From the Desk of . . .

Happy New Year from the Concord University Office of Sponsored Programs! As many of you are aware, Concord has combined the sponsored program services provided by the University and the Concord Research and Development Corporation under one roof. This merger provides the Concord community with more opportunities to participate in seeking possible external funding and managing awards. It is an exciting time to be involved in sponsored programs and the Concord community is well positioned to be an active player in the external funding arena.

The Office of Sponsored Programs’ role in aiding the University community is to be a progressive and responsive source for information relating to external funding opportunities in support of students, faculty, and staff. We are available to assist our faculty and staff through the grant seeking and award process for sponsored programs and research. As a central coordination point for proposals involving restricted grants for sponsored programs and research, we are available to facilitate nontechnical aspects of proposal development and award administration in tandem with the Principal Investigator.

We are committed to enhancing and facilitating Concord’s research and external funding by providing services in a timely and professional manner. If the Office of Sponsored Programs can be of any assistance, please contact us!

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Department Updates

The Concord University Music Department is hosting a pancake breakfast fund-raiser on Saturday, Jan. 23, 2010 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Applebee’s Restaurant in Bluefield, Va. (across from Sam’s Club and Lowe’s). Tickets are $5 each and all proceeds from this event will go toward helping the music students fund their 2010 Spring Concert Tour and University Collaboration in Scotland and Ireland. Tickets may be purchased by calling 304-384-5301 and may also be purchased at the restaurant on the day of the event.

Spring 2010 CU Music Department Concerts and Recitals

Senior Student Recital – Rebecca Easton, flute & Dr. Jane Smith, piano – Friday, Jan. 29 – 7 p.m. – CU Fine Arts Center, Paul Theatre

“The Tender Land” by Aaron Copland – CU Student Opera Production – Wed.-Fri., Feb. 10-12 – 7:30 p.m. – CU Fine Arts Center, Main Theatre

“CU Composes Concert” – CU Student/Faculty Composers Showcase – Sun. Feb. 21 – 7 p.m. – CU Fine Arts Center, Main Theatre

Artist/Lecture Series – “UpBeat Brass” – Tuesday, Feb. 23 – 8 p.m. – CU Fine Arts Center, Main Theatre

General Recital – CU Music Students - Monday, March 29 – 4 p.m. – CU Fine Arts Center, Main Theatre

Senior Student Recital – John Wisman, voice & Prof. Taylor Baldwin, piano – Friday, April 9 – 7 p.m. – CU Fine Arts Center, Paul Theatre

General Recital – CU Music Students - Monday, April 12 – 4 p.m. – CU Fine Arts Center, Main Theatre

Artist/ Lecture Series – “Ashu” – Monday, April 19 – 8 p.m. – CU Fine Arts Center, Main Theatre

General Recital – CU Music Students – Monday, April 26 – 4 p.m. – CU Fine Arts Center, Main Theatre

Spring CU Band Concert, Prof. Laura Zamzow, conductor – Monday, April 26 – 7 p.m. – CU Fine Arts Center, Main Theatre

Spring CU Percussion Ensemble Concert, Prof. Casey Cangelosi, conductor – Tuesday, April 27 – 7:30 p.m. – CU Fine Arts Center, Main Theatre

Spring CU Chorus Concert, Prof. Joshua Miller, conductor – Thursday, April 29 – 7:30 p.m. – CU Fine Arts Center, Main Theatre

For more information and changes to this schedule please visit http://music.concord.edu

Concord Charlie to make Annual weather prediction

Will Concord Charlie see his shadow? Find out at Concord University’s 32nd Annual Groundhog Day Breakfast. This yearly gathering of food, fellowship, and folklore will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 2010 at 8 a.m. in the Jerry L. Beasley Student Center Ballroom.

Charlie has a standing appointment with Concord’s President each year to offer his predictions and insights on the duration of winter. This furry groundhog fellow and Dr. Gregory F. Aloia will chat early on the morning of Feb. 2. Dr. Aloia will then relay Charlie’s weather forecast to the breakfast crowd.

If Concord Charlie sees his shadow that morning, he will be frightened, scurry back into his burrow, and ask Dr. Aloia to report that we can expect six more weeks of winter. An early spring will be on the way if he doesn’t see his shadow.

Each year an individual who has positively impacted life and culture in West Virginia is honored as the Grand Groundhog Watcher. The 2010 honoree is Beverly Wellman of Bluefield, W.Va. Wellman is the recently retired Executive Director of the Mercer County Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Plan to arrive at the breakfast with a hearty appetite. The menu features ham, eggs, biscuits and gravy, and other mountain favorites. Cost is $7 per person payable in advance or at the door. Reservations are requested and may be made by calling the Advancement Office at (304) 384-6311 or by email at advancement@concord.edu or kwhittaker@concord.edu.
Bulletin Board

Cost savers... The University Budget Committee will hold the first of four meetings to discuss cost-saving ideas on Monday, Jan. 25 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Concord Room. Input is needed campus-wide in preparation for possible reductions in state funding.

Let’s dance... Zumba classes will be held in the Student Center Ballroom from 4:15 p.m. to 5 p.m. on the following dates: Jan. 26, Jan. 28, Feb. 2, Feb. 4, Feb. 9, Feb. 11, Feb. 18, Feb. 23, Feb. 25, and March 2.

The free classes are sponsored by the Office of Student Residential Life and the Student Center.

Seniors offered interview workshop

Concord University is one of six institutions on the East Coast selected as a pilot site for a focus group workshop with CareerSiege. The event will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Rahall 103.

The workshop will provide seniors with personalized coaching, primarily focusing on résumé and interview skills. Prior to the workshop, participants submitted a résumé for review by workshop presenters.

Students will be filmed during the interview exercises with a follow-up DVD showcasing the interview performance for personal review. The goal of CareerSiege is to provide a supplemental service to students in need of more individualized and targeted interview and presentation coaching.

Eleven Concord students will be given the opportunity to participate in the workshop at no cost.

Tammy Monk, with CU’s Career/Advancement Services, is coordinating the event. “This is an extraordinary opportunity for Concord seniors,” Monk said. “Especially today with the highly competitive job market, students need to take advantage of every ‘extra’ they can. New college graduates are often not realistic about the effort required to present oneself successfully.

“We are privileged that the staff of CareerSiege selected Concord as a location for one of their focus groups,” she said. “The participants will benefit by developing their self-confidence and strengthening their presentation skills.”

Send us your news!

Let us know what’s new with you or your department... e-mail Campus E-News at enews@concord.edu.

Learn about closings/delays In Mercer County schools

Did you know that you can receive automatic updates on closings and delays in the Mercer County school system by subscribing to a list serve? Here’s how: Send an e-mail to listserv@listserv.wvnet.edu and type this information in the BODY of the message (NOT on the subject line): subscribe k12-mercer-closings.

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Notable & Newsworthy

Garin Justice has been named to the All-Decade Team of West Virginia University football. He is one of two offensive tackles to receive the honor. MSN Sports Net, a media partner of WVU sports, made the selection. Justice is the offensive line coach and strength and conditioning coordinator for the Concord University Mountain Lions. While he was a starting offensive tackle for the Mountaineers, Justice received the Big East Scholar-Athlete of the Year award and was named All-Big East. During the 2005 season, his senior year at WVU, he was tapped second-team All-America by “The Sporting News”.

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Concord University’s December 2009 graduates

Congratulations and best wishes to CU’s newest alums!