with several regional universities in the fields of biotechnology, bioinformatics and micro-optics. As construction also continues on Western's \$30 million Fine and Performing Arts Center, the university is taking numerous steps to boost heritage and cultural tourism in the mountain region, including the establishment this year of a new summer festival of music and art.

Prior to his appointment at WCU, Dr. Bardo had been vice president for academic affairs at Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts since 1990. He assumed the dual role of provost of the public institution in 1993. Like Western Carolina, Bridgewater State was founded in the 19th century as a normal school for the training of teachers and today is a state-supported regional, comprehensive institution. Bridgewater has some 3,800 students.

Before moving to Massachusetts, Dr. Bardo held senior administrative posts at the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, serving as assistant to the president for planning and as provost and vice president for academic affairs. A sociologist, he had previously accumulated a decade of teaching and administrative experience at Southwest Texas State University and Wichita State University in Kansas.

Dr. Bardo graduated from the University of Cincinnati in 1970 with a degree in economics. He holds a master's degree in sociology from Ohio University, and earned a doctorate in the field from The Ohio State University. A graduate of the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University, he also has been a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Monash University in Australia and a guest visiting professor at the University College of Wales at Swansea.

Dr. Bardo has written extensively and lectured widely on urban and community sociology, higher education, organizational behavior, economic development, quantitative methods, and the educational applications of technology. In 1994, he was president of the Society for Applied Multivariate Research, and he has been listed in numerous biographical reference books, including Jaycees' Outstanding Young Men in America, Directory of Distinguished Americans, Community Leaders of America, and Who's Who in America.

Dr. Bardo and his wife, Deborah, have one son, Christopher.

## University Profile

**Location** Cullowhee, N.C.

### Character

A regional comprehensive university and member of the 16-institution University of North Carolina system.

### Enrollment

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Undergraduate | 5,660 |
| Graduate      | 1,370 |
| Total         | 7,030 |

### Academic Programs

More than 120 undergraduate majors and areas of concentration. Graduate degrees in more than 50 areas of study.

### Campus

265 acres of rolling hills in a scenic mountain valley between the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky Mountains.

**Calendar** Two semesters

**Faculty** 335 full-time

### Student/Faculty ratio

15:1

### Computers

A fully networked campus with 6,000 Internet connections, including two in each residence hall room.

### A Growing Campus

Western Carolina University is continuing a \$130 million building boom that includes a fine and performing arts center, a high-tech center, additional

# University/Athletic Administration

C. Jeffrey Compher enters his third year as Western Carolina University director of athletics, coming to Cullowhee in the spring of 2000.

In his short tenure, Compher has made an immediate impact on Catamount athletics. The athletic department will have seen its scholarship allocation from the University increase by over \$500,000, which shall benefit each of WCU's 14 sports. Compher has also played a key role in growth of the Catamount Club, WCU's fund-raising branch, with the addition of over 500 new members.

Through Compher's leadership, Western athletes have every opportunity to have well-rounded experience. Student-athletes have steadily improved in the classroom each semester, posting the highest cumulative grade point average (3.01) in recent memory during the spring of 2001. At the conclusion of the 2002 spring semester, WCU's student-athletes combined cumulative GPA was 2.973. Also, through the CHAMPS/Life Skills program, student-athletes are prepared for life after college, learning such things as how to prepare resumes and how to interview for jobs. While learning to excel off the field, on the field, Catamount teams won more games overall and versus Southern Conference competition than they had in each of the previous two years.

Also under Compher's watch, Western Carolina facilities have undergone significant improvement, including a new state-of-the-art football playing surface, renovation of Camp Lab Gym, irrigation and a resurfacing of the grass football practice field and irrigation and new sod added to the soccer field. Compher has also played a major role in the athletics department's vision for the future with the formation of a strategic plan to make WCU the model program in the Southern Conference.

Over the next two years, Western's campus will show dramatic changes with multi-phase projects to athletic's facilities. First, the sports medicine offices have undergone major renovations to accommodate the Carolina West Sports Medicine clinic. Also, a new team meeting room will be operational for the fall of 2002. Projects more visible include expansion and renovation of the Jordan-Phillips Field House, lights for the baseball program at Hennon Stadium/Childress Field and construction of stands on the west side of Whitmire Stadium/Waters Field. Phase two will include a track/soccer/tennis complex and renovations to the baseball playing surface. Also, Compher will oversee the addition of a women's varsity sport within the next three-to-four years.

"The university is moving forward and gaining recognition on many fronts. (With the hiring of Jeff), we are taking an important step to assure that the University's intercollegiate athletics program not only keeps pace, but perhaps steps up the pace and leads the way," stated Chancellor John W. Bardo.

"We searched for a person who understands the academic and athletic stature to which this university aspires. We have found one (in Jeff). We searched for a person who would embrace our goals: To compete for nothing short of the conference championship in every sport, every year; to have our student-athletes graduate at rates as good or better than any institution in the conference; to run a clean program, in full compliance with all Southern Conference and NCAA rules and regulations; to increase attention to the welfare of all student-athletes; and to be in full compliance with the letter and the spirit of all laws and regulations involving gender equity. Again, we have found the person for which we searched."

Compher's career in intercollegiate athletics administration began at North Carolina State in 1986 when he joined the staff of then athletic director Todd Turner. As assistant director of athletics, Compher played a major role in establishing the university's first student-athlete life skills program and in developing such organizations as the Captain's Table and the Varsity Club to give current and former student-athletes a voice in the department.

Compher served as assistant director of athletics at N.C. State until 1992, when he began a brief stint in pharmaceutical sales. He returned to higher education in 1993 as director of the Chancellor's Circle at N.C. State, a fund- and friend-raising organization in the university's advancement division. In 1994, he was selected by then-Chancellor Larry K. Monteith to serve as assistant to the chancellor, a key administrative post.

Compher remained in that position at N.C. State through 1996, when he accepted the position of associate director of athletics at

## Jeff Compher

Director of Athletics



Vanderbilt, joining his former athletics department supervisor at N.C. State, Todd Turner. He was promoted to senior associate director of athletics at Vanderbilt in 1998.

At Vanderbilt, Compher was credited with revamping the university's NCAA compliance program and opening up lines of communication within the athletics department, inviting input from coaches, students, student-athletes, staff, alumni and supporters.

Compher was responsible for overall management of all external components within Vanderbilt's athletics program, including annual giving through the National Commodore Club, media relations, marketing and promotions, corporate sponsorship sales, radio and television properties and broadcast rights and ticket sales. He also supervised the merchandising and licensing efforts.

In 1998, he was promoted to senior associate director, where he oversaw weekly, monthly and quarterly meetings for all athletics department administrators and coaches, and he had direct supervision, budget preparation and line responsibilities for several programs, including NCAA compliance, academic support, life skills for student-athletes, strength and conditioning, and equipment.

He holds a bachelors degree in psychology from James Madison University and a master's degree in counseling and student personnel services from Shippensburg University.

He and his wife, Cathy, have two sons, C.J. (10) and David (8).



## Dr. Angela Johnson Grube

Faculty Athletics Representative

Dr. Angela Johnson (A.J.) Grube is in her second year as WCU's Faculty Athletics Representative. In that capacity, she represents WCU at NCAA and Southern Conference meetings. She additionally serves on the SoCon's executive committee and plays a major role in assuring that WCU's intercollegiate program is operated

in compliance with the constitutions and bylaws of the NCAA and Southern Conference.

Grube has been Assistant Professor of Sport Management at WCU since 1999, teaching legal issues for the sports practitioner, introduction to sport management and sport event and facility marketing and management. She also serves as the Cape Cod Summer Baseball League NCAA Compliance Coordinator, a post she has held since 1999. Her association with the Cape Cod League, considered the most prestigious summer baseball league for college athletes, began as assistant general manager for the Chatham A's from 1992-94. She additionally was general manager of the Wareham Gatemen from 1997-99.

Grube has a long and diverse history in athletics. Prior to her appointment at WCU, she was assistant professor of sport management at Daniel Webster College from 1998-99. from 1995-98, while completing her Ph.D. in sport management at Florida State (1998), she was the Seminoles graduate assistant for CHAMPS/Life Skills. Also during her time in Tallahassee, she spent the summer of 1996 as training site office manager with the British Olympic Association.

Grube was Coordinator of the International Sport Management Conference at Georgia Tech (1993-93) before working in sales and design of The Yellow Pages for BellSouth Advertising and Publishing (1994-95).

Grube is a 1991 marketing and management graduate of Georgia College. She received her Master's in sport management from Georgia Southern in 1992. Her husband, Dan, is Assistant Professor of Physical Education at WCU.

# Athletic Administration/Support Staff



Fred Cantler  
Senior Associate AD/  
Compliance & Eligibility



Hunter Yurachek  
Senior Associate AD/  
External Affairs



Maria Ochoa  
Assistant AD/  
Senior Woman Admin.



Mike Cawood  
Assistant AD/  
Media Relations



Rebecca Graef  
Director of Media  
Relations



Cheryl Plemmons  
Administrative  
Assistant



## Jennifer Brown

*Director of Academic Support  
Services for Student-Athletes*

Brown, a native of Eden, N.C., is in her second year as the director of academic support services for student-athletes. In addition to her service to the WCU department of athletics, Brown is additionally a doctoral candidate in the Department of Educational Research, Leadership and Counselor Education at North Carolina State University. Brown received her Master of Arts in counselor education from North Carolina Central University in 1996. Her Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology was completed at North Carolina State University in 1992.

Western Carolina University is committed to helping its student-athletes both on and off the playing field. WCU is proud of the tradition of its athletic teams and realizes the important role that sport plays in the lives of our student-athletes. However, this represents only one part of the individual's college experience.

Western's Academic Support Service makes a strong commitment to its student-athletes, collaborating with the athletics department to meet their unique needs. Academic Support Services ensures each student-athlete continues to make academic progress towards graduation and remain athletically eligible, provides the student-athlete with the necessary resources needed to be academically successful and strives to assist each student-athlete with reaching their fullest potential in achieving their career and life goals.

All freshmen athletes are advised by the academic advisor for athletes through enrollment in USI 130, Academic and Career Planning, a one-hour elective-credit course. Through this course, students learn about WCU academic programs and policies and NCAA academic regulations, gain a better understanding of the meaning of higher education, learn more about themselves, and make new friends.

Other freshmen and sophomore athletes and first semester transfers are also advised by the athletic advisor until they formally declare a major. Progress reports are sent to all instructors each semester and those athletes experiencing difficulty in a class meet with the director of academics services and their coach to plan appropriate plans of action. Cata-mountain student-athletes have their own computer lab that is equipped with modern hardware and software. Through the campus network, they are able to access all the programs

they need for their classes and they can connect to the World Wide Web. Notebook computers are also available for check-out.

Study hall is required of all first semester freshmen and transfers and any athlete whose grade point average is below a 2.30.

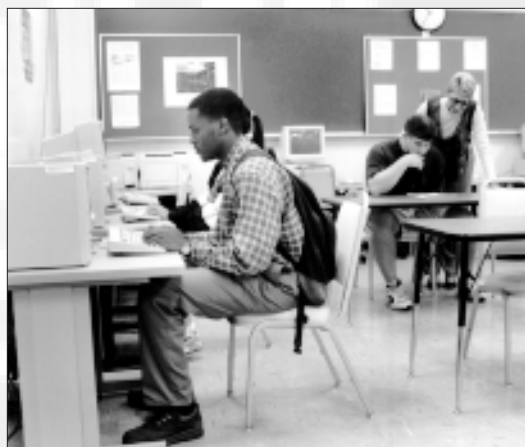
Other services available to all student-athletes include a summer orientation program, tutoring, career and personal counseling, and eligibility information.

The university and the Southern Conference have established several awards to recognize academic achievement.

The Athletic Director's Academic Achievement Award recognizes student-athletes each semester who earn a 3.0 grade point average or higher (on a 4.0 scale).

The Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll honors student-athletes who have participated in at least one sport and have earned a 3.0 or better grade point average during the past academic year. The league also presents the Barrett-Bonner Award to the school that places the highest percentage of its student-athletes on the conference's academic honor roll, and presents the Graduation Rate Award to the member institution with the highest graduation rate for its student-athletes over the previous five years. In addition, the conference awards four \$2,000 postgraduate scholarships as selected by a committee of faculty athletics representatives and athletic directors.

The past two spring semesters have been milestones for WCU in the classroom. In the Spring of 2001, WCU's student-athletes posted a 3.01 GPA for the semester, the highest GPA in recent history. At the completion of the Spring 2002 semester, WCU student-athletes had a combined cumulative GPA of 2.973 and 97 Catamounts made the Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll.



# Sports Medicine/Strength and Conditioning



**April Banks**  
*Assistant Athletics Trainer*



**Myles Christian**  
*Assistant Strength Coach*

April Banks enters her third year at Western Carolina University as Assistant Athletic Trainer. Prior to her appointment at WCU, she was an athletic trainer at HealthSouth Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation clinic in Griffin, Georgia where she was responsible for the prevention and care of injuries at a local high school.

April graduated from Georgia Southern University in 1993 with a Bachelor's degree while working as a student athletic trainer. She received her master's degree in 1999 from Georgia Southern where she served as a graduate assistant. While working on her master's, she had the opportunity to be part of the 1997 and 1998 football team achieving two Southern Conference titles as well as assisting in the 1998 NCAA Football Championship game.

Myles Christian enters his first season as Western Carolina's Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach. Christian, a Cottondale, Ala., native, comes to WCU after having served as a teacher and assistant softball coach at Holy Spirit High School in Tuscaloosa, Ala. He has also worked as a football and strength coach at Tuscaloosa Christian School and as a trainer at a fitness club in Tuscaloosa.

Christian is currently working on his Master's in Education at Western Carolina. He completed his Bachelor's degree at the University of Alabama in the spring of 2001. While there, Christian was a walk-on for the Crimson Tide football team, which played in the Outback Bowl, Music City Bowl and Orange Bowl during his time there. He also played on the 1999 Southeastern Conference Championship team.

## Carolina West Sports Medicine

A new collaboration between Western Carolina University, Sylva Orthopaedic Associates, PA, and WestCare Health System was formed this past year, called Carolina West Sports Medicine. The program incorporates physicians, physical therapists and athletic trainers and has been designed to evaluate and treat sports-related injuries to athletes of all ages — from youths to weekend warriors — in Western North Carolina.

Clinics are held in the newly renovated and expanded WCU athletics training room of the Ramsey Center on Mondays and Saturdays from 8:30 am to Noon. On Wednesdays and Fridays, the Carolina West Sports Medicine clinic is held in WestCare Medical Park of Sylva from 1-5 pm. Appointments may be made by calling the clinic at (828) 586-7934 or toll-free at (866) 283-3036.

The purpose of Carolina West Sports Medicine is to have sports medicine physicians evaluate injuries within 48 hours of initial contact, utilizing all necessary diagnostics. Based on the evaluation, appropriate steps are taken, which may include surgery, casting, bracing or rehabilitation. If rehabilitation is required, a physical therapist will be present at all clinics to begin and program and outline further steps to recovery. Carolina West Sports Medicine will also administer an outreach program, placing athletic trainers in area schools. This program is a much-needed and critical service as many schools do not have such personnel available to evaluate and treat sports injuries on staff.

"We see this as a real positive partnership with two organizations that have been providing service to us for a long time," said WCU Director of Athletics Jeff Compher. "This will allow our relationship to be an integral service for both student-athletes and the community. We are proud to be associated with this group that will ultimately benefit everyone involved."

Physicians staffing the clinics include orthopaedic surgeons Clifford Faull, M.D.; Quayle Neslen, Jr., M.D.; and Paul Pflueger, M.D., of Sylva Orthopaedic Associates, PA, and Daryl Rosenbaum, M.D., a primary care physician with sports medicine training, from The Center for Family Medicine in Franklin. Carlyle Schomberg is a physical therapist and interim director of the program. He returns to Sylva after three years in Birmingham, Ala., where he worked in a sports medicine facility.

## Western Carolina University Medical Personnel



Dr. Jeff Davis  
Western Carolina  
University Physician



Dr. Clifford Faull  
Carolina West  
Sports Medicine



Dr. Richard Jones  
Carolina West  
Sports Medicine



Dr. Quayle Neslen  
Carolina West  
Sports Medicine



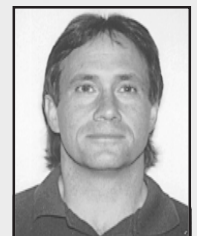
Dr. Paul Pflueger  
Carolina West  
Sports Medicine



Dr. Daryl Rosenbaum  
Carolina West  
Sports Medicine



Carlyle Schomberg  
Carolina West  
Sports Medicine



Dr. Larry Supik  
Carolina West  
Sports Medicine

# Western Carolina University

Founded in 1889, Western Carolina University is one of 16 senior public institutions of The University of North Carolina. A comprehensive university offering a broad array of undergraduate and graduate programs, Western Carolina is recognized as a national leader in the application of computer technology in education.

Western attracts students from across North Carolina and the United States, and from around the world, yet the university holds a special sense of responsibility for the people of Western North Carolina. Teaching and learning constitute the central mission of Western. The university seeks to create a community of scholarship in which the activities of its members are consistent with the highest standards of knowledge and practice in their disciplines. As a major public resource for the region, the university assists individuals and agencies through the



expertise of its students, faculty and staff.

The 265-acre campus is located in the community of Cullowhee, N.C., in a picturesque valley of the Tuckasee River between the Blue Ridge and Great Smoky mountain ranges, 52 miles west of Asheville. The university lies close to Great Smoky Moun-

tains National Park, the Blue Ridge Parkway, and some of the nation's most beautiful national forest lands.

The university's academic structure is composed of four undergraduate colleges -- Applied Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business, and Education and Allied Professions -- and the Honors College and Graduate School. The Honors College, a community of high-achieving students, is the first of its kind in North Carolina, with accepted students invited to live in one of two honors residences.

Undergraduate students who enroll at Western may choose from more than 120 majors and areas of concentration. Students interested in careers in engineering, law, medicine, dentistry, optometry, veterinary medicine and pharmacy may enroll in pre-professional programs.

Through the Graduate School, the university offers graduate degree programs leading to the Master of Accountancy, Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Education, Master of Arts in Teaching, Master of Business Administration, Master of Health Sciences, Master of Physical Therapy, Master of Project Management, Master of Public Affairs, Master of School Administration, Master of Science, Master of Science in Nursing, the Education Specialist in Educational Leadership, and the Doctor of Education.

Western's rigorous academic program is led by a full-time faculty of about 335, providing a student-faculty ratio of 15 to 1 for the student body of about 6,900 students. The university also operates resident-credit centers in Asheville and Cherokee. Through credit and noncredit instructional courses, continuing education offerings, and workshop, conference and service pro-

grams, the university serves nearly 12,000 people each year.

Western has the distinction of being the first fully networked campus in The University of North Carolina system, and has received widespread acclaim for being on the national cutting edge in the use of computer technology in education. In fall of 1998, WCU became the first public university in North Carolina, and one of the first six public universities nationwide, to require freshmen students to come to campus with personal computers.

Two computer ports in each residence hall room allow students to connect to the Internet and university computer system from the comfort of their rooms. The use of 10 multimedia electronic classrooms on campus puts WCU at the forefront of educational technology. Western has twice been named one of the nation's 100 "most-wired" university campuses by Yahoo! Internet Life magazine.

Also, in spring of 2000, WCU was officially designated a National Merit sponsoring university, and now is one of only five institutions of higher education in North Carolina, public or private, to receive that distinction.

Western's emphasis on involving undergraduate students in research is drawing national attention. In recent years, the university has repeatedly ranked in the nation's top 20 in the number of papers presented at the National Undergraduate Research Conference.

WCU faculty members and students participate in a wide range of service and research activity. The university's service centers add impetus to the programs of the colleges and departments and provide significant assistance to the region. Some of those centers include the Center for Regional Development, which maintains a special emphasis on rural economic development; the Mountain Heritage Center, which collects, interprets and disseminates knowledge about the southern Appalachian region and its people; the Developmental Evaluation Center, which provides developmental evaluation, recommendations for services, treatment and guidance for children and their families in seven counties of Western North Carolina and the Cherokee Indian Reservation; the Mountain Aquaculture Research Center, which fosters biotechnologically based research to support the aquaculture industry in the region; and the Office for Rural Education, which helps rural elementary and secondary schools improve the quality of their programs.

Through the Division of Continuing Education and Summer School, the instructional resources of the university are made available to the people, businesses, industries, schools, organizations and agencies of the region and state. The division promotes and coordinates all noncredit and extension-credit courses and programs, as well as the university summer sessions and distance learning, and also provides assistance for all academic and supporting units of the university to extend their resources using a variety of telecommunications technologies. Distance learning resources include computer conferencing, video conferencing and correspondence courses.

Western Carolina's Hunter Library, the largest library in North Carolina west of Charlotte, contains more than 600,000 books and bound periodical volumes. The library maintains more than 3,000 serial subscriptions and 1.4 million pieces of microfiche and film, and provides access to more than 80 on-line databases and 8,000 on-line journals.

The focal point for many activities is the Liston B. Ramsey Regional Activity Center, which seats almost 8,000 people. The largest and most versatile facility of its kind in Western North Carolina, the Ramsey Center has a network of movable curtains and adaptable staging that allows it to convert from a full-scale arena to a large auditorium, or to more intimate areas for meetings.