From the Desk of . . .

On Thursday, March 25, 2010, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CU students will host the Fourth Annual Concord University Career Fair in the Jerry L. Beasley Student Center Ballroom. This is a very special event because students in the Recreation and Tourism Management 415 course are responsible for the entire day, from invitees to promotion and orchestrating the entire event! An event planned by students for students seems to generate great energy and enthusiasm!

As our nation is entrenched in an economic recession, it is difficult to imagine finding an internship or job. But, as registrations continue to pour in, we are increasingly optimistic that quality employment opportunities do exist! Attendees include: First Community Bank, Theatre West Virginia, The US Army Corps of Engineers, the US Department of Energy Office of Inspector General, The Greenbrier Academy, Eckerd Academy of the Blue Ridge, WV American Water, Ultimate Rafting, Songer Whitewater, AT&T, Hatfield and McCoy Trail, WV Office on Aging and Disability, Seneca Caverns, WVDHHR, PracticeLink, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, The Homestead, Federal Correctional Institution, Arbonne, National Park Service, National Health Service Corps, Walt Disney World, Pipestem State Park, Panther Wildlife Management Area, and many more!

I encourage every CU student to attend the fair – if not to find internships or jobs, then to learn about career opportunities. In the past, attendees have been more than eager to talk with students about career options. Dress at the event is business casual. Business symposium credit and extra credit in some classes are available.

Susan Williams, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
Recreation and Tourism Management

Bulletin Board

Reminder...The deadline for submitting the Concord University Classified Personnel Association Scholarship application is April 15, 2010.
Department Updates

Concord University will host a Spanish Language Film Festival March 22-25, 2010. The festival will highlight internationally acclaimed films from Spain, Argentina and the United States and feature guest speaker, Dr. Alberto Villamandos, from the University of Missouri, Kansas City, Mo. All movies are in Spanish with English subtitles and will be shown at 7:30 p.m. nightly in Marsh Hall 237.

Featured films include: “Quiceañera,” (USA, 2006), Monday, March 22; “Leonera (Lion’s Den),” (Argentina, 2008), Tuesday, March 23; “Mar adentro (The Sea Inside),” (Spain, 2004), Wednesday, March 24; and “Entre tinieblas (Dark Habits),” (Spain, 1983), Thursday, March 25.

Closing night festivities on March 25 include a guest lecture by Dr. Villamandos at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Center State Room. Dr. Villamandos’ topic is “Punks, Nuns and Boleros in 1980’s Madrid: Cultural Recycling in Pedro Almodóvar’s Early Movies.” A reception will follow at 6 p.m.

The film festival is sponsored by Concord University’s Division of Languages and Literature, Office of Multicultural Affairs and Spanish Club. It is free and open to the public.

For more information, please contact Dr. Matthew Edwards at mjedwards@concord.edu or visit http://academics.concord.edu/spanish/events.htm.

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Dear Concord Friends:

I asked for a small space in this edition of the E-News to say THANK YOU! I know my decision to re-enter the coaching profession was a surprise to many of you, but understood by most. You, the Concord University community, have been very generous in your outpouring of congratulatory support and well wishes. I encourage each of you to be an active participant in the evolution of Concord University. Each of you, regardless of your station, has the potential to make a dynamic impact on the ever evolving reality of Concord University. As with every preceding generation entrusted with moving the Campus Beautiful closer to the pinnacle, it is Concord University’s “people” who have weathered every storm and stayed the course anchored by a proud tradition with hearts and minds reaching for the horizon. Thank you for the gift of your friendship and allowing me the privilege to walk with you for a while on life’s journey. Best wishes for much happiness and good health!

One in Concord,
Greg Quick

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**CU hosting summer academy**
**For middle school students**

GEAR UP U! is an academic, residential summer academy that will host approximately 200 middle school students on campus during June 16-19, 2010. The $85,000 GEAR UP U! sub-grant was awarded to the Concord University Research and Development Corporation by West Virginia GEAR UP and the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission. The summer academy is intended to help middle school students transition to high school by preparing them academically through rigorous core and elective courses, career exploration and leadership opportunities.

Concord University students can benefit as well. Please share this information with students including members of ALEF, Bonner Scholars and current resident advisors. GEAR UP U! will hire 12 camp counselors and eight resident advisors. These GEAR UP U! staff members will receive free room and board, meals and approximately $100 a day! Applications are available from Melissa Gattuso in Admin. 229, at (304) 384-6294 or mgattuso@hepc.wvnet.edu.

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**McDowell County Initiative celebrating ‘March Madness’**

McDowell County high school and middle school students will visit the Concord campus Saturday, March 20, 2010 for the McDowell County Initiative’s “March Madness” event. The students will learn about higher education and enjoy fun activities including a 3-on-3 basketball tournament, pool party, dance routine lessons, a pizza party and prizes. Parents and guardians will take a campus tour and be offered adult-learner information.

The McDowell County Initiative is a collaborative effort to promote higher education opportunities in McDowell County by Concord University and is supported by a grant from the Council of the Southern Mountains.

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**Let’s hear a ‘ROAR’ for...**

**PikeView High School Geography Bowl Team**

Congratulations to PikeView High School for a second place finish in the Seventh Annual West Virginia High School Geography Bowl held Saturday, March 13, 2010 at Concord University. Sixteen high schools from across West Virginia competed in the event with George Washington winning the championship title. Dr. Joe Manzo and Dr. George Towers, along with Concord students, faculty, staff and community members, coordinated and hosted the event and served as volunteer judges and assistants.

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