## Nine WCC Students Participated In Third Annual L.E.A.D. Retreat



The Student Activities Office sponsored the L.E.A.D. (Leadership Exploration And Development) Retreat for a selected group of rising sophomores on June 28-29. The

purpose of this retreat was to bring together students from the various clubs and/or academic departments to participate in discussions and information sessions about issues related to college life. Topics that were addressed included leadership training and student leadership opportunities available at WCC; services available through the Student Services Office as well as the overall college; career exploration; and a variety of team building activities which are supportive of leadership development. In order to be eligible for consideration as a participant in this retreat a student had to meet the following requirements:

- 1. Be returning for his/her second year at WCC for the fall of 2001
- 2. Have a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA during his/her first year at WCC
- 3. Have demonstrated leadership potential during his/ her first year at WCC
- 4. Be willing to assist in the development and implementation of 2 club/organizational events during the 2001 fall semester.

The retreat was held in Boone, NC on the campus of Appalachian State University. This program is organized and conducted by Scott Johnson, Student Activities Coordinator, and Dr. Lynda Black, College Transfer Counselor. A brief description of each student that was selected to participate in this retreat is listed below.

Sam Blevins is a graduate of Ashe County High School and is enrolled in the Associate in Arts program. Sam is a member of the SGA and Student Ambassadors.

**Mekesha Brown** is a graduate of the GED program at WCC and is enrolled in the Computer Programming curriculum. Mekesha is a member of the Association of Information Technology Professionals.

Michael Craig is a graduate of Dogwood Christian Academy. Michael is from Taylorsville and is enrolled in the Associate in Arts program. For the 2001-2002 school year he will be serving as desktop editor for the student newspaper and is also a member of the SGA. Lacie Lyon is a graduate of East Wilkes High School and is enrolled in the Nursing program. Lacie will be serving as a sophomore senator in SGA and as Editor in Chief of the student newspaper.

Jeff Miller is a graduate of West Wilkes High School and is enrolled in the Information Systems – Networking Group program. He is serving as president of the Student Government Association for the 2001-2002 school year and is also a member of Student Support Services.

Allison Neaves is a graduate of Ashe Central High School and is enrolled in the Criminal Justice program. At WCC she is a member of the Criminal Justice Club and the National Vocational Technical Honor Society. She also works as a security officer for WCC. Allison is a member of the North Beaver Baptist Church.

**Steel Norman** is a graduate of Forbush High School and is enrolled in the Associate in Arts program. Steel is a member of the baseball team at WCC.

Carol Stolt is a graduate of the GED program at lowa Central Community College and is enrolled in the Human Services program. She is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and SGA, and serves as vice president of the Human Services Club. In Sparta she is involved with the VFW Auxiliary and serves as a co-captain of a Relay for Life team.

Shelley Williams is a graduate of Northeast Hamilton High School in Blairsburg, Iowa and is enrolled in the Human Services program. She is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Human Services Club. Shelley is from Sparta and is very active in that community. She is a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and serves as co-captain of a Relay For Life team. She is also an advocate for D.A.N.A. (Domestic Violence Group).

## How To Succeed In College

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- 1. Within the confines of your mind and soul set a goal.
- 2. Discipline yourself.
- 3. Take a reasonable course load your first semester.
- 4. Study a minimum of 15-20 hours per week.
- 5. Know what the instructor's expectations are.
- 6. Consult the right people for information and direction. Don't rely on friends.
- 7. Learn how to relax and to study.
- 8. Do not take yourself too seriously; develop the ability to laugh.
- 9. Attend all classes regularly.
- 10. Get to know at least one person well in each of your classes.
- 11. Get to know your instructor.
- 12. Do not procrastinate.