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Dear Parents,

Welcome to another great year at Concord University! We are excited to meet our newest Mountain Lions—our first-time freshmen and transfer students—and reconnect with our returning students and families. Please know that the CU staff and faculty are here to help your students have the best and most successful college experience possible.

Please encourage your students to take advantage of the many activities and support services available. We have an abundance of fun and educational offerings, from academic support services in the form of tutoring, faculty academic advising, and mentoring, to career preparation, academic and social clubs/organizations/honor societies, Greek Life, service activities, and a plethora of organized campus activities. Research shows that students who are involved in campus life are more likely to remain in college and graduate.

There's a lot happening the first couple of months on the Campus Beautiful. See the [Upcoming Events](#) calendar on the CU homepage for a full list of offerings.

Also know that the Parents Club remains a free resource for you to connect with campus. So, please, call on us if you have questions or concerns. We want your Concord University connection to be as positive as your student's experience.

On behalf of the Parents Club Committee, we wish you and your students a successful year!

Best wishes and peace,  
*Marjie*

Vice President of Student Affairs  
& Dean of Students



# Academic Schedule

## Fall 2015

Aug. 15	Move-In Day (New students & families)
Aug. 16	Move-In Day (Returning students and families) Athens Town Social
Aug. 17	Classes Begin, Monday, 8:00am
Aug. 18	Late Registration Fee Begins
Sept. 4	Last Day to Pay Fees
Sept. 4	Last Day for Adding a Course, Friday, 4:00pm
Sept. 7	Holiday - Labor Day, No Classes
Sept. 15	Graduation Fair, 9:30am-2:00pm, Ballroom (December Grads)
Sept. 23	Last day to Make Application for December Graduation, 4:00pm
Oct. 10	Homecoming
Oct. 15-16	Fall Break, No Classes, Thursday & Friday
Oct. 26-Nov. 6	Advising for Course Selection for Spring 2016 Semester
Oct. 30	Last day for Dropping a Course with Grade of "W" or Changing Course Status from Credit to Audit, 4:00pm
Nov. 2-11	Course selection for Spring 2016 Semester
Nov. 23-27	Thanksgiving Recess, No Classes
Nov. 30	Last Day to Officially Withdraw from the University
Dec. 4	Last Class Day
Dec. 7-11	Fall Semester Exams
Dec. 12	Commencement & Alumni Day

## Spring 2016

Jan. 11	Classes Begin, Monday, 8:00am
Jan. 12	Late Registration Fee Begins
Jan. 18	Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No Classes
Feb. 19	Last day for making application for May graduation 4:00pm
Mar. 14-18	Spring Break Recess, No Classes
Mar. 28-Apr. 8	Advising for course selection for Summer and Fall 2014
Mar. 30-Apr. 8	Course selection for Summer and Fall 2016
April 29	Last Class Day
May 2-6	Spring Semester Exams
May 7	Commencement & Alumni Day

# Financial Aid and Business Office News

*Debbie Turner, Financial Aid Director, Vickie Blankenship, Business Manager*

The Financial Aid and Business office staff members extend a warm welcome to our new students and families and a “*Welcome Back!*” to our returning students and parents. Please let us know how we can help you throughout the year.

Please be aware of the following important procedures regarding tuition, fees, course schedule changes and financial aid. Much of this information is new for the 2015-16 academic year.

**Confirm Attendance:** Students must confirm their attendance for Fall 2015 semester by the first day of classes. Instructions appear on your billing statement.

**Schedule Changes:** Changes to Fall 2015 class schedules can be made through August 21, 2015. After this date, if a student withdraws from a class they will receive a grade of “W” that will appear on their official academic transcript. Students will also be charged for the course’s tuition and/or course fees. The course then counts towards their percentage of completion for Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP). To summarize, dropping a class prior to August 21, 2015 will avoid the class appearing on their transcript, avoid course fees, and will not count towards the financial aid percentage of completion.

**Financial Aid Refund (Check Change):** Financial aid refunds—“check change”—will not be disbursed until Monday, August 24, 2015 to allow for schedule changes made during the first week of classes. Students must complete all financial aid requirements before financial aid will be applied to accounts.

For students who receive check change on the Concord One-Card (Student ID), check change may be available beginning at 5pm on Friday, August 21, 2015. Students must opt-in via [www.concord.edu/onecard](http://www.concord.edu/onecard). For students who prefer a paper check, check change will be available for pick up at the Cashier window beginning Monday, August 24, 2015. Cashier hours are Monday-Friday 8:30am to 3:30pm.

For first-time borrowers, loan funds are disbursed 30 days from the first day of the term.

**Please note:** Check change will be distributed at the earliest possible date/time, but all requirements must be completed as early as possible. Requirements include: confirming attendance, finalizing the course schedule, supplying Financial Aid with all requested information and documents, completing loan entrance counseling, etc.

For students to monitor their financial aid award accounts, click the, costs and payment info via MyCU Student tab.

MyCU student accounts should be checked regularly – not only for financial aid info, but also for important university announcements.

All university offices communicate with students via email. Failure to read an email could result in students being uninformed or missing deadlines.



Please contact the [Business Office](#) (304-384-5212 or 5972), [Registrar](#) (304-384-5236), or [Financial Aid Office](#) (304-384-6069) if you have questions.



**Textbook Purchases:** All students can purchase fall semester textbooks prior to the start of the term through the Concord University Campus Store (Follett Higher Education Group) either online ([www.concord.bkstr.com](http://www.concord.bkstr.com)) or in-store purchase. For students who plan to use check change to purchase textbooks, up to \$750 of your refund can be applied to your fall textbook order. Students will be notified through your Concord email when purchasing can begin. All orders using check change must be picked-up in-store with a valid Concord ID.

### **Federal Student Aid ID (FSA) Replaces FAFSA PIN!**

As of May 10, 2015, the federal government has eliminated the FAFSA PIN number and replaced it with a Federal Student Aid User ID and password (FSA ID). Both students and parents will need separate FSA ID's. Several YouTube videos are available to demonstrate how to complete the form, however please note that these are not officially produced by Federal Student Aid. A Frequently Asked Questions page is also available (<https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/pub/faq.htm>) from FSA. The process can take a couple of days, so be sure to start the process early and apply for the FSA ID before you actually need to use it!

Please note that you will need a FSA ID to electronically sign Federal Student Aid documents, log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites, access your federal financial aid information, and more.

If you have problems with the FSA ID process, please contact 1-800-4FED-AID or 1-800-433-3243 or chat live via <https://fafsa.ed.gov/help.htm>. For other Concord University financial aid questions, please contact [finaid@concord.edu](mailto:finaid@concord.edu), phone 304-384-6069, or visit the CU Financial Aid webpage via <http://www.concord.edu/admissions/financial-aid>.

**Federal Work Study:** This year, the Financial Aid Office awarded federal work-study funds to as many eligible students as possible. As stated in your students' award letter, awarding federal work-study does not guarantee a job. Students must secure a position on campus and complete all required employment documents. Available positions are listed on the CU website at <https://jobs.concord.edu>.

There are limited amount of federal work-study and CU Connect funds, so commitment of these funds will be on a first-come first served basis to students who secure a job, complete employment paperwork (forms located at [www.concord.edu](http://www.concord.edu), under Current Students then Student Employment), and submit requested documents to the Business Office. We want students to learn the skills needed to be excellent employees once they earn their CU degree!

# Student Activities Committee

Courtesy of Student Activities Director Andrew Sulgit

Student Activities Committee is excited to host a bunch of great events to start the 2015-2016 year out, beginning with a live performance by two regional musicians on Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> for new CU students! Randy Gilkey, who has played thousands of performances in his lifetime, will entertain parents and students alike as they say their goodbyes at the "Parent Send-Off Reception" that Saturday at 4:00pm. Later that evening, nationally-known indie-rock sensations "Beyond Beyond" will rock the valley at Concord University, with free food and prizes for students!

That same weekend, Concord University incoming students will learn about the responsible way to approach alcohol in college at "A Shot of Reality," followed by one of the all-time-favorite opening weekend icebreaker events, "Playfair." That night, they will have an opportunity to dance and mentally prepare themselves for classes the next day at "DisOrientation," a live social event with two DJs, snacks, and massive prizes.

August 17<sup>th</sup>, comedian Corey Rodrigues will delight audiences with his inspired and hilarious brand of comedy. Corey has performed at many other colleges and universities, and looks forward to his inaugural voyage on the Subway Stage!



Corey Rodrigues

August 19<sup>th</sup>, "Furious 7" will be shown in the Concord University Valley, projected on a HUGE screen and sound system, with free popcorn and movie candy provided. This movie will not be on Netflix, Redbox, or DVD for months, and students can look forward to seeing this action-packed film on an authentic screen!

August 26<sup>th</sup>, the "Stunt Army" from North Carolina, will bring their motorcycles to campus to perform gravity and physics-defying stunts for the entertainment of all watching. Known as the premiere stunt group in the mid-Atlantic, Charlie Ross and his crew have worked to earn that title through years of hard work and incredible stunts. They leave everyone within sight asking, "How did they do that?"

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, brings "My Only Safe Haven" back to the Subway Stage! Playing a mixture of power-punk, this band features several Concord University students, and was an audience favorite last show.

September 9<sup>th</sup>, Louis Paul, the "Balloon-Guy" will create balloon sculptures based on student's individual requests, for FOUR STRAIGHT HOURS! He has amazed many campuses with his abilities, and shown many the artistic possibilities that can be created with just balloons!

September 16<sup>th</sup>, we will once again sell \$5 movie passes to Marquee Cinemas. This has gotten to be one of the favorite events we hold, and many times the tickets sell out in less than an hour! These passes allow students to see any showing at Marquee Cinemas in Beckley, WV, for \$5, and allow even those on a "college budget" to enjoy one of the coolest movie theaters in the region.



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## Beckley Campus News

### Stuff the Bus!!

On Friday July 31st and Saturday August 1st Concord University's Beckley Campus collected donations of school supplies from the local community to help *Stuff the Bus*. The donations collected will be provided to children in Southern WV. This is the third year for the collection. Supplies from the last two collections have been donated to Raleigh, Fayette, Summers, Mercer, and Wyoming Counties.

Event Coordinator Pam Wallace states, "Without the support of local businesses and other members of our community the success of this event would not be possible. A local teacher stopped and explained that her classroom had received supplies from the collection last year and that it was such a blessing. She stated that during the year they often run out of supplies and kids will sometimes just give up, but she was able to go to the storage closet and grab the supplies they needed. We are not just providing a pencil or notebook we are providing a way for our students to be successful." The kids in our community benefit from this collection and the need grows each year.

We are excited to be traveling to Kanawha County this year on August 14th and August 15th. We will be set up with 96.1 The Wolf at the Southridge WalMart. The collection will be from 6-9pm on the 14th and 12-3 on the 15th. For more information about this collection please contact us at [beckley@concord.edu](mailto:beckley@concord.edu) or call 304-384-5614. Business Sponsors needed!

Dr. Lori Pace's Sociology students will be volunteering often throughout fall semester! To support October domestic violence awareness, the following events are planned: a Food Fundraiser at the HEC on Sept 9; sponsoring a Chili Night booth for the Women's Resource Center Oct 3; supporting the WRC's Candlelight Vigil Oct 10; and handing out candy at Tailgate Halloween for Just for Kids Child Advocacy Oct 31. Additionally, the Violence in America students will attend a "Stewards of Children" training created to educate and prevent child sexual assault.



**Stuff the Bus! L to R: CU Alumni Nancy Shannon, Pam Wallace, Beckley Campus Director Dr. Susan Williams, Student Farris Keaton, & Tara Taylor**

# **CONCORD UNIVERSITY RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR FOR GEAR UP INVOLVEMENT** (Media Release by Sarah Dalton)

**ATHENS, W.Va. – Concord University has been recognized nationally for work with a program that assists students in West Virginia in preparing to enter and succeed in college.**

**The National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCEP) named Concord University the 2015 national “GEAR UP Community Partner of the Year.” The announcement was made on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 during the organization’s National Conference in San Francisco. The National Council for Community and Education Partnerships is a “non-profit, non-partisan organization working to increase access to higher education for economically disadvantaged students.”**

**Concord was recognized for its support of the West Virginia GEAR UP program, a federally funded grant program that helps students from low-income areas prepare for college. West Virginia GEAR UP serves more than 5,000 students annually in 10 West Virginia counties. The project is coordinated by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission under the leadership of Dr. Adam Green, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, which received its second consecutive GEAR UP grant last year.**

**“Concord University has supported West Virginia GEAR UP from the beginning,” Melissa Gattuso, College Access and Success Program Director for West Virginia GEAR UP, said in her nomination of Concord for the award. “Our first Student Leadership Academy was held at Concord. Our first *GEAR UP U!* was held at Concord. Concord was one of the first colleges to join our Text 4 Success Campaign. They host our College Prep Rally during College Application and Exploration Week. They host two College Goal Sunday sites. They support our College Decisions Days.”**

**Additionally, Concord has worked with elementary, middle and high school teachers to integrate college preparation activities within area schools and has offered more than half a million dollars in scholarships to students graduating from high schools participating in the GEAR UP program.**

**“The entirety of Concord University works together to provide experiences, opportunities, and support to West Virginia GEAR UP students, faculty, staff, and communities. Concord University’s dedication to students has touched many lives and the good people of Concord University are revered as family to West Virginia GEAR UP,” the NCCEP conference brochure stated.**

**Dr. Marjie Flanigan, Vice President of Student Affairs at Concord University, traveled to the NCCEP National Conference in San Francisco to accept the award. “This is an outstanding honor for our university,” Dr. Flanigan said. “We believe it is a key part of our mission to make sure that all West Virginians have access to high-quality higher education programs. Our collaboration with the GEAR UP project has helped us work hand-in-hand with our communities to eliminate and overcome barriers that might prevent students from pursuing their dreams of earning a college diploma.”**

**In a special ceremony at Concord on Monday, July 27, Dr. Flanigan and Ms. Gattuso presented the award to the University’s President, Dr. Kendra Boggess. Dr. Boggess acknowledged the efforts of Dr. Flanigan, the Admissions Office staff, and all others involved in GEAR UP. “How very proud we are of all of the work that has been accomplished in Concord’s GEAR UP program and grant,” she said.**

**GEAR UP, which stands for “Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs,” is a national initiative funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The program provides services to approximately 551,000 students in low-income schools across 43 states and 1 territory.**



Concord University served as a college partner for the following schools in the 2014-2015 academic year: Fayette County: Ansted and Collins middle schools, Meadow Bridge, Midland Trail, Oak Hill, and Valley high schools; McDowell County: Mount View and River View high schools; Mercer County: Bluefield Middle and Bluefield High School, Glenwood K-8, Montcalm High School, PikeView and Princeton middle schools; Summers County: Summers Middle and Summers High School; and Wyoming County: Westside and Wyoming East high schools.

More information about the Community Partner of the Year Award can be found at the NCCEP website, [www.edpartnerships.org](http://www.edpartnerships.org) (link is external).



**Melissa Gattuso, College Access and Success Program Director for West Virginia GEAR UP, left, presents the “GEAR UP Community Partner of the Year” award to Concord University President Dr. Kendra Boggess, right.**



**Dr. Marjie Flanigan receives the award in San Francisco from Ranjit Sidhu, President and CEO of NCCEP**

# News from David R. Bard **Study Abroad**

Even a London tube strike couldn't dampen the excitement or the experience of this year's David R. Bard Study abroad program to the United Kingdom and France! Fourteen students and their sponsors traveled throughout the U.K. and caught such memorable moments as watching Serena Williams on the big screen on the lawn of Wimbledon; enjoyed a jousting exhibition at Hampton Court, London; witnessed the Tour de France; stood in awe in front of famous artwork at the Louvre to name a few of the favorite of many memories.



As former David R. Bard students have noted, study abroad trips provide students with life-changing experiences. Students gain first-hand insight as to how another culture and government functions. Many students got to see, for the first time, a life outside the mountains of West Virginia. The students received an opportunity to discover an independence and exhilarating part of themselves that might not have been found if it were not for the trip. Cheerio, mates!

## **Geography News** (Submitted Dr. Joe Manzo, Professor of Geography)

On August 5<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup>, the Concord University Geography department took West Virginia teachers and higher education faculty to the annual meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education. The teachers' expenses will be covered by a Benedum grant project in which they participated. Also in attendance will be CU faculty Tom Saladyga, Shimantini Shome, and Joe Manzo. Marshall faculty in attendance will be Josh Hagen and Kevin Law. Anne McConnell will represent WV State University. Tom Saladyga, Shimantini Shome and Joe Manzo will be making presentations. The following teachers will attend: Anne Endres, Josh Fix, Mary Harless, Katherine Hinson, Michael Kitchen, Johnathan Mayne, Terri Meadows, Robert Miller, Sherri Mitchem, Rebekah Newell, Brian O'Connell, Linda Poff, Austin Price, Melissa Spratt, Rick Sharpe, and Carla Snell.



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Russia Exchange student Anastasiia Vorobeva spent the fall semester of 2014 at Concord University. Anastasiia took classes in Recreation and Tourism, her major, and a geography class. She worked in the geography department for those three months. While in the United States, Anastasiia traveled to the Cherokee reservation in North Carolina. She also visited the National Geographic Society in Washington, DC, where she and her fellow students met with the Chief Cartographer for the National Geographic magazine. Ms. Vorobeva and her fellow students also spent time at the museums on the National Mall. Her final excursion while at Concord University was a visit to the University of Georgia for an academic geography meeting. Dr. Roy Ramthun and Dr. Joe Manzo are responsible for translating the spirit of the story that appeared in the Volga State University student newspaper. The story itself speaks to the hospitality, support, and travel she experienced while at Concord University. She notes how welcome our institution made her feel. Upon her return to Russia, she finished her undergraduate degree in Tourism Management. She accepted a position in the international office of Volga State University. She is looking forward to her next visit to the United States.



Russian student newspaper featuring Anastasiia Vorobeva & Concord University

## More Geography Department News

May 11-18 2015: Geography students Chance Raso ('15) and Katie Testerman ('16) assisted Dr. Saladyga in collecting fire-scarred tree samples at Spring Mountain in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania (see Dr. Saladyga's research at <http://www.saladyga-egl.com/research>). Katie also recorded bird sounds at multiple sites across the study area, which she will use to assess species composition within different forest types. Chance will be starting the graduate program in Geography at Virginia Tech in the fall of 2015.



## News from **Fine Arts**

Assistant Professor of Art Kevin Bennington currently has an exhibition of his works, entitled *Time 4 Influence continued*, at the Chuck Mathena Center (CMC) in Princeton, WV. The show runs through September 18<sup>th</sup>. Bennington graduated with a B.A. in Graphic Design and Studio Art from Concord University in 2000 and received his terminal M.F.A. degree from Art Institute–Miami International University of Art & Design in 2009. After working as a graphic designer for eight years in Concord’s PR/Marketing Office, he began teaching at CU, a position he has greatly enjoyed for the past seven years.

As Bennington notes, “I am a native of the West Virginia Mountains and I have a strong connection to my environment where I enjoy fishing, hiking and other outdoor activities. As a graphic designer, artist and professor I feel that I have a deep-seated responsibility to produce good morals and practices.”



# Orientation 2015

New for 2015, this year's entering class participated in one of four Orientation sessions. Students and their families heard important information from campus administrators about Concord's offerings and processes, met with faculty and Division Chairs, received course schedules, had their photo ID's made, interacted with current Concord student leaders, had their questions answered, and participated in campus tours. It was an exciting time on campus! What a wonderful way to welcome our entering class of 2019 and their families!



Admissions Counselor Molly Sanborn greets Students and families



Question & Answer session



Our amazing Orientation Leaders 2015!



CU President Dr. Kendra Boggess welcomes students and families

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## **FERPA: Has Your Student Given You Permission?**

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; the FERPA release is on the MyCU front page. The rest of the process is simple: Students will click on FERPA release and follow the instructions. It's a good idea to have your student complete the FERPA release now. Then it will be available, if needed—even if you never need to call us for specific information about your student.

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## **Calling All Seniors, Juniors, & Sophomores for New Tradition!**

This year during our Welcome Week, we have invited our upperclassmen to participate in Freshman Convocation by welcoming our newest students to campus. The task is simple: Upperclassmen will line up on either side of the sidewalk from the Carter Center to the Alexander Fine Arts Center and applaud as faculty lead our newest class of Mountain Lions to the Auditorium for Convocation. This is a reversal of the path students walk upon graduation. Those interested in helping must arrive at the Carter Center by 2:40pm on Monday, August 17, 2015. Three pm classes have been cancelled for this event. If interested in helping us with this new tradition, please contact Lora Woolwine via [lwoolwine@concord.edu](mailto:lwoolwine@concord.edu) or 304-384-5224 to sign up. A limited number of t-shirts are available for helping, so be sure to sign up soon!

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## **Welcome Week 2015!!**

### **Move-In Day/Welcome Week Kick Start**

Whether your student is new to Concord or returning for another year, we are excited to announce a full schedule of activities for Welcome Week 2015! The schedule below provides an outline of some of the events planned for first-timers and returners. First-time freshmen, be sure to note that Move-In Day is

Saturday, August 15th. For our returners, residence hall check-in is Sunday, August 16th. Please note that individual events are subject to change. Please check your email for updates.

### **Saturday, August 15, 2015**

8am-2pm - Starbucks - Jerry & Jean Beasley Student Center Ground Floor

8am-4pm - Student Affairs and Residence Life Office - Student Center 201

8:30am-Midnight - Residence Hall FRESHMEN/NEW STUDENT check-in

9am-4pm - Various Campus Offices

Admissions- Marsh Hall 208

Business Office- Marsh Hall 227

Financial Aid- Marsh Hall 204

Libby Alvis Dining Hall - Student Center 204

Parking Permits - (9am-3:30pm) - Rahall Technology Center 105

Registrar- Marsh Hall 202

Technology- Rahall Technology Center 254

Welcome Center- Student Center 205

9am-5pm - Follett Campus Store- Student Center 101

10am-1:30pm - Brunch in the Libby Alvis Dining Hall (student meal plan begins) - Student Center

10am-2pm - SUBWAY Restaurant- Student Center Ground Floor

3pm-3:45pm - Commuter Student Meeting in Subway Sides, Student Center Ground Floor

3pm-3:45pm - Parents Club Meeting, Stateroom, Student Center 2nd Floor

**4pm-6pm - Parent Send-Off Reception, Campus Main Lawn**

7:30-8:30pm - Residence Hall Meetings

9pm - First Night Welcome, Music by "Beyond Beyond", with prizes & pizza - Student Center Valley (Subway Stage, Student Center, if rain)

### **Sunday, August 16, 2015**

10am-Midnight - Residence Hall RETURNING STUDENT check-in

10am-4pm - Follett Campus Store- Student Center 101

10:30am-1:30pm - Libby Alvis Dining Hall - Student Center

12:30pm-1pm - Freshmen Meet with CU Welcome Ambassadors

1pm-1:45pm - On-Campus Employment Meeting. **MANDATORY** that you attend if interested in on-campus employment, Ballroom, Student Center 3rd Floor

2pm-5pm - "Athens and Concord University: A Community United" Town Social - Campus Front Lawn (meal plan for residential students)

5pm - "Shot of Reality" Alcohol Awareness Program, Main Auditorium, Alexander Fine Arts Center (Required for all University 100 students)

7pm - PLAYFAIR Interactive Community Building Program, Ballroom, Student Center 3rd Floor (Required for all University 100 students)

9pm - "Disorientation" Party with food, prizes, and two live DJs- Subway Stage, Student Center

### **Monday, August 17, 2015-(Classes Begin)**

9am-5pm - Beyond the Wall Huge Poster Sale-Student Center ground floor lobby

**3pm - Freshman Convocation** (Required for all University 100 students) New students meet in the Carter Center and walk over together to the Main Auditorium, Fine Arts Center- followed by First-Year Tree Planting Ceremony

9pm - Comedian "Corey Rodrigues"- Student Center, Subway Stage



## **Tuesday, August 18, 2015**

9am-5pm - Beyond the Wall Huge Poster Sale- Student Center ground floor lobby

12pm-1pm - Transfer Student Orientation- AB Conference Room, Student Center 3rd Floor

3pm-5pm - CU Community Fair- (Organizations, Fraternities, Sororities, Academic Divisions, and Offices have booths with information, prizes, games, and giveaways) - Ballroom, Student Center 3rd Floor

## **Wednesday, August 19, 2015**

4:30pm – Natural Science Orientation (required for all freshmen Science majors); Pizza get-together; meet your advisor and upperclass students in your major; Rahall 304

6pm - Freshman Class Picture - (free freshman t-shirt) Fine Arts Center Lawn

(Required for all University 100 students)

7pm - Sex Signals Interactive Dating Program-Main Auditorium, Fine Arts Center

(Required for all University 100 students)

9pm - BIG OUTDOOR MOVIE - Student Center Valley (Ballroom, Student Center 3rd Floor, if rain)

## **Thursday, August 20, 2015**

7pm - CONCORD NIGHT with the Princeton Rays, Hunnicutt Stadium in Princeton, WV. The Princeton Rays are a Minor League Baseball Affiliate of the MLB Tampa Rays. Admission is FREE for Concord Students (bring your student ID). Don't forget to wear maroon and gray! Van transportation provided from the Student Center parking lot at 6:00pm (limited seats available)

**NOTE: Many offices will have extended hours from Monday through Thursday during Welcome Week. Business Office, Registrar, Financial Aid, Academic Dean, Student Affairs, & more: 8am to 5pm**

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## **Athens-Concord Town Social 2015: A Community United**

This year's Athens-Concord Town Social will be held Sunday, August 16 from 2-5pm on the front lawn of campus. The Town Social features live music, children's games, crafts, vendors, informational displays, and lots of fun! This is the first year that the Town Social will coincide with CU's Welcome Week, displaying town hospitality to CU's new and returning students and faculty. This free event is celebrating its 29<sup>th</sup> year! We hope to CU there!!



## Sign Up for CU Parents Club Text Messages

CU Parents, now you can 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](http://www.remind.com/join/cuparents) or text the message “@cuparents” (without quotes) to (304) 241-2045.

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## Emergency Text Alert System

CU has a text messaging alert system that is used to notify students of on-campus security, safety, and weather-related notices. You can easily register for this service by going to <http://sms.concord.edu/>. If you have any questions, please call the IT Help Desk at 304-384-5291 or via email at [cuhelpdesk@concord.edu](mailto:cuhelpdesk@concord.edu).

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## Academic Support Services

Concord University is well-known for providing quality education to students. To ensure that students are successful with their coursework, we offer a host of academic support services. Please encourage your students to take advantage of these *free* services. Listed below are several of the available resources, but if additional assistance is needed, please let us know and we will be happy to assist, whenever possible.

**Student Support Services (SSS):** SSS is a federally-funded TRIO program for students who are first-generation (parents do not have a four-year college degree), limited income, or for students with disabilities. SSS provides comprehensive services, including one-on-one tutoring, workshops, peer and professional mentoring, financial aid assistance, assistance applying for graduate school, and more to the 200 program participants served each year. Students interested in SSS are encouraged to apply. Stop by the SSS office in Room 202 of the Student Center or complete an online application via <http://hub.concord.edu/sss/>.

**SMARTHINKING:** SMARTHINKING is a free on-line tutoring program that provides tutors 24/7 for most subjects, plus writing skills and resume preparation. Students must first sign-up through their MyCU account using their MyCU email address.

**Academic Success Center (ASC):** The ASC is a one-stop-shop for academic support services. Located off of the Rahall Atrium, the friendly ASC staff assists students with everything a student needs to be successful in college. If they don't know an answer to a

question, they will find someone who can help. Some of the services offered by the ASC are highlighted below.

**Drop-In Tutoring:** Concord has an extensive peer drop-in tutoring program available from noon to 8pm in key campus locations, including the Library, Student Center Study Lounge, Rahall Atrium, and Towers Residence Hall. Visit <https://apps.concord.edu/tutoring/> to find the drop-in tutoring schedule. The Fall 2015 link will be updated by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of classes. Prior to the 3<sup>rd</sup> week, please contact ASC or SSS for assistance.

**Study Skills:** Learn how to focus your study time for best results. Contact the ASC or SSS for information. Individual and group assistance with study skills are provided.

**Khan Academy:** Khan Academy is a free online resource that offers instructional videos (over 3,200!), practice exercises, a personalized learning dashboard, and more in almost any subject, as well as standardized test prep (SAT, GRE, GMAT, MCAT, and more). Visit <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

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## Athletics

**CU Athletics** anticipates a great year with many exciting times to come. We invite all Mountain Lion fans to attend as many events as possible. We are extremely proud of our Student-Athletes and the hard work they perform in the classroom and in their sport!

To see a full schedule of athletic events, visit <http://www.cumountainlions.com/calendar.aspx>



Join us at Hunnicutt Field in Princeton, WV for Concord Day at the Princeton Rays!! CU there

# SGA 2015-2016 Officers

... And the 2015-2016 Concord University SGA officers are:

**President:** Ms. Ronni Wood, Senior English major

**Vice President:** Mr. Ryan Lilly, Senior Education major (Social Studies)

**Business Manager:** Ms. Mikaela Shaver, Senior Business major

**Parliamentarian:** Ms. Amanda Woods, Junior Sociology Major

**Commissioner:** Ms. Shelby Yancey, Junior Biology major

**Board of Governors Representative:** Mr. Adam Rose, Senior Education major (English)

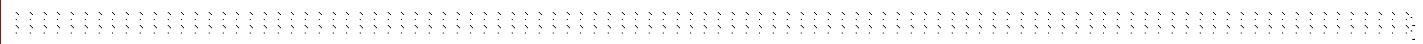
**Ombudsman:** Currently Vacant

**Faculty Advisor:** Dr. Charles Brichford

**Student Affairs Advisor:** Mr. Andrew Sulgit

**SGA meetings:** Every Wednesday, 4:00pm in the Student Center State Room. Everyone welcome!

For more information visit the SGA website <http://concorduniversitysga.weebly.com/> , stop by the SGA Office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Student Center, or call 304-384-5147. Like us on Facebook: *Concord University SGA.*



## Important Numbers

<b>Main Phone</b>	<b>1-800-344-6679</b>
<b>Academic Success Center</b>	<b>1-304-384-6074</b>
<b>Admissions</b>	<b>1-888-384-5249 Or 1-304-384-5248</b>
<b>Beckley Center</b>	<b>1-304-256-0270</b>
<b>Business Office</b>	<b>1-304-384-5234</b>
<b>Counseling Center</b>	<b>1-304-384-5290</b>
<b>Disability Services</b>	<b>1-304-384-6086</b>
<b>Financial Aid</b>	<b>1-304-384-6069</b>
<b>Housing</b>	<b>1-304-384-5231</b>
<b>Police</b>	<b>1-304-384-5357</b>
<b>Registrar</b>	<b>1-304-384-5236</b>
<b>Student Affairs</b>	<b>1-304-384-5256</b>
<b>Student Support Services</b>	<b>1-304-384-6088</b>
<b>Title IX Coordinator</b>	<b>1-304-384-6035</b>