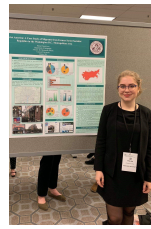




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THE CONCORD UNIVERSITY PARENT'S CLUB SCOOP

Dear Concord Parents and Families,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of our Spring semester. Students are hard at work studying for and taking final exams. The Campus Beautiful lives up to its nickname as spring has fully arrived in Athens. For our returning students, we hope by now that you have filed your FAFSA for 2019-2020, registered for summer and fall classes, and notified Housing & Residence Life of your living arrangements for next year. If not, now is the time to do so.

This is the final edition of the Parents Club newsletter for 2018-2019, but we will be texting with updates and reminders for your student throughout the summer. To our graduates, we wish you many successes and invite you to stay involved through the CU Alumni Association. You will always be a part of the Concord family! To our returning students and parents, we wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you back in Fall 2019! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes,

Sarah Beasley

Vice President of Student Affairs &
Dean of Students

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CALENDAR

May 6-10—Spring Semester Exams

May 10—*Residence Halls Close for Summer*—5:00 PM

**** Residents must vacate their residence hall 24 hours after their last exam, or by 5:00PM on Friday, May 10—whichever occurs first.**

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

May 14—Final Grades Due

Summer I 2019

May 20—Classes begin

May 21—Last day to register, add courses, change course status to audit, and pay fees—4:00PM

May 27—Memorial Day - *No Classes*

May 28—Last day to drop courses with grade of “W”

June 20—Last day to withdraw from first summer term

June 21—Final Exams

June 25—Final Grades Due

Summer II 2019

June 24—Classes begin

June 25 - Last day to register, add courses, change course status to audit, and pay fees—4:00PM

July 1—Last day to drop courses with grade of “W”

July 4—Independence Day—*No Classes*

July 25—Last day to withdraw from second summer term

July 26—Final Exams

July 30—Final Grades Due

Fall 2019

August 5-9—New student registration - *by appointment*

August 12—Last day to submit a Financial Aid or Academic appeal

August 19—Classes begin

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 Fall 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.

SUMMER TUITION RATES

All Summer classes for 2019 will be offered at in-state rates! This will enable students to maximize any financial aid availability and reduce out-of-pocket costs.

Not only will out-of-state students benefit from a lower rate, but on-campus residential requirements are also waived for the summer terms for all students.

The in-state rates for summer apply to undergraduate classes taken on the Athens and Beckley campuses and online. All fees still apply.

Registration is open for Summer I classes through May 21 and Summer II classes through June 25!



2019-2020 FAFSA

FAFSA renewal for the 2019-2020 academic year is open! Complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov

TUITION DISCOUNT PROGRAM

CU is expanding the tuition discount program currently offered to include certain locations in Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland. This will apply to all new students (full-time freshmen, transfers, and re-admitted students) for the 2019-2020 academic year. Residents of these areas will be able to attend CU at a reduced out-of-state tuition rate. For more details see concord.edu/admissions or call 1-888-384-5249.

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.

CU after hrs.

The Advancement Office will be catching up with alumni and friends of Concord all over the region this summer and would love to CU at one or more of the following events:

CU After Hours at Black Sheep Burrito & Brews
Charleston, WV
Thursday, May 23 from 5-7PM

CU After Hours at Ole Jose Grill and Cantina
Pineville, WV
Thursday, June 13 from 5-7PM

CU After Hours at Brix27
Martinsburg, WV
Tuesday, July 16 from 5-7PM

CU After Hours at The Bungalow Lakehouse
Cascades, VA
Wednesday, July 17 from 5-7PM

CU After Hours at Billy's
Roanoke, VA
Thursday, August 8 from 5-7PM

To RSVP for any of these free events please visit: <https://www.concord.edu/About/Advancement-and-Alumni/Event-Registration/CU-After-Hours-Events.aspx>

SHOW YOUR CU PRIDE!

Join us for the following events:

**CONCORD NIGHT WITH THE WV
MINERS—JUNE 20**

**CONCORD NIGHT WITH THE
PRINCETON RAYS—AUGUST 22**

SAVE THE DATE!

Be sure to put these on your calendar:

**ATHENS-CONCORD TOWN SOCIAL—
AUGUST 18 FROM 1-4PM**

**CU HOMECOMING 2019—SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 19**



CONCORD PREPS FOR ESPORTS VARSITY TEAM

Esports is competitive, organized video gaming that attracts players and spectators from around the world. Concord is the first public college or university in West Virginia to offer varsity eSports to its students. When CU students were surveyed, 80% of respondents showed interest in having a program at the school. The gaming arena will be built in the Nick Rahall Technology Center. The funding to begin the Concord eSports teams was donated.



Jake Neerland has taken on the formation and management of CU's eSports team. Neerland has competed in eSports for the past six years, coached multiple teams, and coordinated with big sponsors, including Blizzard and Twitch, to host a gaming tournament.

"I'm incredibly excited to be part of this program," Neerland says. "As a coach, my aspirations are to build teams capable of competing on any stage they step on."

Neerland comes to Athens from Iowa. He has a B.S. in Public Relations and a minor in Communication Studies from Iowa State University. In addition to eSports experience, his professional background includes social media strategy, community management, marketing, and event management.

See concord.edu/Student-Life/esports for more details!

Follow Jake and CU eSports on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) for the latest updates.

Register to play [here](#)!

A BUSY YEAR FOR CU THEATER DEPARTMENT

The Concord University Theatre Department enjoyed a busy April. The Theatre Workshop students took their murder mystery, *Reunited for Murder*, on the road to North Bend State Park. And, the energetic musical *Godspell* was presented the second week of April. But, the entire year has been eventful for CU Theatre. In addition to the April shows, the students performed in *The Crucible* and *The Vagina Monologues* and attended the South East Theatre Conference.

Last fall, the mainstage production was the classic drama, *The Crucible*. This is the powerful story of the Salem Witch Trials of the 1600's. Featuring 25 students in the cast and crew the drama was both a historical recreation and a riveting theatrical performance.

In March, the CU Theatre Department partnered with the Title IX office to present *The Vagina Monologues*. Directed by Megan Perdue, a senior in the department and veteran performer, the play brought the community together to address issues of domestic violence and sexual abuse.

On a lighter note, the Theatre Workshop students participated in an audience participation murder mystery, *Reunited for Murder*. Written by Karen Vuranch, who is also the Theatre Instructor, the students presented it on campus. In early April it was performed at North Bend State Park as a part of that state park's season of dinner theatres. The students' performance at North Bend State Park has become an annual event, giving the students the valuable experience of touring a show and promoting CU on a state-wide basis.

But, it is not only state-wide that CU Theatre getting noticed. In early March, Karen Vuranch and some of her students traveled to Knoxville, TN to participate in the South East Theatre Conference. This regional event is one of the biggest of its kind in the nation. It features opportunity for auditions for summer work, hundreds of sessions that enhance theatre skills and a marketplace where students can look for post-graduate experiences. Vuranch and her students presented a session at this conference on how to perform living history. The conference session grew out of a class offered last semester.

The year culminated in the vibrant musical, *Godspell*. This is a modern take on the Gospel of Matthew. The production involved a number of actors, musicians and stage crew. Dr. Kelly Hudson and Dr. David Ball of the Music Department directed the musical aspects of the show and Mrs. Vuranch was the stage director. Jacob Pauley, a senior Interdisciplinary Music and Theatre student, designed the set and lights.

Godspell brought the 2018-2019 season at CU Theatre to a close. But, the faculty and students are already planning for next year. All students, not only theatre majors and minors, are encouraged to participate in the productions. For more information about the upcoming events in the CU Theatre, contact Instructor Karen Vuranch at extension 5259. Everyone is welcome!



Brianna Duckworth as Elizabeth Proctor serves dinner to her husband, John Proctor, played by Sam Stockton.



A courtroom scene of *The Crucible*. Abigail Williams, played by Megan Perdue, stands up to Judge Danforth, played by Stan Tucker.



Mercy Lewis, played by Tiffany Dillon, confronts Mary Warren, played by Elisha Fraley. Abigail Williams, played by Megan Perdue, tends to her cousin Betty Harris, played by Hannah Gates.

GEOGRAPHY STUDENT WINS PRIZE

Polina Prokof'yeva, one of Dr. Shimantini Shome's advisees, won the Eurasian Specialty Group's Undergraduate Post Award at the American Association of Geographer's Annual Meeting in Washington, DC this year. Her work was with immigrants from post-Soviet countries in the greater metropolitan DC area.

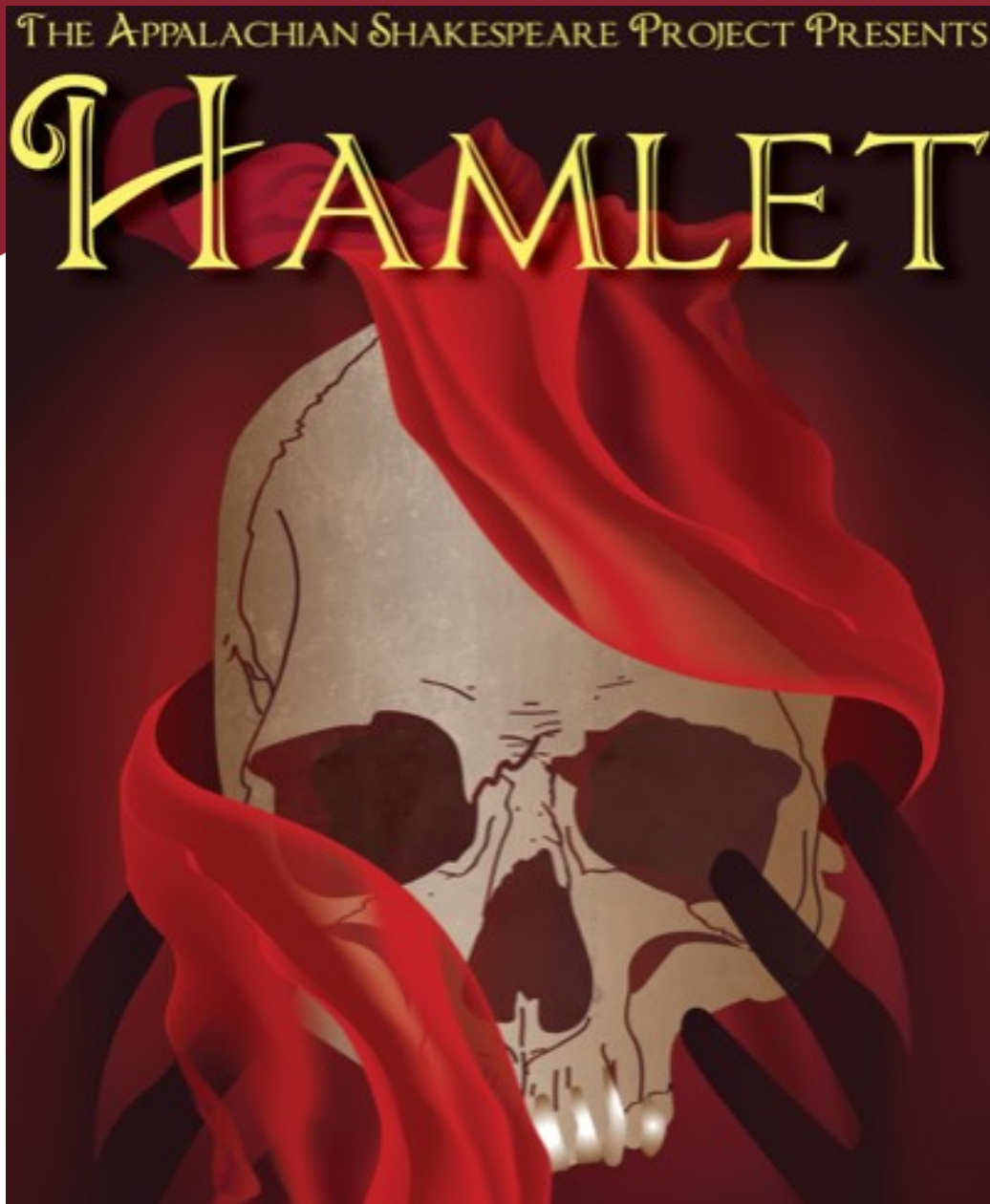
Polina is a junior at Concord double-majoring in Political Science and Geography and Geospatial Science. She is from Enerhodar, Ukraine.



OTHER GEOGRAPHY ACTIVITIES

- Dr. Joe Manzo presented a paper, "The Geography of Richard Russo," at the annual meeting of the Far West Popular Culture Association.
- Three students made presentations at the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers in Washington, DC:
 - 1) Maggie Jean Cook (Beckley) - "A Worker's Safe Haven Transformed to a Hipster's Paradise: A Study of Gentrification in the Historic South End of Charlotte."
 - 2) Polina Prokof'yeva (Ukraine) - "Soviet America: A Case Study of Migrants from the Former Soviet Socialists Republics in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area."
 - 3) John Cline (Princeton) - "Rapid Conversion of an Appalachian Bottomland Oak Swamp."
* John, a spring 2019 graduate, has accepted a graduate assistantship to UNC-Greensboro.
- Sam Stockton, South Charleston, represented West Virginia and the SouthEastern Division of the American Association of Geographers at the National Geography Bowl and SEDAAG Team. Sam and the team of which he was a member finished in 2nd place nationally.
- Dr. Shimantini Shome led her Transnational Migration class to NY City where students studied ethnic enclaves, food business establishments, religious organizations, and music as they play roles in empowerment and integration of immigrant communities. Students worked in Flushing, Jackson Heights, Brooklyn, and in Chinatown in lower Manhattan.
- Dr. Tom Saladyga and his students co-authored a report for the National Park Service. John Cline, Maggie Jean Cook, Kenneth Maiolo, Alysian Miller, Cody Perkins, Polina Prokof'yeva, Sam Stockton, and Jonathon Watkins completed the report titled "Fire History at New River Gorge National River: Backus Mountain, Endless Wall, and Glade Creek."
- Dr. Saladyga presented a paper, "Appalachian Coalfields Pyrogeography," at the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers in Washington, DC.

CONCORD'S APPALACHIAN SHAKESPEARE PROJECT TO PRESENT HAMLET



Each summer the Appalachian Shakespeare Project, led by Dr. Gabriel Rieger and Ms. Ginger Boyles, presents one of Shakespeare's works, alternating between comedies and tragedies. Last summer, the comedy *Much Ado About Nothing*, was a great success. For its tenth season, the ASP will present *Hamlet*.

The show will be performed at the Pipestem Amphitheatre July 19 & 20 at 6:00PM, and July 21 at 2:30PM, then at Concord in front of the Alexander Fine Arts building on July 26 & 27 at 6:00PM, and July 28 at 2:30 PM.

For details about the show and performances, follow the ASP on [Facebook!](#)

GEOLGY STUDENTS GO TO NORTH CAROLINA

Participants in the GEOL 420 Field Studies course completed a weekend field excursion to the North Carolina piedmont and coastal plain to study geologic and environmental problems in late April. One highlight included examining the nature of sediment deposition and erosion on a barrier island. Students also examined the diverse bedrock in the Raleigh-Durham area and how that controls groundwater resources. The trip finished with mineral collecting at an old quarry once used to mine pyrophyllite and andalusite to make high-temperature ceramics such as spark plugs. A sample of pyrophyllite collected on the trip is shown in the photo with a key for scale.



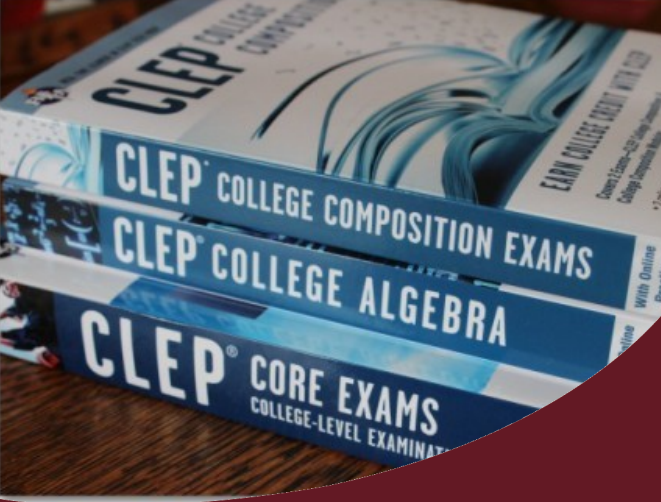
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS RECOGNIZED BY ACBSP



Concord University's Department of Business is now accredited through ACBSP, the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs—an honor that recognizes the department's superior curriculum and faculty. ACBSP is a global business education accrediting body and the only organization to offer accreditation to all levels of collegiate business educational degree programs.

The process to achieve this recognition has been a long-term goal. Concord's business faculty examined the department's curriculum over several semesters and developed a business core based on best practices and current topics. Faculty recognize the importance of staying current in their respective disciplines, which is reflected in scholarly activities including research and professional development.

After a complete review by the ACBSP Board of Commissioners, Concord was notified on April 28th that the Department of Business had received full accreditation.



College-Level Examination Program

WHAT IS CLEP?

NEED CREDITS? CONSIDER 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 course-work, and hundreds of dollars in tuition!

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!

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/>

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](#) under the CLEP portion of the page.

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.

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Beckley Center
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Housing Office
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Business Office
304-384-5234

Parents Club
304-384-5105

Counseling Center
304-384-5290

Registrar
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Disability Services
304-384-6086

Student Affairs
304-384-5256

Technology Help Desk
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