



March/April 2016 *Student eNews*

Welcome to the second Spring 2016 edition of CU Student eNews!

The Student eNews is a valuable resource for important student information and campus events. eNews is published two times each semester and will be sent to your Concord email account and [posted online](#), so be sure to look for past and future editions.

Staff of *Student eNews*

Upcoming Important Dates

March 25, Friday, 4:00 pm	Last Day for Dropping Courses with grade of W or changing course status to Audit (AU)
March 28-April 8	Advising for Course Selection, 2016 Summer & Fall Semesters
March 30-April 8	Course Selection, 2016 Summer & Fall Semesters
April 22, Friday, 4:00 pm	Last Day to Officially Withdraw from the University
April 29, Friday	Last Class Day
May 2-6, Monday-Friday	Spring Semester Exams
May 6, Friday, 5:00 pm	Spring Semester Ends
May 7, Saturday	Commencement 10AM & 2PM
May 10, Tuesday, 2:00 pm	Final Grades are due in MyCU or to the Registrar

SO MUCH TO DO AT CU!!

Check out the full *Upcoming Events Calendar* on the CU website [HERE!!](#)

Check your email regularly for exciting opportunities available at CU. Student Affairs and the Academic Success Center have teamed to provide an email reminder of upcoming activities. Be sure to read *What To Do at CU* each week and then take advantage of these exciting events!

Upcoming Events from Multicultural Affairs

April 1 & 2 International Student Leadership Conference, James Madison University
April 10 International Banquet, Ballroom, 6:00 pm

Upcoming Events from the Department of Music by Rhian Hobbs

April 14th at 7:00 Conchord and Collegiate Choirs - Songs of Nature
April 16th at 7:00 Vocalist Rhian Hobbs' Senior Recital
April 20th at 7:30 Percussionist Roman Runyon's Senior Recital
April 22nd at 5:00 Choir Concert
April 26th at 7:30 Vocalist Allison Whitener's Senior Recital

Senior Recitals are a showcase of the hard work and progression of music majors over the last four years of their Concord University music career. These performances are not only a requirement but also an opportunity for everyone to come out, support, and commend the seniors' hard work and accomplishments. Make sure not to miss out on these free and fascinating concerts.

Undergraduate Research Day

Hosted by the McNair Scholars Program & Psychology Faculty



Concord's McNair Scholars and Psychology Programs are hosting the 9th Annual Undergraduate Research Day and Graduate & Professional School Fair on Thursday, April 14, 2017 in the Jerry & Jean Beasley Student Center Ballroom (3rd floor) from 9:30am to 4pm.

To present a poster and/or paper you must electronically submit an abstract and complete an online [Abstract Submission Form](#), available via Concord's homepage <http://www.concord.edu/>; click on Undergraduate Research Day in the navigation bar. Submission deadline: March 31.

For more information contact 304-384-5153 or email Lisa Karnes at lkarnes@concord.edu

Announcements

Academic Affairs

Registration for Summer & Fall 2016 Classes

Student advising for Summer and Fall 2016 course selection is March 21-April 8. Returning students must see their academic advisors during this time to receive a six digit advising PIN for web registration. Web registration for Summer and Fall 2016 courses is March 30-April 8. Students will receive an email with more specific dates for registrations. Fall 2016 classes begin on Monday, August 15.

Beckley Advising is March 22, 23, and 24. Students can sign up to see an advisor in their major and be ready for course registration on the appropriate day! Sign-ups for advising are going on now at the Beckley office.

DegreeWorks

Concord University has a new web-based tool for students to stay on track to graduation. Through DegreeWorks, students can monitor progress towards a degree at any time. A DegreeWorks audit is a comprehensive academic history record; it includes transfer credit, currently enrolled courses, and courses needed to complete the degree. Grade point average can also be calculated through the GPA Calculator and students can check out other majors under the "What If" tab. Access DegreeWorks under the "Student" tab in MyCU. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Online Access to Course Syllabi

Concord University offers online access to course syllabi. A course's syllabus can be accessed online through the hyperlink in the course title on the "Seats Taken" webpage. The webpage can be accessed at <https://apps.concord.edu/schedules/seatstaken.php> or by going to www.concord.edu and clicking on Current Students -> Courses, Catalogs & Registration -> Courses Offered (Seats Taken). This is a wonderful tool for students to use when they have misplaced a syllabus or need to access it remotely.

Course Selection 101

The Academic Success Center will be hosting a workshop for students entitled "**Course Selection 101**" on **Tuesday, March 29 @ 2:00pm** in the **Student Center State Room**. Students will learn about where to find course listings and descriptions and how to use progression sheets, four-year plans, and DegreeWorks, so they can be better prepared to talk with their faculty advisors during advising for course selection. We hope to CU there!

Important Dates from the Housing Office by Bill Fraley, Director of Residence Life

Friday, May 6, 2016 at 5:00pm	All Residence Halls Close. All residents are required to vacate the buildings 24 hours after their last final exam, or by 5pm on May 6, whichever occurs first
Sunday, May 15, 2016	Residence Hall Check-in for Summer I
Friday, June 17, 2016	Summer I Check-out
Tuesday, June 30, 2016	Last Day for Refunding Room Reservation Fee
Sunday, June 19, 2016	Residence Hall Check-in for Summer II
Friday July 22, 2016	Summer II Check-out

News from Financial Aid

It's FAFSA Renewal Time! Important FAFSA Information

The 2016-2017 FAFSA is now available. Students must renew their FAFSA each year. Deadline for the WV PROMISE Scholarship was March 1, 2016 and the WV Higher Education Grant is April 15, 2016. Concord encourages all students to complete the FAFSA as early as possible to ensure that students receive the maximum amount of aid for which they are eligible. The IRS Data Retrieval Tool is now available for pulling IRS Form 1040 data into the FAFSA.

The FSA ID replaced the Federal Student Aid PIN in May 2015. The FSA ID is a username and password that is used to access certain Federal Student Aid websites. A student or parent uses his or her FSA ID to sign the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) or a Master Promissory Note for a federal education loan, among many other activities. For more information about the FSA ID, visit StudentAid.gov/fsaid. This page includes detailed information about the FSA ID, tips and resources to help with creating an FSA ID, and a link to create an FSA ID.

FAFSA Friday!!

Two on-campus workshops are planned for FAFSA assistance. If you haven't completed your FAFSA, join Financial Aid staff and College Goal Sunday volunteers on either Friday, April 1 or Friday, April 8 in the Student Center Study Lounge, 2nd floor, from 10am to 2pm. FAFSA Friday is a great way to meet the April 15 priority deadline! Light refreshments will be served.

Haven't completed your income tax form? VITA volunteers will be available to assist you with completing your tax return on FAFSA Friday!

Please note that students can also visit the Financial Aid Office Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm for FAFSA assistance.

Student Loan Help: Introducing the CU Student Loan Dashboard!!

To help students stay informed and manage their loan debt, Concord University created a Student Loan Dashboard. The Dashboard provides a picture of a student's federal loan status, including the amount borrowed to date, potential repayment amount, borrowing limits, and percentage of academic program completed.

All students are encouraged to become informed consumers, particularly about how much they have borrowed and the importance of student loan repayment. While student loans can be an excellent way to help finance an education, students are cautioned to only borrow the minimum amount needed. Unlike grants, loans must be repaid, with interest.

To access the Student Loan Dashboard:

- 1.) Log into MyCU
- 2.) Click on the Student Tab
- 3.) Click on Student Loan Dashboard

For most students, the federal loan program is their first encounter with borrowing and establishing credit. Failure to repay student loans can result in negative consequences for both the student and institution. For students, this might entail having paychecks and/or tax refunds garnished (taken directly from a paycheck/refund); a poor credit rating, which hurts future borrowing and increases the amount of interest charged on future loans and credit cards; inability to obtain future financial aid; and other penalties. Institutions are penalized when students default on their loans by having restrictions placed on their current students' ability to borrow and through disbursement restrictions.

Currently, the Dashboard is just for undergraduate students. Under the Dashboard's "Note the Following," some limitations are explained. Students are asked to read these carefully and visit the links provided.

For comments and suggestions, please contact Student Affairs at studentaffairs@concord.edu or 304-384-6035. For problems accessing the Dashboard, please contact the Technology Services Helpdesk at cuhelpdesk@concord.edu or 304-384-5291.

Winners of the FAFSA Drawing

Congratulations to the following students who won gift cards for filing their FAFSA:

- 1st Place: \$250 Bookstore Gift Card – Matthew Shoda
 - 2nd Place: \$100 Bookstore Gift Card – Chana Patterson
 - 3rd Place: \$50 Bookstore Gift Card – Joshua Mattson
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Announcing Pathways Scholarship!!

The Concord University Foundation is announcing multiple \$2000 (\$1000 for fall and spring semesters) scholarships at Concord University.

Application Deadline – April 15, 2016

We seek to award multiple scholarships to rising or current Concord University sophomores, juniors or seniors who are performing well academically AND who are on the path to completing their degree.

For the 2016-2017 academic year, the Maier/Concord University Foundation is sponsoring 15 - \$2000 scholarships to be awarded as \$1000 per semester to be referred to as the Pathways Scholarships.

The scholarship applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Recipient must be a **rising or current Concord University sophomore, junior or senior.**
- Recipient must be a **West Virginia resident.**
- Recipient must have a **minimum 2.0 Concord University cumulative GPA.**
- Recipient must have **financial need as determined by the Concord University Financial Aid Office.**
- Recipient must have a **completed FAFSA on file for the next academic year.**

Scholarships are renewable but MUST be reapplied for each academic year. Recipients will be required to fulfill the original evaluation criteria in order to continue being awarded the Pathways Scholarship.

Unfortunately, given the limited scholarship funds available, the university and the CU Foundation are not able to support all legitimate needs through this fund. We continually strive to heighten awareness and seek financial support to expand the fund to serve our students. Scholarship awardees will be announced on May 1, 2016.

Interested applicants may click <http://hub.concord.edu/cufoundation/pathways> to apply

Any questions regarding the Pathways Scholarship should be directed to foundation@concord.edu

Concord University 2016 Spring Wellness Walking Initiative

Once again, Concord University is conducting a Spring Wellness Walking Initiative. Students and Faculty/Staff have received information about how to join the challenge. Four students or four faculty/staff create and name a team, decide on a team captain, and track steps taken each day with a weekly report. The challenge is five weeks long and starts on March 28. Participants can sign up in front of the bookstore March 9-25 from 11-2 or by emailing wellness@concord.edu. Winners will be announced Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 5 PM. Please see below for an overview of 2015's results.



Concord University 2016 Spring Wellness Walking Initiative



- 5 Week Challenge
 - 3/28/16—5/1/16
- Teams of 4
 - Students
 - Faculty/Staff
- Goals
 - 10000 Steps per person per day
- Winners announced 5/4/16 at 5pm Carter Center
 - Prizes for top 3 groups in each category
- Contact Information
 - www.cuwalks@concord.edu
 - 304-384-5983




2015 Student Winners	
Team	Allison Whitener
Rocket	Roman Runyun
3,226,320	Jacob Meadows
Steps	Angel Sapp

2015 Faculty/Staff Winners	
Carter Center	Anita Conner
Gals	Erin Conner
1,754,089	Jill Nolan
Steps	Angie Edwards

CU Total Steps 95,396,552




Walking Initiative Supporters


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Relay For Life Returns to Concord

After several years of dormancy, the American Cancer Society Relay For Life has returned to Concord! Relay For Life is the nation's largest team fundraising effort toward finding cures for cancer.

Relay For Life of Concord University will be held Thursday, April 14 from 5:00-11:00pm in the Carter Center Gym.

Students can come out for a night of games, entertainment, drawings, food, fun, and more!

Students can sign up at www.RelayForLife.org/cuwv today! Registration is only \$10. Students can form a Relay team or can sign up as an individuals.

For more information or to become involved, contact Relay For Life Manager and CU alumnus Anthony Woodyard. Email him at Anthony.Woodyard@cancer.org or call/text him at (540)599-6344.

Additionally, the Relay For Life planning committee meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm in Subway Sides. Please come out and join us to get more information or to help plan the event.

Be sure to follow us on social media for all the latest updates!

Twitter: @CUJoinsTheFight

Facebook: /RelayForLifeCU

Instagram: CURelayForLife



Concord University will hold a Founders Day Festival on Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23, 2015. The festival marks Concord’s 144th anniversary. On Feb. 28, 1872, the school received its charter from the West Virginia Legislature. Events include a Founders Day Ceremony, choir concert, “The Frog Prince” play, Greek picnic and sing, autism awareness, vendor event, reading corner and kids’ games, alumni tailgate, weekend reception with jazz band recital, alumni dinner, and award’s ceremony. Below is a schedule of some of the key events.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016

2pm	Towers Renovation Groundbreaking	Towers
2:45pm	Organ Prelude	Fine Arts Theatre
3pm	Founders’ Day Ceremony	Fine Arts Theatre
4pm	Founders’ Day Reception	Fine Arts Lobby
4pm	Faculty Art Show	Butcher Art Gallery
5pm	Choir Concert	Fine Arts Theatre
7pm	“The Frog Prince” Play	Fine Arts Theatre
7pm	Beer Garden & Wings CU Radio Station/Music; Popcorn & Root Beer Floats	The Valley
8pm	Greek Sing	Carter Center Main Gym

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016

8:30am	New Student Orientation	Student Center Ballroom
10am	Council for Exceptional Children Events and Games	Between Fine Arts and Carter Center
10am-3pm	Vendor Event Pikeview Clown Troupe & Education Dept. Games & CU Cheerleaders & ROAR Photos	Walkway, Campus & Carter Center Gym II with DJ
10am-3pm	Reading Corner & Kids Games	Marsh Library
11am-1pm	Aramark Grill & Snacks	Between Fine Arts & Carter Center
11am	Alumni Tailgate; Bonner Tailgate	Callaghan Stadium
12noon	Spring CU Football Game	Callaghan Stadium
3pm	“The Frog Prince” Play	Fine Arts Theatre
5pm	Alumni Weekend Reception & Jazz Band Recital and Silent Auction	Student Center Ballroom
6pm	Alumni Dinner & Award’s Ceremony	Student Center Ballroom

BOX CITY



On April 8-9, 2016, Concord University will be hosting Box City. Box City is an annual 24-hour event held on the Bonner House lawn to fundraise and increase awareness about the challenges faced with homelessness. Teams of students build their own cardboard shelter to live in during the course of the event. Associated with homelessness, there is a hunger simulation as part of the event. The simulation will allow participating students to take a closer look at the facts of poverty and hunger in this world. Box City helps opens the eyes of our students in regards to the problems faced by so many in our communities. Funds raised by the event will be donated to a local food pantry.

News

CU Student Selected for the 2016 Summer Multicultural Access to Research Training by Dr. Christopher McClain, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

Concord University student Kyle Reinholt has been selected for the 2016 Summer Multicultural Access to Research Training (SMART) program at the University of Colorado at Boulder. The ten week research program in computer science is one of several fully funded opportunities affiliated with the Leadership Alliance.

Kyle says "The main reason I applied is so that I could refine my research skills as an undergraduate before applying to a computer science Ph.D. program in the fall. Experiences like these give you an incredible advantage when applying to graduate programs."

Kyle is president of Concord University's Coding Coalition and has previously attended an REU (research experience for undergraduates) at Virginia Tech called the Multicultural Academics Opportunities Program (MAOP). His research at Virginia Tech also served as his McNair Scholars Program research.

Concord University faculty member Lonnie Bowe attributes Kyle's success to his initiative and

perseverance. Mr. Bowe is faculty sponsor of the Coding Coalition and Kyle's academic advisor within Concord University's Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.



WV Legislature's Frasure-Singleton Internship Program by Dr. Sally Howard, Professor of Political Science

Five Concord Students were selected to participate in the West Virginia Legislature's Frasure-Singleton Internship Program. The students, all Political Science majors, spent a week in Charleston in February shadowing members of the WV House of Delegates and the WV Senate. The students attended floor sessions, committee meetings and lectures, providing them with a first-hand look at state government in action.



Money, Money, Money: Being Financially Smart by Student Affairs

On Tuesday, March 1, 2016, Concord University provided a financial literacy workshop for students. This workshop was one in a series of financial literacy presentations for Concord University. Typically, student financial literacy pertains to personal finance matters such as: budgeting; financing college and financial aid; credit; loans and borrowing; insurance; career planning; saving and investing; taxes; and post-college financial planning, including student loan repayment.

This workshop focused on credit, borrowing, loans, and financial planning and featured representatives from BB&T and Concord University. Presenters included: Dr. Kendra Boggess, Concord University President; Mori Williams, BB&T Market President; Dr. Jack Yeager, Concord University Associate Professor of Finance; and Debbie Turner, Concord University Financial Aid Director.

The workshop was well received by students. All students rated it is excellent or good and being beneficial to them. The next presentation in the financial literacy series is planned for April (see below)



Next Up in the Financial Literacy Series: Visit the BB&T Bus that will be on campus April 19 & 20! Students can learn about credit (Credit 101 education), access their credit report, search for scholarships, and more. Stay tuned for info that will be emailed and posted...



1872 Fashion Doll Created by Pete Ballard Dedicated at Concord University **by Sarah Dalton**

The latest in an illustrious line of fashion dolls created by renowned artist Arthur J. “Pete” Ballard took center stage at Concord University on Thursday, March 3, 2016. The doll, which Ballard is donating to Concord, was dedicated in an 11 a.m. ceremony in the Presidents Room of the Marsh Library.

In recognition of Concord’s Founder’s Day – Feb. 28, 1872 – Ballard has designed Laurie Ann, who is dressed in period costume similar to that worn by ladies of that era. Ballard named Laurie Ann after the late Laura Ann Sarvay, a former chair of Concord’s Art Department who was one of his mentors.

“Laura Ann was the first person I met when I came here,” he said.

Ballard, a resident of Peterstown, W.Va., graduated from Concord in 1953 and has achieved acclaim as an artist and an educator.

Describing Sarvay as a “dear friend and teacher” Ballard said, “It was she who taught me to make papier-mâché. The dolls are all papier-mâché.”

A nationally known costume designer, museum costume historian and conservator, Ballard earned the Award of Merit from the North Carolina Historic Preservation Society and a Golden Globe Award from the national Retail Merchants Association. He has achieved special recognition for his exquisitely designed and crafted fashion dolls. These delightful creations are part of numerous museum collections, all donated by Ballard.

“We will treasure Laurie Ann and remember this day and the stories you shared with us,” Concord University President Kendra Boggess said in her remarks during the ceremony.

She said that as a “center” of education, the arts, creating, politics and the community, Pete Ballard “epitomizes” Concord’s motto of “Come to Learn. Go to Serve.”

Ballard taught for many years at the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, N.C. His career as an educator also led him to Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, and China.

He is among the Outstanding Educators in America and has received the Order of the Arts and Historical Letters from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History. Ballard is a recipient of the Distinguished West Virginian award and the State’s Order of the 35th Star. He has been named a Golden Alumnus by the Concord University Alumni Association and in December 2015, Concord awarded Ballard an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities, *honoris causa*.

Concord University Vice President for Advancement Alicia Besenyei referred to Ballard as one of the University’s “distinguished alums.” She said that dedicating the doll in recognition of Concord’s founding was especially significant.

“Concord University is 144 years strong,” she said, noting that the University has established a tradition of “quality education and service.”



Pete Ballard and President Kendra Boggess with Laurie Ann



Pete Ballard and Laurie Ann

Beckley Campus News by Tara Taylor

An Easter Egg Hunt was held on Monday, March 21st. Eggs were hidden around the Erma Byrd Center (both inside and out) with a prize in each egg. Prizes included: candy, a \$50 CU Bookstore gift card, two \$25 CU Bookstore gift cards, a \$15 Dairy Queen Gift Card, and a \$15 Subway Gift Card.

We are sponsoring another event for our Buddies! We have joined forces with the CEC and are having a Peanuts themed Spring Fling! On April 2, from 11 – 2, the Buddies will come out for food, giant games, tie-dyed shirts, crafts, pictures, and more!

News from the Sociology Department by Lori Pace, Sociology Instructor

Lori Pace's Popular Culture and Sociology students will join Raleigh County's Solid Waste Authority on Earth Day, April 22, to participate in a Beckley city clean up. Sherri Hunter, Director of Education and Marketing for the RCSWA, is particularly interested in areas where discarded cigarette butts are littering streets. According to www.cigwaste.org, "99% of the 360 billion cigarettes sold have cellulose acetate (plastic) filters; at least one-third of those – 120 billion – are discarded into the environment. Washed into rivers, lakes and the ocean, and eaten by birds, animals and fish, they are the most littered item in the U.S. and the world. Smoking-related debris is 1/3 or more of all debris items found on U.S. beaches and in rivers and streams." If you would like to join the students in this clean up afternoon, or have a business or organization that would like to support this event, contact lpace@concord.edu.



***Continuum* Exhibit at Tamarack!! Media Release**

Three Concord University art professors and their former students are exhibiting their work in *Continuum*, an exhibition at TAMARACK: The Best of West Virginia in Beckley, W.Va. The show opened on March 1 and runs through April 3, 2016. An artists' reception was held on Sunday, March 13.

Continuum celebrates "the enduring connection between mentor and student." The art education showcase features the work of six collegiate professors who live and work in West Virginia alongside the art of a former student. Through their six unique sets of stories and

works, we are offered a chance to explore the mutual exchange of knowledge, encouragement, and growth that flows between teacher and student and the strength that is present in West Virginia's collegiate art departments.

Continuum will feature selected works by the following professor/former student pairs:

Jamey Biggs and Mandy Lester, Concord University

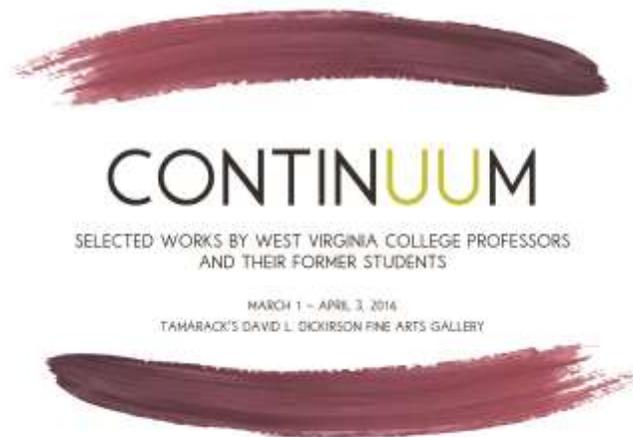
Mark Tobin Moore and Nicole Suptic, Concord University

Jack Sheffler and Kylene Babski, Concord University

Sonya Evanisko and Sarah Loy, Shepherd University

Mary Grassell and Brian Jarrell, Marshall University

Robert Villamagna and Jonathan Walsh, West Liberty University



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE ENDURING CONNECTION BETWEEN MENTOR AND STUDENT IN THIS SPECIAL ART EDUCATION SHOWCASE IN CONTINUUM. SIX COLLEGIATE PROFESSORS WHO LIVE AND WORK IN WEST VIRGINIA PRESENT THEIR ART ALONGSIDE THAT OF A FORMER STUDENT. THROUGH THEIR SIX UNIQUE SETS OF STORIES AND WORKS, WE ARE OFFERED A CHANCE TO EXPLORE THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND GROWTH THAT FLOWS BETWEEN TEACHER AND STUDENT.

FEATURING

JAMEY BIGGS / MANDY LESTER
CONCORD UNIVERSITY

SONYA EVANSKO / SARAH LOY
SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY

MARY GRASSSELL / BRIAN JARRELL
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY

MARK TOBIN MOORE / NICOLE SUPTIC
CONCORD UNIVERSITY

JACK SHEFFLER / KYLENE BABSKI
CONCORD UNIVERSITY

ROBERT VILLAMAGNA / JONATHAN WALSH
WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

EXHIBITION RUN

MARCH 1 - APRIL 3, 2016

RECEPTION

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 AT 3 PM

THIS EVENT IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. JOIN US FOR REFRESHMENTS AND LIVE MUSIC BY ALLAN DALE SIZEMORE AS YOU ENJOY THE WORKS ON VIEW IN THE DAVID L. DICKIRSON FINE ARTS GALLERY.



Student Services

Academic Success Center

Are you are in need of assistance with coursework or study skills? Concord and the Academic Success Center (ASC) has a number of academic resources for assistance:

- Smarthinking-- a free online tutoring program that provides tutors 24/7 for most classes;
- Drop-In-Tutoring-- we can refer you to one of the peer tutors for help with your class;
- ASC Study Assistance--one-on-one assistance with study skills; organized study groups; mentor program. Stop by the ASC office in the Rahall Atrium, Suite 243!
- Study skills -- learn how to focus your study time for the best results.
- Khan Academy -- a free online resource with over 6,500 videos with instruction on everything from arithmetic to physics, finance, and history and hundreds of skills to practice at your own pace, and also test prep for graduate school entrance exams—such as the GRE, MCAT, & GMAT

For more information, contact ASC Program Coordinator Steve Jarvis at 304-384-6074 or Director Sarah Beasley at 304-384-6298, or email asc@concord.edu.

Drop-In Tutoring

Concord has an extensive peer drop-in tutoring program available from noon to 8pm in key campus locations, including the Library, Student Center Study Lounge, Rahall Atrium, and Towers Residence Hall. Visit <https://apps.concord.edu/tutoring/> to find the drop-in tutoring schedule. If you have questions, please contact ASC at 304-384-6298 or Student Support Services at 304-384-6088 for assistance.

Disability Services by Nancy Ellison, Director of Multicultural Affairs

Concord University is committed to working with students with disabilities to assist with academic accommodations that may be necessary and appropriate due to their disability. The Office of Disability Services assists in the coordination of appropriate services, based on each student's individual, documented needs. We also seek to enhance understanding of disabilities and provide support within the campus community. For more information, please see our [Website](#), contact the Office of Disability Services at disabilityservices@concord.edu, 304-384-6086, or stop by Student Center, Room 107.

Student Affairs Website

The Office of Student Affairs recently launched a new website. The website can be found at www.concord.edu/student-life or by going to www.concord.edu and clicking on the "Student Life" tab in the left menu. Please take time to explore the new website and gain an understanding of the offices and organizations, student information, and resources/forms available to you.

Create Your Own Organizational Website

Concord University's Technology Services offers website creation and management for divisions, departments, and campus organizations. This resource is tuned-in to the core University website and benefits from automatic branding, usability flow, and centralized backup & maintenance. If your campus organization would like to create a website through Technology Services, go to www.concord.edu -> Quick Access -> Technology Services -> Systems & Services -> Web Services or click [HERE](#) and complete the Online Hub Request Form. You will need your advisor's permission since he/she will be the owner of the site.

Athens Family Practice Medical Center

Athens Family Practice is a medical clinic available to all Concord University students. Conveniently located just off campus, Concord alumna Dr. Jessica Aliff and her staff are ready to meet students' needs. This is not a drop-in clinic, so appointments must be scheduled in advance. Students must bring their insurance card and student ID. If a student finds that he/she cannot make a scheduled appointment, please avoid a "no show." For more details regarding physicians and the clinic, click [HERE](#).



Technology & Alert Resources

Microsoft Office ProPlus For Students

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>.

Technology Help Desk and Support

The IT Help Desk is Concord University's single point of contact for all technology-related issues for students, faculty, and staff. If a student encounters a problem with anything from accessing email to using Blackboard or Banner, the IT Help Desk is here to offer the technology support needed. We encourage you to look through our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) when a problem arises. If you are encountering an issue that isn't covered in the FAQ, then please contact the IT Help Desk either by phone, email, or in person.

Hours of Operation: **Monday-Thursday, 7:30am-8:00pm, Friday 7:30am-4:00pm**

Phone Number: (304) 384-5291

Email: cuhelpdesk@concord.edu

Emergency Text Alert System

CU has 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

Future Mountain Lions by Kent Gamble, Director of Enrollment

The Office of Admissions is seeking new Mountain Lions for the Fall 2016 semester. If you know of any potential Concord University students, please submit their name, address, email, and phone number to the Office of Admissions at admissions@concord.edu or call 1-888-384-5249. Thank you in advance for your support in helping us grow the Concord family!

