Welcome to the October E-News

Homecoming is the big news for October!

It’s just days until the fun and festivities begin for Concord’s Homecoming 2021. After celebrating Homecoming from Home last year, the Mountain Lion community is eager to gather for in-person events this year.

Theme for Homecoming 2021 is Video Games. Student organizations competing for the coveted Homecoming royalty crowns are busy creating their costumes, banners and billboards around this theme. Be sure to look for the billboards on campus and the other Video Games creations in the Homecoming parade. The much-anticipated trek along Vermillion Street begins at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 7 followed by the bonfire in the Valley.

Earlier in the week, Paralympian Jonathan Gore shares his story about the journey that led him to Tokyo to compete – and offer a stellar performance – in the 2020 Paralympic Games. Jonathan is the featured speaker for Concord’s Disability Awareness Month event on Tuesday, Oct 5. His presentation is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

The Homecoming football game against West Liberty is set for Saturday, Oct. 9 at Callaghan Stadium with a 1 p.m. kickoff. Go Mountain Lions!! Be sure to check out additional Homecoming events including tailgating, alumni gatherings and more here.

Happy October!
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Calendar

**Tuesday, Oct. 5**
- Disability Awareness Month Event Featuring Jonathan Gore: 6 p.m. - Information Fair 7 p.m. - Keynote Presentation Ballroom

**Thursday, Oct. 7**
- Homecoming Parade 6 p.m. Vermillion Street Followed by Bonfire In the Valley

**Friday, Oct. 8**
- CU After Hours 5-7 p.m. President’s House

**Saturday, Oct. 9**
- Football Game CU vs West Liberty 1 p.m. Kickoff Callaghan Stadium

**Monday, Oct. 11**
- Piano and Violin Concert Featuring Marshall U Faculty 7 p.m. Fine Arts Main Auditorium

**Wednesday, Oct. 13**
- Sigma Free Day Exhibit Collegiate Recovery Noon - 3 p.m. Ground Floor Lobby Student Center

**Wednesday, Oct. 20**
- Alcohol Awareness Week Info Collegiate Recovery Noon - 3 p.m. Ground Floor Lobby Student Center

**Friday, Oct. 22**
- Understanding Addiction Workshop Collegiate Recovery 5-7 p.m. State Room

**Thursday, Oct. 28**
- Concord Business Challenge Virtual Awards Ceremony 11:00 a.m. Live Streamed

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Concordians Anticipating Homecoming 2021 Activities

From the parade and bonfire to tailgates, football and royalty crowns, Concord’s Homecoming 2021 offers fun and festivities for the entire Mountain Lion community.

For a schedule of events, click here.

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Collegiate Recovery Announces Informational Events

Brandon Whitehouse at a recent informational event in the Student Center.
The WV Collegiate Recovery Network and Concord Collegiate Recovery Coach Brandon Whitehouse are hosting several informational events at Concord during the month of October. The Collegiate Recovery Network is partnering with Community Connections, Southern Highlands, Jobs for Hope and Ascension Recovery Services to bring a diverse variety of community and educational resources to the student body, faculty and staff of the University.

An exhibit for Stigma Free Day will be set up on Wednesday, Oct. 13 from noon to 3 p.m. in the Ground Floor lobby of the Student Center. Information will be available about supporting an anti-stigma environment and learning about what stigma is and how it impacts others.

Information for Alcohol Awareness Week will be available on Wednesday, Oct. 20 from noon to 3 p.m. in the Student Center's Ground Floor Lobby. Facts about the effects of college drinking and underage drinking will be provided. Resources and information about prevention, intervention and recovery services will also be available.

The "Understanding Addiction, Addressing Stigma and Current Trend" workshop will be held on Friday, Oct. 22 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the State Room located in the Student Center. Speaker Dr. Derek Wilson will present information on the latest statistics, trends, and health impacts of tobacco, marijuana, alcohol, opioids, stimulants, and inhalants use. At the conclusion of this training, individuals will be able to share the most recent information on the trends, dangers and impact of substance abuse with their clients.

For additional information on any of these events and/or the WV Collegiate Recovery Network, please contact Brandon Whitehouse at: bwhitehouse@concord.edu or call 304-800-6118. You may also visit him in his office located in Concord's John David Smith Center for Social Work Education. More information is also available on Facebook.

Submitted by: Brandon Whitehouse Concord Collegiate Recovery Coach

Concord Represented at WV Society of CPAs Student Night

The Greenbrier Valley/Southern Chapter of the WV Society of CPAs hosted a student night on Sept. 20, 2021, at Pasquale's Italian Restaurant in Beckley, WV. The event gave students a chance to meet local CPAs, speak with Brian Wadsworth, the new President of WVS CPA, ask questions, hear how the industry is changing, and to become a student member of the society for free. They also had the opportunity to fill out applications for accounting scholarships.

Concord University had a stellar representation at the meeting. Students in attendance were Hannah Alitzer, Stella Dunn, Katherine Helmick, Bryce Mutterback, Nathan Nichols, Emily Peck, Aubrie Peyton, Troy Spence, Colin Terry, Alex Watty, and Keegan Webb. Not pictured, but in attendance Brandon Bayne, Fernando Rodriguez Almonte, and Jamaikah Wallace, Professors of Accounting, Dr. Logan Browning and Shelly Stump, CPA, accompanied the students to the event.

Submitted by: Shelly Stump, CPA, MPA Assistant Professor of Accounting
Department of Business Hosting Concord Business Challenge

The Concord University Department of Business is announcing the 28th Annual Concord Business Challenge (CBC) as a virtual event for 2021. The Business Challenge is designed to give high school students an opportunity to test their business knowledge base. Approximately 400 junior and senior high school students are expected to compete in the Business Challenge from West Virginia and Virginia schools.

Students will compete online at their home schools. The virtual awards ceremony will be live streamed on Thursday, Oct. 28 starting at 11 a.m.

Participants will compete in a variety of business academic competitions including accounting, business communications, finance, economics, computer applications, hospitality, management, marketing, and business math. There will be first, second, and third overall winners announced in each challenge competition. In addition, all participants will be competing to earn scholarships to attend Concord. The 12 scholarship winners will be selected based on their Business Challenge scholarship examination performance.

For more information contact the CBC Coordinator, Stephanie Rocchetti at (304) 384-5244.

Submitted by:
Dr. Susan Robinett
Chair, Department of Business

New Students Welcomed to Honors Program during Colloquium
Eleven new students were welcomed to the Honors Program at the opening Honors Colloquium on August 25. From left to right, they are: Lia Jennings, a Biology major from Thornton, WV; Bryce Legg, a Biology major from Saint Albans, WV; Keli Adkins, a Health Science major from Pineville, WV; Ciersten Rose, a Health Science major from Lashmeet, WV; Dr. Tracy Luff, Director of the University Honors Program; Sarah Taylor, a Biology major from Princeton, WV; Allison Dorsey, a Sociology major from Charleston, WV; Andy Smith, a Biology major from Shallotte, NC; Sydney Tucker, a Biology major from Raleigh, NC; Brigitte Sander, an English major from Australia; Serenity Brooks, an Education major from Glen Morgan, WV and Josie Crawford, a Biology major from Saint Albans, WV.

Ewabo Trio Entertains for International Day of Peace

Steel drum trio Ewabo entertained the campus community with a performance on Sept. 21. The noontime show, held on the Subway Stage, was part of Concord’s International Day of Peace celebration.

From Bob Marley and Bob Dylan to the Commodores and Jimmy Buffett, these musicians offered a string of classics like "My Girl," "Stand by Me" and "Three Little Birds," all with an island twist. Originating from Trinidad and Tobago and St. Martin, Ewabo is committed to performing the highest caliber of music to the delight of all music lovers with a particular emphasis on the "steel drums," better known as "pan" to people of its native land.

Ewabo’s appearance at Concord has been made possible by a West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission Diversity for Equity Grant and by the University’s Diversity Council and Office of Multicultural Affairs.
Professional Clothing Closet Holds Fashion Show
The first-ever Concord Professional Clothing Closet Fashion Show transformed the Subway Stage into a runway for models. Held in conjunction with CU’s week-long International Day of Peace celebration, the fashion show took place at lunchtime on Sept. 22. The day also marked observance of Emancipation Day and American Businesswomen’s Day. Student Support Services and the Bonner Scholars sponsored this event.

Models include students Amber Deip, Ashland, WV; Alex Weikle, Union, WV; Ja’Nazjah Ivy, Welch WV; and Alysha “Ali” Gorbey, Kingwood WV. They were joined on the runway by Peyton Brown, Bonner graduate assistant from Jesse, WV, and Mary Goebel, Bonner Program Coordinator from Athens, WV.

All of the outfits that were modeled were from the Concord University Professional Clothing Closet. The Closet provides students with a place to access professional clothing for interviews and other professional events, completely free of cost. It is stocked with all articles of professional clothing that students need, including suits, slacks, ties, coats, dresses, shoes, accessories, and more!

The Closet is managed by the Bonner Scholars Program, and runs solely on clothing donations. It will be located in Conference Room D on the third floor of the Student Center. More information about the CU Professional Clothing Closet is available on Facebook or by emailing bonner@concord.edu.

Submitted by:
Kathy Ball
Bonner Program Director
The State of the U

On October 12, 2021 at 1:00 PM, please plan to join Dr. Kendra Boggess, CU President, for the annual State of the University update. The event will be live in the Ballroom and taped for anyone who is unable to attend or prefers to watch online.

It is an exciting time of growth and development at CU. Despite COVID challenges, the University is stronger today than when the pandemic started some 18 months ago. Together, we will keep the momentum building and experience another great year in 2021-2022.

Please plan to join the conversation about facility and program changes that are positioning CU for today and the future. Experience the highlights from Dr. Boggess’ presentation to the HEPC on Monday October 4th and enjoy the vivid photography of “The Campus Beautiful.” Prepare for the kick off of CU’s 150th birthday year being launched at homecoming.

We have much for which to be thankful and much to celebrate. I hope to see you there.

Let us make this the best year ever in service to our students, community, and state.

Submitted by:
Daniel Fitzpatrick
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Chief Human Resources Officer
Please submit items to be considered for publication in the November 2021 issue to sdalton@concord.edu by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Thank you.

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