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THE CONCORD UNIVERSITY PARENT'S CLUB SCOOP

Dear Concord Parents and Families,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring 2019 semester! We are excited to have students returning to campus. Classes begin this Monday, January 14th. We have many exciting events scheduled for the spring. March 5th will be our annual career fair where students can meet with potential employers. We will have a variety of career related workshops in advance of the fair to help students with everything from writing resumes to honing interview skills to preparing LinkedIn profiles (among a variety of other necessary skills to help your student be successful in finding, securing, and excelling in a career after graduating from Concord). In early December, Concord launched a new Career Services platform. CU Career Services partnered with College Central Network to provide an “all inclusive” job planning and career preparation service for our students and alumni. The new site is located at www.collegecentral.com/concord.

It's also time to complete the FAFSA for the next academic year 2019-20. The FAFSA is necessary to be eligible for state and federal financial aid. We will be hosting events on campus to provide students and families with free FAFSA assistance. Feel free to call CU's Financial Aid office as well if you have any FAFSA questions 304-384-6069.

One of the main goals of the CU Parents Club is to communicate with our families regarding important information and campus happenings. Please be sure to let us know if you have questions or concerns. We look forward to another successful and fun semester at CU!

On behalf of the Parents Club, best wishes,

Sarah Beasley

Vice President of Student Affairs &
Dean of Students

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CALENDAR

January 7—Last Day to Submit a Financial Aid or Academic Appeal—by 4PM

January 13—*Residence Halls Open*—10:00 AM

January 14—Classes Begin

January 18—Last Day to Add/Drop without Academic Penalty—by 4PM

January 21—Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—NO CLASSES

February 1—Last Day to Add a Course—by 4PM

February 8—Last Day to Apply for Fall 2019 Professional Semester (Student Teaching) - by 4PM

February 22—Last Day to Apply for May/August Graduation (without late fees) - by 4PM

March 6—Mid-Semester Grade Reports

March 8—*Residence Halls Close*

March 11-15—Spring Break—NO CLASSES

March 17—*Residence Halls Open*

March 18-29—Advising for Summer & Fall Course Selection

March 25-29—Summer & Fall Course Selection (for current students)

April 5—Last Day to Drop Courses with grade of “W” - by 4 PM

May 3—Last Day of Classes

May 3—Last Day to Officially Withdraw from the University—by 4PM

May 6-10—Spring Semester Exams

May 11—Commencement—10:00 AM and 2:00 PM

May 14—Final Grades Due

Check out the [CU Activities Calendar](#) to see all the events happening on campus! CU offers theater productions, musical events, art shows, athletics, and much, much more!

To view the Spring 2019 calendar, [click here](#).

REMINDERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



SIGN UP FOR CU'S EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM!

We encourage all students to sign up for the CU Emergency Alert System—and their parents too! You can customize your experience to receive text and/or email alerts regarding security, safety, and weather-related

notices on campus. You can easily register by going to sms.concord.edu.

If you have any questions, contact the IT Help Desk at 304.384.5291 or email cuhelpdesk@concord.edu.

FAFSA COMPLETION EVENT!

Concord University will be offering two FAFSA Completion Events to help you complete the FAFSA! Just bring your FSA ID and your 2017 tax information!

Thursday, February 21, 2019—1PM to 6PM
(Athens Campus)

Thursday, March 7, 2019—12PM to 5:30 PM
(Beckley Campus)

More information, including exact location details, will be available soon, and sent to the Parents Club!



2019-2020 FAFSA

FAFSA renewal for the 2019-2020 academic is open! Filing early ensures you meet all the eligibility deadlines! Complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov

IMPORTANT BUSINESS OFFICE DATES

1-14-19—Monday—All Tuition & Fee payments due, including payment plans
1-15-19—Tuesday—Late Fees assessed.

Check Change is being released daily, with all Check Change scheduled to be released by Friday, 1/25/19.

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

Questions about payment plans? Call 304-384-5212 or 304-384-5972.



Groundhog Day Breakfast

Friday, February 1 at 8:00 AM
Pais Fellowship Hall—University Point
CU Athens Campus
Featuring 2019 Grand Groundhog Watcher
Charlie Mathena
\$20 per person

Please RSVP for the breakfast at
www.concord.edu/cufoundation

February 1, 2019 | University Point Pais Fellowship Hall | 8:00 a.m.

CU After Hours

Sophisticated Hound Brewing Company

Thursday, January 17 from 5-7 PM

All alumni and friends of Concord are invited to
join us for this free event!

To register for the free event please visit
www.concord.edu/cufoundation

Contact alumni@concord.edu for more details.



Contact
advancement@concord.edu
for more details!

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

- Jan. 10—Women’s Basketball vs. Shepherd—5:30 PM
Jan. 10—Men’s Basketball vs. Shepherd—7:30 PM
Jan. 12—Women’s Basketball vs. Fairmont State—2:00 PM
Jan. 12—Men’s Basketball vs. Fairmont State—4:00 PM
Jan. 17—Women’s Basketball @ Wheeling Jesuit—5:30 PM
Jan. 17—Men’s Basketball @ Wheeling Jesuit—7:30 PM
Jan. 18 & 19—Track & Field @ Hokie Invite
Jan. 19—Women’s Basketball @ West Liberty—1:00 PM
Jan. 19—Men’s Basketball @ West Liberty—3:00 PM
Jan. 23—Women’s Basketball @ Charleston—5:30 PM
Jan. 23—Men’s Basketball @ Charleston—7:30 PM
Jan. 25 & 26—Track & Field @ Finn Pincus Invite
Jan. 26—Women’s Basketball vs. UVA -Wise—2:00 PM
Jan. 26—Men’s Basketball vs. UVA-Wise—4:00 PM
Jan. 28—Women’s Basketball vs. Bluefield State—5:30 PM
Jan. 28—Men’s Basketball vs. Bluefield State—7:30 PM
Jan. 30—Women’s Basketball vs. Glenville State—5:30 PM
Jan. 30—Men’s Basketball vs. Glenville State—7:30 PM
Feb. 2—Women’s Basketball @ WV Wesleyan—2:00 PM
Feb. 2—Men’s Basketball @ WV Wesleyan—4:00 PM
Feb. 7—Women’s Basketball vs. Wheeling Jesuit—5:30 PM
Feb. 7—Men’s Basketball vs. Wheeling Jesuit—7:30 PM
Feb. 8 & 9—Track & Field @ VMI Winter Relays
Feb. 9—Women’s Basketball vs. West Liberty—1:00 PM
Feb. 9—Men’s Basketball vs. West Liberty—3:00 PM
Feb. 14—Women’s Basketball @ Shepherd—5:30 PM
Feb. 14—Men’s Basketball @ Shepherd—7:30 PM
Feb. 15 & 16—Track & Field @ VT Challenge
Feb. 16—Women’s Basketball @ Fairmont State—2:00 PM
Feb. 16—Men’s Basketball @ Fairmont State—4:00 PM
Feb. 21—Women’s Basketball @ Notre Dame—5:30 PM
Feb. 21—Men’s Basketball @ Notre Dame—7:30 PM
Feb. 23—Baseball vs. Pitt-Johnstown—12:00 PM & 2:30 PM
Feb. 23—Women’s Basketball @ Urbana—2:00 PM
Feb. 23—Men’s Basketball @ Urbana - 4:00 PM
Feb. 24—Baseball vs. Pitt-Johnstown—12:00 PM
Feb. 27—Softball vs. Salem—2:00 PM & 4:00 PM
Feb. 27—Women’s Basketball vs. WV State—5:30 PM
Feb. 27—Men’s Basketball vs. WV State—7:30 PM

For a complete listing of Concord Athletic Events, visit cumountainlions.com.

HONORS PROGRAM NEWS

On October 10th, the Honors Opera class ventured out to Regal Cinemas in Christiansburg to see a recording of the Metropolitan Opera's recent performance of Verdi's Aida. The opera, set in Egypt, stars the wonderful soprano, Anna Netrebko, as Aida. It was sung in Italian with subtitles in English and is composed of three acts spanning 3 hours and 36 minutes. There were two intermissions, each about half an hour, where students were able to grab snacks and drinks. The plot follows Ethiopian princess, Aida, when she is held prisoner to the Egyptian princess, Amneris. Aida has disguised her identity, so the Egyptians are unaware that they have captured an Ethiopian princess. Both Aida and Amneris fall in love with Egyptian general Radames whom is in love with Aida. Ethiopian king and Aida's father, Amonasro is captured and finds his daughter while held prisoner. He forces Aida to elicit a secret escape route from Radames and once he reveals an escape route, he is arrested. Aida and her father run away and Radames refuses to marry Amneris to avoid the death penalty. When Radames is buried alive, he finds that Aida has snuck away from her father to be buried with him. They both die together in a similar way to the well-known tragedy Romeo and Juliet. After the opera, some honors students went out to dinner and others returned to campus. It was a great way to spend a Wednesday evening and one of the many fun opportunities the honors program has offered this semester.

Submitted by: Keri Watters



Keri is from Pittsburgh, PA. She is a senior majoring in Biology with a minor in Neuroscience.

Honors Program Welcomes Freshmen

Nineteen freshmen were admitted to the Honors Program this Fall. The opening Honors Colloquium in September included an introduction and welcome to the new students.

Pictured to the right, from back to front, are: Nathan Nichols, Colton Lively, Gavin Pruet, Abagale Ramsey, Grace Watson, David Meadows, Caitlin Sax, Jennifer Whitfield, Ashleigh Fairfax, Logan Ward, Madison Shanklin, Kaylin Shelton, AJ Wilson, Roland Jaworski, Tyler Miller, Summer McElwain and Honors Program Director, Dr. Tracy Luff.



GEOGRAPHY HAPPENINGS

GEOGRAPHY BOWL & DRONE WORKSHOP

On November 10, CU Welcomed 65 high school students to campus for the annual Geography Bowl, which featured a Drone Workshop this year! The drones are tied into geographic information science, computer mapping, and criminology. The students also had a geocaching experience using GPS units and mapping. Students were also given a take-home geography quiz.

Their teachers, in the meantime, participated in presentations on transnational migration and climate change.

Each student who attended will receive \$500 scholarship should they choose to attend Concord, and the top scorers on the take-home quiz will receive additional scholarship assistance.



SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN GEOGRAPHERS

In late November, Concord geography went to SEDAAG's annual meeting. Ten of our students attended. Five of those students made presentations. They competed with college/university students from nine other southern states. Our approach to student presentations is that we will not let them embarrass themselves or Concord by making less than professional presentations. Our students were good, but one, Cody Perkins, captured first place in the human geography category. Cody just punched his ticket to free graduate school.

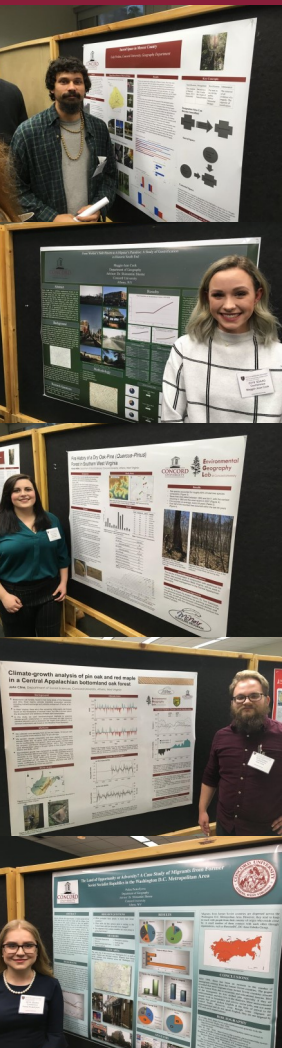
The students attending were:

Alysan Miller	John Cline
Polina Prokof'yeva	Jonathon Watkins
Maggie Jean Cook	Justin Watkins
Sophie Klein	Sam Stockton
Mariah Kegley	Cody Perkins

Alysan, Polina, Maggie Jean, John, and Cody were the students who made presentations. Tom Saladyga and Joe Manzo made presentations.

Cody's presentation was titled: Shadowed Ground: An Analysis of Roadside Memorials in Mercer County, WV.

All student presenters were mentored by Dr. Tom Saladyga, Dr. Shimantini Shome, and Dr. Joe Manzo.



CU WELLNESS FAIR & TAKE BACK THE NIGHT



2018 CONCORD UNIVERSITY WELLNESS FAIR

The Annual Concord University Wellness Fair took place on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. The fair included 21 vendors with a variety of health and wellness information ranging from Concord University Fitness and Recreation to essential oils. A total of 233 people attended the wellness fair, with 101 receiving their flu shot while they were there. Two mini-fitness classes were offered throughout the day by Chris Gamallo from Death by Crossfit and Jeri Elmore, Concord University Adjunct Yoga Instructor. Mindfulness Meditation sessions were offered by the Concord Social Work Organization. A total of 53 students participated in the fitness and mindfulness classes. This event was co-sponsored by the Wellness Committee and the Master of Social Work Program.

Submitted by: Dr. Jill Nolan



TAKE BACK THE NIGHT

On November 6, 2018, the Title IX office held a Take Back the Night Event. The goal was to provide a space to advocate for survivors and speak out against gender-based violence. The event included poster making, poetry readings, and an open invitation for survivors and advocates to speak. Amanda Moore, program director for the Family Refuge Center, gave a key note presentation on sexual assault. The event was attended by students and employees, including campus security and President Boggess.

Submitted by: Dr. Jill Nolan



ADDITIONAL PROGRAM NEWS

CU CRIMINOLOGY PROGRAM

Oct. 27th CU students and Criminology Instructor Ms. Pace sponsored a Tailgate Halloween booth for Just for Kids Child Advocacy. Although a rainy, cold day, over 550 children were served.

Nov. 9th Criminology Instructor and Dr. Susan Williams were accompanied by 13 Criminology students to tour Southern Regional Jail in Beaver, WV. Incorporated as a part of the CRIM 111 Crime & Justice Systems class, the tour provides a unique inside experience within a state correctional facility.

The Criminology emphasis within the Sociology major is attracting students looking for practical career applications in advocacy, social services, law enforcement, juvenile services, corrections, and court systems. Working with the WV Council of Churches, the SWV Re-Entry council, and the soon to be created Mercer County Re-Entry council, Ms. Pace and the students plan to participate in a backpack collection for recently released ex-offenders who often face health, housing, and employment issues in the spring semester. And, like last winter, plan to go to Charleston WV for Criminal Justice Reform Day at the Legislature. Considering broader community barriers in transition from prison to tax paying citizen is a part of the social justice model the department embraces.

Submitted by: Ms. Lori Pace



Amber Underwood & Ms. Pace with Scary.



Students at Southern Regional Jail in Beaver, WV.

CU THEATER DEPARTMENT PRESENTS *THE CRUCIBLE*

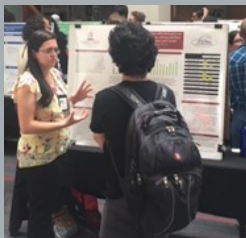
The Crucible is an intense drama about intolerance and hypocrisy. But it is also the story of redemption and honor. The Concord University Theatre Department brought this classic play to the stage in November. Twenty students and community members participated in the production and played to full houses.

Submitted by: Ms. Karen Vuranch



ADDITIONAL PROGRAM NEWS—CONTINUED

Dr. Karen Griffiee and 7 students from her Evolutionary Psychology class visited Washington D.C., October 25-26 to tour the National History Museum and specifically to see the Human Origins Exhibit. Dr. Rodney Klein accompanied the group.



Dr. Rodney Klein and Dr. Karen Griffiee took eight McNair Scholars to the 2018 UNM McNair Scholars Research Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 4-5, 2018. The students included **John Cline (Geography) who gave a paper presentation and **Nicole Matthews** (Pre-Professional Biology), **Gezelle Brown** (Pre-Professional Sciences, BSC), **Brady Schrader** (Social Sciences, BSC), **Hannah Bollin** (English), **Emily Davis** (Psychology), **Alyson Miller** (Geography), and **Gibou Njie** (Business, BSC), who all gave poster presentations at the conference. The McNair Scholars Program is a federally-funded program designed to assist promising and qualifying students to gain admission to a graduate or professional program.**

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

While CU faculty are helping our students succeed, they are also engaging in a variety of professional activities that benefit their fields and our students! For more information about individual faculty achievements, you can see each department's November Board of Governor's Report.

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Writing Workshops

Spring 2019

Writing Workshops are free to all CU students.

All workshops will be in the AB Conference Room of the Jean & Jerry Beasley Student Center, and will be facilitated by Dr. Tina Powell.

The Academic Success Center offers additional support and resources to facilitate the writing process. Contact us for more information!



Introductions vs. Conclusions

Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 11 AM—2 PM

Having difficulty starting or ending an essay? Do you tend to repeat yourself too much in an essay? This workshop will discuss the differences between introductions and conclusions and offer strategies to help you write better paragraphs and introduce/conclude your essay more effectively.

Revision Strategies

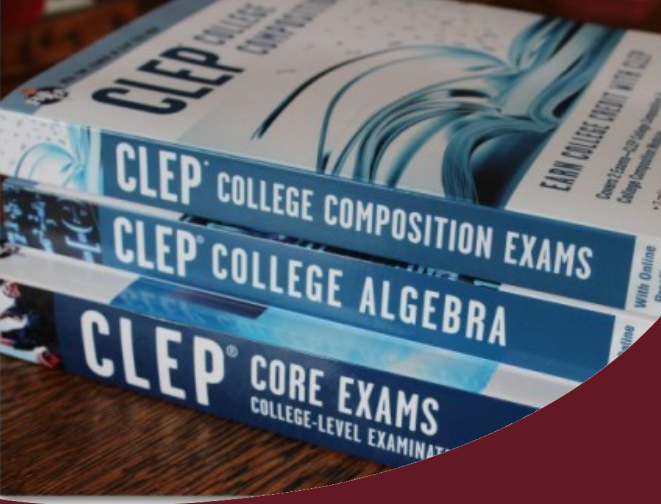
Wednesday, March 27, 2019, 1 PM—2 PM

You have received feedback from your professor and peers on your essay draft; now what? What do those symbols and comments mean? This workshop will help you decipher those comments and use them to guide your revision strategies.

Beyond Citations

Wednesday, April 24, 2019, 2 PM—3 PM

You have in-text and parenthetical citations down and can fumble your way through a bibliography with books and articles as sources. But what about less common sources and Annotated Bibliographies? This workshop will get into the more complex citations issues including Annotated Bibliographies and Appendices.



College-Level
Examination
Program

WHAT IS CLEP?

The College-Level Examination Program allows students to earn college credit for certain courses by taking and passing a computer-based examination. There are currently 33 examinations that CU gives credit for. A passing score on just one CLEP exam can save a student 100+ hours of class time and coursework, and hundreds of dollars in tuition!

FREE RESOURCES

<https://modernstates.org/>

<http://www.dynamicpath.com/>

www.hippocampus.org

<http://www.free-clep-prep.com/>

<http://www.khanacademy.org/>

<http://www.practicequiz.com/>

<http://quizlet.com/>

<http://studenthacks.org/>

NEED CREDITS? CONSIDER CLEP!

If your student is running short on hours to stay in line with our “15 to Finish” program to graduate in 4 years, or to fulfill requirements for continued financial aid, he/she might consider taking a CLEP examination. CLEP is a great resource, even if a student is short one credit hour!

HOW CAN MY STUDENT TAKE A CLEP EXAM?

Register for the exam at <http://clep.collegeboard.org>

When you register/pay for the test, be sure to indicate you will take the test at Concord University and you want the scores sent to us. Then, contact our testing center to schedule your test.

The tests are administered in the CLEP Test room, Marsh Hall 228. Please contact Teresa Frey at 304.384.5226 or email teresafrey@concord.edu to arrange the test date and time. On test day please bring your test registration ticket and one form of identification (you may use your university ID).

A complete list of what CU course credit is given for each exam can be found [here](#).

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 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