#### The Scoop

Dear Parents,

Spring 2015 semester is well underway, with students settling in to their new class schedules. Student organizations are welcoming new and returning members and Campus Activities is hosting a plethora of events to provide fun, entertaining, and educational offerings, both on and off campus. In celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, groups of students viewed the movie *Selma*, then enjoyed a pizza party and discussion led by BSU President James Riley. A few of the free-to-students Concord offerings for January-February include: Snow Tubing at Winterplace Ski Resort; the 2015 Coal Heritage Lecture Series, hosted by Concord's Appalachian Studies Institute; a special viewing and film-maker led discussion of the PBS Documentary, *The First 1000 Days*, by John Nakashima that will air on PBS February 2<sup>nd</sup>; Sunrise Yoga; Friday-night bowling; men's and women's basketball games; intramurals (co-ed basketball sign-ups are underway!); this year's Spring Spectacular on February 4<sup>th</sup>, the Led Zeppelin tribute band *ZoSo*—with tickets available to the public (http://zosoontour.com/); and too many more happenings to list.

The **Concord Ground Hog Day Breakfast** is scheduled for Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, featuring Grand Groundhog Watcher Garin Justice. Coach Justice led the Mountain Lions 2014 football team to the national Division 2 semifinals after an undefeated regular season. This year celebrates the 37<sup>th</sup> annual CU Groundhog Day celebration, a tradition started by the late Professor R.T. "Tom" Hill. Coach Justice and President Kendra Boggess will reveal Concord Charlie's winter weather prognostication—early spring or six more weeks of winter?

Other items of note: The spring semester **Graduation Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Seniors graduating in May or August can participate in this one-stop fun event designed to assist students with everything needed to complete the graduation process. Seniors can apply for graduation, order their cap and gown, have a graduation photo taken, and register with Career Services, to name a few of the available Grad Fair services. A Career Fair is scheduled for February 26 from 10am to 3pm in the CU Ballroom to assist with the job search. A host of other career-related activities are scheduled for late February to assist students seeking employment, including assistance with developing a professional Linked-In profile, etiquette dinner, and more. Be sure to check out page 14 for info on **College Goal Sunday!** 

As always, there's a lot happening on The Campus Beautiful! We hope to CU soon!!

#### **Sign Up for CU Parents Club Text Messages**

CU Parents can now sign up to receive CU Parents Club text messages. These short texts will include important Concord University deadlines, reminders, and events. To join you can visit www.remind.com/join/cuparents or text the message "@cuparents" (without quotes) to (304) 241-2045.

#### **Important 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: 1-304-255-0793

Business Office: 1-304-384-5234

Career Services: 1-304-384-5325

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

#### **Important Dates**

Feb 2, 8am: Groundhog Breakfast, Jerry & Jean

Beasley Student Center, Ballroom

Feb 3, 9:30am-2pm: Graduation Fair, Jerry & Jean

Beasley Student Center, Ballroom

Feb 4, 8pm: ZoSo, Alexander Fine Arts Auditorium

Feb 6, 4pm: Deadline for Fall 2015 Student Teaching

Application (Education majors)

Feb 15, 1-4pm: College Goal Sunday, Rahall

Technology Center, Athens Campus and Erma Byrd

Higher Education Center (Beckley Campus)

Feb. 20, 4pm: Last Day for Applying for Undergraduate &

Graduate May/August Graduation without a late fee

Feb 25, 2pm: Founder's Day Celebration, Alexander

Fine Arts Auditorium

March 6: Mid-semester reports of Unsatisfactory Grades

March 16-20: Spring Break

March 30-April 10: Advising for Course Selection for Summer & Fall 2015 for currently enrolled students

#### **Athletic Events—February Basketball Schedule**

- Feb 2: Women's Basketball with Urbana, Home; Men's Basketball vs. Urbana, Home
- **Feb 5**: Women's Basketball with West Liberty, Home; Men's Basketball vs. West Liberty, Home
- Feb 7: Women's Basketball with Wheeling Jesuit, Away; Men's Basketball vs. Wheeling Jesuit, Away
- Feb 12: Women's Basketball with Charleston, Home; Men's Basketball vs. Charleston, Home
- Feb 14: Women's Basketball with WV State, Home; Men's Basketball vs. WV State, Home
- Feb 19: Women's Basketball with Fairmont State, Away; Men's Basketball vs. Fairmont State, Away
- Feb 21: Women's Basketball with Shepherd, Away; Men's Basketball with Shepherd, Away
- Feb 25: Women's Basketball with Davis & Elkins, Home; Men's Basketball vs. Davis & Elkins, Home
- Feb 28: Women's Basketball with UVa-Wise, Away; Men's Basketball with UVa-Wise, Away



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Financial Aid and Business Office-Courtesy of Debbie Turner, Financial Aid Director (finaid@concord.edu; 304-384-6069)

Withdrawing from classes has an impact on future eligibility for financial aid. Colleges are required to have a Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy to determine if students are meeting a grade point average (GPA) requirement and completion ratio to ensure they are on pace to graduate within 150% of the program. Concord's SAP policy is located on our web page at www.concord.edu, click on Quick Access, then the Financial Aid link (scroll down to locate the policy). Currently available via <a href="http://www.concord.edu/userfiles/files/Financial-Aid/Finaid\_SAP\_Policy.pdf">http://www.concord.edu/userfiles/files/Financial-Aid/Finaid\_SAP\_Policy.pdf</a>

There are times when it is better for a student to withdraw from a class than receive a failing grade but the class will count toward the completion ratio. Students must pass 67% of the classes they attempt. For example, if a student who is enrolled in 12 hours withdraws from one class, the completion ratio would be 75% (9 hrs earned divided by 12 hrs attempted) so the student is above the 67% requirement. But if the student withdraws from two classes the completion

ratio drops to 50% and the student is not meeting the 67% completion ratio requirement. Students not meeting any of the standards of the SAP policy are ineligible to receive financial aid in the future. Students are given a one semester "Warning" status to correct the deficiency.

If after the warning semester, the student is still not meeting SAP, he/she must appeal to be considered to receive aid in the future. Refer to the policy regarding the appeal process. If a student becomes ineligible for aid, it does not matter how long he/she sits out, they will always remain ineligible. The student will have to submit an appeal and be approved to be eligible to receive aid.

\* In addition to meeting SAP to be eligible for financial aid, some awards have additional renewal criteria. For example, WV students receiving the Promise Scholarship must complete 30 hours and meet a minimum GPA requirement to be eligible for the next year. If a student withdraws from a class, he/she may not meet the renewal criteria for a grant or scholarship. If your student has questions about the SAP policy or how withdrawing from a class will affect future eligibility for financial aid please have them contact our office.

#### **News from the Fine Arts Division**

Mark Tobin Moore, MFA, Instructor of Art at the Concord-Beckley campus, was invited to serve as a juror for the "10<sup>th</sup> West Virginia Art and Craft Guild Juried Competition", at the Parkersburg Art Center, November 16-27, 2014, and two other locations in the state: The Wheeling Artisan Center, January 15-February 21, 2015, and the Huntington Museum of Art, March 7-April 5, 2015.

The West Virginia Artists and Craftsmen's Guild, also known as the West Virginia Art and Craft Guild or WVACG, is a non-profit membership organization formed in 1963 by people determined to preserve and promote the creative lifestyle West Virginia as well as a standard of excellence for the creations.

Also, two recent mixed media art works by Mark Tobin Moore were included at a recent exhibition, "Fear No Art", at the Beckley Art Group through the months of November and December, 2014. "Recycled in West Virginia: Hostage", mixed media on wood panel, 16x16, 2014.





"Recycled in West Virginia: Take Two Aspirins and Call Me in the Morning", mixed media on canvas, 20x20 inches 2013

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# COACH GARIN JUSTICE NAMED GRAND GROUNDHOG WATCHER FOR ANNUAL CONCORD UNIVERSITY BREAKFAST (Media Release from Sarah Dalton)

Concord University Head Football Coach Garin Justice has been named Grand Groundhog Watcher for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Concord University Groundhog Day Breakfast. The gathering, which includes a prediction by famed groundhog weather prophet Concord Charlie, will be held on Monday, Feb. 2, 2015 at 8 a.m. in the Jerry L. and Jean Beasley Student Center Ballroom on the Athens campus.

The Grand Groundhog Watcher honor is bestowed on an individual who has positively impacted life and culture in West Virginia.

Justice completed his fourth season as Concord University's head football coach in 2014. He was named the 18<sup>th</sup> Mountain Lion head coach on Jan. 7, 2011. Justice will address the Groundhog Day Breakfast

audience sharing the spotlight with Concord Charlie. Charlie has a standing appointment with the University's President each year to offer his predictions and insights on the duration of winter. The President relays the forecast to the breakfast guests.

According to Groundhog Day tradition, if the groundhog sees his shadow the morning of Feb. 2, six more weeks of winter can be expected. An early spring will be on the way if he doesn't see his shadow.

The Concord Charlie tradition was originated in 1978 by the late Professor R.T. "Tom" Hill. As chairman of both the geography department and the Appalachian Studies program at Concord, Hill started the Groundhog Day Breakfast as a means to celebrate a bit of Appalachian heritage and highlight the program.

University Office of Advancement at 304-384-6311 or <a href="mailto:advancement@concord.edu">advancement@concord.edu</a>

Justice led the Mountain Lions through an unprecedented season in 2014 that included a conference championship, regional championship, and an appearance in the national semifinals.

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**Concord Charlie** 

#### **Coach Garin Justice**



## Concord University Instructor Jessica Lilly Recognized for Work With 'Inside Appalachia' (Media Release by Sarah Dalton)

A Concord University Communications Arts instructor has received special recognition for her work. Jessica Lilly is the newly named host and is the managing producer of "Inside Appalachia," a show produced by West Virginia Public Broadcasting. "Inside Appalachia" is a weekly show that covers issues and stories that matter to the Appalachian region. Roxy Todd has recently been named producer of the show. The podcast is available to a worldwide audience and was recognized as one of the top three podcasts during the week of January 5-11 by The Timbre. The site regularly reviews and critiques podcasts. This episode marked the one year anniversary of the Elk River Chemical spill that left 300,000 West Virginians without access to save water in 2014. The Timbre writer Devon Taylor went on to write an entire post entitled "Why we need podcasts like Inside Appalachia." Taylor writes that the podcast is important because it helps to give a deeper understanding of West Virginians and Appalachians past the sometimes harsh and shallow statistics.

"I don't know what it's like to be from West Virginia," Taylor wrote. "I might have it all wrong. Short of moving there, I may never know. But for an hour every week I can suspend whatever judgments I have and look past the empty statistics about poverty and methamphetamines and try to get a sense of what it means to live there. Thanks to Lilly and the good team at West Virginia Public Radio, it's never an exercise in pity or guilt, but instead a privilege."

The article recognizes Lilly as a "talented" host. "When I read the article, I teared up and thought 'she gets it,'" Lilly said. "The article is pretty accurate of what the goals are for 'Inside Appalachia.' It's very rewarding to see the show, West Virginia Public Broadcasting, and Concord University get this positive attention."

To read the entire post visit <a href="http://thetimbre.com/">http://thetimbre.com/</a> Lilly is Southern West Virginia Bureau Chief for West Virginia Public Broadcasting. She is a 2007 graduate of Concord.

#### **Mark Your Calendar!**

# CONCORD UNIVERSITY CAREER FAIR February 26, 2015

#### Press Release

Concord University will be hosting their annual Career Fair on Thursday, February 26, 2015, between the hours of 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. The event will take place in the Concord University Ballroom. Since Concord offers a wide variety of concentrations, employment opportunities are available nationwide and internationally, this Career Fair will help to bridge the gap between job seekers and employers. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, feel free to contact Sarah Johnson, Administrative Assistant at (304) 384-6350 or sjohnson@concord.edu.

This press release was prepared by Moranda McReynolds, a Recreation and Tourism Management student at Concord University.





#### News from the Geography Department (Courtesy of Dr. Joe Manzo)

A lot of great things are happening in the Geography Department! Dr. Joe Manzo made a presentations on careers in geography to 160 school counselors at RESA 1. Dr. Manzo also led a field trip to the Cherokee reservation in Cherokee, NC. This trip was for the American Indians class and 10 students participated. Dr. Linwood Clayton and Dr. Manzo took 7, mostly international students, to the Rocket Boys presentation and writing workshop in Beckley.

Dr. Manzo led a field trip to Mountain Ridge Middle School, in Berkeley County, WV. As part of the trip, two Concord international students, Daria Nikolaeva and Anastasia Vorobeva, spoke to five middle school classes on their experience as students in Russia. The project is part of a Concord University project sponsored by National Geographic. Continuing on from Berkeley County, the American Indians class visited the Museum of the American Indian at the Smithsonian, where we were given a behind the scenes tour of the National Geographic Society. Students had the opportunity to chat with Juan Valdez, National Geographic's Chief Cartographer.

Dr. Tom Saladyga and Dr. Manzo took a group of nine students to the Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG) annual meeting on November 22-25. Two of the students, Logan Knight and Nat Lawrence, participated in the undergraduate poster session. Nat's work finished as the top undergraduate student and was based on his experiences with Dr. Saladyga's dendrochronology research. For his achievement, Nat was awarded a cash prize and paved his way to graduate school!

Our students also participated in the Southeast Geography Bowl competition. Student Robert Jessee finished in the top six of all participants. That group includes graduate students as well as undergraduates from 13 states. Robert is now eligible to be awarded an expense paid trip to Chicago to participate in the annual World Bowl competition held during the annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers. (Three years ago, Meredith Smith, CU student, was awarded such a trip to New York. Meredith, now graduated, was a Dr. Shimantini Shome's cultural geography protégé.)

Mary Ryan, CU student and McNair Scholar, had the opportunity to interview with a senior faculty member from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. UNC-Chapel Hill is a school Mary is particularly interested in attending for graduate work. Her McNair project was directed by Dr. Tom Saladyga and was dendrochronological in nature.

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#### **TAX ASSISTANCE!!**

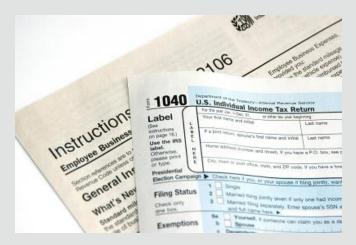
#### (Submitted by CU Accounting Professor Dr. Cynthia Khanlarian)

The Accounting students in the Business Division will be offering their assistance again this year at Concord University's VITA site. VITA stands for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and our volunteers will be available to prepare and file electronically, tax returns for people in the area. The service is available for families and individuals with income below \$60,000. They can deal with most tax issues but are not allowed to prepare farm income returns or any returns dealing with depreciation.

The VITA site will begin operating on February 2 in Rahall 100 and will be open from 4:00-7:00 PM in February and March. They will be on campus on Wednesday, March 11 from 10-2.

The students will also be on hand at CU's College Goal Sunday on February 15<sup>th</sup> for tax assistance.

To make an appointment, please call Bonnie Brown at 304-384-5244.



#### Join us for COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY!! (Submitted by Kathy Ball, Director of Bonner Scholars)

**Concord University** is pleased to announce our support of College Goal Sunday!

College Goal Sunday is a one-day event offering students and families free help in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). College Goal Sunday workshops will be held at 24 locations across the state on February 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. Concord is offering assistance on the Athens campus in the Rahall Technology Building and at the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center in Beckley.

Completing the FAFSA is one of the most important steps each year, because this single form serves as the gateway to state and federal financial aid programs.

College Goal Sunday workshops are free and are open to students of any age or income-level who are interested in pursuing--or are currently enrolled in—college.

The College Foundation of West Virginia (CFWV), the West Virginia Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators and several other college access programs including TRiO and GEAR UP work together to coordinate the event.

Students and families wishing to participate in College Goal Sunday can pre-register at cfwv.com or simply stop by the Rahall Technology or Erma Byrd Center on February 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. In order to complete the FAFSA that day, you should bring:

- Your driver's license (if you have one)
- · Your social security number
- Your parents' or guardians' social security number (if you are a dependent)
- Current tax records, including W2s and this year's or last year's filed returns, for you, your parents or guardians, and/or your spouse.
- Records of your current untaxed income, including child support, worker's compensation, untaxed portions of pensions, and any other untaxed income you may receive.

This information will be kept completely confidential, and you will work one-on-one with financial aid experts who will not share or save your information.

To find more information about College Goal Sunday or to pre-register, please visit cfwv.com or contact studentaffairs@concord.edu. REMEMBER: To receive federal or state aid you must file a renewal FAFSA each year!

#### IT'S FAFSA TIME!!!





During February, CU faculty and staff are supporting FAFSA Friday, a Financial Aid Office initiative to remind students to file their FAFSA before March 1<sup>st</sup>. Filing by this date helps assure that students receive all of the aid for which they are eligible. Visit <a href="http://fafsa.gov">http://fafsa.gov</a> to complete the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid (NOT http://fafsa.com--there is a charge for the .com version). Need help? Come to College Goal Sunday or contact the CU Financial Aid Office at <a href="mailto:finaid@concord.edu">finaid@concord.edu</a> or phone 304-384-6968.

# 'Music Of The Coalfields' Kicks Off Coal Heritage Lecture Series At Concord University's Beckley Campus

Music has always been an important part of the history of the coalfields, capturing the plaintive echoes of the struggle of the workers. This year, the first installment of the Coal Heritage Lecture Series at Concord University's Beckley campus will feature "The Music of the Coalfields" performed by Julie Adams, Colleen Anderson and Josh Barrett on Tuesday, Feb. 3, (snow day Feb. 7).

Taking place on the first Tuesday of February, March, April, and May, the lecture series explores historic and contemporary issues facing the people of southern West Virginia. Sponsored by Concord University and the National Coal Heritage Area
Authority, the lectures begin at 7
p.m. in Room E 10 at the Erma
Byrd Higher Education Center on
Airport Road in Beaver, W.Va.
and are free and open to the
public. If lectures are cancelled
due to snow, the snow day will be
the following Tuesday.

The singers who will present this concert of coal music are well known to West Virginia audiences. Julie Adams is the featured vocalist on West Virginia Public Radio's Mountain Stage. As a singer/songwriter, Adams is nationally known for her distinctive voice and has traveled extensively with her performances. She was a founding member of Stark Raven and currently performs with Blues Du Jour.

Colleen Anderson is not only a singer/songwriter, but a poet and writer as well. She is currently featured on West Virginia Public Radio's "Inside Appalachia" program with a regular report on state history. Julie and Colleen will be accompanied by Julie's husband, Josh Barrett, on the guitar. Josh also plays in Blues Du Jour. The trio will perform traditional music of the coalfields including "Coal Tattoo" and "The L and N Doesn't stop Here Anymore." They will also include music that celebrates West Virginia with songs such as Colleen Anderson's "West Virginia Chose Me."

"We always try to have at least one artistic component in the Coal Heritage Lecture Series," stated Karen Vuranch, coordinator of the event and instructor at Concord University. "Music is a big part of the history of coal and the songs that will be sung really capture the experience of coal. And, it is exciting to have Julie Adams, Colleen Anderson and Josh Barrett bring this concert to Beckley. These three are fabulous performers."

Vuranch went on to say that the public lecture series takes place each spring as a part of an academic class at the Beckley campus of Concord University. The class, "Coal Culture in West Virginia," is taught in the spring semester by Vuranch.

"The course covers the history and technology of coal mining in West Virginia," Vuranch said, "but more importantly it explores the cultural impact on the people of our state." Students taking the course for credit hear lectures, watch films and participate in field trips that help them better understand the rich history of coal in West Virginia. Community members are also welcome to audit the course, where they attend all sessions without having to complete assignments for a grade.

"We are going to try something a little different this year for the March and April lectures," Vuranch said. "On March 3, we will present several environmentalists speaking against mountaintop removal and fracking and on April 7, we will have Bill Raney from the Friends of Coal speaking in favor of mountaintop mining." Vuranch said that the Lecture Series wanted to encourage information, not confrontation. "We certainly

want to hear both sides of the issue, but we do not want to offend anyone, so we will present the arguments on two different evenings," she added. The final lecture on May 5 will feature guests from the WV AFL-CIO.

For more information, contact Karen Vuranch at (304) 575-3636 or <a href="mailto:kvuranch@concord.edu">kvuranch@concord.edu</a> or Concord University's Beckley campus at (304) 256-0270.

#### **Academic Success Center**

Is your student in need of assistance with coursework or study skills? As we prepare for the academic year, some students and parents may be reflecting on the past semester with a little anxiety. The ASC has many resources to help with coursework, including:

- Smarthinking-- a free online tutoring program that provides tutors 24/7 for most classes:
- <u>Drop-In-Tutoring</u>-- we can refer you to one of the peer tutors for help with your class;
- ASC Study Hall
   --one-on one assistance with study
   skills; organized study
   groups; mentor program.
   Stop by the ASC office in the
   Rahall Atrium, Suite 243!
- <u>Study skills</u> -- learn how to focus your study time for the best results.
- Kahn Academy -- a free online resource with over 3,200 videos with instruction on everything from arithmetic

to physics, finance, and history and hundreds of skills to practice at your own pace.

For more information, contact Program Coordinator Steve Jarvis at 304-384-6074 or Director Sarah Beasley at 304-384-6298.

#### **Business Office**

The Concord University Business Office is committed to providing exceptional service to students, faculty, and staff in a professional and courteous manner, while maintaining the highest possible standards of accuracy in administering the finances for Concord University.

Aside from processing payments both manually and electronically, and disbursing check change, the Business office also handles student work-study payments, and approves book loans –in conjunction with the campus bookstore- for students who meet the necessary criteria. For more information on this and other features, please click on the link

www.concord.edu/administration/business-office.

#### **Business Office**

8:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday

#### Cashier's Office

8:30am to 3:30pm Open during Lunch Monday to Friday

## 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 you
encounter a problem with anything
from accessing email to using
Blackboard or Banner, the IT Help
Desk is here to offer the technology
support that you need. We

encourage you to look through our
Frequently Asked Questions
section at
http://www.concord.edu/studentaffairs/academic-successcenter/faq when a problem arises;
you will find answers to many of the
most commonly asked questions
there. 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, 7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m. and Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:00p.m.

Phone Numbers: On Campus – ext. 5291
Off Campus – (304) 384-5291

Email: <u>cuhelpdesk@concord.edu</u>

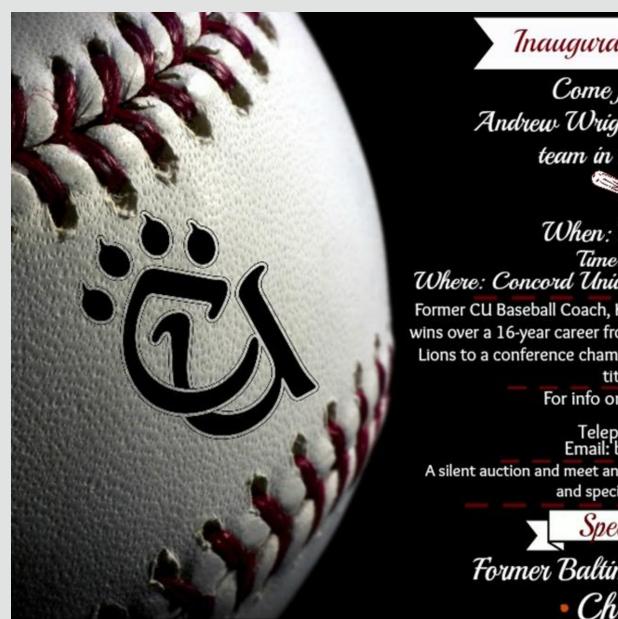
#### **Emergency Text Alert System CU**

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 <a href="http://sms.concord.edu/">http://sms.concord.edu/</a>. If you have any questions, please call the IT help desk at ext.5291 or by email at cuhelpdesk@concord.edu.

#### **MyCU and FERPA Instructions Have Changed!**

It's now easier than ever to provide a FERPA release for us to discuss your student's academic record information with you. As you may know, Concord will not discuss your student's information with you without a signed consent form. Students can now simply click on MyCU and the FERPA release is on the MyCU front page. The rest of the process is the same. Students will click on FERPA release and follow the instructions. It's a good idea to have your student complete the FERPA release now so that it is available, if needed—even if you never need to call us for specific information about your student.

And while you're having students complete forms, please be certain that your student is enrolled in the Emergency Alert System (instructions above in Technology Services). It's how we communicate about weather delays/closings and other emergencies.



### Inaugural First Pitch Dinner

Come join Head coach Andrew Wright and the CU baseball team in this special event!

When: February 21, 2015

Time: 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Concord University Student Center Balbroom

Former CU Baseball Coach, Kevin Garrett will be honored for his 355 wins over a 16-year career from 1995-2010. Garrett led the Mountain Lions to a conference championship in 2001, baseball's first league title in 40 years.

> For info on how to attend contact: Tim Leather Telephone: 304-384-5332 Email: baseball@concord.edu

A silent auction and meet and greet will start at 6 followed by dinner and special speakers to follow

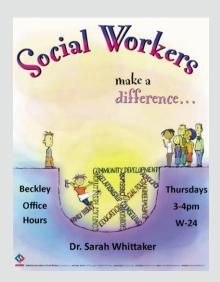
Special Speaker

Former Baltimore Ortoles Catcher Chris Hoiles

#### **News from the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center**

There's a lot happening on the Concord University Beckley campus at the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center, with plenty more educational and fun activities in store for the Spring 2015 semester! January saw several fun food events, from a giant sub to Dickie's Barbeque—all enjoyed by our students in need of sustenance between classes. On tap for Valentine's Day is Cupid Punch and a chocolate fountain!

James Miller, the current Student Government Delegate representing Concord University's Beckley Campus at the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center, will be graduating in May. Any Concord student who will have a majority of their hours at the Beckley Campus in the fall of 2015, and can commit to attending the weekly SGA meeting Wednesday afternoons on the main campus is invited to apply for the fall 2015 delegate position. Interested students can attend a meeting or two with James this spring to better understand SGA. The Beckley campus has had representation since 2012 which has resulted in students at the HEC having a voice in student government, and benefitting from a share of the SGA budget which sponsors many food and fun events. Membership in Student Government on a collegiate level also speaks well to graduate schools, employers, and can open opportunities for scholarships. If your student is interested, contact <a href="majority10.25cm/page-2.25cm/







Images from the Concord Beckley Office Facebook Page
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#### It's Tax Time!!

For 2014, Form 1098T's are being released by Heartland/ECSI on behalf of Concord University. The forms will not be available on MyCU as they have in past years. The 1098T's will be received at the home address on file or electronically, if the student specifically elected this option through Heartland/ECSI, by the January 31st deadline. Heartland/ECSI will provide the contact information regarding questions about the forms upon issuance of the Form 1098T. Concord also has a FAQ page about Form 1098T on the CU website, via <a href="http://www.concord.edu/parents-visitors/1098t">http://www.concord.edu/parents-visitors/1098t</a>

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