

The Scoop

Parents Club—President Message

Happy Spring!

What a wonderful year this has been for our daughter, Anne. My husband, Kelley, and I are profoundly grateful that she chose Concord. One of the most enjoyable surprises has been the myriad connections and new friendships we've made these past two years. We've found that Concord people are everywhere.

Just this past weekend, I read in the Charleston newspaper of the 95th birthday celebration of Carolyn Kallmerton, who is an alumna of Concord College. Coincidentally, Miss Kallmerton was my first grade teacher.

When I called to chat with her, she said that when she was a college student, Dr. Joseph Marsh, Senior, was president and there were four buildings on campus! She related knowing Dr. Joseph Marsh, Junior, in his youth.

I treasure these overlapping circles we have gained through Concord!

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Academic Calendar



April 7-16	Advising for course selection for Summer and Fall 2009
April 13-16	Course selection for Summer and Fall 2009 (see details below)
April 15, Wed.	Summer School Financial Aid Deadline
April 27-May 8	(Last 2 wks. of semester) – student evaluations of faculty turned in to division offices (University-wide spring evaluations done every three years – 2011,2014 etc.)
May 1, Fri.	Last day to withdraw from the University
May 8, Fri.	Last class day
May 11-15 (M-F)	Final exams
May 15, Fri.	Spring semester ends 5:00 p.m.
May 16, Sat.	Spring Commencement: 10:00 a.m. for Divisions of Business, Education, and Fine Arts; 2:00 pm for Divisions of Language and Literature, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences

Other Important Dates and Events

DISCOVER DAYS Join us for our selected "Discover Days" tours. You will have the opportunity to tour the campus and residence halls, view a PowerPoint presentation, discuss campus life with our students, learn about our award winning faculty ... and, enjoy lunch in the University's cafeteria!

Wednesday	April 1	} All events start at 9:30 am
Friday	April 3	
Monday	April 20	
Saturday	April 25	

COURSE REGISTRATION INFORMATION Regular course selection and course registration for summer and fall is in April:

All seniors can register starting	April 13
All juniors can register starting	April 14
All sophomores can register starting	April 15
All freshmen can register starting	April 16

All returning students must meet with their Advisors to get their PIN to register for classes.

Updated FAFSA Information

The Financial Aid Office is well under way with the processing of new 2009 - 2010 FAFSA's. Please advise students to watch their Ellie accounts for any further documents we may need and to monitor their financial aid awards. If they do not know how to access their Ellie account, students should contact the Computer Center at (304) 384-5126.

All financial aid forms are available online at www.concord.edu/admissions/financial-aid. You will find the forms located under Forms and Applications. Please remember that many forms for financial aid have a deadline. Please make sure that you and your student turn in all requested information as soon as possible. Be sure to apply for FAFSA now, even if you missed the priority deadline.

You may contact the Financial Aid office at (304) 384-6069, email us at finaid@concord.edu or fax any of the forms to (304) 384-3084. Remember, Concord staff are always available in person Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Study Abroad Opportunities

David R. Bard Study Abroad Program: July 21 to August 11, 2009

Each summer Concord students have the opportunity to travel to England, Wales, and Scotland with an optional weekend in Paris. They attend morning lectures, afternoon trips to points of interest, and evening cultural events, viewing landmarks such as the Globe Theatre, Westminster Abbey, Stonehenge, and many more. Professors James White and Joseph Manzo will again be conducting a three week travel/study course in the United Kingdom this summer and several openings are still available for interested students. Upon completing the course, students will receive six credit hours. The course will focus on government, geography, theatre, and culture. There will be a reading portion of the course to be completed during the Spring semester. The lecture portion will be conducted overseas. Students will be housed at Schiller University in London for three weeks. For more details contact: James White, Ph.D.; Phone: (304) 384-6061 or email: jwhite@concord.edu or Joseph Manzo, Ph.D.; Phone: (304) 384-5208 or email: manzoi@concord.edu.

International Study Trip to Costa Rica: January 4 to 13, 2010

Concord students can earn four credit hours and see a beautiful tropical destination. Professor Roy Ramthun will lead a nine-day study trip, traveling through the country of Costa Rica, visiting national parks and tourism destinations to learn why this small nation has become a world leader in the preservation of ecosystems and wildlife habitat. For more details contact: Roy Ramthun, Ph.D.; Phone: (304) 384-5263 or email: ramthun@concord.edu.



Summer School and Summer Financial Aid Information

To receive financial aid for the summer, students must be registered for at least 6 credit hours. If your student plans to take summer classes, he/she can stop by the Financial Aid office to pick up an application for Summer Financial Aid, or download an application from the financial aid page on the Concord website (<http://www.concord.edu/admissions/financial-aid>). The deadline for summer Financial Aid is April 15.

For students who are taking classes during the summer on the **Athens campus**, Concord has three sessions over the summer—Intercession, First Summer Session, and Second Summer Session. Summer courses are more intensive, as the same amount of material is covered in a shorter time. Summer classes meet 4 or 5 days during the week.

Dates for Athens Campus Summer Classes:

Intercession: May 18 through May 29.

First Summer Session: June 1 through July 2.

Second Summer Session: July 2 through August 7.

For students who are interested in taking classes during the summer at the **Beckley campus**, Concord offers one full summer term. The **Beckley Campus Summer Term** starts on May 26 and ends August 10.

Please note that the number of courses offered during the summer at both the Athens and Beckley campuses is limited.

Students who wish to take summer classes at other institutions must complete the **Transient Student Form** available on-line (<http://www.concord.edu/academics>) or through the Registrar's Office. The transient student process must be complete to ensure that the classes taken will transfer back to Concord. Questions regarding the transient student process should be directed to the Concord University Registrar's Office at (304) 384-5237.



It's Job Fair Season!!

Whether your student is graduating and looking for that first full-time job or is looking for a summer job or internship, he/she should be encouraged to take advantage of job fairs being held in the region. Concord's Recreation Tourism Management Special Events class hosted a job fair in early March with about forty employers and one hundred students participating. Several other regional fairs are coming up in the next few weeks.

While job seekers generally turn to job postings either in a newspaper or on-line, these are only two ways to job search and have a relatively low return rate for employment offers. Encourage your student to use multiple job search techniques to maximize their efforts – especially in a market downturn such as we are currently experiencing. Based on Career Xroads Research in 2008 the external sources of hires were as follows:

	Referrals	30%
	Corporation Web Sites	22%
	3 rd Party Job Boards (ex. Monster.com, CareerBuilder.com, etc.)	13%
	Direct Sourcing	8%
	All Other	5%
	College Recruiting	4%
	Print (newspaper ads)	4%
	Research Engine Ads	4%
	Career Fairs	3%
	Temporary to Permanent	3%
	3 rd Party Recruiters	3%
	Walk- Ins	1%



From these statistics, it is clear that job seekers should “get connected” with employers. Networking with professionals in their field of interest is obviously one of the best ways to secure employment. Job seekers, however, should be encouraged not to put all of their eggs in one basket, as different job search methods will lead to results for different people.



UPCOMING JOB FAIRS

Wednesday, April 8	9:00 am - 3:00 pm	Bluefield State College gymnasium, Bluefield, WV
Thursday, April 16	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Intrastate Career Fair, Holiday Inn, Bristol, VA

Job seekers should be dressed professionally and have plenty of professional resumes ready to distribute if attending a job fair. They should also plan to arrive early to provide ample time to speak with recruiters.

RESUME CRITIQUE

On Wednesday, April 1, employers and the Career Services staff will be available for walk-in resume critiques from noon – 4:00 pm in the Subway Sides. This is an opportunity for students to have professionals offer constructive suggestions on how they might strengthen their resume. Different people generally see different things on a resume, so it's always advisable to get more than one opinion. Students are also encouraged to submit their resume to *SmartThinking*, to get yet another professional critique of their resume.

Concord Students Volunteer

Thirty-three Concord University students gave up their spring break this March to serve those experiencing homelessness in Nashville, Tennessee. The trip was free of charge to students (except for their incidentals) and was paid for primarily through a grant from the Bonner Foundation, with additional support from the Concord University Student Government Association. Check out the students' personal reflections on their experiences online at <http://cuasb.blogspot.com/>.

In April, eighteen Concord students will travel to Washington, DC to experience homelessness firsthand by spending forty-eight hours on the streets of DC as part of the Student Homeless Challenge Project sponsored by the National Coalition for the Homeless. These students will have to sleep on the streets and beg for money while meeting those who experience homelessness each day. For those students not able to take on this full experience, Concord's Bonner House for Campus-Wide Community Service sponsored a Faces of Homelessness Panel where the guides from the project came to campus to share their personal stories of life on the streets.

The Bonner House is also coordinating many projects closer to home. First year students, for example, have volunteered at the Princeton Health Care Center, helped at local public schools, and worked on clean-up projects both on campus and in surrounding areas like Brush Creek Falls as part of their University 100 First Year Experience class.

For more information, please visit us at <http://volunteer.concord.edu/> where both students and parents can find regional opportunities.



Financial Aid and Scholarship Information

Requirements for maintaining scholarships and grants:

PROMISE renewal requirements: (for specifics, please visit <http://wvhepcnew.wvnet.edu/>)

- Overall GPA 3.0 or higher.
 - For freshmen students the GPA requirement is 2.75 (freshman year only).
- 30 credit hours or more completed and passed during the fall, spring, and summer semesters combined.
- Students can receive PROMISE for up eight (8) consecutive semesters.

WVHEG (for specifics, please visit <http://wvhepcnew.wvnet.edu/>)

- Overall GPA 2.0.
- 24 credit hours or more completed and passed during the fall and spring semester.

(**Note:** Credits earned during the summer do not count towards the WVHEG requirement. They may count towards graduation and degree completion requirements.)
- Students can receive WVHEG for up to eight (8) semesters.

Scholarship of Distinction (Presidential, Dean's, Marsh, Board of Governors Scholarships)

- Overall GPA is 3.0 for freshman year; GPA 3.2 for sophomore, junior and senior years.
- Maintain full-time status (take 12 credit hours or more during the fall and spring semesters each).
- Students are eligible to receive these scholarships for up to eight (8) consecutive semesters.

Institutional Scholarship (Academic Achievement, ACT/SAT, Boy State, Girl State, etc.)

- Overall GPA 3.0.
- Maintain full-time status (take 12 credit hours or more during the fall and spring semesters each).
- If the scholarship is renewable, students can receive it for up to eight (8) consecutive semesters. If you are not sure if your scholarship is renewable, please contact the Admissions office in A206 (Marsh Hall), or at (304) 384-5248 or email admissions@concord.edu.

Private Scholarships

If you receive a private scholarship, please contact the organization for information on the renewal requirements.

Please note that Financial Aid Forms are now available for downloading from the Financial Aid website.

Please be certain that you and your student respond promptly to any information requested by the Financial Aid Office. Stated deadlines are enforced and failure to submit information by the stated deadline will affect your student's financial aid award! For financial aid questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office:

Phone: (304) 384-6069, Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
 Toll free: (888) 384-5249
 Fax: (304) 384-3084
 Email: finaid@concord.edu

Concord University - Monthly Installment Payment Plan

Concord University is pleased to offer a Monthly Installment Payment Plan to help students and parents make their education affordable. Payments can be made in monthly installments for tuition, fees, room and board. An application must be submitted every semester and the first month's installment must be made the month prior to the beginning of each semester.

1. The installment plan will require a maximum of four monthly payments. The initial installment payment must be equal to or greater than 25% of the outstanding balance after application of all financial aid.
2. A non-refundable one time service fee of \$50.00 will be added to the initial installment payment.
3. Payments are due by the 20th of each month and a signed agreement is required to participate. Payments will be made for the Fall semester July through October and for the Spring semester December through March. Monthly bills will not be sent; your copy of the signed payment agreement constitutes notification for each monthly payment. Should any monthly installment payment not be received by the Business Office by the 20th of each month, this contract will be accelerated and payment in full will be due immediately. In this instance of payment being delinquent, a late fee of \$25.00 will also be assessed on the student account.
4. The amount of tuition, fees, room and board assessed, during the semester of the contract, is the amount you will be obligated to pay regardless of courses dropped and/or change of financial aid awarded.
5. If the required payments are not met, a monetary hold will be placed on the student account.
6. The Installment agreement is valid for only one semester. A contract must be completed each semester.

Special Note of Interest:

The **initial installment payment** must be equal to or greater than **25% of the outstanding balance after application of all financial aid**. In order for each student to receive the greatest value as it relates to the monthly installments, it will be **imperative that ALL requests from the Financial Aid Office be granted**.

Questions – Concerns – Comments

Business Office Staff

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Looking For New Mountain Lions

Dear Parents Club Member,

The Concord University Office of Admissions is currently looking for new students. If you know of a potential student, please complete this form and return to the Office of Admissions.

I thank you for recommending potential students to the University.

Sincerely,

Kent Gamble
Director of Enrollment

To submit a recommendation, please call 1-888-384-5249, email your recommendation to admissions@concord.edu or simply mail this form to **Kent Gamble, Campus Box D-127, PO Box 1000, Athens, WV 24712-1000**

Student's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Thank you for your recommendation!

