

CONCORD UNIVERSITY

September 2021

Calendar

Monday, Sept. 6

Labor Day Holiday
Campus Closed

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Concord Theatre
Auditions for Fall Plays
6 p.m.
Fine Arts Main Theatre

Tuesday, Sept. 14

Red Cross
Blood Drive
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

Harlan Cohen

Bestselling Author

"Win or Learn"

2:30 p.m.

Fine Arts Auditorium

Wednesday, Sept. 15

Annual Prevention Day
Collegiate Recovery
12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Ground Floor Lobby
Student Center

Auditions for Fall Plays

Concord Theatre

6 p.m.

H.C. Paul Theatre

Tuesday, Sept. 21

International Day
Of Peace Celebration
Performance by
Steel Drum Band Ewabo
Noon - 1 p.m.
Peace Poles Behind
Admin

Board of Governors

Committee Meetings

Tele/Videoconference

Academic Affairs: noon

Student Affairs: 1 p.m.

External Affairs: 2 p.m.

Finance & Facilities: 3

p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 22

First Day of Fall

Recovery Day

Collegiate Recovery

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Ground Floor Lobby

Student Center

Fashion Show

CU Clothing Closet

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Subway Stage

Majors & Minors Fair

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Student Center Ballroom

Thursday, Sept. 23

Welcome to the September E-News

Autumn officially gets underway this month. Moving into the new season, we see that September is a very busy month for the entire Concord community. From Special Events Days for students to opportunities to make an impact through giving, we look forward to being entertained, informed and challenged to make a difference.

Calling all actors! The Concord Theatre Program is holding auditions for fall plays on Wednesday, Sept. 8. Interested individuals, including students, faculty, staff and members of the community, are invited to the Fine Arts Main Theatre at 6 p.m. that evening for an opportunity to showcase their talents.

New York Times best-selling author Harlan Cohen is scheduled to speak on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 2:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium. His book "Win or Learn" is this year's selection for first-year students. Joining Cohen's presentation as a Special Event this month, the Majors & Minors Fair will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom.

Sept. 22 is also the date for a midday fashion show where attire from CU's clothing closet will be modeled by members of the campus community. The extravaganza hits the Subway Stage at 11:30 a.m. Students who need to "dress for success" during interviews and other career and professional activities can utilize the clothing closet that's located on the third floor of the Student Center.

The fashion show is one of several activities being organized at Concord in conjunction with the International Day of Peace. Plans call for a week-long observance that also includes a performance by steel drum band Ewabo on Sept. 21.

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Giving Day 2021 spans Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, offering a special time to support The Concord Fund. Affordability and accessibility for our students is being highlighted with this year's event. All contributions will be sincerely appreciated.

Happy September!
Staff of *Campus E-News*

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Online Book Club
7 p.m. via Zoom
Discussing
Alex Michaelides'
"The Maidens"

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Board of Governors
Executive Committee: 5
p.m.
Full Board: 6 p.m.
Pais Fellowship Hall

Thursday, Sept. 30

"Much Ado About
Nothing"
Vintage Theatre
6 p.m.
Fine Arts Main Theatre

Giving Day (through
Oct. 1)
Supporting The Concord
Fund



Fall Semester Begins with Welcome Week Activities



Concord ushered in the Fall 2021 semester with Welcome Week activities for new and returning students. With lots of fun and informational events, the agenda featured time to visit with friends and classmates, get acclimated to campus and start the academic year with enthusiasm.

The Organization Fair, held Aug. 18 in the Student Center Ballroom, was an important part of the week. Photos from the fair are included in this edition.





CU Theatre Announces Auditions and Fall Show Lineup

The Concord Theatre Program is announcing auditions and its lineup of performances for the fall semester.

- Sept. 8 Auditions for Fall Theatre Shows
6:00 pm in the Fine Arts Main Theatre
All are welcome - no preparation required
- Sept. 30 Vintage Theatre presents SHakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*
6:00 p.m. in the Main Theatre
- Nov. 3 - 7 Tales of Suspense - two eerie one-act plays
7:00 pm in the H.C. Paul Theatre, Sunday matinee at 2:00 p.m.
- Sept. 10 - 11 Fairy Tales Gone Wrong - ten-minute student directed plays
7:00 pm in the H.C. Paul Theatre

For additional information, please contact Karen Vuranch at kvuranch@concord.edu or (304) 384-5259.

Submitted by:
Karen Vuranch
Theatre Director and Instructor

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 September.

Naloxone education training will be offered on Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

in the State Room. This training will provide educational information on Naloxone which is "a safe and easy to use medication that can save the life of a person overdosing on opioids" according to information provided by CU's Collegiate Recovery. To register for the training, please follow [this link](#).

Prevention Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, Sept. 15 from 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Ground Floor Lobby of the Student Center. The Collegiate Recovery Network is partnering with Community Connections, Jobs for Hope and Southern Highlands to bring prevention awareness tools and resource information to students, faculty and staff at Concord University.

Recovery Day, a time to celebrate the journey of those in recovery, will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center's Ground Floor Lobby. "Only around 40-60 percent of people with substance use disorders recover without relapse," Whitehouse states. "Help us spend the day to honor those who have climbed the mountain."

The Concord campus community is also invited to attend the 2nd WV Collegiate Recovery Conference on Friday, Sept. 24. This event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the West Virginia Building Annex on the State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg, W.Va. The overall goal of this conference is to bring awareness that pursuing higher education is for everyone and that support through collegiate recovery programs is available to help students succeed in both their sobriety and educational goals. To learn more about the conference [click here](#).

For additional information on any of 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

Affordability and Accessibility Key Areas for Giving Day



**CONCORD
GIVING DAY**
9.30.21 10.1.21

**U CAN
MAKE AN IMPACT.**

September 30, 2021 • October 1, 2021

By supporting Giving Day 2021 you are making a significant impact on "The Campus Beautiful" and our students. This year's Giving Day will benefit The Concord Fund which supports the University's area of greatest need, affordability and accessibility, and campus projects.

Pledges are now being accepted and may be made [by clicking here](#). Thank you for your support!

Concord's Homecoming 2021 Happening Next Month!



SAVE THE DATE!
HOMECOMING
OCTOBER 9TH, 2021

Homecoming is set for the week of Oct. 9 this year. Be sure to check out the schedule of events [here](#) as new activities are added.

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Online Book Club Discussing Fall Selection This Month



The CU Alumni Book Club will discuss their fall selection, "The Maidens" by Alex Michaelides, via Zoom on Thursday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. Members will be sent a reminder email with the Zoom link.

New members are welcome to join the group and may [sign up here](#). Information about the book club is posted on the Concord Alumni Online Book Club [Facebook group](#).

Scholarly Activities Take Faculty Beyond the Classroom

From publications to lectures and presentations faculty are involved in a variety of scholarly activities beyond the classroom. Several recent activities are featured below. To be included in an upcoming edition of *E-News*, please send your information to sdalton@concord.edu.

Dr. Jonathan Berkey

On Aug. 20, Professor of History Jonathan Berkey (along with Shenandoah University's Jonathan Noyalas) presented "Fighting for Freedom: Black Activism in the Civil War-era Lower Shenandoah Valley." The presentation was part of the Virtual Virginia Forum Series, sponsored by the library of Virginia.

Professor Berkey's piece, "This Community Is Not Yet Ready for Submission to Negro Indulgence: The 'Bologna Riot' and the Continuing Freedom Struggle in the Lower Shenandoah Valley," focused on a flashpoint in the ever-present racial tensions in Virginia's Lower Shenandoah Valley in the years following the Civil War. About 150 people viewed the live presentation. A recording of the presentation is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8pGQbbvMJY>.



Jonathan Berkey (bottom right) and Jonathan Noyalas (top right) presented "Fighting for Freedom: Black Activism in the Civil War-era Lower Shenandoah Valley" on August 20, 2021. (Photo courtesy of Jonathan Noyalas)

Dr. Gabriel Rieger

Dr. Gabriel Rieger's article, entitled "'Give me your hand and say you will be mine': Containing Catholicism in Thomas Middleton's Measure for Measure", appeared in 52.2 of Religion and Literature (Notre Dame University). The article was the culmination of a lengthy research project and reconsiders Shakespeare's Measure for Measure in the context of the putative revisions undertaken by the playwright Thomas Middleton in 1620 in the midst of the Thirty Years War.

In addition to this, Dr. Rieger, Professor of English, served as dramaturge and textual editor for the Appalachian Shakespeare Project at Concord University's summer production of "Twelfth Night", a production which marked the return of the Appalachian Shakespeare Project to Concord University after hiatus in the summer of 2020.

He has also recently been approached to contribute a chapter to an anthology of Shakespeare criticism to be published by Palgrave Macmillan. The anthology is tentatively titled "New Directions in Shakespeare and Psychoanalysis."

Additionally, he has an article entitled "The Iron Queen and the Paper Crown: Imperial Anxiety in the Minor Tetralogy" forthcoming in volume 12 of The Selected Papers of the Ohio Valley Shakespeare Conference. That article examines the cultural and political implications of the character of Queen Margaret of Anjou in Shakespeare's minor tetralogy (Henry VI parts 1, 2, and 3, and Richard III).



New Faculty and Staff Join Mountain Lion Community

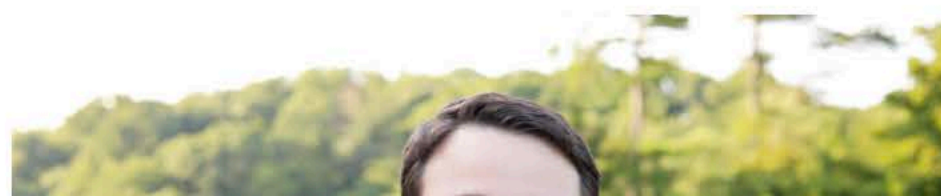
Faculty



Mr. Mark C. Dietrich is joining the Concord faculty as an Assistant Professor of Computer Science. He earned a B.S. from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and an M.B.A. and M.S. from the University of Rhode Island. Mr. Dietrich is coming to CU from Oakland, Calif.



Ms. Brittany N. Domingo has been hired as an Instructor in Athletic Training and the Clinical Coordinator of the Athletic Training Program. She earned both a B.A., and an M.A. from Concord. Ms. Domingo lives in Princeton, W.Va.





Dr. Carlowen A. Smith has been named an Assistant Professor of Physics. Dr. Smith received a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Ph.D. from Florida State University. He comes here from Durham, N.C.



Dr. Raymond B. Smith is joining CU's faculty as an Assistant Professor of Social Work. He holds a B.S.W. from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and earned an M.S.W., M.S., and Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. Dr. Smith comes to Concord from Columbia, S.C.



Dr. Mohyeedden S. Sweidan has been named an Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Dr. Sweidan received a B.S. and an M.S. from the University of Jordan and a Ph.D. from Central Michigan University. He comes here from Mount Pleasant, Mich.



Sr. Paula U. Ude is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at Concord having joined the faculty in January 2021. She earned a B.A. from St. Edwards University; an M.S.W. from Our Lady of the Lake University; and a D.S.W. from Millersville University. She came to Concord from Chandler, Texas.

Staff



Joshua Bish - Campus Police Officer



Emily Brown – Academic Program Associate – Registrar’s Office



John Galatic, CFO/Vice President of Business and Finance



Alison Hall – Athletic Trainer - Athletics

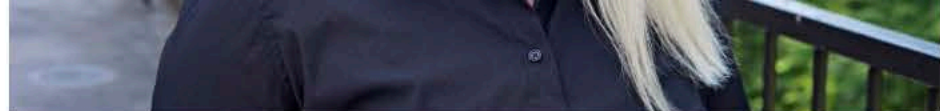


Ellie Lawrence – Athletic Trainer - Athletics



Alyssa Morris – Head Softball Coach – Athletics





Stacy Showe – Student Services Specialist – CACD



Lindsey Spangler – Director of Intramural Sports



Hung Chien Wu – Athletic Trainer - Athletics



Faculty and Staff Updates Announced for Fall Semester

Faculty

Promotions

- Dr. Joseph Allen, Distinguished Professor of Geology
- Dr. Adriana Falco, Associate Professor of Psychology
- Ms. Angela Fedele, Associate Professor of Social Work
- Dr. Anthony Patricia, Associate Professor of English
- Dr. Hong Yin, Associate Professor of Chemistry

Tenure

- Dr. Adriana Falco, Associate Professor of Psychology
- Ms. Angela Fedele, Associate Professor of Social Work
- Dr. Patricia Nishimoto, Associate Professor of Social Work
- Dr. Anthony Patricia, Associate Professor of English
- Dr. Hong Yin, Associate Professor of Chemistry

New/Additional Assignments/Titles

- Dr. Scott Inghram, Chair, Dept. of Social Work and Sociology
- Dr. Rodney Tigaa, Director of CU Rise
- Dr. Laura Wamsley, Director of Athletic Training Program

Retiring Faculty

- Dr. Terry Mullins, Education
- Dr. Elizabeth Roth, English
- Dr. Anita Reynolds, Education
(Retiring December 2021)

Change In Rank/Titles/Status

- Mr. William Bailey, Instructor in Media Studies/ Manager of Institutional Media Services
- Mr. Chase Bowman, Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Art
- Ms. Nola Gum, Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Social Work
- Dr. Tina Powell, Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of English

Staff Title Changes

- Shea Boothe, Assistant Controller
- Austin Clay, Director, Esports
- Lucinda Gonderman, Program Specialist
- Shawn Hatcher, Accounting Assistant II

HR Corner



The pandemic of 2020 – 2021 taught us to pivot or turn on a dime, often at dizzying speeds and with little or no warning. These words and phrases have become a part of life as we know it in the new normal, mid-pandemic world. We heeded the scout mantra to “be prepared” and have been able to face whatever came next. Our experience has taught us that we should never let life, like a sports competitor, catch us flatfooted. Rather, we should stay on our toes and be ready to move forward, back, sideways, up or down in response to changing circumstances. Our ability to pivot, is well, pivotal to our dealing with the uncertainty brought on by the pandemic, which rages on.

Change is the one thing that is unstoppable, continuous, and unchanging. When we thought we had bested COVID, at least I did and sighed with relief, enters Delta. This Delta is a killer and no kin to the soulful 12-bar Mississippi Delta Blues. The COVID Delta blues is the butt kicking virus that is threatening to overload our healthcare system. Our best chance for surviving and reducing the impact of the Delta surge is to be fully vaccinated and we embraced the vaccines. In fact, over 85% of Concord’s regular faculty and staff are fully vaccinated. I say congratulations and thank you for protecting yourself and others from the virus, including the Delta mutation.

Beside the popularized “pivot,” another word has entered our trendy jargon – “pivit.” To pivit means to hold one thought while we consider something altogether different. In other words, hold that thought. As we ponder the COVID threat and encouraging vaccinations to defeat it, we must also pivit, i.e., hold that thought as we consider how that our role is essential to developing those who will shape and are shaping our world.

I wanted to take this time to thank you. Thank you for what you do to serve our students and being vaccinated to help protect the health and safety of yourself and others. Thank you for pivoting to do what is necessary to serve our mission. And thank you for taking time to pivit, remembering why you do what you do as you face the challenges before us.

Pivot and pivit, both are pivotal for the campus and community and world.

Submitted by:
Daniel Fitzpatrick
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Chief Human Resources Officer

Please submit items to be considered for publication in the October 2021 issue to sdalton@concord.edu by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. Thank you.

Please note that it is up to the discretion of the Office of Advancement as to which items will be published and that items may be edited due to space, style guidelines, timeliness, content, and appropriateness.

Also, if a photograph is submitted, it is understood that the Office of Advancement has permission from all persons appearing in the photograph to publish the photograph.