



EXPLORATIONS

Craven Community College Foundation

The Lifetime Learning Center

Programs 2024-25



Featuring news and information for Craven Community College's
Community Enrichment Program - New classes begin this Fall!

ABOUT THE LIFETIME LEARNING CENTER

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US FOR ADVENTURES NEAR AND FAR.

This brochure is your invitation to join Craven Community College Foundation's **Lifetime Learning Center (LLC)** for a wide variety of programs and activities.

Whether it's a film that intrigues, a performance that inspires, a Broadway production that excites, or a regional tour that delights, we hope you will find the LLC to be a resource that enhances your quality of life and satisfies your quest for adventures both near and far.

The LLC is a concept-based program that embraces accomplished adults who are seeking multiple and diverse opportunities in learning for the pure pleasure of it. We are keenly aware that our community is brimming with individuals, both natives and newcomers, who have completed their formal education but are still active and hungry for interesting and diverse learning experiences. We hope you'll join us for all we have to offer.

On pages 16 and 17 of this publication, you will also find information about the College's Community Engagement Program (CEP). The wide variety of classes offered by CEP allows students of all ages and interests to experience the joy of taking up a new hobby or special interest just for the fun of it.

This year Craven Community College celebrates its 60th Anniversary. The college has **Deep Roots** in this community and has been creating **Strong Futures** through educational opportunities for over 60 years. This year the Lifetime Learning Center is dedicating its program of events to the celebration of this milestone anniversary. Be sure to join us for the big event! **John Brown Big Band** presents **The Roots of Jazz** as we celebrate the big names of the big band era in a celebration of 60 years. You'll find more information on pages 10 - 11 of this publication.

The Lifetime Learning Center would also like to recognize our many local and statewide partners.



DEEP ROOTS,
STRONG FUTURES



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BROADCASTING FROM CRAVEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND LEARN ADVENTURE SOUTHERN ITALY AND SICILY

MAY 25 TO JUNE 8, 2025 - 15 DAYS

Join the Lifetime Learning Center on this customized itinerary through a crossroads of civilizations in Sicily and on to the spectacular coastlines of Southern Italy. We will uncover Sicily's capital Palermo with its Moorish and Norman influences, explore seaside Cefalù and Agrigento's ancient Valley of the Temples, travel to the historic hilltop town of Taormina, and visit a local winery for a wine tasting and "farm to table" dinner. The adventure continues to the ancient cave dwellings of Sassi di Matera. We then explore Sorrento and stunning Positano on the Amalfi Coast, walk in the footsteps of ancient Romans in the excavated Pompeii, and enjoy a guided walking tour of Classical Rome. In Rome, participants will enjoy the Eternal City's most iconic monuments and visit the Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica, including the world-famous Sistine Chapel.

INCLUDES

- Round trip college to airport transfer
- Round trip airfare from RDU
- 7 Hand-picked Accommodations - 13 nights
- Services of a professional tour manager
- All on-tour transportation, admissions, fees
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- 22 Meals: 13 Breakfasts - 2 Lunches - 7 Dinners



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FEATURING

- Palermo, the Capital of Sicily
- Monreale *
- Agrigento and the Valley of the Temples*
- Piazza Armerina, Villa Romana del Casale*
- Giardini Naxos, the "garden of Sicily"
- Taormina City and the Corvaia Palace
- Winery Tour, Tasting and Dinner
- Sassi di Matera*
- Sorrento
- Positano and the Amalfi Coast*
- Pompeii*
- Rome - Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, The Vatican Museums, St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel

* UNESCO World Heritage Sites

We have an initial block booking of 44 reserved seats, with availability on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registrations will be secured from the date deposits are received by AAA. **The registration deadline is 10/15/2024** to secure your place.

For a complete brochure, including tour pricing, day-by-day itinerary, and registration forms visit our website at www.CravencC.edu/LLC.

Join us for a FREE information and registration session.

Tuesday, October 1 - 3:30 p.m.
Naumann Community Room #115
Ward Hall - New Bern Campus



EXPLORATIONS: THE INTERNATIONAL FILM SERIES



2024

Friday, September 6

THE LOST KING

2023 - UK - English
Comedy/Drama - PG-13

Amateur historian Philippa Langley is obsessed with the mystery of King Richard III's lost remains. She conducts her own research, refusing to listen to skeptical historians. What follows is an inspirational journey that proves the power of one woman with infinite questions, searching for what's been lost for over 500 years.

Philippa believes the king's image has been tarnished by misjudgments and untruths, and she sets out to find his lost burial site to learn more and preserve his legacy.
(108 minutes.)



Friday, October 4

THE WEASEL'S TALE

2019 - Argentina/Spain - Spanish
Comedy/Drama - NR

This dark comedy tells the story of four elderly movie industry veterans—a famous actress, her wheelchair-bound husband, a screenwriter, and a director—who live together in a run-down mansion just outside of Buenos Aires. A young couple intent on acquiring the property weasel their way into this "family," setting off a shrewd and snarky game of cat and mouse.

Despite their advanced ages, these artistic residents still have their storytelling skills intact. It all results in a film that is a slick, calibrated, and classically structured dark comedy, with an up-to-date edge.
(129 minutes)



Friday, November 1

PAST LIVES

2023 - South Korea - Korean
Drama/Romance - PG-13

Nora and Hae Sung, two deeply connected childhood friends, get separated when her family emigrates from South Korea. Two decades later, they reunite in New York City for one fateful week as they confront notions of destiny, love and life choices.

In this Academy Award-nominated film, the Korean concept of "inyeon" is used to lead viewers to believe that Nora and Hae-sung are destined to be together – if not in this lifetime, then in the future. All may hope for them to have a happily-ever-after, but will they?
(105 minutes)



2025

Friday, January 3

THE PROMISED LAND

2023 - Denmark/Sweden - Danish/
Swedish - Drama/History - R

In 18th-century Denmark, impoverished war hero Capt. Ludvig Kahlen sets out to tame a vast, uninhabitable land on which seemingly nothing can grow. This beautiful but forbidding area is under the rule of Frederik De Schinkel, a merciless nobleman who realizes the threat Kahlen represents to his power.

As a new community starts to settle in, De Schinkel swears vengeance, leading to an intense confrontation between the two men. Mads Mikkelsen plays Kahlen with granite-faced strength.
(127 minutes)



Friday, February 7

THE EIGHT MOUNTAINS

2022 - Italy - Italian/English/Nepali
Drama - NR

Based on the best-selling novel by Paolo Cognetti, this film spans almost 40 years, showing a lifelong friendship between two seemingly very different people, men who became fast friends as children and remain friends, even though life, time, and circumstances often drive them apart.

This epic journey of friendship and self-discovery is set in the breathtaking Italian Alps, and follows a profound and complex relationship between Pietro and Bruno.
(147 minutes)



Friday, March 7

FALLING FOR FIGARO

2020 - UK/Scotland - English
Comedy/Romance - PG-13

Millie, a very successful fund manager, realizes one day that her life-long dream is to become an opera singer. Quitting her lucrative job and moving away from her long-term boyfriend, she travels to the Scottish Highlands where she hopes to become an opera singer following intense (and hysterical) vocal training from former opera diva Meghan Geoffrey-Bishop. She has fierce competition from other opera singers including Max, Meghan's other talented student.
(104 minutes)



Friday, April 4

AND THEN CAME THE NIGHTJARS

2023 - UK/England - English
Drama - NR

On his run-down south Devon farm, recently widowed Michael only has his cherished herd of cows to call family - so when foot and mouth disease creeps slowly through the valley he pulls up the drawbridge and hopes to wait it out.

Meanwhile life is hardly easy for local vet Jeff, who's plunged from being every farmers' best friend to cattle executioner and village persona non grata,

So the question is, can they help each other survive the storm and salvage new lives as everything they once cherished scatters in the wind?
(81 minutes)

Each year, members of the LLC International Film Selection Committee watch over 25 movies. They take notes, share their impressions, and rate each of the films. They bring great ideas to the process and create one of the most creative and diverse film series in the region. We wish to recognize and thank our very hard-working film selection committee:

Cindy Burrows
Norman Durocher
Mary Jo Fox
Jim Gruenebaum
Terri Jones
Lucy Laurens
Judi Lloyd
Fred Ohsol
Mary Anne Ohsol
Betty Orsega
George Orsega

THANK YOU!

Due to the variety of languages and accents represented, as well as accommodation for the hearing impaired, all films are shown with English subtitles.



BEST OF BROADWAY DAY TRIPS

With each registration for a Lifetime Learning Center *Best of Broadway* day trip, participants will receive a continental breakfast or snack at check-in, comfortable motorcoach transportation, a three-course gourmet meal at a fabulous restaurant, and PREMIER seating. In addition to performances at The Durham Performing Arts Center (DPAC), we will also see two shows at The Wilson Center at Cape Fear Community College, Wilmington. This venue is now eastern North Carolina's most technologically advanced performing arts center and we are pleased to be adding this venue to our lineup.

We invite you to leave the driving and planning to us and we'll pick you up and drop you off at the front door. Snacks are served on the return trip! We meet on the New Bern Campus, in the Orringer Auditorium Lobby, to gather for each departure. All participants will receive a letter and/or email message with complete instructions two weeks prior to each trip. To register, visit the website at www.CravenCC.edu/LLC or call (252) 633-2618.

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Wednesday, October 9, 2024

TINA THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL

With raw emotion in her voice and fire in her belly, Tina Turner went from a little girl in small-town Tennessee to the legend that ignited the globe with hits like "What's Love Got To Do With It," "Proud Mary," "Private Dancer," and "River Deep."

Experience Tina Turner's triumphant story through the exhilarating Broadway hit: **TINA – THE TINA TURNER MUSICAL**. This show celebrates the unstoppable woman that dared to dream fiercely, shatter barriers, and conquer the world—against all odds. Set to the pulse-pounding soundtrack of her most beloved hits, this electrifying sensation will send you soaring to the rafters.

The Hollywood Reporter raves, "It's irresistibly uplifting." *People Magazine* calls it, "euphoric, moving, and totally joyous." And *The New York Times* cheers, "I've rarely heard an audience with this mighty a roar."

Fee - \$229
(Wilson Center)



Wednesday, November 27, 2024

HADESTOWN

A hell-raising good time!

Welcome to **HADESTOWN**, where a song can change your fate. This acclaimed musical by singer-songwriter Anais Mitchell and director Rachel Chavkin is the **winner of 8 Tony Awards including Best Musical** and the Grammy Award® for Best Musical Theater Album.

It intertwines two mythic tales — that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice and that of King Hades and Queen Persephone — as it invites you on an unforgettable journey to the underworld and back. Performed by a vibrant ensemble of actors, singers, and dancers, **HADESTOWN** asks audiences to imagine how the world could be.

It turns out the "Road to Hell" is a joyous place. At least that's the case when it's set to this mix of folk, blues, and jazz music.

Fee - \$229
(Wilson Center)



Saturday, December 14, 2024

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE... BY CIRQUE DU SOLEIL

A Must-See Holiday Spectacular!

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE ... is an exhilarating spin on the beloved Christmas classic as only Cirque du Soleil could imagine. This festive show about the wonders of sharing and friendship, promises to spark lasting memories in the hearts of families this holiday season.

Join Isabella, a curious girl who's become jaded by the hoopla surrounding Christmas, as she is whisked away to an upside-down, inside-out world where she meets characters inspired by the original timeless poem.

Cirque du Soleil's first-ever Christmas show, **'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE ...** features thrilling acrobatics, lovable characters - and a soundtrack full of re-invented holiday classics.

Fee - \$219
(DPAC)



Sunday, January 12, 2025

A BEAUTIFUL NOISE THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL

Created in collaboration with Neil Diamond himself, **A BEAUTIFUL NOISE** is the uplifting true story of how a kid from Brooklyn became a chart busting, show-stopping American rock icon. With 140 million albums sold, a catalogue of classics like "America," "Forever in Blue Jeans," and "Sweet Caroline," an induction into the Songwriters and Rock and Roll Halls of Fame, a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award, and sold-out concerts around the world, Neil Diamond's story was made to shine on Broadway, where the biggest stars tell their story.

Like *Jersey Boys* and *The Carole King Musical* before it, **A BEAUTIFUL NOISE THE NEIL DIAMOND MUSICAL** is an inspiring, exhilarating, energy-filled musical memoir, that tells the untold true story of how America's greatest hit maker became a star, set to the songs that defined his career.

Fee - \$209
(DPAC)



NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART VENICE AND THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Saturday, November 9, 2024 - Day Trip

This ambitious, cross-cultural exhibition explores the relationship between two global superpowers, the Republic of Venice and the Ottoman Empire, over four centuries (circa 1400–1800). Through a rich body of works reflecting both Venetian and Ottoman origins, the touring exhibit documents interactions between the two rival Mediterranean states across multiple cultural arenas—political, diplomatic, economic, artistic, and technological.

The exhibit features more than 190 works in a broad range of media, drawing from the vast collections of Venice’s storied civic museums, including the Museo Correr, Palazzo Ducale, Palazzo Mocenigo, and Museo Fortuny, as well as the NCMA’s own extensive holdings of Venetian art. Highlights include paintings by Jacobello del Fiore, Vittore Carpaccio, and Gentile Bellini and luxury Venetian and Ottoman goods. The Venetian works are joined by a trove of recently salvaged objects from a major Adriatic shipwreck, the large Venetian merchant ship Gagliana Grossa that sank while traveling from Venice to Istanbul in 1583. These spectacular items have never been exhibited outside Croatia, where the wreck was discovered.

Day-trip participants will enjoy a continental breakfast at check-in, comfortable motorcoach transportation, admission to the exhibition, and a fabulous three-course gourmet meal.

Detail from Vittore Carpaccio, Portrait of Doge Leonardo Loredan, 1505, tempera and oil on panel, Fondazione Musei Civici di Venezia

Fee - \$189



EXHIBITION ON SCREEN VAN GOGH: POETS & LOVERS

Friday, January 17, 2025 - Documentary Film
Orringer Auditorium - Two Screenings - 2:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Two hundred years after its opening and a century after acquiring its first Van Gogh, the National Gallery hosted the UK’s biggest ever Van Gogh exhibition. Van Gogh is not only one of the most beloved artists of all time, but perhaps the most misunderstood. This film is a chance to reexamine and better understand this iconic artist. Focusing on his unique creative process, *Van Gogh: Poets & Lovers* explores the artist’s years in the south of France, where he revolutionised his style, and became consumed with a passion for the landscape.

Poets and lovers filled his imagination; everything he did in the south of France served this new obsession. In part, this is what caused his notorious breakdown, but it didn’t hold back his creativity as he created masterpiece after masterpiece. Explore one of art history’s most pivotal periods in this once-in-a-century show. Made in close collaboration with the National Gallery. (90 minutes)

Detail from Vincent van Gogh, Wheat Field with Cypresses, 1889, oil on canvas, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, NY

FREE - Suggested donation \$5



CAROLINA BALLET JEKYLL & HYDE by Zalman Raffael

Saturday, October 26, 2024 - Day Trip
Fletcher Opera Theatre, Raleigh

Halloween is approaching and we invite you to find the courage to face your dark side in the intriguing story of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. This ballet explores the shadowy depths of human nature through the haunting duality of the civilized Dr. Jekyll and his monstrous alter ego, Mr. Hyde. *Jekyll & Hyde* is a world premiere featuring a brand-new music composition by Shinji Eshima, performed live, with choreography by Zalman Raffael, Carolina Ballet Artistic Director.

Carolina Ballet is one of America’s premier arts organizations, programming traditional ballets by legendary masters and new works by contemporary choreographers. Not all ballets are about princesses and sugar plum fairies. Carolina Ballet has become quite well-known for new choreography, creating innovative “scary” ballets. Past seasons have included fan favorites *Sleepy Hollow*, *Frankenstein*, and *Dracula!*

Day-trip participants will enjoy a continental breakfast at check-in, comfortable motor coach transportation, premier seating, and a fabulous three-course gourmet meal.

Fee - \$229



NORTH CAROLINA OPERA THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARO

Sunday, April 6, 2025 - Day Trip
Memorial Hall, Raleigh

Comedic capers and uproarious antics take center stage as Mozart’s classic opera featuring a battle of the sexes and the classes returns to Raleigh Memorial Hall. Follow Figaro, the cunning confidant, and Susanna, the sly servant, as they navigate a maze of matrimonial mayhem and mischief. With hilarious hi-jinks and a sensational score, the “greatest opera ever written” will have you rolling in the aisles!

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart composed *The Marriage of Figaro* in 1786. With its sophisticated music and multi-layered characterization, it’s a wonderful opera to enjoy today, as it encompasses universal themes of love, infidelity, forgiveness and humor.

Day-trip participants will enjoy a continental breakfast at check-in, comfortable motorcoach transportation, premier seating, and a fabulous three-course gourmet meal.

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Fee - \$219



HIGHLAND ECHOES FEATURING JENNIFER LICKO



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JOHN BROWN BIG BAND



CAROLINA BALLET

SCOTTISH MUSIC AND DANCE

Performance - Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 2:30 p.m.
 Orringer Auditorium - Tickets: Adults \$35 / Students \$20

Embark on an enchanting journey through time and culture with the *Highland Echoes* show – a mesmerizing music & dance production designed to celebrate the enduring legacy and contemporary influences of Scottish heritage. The performance honors the rich history, legends, and migration stories that have shaped Scottish roots.

With the creative vision of producer and vocalist Jennifer Licko, the stage springs to life with captivating dance performances, expertly composed music, and visuals that seamlessly connect past and present. Guided by the musical direction of Patrick Mangan, former *Riverdance* Musical Director, the Highland Echoes show is an extraordinary performance that pays homage to Scottish heritage while showcasing its global influence today.

Celtic album of the year winner, Jennifer Licko composed many of the songs for Highland Echoes and is the featured vocalist for this performance. She will be joined by a company of musicians on bagpipes, fiddle and drums, as well as a company of five dancers who join in to create the magic.

Atlantic Dance Theatre (ADT) is our partner for this production. ADT will be leading the outreach effort to bring Highland Echoes to area schools for performances during a three day residency.



THE ROOTS OF JAZZ

Friday, January 24, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.
 Grover C. Fields Performing Arts Center
 400 Dr. M. L. King, Jr. Blvd, New Bern
 Tickets: VIP \$60* / Adults \$40 / Students \$25



In celebration of Craven Community College's 60th Anniversary, the Lifetime Learning Center is pleased to welcome John Brown Big Band to help us celebrate with a presentation titled, *The Roots of Jazz*.

John Brown Big Band is a full 19-piece jazz orchestra made up of the top jazz musicians from North Carolina and beyond. The group performs a wide range of material covering all eras of jazz repertoire including the music and arrangements of legends like Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Thad Jones, Woody Herman, and more! The band also delights in highlighting compositions of Carolina natives like John Coltrane, Thelonious Monk, Dizzy Gillespie, and Nina Simone.

Bassist, composer, educator, actor, and Jazz ambassador John Brown leads the band. A native of Fayetteville, NC, John's extensive experience includes performances at notable venues like Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, the Blue Note, Blues Alley, and the Hollywood Bowl as well as major jazz festivals like the Playboy Jazz Festival, the JVC Jazz Festival, the Montreal Jazz Festival, the Free Jazz Festival (Brazil) and Jazz e Vienne (France).

He currently serves as Vice Provost for the Arts, Director of the Jazz Program and Professor of the Practice of Music at Duke University, and has served on the faculties of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina State University, North Carolina Central University and Guilford College (NC).

John and his musicians are committed to jazz education. As Professor and Director of the Jazz Program at Duke University, he makes education a part of his daily life. He and members of the band will present a jazz workshop for area high school music students during the band's visit to New Bern.

*Reserved VIP seating will be available in the first four rows at the Performing Arts Center with a \$60 ticket purchase. The remainder of the seating will be designated as general admission.

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THEMES AND VARIATIONS

Saturday, March 1, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
 Grover C. Fields Performing Arts Center
 400 Dr. M. L. King, Jr. Blvd, New Bern
 Tickets: Adults \$40 / Students \$25

As one of America's premier arts organizations, it is our pleasure to welcome Carolina Ballet to New Bern for our final performance in this year's Explorations in the Arts Series. Presented in partnership with Atlantic Dance Theatre, the Carolina Ballet will perform a selection of original works from a variety of recent productions.

Under the leadership of Zalman Raffael, Artistic Director, Choreographer and CEO, Carolina Ballet creates community through a diverse repertoire of ballets that showcase the great classics and new works by current choreographers and composers, and employs talented dancers, designers, artisans and musicians for their productions.

The company has garnered critical praise from local, national and international media, contributing to the positive reputation of the region and ever-increasing quality of dance and life in the state of North Carolina.

In addition to our performance event, dancers from Carolina Ballet will be teaching master classes on Saturday morning to area students through Atlantic Dance Theatre. For class information for both intermediate and advanced dancers, contact Atlantic Dance Theatre via email at executivedirector@atlanticdancetheatre.org



Ticket Order Form on page 13



FALL COLORS OF VIRGINIA

A FOUR-DAY ADVENTURE

OCTOBER 20-23, 2024



To learn about the complete itinerary, pricing and inclusions, please join us for this FREE information and registration session.

Thursday, September 12 - 3:30 p.m.
Naumann Community Room #115
Ward Hall - New Bern Campus

To RSVP for this session send a message by phone: (252) 633-2618 or by email: baerj@cravenc.edu

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit **Sylvan Heights Bird Park**
- Lunch at **The Hen and The Hog**
- City of Richmond **Trolley Tour**
- Dinner and Overnight stay at **The Jefferson Hotel**
- Visit **Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden**
- Lunch at **Mitchie Tavern**
- Visit Thomas Jefferson's **Monticello**
- Two-night stay at **The Omni Charlottesville**
- Wine tasting and tour at **Barboursville Vineyards**
- Explore James Madison's **Montpelier**
- Visit **Carter Mountain Orchard**
- **Halifax Historic Site** with local guide
- **7 Meals** - Breakfast (4), Lunch (2), Dinner (1)

Registration (per person, double) \$1,499
Registration (per person, single) \$1,929

Registration Deadline - Friday, October 4, 2024

Space is limited to 40 participants. Register Today!



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EXPLORATIONS IN THE ARTS

TICKET ORDER FORM

_____ **Adult series tickets** @ \$115 = _____

_____ **Student series tickets** @ \$70 = _____

Series ticket sales end 11/14/24 - Single tickets sold while they last.

HIGHLAND ECHOES - Saturday, Nov. 16 - 2:30 p.m.

_____ Adult @ \$35 = _____

_____ Student @ \$20 = _____

JOHN BROWN BIG BAND - Friday, Jan 24 - 7:30 p.m.

_____ VIP Reserved @ \$60 = _____ (first 4 rows)

_____ Adult @ \$40 = _____

_____ Student @ \$25 = _____

CAROLINA BALLET - Saturday, March 1 - 3:00 p.m.

_____ Adult @ \$40 = _____

_____ Student @ \$25 = _____

Total amount of purchase \$ _____

NOTE: All ticket prices include 6.75% NC Sales Tax

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Check enclosed. Make your check payable to: Craven CC Foundation

Charge my Credit Card - AmEx - Discover - MasterCard - Visa (circle one)

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name _____ 3-Digit Code _____
 (As it appears on the card)

Signature _____

Send this form and your payment to: Craven Community College Foundation
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 800 College Court
 New Bern, NC 28562



USA ADVENTURE YELLOWSTONE AND THE WILD WEST

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 TO THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 2025 - 7 DAYS



This summer we've planned a USA adventure to explore National Parks, and to view the stunning vistas and natural wonders of Idaho, Wyoming and Utah. Our exploration will begin on June 20, with a flight to **Salt Lake City, UT**, where we'll be met by a professional tour director. Our guide will lead us on a fabulous journey and provide insight into the rich American landscapes and history of the region.

After our first night stay and welcome dinner, we travel to West Yellowstone for a two-night stay. From here the group will venture out for a **Wildlife Safari & Yellowstone National Park Tour**. Day-3 will include a visit to the **Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center** and a scenic **Snake River Float Trip**.

With a two-night stay in Jackson, WY we'll day trip to **Grand Teton National Park**, followed by a visit to the **Museum of Wildlife Art & Elk Refuge**. The tour ends with a visit to **Park City, UT**, a charming town filled with Olympic history as the site of the 2002 winter games.

To learn about the complete itinerary, pricing and inclusions, please join us for this **FREE** information session.

Thursday, September 5 - 2:00 p.m.
Naumann Community Room #115
Ward Hall - New Bern Campus

To **RSVP** for this session send a message by phone: (252) 633-2618 or by email: baerj@cravencc.edu



Registration (per person, double occupancy)
Registration (per person, single room)

\$4,195
\$5,395

HIGHLIGHTS

- Salt Lake City Tour
- Yellowstone National Park
- Yellowstone Wildlife Safari
- Old Faithful Geyser
- Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center
- Grand Teton National Park
- Snake River Float Trip
- National Museum of Wildlife Art
- The Elk Refuge
- 2 Nights in West Yellowstone
- 2 Nights in Jackson, WY
- Park City, UT
- Utah Olympic Park

INCLUSIONS

- New Bern to RDU transfer
- Roundtrip Airfare from RDU
- 6 Nights First Class Hotels
- 9 Meals: 6-Breakfasts and 3-Dinners
- Professional Tour Director
- Admissions per itinerary
- Comprehensive Sightseeing
- Deluxe Motorcoach
- Baggage Handling



NEW BERN HISTORY

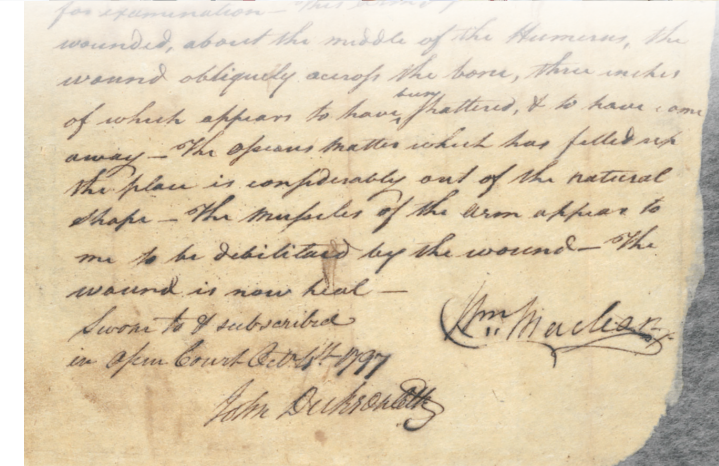
A LECTURE AND DISCUSSION SERIES

The Lifetime Learning Center is pleased to announce the continuation of the New Bern History lecture series. Our goal is to engage the broader community and expand the understanding of, and the engagement in, the fascinating history of New Bern and the region. The series is presented by Craven Community College Lifetime Learning Center and Tryon Palace, in partnership with the Richard Dobbs Spaight Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the New Bern Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The presentations will take place on Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. in the Cullman Performance Hall at the North Carolina History Center, 529 S. Front Street, downtown New Bern. The programs will be offered free to the public and all with an interest are welcome to join us. If you are planning to attend, we ask that you register for the program at www.CravenCC.edu/LLC.

2025 - New Bern History Series - Schedule of Events

- **January 29 - The Preservation and Care of Historic Documents**
Speaker: **Sarah Koonts**, Director, State Archives of North Carolina, NC Department of Natural & Cultural Resources
- **February 12 - History and Tradition of Fife & Drum**
Speaker: **Shane Mason**, Historical Interpretation and Programs Coordinator, Tryon Palace
- **February 26 - The Regulator Movement**
Speaker: **Carole Wetterson Troxler**, Professor Emeritus of History, Elon University



Presented by the Lifetime Learning Center and



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ABOUT CEP

Have you ever wanted to learn a new skill or participate in new and exciting experiences? The Community Enrichment Program (CEP) at Craven Community College may have exactly what you are looking for!

Our affordable, short-term, non-degree classes are taught by community members who are experts in their fields: Arts & Crafts, Recreation & Wellness, Kitchen & Cuisine, and Language. Classes offered are for beginners to advanced, and range from one 3-hour session to a course of several weeks. Join us for a class held at one of our three campuses (New Bern, Havelock, the Volt Center) and at various community locations.

The schedule printed here represents classes scheduled through December 2024. Visit the CEP website to see additional offerings for 2025. Classes are added to the schedule throughout the year.

Community members are encouraged to suggest new class topics and are welcome to speak to us about offering their own class in an area in which they excel.

Please note that CEP classes may not be used for credit toward degree programs.



REGISTER TODAY!

Registration is now open for the following fall classes:

Arts and Crafts

- Basic Photography - Sept. 18 - Oct. 23
- Painting With Acrylics - Oct. 1 - 24
- Watercolor Painting - Oct. 4 - 25

Kitchen and Cuisine

- All-The-Way Greek
Two sessions: Sept. 19 or Sept. 27
- Intro to Sourdough
Two sessions: Oct. 7 or Oct. 18
- Appetizer Extravaganza
Two sessions: Nov. 14 or Nov. 22
- Soup & Stuffed Bread - Dec. 20

Language

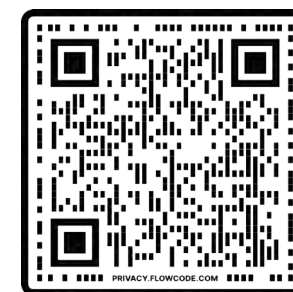
- Intro to American Sign Language
Aug. 20 - Nov. 5

Recreation and Wellness

- Meditation - Sept. 4 - 25
- Basic Self-Defense - Sept. 9 - Oct. 2



QUESTIONS ABOUT CLASSES?



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DEEP ROOTS, STRONG FUTURES

This year Craven Community College celebrates it's 60th Anniversary. The college has **Deep Roots** in this community and has been creating **Strong Futures** through educational opportunities for over 60 years.

From its beginnings with offices and classrooms at the Harvey Mansion in downtown New Bern to today, Craven CC has grown exponentially in its offerings of academic, career, and workforce opportunities.

Our roots are deep, and our growth has been fueled by the strong support of community members like you. We ask you to join us in our shared mission to financially support students through the Craven Community College Foundation.

Every donation directly impacts our students, ensuring that we continue to grow deep roots and foster strong futures. We invite you to join us in celebrating our history and investing in the next generation of Craven graduates.

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With heartfelt gratitude,

Charles Wethington
Executive Director of Institutional Advancement
Craven Community College Foundation



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PROGRAM PARTICIPATION & REGISTRATION

Day and Regional Trip Registration

Enrollment space for LLC day trips and regional travel programs is limited to the capacity of our motor coach, the availability of tickets and other booking factors associated with group admissions. To reserve a place on any of these trips, ALL fees must be paid at the time of registration. Early registration is highly recommended as the trips tend to “sell out” very quickly.

To register and pay fees online, visit our website at www.CravenCC.edu/LLC. From the left column select “Registration and Tickets,” then scroll down the page until you find the event that interests you. Follow the instructions to enter your payment information.

If you have questions about the online process or would prefer to register by telephone or send a payment by check, please call us at (252) 638-7351 for assistance. Our office hours are Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to Noon.

USA Adventures and International Travel

Registration deposits, fees, and final payments for out-of-state or out-of-country travel, where the LLC contracts with a tour company, will follow a payment schedule specific to each trip. Payments for these trips are paid directly to one of our group travel partners. Rules for refunds, travel insurance requirements, and the specific details for each trip will be printed in separate tour brochures.

Please note that Craven Community College requires that each person participating in an extended trip must sign a liability waiver and purchase cancellation and post-departure emergency insurance. We offer a reasonably priced option with each trip that we sponsor. Participants who have other travel insurance coverage may opt-out of our offer but they are required to provide Craven Community College with proof of insurance that specifically documents insurance coverage equivalent to our minimum standards.

Refund Policy

Tickets purchased for Explorations in the Arts events or our Performance Day Trips are NOT refundable. However, tickets and registrations are transferable. If you are unable to attend an event that you have registered and paid for, you are welcome to share your ticket(s) or transfer the registration to another person.

There are no refunds offered after an event has occurred. A **refund of fees to a registered participant will only occur** when a cancellation is made in advance of the event **AND** a replacement from the waiting list registers for the open spot. We understand that “life happens,” so **please contact us as soon as possible if last-minute circumstances arise.** We often have an extensive waiting list for each trip and we will attempt to fill a spot if we are notified.

One-to four-day trip registration fees are NOT refundable. These are the exceptions: 1) the predetermined minimum enrollment is not met and the trip is cancelled due to low enrollment; or 2) the college or the performance/exhibit venue determines that due to threatening weather or unsafe conditions we must cancel. **No refunds will be offered if a new date is selected and the program is completed as advertised.**

Online registration, tickets and additional information are available through our website:

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Questions about the Lifetime Learning Center?

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

SEPTEMBER

- 5 - Thursday** - Travel Information Session - **Yellowstone and the Wild West** A USA Adventure - Ward Hall, Naumann Community Room #115 New Bern Campus - 2:00 p.m. (Free)
- 6 - Friday** - International Film Series - **The Lost King** (2023) UK- Comedy/Drama - Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free)
- 12 - Thursday** - Info and Registration Session - **Fall Colors of Virginia** A USA Adventure - Ward Hall, Naumann Community Room #115 New Bern Campus - 3:30 p.m. (Free)

OCTOBER

- 1 - Tuesday** - Travel information and Itinerary Presentation **Southern Italy and Sicily** - AAA Members Choice Vacations Ward Hall, Naumann Community Rm #115 - 3:30 p.m. (Free)
- 4 - Friday** - International Film Series - **The Weasel's Tail** (2019) Argentina/Spain - Comedy/Drama - Orringer Auditorium 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free)
- 9 - Wednesday** - Best of Broadway Day Trip - **TINA** - Wilson Center, Wilmington (\$229)
- 20 to 23 - Sunday to Wednesday** - Regional Tour **Fall Colors of Virginia**, featuring historic sites of Richmond and Charlottesville, VA (Fee - \$1,499 double - \$1,929 single)
- 26 - Saturday** - Carolina Ballet Day Trip - **Jekyll and Hyde**- Fletcher Opera Theatre, Raleigh, NC (\$229)

NOVEMBER

- 1 - Friday** - International Film Series - **Past Lives** (2023) South Korean/US Drama/Romance - Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free)
- 9 - Saturday** - NC Museum of Art Day Trip - Special Touring Exhibition **Venice and the Ottoman Empire**, Raleigh, NC (\$189)
- 16 - Saturday** - Explorations in the ARTS - Music and Dance - **Highland Echoes, with Jennifer Licko** - Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 p.m. (\$35/\$20)
- 27 - Wednesday** - Best of Broadway Day Trip - **HADESTOWN** - Wilson Center, Wilmington (\$229)

DECEMBER

- 4 - 9 - Wednesday - Monday** - 6-Day Tour - **Montreal & Quebec City Christmas** Montreal and Quebec, Canada (Registration Closed)
- 14 - Saturday** - Best of Broadway Day Trip - **'Twas the Night Before** by **Cirque Du Soleil** - Durham Performing Arts Center (\$219)

2025

JANUARY

- 3 - Friday** - International Film Series - **The Promised Land** (2023) - Denmark/Sweden Drama/History - Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free)
- 12 - Sunday** - Best of Broadway Day Trip- **A BEAUTIFUL NOISE - The Neil Diamond Story** - Durham Performing Arts Center (\$209)
- 17 - Friday** - Exhibition on Screen - **Van Gogh: Poets and Lovers** (2023) - UK - Art Documentary - Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free- suggested \$5)
- 24 - Friday** - Explorations in the ARTS - **John Brown Big Band** - Grover C. Fields Performing Arts Center - 7:30 p.m. (\$60/\$40/\$25)
- 29 - Wednesday** - **New Bern History Series** in partnership with Tryon Palace Speaker: **Sarah Koonts, The Preservation and Care of Historic Documents** - NC History Center, Cullman Auditorium - 2:00 p.m. (Free)

FEBRUARY

- 7 - Friday** - International Film Series - **The Eight Mountains** (2022) - Italy - Drama Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free)
- 12 - Wednesday** - **New Bern History Series** in partnership with Tryon Palace Speaker: **Shane Mason - History and Tradition of Fife & Drum** NC History Center, Cullman Auditorium - 2:00 p.m. (Free)
- 26 - Wednesday** - **New Bern History Series** in partnership with Tryon Palace Speaker: **Carole Wetterson Troxler, The Regulator Movement** NC History Center, Cullman Auditorium - 2:00 p.m. (Free)

MARCH

- 1 - Saturday** - Explorations in the ARTS - **Carolina Ballet** - Grover C. Fields Performing Arts Center - 3:00 p.m. (\$40/\$25)
- 7 - Friday** - International Film Series - **Falling for Figaro** (2020) UK/Scotland Comedy/Romance - Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free)

APRIL

- 4 - Friday** - International Film Series - **And Then Came the Nightjars** (2023) UK - Drama - Orringer Auditorium - 2:30 and 7:30 p.m. (Free)
- 6 - Sunday** - North Carolina Opera Day Trip - **The Marriage of Figaro** Raleigh Memorial Auditorium (\$219)

MAY

- 25 - June 8 - Sunday to Sunday** - International Travel and Learn - 15-day tour **Southern Italy & Sicily** (Fees - see page 3)

JUNE

- 20 - 26 - Friday to Thursday** - USA Adventure - 7-day tour **Yellowstone and the Wild West** (Fees - see page 14)

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