

CONCORD UNIVERSITY

February 2022

Calendar

Tuesday, Nov. 2

BOG Committee Meetings
Tele/Videoconference
Academic Affairs: Noon
Student Affairs: 1 p.m.
External Affairs: 2 p.m.
Finance & Facilities: 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

Problem Gamblers Awareness
& Action Collegiate Recovery
Noon – 3 p.m.
Ground Floor Lobby
Student Center

Sunday, Nov. 7

Fall Back!
Daylight Saving
Time Ends

Tuesday, Nov. 9

BOG Meetings
Tele/Videoconference
Executive Committee:
5 p.m.
Full Board: 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 10

Nutrition Wellness Day
Collegiate Recovery
Noon – 3 p.m.
Ground Floor Lobby
Student Center

Friday, Nov. 12

Veterans Program
10 a.m.
University Point Chapel

Saturday, Nov. 13

Fall Open House Admissions
Check in – 8:30 a.m.
Event begins – 9 a.m.
Student Center

Monday, Nov. 22 -

Friday, Nov 26

Thanksgiving Recess
for Students

Thursday, Nov. 25 -

Friday November 26

Thanksgiving Holiday
Campus Closed

Tuesday, Nov. 30

Holiday Open House
5-7 p.m.
University Point President's
House

Welcome to the November *E-News*

November – autumn's third month – has arrived bringing crisp temperatures and a panorama of golds, browns and russets on the trees. This month of harvest also offers Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and the reminder to "Fall Back" among its holidays and observances.

For "The Campus Beautiful" the Holiday Open House is a special event on our calendar. Make plans now to attend the gathering on Tuesday, Nov. 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Following tradition from previous open houses, activities are planned for University Point and for this year, have been expanded to include the President's House and the Town of Athens.

Children can look forward to a visit from Santa Claus at University Point and an opportunity to share their wish lists with the "jolly old elf." Festive performances by CU vocalists and musicians and seasonal delights like hot chocolate and wassail also await guests. The Concord University Alumni Association plans to sell their holiday ornament featuring the Administration Building that night at the President's House.

Check social media and email for additional information as details are finalized for this fun evening. CU there!

While looking forward to the Holiday Open House, we are also pausing a moment to enjoy an assortment of photographs from various campus events and activities in this month's issue of E-News. First up is a look at Homecoming festivities. Visits from alumni, student accomplishments and even a visit from Dorothy and Toto are featured as well.

Happy November!
Staff of *Campus E-News*

Please note that the state of the COVID-19 pandemic and Concord's adherence to CDC guidelines could impact how and if events are held. For the most up-to-date information, always check

<https://www.concord.edu/About/Return-to-Campus-Plan.aspx>

Concord Celebrates Homecoming with Festivities and Fun

From the parade and bonfire to tailgates, football and royalty crowns, Concord's Homecoming 2021 offered fun and festivities for the entire Mountain Lion community.

It's not too early to "Save the Date" for next year's celebration. CU's Homecoming 2022 is set for Oct. 1.

Mark your calendars now!

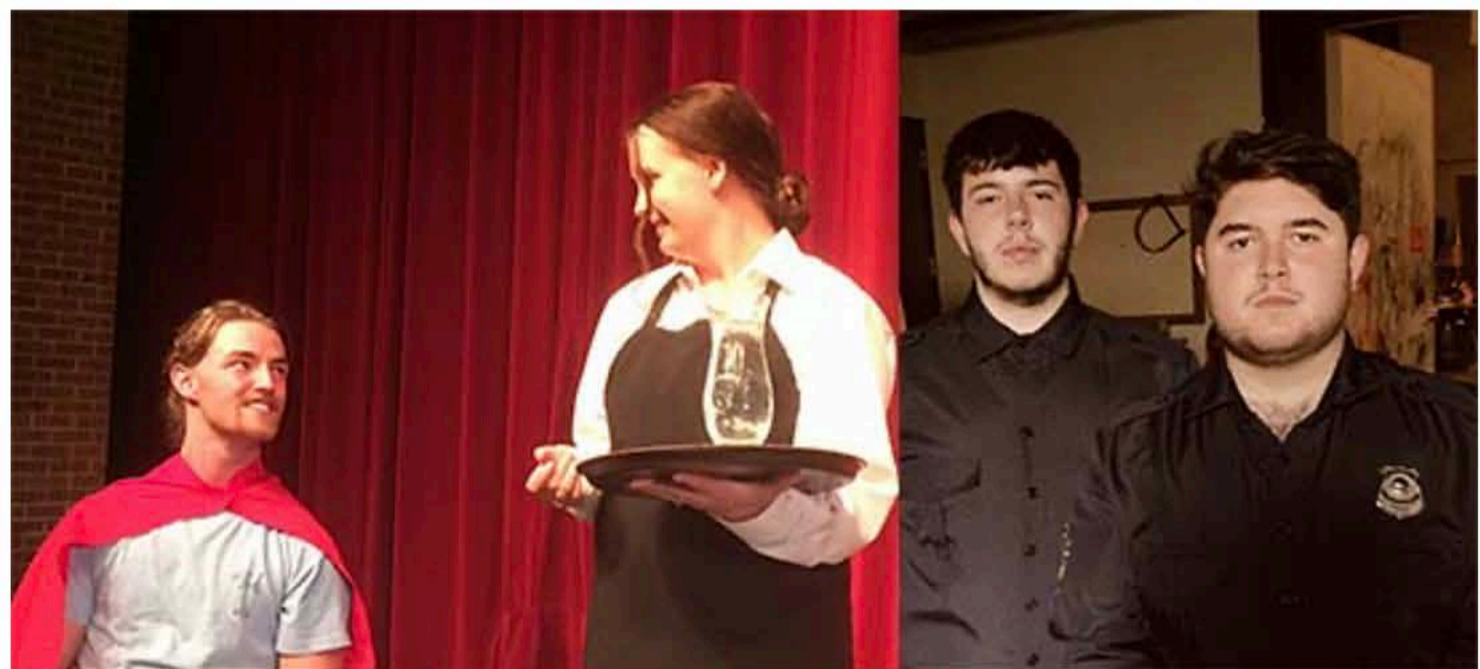




Performance Site Changing for Theatre's Upcoming Shows

Due to the recent fire in the Fine Arts Building, upcoming performances by the CU Theatre Department have been moved to the H.C. Paul Theatre. ***Tales of Suspense*** will open one day later, on Thursday, November 4 at 7 p.m. and run Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. ***Happily Never After: What Happens After "The End"*** will take place the following week as planned on Nov. 10-12.

Submitted by:
Karen Vuranch
Theatre Director and Instructor



State Police Officials Speak to Criminology Students



The WV State Police Mobile Crime Scene Unit visited Concord's campus on Oct. 26, 2021. Lori Pace's CU criminology students had the opportunity to walk through the unit, see tools/procedures used, and discuss crime scene analysis and protocols with Mr. Dave Castle, Crime Scene Coordinator for WV State Police and Forensic Instructor for the police academy.

Mr. Castle, along with Capt. R.A. Maddy, Deputy Chief of Staff Services, and Cpl. J.D. Matheny of the WVSP, also gave a presentation for the students in the State Room. Their visit was coordinated by Ms. Lori Pace, Criminology Instructor.

Campus Community Taking on the 22 Pushup Challenge



A campus-wide initiative to bring awareness to the tragedy of Veteran suicide and work as advocates to provide resources and help is underway. Through the #22aDay posts and the #22pushupchallenge, Concord is joining in the effort.

Additional details will be forthcoming through email and social media as plans are finalized.

McNair Scholars Present Virtually and In-Person



Photo captions: Scholars at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art - Cedric Drennen - Gabriella Hubbard

Dr. Rodney Klein, Director of the McNair Scholars Program, reports that Concord's McNair Scholars participated in conferences during the Fall Semester, both virtually and in-person. Nine McNair Scholars took part in the University of Maryland - Baltimore County virtual McNair Research Conference Sept. 17-18, 2021. Of the nine, seven Scholars gave presentations including four poster presentations and two paper presentations.

The poster presentations include:

Haley Lawrence (Peterstown, WV) and Dr. Jill Nolan – "Examining the Frequency of the Gathering and Assessing Vital Signs During Physical Therapy in Long-Term Care Facilities"

Brittany Rowe (Avondale, WV) and Dr. Rodney Klein – “Perfectionism, Academic Performance, and Mental health in Undergraduate Students”

Alysia Inosencio (Deltona, FL) and Dr. Rodney Klein – “Extension of the Stroop Test”

Ashlei Kelly (Bluefield, WV) and Dr. James Walters (BSC) – “Effects of Cold-Induced Stress on Macrophage Cytokine Production in Mice During Chlamydia Genital Infection”

The paper presentations include:

Hayden Woyan (Point Pleasant, WV) and Dr. Rodney Klein – “Perceived Social Support and Mental Health”

Dakota Parnell (Bluefield, WV), **Jesse Orell** (Bluefield, WV), and Dr. James Walters (BSC) - “Validation of a Novel Microfluidic Platform for Imaging Enterocyte Cell Biology During Lipid Uptake in Zebrafish (*Danio rerio*) Larvae”

“I also took nine Scholars to the MKN Heartland McNair Research Conference in Kansas City, MO,” Dr. Klein reports. “Yes, we actually travelled. We flew out of Charleston, WV on Thursday, Sept. 23 and returned on Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021. Of the nine Scholars that travelled, eight gave paper presentations. We also took time to go to the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and the Sea Life Aquarium.

“For six of the Scholars, it was the first time on an airplane and for five of the Scholars, it was the furthest west they had ever been in the U.S. Besides providing an opportunity to conduct and present their research, the McNair Program also provides cultural experiences and opportunities for the Scholars to have experiences that they might not otherwise have,” he says.

Paper presentations for this event include:

Danielle Baker (Winston-Salem, NC) and Dr. Tesfaye Belay (BSC) – “Immune Analysis of Stressed Mice During Chlamydia *muridæum* Genital Infection”

Gabriella Hubbard (Gap Mills, WV) and Dr. James Walters (BSC) – “Transcriptome Response to Oxidative Stress”

Haley Lawrence (Peterstown, WV) and Dr. Jill Nolan – “Examining the Frequency of the Gathering and Assessing Vital Signs During Physical Therapy in Long-Term Care Facilities”

Briana Parsons (Cross Lanes, WV) and Dr. Jill Nolan – “Severity of Asthmatic Symptoms During Physical Exercises”

Alexander Watty (Christiansburg, VA) and Dr. Angie Edwards – “Determining the Correlation Between Financial Stability and Cutting Varsity Athletic Programs in a NCAA Division 1 Setting”

Brittany Worley (Selma, NC) and Dr. Susan Williams – “Amenities Preference Among Campground Users Along Hatfield-McCoy ATV Trails”

Cedric Drennen (Clifton Forge, VA) and Dr. Thomas Ford – “Microplastics in Rivers and Streams”

Samantha Belcher (Charleston, WV) and Dr. Umesh Reddy (WVSU) – “Genome Wide Association Study (GWAS) of Dietary Responses to a Habanero Pepper Diet in *Drosophila melanogaster*”

Submitted by: Dr. Rodney Klein, McNair Scholars Program Director



Collegiate Recovery Announces Informational Events





The WV Collegiate Recovery Network and Concord Collegiate Recovery Coach Brandon Whitehouse are hosting several informational events at Concord during the month of November. The Collegiate Recovery Network is partnering with Community Connections, Southern Highlands, Jobs for Hope and Ascension Recovery Services to bring a diverse variety of community and educational resources to the student body, faculty and staff of the University.

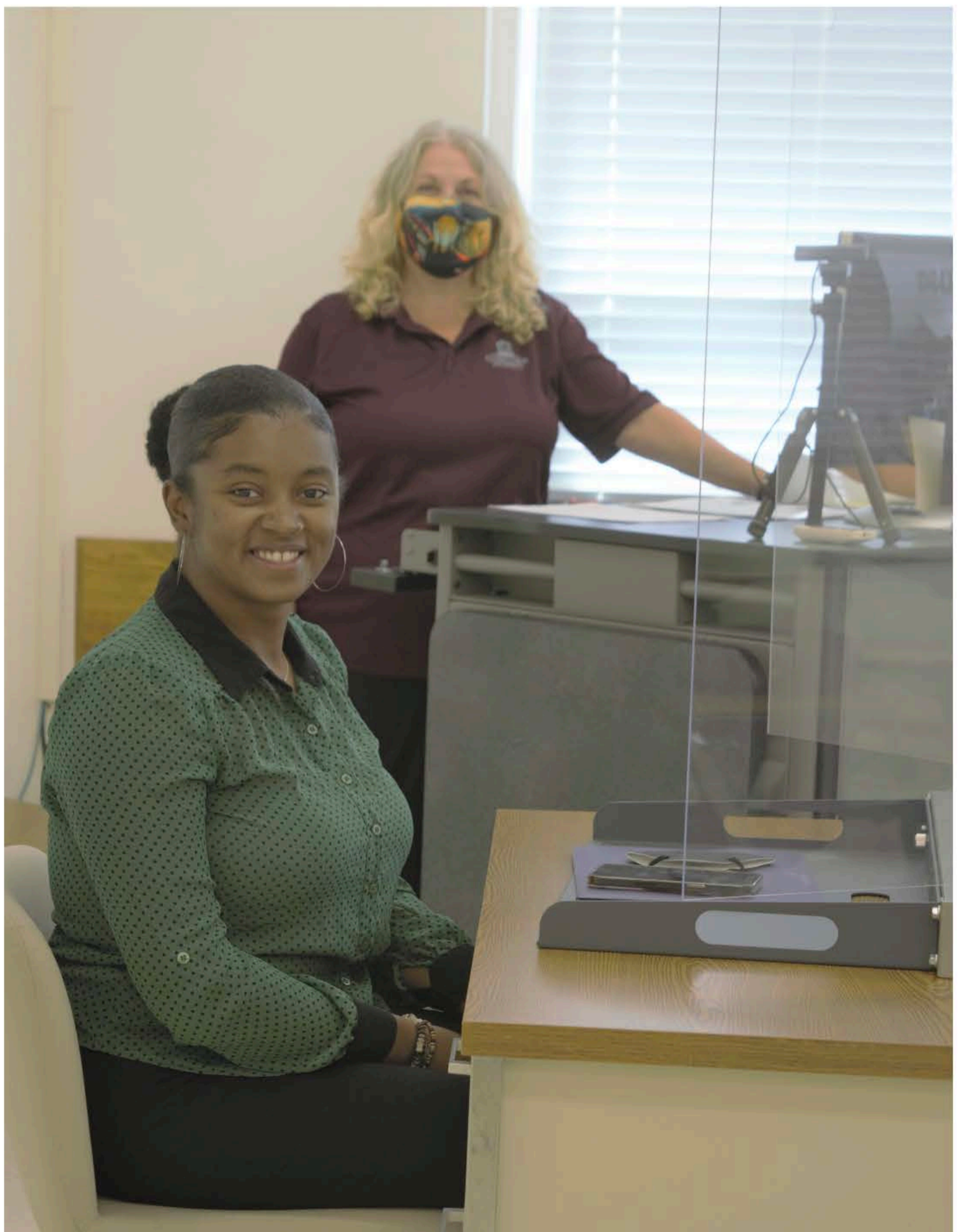
Information on awareness and action regarding problem gambling will be available on Wednesday, Nov. 3 from noon to 3 p.m. in the Student Center's ground floor lobby. A Nutrition Wellness Day will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 10 from noon to 3 p.m. in the ground floor lobby of the Student Center.

For additional information on these events and/or the WV Collegiate Recovery Network, please contact Brandon Whitehouse at: bwhitehouse@concord.edu or call 304-800-6118. You may also visit him in his office located in Concord's John David Smith Center for Social Work Education. More information is also available on [Facebook](#).

Submitted by: Brandon Whitehouse Concord Collegiate Recovery Coach



Alums Discuss College & Careers with Criminology Students





Detective Morgan Bragg

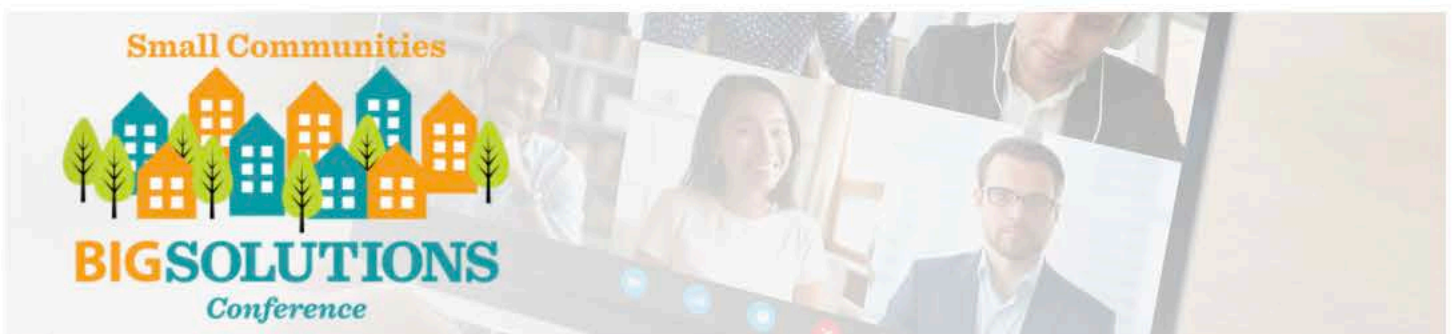
Criminology Instructor Lori Pace recently had two of her former students, now Concord alums, visit her class as part of her ongoing efforts of inviting community partners to speak for students.

Renee McInnis visited campus on Sept. 29 and spoke for the Crime and Society class. Renee holds both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Concord. She is currently pursuing a PhD in Executive Leadership while working for the Veteran's Administration as a social worker in the caregiver support program.

Detective Morgan Bragg of the Beckley Police Department visited campus on Oct. 14. He is a trained polygraph examiner. He was one of Pace's students when Concord offered evening classes at Woodrow Wilson High School in Beckley.



Small Communities, BIG Solutions Spotlights West Virginia



REGISTER TODAY! November 15 - November 18
Visit www.wvsolutions.net

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4
Economy Day	Health Day	Education Day	Communities Day

The Alliance for the Economic Development of Southern West Virginia, the West Virginia Community Development Hub and Coalfield Development have teamed up once again to shine a spotlight on West Virginia, by hosting the Small Communities, BIG Solutions Conference. This annual event showcases successful projects and highlights West Virginia change makers. It will be held virtually from Monday, Nov. 15, to Thursday, Nov. 18. Tickets are priced at \$25 per attendee and can be purchased [here](#).

The main goal for the event is to work towards a better, brighter West Virginia, ensuring the state reaches its top potential. To do so, a mix of community leaders, educators, businesses and public officials come together to network, share ideas and celebrate what is working well in the Mountain State.

Dr. Kendra Boggess is scheduled to participate on Nov. 17 in the Education portion of the conference along with other presidents from the state's colleges and universities. She will also be part of the Communities section on Nov. 18. The conference agenda is located [here](#).



State Auditor Speaks for Department of Business Symposium

West Virginia State Auditor John "JB" McCuskey visited Concord University on Oct. 7 to speak with students at the Department of Business Symposium series. Students, faculty, and administration all enjoyed the interactive nature of the talk as Auditor McCuskey spoke on a wide range of topics including the role of the state auditor's office, government accountability, the implementation of wvCheckbook.gov (a site where citizens can see how state tax dollars are spent in real time), entrepreneurial opportunities in West Virginia, and applications of data analytics in business and government.

Students were also provided with information on the audit scholars program run by the state auditor's office, a program which gives business/accounting students an opportunity for internships and future employment either on-site or from a remote location.

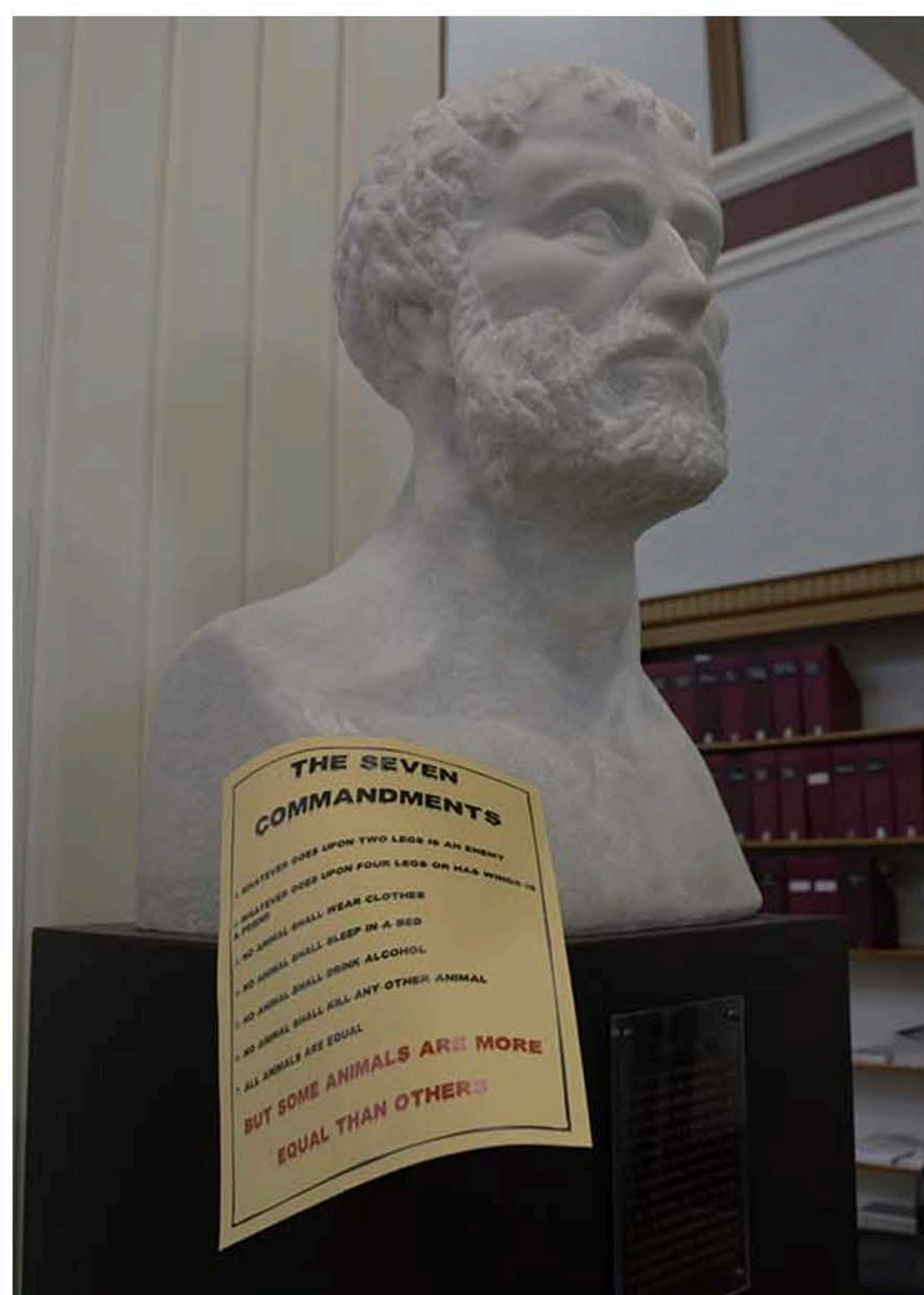
After the conclusion of the talk, which was live streamed via zoom, Auditor McCuskey attended an informal luncheon with many of Concord's upper-level accounting students, business faculty, and administrators. During this time, he provided more information about the audit scholars program as well as detailing several instances of misuse of state funds that had been uncovered during his time as State Auditor. Students who attended the event were excited to learn of internships/employment opportunities and hear about experiences of uncovering government fraud.

Submitted by: Dr. Logan Browning, Assistant Professor of Accounting



Animals Take Over Marsh Library During Banned Books Week

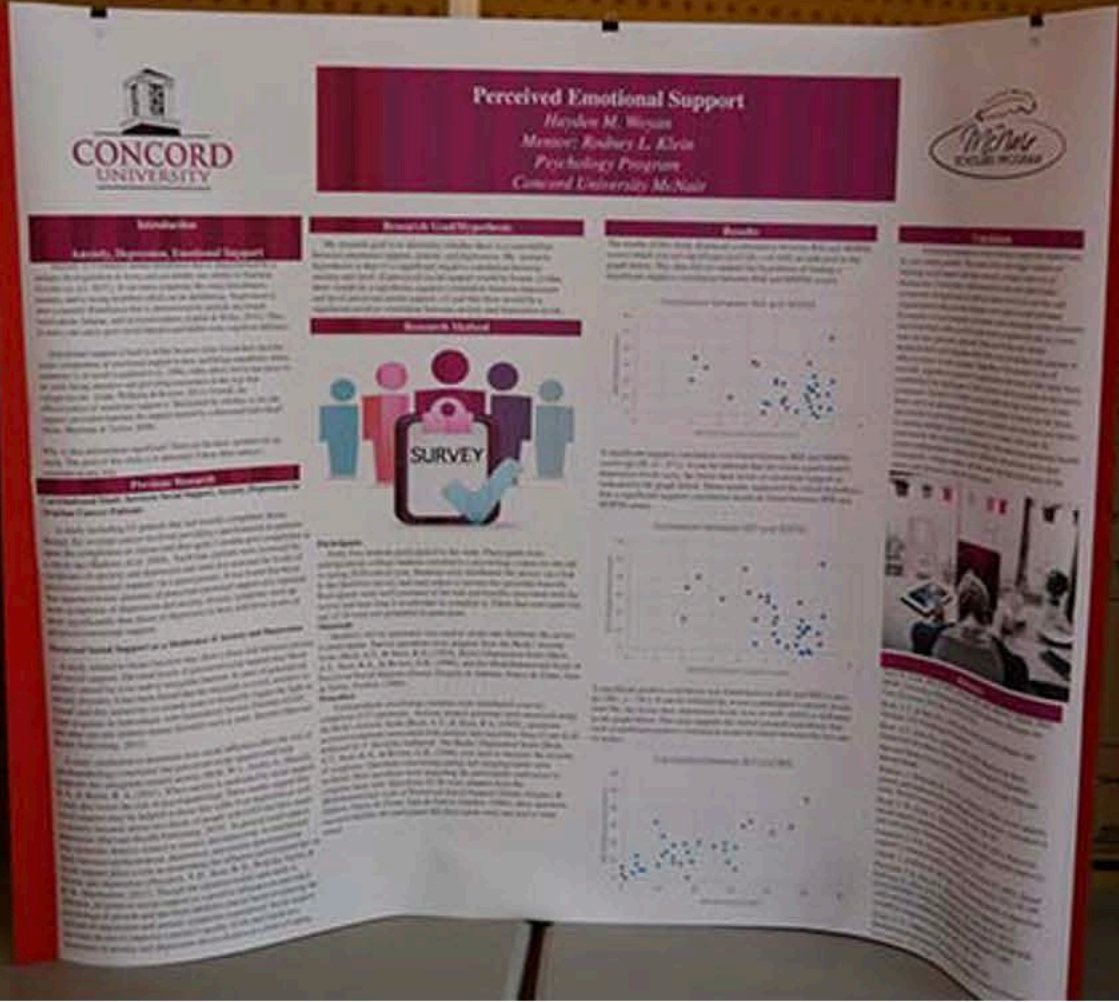
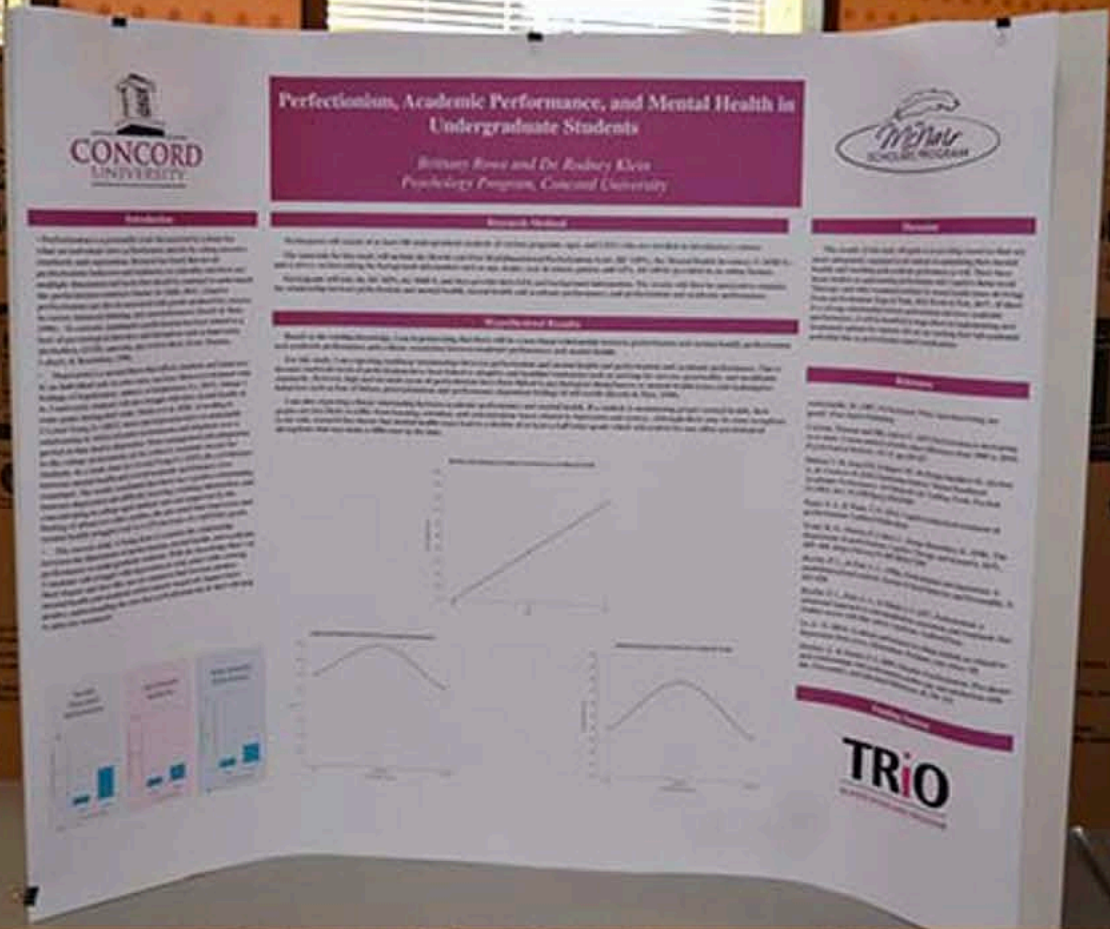
The Marsh Library celebrated Banned Books Week Sept. 27 – Oct. 1. Books that have been challenged or banned in United States communities were displayed. This year's theme was based on George Orwell's book Animal Farm that in one instance was challenged and objected to for its political theories.





There's No Place Like McNair!





The McNair Program held a Poster Session on Oct. 21 with the "Wizard of Oz" as the theme. Current Scholars shared their research with guests during the event which was held in the Student Center Stateroom. The McNair Staff was also available to meet with potential Scholars and provide applications. Dorothy and Toto, the Tin Man, the Scarecrow, and Glenda the Good Witch made special appearances.

The McNair Staff explains "There's no place like McNair" because McNair is a supportive family atmosphere; McNair introduces Scholars to conducting research and the graduate admissions process; and McNair is a paid research opportunity.

The CU Advancement Office gets into the Halloween spirit!



Left to right: Sierra Browning, Dara Ladner, Blake Farmer, Amy Pitzer, Sarah Turner, Hillary Williams, Tim Poe, and Sarah Pritchett

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