

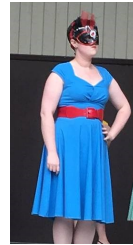


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# THE CONCORD UNIVERSITY PARENT'S CLUB SCOOP

Dear Parents and Families,

We're gearing up for another great year at CU! It's hard to believe fall semester classes begin Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. We would like to welcome all the new Mt. Lions into the CU family. We'd also like to bid a fond farewell to long-time student supporter and Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Marjie Flanigan, who retired this summer. We wish her a happy retirement and much gratitude for all that she has done for CU and students over the years!

As the new academic year gets underway, you can keep up with CU events and important student deadlines by checking out our new online [University Calendar](#). Please encourage your students to check this regularly as well. Lots of research on college student success shows that students who are engaged in campus life are more likely to be successful.

Please know that many free resources are available to assist your students with maximizing their college success. The [Academic Success Center \(ASC\)](#), located off of the Rahall atrium, is a one-stop shop for any student with questions or needing a little extra assistance. Drop-in and on-line 24/7 tutoring, study skills information, academic advice, help knowing and utilizing resources, and more are available through the ASC. We also have a [Counseling Center](#), located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Student Center, which offers free counseling services for CU students who seek assistance with personal or college related issues.

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

Best wishes,

*Sarah Beasley*

Vice President of Student Affairs &  
Dean of Students

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# CALENDAR

- August 6-10—New Student Registration by *Appointment*
- August 11—*Residence Halls open*—8:00 AM
- August 13—Classes Begin
- August 13-17—Schedule Changes (Add/Drop) without monetary penalty
- August 14—Late registration fee begins
- August 17—Last day for changing course status to Audit “AU” - by 4:00 PM
- August 17—Last day for adding a course (instructor signature required) - by 4:00 PM
- August 20—CU night at the P-Rays
- August 21—Auditions for *The Crucible*—4:30 PM in the Paul Theater—all welcome to audition
- August 28—auditions for Student Directed Plays—4:30 PM in the Paul Theater—all welcome to audition
- August 31—Last day to pay fees
- August 31—Last day to submit a financial aid or academic appeal—by 4:00 PM
- September 3—Labor Day holiday (no classes)
- September 7—Last day to apply for Spring 2019 Professional Semester (student teaching) - by 4:00 PM
- September 19—Last day for making application for Undergraduate and Graduate December graduation without late fees—by 4:00 PM
- October 6—Homecoming
- October 8—Mid-semester grade reports grades due—by 4:00 PM
- October 15-November 2—Advising for course selection, 2019 Spring semester
- October 29 -November 9—Course selection, 2019 Spring semester (for students presently enrolled)
- November 2—Last day to drop courses with a grade of “W” - by 4:00 PM
- November 7-10—*The Crucible*—Paul Theater at 7:00 PM
- November 16—*Residence Halls close*—5:00 PM
- November 19-23—Thanksgiving Recess (no classes)
- November 25—*Residence Halls re-open*—10:00 AM
- November 30—Last day to officially withdraw from the university—by 4:00 PM
- November 30—Last day of classes
- December 3—Fall semester exams begin
- December 7—Fall semester ends
- December 7—*Residence Halls close*—5:00 PM

# REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DO YOU WANT YOUR FALL CHECK CHANGE?

In order for your financial aid to be applied to your student account (and for you to get your refund) all of the following must be done:

- 2018-2019 FAFSA filed
- Completion of Verification Documents
- Meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Accept any loans you wish to borrow
- Completed Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note for first-time borrowers (available at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov))
- Confirmation of Attendance (click the link in the email from student accounts)
- All of your awards showing on your account?

Check the Financial Aid tab in your MyCU account to check the status of your awards and eligibility!

### ACTIVATE YOUR BANKMOBILE CAMPUS ID

Follow the instructions in your enrollment kit.

### SELECT YOUR REFUND PREFERENCE

Log in to your BankMobile account and view your preferences.

### NEED YOUR REFUND TO PURCHASE BOOKS?

You don't have to wait! You can now purchase your textbooks before you receive your refund. Check your MyCU email for notification from the campus bookstore.

### PAYMENT PLANS STILL AVAILABLE

Can't quite afford your entire tuition/fees right now? It is not too late to set up a payment plan! The first payment is still due now, but contact the Student Accounts Office for more information.

### PARKING DECALS

Have a car on campus? You **MUST** register your vehicle at [www.concord.edu/parking](http://www.concord.edu/parking)  
Decals are \$25 per semester, and are paid for, picked up, and renewed at the Student Accounts Office, Marsh Hall Room 226.

Questions about your Financial Aid? Call 304-384-6069 or 304-384-5359.

Questions about your BankMobile account, advance textbook purchase, payment plans, or parking decals? Call 304-384-5212 or 304-384-5972.



## 2018-2019 FAFSA

Have you filed your 2018-2019 FAFSA? If not, please complete the FAFSA at

[www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)



### Upcoming Alumni Events

CU After Hours Alumni & Student Mixer  
Campestre—Princeton  
Tuesday, August 7, 2018  
5-7 PM

Monday, August 20, 2018  
Wear your Concord gear and get in FREE! Special gift for CU alumni, students and staff!



CU After Hours Alumni & Student Mixer  
University Point  
Thursday, September 20, 2018  
5-7 PM

Contact [advancement@concord.edu](mailto:advancement@concord.edu) for more details!



## CONCORD UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING

See the full schedule of Homecoming events at:  
<https://www.concord.edu/advancement/node/80>

If you are in the Shepherdstown area we hope you will join us as we cheer on the Mountain Lions!



YANKEE CHAPTER ALUMNI  
**tailgate**  
CONCORD VS. SHEPHERD



Saturday, September 29, 2018  
Tailgate: 10am | Kickoff: 12pm

# UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

- Aug. 30—Women's Soccer @ King—1:00 PM  
Aug. 30—Men's Soccer @ King—4:00 PM  
Aug. 30-Sept. 1—Women's Volleyball—Tony Banner Memorial Tournament—Clarion, PA  
Aug. 31—Cross Country @ Hokie Invite—TBA  
Sept. 1—Football @ WV Wesleyan—12:00 PM  
Sept. 2—Women's Soccer vs. Felician—1:00 PM  
Sept. 5—Men's Soccer vs. Urbana—3:30 PM  
Sept. 5—Women's Soccer @ Wingate—7:00 PM  
Sept. 6-8—Women's Volleyball—Concord Classic—Beckley & Athens, WV  
Sept. 6—Football vs. Charleston—7:00 PM  
Sept. 7—Cross Country @ Golden Bear Classic—TBA  
Sept. 9—Men's Soccer @ Shepherd—12:00 PM  
Sept. 9—Women's Soccer @ Shepherd—2:30 PM  
Sept. 12—Men's Soccer @ Notre Dame—4:00 PM  
Sept. 14—Cross Country @ Virginia/Panorama Farms Invite—10:00 AM  
Sept. 14—Women's Volleyball @ WV Wesleyan—7:00 PM  
Sept. 15—Football @ UVA-Wise—1:00 PM  
Sept. 15—Women's Volleyball @ Glenville State—5:00 PM  
Sept. 15—Women's Soccer vs. Salem—1:00 PM  
Sept. 15—Men's Soccer vs. Salem—3:30 PM  
Sept. 18—Women's Volleyball vs. Charleston—7:00 PM  
Sept. 20—Women's Soccer @ WV Wesleyan—4:00 PM  
Sept. 20—Men's Soccer @ WV Wesleyan—7:00 PM  
Sept. 22—Football vs. Notre Dame—12:00 PM  
Sept. 23—Women's Soccer @ Glenville State—2:00 PM  
Sept. 25—Women's Volleyball vs. UVA-Wise—7:00 PM  
Sept. 23—Men's Soccer vs. West Liberty—3:30 PM  
Sept. 26—Men's Soccer @ Charleston—4:00 PM  
Sept. 26—Women's Soccer @ Charleston—TBA  
Sept. 29—Cross Country @ Paul Short Run—9:00 AM  
Sept. 29—Football @ Shepherd—12:00 PM  
Sept. 30—Women's Soccer vs. Notre Dame—1:00 PM  
Sept. 30—Men's Soccer vs. Notre Dame—3:30 PM  
Oct. 4—Women's Soccer vs. Shepherd—1:00 PM  
Oct. 4—Men's Soccer vs. Shepherd—3:30 PM  
Oct. 4—Women's Volleyball @ Urbana—7:30 PM  
Oct. 5—Women's Volleyball @ Notre Dame—7:00 PM  
Oct. 5—Cross Country vs. Concord Alumni—TBA  
Oct. 6—Football vs. Glenville State—1:00 PM \* Homecoming\*

# STUDENT RESOURCES

## MARSH LIBRARY

Marsh Library is open 7 days a week for the convenience of the CU students, staff, and faculty. Hours of operation during the school semester are Monday – Thursday 7:45 a.m. – 10:00p.m.; Friday 7:45 a.m. – 4:00p.m.; Saturday 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 2:00 p.m. – 10:00p.m.

The library collection consists of 171,000 books/monographs, DVD's, journals, and 150,000 eBooks. Additional items are available through the Interlibrary Loan service that is provided free of charge to students. Materials are checked out for a period of 6 weeks. A charge of ten cents per day is assessed to overdue materials.

Students will find various areas for study including private, individual study carrels, open tables in the main reading room and on the mezzanine, a small quiet study area and a larger collaborative study space. A lounge is located on the top floor of the library.

A computer lab is located on the main floor of the library. Printing is available; students are encouraged to provide their own paper.

*Credit: Connie Shumate*



## Need a Ride?

The International Center is providing transportation from the airport in Charleston, WV (CRW), Roanoke, VA (ROA), the Amtrak Station in Hinton, WV, and the Megabus Stop in Christiansburg VA on August 6-12. ANY student who needs a ride to campus from one of these places should complete this form:

[Transportation Assistance for Students](#)

## VETERANS UPWARD BOUND

Veterans Upward Bound is a free, federally funded TRIO program funded by the Department of Education and administered by Concord University. The primary goal of VUB is to assist eligible veterans to enroll in and complete a program of post-secondary education. In order for students to be fully prepared for college, VUB emulates the college experience. We offer ACT/SAT preparation, mentoring, peer tutoring, financial aid awareness, and college admission assistance for free. We also offer individualized classes with rolling admission dates, and refresher courses, online or in person, at various locations in West Virginia and Virginia. VUB also coordinates special events and trips for cultural and career exploration. VUB is currently recruiting eligible veterans that are interested in pursuing their post-secondary degree. If you or someone you

know is a veteran and considering returning to school, please contact us at 304-304-4154! We are here to serve those who have served for us!

*Credit: Kristen Williams*

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# APPALACHIAN SHAKESPEARE PROJECT PRESENTS: *MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING*



Over the last two weekends of July 2018, Concord University students, faculty, and community members took to the stages of the amphitheater at Pipestem Resort State Park and the Alexander Fine Arts Center on campus to perform William Shakespeare's beloved romantic comedy, *Much Ado About Nothing*.

The presentation of *Much Ado* was this year's offering of the Appalachian Shakespeare Project, which is housed at Concord.

In its ninth year of operation, the ASP is a community theater organization founded in the summer of 2010 to present actor-and-audience-focused outdoor performances of Shakespeare's plays in order to provide the community with an enjoyable and educational theater experience. This summer's play was offered under some conditions similar to those Shakespeare's own company encountered at the famed Globe Theatre on the banks of the Thames in London, including open air performances and audience spaces and natural lighting conditions.

Dr. Gabriel Rieger, ASP Executive Director and Associate Professor of English, said that the "production featured plenty of slapstick and some of Shakespeare's most delightful word play, just a bit of intrigue, contemporary costuming, and a cast of local actors" in a brisk, two-hour show that audiences really seemed to enjoy.

*Much Ado* tells the story of two witty rivals who are tricked by their friends into falling in love, and of the silliness and comic chaos which ensues. The role of the rival lovers, Beatrice and Benedick, were brought to life by two of the ASP's veteran actors, Brandon Venable and Mindy Bloom. "Both of these actors have done excellent work for us in the past and I knew that if we ever presented *Much Ado*, they were the ones who should play the leads," Dr. Rieger said.

Veteran director and performer Ginger Boyles returned to helm *Much Ado*. "We were so lucky to have Ginger involved again," said Dr. Rieger. "Her experience and creativity elevate every show with which she is involved, and this year's show was no exception."

Alternating every year between comedy and tragedy, the ASP plans to present Shakespeare's *Hamlet* in Summer 2019. Students should know that they can earn academic credit for participating in an ASP production along with completing a written project dealing with some aspect of Shakespeare and his plays.

Credit: Dr. Anthony Patricia

For more information about the ASP, contact Dr. Rieger in the Department of Humanities at [grieger@concord.edu](mailto:grieger@concord.edu)



# CONCORD WELCOMES NEW FACULTY

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# CU IN LONDON

“CU in London!” That phrase rang through the halls of the Fine Arts Building for the past year. In May, a group of 15 students, faculty and friends went on a Theatre Study Trip to London and Dublin. All year, special projects and productions helped to raise money to help pay the students’ way on this exciting trip. The students sold concessions at events and toured play productions around the state to raise funds.

Finally, after a year of planning and preparation, the group flew out of Charleston, WV on May 7. The tour was arranged by EF Tours and included tickets to plays, city tours, a tour of the National Theatre and the Globe Theatre and an acting workshop by a member of the National Theatre company. Our CU group was paired with another theatre group from Jacksonville State in Jacksonville, Alabama.

London was the primary focus of the trip, but there was a side trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon, the home of Shakespeare, and to Oxford. One of the plays offered to the group was performed in Stratford by the Royal Shakespeare Company. After the London portion, the Concord group parted ways with the Alabama contingent and went on to Dublin. Again, EF arranged a city tour of Dublin, a play performance and tours of Irish landmarks. Students toured Newgrange, a Neolithic tomb older than Stonehenge, Malahide Castle and Glendalough, the ruins of an 8<sup>th</sup> century monastic community.

“I was so very proud of all of our CU students,” stated theatre instructor, Karen Vuranch. “All of them acted responsibly and they were all so eager to learn about England and Ireland. Each of them worked to get the most out of the educational experiences offered.” Vuranch went on to say that for many of the students, this was their first major travel experience. “It certainly broadened their world view and I believe will make them better students,” she added.

After 10 days, the Concord students made the journey home. They all agreed the experience was valuable and memorable. And, the trip will continue to make new memories. In March, the participants are planning to go to Jacksonville State to see the play *Company* performed by their new friends from Jacksonville State, and those Jacksonville students are planning to come to Concord for the CU Theatre’s fall production of *The Crucible*. “A trip like this doesn’t end the day you fly home,” stated Vuranch. “The ripples continue throughout your life as memories, new friends and a mind opened to new ideas endures.”

Credit: Karen Vuranch



# Parent Information

## 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, visit: [www.remind.com/join/cuparents](http://www.remind.com/join/cuparents) OR text the message “@cuparents” to (304)241-2045.

## Concord University Parents Club **CONTACTS**

**Academic Success Center**  
304-384-6074

**Campus Safety**  
304-384-5357

**Admissions**  
304-384-5248

**Financial Aid**  
304-384-6069

**Beckley Center**  
304-384-5614

**Housing Office**  
304-384-5231

**Business Office**  
304-384-5234

**Parents Club**  
304-384-5105

**Counseling Center**  
304-384-5290

**Registrar**  
304-384-5236

**Disability Services**  
304-384-6086

**Student Affairs**  
304-384-5256

**Technology Help Desk**  
304-384-5291