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Great things are happening at Western Carolina University (WCU) On March 10, 227 middle school students and teachers from across Western North Carolina attended Teachers of Tomorrow Reaching to Teach at WCU. This event, sponsored annually by the WCU College of Education and Allied Professions and the Office of Teacher Recruitment, Advising, and Career Support, is designed to provide information on college access and give students the opportunity to investigate teaching as a career. WCU educators and staff, as

NCACHE applied for grant funding from the Appalachian Regional Commission. We anticipate being notified about our proposal in August. If approved, mini-grants will be available for high schools in the Appalachian region to provide college access and awareness programming.

well as speakers from the region, led breakout sessions and hands-on activities focused on topics related to choosing a college or university, dealing with diversity issues, teaching in a diverse world, teaching art, science, math, and foreign language, incorporating movement in the classroom, and thinking "outside the box". Students commented that the sessions were informative and helped them "know what teaching is all about." Others liked the hands-on activities

and enjoyed the "way that we could interact instead of listening to a lecture." The event ended with an opportunity to tour the campus and eat in the campus dining hall.

Get involved -- please inform politicians about your community's funding priorities for the state budget. Visit <http://www.ncga.state.nc.us> to communicate with your county's Senate and House Representatives.

The Diversity Celebration at Appalachian State University is an annual multicultural festival featuring performing arts, craft workshops, educational exhibits and ethnic foods by local and regional presenters and artisans. Please visit <http://celebration.appstate.edu/> for more information about this free event on 6 April 2011, from 3:00pm until 9:00pm!

NCACHE is committed to building strategic partnerships to strengthen our local communities through college access and success.

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