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Focus Events

**Friday, March 5 and
Saturday, March 6, 2010**

- 14th Biennial Conference on Appalachian Geography, Geography Education and The Social Studies
Pipestem Resort State Park

**Monday, March 8 –
Friday, March 12, 2010**

- Spring Recess

Sunday, March 14, 2010

- Daylight Saving Time Begins
Spring Forward!

Saturday, March 20, 2010

- First Day of Spring!

**Monday, March 22 –
Thursday, March 25, 2010**

- Spanish Language Film Festival
Movies shown 7:30 p.m. nightly
Room 237 Marsh Hall

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

- UpBeat Brass Performance
8 p.m.
Main Auditorium
Alexander Fine Arts Center

Friday, March 26, 2010

- Mountain Lion Club Gala
Dinner/Auction
6 p.m.
Chuck Mathena Center
Princeton, W.Va.



From the Desk of . . .

This academic year, President Aloia created the Council on International Initiatives. I was pleased to be asked to chair this group of smart, hardworking staff and faculty. We have a threefold charge. We were asked to create opportunities for Concord University students, and Concord University faculty. We were asked to increase and diversify our student body. In keeping with our charge, today's Concord University

students have the opportunity to travel to the United Kingdom, Costa Rica, Russia, and India. Soon, some will have opportunities to study in Puerto Rico, Chile, Japan, and South Korea. Study abroad, we believe, makes the textbook come alive as mere words are turned into sights, sounds, smells, and human contacts.

Concord faculty will be educational liaisons as they prepare to teach in Russia, Korea, and India. Memorandums of Understanding are soon to be signed with partner institutions in Puerto Rico, Korea, and Vietnam. These combined opportunities enhance our university's reputation through the students and faculty who choose to participate in our programs.

Students from Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America have long been part of our academic fabric, but not in the numbers we see today. Currently, 26 countries are represented on campus. Our goal is to double our international student number to 200. These students will be our new ambassadors to their countries and to future students.

Approximately 80,000 years ago the family of modern human beings began wandering out of Africa, settling across the globe, and distancing themselves from each other. Mahatma Gandhi asked that we be the change we wish to see in the world. Now, through our university's vision, we have a small opportunity to reunite with others in the family of humankind. I hope you will join with the Council on International Initiatives to make 2010, The Year of Internationalization at Concord University, a memorable one.

Joe Manzo
Professor of Geography
Chairman of the Council on International Initiatives

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Gala supports student-athletes



Help support Concord University athletics and our student-athletes. Reservations are being accepted for the Mountain Lion Club Gala planned for Friday, March 26, 2010. This annual fund-raiser dinner/auction will be held at the Chuck Mathena Center in Princeton and begins at 6 p.m. Individual seats are \$100 and a table for eight is \$1000.

For more information and to make reservations call 304-384-5347 or e-mail mtlionclub@concord.edu.

Notable & Newsworthy

The West Virginia Library Commission has selected *Holler*, a peer-reviewed, quarterly journal of poetry and short prose, to be part of the permanent collection of West Virginia Literature at the State Archives Library housed in the Cultural Center of the Capitol Complex in Charleston. *Holler* is published by the Princeton Poetry Project, under the direction of Dr. Thomas J. McKenna, assistant professor of philosophy at Concord. One of Dr. McKenna's areas of specialty is aesthetics and the philosophy of art, hence his interest in poetry. A reception and reading to celebrate the third issue of *Holler* will be held on Thursday, March 18 at 7 p.m. in the State Room at Concord. Visit the project's website at (<http://www.princetonpoetryproject.org>).

Send us your news!

Let us know what's new with you or your department...e-mail

Campus E-News at enews@concord.edu.

Be sure to include your name and telephone number so we can contact you, too. Deadline for submissions is 4 p.m. on the Monday prior to publication. **Campus E-News** is a **biweekly** newsletter published every other Thursday for the Faculty and Staff of Concord University. The next issue will be on **March 18, 2010**.

Department Updates

The Office of Admissions has several events planned for March. Discover Days will be held on Friday, March 19, and Wednesday, March 24. An Open House will be held on Saturday, March 27. Beginning March 22, Accepted Student Receptions will be held at several locations across the region.

UpBeat Brass will perform at Concord University Tuesday, March 23 at 8 p.m. in the Alexander Fine Arts Center Main Auditorium. UpBeat Brass is a unique brass quintet that has a big band sound. The combination of trumpet, trombone, tuba, saxophone and drums creates an energetic and vibrant atmosphere. The members of UpBeat Brass are veteran performers who work with other top entertainers, orchestras and ensembles and perform as soloists across the country. In describing their performance "Instrumentalist Magazine" said, "The arrangements are complex and the playing virtuosic."

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$2 for non-Concord students. Admission is free for Concord students, staff and faculty. Tickets will be available the night of the event and reservations are not needed. For more information regarding this performance, please contact the box office by phone at 304-384-5101 or by e-mail at boxoffice@concord.edu.

This press release was written by Hannah Mullens, a communication major with an emphasis in public relations from Summersville.

Eight CU students were selected to participate in the 2010 West Virginia All-State Chamber Choir which performed at the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences in Charleston. "I was beyond thrilled to see some of our finest singers representing Concord alongside students from WVU, Marshall and many other colleges in our state," Joshua Miller, CU's director of vocal studies, said.

The choir was conducted by Dr. Robert Ward from The Ohio State University. The students selected to participate were:

Jordan Stadvec, Music Education, Princeton; Carrie Honaker, Music Education, Ronceverte; Hannah Clark, Music Education, Charleston; Sarah Edgar, Music Education, Morgantown; Jamie Suroski, Elementary Education, Giles, Va.; Mike Dorsey, Music Education, Galax, Va.; Matthew Hamilton, Tourism, Wenonah, N.J.; and, Miles Vaughn, Broadcasting, Princeton.

Dr. Katherine Arnoldi's World Literature and Slam Poetry Class is being featured on the West Virginia PBS news through Sunday, March 7. Broadcast times are: 8 a.m., 12 noon, 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. The story features students in the World Literature class performing works by the Romantic Poets (Blake, Byron, Coolidge, Dickinson, Keats, Shelley, Whitman and Wordsworth) in a Poetry Slam format. Also featured is the last slam performance of the Slam Poetry class in which Sierra Brown won the Grand Slam. A similar broadcast is on the West Virginia NPR radio station.



Next Issue
 Thursday, March 18
Submission Deadline
 Monday, March 15
 4:00pm

Let's hear a 'ROAR' for...

Faculty, Staff and Student Awards Nominees and Winners



Congratulations to the nominees for and winners of the faculty, staff and student awards. These awards were presented on March 1 during Concord University's Convocation of Scholars and Founders' Day Celebration.

Faculty Awards

• Recognition of Teaching:

Ms. Paula Elliott, Division of Education;
 Dr. Rod Klein, Division of Social Sciences;
 Dr. Lauri Reidmiller, Division of Fine Arts;
 and, Dr. Dianna Ross, Division of Business.

Award recipient: Dr. Lauri Reidmiller

• Recognition of Scholarship/Creativity:

Dr. He-Boong Kwon, Division of Business;
 and, Dr. Nicholas Miceli, Division of Business.

Award recipient: Dr. He-Boong Kwon

• Recognition of Service: Mr. Kevin Bennington, Division of Fine Arts; Dr. David Campbell, Division of Education and Human Performance; Dr. Sally Campbell, Division of Social Sciences; Dr. Angelique Edwards, Division of Education and Human Performance; Dr. Carol Manzione, Division of Social Sciences; and, Dr. Jim White, Division of Social Sciences.

Award recipient: Mr. Kevin Bennington

Staff Award

• Presidential Service Award:

Mr. Gene Buckland, Maintenance; Ms. Carolyn Cox, Registrar; Ms. Sarah Dalton, Advancement; Ms. Janet Heaton, Natural Sciences Division; and, Ms. Lynn Hill, Student Center.

Award recipient: Ms. Sarah Dalton

Student Award

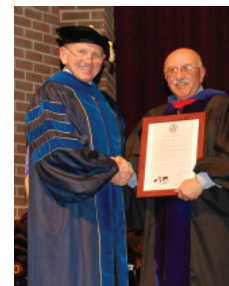
• Student Service Award: Ms. Natasha Cline, Business Administration, emphasis in Management; Mr. Curtis Kearns, Political Science; Ms. Carly Stout, Biology; Ms. Afton Wickline, Biology, pre-professional; Mr. Jeff Yeager, History, concentration in Philosophy, English, Literature emphasis, minor, Legal Studies and Pre-law.

Award recipient: Ms. Carly Stout

Service, scholarship, Humanitarian work Celebrated at Convocation/Founders' Day

Concord University officially launched "The Year of the International Initiative" during the Convocation of Scholars and Founders' Day Celebration on Monday, March 1, 2010. The program began at 5 p.m. in the Main Theater of the Alexander Fine Arts Center.

Dr. Joseph T. Manzo, chairman of Concord's Council on International Initiatives, read a proclamation calling on the campus community "to provide opportunities abroad for Concord students, expand opportunities for Concord faculty and diversify and increase the international student population on campus."



The event was a celebration of Concord University's 138th anniversary. On Feb. 28, 1872 Concord received its charter from the West Virginia Legislature.

"We are assembled on this anniversary of Concord's founding to salute the mission of this institution...a calling to educate...to pursue scholarly endeavors...and to serve," Concord University President Gregory F. Aloia said. "We are inspired and challenged by the words of one of our late presidents Dr. Joseph Franklin Marsh, Sr. who captured the essence of our mandate 'Come to Learn. Go to Serve.'"

An honorary doctorate was awarded to Dr. M. L. Swarankar, a renowned physician, scholar and humanitarian from Jaipur, India. Dr. Swarankar is chairman and managing trustee of the Mahatma Gandhi Medical College and Hospital in Jaipur. In December 2009, Dr. Darla Wise and four Concord students participated in a one-week medical shadowing at the facility.



Dr. Swarankar is known for a life of service based on the principles of Mahatma Gandhi. As a symbol of friendship, he presented a bronze bust of Gandhi to Concord during the ceremony.

Concord University Professor of Mathematics Emerita Mary Edna Beckett received the Lifetime Achievement Award for her dedication to her alma mater and the community of Athens.



The convocation offered a time to honor recipients of academic and service awards. Recognition was given to members of the campus community including faculty, staff and students for teaching, scholarship/creativity and service. The evening also included performances by the Concord University Symphonic Band and the ConChords.



Bulletin Board

Rescheduled...The annual health screenings have been rescheduled for Friday, April 16, 2010. They will be held in the Dance Studio from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Confirm or schedule your appointment time by e-mail to edwardsas@concord.edu. If you already had an appointment scheduled for Feb. 26, that time will apply on April 16. Remember to FAST the morning of April 16 to get an accurate health screening. Water and black coffee are allowed. Water and a snack will be available after the screening.

Please share with your students...Submissions are being accepted for the Fourth Annual Philosophy Essay Prize. This year's Question/Theme: Is Diversity Valuable? The deadline for submissions is Friday, April 2. Submit essays electronically to Dr. Thomas J. McKenna at mckennat@concord.edu. There is no length requirement. The prize includes a \$100 cash award and public recognition at the annual honors banquet. For more information e-mail Dr. McKenna.



Saying thanks...

President Gregory F. Aloia presents a plaque to Greg Quick for his dedicated service to Concord University during a gathering in Mr. Quick's honor March 3. Mr. Quick, interim vice president for advancement, has accepted a position as line-backers coach with the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League.



**Greg Quick
Best of Luck
From Your
Friends At CU!**

RELAY FOR LIFE



Help support Relay For Life and enjoy playing Bingo. Lia Sophia & PartyLite Bingo will be played on Thursday, April 8 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Cost is \$20 for 20 games. Extra cards are \$3 each. Proceeds Benefit Relay For Life.

To the Concord Community:

The American Cancer Society has been an active member of the Concord and Athens Community for many years, offering services and support to those battling cancer as well as lifesaving cancer information to the community. We continue our mission of eliminating cancer thanks to the help of generous volunteers and dedicated staff.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a community event in every sense of the word. It is a chance for the community to come together to celebrate those who have faced cancer, remember those lost and empower everyone to fight back. Being a part of Relay For Life means being a part of a national grassroots movement to end cancer. Being a Relay For Life volunteer, means making life better for cancer survivors, patients and their families.

But we are faced with a critical shortage of volunteer leaders. With the challenges of our day-to-day demands, time has become a premium and many people are finding it more difficult to participate in community service. It is because of the volunteers who preceded us, however, that certain types of cancer are now highly treatable or even curable. With more help, we will continue to win the war.

The American Cancer Society needs your help now. Plans are under way for the 8th annual fundraiser Relay For Life, held at Concord University on April 23rd, 2010, to support cutting-edge cancer research, help provide free transportation to hospitals, help prevent youth smoking, publish lifesaving literature and develop a new generation of weapons to fight cancer.

Now is the time for individuals, families, organizations, schools, religious groups, corporations and small businesses to build a team and join our fight to reduce the burden of cancer across America. Relay For Life can be the site of a company picnic or family gathering while supporting a great cause.

To sign up to participate or learn how you can volunteer for other patient services, call 304-384-5277, or 304-384-5272.

Sincerely,

CU RFL Chair, Erin Clark
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