Parents Club President Message

This academic year, President Aloia created the Council on International Initiatives. As part of this endeavor, there are increased opportunities for Concord University students and faculty to study abroad. Students can earn college credit for their educational and cultural experiences.

Destinations include:

**Quebec** in May: a collaborative program among several West Virginia colleges and universities.

**Puerto Rico** in June and July: For more information about Quebec and Puerto Rico, you may contact Nancy Ellison by email at nellison@concord.edu or by phone (304) 384-6086.

**Chuncheon, South Korea, and Tokyo, Japan**, in June and July: Concord students will learn Korean and teach English to Korean students. For more details you may contact Professor Joseph Manzo by email at manzoj@concord.edu or by phone (304) 384-5208.

**England, Scotland, Wales, and Paris, France** in July and August: a few spaces are still available for the David R. Bard Study Abroad UK trip. For more information you may contact Professor Jim White by email at jwhite@concord.edu or by phone (304) 384-6061.

**Costa Rica** in January: You may contact Professor Roy Ramthun by email at rramthun@concord.edu or by phone at (304) 384-5263 who is coordinating this trip.

I hope that your students will participate in these opportunities for experiential learning!

Martha Endres
President
Concord University Parents Club

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**Thought for the day**

“Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.”
~ Albert Einstein

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**Email Us:** parents@concord.edu

**Or visit the Parents Club Website:** http://academics.concord.edu/parentsclub/
# Academic Calendar

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<td>April 22, Thursday</td>
<td>Earth Day Campus-wide Clean-up and Celebration</td>
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<td>Last day to withdraw from the University</td>
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<td>Relay For Life 7 p.m. Friday – 7 a.m. Saturday, Callaghan Stadium</td>
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<td>Spring Football Game 4 p.m. Kickoff, Callaghan Stadium</td>
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<td>April 27, Tuesday</td>
<td>20th Annual David S. Roth Memorial 5K Walk/Run, 5 p.m. – registration Carter Center, 6:15 p.m. – walk/run begins (CU/Athens course), 7:30 p.m. – awards/door prizes</td>
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<td>Spring semester ends 5:00 p.m.</td>
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<td>May 8, Saturday</td>
<td>Spring Commencement at 10:00 a.m. (Divisions of Business, Education and Human Performance, including all Masters degrees, and Fine Arts) and at 2:00 p.m. (Divisions of Languages and Literature, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Interdisciplinary Studies and Regents Bachelor of Arts)</td>
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<td>May 31, Monday</td>
<td>Holiday – Memorial Day</td>
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<td>June 11, Friday</td>
<td>Homer K. Ball Memorial Scholarship Golf Tournament 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, Pipestem Resort State Park</td>
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<td>First 5-Week Term Finals; Second 5-Week Term Registration</td>
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<td>July 5, Monday</td>
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<td>August 9, Monday</td>
<td>Last Class Day Full11-Week Summer Term*</td>
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*Full-Summer Term Exams are held in the last class meeting.*
## Alumni Calendar

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<td>August 13-21</td>
<td>WV State Fair --- Look for the Concord tent!</td>
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<td>Homecoming Week</td>
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## Cap and Gown Receptions

The Cap and Gown Receptions will be held Tuesday April 27th and Thursday, May 6th from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Alumni Lounge, Student Center. Graduating students that have ordered a cap and gown from the Bookstore for the May graduation should pick up their regalia at one of these times. Students graduating with honors are eligible to purchase an honor stole at a cost of $13.00. Master's regalia is approximately $54.00. Undergraduate students have already paid for their regalia. Cash, check, or credit card will be accepted. There will be gifts for all seniors that attend, as well as door prizes.
Bonner House - Alternative Spring Break

Dates: March 5 - 10, 2010
Location: Philadelphia, PA

Participants and staff:
Lesley Woodrum
Samantha Smith
Trent Estep

Students:
Alex Hosseini
Allena King
Danielle Hepler
Eric Thomas
Erica White
Garrett Lester
Jennifer Bowman
Jennifer Largin
Pradip Adhikari
Sevin Eldridge
Stephanie Brown
Tiffany Shaver

SERVICE SITES

March 6, 2010 - University City District
We met with one of the workers for the UCD and we were given brooms, gloves, and trash bags so we could clean up around a block in that area.

March 8, 2010 - SMITH the Kids' Play Place in the Park - http://smithkidsplayplace.org/
SMITH is located in Fairmont Park. It is a playground that is designed to offer urban children a place to come for a more rural-play atmosphere. The outdoor playground spanned 6.5 acres. The only building there, the Smith House, is a 25,000 sq. foot mansion designated for small children to play without the risk of older children running into them. There were three main floors with large play rooms in them. While we were there we helped with sprucing up and revitalizing the playground through removing debris and trash removal. Indoors, we cleaned toys and helped organize and clean the basement. They also allowed us a little play time with the Giant Slide.

SHARE is a food program that is made available to anyone, but it also outsources a lot of food to local food banks and shelters. Anyone can come there and volunteer for 2 hours, pay $19.00 and receive $40-$45 worth of groceries. The two days we worked at SHARE were very busy with pick ups. Our job was to constantly build "5s". "5s" are pallets made up of 5 of each type of food they were distributing that day (5 boxes of peaches, 5 boxes of cereal, etc). When we were not making more "5s" we were loading food into peoples vans, trucks, and SUVs'. Those empty pallets were then refilled, and so on. This was by far our most physical activity, but everyone really seemed to have a good time and made the best of the work, but wow were we tired!

EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL SITES

- Liberty Bell
- Philadelphia Museum of Art
- Rodin Museum
- Independence Hall
- Local art work and sculptures displayed
- Attempted Betsy Ross House - closed for cleaning
- Attempted US. Mint tour - unknown to us, they shut the tour down an hour before closing to ensure that the building is empty (the tour is 2.5 miles long!)
Concord fans have tuned into Classic Rock 102 The River (WMTD 102.3 FM) for broadcast coverage of Mountain Lions sports, with webcasts at www.theriver102.com. That will change. For sports fans, that change will be for the better.

Southern Communications, which owns and operates WMTD-FM, has announced the station is flipping its format. Starting at 12:00 pm EST on Monday, March 29, 2010, WMTD-FM will become an all-sports station and join the ESPN Radio network. WMTD will be dubbed “The Ticket.” Its revamped website will be www.theticket102.com. The format flip comes a week earlier than the original target date of April 5th.

“The Ticket” will carry ESPN Radio programming like “Mike & Mike In The Morning,” and remain the radio flagship for Concord football and men’s and women’s basketball. Being Concord’s home station is part of what Southern Communications owner Shane Southern says will be “The Ticket’s” emphasis on local sports. “We’re looking forward to continuing our relationship with Concord,” said Southern. “It’s a very exciting time there and we want to remain part of it.”

“There is a tremendous void in our area for a station like this,” Southern continued. “In this day and age, sports fans, like everyone else, are used to getting the information they want instantly. We can do that with ‘The Ticket.’ The way radio is now, local teams and local schools can fall through the cracks. There are so many teams and athletes and coaches that don’t get the attention they deserve. Now they will.”

Along with the Concord Mountain Lions, “The Ticket” will continue to provide play-by-play coverage of Summers County High School and Princeton Rays professional baseball. The new station will also focus on local stories during its frequent daily “SportsCenter” updates.

As part of the format change, “The Ticket” will upgrade its webcasting capacity. Previously, the number of on-line listeners was restricted, but Southern says such limits will be removed. “There was such a demand for our webcasts and we’re responding to that demand,” he said. “We literally draw listeners from all around the world to our website, and now each and every one them will be able to follow Concord and their other favorite teams. Basically, whoever wants to can listen. No matter where in the world they are.”
There were a few “firsts” in Concord’s Softball doubleheader against Glenville State on March 18. A beautiful spring day – the first such day in Athens after a long winter – allowed the Lady Lions to play their first home games of the 2010 season. And, thanks to the heroics of a first-year player, Concord won a West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference game for the first time in nearly three years.

Freshman Sam Clement’s no-doubt, two-out, two-run home run in the bottom of the 7th inning lifted the Lady Lions to a 4-3 win over the Pioneers in the first game of the doubleheader. The victory snapped Concord’s 51-game WVIAC losing streak and was CU’s first conference victory since a 10-6 win over Ohio Valley on April 21, 2007.

Early in the game, it looked like Concord’s WVIAC futility would continue. The Lady Pioneers reached CU starting pitcher Tamara Smith for three runs and four hits in the top of the 1st inning, including a two-run double by Meagan James and an RBI single from Katelyn Porter. But Smith settled down to allow just three more hits the rest of the game. That gave Concord’s offense time to chip away at the deficit.

The Lady Lions scored once in the bottom of the 2nd, with Kaylyn Klatt scoring on Alex Brown’s RBI single. Concord added another run in the 4th – Stephanie Harper led off with a double, advanced to third on wild third-strike pitch to Brooke Bowling, then scored on another wild pitch.

In the bottom of the 7th, Emily Gallagher reached GSC reliever Mandy Parkulo for a one-out single. Parkulo struck out Smith, then worked a 2-2 count on Clement, who rocketed the fifth pitch of the at-bat over the fence in left-center for the dramatic 4-3 victory. Smith went the distance in the circle, giving up seven hits with a walk and a strikeout, while inducing nine groundball outs.

Concord’s Softball team took another step forward March 20, sweeping a non-conference doubleheader over Asbury College in Wilmore, KY. The Lady Lions won in a slugfest and a pitchers’ duel in defeating the Eagles 8-2 and 3-0. Asbury, an NAIA team, is currently in first place in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The victories lifted Concord’s record to 11-10 – a decided improvement for a program that went 8-88 from 2007-2009.

Samantha Clement, La Plata, MD
As the semester continues to rush to its conclusion, it is time to wrap-up those research projects, term papers and McNair and/or senior projects. On Thursday, April 15 many of Concord’s student researchers will be presenting the results of these projects at Concord University’s Annual Undergraduate Research Day. The event will be hosted by the Concord University McNair Scholars and psychology programs and will take place in the Jerry L. Beasley Student Center Ballroom. The event provides an opportunity for faculty, fellow students and guests to see in a professional setting what our students have been doing over the past semester or year. Both poster and paper (oral) presentations will be arranged to accommodate qualitative and quantitative projects across all six of Concord’s academic divisions.

In addition to the research presentations, the day will also include a Graduate and Professional School Fair. We expect to host representatives from over 18 schools and programs including Marshall University (Biomedical Sciences and Psychology), Pikeville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Radford University, Tufts University, Vanderbilt University, Virginia Tech (Biochemistry and Biological Sciences), Hollins University, University of North Carolina – Pembroke (Business Administration), University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill (School of Pharmacy) and Concord University (Education), just to name a few. This should be an excellent opportunity for students interested in graduate school to meet and visit with representatives from a broad range of schools and programs.

Our keynote speaker, Dr. Gary Rankin, who serves as the Principal Investigator for the West Virginia Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence (WV-INBRE) as well as the Chair of Pharmacology, Physiology, and Toxicology at Marshall University’s Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, will speak from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. The all-day event will kick off at 9:30 a.m. with opening remarks, followed by our keynote speaker. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. the poster session will be in full-swing with a light lunch available. The student paper presentations will occur concurrently from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and the graduate school fair will run all day.