Several new members recently joined the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Board of Directors. Rick Coffey, President of McCreary Modern, is among the new members. Coffey is involved with several other organizations in the community including The Caldwell Memorial Hospital Board and Foundation Board, the Lenoir-Rhyne Business Council and the Caldwell County Smart Start Board. Coffey earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from North Carolina State University. He and wife, Tamara, have two children, daughter, Kirsten, and son, Corbin.

Karen R. Ford also joins the Foundation Board this year. Ford is a Certified Public Accountant and is a partner with Smith, Stevens & Ford, P.A. She earned Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degrees at Appalachian State University. She is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Former furniture executive Joan Miller McGee is also joining the Foundation Board. McGee earned her Associate Degree at Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute and went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree at Lenoir-Rhyne University and her MBA at Wake Forest University. McGee is also a member of the Lenoir Service League and is a Robin's Nest Children's Advocacy Center Board Member. McGee is married to Dr. Timothy McGee.

Also joining the board is Shirley L. Orrell. Orrell is the retired Vice President of Human Resources with Shuford Mills, LLC. Orrell is involved with several other community organizations including the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce and The Robin's Nest Children's Advocacy Center. She is also a past chair of the Caldwell Workforce Development Board and a former member of the Caldwell Memorial Hospital Board and Foundation Board. Orrell is married to Charles Keith Orrell.

Carmela Tomlinson also joins the Foundation Board this year. Tomlinson is owner of Paragon Design Group. She attended Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute and went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree at Lenoir-Rhyne University. Tomlinson also serves as Vice-President of Public Relations for the Caldwell Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Foothills Region Small Business Technology and Development Center Advisory Board. Tomlinson is mom to son Cole, 7.