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Dear Parents,

Spring has arrived on the Campus Beautiful! As we head towards the semester finish line of final exams and May Commencement, there are plenty of happenings and activities planned for students!

Events in the coming weeks include a mix of fun, educational, and service offerings. Of note are: Undergraduate Research Day, which showcases our students' scholarly inquiries; Greek Week and Spring Fling; the annual Earth Day Celebration; Box City, raising homelessness awareness; Stuff the Bus fundraisers, collecting school supplies for students in need; senior recitals and art shows; the International Banquet and International Gift Festival fundraiser; first-run movies and musical guests; Student Employee Recognition; Honors Banquets; plays; the annual Roth Scholarship Run fundraiser; the CU in Color Run fundraiser for track resurfacing; and more! And don't forget this year's big concert event, the Beatle tribute band *Liverpool Legends*, on campus April 8th!

Many students, faculty and staff have accepted the spring fitness challenge and are counting steps in hopes of getting fit and possibly winning generous gift cards to the University Bookstore. Many thanks to the CU Wellness Committee for organizing this fun and healthy program!

Lastly, please remind your students to register now for summer and fall 2014. Summer offerings include Athens and Beckley on-campus classes, as well as online courses. And while we hope that everyone has completed the 2014-15 FAFSA, if not, please meet the April 15th WV Higher Education Grant deadline. We are here to help if you need assistance! As always, please let us know if you have questions or concerns!

On behalf of the Parents Club, Best wishes,
Marjie Flanigan
Vice President of Student Affairs & Dean of Students

Academic Schedule

Spring 2014

- Jan. 20** Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 22** Classes Begin
- Jan. 23** Late registration fee begins for on-campus courses
- Feb. 27** Last day for making application for May graduation 4 p.m.
- Feb.28** Founder's Day Convocation/Celebration
- Mar. 10-14** Spring Break recess (no classes)
- Mar. 17-Apr. 4** Advising for course selection for Summer and Fall 2014
- Mar. 24-Apr. 4** Course selection for Summer and Fall 2014
- May 7** Senior Dinner for Graduating Seniors
- May 9** Last class day; last day to withdraw from University
- May 12-16** Final Exams
- May 17** Commencement



A Note from the Financial Aid & Business Office

Submitted by Debbie Turner, Director of Financial Aid

The spring semester is well underway; it is now time to think about the summer term. Students planning to attend the summer term and wanting to use financial aid must complete a Summer Aid Application **after** registering for summer classes, starting March 24, 2014. The document, Summer I/II Financial Aid Application (2014), is located on our web page at www.concord.edu/admissions/financial-aid under Forms & Applications. Eligibility for summer aid is based on the 2013-14 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) results and not all types of aid are available for the summer term. If student is awarded a summer loan, the Loan Acceptance form is on our web page and is submitted electronically. Students wanting to work during the summer term and eligible for work-study must complete the Summer Work Study Application located on our web page.

Currently we are loading the 2014-15 FAFSA results and have begun mailing requests for verification documents. If you receive a letter, please return the requested documents as soon as possible as some funds are awarded on a first-come first-serve basis. **Financial Aid for Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 is not awarded until verification has been completed. If you have not completed the 2014-15 FAFSA, please do so promptly at www.fafsa.gov.**

Photo: FAFSA Friday!! CU Faculty & Staff donned colorful shirts each Friday in February to remind students to ***Complete the 2014-15 FAFSA NOW!!***

Please contact our office at 304-384-6069 if you have any questions regarding summer aid awarding, completing the 2014-15 FAFSA or verification.



It's FAFSA Time!! File Your 2014-15 FAFSA NOW!

It is important for students to file their FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as soon as possible in order to qualify for the maximum amount of aid for which they are eligible. For West Virginia residents, April 15th is the deadline for the West Virginia Higher Education Grant (WVHEG). Even if your student qualifies for WVHEG, he/she will not be awarded this money if the FAFSA is not completed and signed by the student and parent by the April 15 deadline. If the student or parent has not completed taxes, the FAFSA can still be completed using an estimate, or last year's tax information. Corrections can be made at a later time.

It's Student Advising Time!

It's time for students to select courses for the summer and fall semester of 2014. Students visit their assigned academic advisor and discuss what courses are necessary for their major field of study. To help with advising, here are a few reminders and resources:

- Use Progression sheets and 4-year course plans. (Make sure to select the sheet that matches the catalog year that matches the year the student enrolled or declared their major)
- If major is undecided, use General Studies progression sheet.
- Remind student to check studentloans.gov if receiving Federal aid.
- Make sure that Juniors (61 to 89 earned credits) have graduation audits completed in the first semester of their Junior year.
- Students should complete the Declaration of Major form before the completion of 60 hours. Students may add additional majors, change majors, and add minors with this form.

You can also visit <http://concord.edu/academic-advising> for additional info on student advising.

News from the Beckley Campus

Erma Byrd Center HEC Courtesy of Lori Pace

Spring is happening at the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center! March 4th the Coal Lecture Series sponsored by Karen Vuranch's Appalachian Studies course hosted "Songs of the Coalfields" with Kate Long, a West Virginia singer-songwriter and activist. April 1st hosted a lecture, "Nuttalburg: Then and Now" with National Park Ranger Strasser. Both events took place at the HEC in E-10 from 7:00-8:00 and were open to the public.

A Student Services celebration of "Fat Tuesday" happened in the lobby from 3-4 and 6-7 on March 4th, and a St. Patrick's celebration was held from 3-5 on March 17th. Students were asked to clean their closets and drawers over spring break, and donate gently used items to our first "Spring Cleaning Swap" at the HEC. Donated items were available in the lobby and anyone could take what they wanted for FREE!! Remaining items were donated to Goodwill.

The CU Beckley campus is sponsoring the Stuff-A-Bus event again this semester. April 1st began the "Stuff a Bus" campaign to collect school supplies for children in need. Collections can be made at the Beckley and Athens campuses and may include money or item donations. For every \$5 donated, contributors are registered to win a Nikon Camera Bundle, with the drawing held on August 16th. Suggested donations for students of any age include: notebooks, pens/pencils, highlighters, folders, rulers, loose leaf paper, backpacks, tissues, hand sanitizer. For elementary students, additional items may include: crayons, magic markers, and colored pencils. For secondary school students, donations may include calculators, flash drives, spiral notebooks, staplers, notecards, and whiteout. Donation boxes on the Athens campus are located in the Student Center.



Beckley Campus (Cont'd)

April 1 kicked off the month long "Carry On" collection campaign in collaboration with Mission WV to fill duffel bags (made by WV Prison Industries) with hygiene items, school supplies, toys, blankets, etc. for children coming into foster care. Often, children enter the foster home with nothing, or a garbage bag of their belongings. Mission WV has sponsored the "Carry On" campaign across WV for several years and Concord University students at the HEC had a similar collection April 2011 creating 260 filled bags that were distributed to DHHRs and shelters all over southern WV (see photo of that collection). This spring, our hope is to collect and sort the items all month. If you, your business or organization, or your family would like to have a collection box or donate items, contact Lori Pace at lpace@concord.edu or [304-763-5396](tel:304-763-5396). Please encourage your student at the HEC to get involved and donate or help sort and fill the bags for this important cause.

Thursday, April 3, from 2:00-7:00 in the lobby Concord Beckley's Marriage & Family class sponsored a fundraising Hot Dog/Nacho/Bakesale to benefit victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. With supper yummy homemade hot dog chili and baked goods this event raised needed funds and was a treat for Center students.

Concord students will again volunteer for the Solid Waste Authority's Earth Day 10k/5k to be held at Woodrow Wilson High School Sunday, April 27. This year there will also be a Sam's Club Baby Crawl and Toddler Sprint as well as an elementary Fun Run. Watch for info on the "Concord Beckley Student Services" Facebook and the bulletin board at the HEC. Fellowship, service, fun, and excitement.....much to look forward to at the Concord Beckley Campus!!



ACADEMIC NEWS

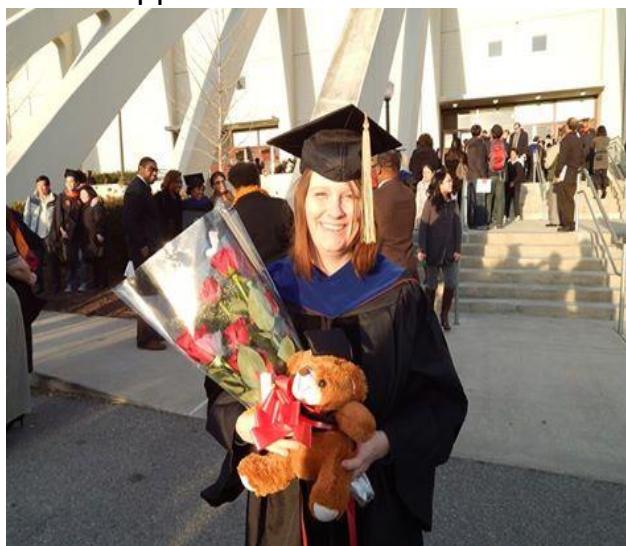
McNair Scholar Becomes Research Molecular Biologist

Courtesy of Lisa Karnes, McNair Scholars Program

In 2006, Michelle “Shelley” (Moore) Price accepted an invitation to become a member of Concord University’s prestigious McNair Scholars Program (commonly known as the McNair Program). Mrs. Price’s decision to participate in this program would prove to be a pivotal point in her academic career. The McNair Program is a TRIO Program fully funded by the United States Department of Education. It provides academic, social, and financial enrichment opportunities to prepare college students from under-represented backgrounds for graduate or professional school.

Research was at the heart of Mrs. Price’s McNair experience. Her project on the bioactivity-guided fractionation of medicinal plant extracts provided an exciting introduction to medicinal chemistry. According to Price, “It taught me that plants are capable of producing a huge number of small molecules, many of which are bioactive and useful as pharmacological products. The McNair Program’s summer research internship was a gateway to educational and career opportunities that seemed previously unattainable.”

After earning her Ph.D. in Fall 2013, Dr. Price accepted a Research Molecular Biologist position with Plant Sensory Systems, LLC in Baltimore, MD. Her current research on the engineering of novel plant traits could contribute to biofuel and nutraceutical development. That is the development of specially treated foods, vitamins, minerals, or herbs that are eaten or drank to improve one’s health.



Dr. Price is a native of Rosedale, VA and a 2007 graduate of Concord’s Biology Program (Recombinant Gene Technology). She and her husband, fellow Concord alumnus Terry Price Jr., now reside with their daughter, Rachel, in the Baltimore area.

E-Learn 2014 World Conference Courtesy of Dr. Terry Mullins

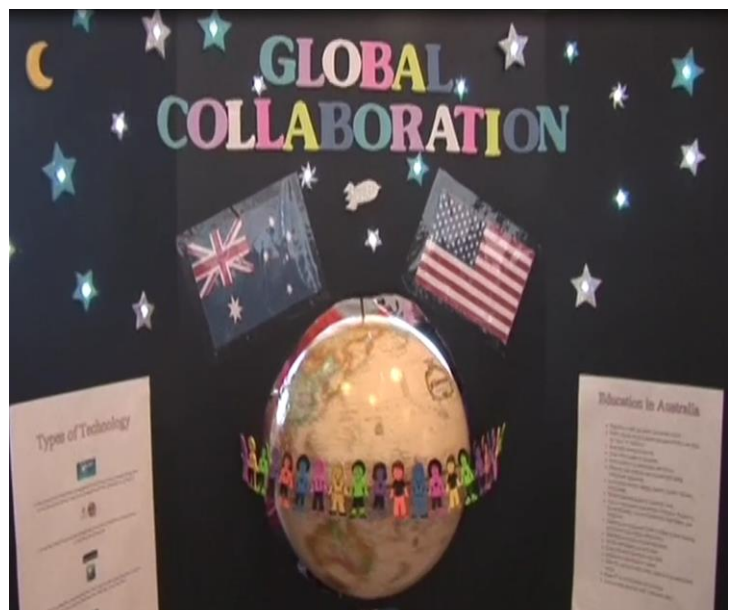
Dr. Anita Reynolds, Dr. Mark Angle, and Dr. Terry W. Mullins, made a presentation at this international conference related to their collaborative teaching and learning strategies that they have developed between Concord University and Victoria University in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. Students at both institutions collaborate to compare and contrast the undergraduate education programs in both countries. In addition, the two groups examine the differences in overall educational systems including diversity, teaching methods, and assessment practices of the two nations. As an added bonus, students in the two-university collaboration utilize a variety of online tools to communicate and cooperate across the 10,000 miles separating the two institutions.

Using international email, Voice Thread, Google Tools, Skype, and wikis, students discussed, compared and even created aggregate presentations as they analyze the educational systems of the two countries. At the conclusion of each semester, students at Concord University celebrate a Global Collaboration Symposium through Learning Station Conversations where current student teachers, in-service teachers from partner public schools, and university faculty participate to commemorate this global learning initiative. Concord students share their learning experiences, newly acquired technology skills and increased cultural awareness of their global learning initiative with teachers and students at local public schools.



Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education

Celebrating 25+ Years of Service to the Educational Technology Community

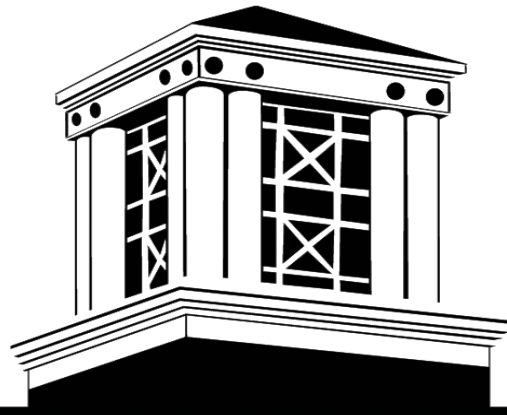


Dr. Anita Reynolds, Dr. Mark Angle, & Dr. Terry W. Mullins

Geology Department

Courtesy of Dr. Joseph Allen

Two Environmental Geoscience students will present their summer undergraduate research at a scientific conference on April 11, 2014. Luke Stevens (senior double major in Environmental Geoscience and Biology) will present his summer geologic research in Greenland with Dr. Allen as an oral presentation. Al McCreary (senior in Environmental Geoscience) will present his summer research at a field site in southern West Virginia with Dr. Matchen as a poster presentation. The work will be presented at the Geological Society of America Southeast Section meeting held in Blacksburg, VA. Both projects were funded by a grant from the WV Research Trust Fund and Allie Irene Strasko (CU alumnus) to Concord University. Students from Concord's Geology Club and the Geology 370 course in Earth Materials and Minerals will also attend the conference.



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Career Services to Honor Graduating Seniors

Courtesy of E-News

Graduation is nearing and plans are underway to continue the Senior Dinner tradition which recognizes our May and August graduates. The date for this event will be Wednesday, May 7 at 6 p.m. While the past several years we have had fun interactive celebrations in the spring, this year we will be hosting a sit down dinner in the Ballroom - of course we hope this will be fun as well! We have initiated a couple of fundraisers during the year to be able to purchase door prizes for this event. CU faculty and staff also contributed items.



Many of our graduates will be leaving their parents' nest, so donations of housekeeping items/gift cards were suggested as donations. Faculty and staff also volunteer to assist with the event. The entire CU family is pleased and excited for our graduates and the dinner is one small way to honor their accomplishment of a Concord University degree! Kudos!

Join the International Club for a Great Event

Courtesy of E-News

On April 13th at 6 p.m. in the Ballroom, the International Banquet will take place. The International Banquet is the most multicultural event held at Concord University and features foods from the countries represented on campus, prepared and served by members of our International Students Club. Following this delicious meal, students present entertainment from their countries. Past banquets have featured songs, dances, a magic show, comedy routines and an international fashion show. For ticket information, contact the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 304-384-6086.

Student Activities

Submitted by Andrew Sulgit, Student Activities Director

Snakes Alive!!

This coming Monday, April 7th, one of the longest-running traditions of Concord Student Activities will return to campus – Snakes Alive! Have you ever had your picture taken with an iguana, or felt a boa constrictor breathe? This is one of the most unique and exciting events we bring to campus.

Nationally known snake and reptile expert Ron Cromer brings dozens of animals to the Subway Stage @ 7:00pm, for a program that is informational, educational, and...hands on! With a wide variety of live animals, Ron allows participants to interact “up close and personal”, to discover first-hand the fascinating world of reptiles. Learn their role in nature and caring for them in captivity, as Ron lets you touch, hold and even talk to his friendly “critters”.

This is an all-ages event you don't want to miss!

Snakes Alive!

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Ron Cromer!



Monday April 7th
7:00pm - Subway Stage

Beatlemania—Revisited!

Liverpool Legends at Concord!!

Beatlemania is alive and well at Concord in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Beatles appearance on the iconic Ed Sullivan show! In recognition of the pop legends, Concord University is pleased to offer a special tribute to John, Paul, George, and Ringo by hosting *Liverpool Legends*. *Liverpool Legends* play incredibly accurate songs of The Beatles, and sports historical outfits and vintage instruments.

Liverpool Legends are widely considered to be one of, if not the most authentic representation of the Beatles performing today. Further, they were handpicked by Louise Harrison, sister of the late George Harrison, to carry on the songs and traditions of one of the most influential bands in history.

Tickets may be purchased for \$10 and parents, alumni, and community members are welcome. The show is free to Concord students with a valid University ID.

When: Tuesday, April 8, 2014

Time: 8:00 pm

Location: Concord University, Carter Center Main Gym



CU STUDENTS OFFER ASSISTANCE DURING TAX TIME

Courtesy of Sarah Dalton, Media Relations

Preparing income tax returns has become an annual volunteer activity for Concord University business students.

“My students are busy preparing tax returns as part of their VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program,” Dr. Cynthia Khanlarian, associate professor of accounting, said.

“So far, they have prepared and filed electronically, over 150 returns. Most returns are for refunds of taxes withheld. The refunds total over \$150,000,” she reported on March 8.

The VITA program offers free tax returns preparation and electronic filing for anyone in the community who makes less than \$55,000 per year. To make an appointment call Bonnie Brown at [304-384-5244](tel:304-384-5244).

Academic Support Services

The Academic Success Center is a one-stop-shop designed to assist students in a myriad of ways. If you or your student have questions and are unsure of whom to call, please contact the ASC at 304-384-6074 or by emailing asc@concord.edu.

Resources such as drop-in tutoring, academic coaching and SMARTHINKING online tutoring are all available and ready to assist Concord students. Drop-in tutoring is available in multiple locations Monday through Friday beginning around 11 am. Schedules are available on the Concord website, as well as printed copies are distributed and displayed across campus. SMARTHINKING is a 24/7 online tutoring program available free of charge to all Concord students. Many different disciplines are offered. Academic Coaching can be provided upon request of an appointment at our offices located in the Rahall Center Atrium.

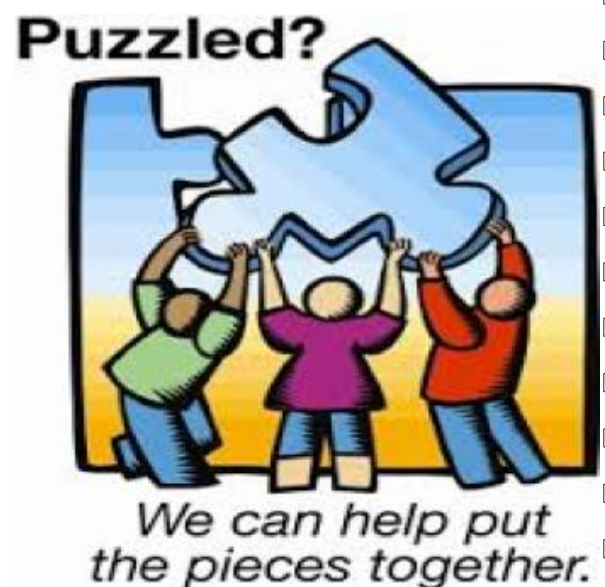
If your student is concerned about his or her grades, course selection, academic major selection, or any other reason, please encourage them to give Sarah Beasley (304.384.6298) or Steve Jarvis (304.384.6074) a call and we will be happy to do everything possible to assist!



Concord University Counseling Center

The Counseling Center is a free student service, located on the 2nd floor of the Bonner House. Whether a student is stressed over classes, test, projects, internal or external personal situations, or struggling to cope with a mental illness, the Counseling Center is a phone call away. Mr. Dave Bailey MA, AADC-S, LSW, is the Center's counselor.

The staff values confidentiality. They are all personally, professionally, and legally committed to your right to privacy. Because there are no lifts or elevators to the 2nd floor, we are more than willing to make arrangements to meet you in accessible location. The Counseling Center is open Monday-Friday, 8-4pm, or other hours by appointment. To schedule an appointment, **please call 304.384.5290 or email counseling@concord.edu** .



Library Services

The J. Frank Marsh Library is open 7 days each week for the convenience of Concord University students, faculty, staff and members of the local community.

Hours of operation are:

Monday - Thursday 7:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Friday 7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Special hours will be posted for exam periods, holiday weeks, and summer sessions.



The Library houses more than 150,000 volumes including books, microforms, popular and scholarly periodicals as well as bound periodicals, and DVD's. The library subscribes to electronic databases that include Infotrac Academic Onefile, Ebsco, PsychInfo, Faulkner Advisory for IT Studies, America's Newspapers, Grove Music Online, A to Z Maps online, SciFinder, Jstor (which covers the disciplines of language, literature, music, and biology) and remote access is provided for distance learning students.

Computers are provided for students in the Library. A printer and two photocopy machines are available. Wireless access is available within the library. Materials that instructors place on reserve are available at the front desk on the main floor of the library during normal operating hours. Staff members will provide assistance with reference searches and other research related endeavors.

Athletic News

Carnett Wins 800-meter NCAA Indoor Title

After being in last place at the halfway point in the finals of the 800-meter run at Saturday's NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field Championships, Concord University women's track senior [Shawnee Carnett](#) made a furious comeback to finish in first place and earn another national title in her storied career.

The Sugar Grove, Va. native is the only national champion in the history of Concord athletics, individually or as a team.



Women's Basketball Head Coach Kenny Osborne Wins 200th Game at Concord

The women's basketball victory over the UVa.-Wise Cavaliers was the 200th career win for head coach [Kenny Osborne](#) at Concord. Osborne has a career record of 212-211 in 14 total seasons of coaching. CU closes the regular season 10-16 overall 8-14 in Mountain East Conference play.



Concord University's *CU in Color Run*

**Come all and join us on
April 26th for the CU in
Color mile race around
Concord's *Campus
Beautiful*.**



Concord University students are hosting a fundraising event where all proceeds from this race are going to Concord University Foundation Fund to help in resurfacing the Track and Field. From donations to entrée fees, the students are hoping to reach the goal of \$5,000 dollars.

Entry for children ages 13 and under is \$15.00 and runners 14 and up is \$20.00 before race day and \$25.00 if they register on race day. Each runner will receive a runner's packet that will include a race shirt, course map, and other goodies.

Registration will begin at 8am on the morning of April 26th. The race will start promptly at 9am and end roughly around 10am. This race will be a good opportunity to revisit the Campus Beautiful and reunite with old college friends. Bring your families out to enjoy the day with fellow Mountain Lions and other friends of Concord University.

For additional information contact:

Cheyenne Nicely – (540)969-7495 or nicelyc26@mycu.concord.edu

Brooke Layne – (434)806-4736 or layneb13@mycu.concord.edu

Technology Support at the Help Desk

We would like to remind parents that Technology Services provides students with a single point of contact for all technology related questions and concerns through our Help Desk. Students are encouraged to contact the Help Desk anytime they have questions, or if they encounter problems using campus technology. To ensure that students have as many opportunities as possible to reach us, at the most convenient times for them, we have implemented multiple means of communication, as well as extended hours of operation.

Contact Information:

Phone: (304) 384-5291

Email: cuhelpdesk@concord.edu

Walk-in: Rahall Technology Center; Rooms 301 and Room 305

Hours of operation:

Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

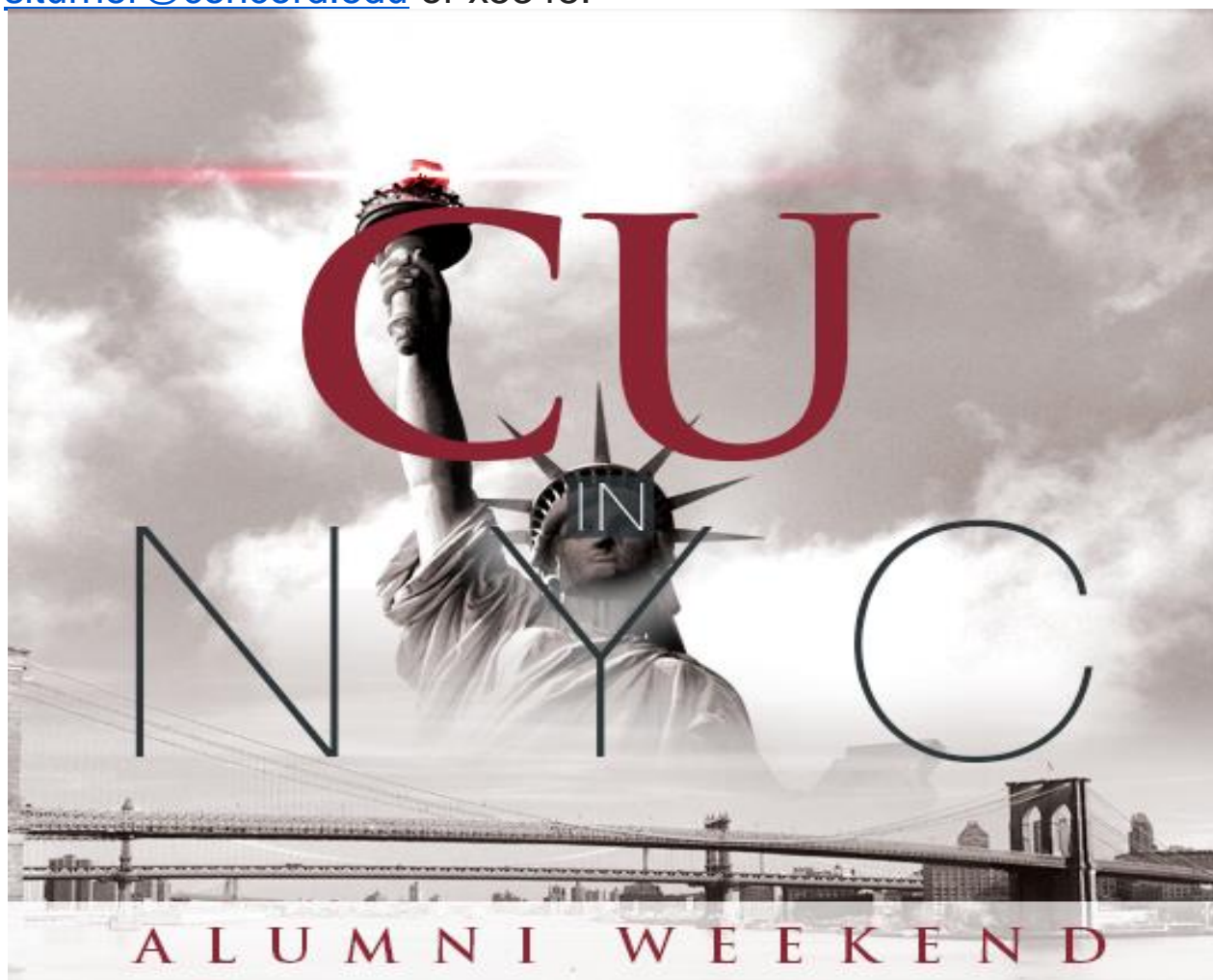
In an effort to increase safety and security on our campus, Concord University encourages everyone to register for instant text message alerts. Alerts will only be used for security and safety notices. All students, faculty, and staff are eligible to receive text message alerts on their cell phones or email alerts. Please contact Technology Services for Academic Technology for further assistance: 384-5361.

To enroll go to: <http://sms.concord.edu/>

The Advancement Office is Big Apple Bound

Courtesy of E-News

The Concord University Advancement Office is sponsoring a weekend trip to New York City this summer and we are inviting faculty, staff and students to join us! The trip is July 18th- 20th. We have a charter bus that will be leaving campus early Friday morning and returning to campus late Sunday night. Events scheduled for the weekend include a New York Yankees game, a tour of the Morgan Museum and a reception for Concord alumni and friends. Cost for transportation and two nights lodging in a hotel in the city is \$550 per person (double occupancy room). We must get 40 people signed up in order to take the bus so if you are interested in joining us contact Sarah Turner at slturner@concord.edu or x5348.



CU Ornaments for Sale Courtesy of Sarah Turner

The Pine Trees Alumni Chapter is offering the second in a series of CU ornaments. The 2014 ornament features McComas Hall. These make great gifts and can be a special addition to your own collection of Concord memorabilia! Ornaments are \$20 each with an additional charge of \$5.80 for shipping to a US address. All proceeds go towards the Pine Trees Scholarship Fund. Contact pinetreesalumnichapter@hotmail.com or [304-384-9457](tel:304-384-9457) for more information.



Housing & Residence Life

Submitted by Bill Fraley, Director of Residence Life

The Office of Housing and Residence Life has been busy during Spring semester. We are in the midst of student room selection for the Fall. Returning students have been given the opportunity to select a room for fall since the beginning of March, allowing them priority over incoming students. Freshmen room assignments will occur during the latter half of April. Assignments will be made available to students online in May or June.

We recently completed the Resident Assistant (RA) hiring process for the 2014-2015 academic year and have filled all anticipated openings. Resident Assistant training will begin approximately a week and a half before Fall Check-in Weekend.

Residence hall programming for the Spring semester has focused mainly on Personal Safety and Personal Wellness. We will continue that theme throughout April with multiple programs that will coincide with Sexual Assault Awareness Month. And we will offer some stress management programming in May, just in time for finals week.

We want to take this opportunity to remind parents of a few of the many advantages of Residence Hall living. Residing in the residence halls:

- Provides convenience and easy access to campus
- Offers Safety and Security
- Is Cost Effective
- Fosters Independence and Life Skills
- Provides Employment and Leadership Opportunities
- Allows Opportunity for Cross-Cultural Experiences

If you have questions regarding any Housing & Residence Life issues, please contact our office: housing@concord.edu; 304-384-5231



Referring a Student to Concord

The Office of Admissions is currently admitting new Mountain Lions for the summer of 2014 and fall 2014. If you know of a potential Concord University student, please let the Office of Admissions know. Submit the following information to the Office of Admissions: student's name, address, e-mail and phone number through email at admissions@concord.edu or call [1-888-384-5249](tel:1-888-384-5249). The Office of Admissions thanks you for recommending potential students to join the Concord University family.

Important Numbers

For other numbers, please consult the CU Directory: <http://www.concord.edu/fsdirectory.php?letter=A>

Main Phone	1-800-344-6679
Academic Success Center	1-304-384-6074
Admissions	1-888-384-5249 Or 1-304-384-5248
Beckley Center	1-304-256-0270
Business Office	1-304-384-5234
Career Services	1-304-384-5325
Counseling Center	1-304-384-5290
Disability Services	1-304-384-6086
Financial Aid	1-304-384-6069
Housing	1-304-384-5231
Police	1-304-384-5357
Registrar	1-304-384-5236
Student Affairs	1-304-384-5256
Student Support Services	1-304-384-6088

