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Welcome to the August/September *Student eNews*

Welcome to the first fall 2017 edition of CU *Student eNews*! We hope that the *Student eNews* is an easy-to-use resource for important student information. It will also serve as a recap of important University events. *Student eNews* will be published two times each semester and will be sent to your Concord email account and posted online, so be sure to look for future publications.

-Staff of *Student eNews*

*“Education is not the
filling of a pail, but
the lighting of a fire”*

William Butler Yeats

Fall 2017 Academic Schedule

- August 14, Students report for first day of classes
- September 4, Labor Day (no classes)
- October 4, Wednesday, 4:00 pm Mid-Semester Reports of Unsatisfactory Grades Due
- October 5-6, Fall Break
- October 14, Homecoming
- October 16 - November 3 Advising for Course Selection, 2018 Spring Semester
- October 27, Friday, 4:00 pm Last Day for Dropping Courses with grade of W
- October 30-November 8 Course Selection, 2018 Spring Semester (for Students Presently Enrolled)
- November 20-24, Thanksgiving Break
- December 1, Friday Last Class Day
- December 4, Monday, 8:00 am Fall Semester Exams Begin
- December 8, Friday, 5:00 pm Fall Semester Ends
- December 9, Saturday Commencement 10AM & 2PM

Calendar of Events

For a listing of events on campus, [click here](#).

And for the full Fall 2017 academic calendar, [click here](#).

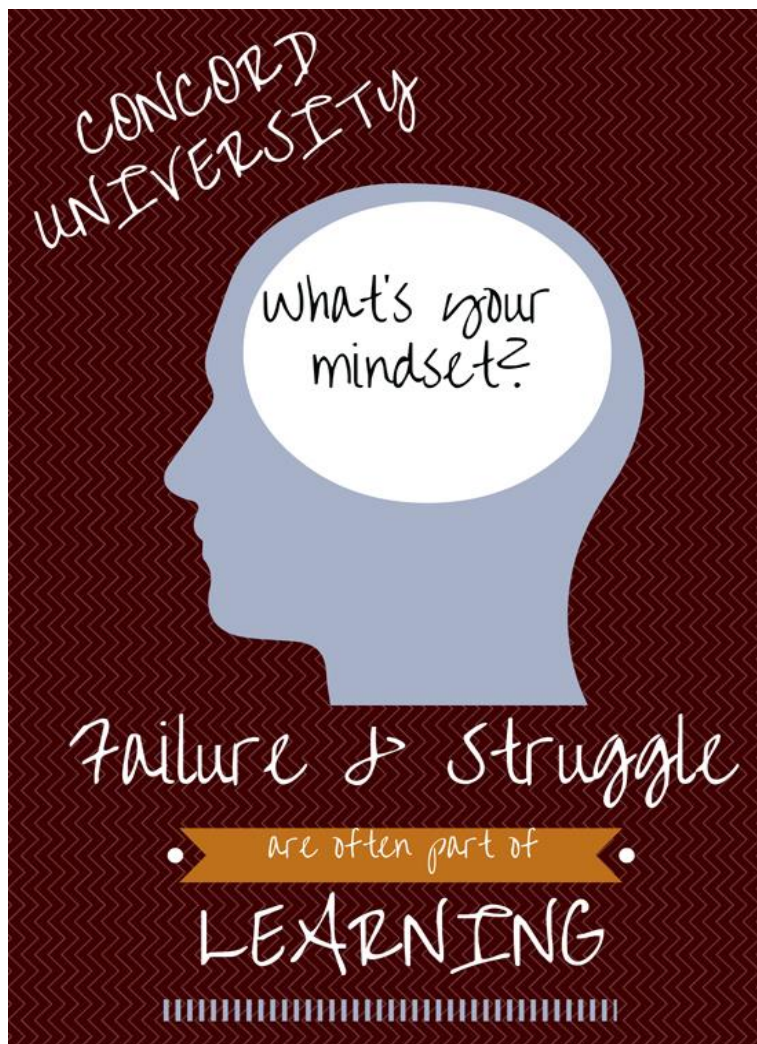


Academic Assistance

Tutoring

Free help is available to CU students to assist you with coursework! Drop-in tutoring is available for most courses at convenient times and locations. Visit <https://apps.concord.edu/tutoring/> for a complete listing by course. SMARTHINKING online tutoring is also available 24/7 for many subject areas, including essay assistance for papers and other writing assignments.

The Academic Success Center is located in Rahall 234 (Atrium) and can be reached via asc@concord.edu or by phoning 304-384-6074. The ASC is a one-stop-shop to help you succeed at Concord. The ASC website also has valuable resources, including links to Khan Academy, Guide to Grammar & Writing, OWL at Purdue, Study Skills help, and more!



Financial Aid/Business Office

Financial Aid can be a confusing process and changes to U.S. Department of Education regulations occur annually. So whether this is your first year at Concord or you are a returner, it is important to know what to expect regarding how financial aid is distributed to students. Some aid will be available earlier than in past years, while other aid may be delayed. Please read the information below and be sure to let us know if you have questions.

How and When Will I Receive my Financial Aid?

Financial Aid will be disbursed as two separate groups: (1) Federal Title IV Aid (Pell Grant; SEOG; federal student loans, i.e. subsidized, unsubsidized, & Parent Loans, also known as PLUS); and (2) All Other Sources (e.g. scholarships, state grants--WVHEG, PROMISE, other sources). Financial Aid Refunds (check change) will be released as promptly as possible, but may be delayed because of new federal guidelines that affect all West Virginia higher education institutions.

Distribution of Federal Title IV Aid will occur daily after August 7th. Distribution of All Other Sources will occur daily after August 25th. Individual notices will be sent to students' MyCU email address as the financial aid refunds become available.

Please note that Financial Aid, both Federal Title IV and All Other Sources, cannot be disbursed until the student has responded to the electronic request for Confirmation of Attendance and satisfied any outstanding requests from the Financial Aid Office. Any outstanding Financial Aid Office requests can be viewed in MyCU by selecting Financial Aid > Eligibility > Student Requirements.

Thanks for your cooperation! Concord will work with you to make certain that you are able to receive any financial aid refund as quickly as regulations allow. Best wishes for a successful semester!

Residence Life

Come see our newly renovated residence halls!

As the renovation in North and South Towers nears completion, excitement is growing on the Concord University campus for the September grand re-opening celebration, to read the full article follow the link: <http://www.concord.edu/sites/default/files/files/towers-renovation.pdf>

The Grand Re-Opening Celebration for the renovated North and South Towers residence halls will be held on **Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017**. A schedule of events for the celebration will be posted on Concord's website at www.concord.edu

Beckley Campus

This summer we are visiting the Energy Express students at all 5 elementary schools! We take a book to read that fits the theme for the week (family, friendship, making the world a better place, etc.), taking them an activity book, and taking ROAR for pictures (and maybe a little dancing!) Our visits included or will include, Coal City, Bradley, Cranberry-Prosperity, Beckley and Fairdale Elementary schools!

We helped Lisa Moten, Director of the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center Complex, plan our 10 year anniversary! We buried a time capsule with well wishes and advice for those 20 years in the future! This event was held August 5 from 11 AM - 2 PM and was an exciting time for all! On Friday, August 11 from 3:30 – 4:30 PM, scholarship winners from the 10 Year Anniversary celebration will be announce. Find out more on the flyer, found [here](#) or visit the EBHEC website.

Beckley Student Orientation is scheduled for Friday, August 11 from 5 – 7 PM.



Career Services

Graduating in December 2017?

Did you know that a typical job search for a new college graduate takes from six to nine months on average? Visit the Career Services office today to discuss your job search strategies. Make an appointment by calling 304-384-5325.

Looking for an on-campus job for Fall 2017?

On-campus jobs for students can be found at https://jobs.concord.edu/postings/search?query=&query_v0_posted_at_date=&719=3&commit=Search. There are limited jobs available so make this a priority if you hope to get an on-campus job. You might also check with the Follett Bookstore and Aramark about employment possibilities.

The Alumni and Career Services offices have launched a new program in 2017—the Career Services Blog Series. Each month a different alum will be sharing advice related to their career, the job search process and/or how Concord helped prepare them for their career. Their posts will be featured on Concord's website and through our social media outlets. We've got a great post to kick off the series and wanted to share it with the campus community.

Graduation Info

Fall 2017 Commencement will be held on Saturday, December 9th at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Seniors, be sure to apply for graduation ASAP! Keep watch for information on the Senior Dinner and other events, as well. Also, you must pay your graduation fee ASAP for Registrar to complete their graduation audit.

Important Student Information

Welcome Week

During the first week of classes, Welcome Week, there are many helpful and fun events to attend. Here is a link to the Welcome Week schedule <http://www.concord.edu/userfiles/files/billboard-links/WelcomeWeekSummer2017.pdf>

CU Community Fair

Tuesday, August 15th there will be a CU Community Fair in the Student Center Ballroom (Third Floor) from 3-5. Organizations, Greek Life, Academic Divisions and Offices have booths with information, prizes, games and giveaways! **All students are encouraged to attend!** These campus life events help to ensure a positive college experience.

Be sure to sign up for CU's Emergency Text Alert System!

Emergency Text Alert System: With wintry weather upon us, we encourage all students to sign up for the CU Emergency Text Alert System -- a text messaging alert system that is used to notify

students of security, safety, and weather related notices on campus. You can easily register for this service by going to <http://sms.concord.edu/>. If you have any questions, please call the IT help desk at ext.5291 or by email at cuhelpdesk@concord.edu.

Inclement Weather Schedules

To view the Inclement Weather Schedules for both the Athens Campus and the Beckley Campus, follow this link: <http://www.concord.edu/emergency-alerts>

On-Campus Counseling

The Concord University Counseling Center is open from 8am to 4pm Monday through Friday, and by special appointment at other times, to assist students. Counselor David Bailey, MA, AADC-S, LSW is available to meet with students or he can provide a referral to other area mental health services.

Appointments can be made by emailing counseling@concord.edu; phoning 304-384-5290; or online via <http://www.concord.edu/student-life/node/5>. The Counseling Center offers free, confidential services to currently enrolled students.

Are you in need of help, or do you know someone who needs help? If so, there's an easy way to seek assistance. Student Affairs maintains an online referral form for student issues. Visit the Concord University website>Student Affairs>Referral Form or <https://apps.concord.edu/forms/view.php?id=77398>. Alternatively, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 304-384-6035 or studentaffairs@concord.edu for assistance.

Get Microsoft Office for Free as a Concord student!

Concord University is a member of Microsoft's Student Advantage Program where currently enrolled students are eligible for a free license to download and use Microsoft Office Professional Plus. This license was automatically assigned at the start of enrollment at CU and remains until withdrawing or graduation. Students can install on up to 5 machines, windows or mac, as well as use the mobile versions of Office Mobile. After withdrawal or graduation the license is removed and the software enters a reduced functionality mode limiting it to viewing or printing only. Graduates can visit the site OFFICE 365 EDUCATION, enter their @mycu.concord.edu email address and get the license re-instated. For more information visit our support page at <http://www.concord.edu/office365>

Alpha Psi Omega

An organizational meeting for Alpha Psi Omega, a theatre honor society, will be held on Wednesday, August 23 at 4:30 pm in the Paul Theatre. Anyone interested in participating in a Theatre Club is welcome to attend. For more information contact Karen Vuranch at kvuranch@concord.edu or ext. 5259.

Auditions for the Fall Production

Jack Tales, featuring Appalachian stories and songs, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 6 and 7 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Anyone is welcome to audition. For more information contact Karen Vuranch at kvuranch@concord.edu or ext. 5259.

International Student Orientation

Saturday, August 19th at 9:30 a.m. in the Stateroom.

News from the Office of Disability Services

Letters of accommodation are available for pick up in the Office of Disability Services. Get your semester off on the right foot by sharing your letters with your professors at the beginning of the semester.

Concord University will be offering skills building groups for students with Autism Spectrum Disorder through The WV Autism Training Center. These skills groups called ³Discovery Groups² will cover a variety of topics such as managing a stressful college lifestyle and the transition to and out of college. To register for the skill building groups contact the Office of Disability Services at 304- 384-5256. More information on the Discovery Groups, as well as registration information for the more comprehensive Fall 2017 program, visit <http://hub.concord.edu/multicultural/node/16>.

Technology Services

The Office of Technology Services is pleased to announce that all student housing should be upgraded to have high-speed wireless access in time for the August 14 semester startup. The new system uses the latest 802.11ac protocol and will be the largest and fastest wireless network in southern West Virginia.

Students will find the ³cusecure² network available in all of the residence halls. In order to maximize wireless availability and minimize radio interference it is important to note that personal routers will no longer be authorized in the residence halls.

Students should call the Technology Services Help Desk at 304-384-5291 or email cuhelpdesk@concord.edu to report any problems or difficulties. The office is staffed from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm Mon-Thu and 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Fridays.

FERPA

Students should/may complete a FERPA waiver to allow Concord to speak with a 3rd party on their behalf (e.g. parent, spouse, employer, etc.). The link is available via MyCU.

Student Government Association (SGA)

Concord's SGA handles student policies, budgets, and many other important matters regarding students at Concord University. **Everyone is welcome, positions are available, and meetings are every Wednesday at 4pm in the Student Center State Room.**

Bluefield Area Transit Bus Schedule

Bus fare is **FREE** with a CU I.D. Follow this link to see the bus schedule <http://www.concord.edu/student-life/sites/www.concord.edu/student-life/files/images/Bus%20Schedule%202015-2016.pdf>

Athletics

Come out and support Concord Athletics!

Concord's Fall sports are just beginning. Catch some games while you can, and show your Mountain Lion spirit! You can access the athletic team schedules here: <http://www.cumountainlions.com/>.

Important Phone Numbers

Main Phone: 1-800-344-6679
Academic Success Center: 1-304-384-6074
Admissions: 1-888-384-5249 Or 1-304-384-5248
Beckley Center: 1-304-256-0270
Business Office: 1-304-384-5234
Counseling Center: 1-304-384-5290
Disability Services: 1-304-384-6086
Financial Aid: 1-304-384-6069
Housing: 1-304-384-5231
Police: 1-304-384-5357
Registrar: 1-304-384-5236
Student Affairs: 1-304-384-5256
Student Support Services: 1-304-384-6088

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Please let us know how you feel about this newsletter, if it is helpful, and any additional information you see fit to include in further editions.

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