

## The Scoop

It is an exciting time at CU this September. As the season slowly begins to shift, our students are getting into the routine of classes again. We are looking forward to a variety of events on the Campus Beautiful this month, including [Inauguration events](#) for our new University President, Dr. Kendra Boggess. On September 10<sup>th</sup> a seminar on Appalachian Stereotypes and Student Success led by Dr. Sarah Beasley promises to be interesting to native Appalachians and out-of-state students and faculty. Fall athletic events are always popular; intramural flag football has commenced; and musical guests and comedians Rob O’Rielly and Ron Placone will make

appearances at Subway Sides. If the schedule for this month is any indication, this semester promises to be a both fun and academically enriching one for our CU students.



### Academic Advising

Students should meet periodically with 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.
- 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.

## FERPA

In accordance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), all information regarding a student's record, with the exception of certain directory information, is considered private between the student and the university and requires a release for discussion of this information with a third party. The student may wish to grant permission to all or some information, including financial aid, student accounts, grades, and other university information to a parent, spouse, employer, agency, or other person of the student's choosing. Students wishing to release information to a third party can do so by completing the FERPA/Information Release Form.

Directions for completing the form are outlined below.

Your student should:

- Log into MyCU (<http://mycu.concord.edu>)
- Click on the Student tab
- Click on FERPA/Information Release under the Information box on the left side of the screen
- Complete the form, assigning a PIN number for the individuals to whom permission is granted; select the information to be released
- Provide the PIN number to the person(s) to whom information access is granted

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

For more information about FERPA, go to [www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html](http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html).

## Student Support Services (SSS)

This is a reminder that the Student Support Services office, which was previously located in the Rahall Building atrium, has relocated this summer to the Student Center. SSS will be occupying the space previously used by the Veteran's Lounge, but don't worry! The Veteran's Lounge has moved to the beautiful and spacious office on the left side of the atrium.

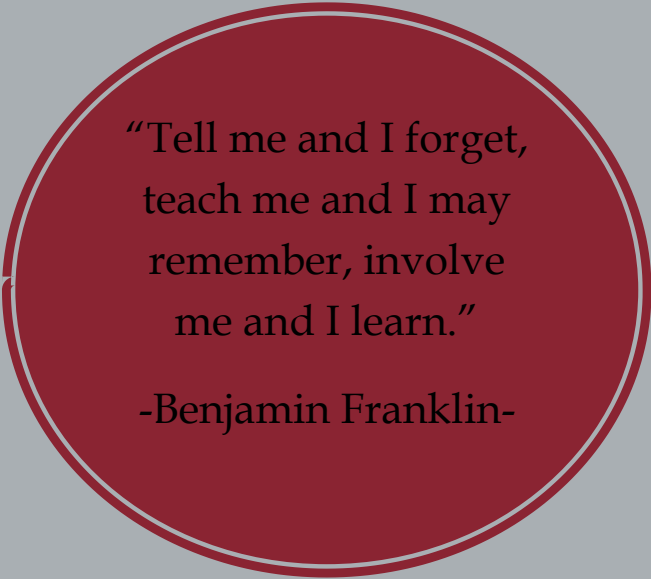
## Bonner Scholars Program

The Bonner Scholars Program was created with the belief that college students engaged in service have unique gifts and talents that bring energy, creativity, and hope to individuals and communities. It is based also on the belief that colleges and universities can and must be a "telling presence" in their local communities. In launching and supporting the Bonner Scholars Program, the Bonner Foundation has entered into a partnership with participating institutions that have made a commitment to envision new possibilities for campus-community partnerships.

Once a student enrolls in the Bonner Program, he or she

commits to a series of expectations, including the following:

- Arriving on campus before the regular freshman orientation to participate in an orientation program designed specifically for new Bonner Scholars;
- Serving an average of ten hours a week at a community service site during the school year;



- Completing at least two full-time summer service internships;
- Engaging in a comprehensive placement process for required service work, including establishing service and learning goals and defining methods for achieving these goals;
- Attending regular group reflection, enrichment and training activities through which the student will be challenged and supported in developing his or her skills, knowledge, commitments and responsibilities; and
- Considering ways to integrate his or her academic studies with community service activities.

## Marsh Library

During the past several months, Marsh Library has been undergoing renovations, resulting in a beautiful new space on our campus. According to library director Connie Shumate, the building was erected in 1941, and has operated without air conditioning until now. Thanks to grants from East Bond, there is now a brand new heating and cooling system, along with a new fire alarm, as well as a fire suppression system for the University Archives. Renovations have also revealed a row of windows along the top of the high

ceilinged central lobby, which had been hidden since the 1960's or 70's, allowing much more natural light and a sense of openness to the space. The entire building has also been newly carpeted and the furnishings, the majority of which have been there since the 1940's, are being restored by the library staff. Due to these extensive renovations, food and drinks will no longer be permitted in the library; however, according to Shumate, there will be a room on the main floor that will permit students to have their between-class snacks or bite of lunch in the building.

Along with these more obvious changes, room 205 will now be reserved for meetings, although refurbishments are still ongoing at this time. Room 206 will be a designated space for collective study groups, a quiet and separate space for multiple people working on the same tasks to focus on their work fully without disrupting other students. Marsh Library has also established a West Virginia Room just off the main lobby, dedicated to West Virginia history and authors, which will also be used as a study space.



Marsh Library Periodical Room





**Some scenes from Fall 2014 Orientation!!**





Concord University Parents Club Newsletter September 2014



## Sports Schedule

**Sept 4:** Women's Soccer Game with Ursuline, Home.

**Sept 5:** Volleyball Game against Clarion, Away.

Volleyball Game against Adelphi, Away.

**Sept 6:** Volleyball against Wayne State, Away.

Glenville State Football Game, Callaghan Stadium, CU.

Men's Soccer against Ferrum College, Away.

Volleyball against Walsh, Away.

**Sept 7:** Women's WV Tech Soccer Game, Home.

**Sept 8:** Men's Soccer against Bluefield College, Away.

**Sept 9:** Volleyball against Alderson-Broadus, Home.

Volleyball against King University, Home.

**Sept 10:** Women's Soccer against Salem International, Away.

Volleyball against WV Tech, Home.

**Sept 11:** Volleyball against Bluefield College, Away.

**Sept 12:** Volleyball against Bluefield State and Seton Hill, Away.

**Sept 13:** Volleyball against Shippensburg, Slippery Rock, Away.

WV State Football Game, Away.

Women's Soccer against WV Wesleyan, Away.

Men's Soccer against WV Wesleyan, Away.

**Sept 17:** Women's Soccer against Shepherd, Home.

Men's Soccer against Shepherd, Home.

**Sept 19:** Volleyball against Fairmont State, Away.

**Sept 20:** Volleyball against Shepherd and Wilmington, Away.

Bowie State University Football Game, Callaghan Stadium, CU.

Men's Soccer against Chowan, Away.

**Sept 21:** Women's Soccer against West Liberty, Home.

**Sept 24:** Women's Soccer against Urbana, Home.

Men's Soccer against Urbana, Home

**Sept 26:** Volleyball against Wheeling Jesuit, Away.

**Sept 27:** West Liberty Football Game, Callaghan Stadium, CU.

Women's Soccer against Wheeling Jesuit, Away.

Men's Soccer against Wheeling Jesuit, Away.

**Sept 30:** Men's Soccer against Charleston, Away.

Volleyball against UVa-Wise, Away.



Concord's Mascot "Roar"



Callaghan Stadium

## Academic Success Center

Is your student in need of assistance with coursework or study skills? As we prepare for the academic year, some students and parents may be reflecting on the past semester with a little anxiety. The ASC has many resources to help with coursework, 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 Hall**--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.
- **Kahn Academy** -- a free online resource with over 3,200 videos with instruction on everything from arithmetic

to physics, finance, and history and hundreds of skills to practice at your own pace.

For more information, contact Program Coordinator Steve Jarvis at 304-384-6074 or Director Sarah Beasley at 304-384-6298.

## Business Office

The Concord University Business Office is committed to providing exceptional customer 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, as well as approving 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](http://www.concord.edu/administration/business-office) .

## Business Office

8:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Friday

## Cashier's Office

8:30am to 3:30pm Open during Lunch Monday to Friday

## Beckley Campus

Beckley Program: Concord University's commitment to community has long extended well beyond the confines of its home campus in Athens. Over the years the Beckley-Raleigh County area has become the focus of Concord's growing off-campus program. What began in the mid-1970s as a

modest effort to deliver business classes to Beckley has blossomed since then into an ambitious program that features a full-service off-campus center in Beckley and a student enrollment that averages 600 per semester. Courses for business majors with concentrations in accounting, management, and marketing are offered. Concord's program in Beckley includes many courses toward the completion of the Bachelor of Science degree in social work, selected classes in teacher education, and the full range of general studies courses designed to support these and Concord's other degree programs.

With significant support from Concord's Athens campus and the expertise of the dedicated Beckley campus staff, CU in Beckley provides a variety of support services tailored to the needs of the traditional, adult, full-time and part-time student. These include new student Orientation, financial aid assistance, registration services, career exploration and job placement services, academic advising, tutoring, textbook buyback, scholarship support and work study opportunities.

Concord University in Beckley is now in the new, state-of-the-art Erma Byrd Higher Education Center on I-64 in Beaver. The new facility houses two other public institutions besides Concord. Equipped with the latest in cutting edge

communications and instructional technology, the Center promises an economic new day for the region and an educational experience second-to-none for its people and for area employers.

For Concord University the collaborative and partnership opportunities presented under one roof promise substantial program expansion and innovation in coming semesters. Besides graduate education and prospective delivery of additional undergraduate programs to Beckley, these include development of credit and non-credit classes for specific employers and constituencies, and academic and related services tailored to the needs of business, working professionals, nonprofit

agencies, local government, and other groups in the region.

For Concord students the prospects for career exploration, ease of credit transfer, flexibility in financial aid, and creativity in curriculum development are enhanced by the proximity of in-house institutional partners. All Concord classes completed off-campus qualify as resident credit for Concord students and satisfy the Standards for Assuring Quality in Off-Campus Credit Instruction, as approved by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission. These Standards mandate uniformity on campus and off in admissions, assessment, student placement, quality of instruction, and expectations on student performance. On campus and off,

the Concord University experience remains something very special.

### **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, **7:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.** and Friday **7:30 a.m.-4:00p.m.**

**Phone Numbers: On Campus – ext. 5291**

**Off Campus – (304) 384-5291**

**Email: [cuhelpdesk@concord.edu](mailto:cuhelpdesk@concord.edu)**

### **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.

You 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](mailto:cuhelpdesk@concord.edu).

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### Microsoft Office

CU has an agreement with Microsoft that allows all CURRENTLY ENROLLED students to download a copy of Microsoft Office 365 Pro Plus from within their MyCU email account. This is only active for as long as students are enrolled at CU. The agreement provides students with significant savings yearly! We are pleased to be offer this valuable resource to our students.

## Important Numbers

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: 1-304-255-0793

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