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CONCORD UNIVERSITY PARENTS CLUB

September - October 2016

Dear Parents,

We're off to a wonderful start to the academic year and look forward to the many educational and fun times ahead this semester! Fall officially arrives September 22, marking the sixth week of classes. Fall break on October 6 and 7 is just around the corner, followed by Homecoming on October 15.

October 1 signals a big change for financial aid. For the first time, the FAFSA will be available on October 1 for the next academic year. While it may seem too early to be thinking about 2017-18, to ensure adequate time for planning and completing the entire process, federal student aid has moved the application availability date from January 1 to October 1—three months sooner. You should use the same income data from this year's FAFSA (2015 income information). See Financial Aid Director Debbie Turner's article later in this newsletter.

September 24 is the target date for the launch of CU's new website. After several years of planning and testing, the site is expected to "go live," with a more user- and mobile-friendly format. We're excited to update our online presence.

In closing, remember that we're here to help if you need assistance. We welcome your comments and suggestions and hope to CU soon!

On behalf of the Parents Club, best wishes,

Marjie Flanigan

Vice President of Student Affairs & Dean of Students



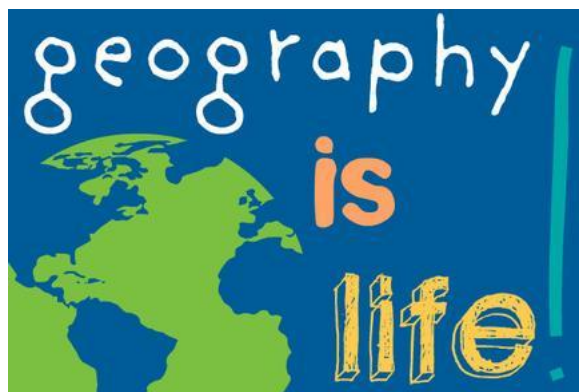
Fall 2016 Academic Schedule

Monday, Sept. 5	Labor Day Holiday
Friday, Sept. 9	4pm-- Last Day to Apply for Spring 2017 Student Teaching
Wednesday, Sept. 21	4pm—Last Day to Apply for December 2016 Graduation (without late fees)
Wednesday, October 5	4pm—Mid-Semester Reports of Unsatisfactory Grades
Thurs-Fri., Oct. 6-7	Fall Break, No Classes
Saturday, October 15	Homecoming
Oct. 17-November 4	Course Advising for Spring 2017 Semester
Oct. 31-November 9	Course Selection for Spring 2017, Currently Enrolled Students
November 21-25	Thanksgiving Recess, No Classes
Monday, November 28	Last Day to Officially Withdraw from the University
Friday, December 2	Last Class Day
December 5-9	Final Exams
Saturday, December 10	Commencement & Alumni Day
Wednesday, Dec. 21	Last Day for Room Reservation Refund for Spring 2017

Departmental News

CU Geography News (by Dr. Joe Manzo)

On September 16 and 17, Concord University, The National Geographic Society, The National Park Service, and the West Virginia Geographic Alliance, in conjunction with Hinton Area Elementary School, will host a Geography Day at the New River Gorge National Park for 85 elementary students. The featured event is a *bioblitz*. The 24-hour program will include programs on plants, birds, animals, dendrochronology, and archaeology. On Friday night, thirty students will participate in a campfire, storytelling, and astronomy activities. They will spend the night in the camp dormitories, and enjoy breakfast on Saturday morning. Participating Concord University faculty are: Dr. Alice Allen, Dr. Tom Saladyga, and Dr. Joe Manzo.



Concord University students, Charles Moustapha Seye and Arrienne MacAulay, completed the Korea/Japan Study Abroad Program. These CU students spent the first sixteen days at Kangwon National University north of Seoul, Korea. The program at Kangwon National University included classwork in Korean economics, geography, history, politics, and language. The program included trips to the DMZ, Seoul, and the East Sea. Following their time in Korea, Charles and Arrienne spent their last four days in Japan,

touring Tokyo, with Professor Joe Manzo and Sharon Manzo. They also had the opportunity to meet with the President of the CU Japan Alumni Chapter.

Congratulations to Briana Karl on finishing her Master of Arts degree in Geography at Ohio University. Her MA was fully funded, and she also started working with AmeriCorps.

Congratulations Donnie Kirk! Donnie, a 2014 Geography/Geology graduate, completed her Masters of Arts degree at East Carolina University while spending the summer as an intern at NASA in Virginia. Ms. Kirk was on the track team at CU and was a student assistant in the Geography office.

Geography professors Dr. Shimantini Shome and Dr. Joe Manzo made presentations at the annual meeting of the National Council for Geographic Education in Tampa, Florida on July 28-31st. Professor Shome spoke on "The importance of Field Trips in Geography Education." Professor Manzo presented on studying "Physical Geography through the Novel."

Dr. Tom Saladyga, Assistant Professor of Geography, accompanied by five CU Geography students, took part in "Geography Day at the Park" at Harpers Ferry National Park. Professor Saladyga demonstrated dendrochronology techniques and interpretation to 80 students from Mountain Ridge Middle School, Berkeley County. Accompanying Dr. Saladyga were students Robert Jessee, Anastasia Vorobeva, Brianna Hammons, Mark Large, and James Kemp.

Political Science

Dr. James White participated as a moderator and presenter in the inaugural WV Center on Budget and Summer Policy institute. Dr. White was also a founding member of the Steering Committee that created the Institute.

Dr. White also moderated the session on Legislative and Policy Processes. He also presented "Should You Want Us and Should We Want You?" at the Careers in Public Policy and Administration session.

Sociology News

The Sociology Department is taking a group of 30 to the International Civil Rights Center & Museum in Greensboro, N.C. this fall. The International Civil Rights Center & Museum is an archival center, collecting museum, and teaching facility devoted to the international struggle for civil and human rights. The Museum celebrates the nonviolent protests of the 1960 Greensboro sit-ins that served as a catalyst in the civil rights movement. This experience will enhance understanding and awareness of a tumultuous period of struggle and layer into several Sociology courses as well as the Inequality Symposium Dr. Eppard has planned for November. www.sitinmovement.com

Lori Pace's Sociology students in Beckley will fundraise and sponsor events around October's Domestic Violence Awareness month. Students will hang purple ribbons (the color of DV awareness) in downtown Beckley on Sept. 29, sponsor a booth at Beckley's Chili Night for the Women's Resource Center on Oct. 1st, attend the annual Candlelight Vigil on Oct. 8, and host a Tailgate Halloween booth for Just for Kids Child Advocacy on Oct. 29. Anyone interested in joining the volunteers or

donating can contact Lori Pace by emailing lpace@concord.edu

Psychology

In spring of 2016, the Psychology Program received a grant for \$15,000. Over the summer, the Principal Investigator, Dr. Adriana Falco has been able to add to the Psychology Program's laboratory facilities. Two new behavioral apparatus were added.



Shown in picture from left: Savannah Cassidy, Tabree Hamby, Lori Pace

Social Work

Ida Mills, Assistant Professor of Social Work, explored social issues in two very different parts of the world this summer. Along with criminal justice students from West Virginia and other states, Dr. Mills spent a week touring London; meeting with law enforcement and legal experts to compare the judicial systems in Great Britain and the United States. Of significant note is that prison terms for those convicted of crimes (even murder) are significantly shorter in Great Britain than those in the U.S. In addition, the country is increasing programs for education and work training so that when prisoners are released they are more likely to be productive citizens.

At a rural social work conference in El Paso, Texas, Dr. Mills explored issues of poverty and immigration in border states and northern Mexico. Tours of social service agencies in El Paso and in Juarez, Mexico left a powerful impression. El Paso has been rated the safest city in the US for the last four years.

The CSWO participated in Stuff the Bus this year by providing volunteers to run the event. On Saturday, August 6th, Pam Wallace, Dr. Joan Pendergast, and several CSWO volunteers collected school supplies at the Princeton Walmart. 59 News partnered to promote the event, and sent volunteers to work with us. Every seat on the bus was filled! Supplies were donated to the Mercer County BOE and Operation Backpack.



Master of Social Work

Our still new MSW program is off to a great start! Having been fully accredited, the MSW program exceeds the initial projections of enrolled number of students. The MSW program faculty voted last spring to add a second formal admission date each spring, from a pool of rolling applications. However, the rolling acceptance, with the second formal admission date, is dependent upon the availability of faculty to teach the classes.

Bachelor of Social Work

Our BSW program continues to experience an increase in number of students enrolled. For the 2016-2017 academic year, the BSW/MSW programs obtained external grant funds (BCF) and awarded twenty Public Service Scholarships: (full tuition and fees plus \$1,000 stipend per semester).

Concord University is still the only school to offer the Provisional Licensing Program. The provisional program is separate from the BSW and the MSW. The provisional program satisfies state licensing requirements, and those who do well may apply to the MSW program.

Honor Students

Welcome to our new and returning honor students pictured here with advisor, Dr. Tracy Luff.



Information

September is National Suicide Prevention Month!!

Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among college-aged students, following automobile accidents. CU wants you to know that there is help for you or someone you know who may be experiencing emotional problems.

Recently, the WV legislature passed HB 2535, or “Jamie’s Law,” with the intent to increase suicide prevention awareness. Even prior to Jamie’s Law, Concord was active in suicide prevention activities, including providing on-campus counseling, educating students of the warning signs, publicizing available resources, sponsoring programs, and more. CU participates in the WV HEPC-funded Kognito

program to alert students, staff, and faculty of at-risk behaviors that may signal the need for intervention.

Concord University has a counselor available to meet with students. David Bailey, MA, AADC-S, LSW, is available on the 2nd floor of the Bonner House. To schedule an appointment, call 304-384-5290, email counseling@concord.edu, or visit the [Counseling Center webpage](http://www.concord.edu/student-affairs/counseling-center) (<http://www.concord.edu/student-affairs/counseling-center>) and click on “Make an Appointment.”

Another excellent resource is the Jed Foundation, a national organization that works to “promote emotional health and prevent suicide among college students.” Concord is linked with the Jed Foundation through a resource called ULifeline.org. ULifeline has many resources to assist students who may be struggling, including a self-evaluation tool, a 24-hour Hotline, Lifeline Chat, Crisis Text Line, Veterans Crisis Line, and more.

The Jed Foundation also lists useful tips for students going back to school. Visit <http://www.jedfoundation.org/about/jed-news/back-to-school-2015> for how to start the school year off right!

For immediate help, contact the [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](http://www.national suicide prevention hotline.org) at 1-800-273-TALK (8255). West Virginia’s substance abuse call line: 844-HELP4WV



For more information, contact Student Affairs at 304-384-6035 or email studentaffairs@concord.edu

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

According to NOMORE.ORG, 12.7 million people are physically abused, raped, or stalked by their partners in one year! Nomore.org's motto is, "Together We Can End Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault," an important and timely theme for university students.

Closer to home, the [West Virginia Foundation for Rape Information and Services](#), or FRIS, is the state's coalition for combating sexual assault and domestic violence. FRIS' website contains resources for preventing and responding to sexual assaults, including information specifically for [campus sexual violence](#).

Student Services

Academic Success Center

Concord University helps our students succeed by offering assistance with coursework and study skills. As we prepare for midterms, please realize that Concord and the Academic Success Center (ASC) have a number of academic resources to assist students, including:

- **Smarthinking**-- a free online tutoring program that provides tutors 24/7 for most classes;
- **Drop-In-Tutoring**-- we can refer you to one of the peer tutors for help with your class;
- **ASC Study Assistance**--one-on-one assistance with study skills; organized study groups; mentor program. Stop by the ASC office in the Rahall Atrium, Suite 243!
- **Study skills** -- learn how to focus your study time for the best results.
- **Khan Academy** -- a free online resource with over 6,500 videos with instruction on everything from arithmetic to physics, finance, and history and hundreds of skills to practice at your own pace, and also test prep for graduate school entrance exams—such as the GRE, MCAT, & GMAT

For more information, contact ASC Program Coordinator Steve Jarvis at 304-384-6074 or Director Sarah Beasley at 304-384-6298, or email asc@concord.edu.

New Drop-In Tutoring Location (Fall & Spring Semesters)

Concord has an extensive peer drop-in tutoring program available from noon to 9pm in Rahall 102 (GRIP Center). The GRIP Center is open Monday through Thursday, 9am to 9:30pm for studying, study groups, study skills assistance, and as a computer lab. Visit <https://apps.concord.edu/tutoring/> to find the drop-in tutoring schedule. If you have questions, please contact Academic Success Center (ASC) at 304-384-6298 or Student Support Services at 304-384-6088 for assistance.



The GRIP Center

Need tutoring or a place to study?

Located on the ground floor of the Nick Rahall Technology Center, The GRIP Center is the place for any student to go for tutoring and study hall needs.

Open Monday-Thursday 9 AM – 9:30 PM
Drop-In Tutoring Services Available 12 PM – 9 PM

Coordinated by Athletics, SSS, Bonner, Student Affairs, and the ASC Questions? Need more info?
Call 304-384-6074

Business Office

The Concord University Business Office is committed to providing exceptional service to students, faculty, and staff in a professional and courteous manner, while maintaining the highest possible standards of accuracy in administering the finances for Concord University.

Aside from processing payments both manually and electronically, and disbursing check change, the Business office also handles student work-study payments, and approves book loans –in conjunction with the campus bookstore- for students who meet the necessary criteria. For more information on this and other features, please click on the link www.concord.edu/administration/business-office .

Business Office Hours: 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday

Cashier's Office Hours: 8:30am to 3:30pm Open during Lunch Monday to Friday

Financial Literacy

Concord believes that in addition to academics, it's important for students to acquire solid financial skills. CU's financial literacy programs educate students about various aspects of money management and fiscal responsibilities.

The Office of West Virginia's Attorney General, Patrick Morrissey recently released useful information for students on commonly overlooked issues. You can access the information via the following links:

Off Campus Housing: <http://eepurl.com/cbGS1H>

Credit cards: <http://eepurl.com/cbP1An>

Scholarship Scams: <http://eepurl.com/cbXWyl>

Student Id Theft: <http://eepurl.com/cbXXDX>

Employment Scams: <http://eepurl.com/cbXYS1>

On Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 2:30pm in the State Room, CU alumnae Peni Adams from the Attorney General's Office will be on campus to discuss student consumer fraud issues and ways to protect your identity. Other financial literacy programs are planned throughout the year.

Financial Aid News (by Debbie Turner, CU Financial Aid Director) **News on the New FAFSA**

Get a jump start on getting your FAFSA completed for 2017-18. It will be available October 1, 2016! This is three months earlier than in past years. You do not have to wait to file your tax return to complete the FAFSA. Students and parents will use their 2015 federal tax return information. This will enable most people to link with the IRS and transfer the data into the FAFSA. Step by step instructions on how to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool are on our web page at www.concord.edu/financialaid under the Forms and Resources tab.

Early filing will allow the financial aid office to award students sooner. Returning student's awards are contingent on spring grades, but filing early will ensure that students receive the maximum aid possible.

Schedule a day on your calendar to complete the FAFSA next month and mark it off your to-do list. The Financial Aid Office is available Monday thru Friday 8 am to 4 pm if you have any questions or need assistance. You can email finaid@concord.edu or phone 304-384-6069.

DegreeWorks

Concord University has a new web-based tool for students to stay on track to graduation. Through DegreeWorks, students can monitor progress towards a degree at any time. A DegreeWorks audit is a comprehensive academic history record; it includes transfer credit, currently enrolled courses, and courses needed to complete the degree. Grade point average can also be calculated through the GPA Calculator and students can check out other majors under the "What If" tab. Access DegreeWorks under the "Student" tab in MyCU. For more information, click [HERE](#).

Technology Help Desk and Support

The IT Help Desk is Concord University's single point of contact for all technology-related issues for students, faculty, and staff. If you encounter a problem with anything from accessing email to using Blackboard or Banner, the IT Help Desk is here to offer the technology support that you need. We encourage you to look through our Frequently Asked Questions section at <http://www.concord.edu/student-affairs/academic-success-center/faq> when a problem arises; you will find answers to many of the most commonly asked questions there. If you are encountering an issue that isn't covered in the FAQ, then please contact the IT Help Desk either by phone, email, or in person.

Hours of Operation: Monday-Thursday, 7:30am-8:00pm, Friday 7:30am-4:00pm

Phone Number: (304) 384-5291

Email: cuhelpdesk@concord.edu

Microsoft Office ProPlus For Students

Concord University is a member of Microsoft's Student Advantage Program where currently enrolled students are eligible for a free license to download and use Microsoft Office Professional Plus. This license is automatically assigned upon enrollment at CU and remains until withdrawal or graduation. Students can install on up to 5 machines, windows or mac, as well as use the mobile versions of Office Mobile. After withdrawal or graduation, the license is removed and the software enters a reduced functionality mode limiting it to viewing or printing only. Graduates can visit the site OFFICE 365 EDUCATION, enter their @mycu.concord.edu email address and get the license reinstated. Installation instructions, FAQ, and other information on Office ProPlus are located at: <http://hub.concord.edu/technology/node/24>.

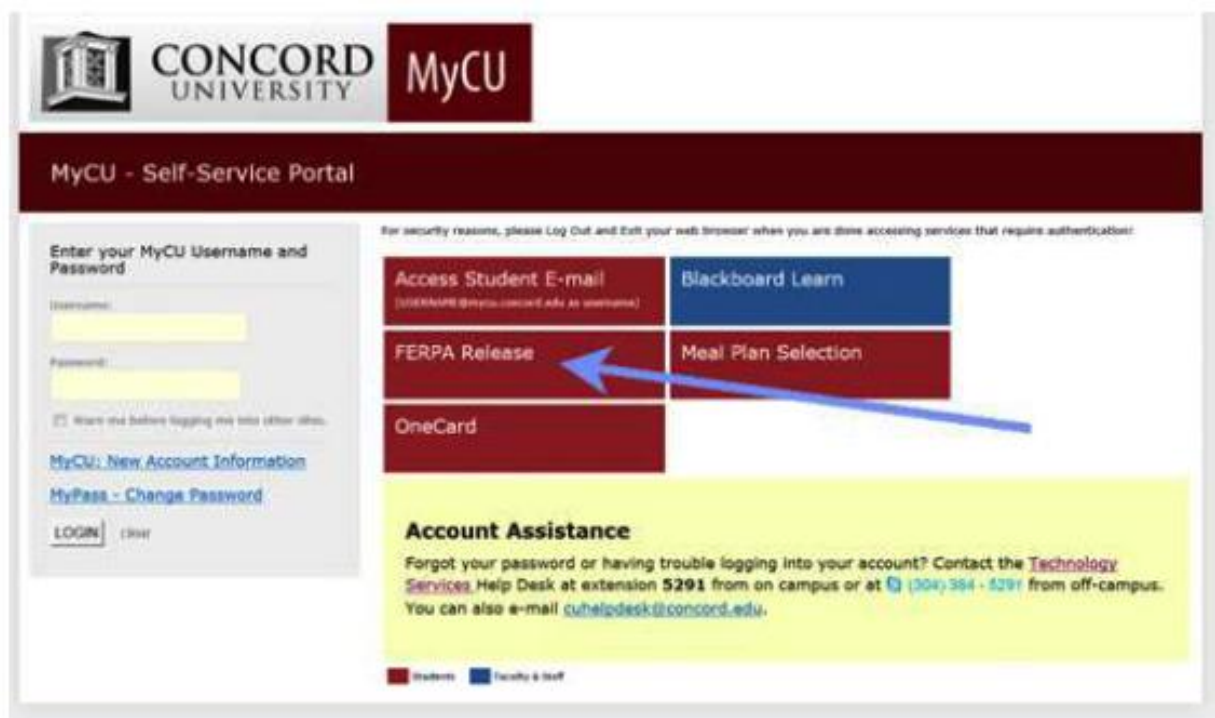
FERPA Release Needed to Allow Parents/Others Access to Information

In order for Concord University to discuss a student's academic record—including student account information—with a third party (e.g. parent, spouse, employer, etc.), the student must provide authorization for us to do so. CU has created an easy way for students to authorize information release.

Students should simply go to the [MyCU homepage](#) and click on FERPA release. Completing a FERPA release early ensures that it is in place whenever it is needed. Below are step-by-step instructions:

1. Go to the [MyCU homepage](#); Click on FERPA Release button
2. Student enters MyCU information, as requested (Username & Password)
3. Student completes the form, assigning a PIN number for the individuals to whom he/she is granting permission for release of indicated university information. Click "Add User."
4. Student provides the PIN number to the person(s) to whom he/she is allowing information access.

NOTE: Information will not be released to an authorized individual without the person knowing the PIN. This is for the student's protection.



International Student Services

Concord University is home to more than 100 international students representing more than 30 countries. The Host Family Program provides an opportunity for American families to learn about other countries and cultures by having an international student stay in their home during university breaks. In turn, the international student benefits by being able to practice English conversation and learn about American culture first hand in the comfortable, friendly environment of an American home. If you would like more information, please email Nancy Ellison at nellison@concord.edu.

Disability Services by Nancy Ellison, Director of Multicultural Affairs

Concord University is committed to working with students with disabilities to assist with academic accommodations that may be necessary and appropriate due to their disability. The Office of Disability Services assists in the coordination of appropriate services, based on each student's individual, documented needs. We also seek to enhance understanding of disabilities and provide support within the campus community. For more information, please see our [Website](#), contact the

Office of Disability Services at disabilityservices@concord.edu, 304-384-6086, or stop by Student Center, Room 107.

Emergency Text Alert System

CU has a text messaging alert system that is used to notify students of security, safety, and weather related notices on campus. Students can easily register for this service by going to <http://sms.concord.edu/>. If you have any questions, please call the IT help desk at ext.5291 or by email at cuhelpdesk@concord.edu

Athens Medical Center

Athens Medical Center is a medical clinic available to all Concord University students. Conveniently located just off campus, Concord alumna Dr. Jessica Aliff and her staff are ready to meet students' needs. This is not a drop-in clinic, so appointments must be scheduled in advance. Students must bring their insurance card and student ID. If your student finds that he/she cannot make a scheduled appointment, please avoid a "no show" by calling to cancel the appointment. For more details regarding physicians and the clinic, click [HERE](#).



Upcoming Events

Graduation Fair: Monday, September 19, 2016, 9:30am to 2:00pm; Jerry & Jean Beasley Student Center Ballroom (3rd floor). The Graduation Fair is a one-stop shop for applying for December 2016 graduation (undergraduate and graduate students); paying the application fee (\$50); ordering a cap

and gown; and completing the Senior Exit Survey. Various administrative offices are on hand for assistance.

Campus Visit by Secretary of State Natalie Tennant: Thursday, September 22, 2016, 10:00am, Jerry & Jean Beasley Student Center State Room; Public is invited. Secretary Tennant will speak on the voter registration and the importance of voting.

Constitution Day Celebration: Constitution Day Symposium & Pocket Constitution Give-away: Tuesday, September 27, 2016, 7:-8:00pm, PAIS Fellowship Hall, University Point. Sponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society; the CU Social Sciences; and Student Affairs. Symposium topic: *When Our Constitution Became a Scrap of Paper*, presented by Saburo and Marion Nakamura Masada. Public is invited.

2017 West Virginia Collegiate Business Plan Competition: Application Deadline is October 14, 2016 at noon. Students in all academic majors can enter a business plan for the chance to win \$10,000. The competition is open to all WV college students. Download and fill out the business plan template online at www.be.wvu.edu/bpc.

SO MUCH TO DO AT CU!!

Check out the full Upcoming Events Calendar on the CU website [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.

Advancement

The Advancement Office is sponsoring tailgates at several of the Home football games this year.



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR



TAILGATE!

SEPTEMBER 21	2 HOURS
OCTOBER 1	PRIOR
OCTOBER 29	TO KICKOFF

For coverage on all CU of our Mountain Lion teams, visit the [Athletics webpage](#).
For a calendar of events, visit <http://www.cumountainlions.com/calendar.aspx>.

Students & Scenes

We thought you might enjoy some photos from the first several weeks of the semester.



New 2016 Bonner Scholars & Orientation Leaders



First Student Affairs Football Tailgate Sponsored by Bonner Scholars

Scenes from Welcome Week





PlayFair Icebreaker







Students even managed some Library study time during Welcome Week!

We're off to a Great Start for 2016-2017!!

Important Numbers

Main Phone	800-344-6679
Academic Success Center	304-384-6074
Admissions	888-384-5249 or 304-384-5248
Athens Family Practice	304-384-7325
Beckley Center	304-384-5614
Business Office	304-384-5234
Career Services	304-384-5325
Cashier	304-384-5972 or 304-384-5212
Counseling Center	304-384-5290
Disability Services	304-384-6086
Financial Aid	304-384-6069
Housing	304-384-5231
Police	304-384-5357
Registrar	304-384-5236
Student Affairs	304-384-5256
Student Support Services	304-384-6088
Technology Help Desk	304-384-5291
Title IX	304-384-6035

