Rotary speaker

Cassie Coco, left, career development coordinator with the University Participant program at Western Carolina University, was the featured speaker at a recent meeting of the Sylva Rotary Club. The UP program provides a university experience and essential skills training to college-age individuals with intellectual disabilities. The fully-inclusive program consists of 1,500 hours over four semesters, and includes instruction in basic skills, vocational preparation, social and community participation, as well as university course auditing. Graduates of the UP program earn Certificates of Accomplishment and are provided with job placement and job coaching services. With Coco is Sylva Rotary President Lyn Lazar.