



Parents Club - President Message

Someone famous once said that we remember moments, not years. I hope that you will have many wonderful moments during your student's years at Concord University. For Kelley and me, our memories these first two years of being Concord parents run the gamut. They are poignant, humorous, exciting, and profound.

Have you heard that:

- Parents can sign up for the electronic version of *The Concordian*, the college's newspaper, at www.cunewspaper.com;
- We can join the Alumni Association even though we are not CU alumni;
- There will be tailgate parties at most home and away football games this year for alumni and friends of Concord. These events typically begin two hours prior to kick-off.

Concord's Bard Study Abroad trip is an amazing opportunity for experiential learning for the students. Our daughter, Anne, participated this past summer and traveled to England, Scotland, Wales, and France. I think it was life-changing for many of the students. Contact Professors James White (jwhite@concord.edu) and Joseph Manzo (Manzoj@concord.edu) for information about the 2010 trip.

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Important Dates to Remember

September 19, Sat.	Football game at the University of Charleston; Parents Club/Alumni tailgate 11 a.m.; Kickoff 1 p.m.; Free admission
September 26, Sat.	Home football game vs. West Virginia State; Kickoff 6 p.m.; McDowell County Initiative
October 2, Fri.	Last day to make application for December graduation 4 p.m.
October 3, Sat.	Home football game vs. Shepherd University; Kickoff 4 p.m.
October 7, Wed.	Mid-semester reports of unsatisfactory grades submitted by faculty
Oct. 8-9 (Th-F)	Fall break
October 10, Sat.	Football game at Glenville State; Kickoff 1 p.m.
October 17, Sat.	Homecoming; Football game vs. Seton Hill; Parents Club Tent 2 p.m.; Kickoff 4 p.m.
October 24, Sat.	Home football game vs. UNC Pembroke; Kickoff 4 p.m.
October 30, Fri.	Last day for dropping a course with grade of "W" or changing course status from credit to audit 4 p.m.
October 31, Sat.	Football game at Fairmont State; Kickoff 1 p.m.
November 5-20	Advising for course selection for Spring 2010 Semester
November 7, Sat.	Football game at West Liberty State; Kickoff 1 p.m.
Nov. 23-27 (M-F)	Thanksgiving recess

A Message From the Admissions Office

Hello from the Office of Admissions at Concord University. Soon the Admissions staff will be traveling throughout the Mid-Atlantic area to promote the University. Several changes have occurred within the Admissions office. Matt McGraw '04, Admissions Counselor for Concord University, has left the University to take a position with a community college in Virginia. Also, we welcome two new Admissions staff members to the office, Jessica Schueler '09 and Jasmine Rose '06.

If you know of high school students who may be interested in Concord University please refer them to the Office of Admissions. You may send the students' contact information (name, address, phone, e-mail, high school, graduation date, etc.) to the Admissions Office by e-mail admissions@concord.edu or calling 1-888-384-5249.

The Admissions Office will be hosting several visitation opportunities this fall for prospective students and parents. Discover Days will be held Friday, September 18; Monday, September 28; Monday, October 12; Friday, October 16; Saturday, October 24; Wednesday, November 11; Friday, November 20 and Friday, December 4. Fall Open House will be Saturday, November 14. Students or parents may RSVP by calling the Office of Admissions at 1-888-384-5249 or through the Concord University website.

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2009 Homecoming Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 15

-  6:00 p.m. Annual Homecoming Parade, Vermillion Street, Athens
-  6:45 p.m. Bonfire in the Valley. Rain site: Main Gym, Carter Center.
-  10:00 p.m. Student Dance, Ballroom



Friday, October 16

Alumni Career Networking Day - (See "Are You A Concord Graduate??" on page 8)

-  8:30 a.m. Homecoming Golf Classic, Pipestem (\$75 per person, \$300 per foursome. Call 304-384-5347 for information.)
 -  5:00 p.m. Social, Alumni Lounge, Student Center
 -  6:00 p.m. Homecoming Dinner and Entertainment, Ballroom (\$20 per person.)
- *(Recognizing the classes of 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999, 2009 and All Greek Organization alumni.)*
-  9:00 p.m. Lip Sync Contest, Main Gym



Saturday, October 17

-  12:00 p.m. All-Greek Luncheon, Ballroom (\$5 each).
TBA Sorority Teas, Fraternity Gatherings
- * Alumni, Friends and Family Table and Parents Club Table, Stadium Parking Lot
- * (Tables for *classes of 1949, 1959, 1969, 1979, 1989, 1999, 2009*)
-  2:00-4:00 p.m. Alumni Registration & Tailgate



Pregame: Introduction of 1959 and 1984 Reunion Football Players, All-Americans

4:00 p.m. KICKOFF—CU VS. SETON HILL

Halftime--- Crowning of Homecoming Queen and King

Sunday, October 18

-  1:00 p.m. Men's Soccer Game, Anderson Field.



For more information about Homecoming, e-mail us at advancement@concord.edu or call the Advancement Hotline: 304-384-6311

CU Taking Proactive Approach Against H1N1 Virus

Reprinted Media Release (September 16, 2009)

Athens, W.Va. - Concord University continues to take a proactive approach against a possible outbreak of the H1N1 virus (swine flu) as the illness spreads across the United States.

The University's Emergency Preparedness Team is focusing its efforts on prevention through common sense measures while being prepared in the event of an outbreak on campus.

"We're getting ahead of the curve," Mark Stella, chief of the University's police department and chairperson of the Emergency Preparedness Team, said. "We're prepared if we have some cases on campus."

Dr. Marjie Flanigan, Concord's interim vice president of student affairs and interim director of retention, stresses that common sense hygiene is key to preventing the spread of the H1N1 virus and seasonal influenza.

"Concord University is taking a proactive approach to make certain that the entire Concord community is focused on prevention," she said. "We want everybody to use common sense and use good hygiene and not take unnecessary risks."

"Our office is available to help parents and students to make sure everybody stays safe," she said. Citing national guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Flanigan urges persons to wash their hands frequently and dispose of used tissues properly. In an effort to stay healthy, everyone should get proper rest, exercise and eat right, she said.



Last semester dispensers with hand sanitizer were installed near doorways of high-traffic areas at Concord. In addition, hand sanitizer and tissues continue to be distributed throughout the campus.

Increased efforts to cut down on germs have been integrated into routine cleaning by the University's custodians. "The custodial staff is taking extra precautions...wiping tables, door knobs, handrails, high traffic areas," Stella said.

According to the CDC, the following are everyday actions people can take to remain healthy:

- 1) Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- 2) Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- 3) Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- 4) Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

- 5) Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- 6) If you get sick, the CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

Concord officials are urging students, faculty and staff to stay home from class or work if they are sick to help control the spread of germs.

“If students need to miss class due to illness, they should contact their instructors by phone or e-mail or according to instructions provided in the course syllabus,” Flanigan said.

Posters provided by the CDC and the Department of Health & Human Services, USA, are posted around the Concord campus alerting persons who feel sick to “stay home or in your residence, except to get medical care.”

“The symptoms of novel H1N1 flu virus in people are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue,” states the CDC web-site. “A significant number of people who have been infected with novel H1N1 flu virus also have reported diarrhea and vomiting.”

“If you are sick, you may be ill for a week or longer. You should stay home and keep away from others as much as possible, including avoiding travel and not going to work or school, for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities,” the CDC website says.

More information is available by calling 1 (800) CDC-INFO (232-4636) or by visiting www.flu.gov; www.cdc.gov/swineflu; and www.wvidep.org.

Accommodations Made For Student Over-Population

Reprinted from *The Concordian* (August 26, 2009)

Due to the popularity of Concord University and ongoing retention efforts, the need for on-campus housing continues to expand and university administrators are accommodating the full house.

“The University is making a good faith effort to accommodate students with the priority being on access to education and not denying students the opportunity to realize their dreams,” Concord University President Dr. Gregory F. Aloia said.

Concord University is implementing a modification to policy which will allow more juniors and seniors the option of living off-campus instead of in university housing. On campus, living space is being expanded with the reopening of five units in the college courts and by acquiring three modular units which will be fully functional by the end of the semester. And, students who are assigned to triple rooms will see an adjustment to the cost of living in the residence halls.

President Aloia said that the University’s long-term strategic plan calls for an increase in housing units. Additionally, Concord University’s Office of Residence Life and Housing is acting as a clearing house for students looking for off-campus housing opportunities.

In addition to accommodating increased housing needs, the University is also involved in an ongoing effort to enhance student life on campus.

Residence hall lounges are being renovated thanks to a fund-raiser held during the opening of the Fall 2008 semester. Through “Trading Spaces”, Dr. Aloia stayed in a dormitory room and several students moved into his home for the first week of school. Pledges from the exchange were used for the renovations. Improvements to the lounge in Wilson Hall are 100 percent complete and are 90 percent complete in North and South towers and Sarvey Hall. The lounge in Wilson Hall will be completed in the near future.

Additional improvements on the Concord University campus in the last few years include completing a state-of-the-art fitness center in 2008; adding \$735,000 worth of new furnishings in North and South towers in the Summer of 2007; and, completing the ALEF house in 2009. The 2009-2010 school year will offer an increase in dining hall flex dollars for students.

In the area of student well-being the development of a 360-degree security camera system is in progress and will be completed during the coming academic year. The creation of the Athens-Concord substation for

Princeton Fire and Rescue makes emergency care immediately available to all faculty, staff and students on campus.

“These improvements reflect the ongoing efforts of the University to create a better living environment for the students,” President Aloia said.

Dining Hall Changes

Reprint: by Wendy Holdren *The Concordian* (August 26, 2009)

Several changes have been made to dining services including additional Flex Dollars and a new food bar.

This semester students will receive an additional \$15 in Flex Dollars with either meal plan they select. This amount will also be added during the spring semester, a total of \$30 additional Flex Dollars.

Housing Director, Rick Dillon, said in the past 11 years, he cannot remember a Flex Dollar increase. “The flex dollar increase was negotiated in a package which included the new food bar, and extended dinner hours. The institution wanted a \$30.00 increase and Aramark happily agreed,” Dillon said.

Dillon also said he believes there will be a “modest increase” next year as well.



Jeff Yeager, Student Government Association President, says students seem to be happy about the Flex Dollar increase. “It will allow them to buy a few more subs or hamburgers each semester,” Yeager said. “Aramark’s contract is up for renewal at the end of the year; therefore, there will be more negotiation room for Flex Dollar increases.”

The new food bar is a stir-fry bar which cost around \$5,000. Existing personnel will operate this new bar. Additional electrical connections need to be made for the bar to be operational.

Yeager says he hopes to see a fruit bar in the future. He says he feels that “student money should go toward student services.”

The dining hall enhancements were decided through a committee which was comprised of Marshall Campbell, Jeff Yeager, Dr. Chuck Becker, and Aramark management.

“Committee members had significant input and direction from both Jeff Yeager (advocating for the students) and Dr. Aloia. Dr. John David Smith also provided valuable advice and guidance,” Housing Director Dillon said.

Are You A Concord Graduate ???

On the Friday before homecoming, October 16, Advancement/Career Services will be hosting a Career Symposium. We have been recruiting Concord alums that are willing to come back and share the day with Concord students talking about careers and offering advice on how to make it in the "real world". We'd love to have Concord alums that are also Concord parents participate in this program. Since we may not necessarily know who you are, if you'd be interested in being a panelist for this program, just email: careerservices@concord.edu and we'll get materials out to you right away! We'd like to have all panelists registered as soon as possible! This is a great way to give back to your alma mater and support current Concord students!



Concord Hosted Fall Graduation Fair!!!

On Monday, September 14, Concord hosted the Fall Grad Fair. All students having completed 110+ hours received an invitation to attend this one-stop event, where they could take care of all their graduation needs! Seventy (70) students who were scheduled to graduate in December 2009 attended and were able to:

-  Register for graduation
-  Order graduation announcements
-  Order a class ring
-  Get measured for cap and gown
-  Pay any outstanding balance on accounts
-  Determine if an exit interview is required with the Financial Aid Office and/or Perkins Loan Office
-  Make an appointment with the Advancement/Career Services staff to talk about plans after graduation
-  Visit with recruiters from graduate schools
-  Meet staff from the Advancement Team - Your child will soon be a CU alum! We want her/him to stay connected to Concord!



As has been the tradition since the inception of this "send-off" fair for CU seniors, one lucky student will receive a \$1500.00 loan reduction. The Spring grad fair will be scheduled in February.

Post Graduation Plans

The Advancement/Career Services staff is scheduling one-on-one appointments with seniors. Staff will discuss the students' plans following graduation and offer suggestions on how to achieve the goals one has set.

There are also several workshops scheduled. Regardless of class level, all students can benefit from attending these programs. In fact, the sooner one's career one can attend, the better prepared he/she will be when reaching graduation.

Resume writing workshops have already been held. In September, Dr. Aloia, CU President will present two workshops related to **Interview Success**.

Other programs that will be held in the next couple of months include the topics of **Attending Graduate School** and **Applying for a Federal Job**.

There are many services available to your student relevant to their post graduation plans. Students should be encouraged to become familiar with the Career Service office by their sophomore year. In today's competitive world, waiting until the final semester to begin planning for a career is way too late. Encourage your student to take an active role in preparing for life after Concord!

Job Postings and a calendar of Career Services programs are posted on the Concord website. Encourage your student to routinely check these resources.



Programs Available in the International/Disabilities Office

HOMESTAY PROGRAM AT CONCORD UNIVERSITY

The Homestay Program at Concord University provides an opportunity for American families to learn about other countries and cultures by having an international student stay in their home during university breaks. In turn, the international student benefits by being able to practice English conversation and learn about American culture first hand in the comfortable, friendly environment of an American home.

Have you ever....

- * been alone away from home, and wished for someone to talk to?
- * wanted to know more about another country or culture?
- * wanted to make friends with someone different from you?
- * wished you could do a little to help the cause of peace and understanding?



Then you should consider becoming a friend to an international student. A "friend" can be an individual, a couple, or a family, anyone who would like to know a student from another land and help him or her to understand our American way of life, our language, our customs, and our community.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

What kinds of people make good international friends?

- * Single people, couples, people with children, retired people... neither your marital status nor your age is a factor.
- * People who want to share their lives with others...you don't need to fit a "mold" of any kind... if you want to share your life with someone from another culture, you'll make a good friend to an international student.
- * People who have an interest in expanding their horizons...perhaps you are a world traveler or perhaps you have never been outside West Virginia...experience is less important than interest. You'll make a good friend to an international student if you want to be one!



How will I benefit?

You will gain a new level of understanding about yourself and our own country. The process of trying to explain an American holiday or our concepts of freedom or child rearing can help to clarify your own beliefs. Children learn first hand about the peoples and countries they study in school. Best of all, being a friend to international students gives you a window on the world through the medium of friendship-friendship, which can lead to letters, travel and new horizons.



Can I choose the nationality of the student you assign to me?



On your application you may indicate a preference for a particular country if you wish. We always do our best to meet specified preferences. Our most well represented geographical areas are Asia, Europe and Africa.

What kind of food should I serve?



Almost anything is appropriate because the students are open-minded enough to try new dishes and want to learn about American food. However, it is wise to ask the student before hand if there are any foods that he or she can't eat for health or religious reasons.

How should I act?



- * Be yourself! The students are interested in learning about how Americans live, so do what you always do.
- * Involve children or grandchildren, if you have them; it is often easier for the visitor to relax first with them because of their openness and enthusiasm.
- * Show interest in the student's country, family, customs. They will also enjoy sharing such information with you.

What about religion?



International students come from a variety of religious backgrounds. Many are not Christian. While discussing and sharing information about each other's religious beliefs and practices can be interesting and informative, it is important to respect the student's beliefs. One should not befriend international students for the purpose of changing their religious beliefs.

What about money or financial problems?



As a condition of their admission, all international students at Concord University show full funding for the expenses of their studies and maintenance costs. When unexpected financial problems do arise, the staff of the International Student Office is prepared and trained to assist students in resolving their concerns. You are not expected to provide financial support of any kind.

What do I do if there is a problem I can't solve?



Contact the International Students Office. We're here to help.

How can I get involved?



Contact the International Student Office for an application. Our telephone number is (304) 384-6086. Our email is nellison@concord.edu. After we receive your application, you will be matched with an international student(s).

THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' CLUB DELIVERS!



The International Students' Club is delivering birthday greetings to students on campus. Club members will deliver a birthday cake from Wal-Mart, balloons, birthday plates and forks to your child's room on his/her special day. There are white cakes, chocolate cakes and even cookie cakes available!

To request a birthday greeting for your child, send us your child's name, cell phone number, residence hall and room number, date of birth, type of cake desired, and the name(s) of the person giving the surprise along with a check for \$25 made payable to the International Students' Club. Our address is: Box 86 Concord University, Athens, WV 24712.