

# THE SCOOP

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Dear Parents,

Spring break is almost here and Concord Charlie's Groundhog Day prediction of six more weeks of winter appears to be accurate. Students who enrolled in our skiing/snowboarding mini-course enjoyed five weeks of great conditions at Winterplace, and the traditional sliding down the CU hill has proven as popular as ever. Although we enjoy the wonderful variety of Four Seasons Country on the Campus Beautiful, many of us will gladly welcome spring's arrival and milder temperatures!

As we finish midterm exams and the first half of the semester, we look forward to a packed remainder of spring 2013! Upcoming events include a mix of fun and academic events, including Spring Fling, Greek Week, early advising and course registration for summer 2013 and fall 2013, the always-popular International Banquet, Higher Education Day at the Legislature, the Career Fair, the WV Athletic Trainers Association Conference, annual Earth Day celebration, Undergraduate Research Day, Relay for Life, the Roth Scholarship 5K Walk/Run, and more.

This issue includes information that we hope will be of interest to you, including Financial Aid updates; an article on the upcoming Greenbrier Dinner, featuring Keynote Speaker Jack Furst; Study Abroad opportunities; athletic highlights (p.6); Student Activities happenings on our Athens and Beckley campuses; the Bonner Scholars Alternative Spring Break; Midterm Grades, and more. We are proud of our newest McNair Scholar to earn her Ph.D., Oak Hill native Dr. Holly Damron Cyphert! (p. 4) Social Science faculty and students have been busy with research, publications, conferences, and community service (pp. 7, 9). Concord offers a host of academic support services to assist students, including drop-in and online tutoring, study skills assistance, advising, career advising, the Academic Success Center, computer labs, plus more, with extended Library hours.

As always, please let us know if you have questions or need assistance. We wish our students and families a wonderful and safe Spring Break!

Best wishes on behalf of the Parents Club,

*Marjie Flanigan*

Vice President of Student Affairs & Dean of Students



# Academic Calendar

Date	Activity
February 6	Last Day to Pay fees
February 8	Last Day for Adding Courses
February 15	Last Day to Apply for Fall 2013 Professional Semester (Student Teaching)
February 28	Last Day for Making Application for Undergraduate and Graduate May Graduation
March 8	Mid-terms
March 11-15	Spring Break
March 18- April 5	Summer and Fall Advising for Summer & Fall 2013
March 29	Last Day to Drop Courses
May 3	Last Day to Withdraw from University
May 10	Last Class Day
May 13	Spring Semester Exams Begin
May 17	Spring Semester Ends
May 18	Commencement 10AM & 2PM

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## Spring Break –Information from Housing & Residence Life

### SPRING BREAK DATES:

Residence Halls close for Spring Break at 5:00pm on Friday, March 8, 2013. All residents must vacate the buildings no later than 5:00pm on this day.

The Residence Halls will re-open from Spring Break on Sunday, March 17, 2013 at 1:00pm. No one will be permitted to return earlier than 1:00pm on March 17, as staff will not be available to check students into the buildings.

Please have your students secure their valuables over break. Students should unplug electrical appliances (exception of fridge), empty trash, close windows, and close and lock their doors.

### SUMMER BREAK DATES:

Finals Week is May 13-17, 2013. All Residents must Officially Check-out and move from the Residence Halls within 24 hours after their last Final Exam, OR by 5:00pm on Friday, May 17, 2013. WHICHEVER COMES FIRST!

Please contact the Office of Housing & Residence Life if you have questions. Email: [housing@concord.edu](mailto:housing@concord.edu);

Phone: 304-384-5231

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## Early Course Registration –Summer & Fall 2013

Please be certain that your students participate in early advising for Summer & Fall 2013. Registering early helps insure that students are enrolled in the courses they need to graduate on time! Advising begins on March 18<sup>th</sup> and course registration begins on March 26<sup>th</sup>. Your student should meet with his/her academic advisor.





## Concord Students Studying abroad this year! By Ryan Baisden

CU is pleased to offer several Study Abroad opportunities for our students. One such trip will occur in late spring 2013. Professors Dr. Joseph Manzo (Geography) and Dr. Roy Ramthun (Recreation & Tourism Management) will be taking ten students to Russia. There is still time for students to sign up. The trip carries six hours of credit. The cost is approximately \$3,400.

Also Concord is again offering the David R. Bard Study Abroad Program. This is a three-week trip to London, Edinburgh and Wales, departing 7/9/2013 and returning 7/30/2013 for which students will earn six credit hours; cost is \$5,500; students can spend two days in Paris for an additional \$600. Concord is giving students the opportunity to study worldwide and gain knowledge about new cultures. More information is posted on the CU webpage or contact the Social Sciences Division Office at 304-384-5257

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## Concord University Foundation Greenbrier Dinner From Sarah Dalton

Philanthropist, businessman and lifelong Boy Scouts of America volunteer Jack Furst will be the keynote speaker for the Concord University Foundation's Greenbrier Dinner. The scholarship fundraiser that benefits Concord students will be held at The Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. on Saturday, March 16, 2013.

A member of the BSA's National Executive Board and an officer of the National Council, Furst serves as team leader for developing and programming The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. The high adventure base, located in the New River Gorge area of West Virginia, will host the 2013 National Scout Jamboree.

Furst is a 2010 recipient of the Silver Buffalo Award for Distinguished Service to Youth, the BSA's highest commendation. He is also an Eagle Scout. His business interests include ranching and private investments, and he lives with his family at their ranch in Argyle, Texas. He is an adjunct professor of finance at the University of North Texas and a board member of the National Safety Council. Furst holds an undergraduate degree from Arizona State University and a graduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

The Greenbrier Dinner begins with a reception at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Individual tickets may be purchased for \$150. The following sponsorships are available: Silver sponsorship - \$1,200; Gold sponsorship - \$2,400; and Platinum sponsorship - \$6,000.





## Financial Aid Information From Debbie Turner, CU Financial Aid Director

The spring semester is well underway; now it's 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 27, 2013. The document, Summer I/II Financial Aid Application (2013), is located on our web page at [www.concord.edu/admissions/financial-aid](http://www.concord.edu/admissions/financial-aid) under Forms & Applications. Eligibility for summer aid is based on the 2012-13 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) results and not all types of aid are available for the summer term. 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 2013-14 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 2013 and Spring 2014 is not awarded until verification has been completed. **If you have not completed the 2013-14 FAFSA, please do so promptly at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).** (Please note: <http://fafsa.gov> is a free site. Do not confuse the free application with the <.com> site which charges a fee for applying.)

Please contact our office at 304-384-6069 if you have any questions regarding summer aid awarding, completing the 2013-14 FAFSA or verification.



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## 2012 Tax Information Form 1098-T Notice

Submitted by Vickie Blankenship, Business Office

What is IRS Form 1098-T? This is an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) form that institutions must file with the IRS for students who were billed for *qualified tuition and related fees* during the calendar year. Form 1098-T is used to compute eligibility for education-related tax credits.

Concord University issues copies of the Form 1098-T to students *electronically*. **Printed forms are not be mailed.** Students can access their form by logging in to their MyCU account. Please note that the CU Business Office is not able to reproduce the form with the labeled boxes and cannot supply this financial information to others; therefore, **if you (as parents) or someone else claims an education deduction or credit on behalf of your student, the student will need to provide this information to you or them as soon as possible.** In most cases, this form needs to be provided to the parent or other legal guardian.

Please remember the Business Office cannot answer tax questions or provide tax advice. These types of questions should be directed to a tax professional. The HelpDesk is available for MyCU login assistance and can be reached at (304) 384-5291.



# McNair Scholar Defends Dissertation on Diabetes

Submitted by Lisa Karnes, McNair Scholars Program

West Virginia is synonymous with picturesque natural beauty and southern hospitality; however, obesity and diabetes related health problems plague many of its residents. According to the Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, "West Virginia was named the third most obese state in the country in 2011. More than 12% of the state's population has diabetes."

Holly Damron Cyphert observed the severity of diabetes and obesity in West Virginia firsthand as a native of Oak Hill. Her passion for improving the health of fellow West Virginians has been the driving force behind her academic pursuits. She participated in two research internships while at Concord University: the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) and the McNair Scholars Program. Both programs afforded her an opportunity to investigate the effects of aging, diabetes, and obesity on proteins. Dr. Damron Cyphert said that her first internship was a bit overwhelming, but she knew she belonged in a lab. Conducting research gave her a sense of purpose. This newly found sense of purpose and introduction to the graduate admissions process via the McNair Scholars Program became her inspiration for pursuing a PhD.

As a PhD student in the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Program at West Virginia University, she expanded on her research in the field of diabetes. She received an American Heart Association Fellowship and presented her research on therapeutics at several conferences and national meetings. In mid-November 2012, she successfully defended her dissertation, "The Nutritional Regulation of Hepatic Fibroblast Growth Factor 21, A Novel Anti-Diabetic Hormone".

Dr. Damron Cyphert plans to continue her research on diabetes as a Post-Doc Fellow at Vanderbilt University. She is a 2007 graduate of Concord's Pre-Professional Biology Program. ***Congrats, Holly!!***



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## WVIAC Basketball Tournament

Mountain Lion fans and alumni had a special place to gather during the WVIAC basketball tournament in Charleston, W.Va. The Concord University Alumni Hospitality Room hosted the extended CU community Feb. 27-March 2 in Parlor C of the Charleston Civic Center. CU's Greater Kanawha Valley Alumni Chapter met on Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. in Parlor C. All alumni who are members of the chapter or interested in joining the chapter were encouraged to attend this event.

For more information contact the Concord University Office of Advancement at [advancement@concord.edu](mailto:advancement@concord.edu) or 340-384-6311.

CU AT THE  
**WVIAC  
BASKETBALL  
TOURNAMENT**

February 27, 28  
March 1, 2  
Charleston Civic Center  
Parlor C

CALL 1-304-384-6311  
FOR MORE INFO

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## Concord to host 2013 WVATA Sports Medicine Conference!

Submitted by Dr. Joseph Beckett, Professor & Athletic Training Director

March 22-23, 2013, Concord University will be hosting the 2013 WVATA Sports Medicine Conference for the first time. This conference is geared towards educating athletic trainers, athletic training students, and other healthcare professionals interested in the healthcare of athletes and physically active patients. We are fortunate to have a number of national and regionally known speakers that represent a diversity of medical and other healthcare professions, presenting on topics that should be of great interest. Please share this information with those individuals who may be interested in attending the 2013 WVATA Sports Medicine Conference. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate in contacting me. My contact information is provided below. In closing, I hope to see and meet you personally at our campus on March 22-23.

Dr. Joe Beckett, ATC  
304-384-6063 (O)  
[jbeckett@concord.edu](mailto:jbeckett@concord.edu)



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## Spring Career Fair—March 21, 2013

10am-3pm, Jerry & Jean Beasley Ballroom

Concord University would like to extend an invitation to our seventh annual Career Fair. Since the fair was such a huge success last year, we have decided to make it bigger and better this March --all we need to accomplish this is your participation!

Students are responsible for planning and hosting the event. Our graduates and undergraduates are interested in obtaining successful and rewarding internships and careers and this Fair links students with employers! Employers, whether or not they are currently hiring are invited to attend, because this is a learning opportunity as well, and employers can use this day to promote careers in your field – even if you have no immediate openings.

Please plan to join us at the Concord University Ballroom from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM on Thursday, March 21, 2013. The event is designed to encourage dialogue between employers and our students, so we have asked our students to arrive in business-casual attire. Light refreshments will be available throughout the day.

Participation is free of charge. For employer registration, visit Concord University's webpage, [www.concord.edu](http://www.concord.edu) and click the **Career Fair tab to register online**. For more information, feel free to contact Dr. Susan Martin-Williams at (304) 384-6026 or [swilliams@concord.edu](mailto:swilliams@concord.edu).



## Damien Tunstalle Named Second Team All-WVIAC

Senior forward [Damien Tunstalle](#) earned Second Team All-West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors when the league office handed out its end of the year awards. Tunstalle has had a career-year in his final season wearing the Maroon and Gray. He has started 22 of Concord's 26 games and is averaging 16.2 points, 5.8 rebounds, 1.1 steals and 1.0 assists per game while shooting 42.9 percent from the field, 39.4 percent from three-point range and 75.0 percent at the foul line.

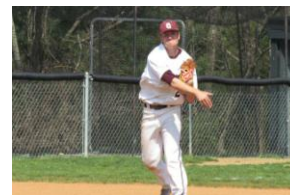
Tunstalle has had a number of dynamic offensive performances this season with the highlight being a 35-point game against Shepherd on Feb. 9 in which Tunstalle made nine three-pointers and hit the game-winner for Concord with just seconds left to play in the contest. For the year, he has scored at least 20 points in a game seven times. Tunstalle, who has three double-doubles on the season, needs to score just five more points in Concord's remaining postseason games to become the 33rd player in CU history to break the 1,000 career-points barrier. Concord finished the 2012-13 regular season 16-10 overall and 12-10 in the WVIAC.



## Wenger Named NCBWA National Hitter of the Week

The National Collegiate Baseball Writer's Association (NCBWA) released its first weekly NCAA Division II National Players of the Week awards of the season and Concord University senior shortstop [Josh Wenger](#) has been named the National Hitter of the Week as announced by the NCBWA on Wednesday. Wenger was named the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Week on Monday, hitting .692 (9-for-13) with three runs scored, 12 RBI and two home runs last week to lead Concord to a 2-1 record at the WVIAC-CIAA Challenge. He also had an on-base percentage of .733 while slugging 1.231.

He launched two home runs, including one grand slam, on his way to a five-RBI day at the plate in Concord's 13-4 win against Chowan. He followed that performance up by going 4-for-4 with four RBI in another CU win vs. St. Augustine's. Wenger closed out his week by driving in three more runs and going 3-for-5 in a losing effort at Winston-Salem State. For the season, Wenger is batting .500 (12-for-24) and has a perfect fielding percentage in 25 chances.



## Callaway Named to USTFCCA All-Academic Team

Concord University women's cross country senior standout [Chelsea Callaway](#) was named to the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association unveiled its All-Academic team this week. Callaway was Concord's first finisher in six of the Mountain Lions' seven races in 2012. She won the Greensboro Invitational and earned All-West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors by placing fourth at the league championship races. She closed out the season by placing 69th at the NCAA Atlantic Regional Championships.

## Men's Track & Field Places Three on All-Region Team

The Concord University men's track and field team had three individuals named to the 2013 U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) All-Atlantic Region indoor team this week. Representing the Mountain Lions were [R.J. Anderson](#) in the 60-meter dash, [Jeff Fertig](#) in the high jump and [Robby Peters](#) in both the 3,000-meter run and the 5,000-meter run.

Anderson had the 22nd fastest 60-meter time in the nation at 6.85 seconds. Fertig's top-clearance of 2.06 meters was good enough for 17th in the nation while Peters ranked 30th in the 3,000-meters (8:23.15) and 49th in the 5,000-meters (14:50.84).

## Carnett Selected for National Championships

Concord University's [Shawnee Carnett](#) has been selected to compete in the 800-meter run at the 2013 NCAA Division II Women's Indoor Track & Field National Championships in Birmingham, Ala., the NCAA announced Tuesday. Carnett will be looking for her second career national title; she won the 800-meter outdoor championship in 2011.

Tuesday's announcement was a mere formality for Carnett, who had assured herself of a spot at the National Championships when she ran an 800-meter automatic qualifying time of 2:08.51 at the Virginia Tech Challenge on Feb. 16. Carnett's time, which was also a school-record, was the second-fastest 800-meter time in the nation this season. Only Helen Crofts of Simon Fraser had a quicker time than Carnett this year at 2:07.34.



## 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. – midnight
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.

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## News from Social Sciences

Submitted by Dr. Jonathon Berkev, Associate Professor of History & Chair, Division of Social Sciences

Dr. Carol Manzione (History) traveled to the David Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library at Duke University to consult their history of advertising collection for a project about the use of Henry VIII in ads. Tracy Luff's (Sociology) article (co-authored with 2 faculty members from Roanoke College) "The Impact of Peers and Perceptions On Hooking Up" has been accepted for publication in the *College Student Affairs Journal*. Jim White attended the American Political Science Association Teaching and Learning Conference (Feb. 8-10). The annual national conference is designed to improve teaching through research and a working group model.

The CU Social Work program is continuing with the accreditation process for the new Masters in Social Work program. Fall 2013 is the anticipated launch date for this long-awaited addition to our graduate offerings. Thus far within the Social Work program, due to the efforts of Dr. John David Smith, 162 training sessions were delivered to the community and professionals in southern West Virginia between 7/1/2012 and 12/31/2012.

Lori Pace (Sociology) attended the 2012 WV Children's Justice Task Force "Crimes Against Children Conference" on Nov. 16 sponsored by the WV Prosecuting Attorneys Institute in Charleston. Also, at the HEC during end of Nov-Dec we coordinated with the Mt. Hope Elementary School's PTO and collected gloves and hats. Their goal was to distribute every child at the elementary school gloves and hats before the Christmas break. Our collection at the HEC resulted in 107 pairs of gloves, 90 hats, 20 pairs of mittens, 6 scarves. We also collected used toys for the MAC Toy Fund Distribution at the Raleigh County Convention Center on 12/15.

On 12/13, Pace attended Just for Kids "Champions for Children" award dinner at Mountaineer Conference Center. As part of the evening's events, three PSAs from her Violence in America students (Angela Daniel & Pam Bennet, Ashlei Carag, Victor Parra) were shown.





# Services for Students with Special Needs and Disabilities

Submitted by Nancy Ellison, Director of Multicultural Affairs and Disabilities

Greetings from the Office of Disability Services! I think you will find that Concord University is a caring and supportive community with high academic and personal expectations. The University is committed to making its programs, services, and activities accessible to students with disabilities. The ODS assists students with documented disabilities by determining their eligibility for services and then working with students to determine reasonable accommodations and services which will, in turn, give the student equal access to the University. Services may include:

- laboratory assistance
- note taking assistance
- reader services
- accessible campus facilities
- counseling services
- TDDs (Telephone devices for the deaf)
- \* enlarged print services
- \* tape recorders
- \* recorded textbooks
- \* accessible housing
- \* priority scheduling
- \* Typewell Transcription
- \* tutoring
- \* accessible computing
- \* testing accommodations
- \* referrals

**Contact Disability Services:** Email: [nellison@concord.edu](mailto:nellison@concord.edu) Phone: (304) 384-6086

## Midterm Grade Reports

To assist students with monitoring their academic progress, midterm grades will be submitted by faculty on Friday, March 8, 2013. Shortly thereafter, students can access their midterm grades via MyCU. Only midterm grades of D or F in a course are indicated on students' accounts. Available resources for students who have midterms include: Tutoring (listed below); Academic Success Center in Rahall 243 (<http://www.concord.edu/student-affairs/academic-success-center>); meeting with professors and academic advisors, Student Support Services, and more.

## Tutoring Services

Concord University offers numerous free tutoring resources to assist students. Please encourage your students to utilize these worthwhile services! These include:

- **Sponsored Tutoring**—Drop-in peer tutoring by qualified upper division students; assistance is available for almost all classes offered at Concord. Visit <https://cs.concord.edu/tutoring/> for current hours & locations
- **Tutoring in Academic Divisions**—many of Concord's academic programs offer extra help with understanding course material. Students should check with their instructors or the academic division secretary for a tutoring schedule
- **SMARTHINKING**—free online professional tutoring for most subjects, from basic to advanced. Tutors are available 24-hours a day, 7 days per week. Students can participate in live chat with tutors, pose questions to be answered within a short time, or submit papers for editing assistance.

Tutoring can make the difference between a failing and passing grade, as well as improve good course grades to A's!! Contact the Academic Success Center, 304-384-6074 or [asc@concord.edu](mailto:asc@concord.edu) for assistance.





### 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. Our contact information and hours of operation are as follows:

#### **Contact Information:**

- ✓ Phone: (304) 716-005
- ✓ Email: [cuhelpdesk@concord.edu](mailto:cuhelpdesk@concord.edu)
- ✓ Instant Messaging/Chat: <http://workorder.concord.edu/ChatEnduserWelcomePage.jsp?queue=1&accountID=ConcordUniversity>
- ✓ (Links to this URL are also located on the login page of MyCU, as well as inside of MyCU)
- ✓ 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.

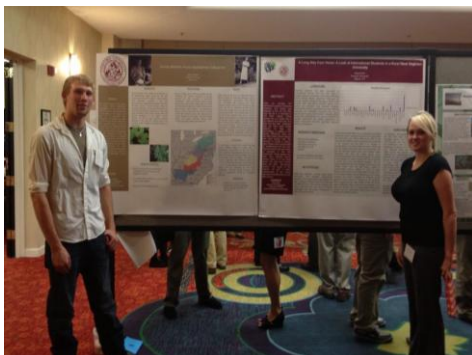
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## More News from Social Sciences

Submitted by Dr. Shimontini Shome, Assistant Professor of Geography

Laken Pruitt, a psychology/sociology double-major and McNair Scholar, has been accepted to present her research in the Undergraduate Poster Session at the Eastern Sociological Society Meeting. The meeting will take place in Boston, MA from March 21st -- March 24th. Laken is one of 35 students from across the eastern U.S. who was accepted for participation in the conference. We are very proud and excited for her!

Dr. Tom Saladyga and Dr. Shimantini Shome (Geography) took 11 Concord students to the annual conference of the Southwestern Division of the Association of American Geographers held in Ashville, North Carolina, November 18-20. Concord students represented West Virginia in the Geography Bowl, and two students presented their research in the Undergraduate Poster Competition.



Pictured: Students Allen "Cody" Treadway and Briana Karl



## Beckley News from the HEC

Submitted by Lori Pace, Sociology Instructor & Beckley Student Activities Director

### March 2013 at the HEC

**Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**-- Coal Heritage Lecture Series "Balancing Industry and the Environment" 7:00 in E-10;

**FREE** and open to the public

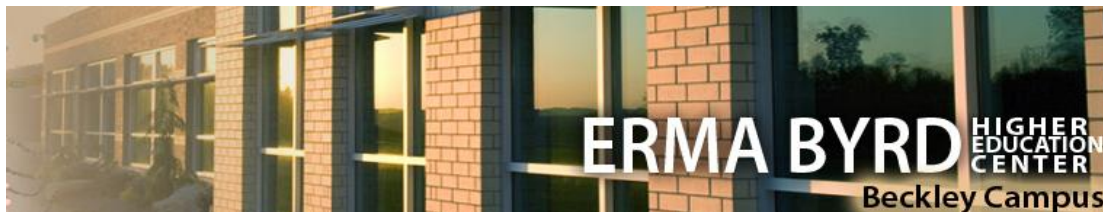
**Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**-- Dickey's BBQ Fundraiser for victims of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault. 1:00-5:00 in HEC lobby. Bring \$\$\$. First Come/First Serve

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** – **Open House** from 2 to 4 p.m! CU representatives will be available to talk one-on-one with prospective students about educational opportunities at the Beckley location. High school students making college plans and adults interested in furthering their education or pursuing a different career path are invited. The Open House will give the community an opportunity to become better acquainted with CU's academic programs and schedule of courses. The event will focus on both traditional students and adult learners and how they can pursue higher education on CU's Beckley campus. The campus is located in the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center at 300 University Drive in Beaver. (Take Exit 125-B, Airport Road, off of Interstate 64.) For more information call 304-256-0270, ext. 206.

### Monday, March 11th thru Fri. 15th **SPRING BREAK**

**Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**-- Volunteer for the **Third Saturday** Food Distribution at the Dream Center— behind Family Worship Center, 224 Pinewood Drive, Beckley. You can work the Friday before to sort food into boxes from 6-8, or serve hot meals/hand out boxes/support food distribution 8:00 am to 2:00 on Saturday.

We are very proud to announce the election of **Ms. Celia Laverty as Student Government Association (SGA) Senator**. Senator Laverty will represent Beckley students and we are pleased to have her in this very important position. Congratulations Celia!!





## Office of Admissions News

The Office of Admissions is sponsoring a series of receptions for our newly accepted students. Below are the dates and locations. All events begin at 6 p.m. If you know of students planning to enter CU in the summer or fall of 2013, they may wish to attend one of the following:

- Sunday, March 17 - Bridgeport Conference Center - Bridgeport, WV
- Monday, March 18 - Fairfield Inn - Lewisburg, WV
- Tuesday, March 19 - Holiday Inn - Martinsburg, WV
- Wednesday, March 20 - Fincastle Country Club - Bluefield, VA
- Thursday, March 21 - Hotel Roanoke - Roanoke, VA
- Sunday, March 24 - The Blennerhassett Hotel - Parkersburg, WV
- Monday, March 25 - Twin Falls State Park - Mullens, WV
- Tuesday, March 26 - Tamarack - Beckley, WV
- Wednesday, March 27 - Chuck Mathena Center - Princeton, WV
- Thursday, March 28 - Embassy Suites - Charleston, WV

Students who have completed the Admissions process are invited to participate in Early Advising on the following Fridays and Saturdays in 2013. Students should contact the Admissions Office for an appointment:

- Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6
- Friday April 12 and Saturday April 13
- Friday, April 19 and Saturday, April 20
- Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27
- Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4

### A Message from Mr. Kent Gamble, CU Director of Enrollment

Dear Parent Club Members,

The Office of Admissions is currently looking for new Mountain Lions. If you know of a potential Concord student, please let us know.

I thank you for recommending potential students to join our Concord family. Please submit the following information through our email <[admissions@concord.edu](mailto:admissions@concord.edu)> or call toll-free 1-888-384-5249:

Student's name, address, phone number, e-mail, name of high school and graduation date.

Sincerely,

*Kent Gamble*

Kent Gamble Director of Enrollment



## CU Campus Activities By Andrew Sulgit, Director of Campus Activities & Greek Life

Student Activities Council brought "Badfish: A Tribute to Sublime" to the main gym of the Carter Center on the evening of February 21st. This is the first step in a push to return to a large-scale campus event that Concord has been famous for in years past. Attendance was strong at the show, and students who attended agreed the night was one to remember.

Live music is on the docket for March, with *The Allen Smith Trio* bringing contemporary jazz and R&B to the Subway Stage. Allen works as Senior Admissions Counselor at Concord, but also has professional skill on the guitar. Additionally, Town of Athens Police Officer Charlie Lowe will bring the musical stylings of his rock band "Pieces of One" to the Student Center near the end of the month. *Pieces of One* play covers from a wide variety of current and classic bands, from Jason Isabell to Alice in Chains.

The return of the "first run" movies to Concord will initiate in March, with a big screen showing of *Argo* and *The Hobbit*, among others. The first annual "Lebowski Fest" will take place in late March, celebrating the indie cult movie "The Big Lebowski", with indoor bowling and live music from the soundtrack played by Concord alums Nick Durm and Matt Mullins. Perennial favorites like Bingo Night and a St. Patrick's Day-themed "Duck Hunt" will also take place in March, among other smaller activities.

With a week off for Spring Break, SAC is packing four weeks of activities into three weeks of school, so look for March to be an exciting month for campus events!

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## Bonner Alternative Spring Break Submitted by Bonner Scholars

Concord University students and staff members will participate in an "alternative" spring break March 8-13, 2013, in Asheville, N.C. Instead of spending each day relaxing or partying, these students will be performing community service with the Timothy Project. They will work with various organizations that reduce homelessness (handing out blanket/clothes), encourage environmental stewardship (putting together garden areas for inner city communities), improve home repair (building parts of homes or painting), decrease food insecurity (collecting food, serving food) and embrace local culture.

The trip is free and was open to all Concord students. Funding for the trip is provided by the Concord University Student Affairs Division. This will be the third scheduled Concord-sponsored alternative spring break trip since 2009. In the past, students have served the community in Nashville, Tenn. and Philadelphia, Pa. In addition, for many years, campus organizations had sponsored their own alternative break trips, including several trips to the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina, trips serving those experiencing homelessness in the nation's capital, and several faith-based service trips.

Thanks to Dr. Sally Howard, associate professor of political science, students may also receive one hour of academic credit in political science, psychology, or social work for their participating and writing about their experiences. Some of these writings will be shared "live" during the trip online at

<http://concordasb.wordpress.com/>





# Founders Day Convocation of Scholars

On Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, Concord University celebrated Founders' Day with a Convocation of Scholars, and fittingly proclaimed its 141<sup>st</sup> year as *Year of the Scholar*. The families of Allie Irene Strasko and Evelyn Lilly Blake were honored for their contributions to the University.

Dr. Gregory F. Aloia, President, welcomed the large crowd composed of students, faculty, staff, alumni, emeriti faculty/staff, and friends of Concord to the celebration. President Emeritus Jerry L. Beasley was in attendance. Congressman Nick Rahall sent greetings, relayed via Interim Vice President and Academic Dean Dr. Kendra Boggess. Music was by the Concord University ConChords, directed by Dr. Keely Rhodes, with pianist Ms. Laurel Black.

Various recognition awards were bestowed, including the following honors and recipients:

**Recognition of Teaching:** Dr. Thomas Ford, Associate Professor and Chair of Biology Department

**Recognition of Scholarship/Creativity:** Dr. Mohan Pokharel, Assistant Professor of Management and *Shott Distinguished Chair of Innovation and Entrepreneurship*

**Recognition of Faculty Service:** Dr. Thomas McKenna, Associate Professor of History & Philosophy and Honors Program Coordinator

**Recognition of Presidential Service:** Mr. Robert Curry, Trades Specialist

**Recognition of Non-Classified Staff Service:** Mrs. Tammy Monk, Career Services Director

**Recognition of Student Service:** Mr. Adam Pauley, Ms. Genevieve Hatcher, Mr. Montana Callison

**Nominees for Recognition of Student Service:** Mr. Luke Stevens, Ms. Allie Adams, Mr. Kenny Breslin, Ms. Jordan Manning, Mr. Greg Stamp

Numerous faculty and staff members were honored for their Years of Service, ranging from five to forty years of service to Concord University and the State of West Virginia. A reception in the Fine Arts lobby followed the ceremony.

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