



THE SCOOP

Concord University Parents Club

PARENTS CLUB PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Have you been to campus since Orientation?

Although neither Kelley nor I attended Concord, it is one of our favorite destinations for a day trip or a weekend. We've been to several home and away football games this fall. Homecoming was especially memorable for us. We enjoyed meeting many people at the Parents Club table during the tailgate party and talking with Veterans who were at the table next to us. We have come to understand and appreciate the sense of community that we share with other Concord friends, parents, students, alumni, faculty, and administrators. Every college has land and buildings; I think it is the people who are affiliated with Concord who make the school welcoming and nurturing.

We'd love to hear from you about your experiences as Concord parents. We hope that your students are enjoying this year and that it is an exciting and enlightening time for them.

CU at CU,
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Contact Us: parents@concord.edu

Thought for Today
"Come to learn. Go to serve."
Joseph Franklin Marsh, Sr.,
Concord College President,
(1929-1945)



IMPORTANT DATES

- * * **October 30, Fri.** Last day for dropping a course with grade of "W" or changing course status from credit to audit 4 p.m.
- * * **Nov. 5-20** Advising for course selection for Spring 2010 Semester
- * * **Nov. 9, Mon.** Veterans Flagpole Dedication; Congressman Nick Jo Rahall at 12:30 p.m.
- * * **Nov. 16, Mon.** Concord University Board of Governors Meeting at 1:30 p.m.
- * * **Nov. 23-27 (M-F)** Thanksgiving recess
- * * **Dec. 7, Mon.** Last day to withdraw from the University
- * * **Dec. 11, Fri.** Last class day
- * * **Dec. 14-18 (M-F)** Final exams
- * * **December 18, Fri.** Fall semester ends 5:00 p.m.
- * * **December 19, Sat.** Fall Commencement 11:00 a.m.



UPCOMING ADVANCEMENT EVENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

JOIN US FOR BRUNCH!

WHEN: Saturday, November 14
WHERE: CASE Headquarters
 1307 New York Ave.
 Downtown Washington, DC
TIME: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Come enjoy brunch with us!

We will be serving All-American fare with something for everyone.

While at the brunch catch up with Concord friends and chat with University representatives!

To RSVP, send an

Email to: advancement@concord.edu
 or call: (304) 384-5348.

Hope to see you there!



FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING & RESIDENTIAL LIFE...

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Approximately two weeks into the new academic year, the Office of Housing and Residence Life had created enough bed space to successfully house all residents in a regular room, and with the correct number of roommates. As has been the case previously, some students originally placed in a triple room in Towers, or other temporary housing space (for example, the small Graduate Assistant apartment on the Wilson Hall second floor) preferred their original living conditions and were hesitant to move. Under these conditions, we have allowed several students to remain in what used to be temporary space for the time being.

Utilizing money raised by Dr. Aloia in the summer of 2008 through his Trading Spaces Fund Raiser, several residence hall lounges, one in each building, received significant upgrades this past summer, and students are already enjoying the benefits. The TV room in Wilson Hall will be the last lounge to benefit from this fund raising effort and should be completed by the end of this semester.

Working in conjunction with the Campus Preparedness Committee, educational efforts continue in each residence hall as we prepare for flu season. Additional wall mounted hand sanitizer devices will be added to North and South Tower elevator lobbies as well as other residence hall specific areas. Our housekeeping staff have already been working hard to clean and sanitize all areas of the residence halls which are touched most frequently.

As always, please let us know if we are forgetting anything, or if we can be of assistance.

Rick Dillon

Interim Dean of Students

Director of Housing & Residence Life



COMMUNITY BASED RESEARCH TRIP



Students in Concord University's Bonner Foundation-sponsored Community Based Research course had the opportunity and privilege to travel to Princeton, NJ and the Washington, DC area over Fall Break. Eighteen students travelled with Professors Sally Campbell and Jim White to observe and experience the effects of economic disenfranchisement first-hand. During their three-day trip, students participated in service projects and valuable lectures regarding methods to address the issues of homelessness, hunger, poverty, and environmental protection. Students discussed current policy and were invited and encouraged to develop and explore potential policies from a variety of perspectives.

Upon arriving in Alexandria, VA students were greeted by Volunteer Coordinator Allison Clausen at the Carpenter's Shelter, a homeless shelter providing all the necessary resources to return needy individuals and families to self-sufficiency. Ms. Clausen explained that Carpenter's provides shelter, medical resources, food, and training and/or educational opportunities to these individuals and families for an average of eight to ten months. In preparation for the coming holiday season and the increased donations that will accompany it, students worked to complete several tasks at the facility to lessen the burdens that would otherwise fall to the staff. Students' experiences at the Carpenter's Shelter revealed to them the complexity involved in successfully maintaining such an operation and the tremendous goodwill of those who have dedicated their lives to helping those less fortunate.



At the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC, students were presented with an account of the evolution of tax policies and their effects on different income groups by Senior Research Associate Ben Harris. Students then travelled to the Bonner House in Princeton, NJ for an informative lecture by Eileen McGinnis, former Chief of Policy to Governor Whitman. She emphasized the importance of developing policies that encourage an active role for the private sector in addressing homelessness and other issues. McGinnis also discussed with students the many faces of activism and the different levels of government as they relate to social change.



Before returning home, students visited Terhune Orchards in Princeton, NJ for a service project with Farmers Against Hunger, an organization that emphasizes the importance of providing fresh, healthy foods for those whose resources are too inadequate for such commodities. Working with Bonner representative Michael Richardson, students spent a morning sorting and organizing approximately 20,000 pounds of food that was delivered from a Bruce Springsteen benefit concert. Student work facilitated delivery of the donations to various smaller charitable organizations throughout the region. The work done was both a service to Farmers Against Hunger and an eye-opening experience to students who realized both the magnitude of poverty within our country and the power of a few willing hands. Following the service project and a lecture by Terhune Orchards owner Pam Mount about the mission of Farmers Against Hunger and a description of its operations, students reflected on an enlightening and memorable three days during their nine-hour ride home

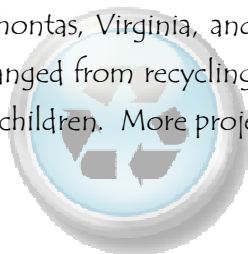


UNIVERSITY 100 PROJECTS

Athens, W.Va. – For the past few weeks Concord University's freshman students have been actively involved with community service projects through their University 100 classes.

Each class was able to choose their own project at the beginning of the term and now the students are working to complete those community service projects. By working together in the community, the students are given an opportunity to get to know one another outside of the classroom while also helping the community. The service projects are being organized in conjunction with the University's Bonner House for Community Service. Two AmeriCorps VISTA workers, Mr. Trent Estep and Ms. Courtney Hoover, are responsible for planning and coordinating these service projects. When asked about his work, Mr. Estep commented, "I think the service projects benefit not only our community, but the students as well. I feel that through these service projects both the students and I have a greater understanding and appreciation of our local community."

To date, numerous projects have been completed and more than 170 students have participated. Some organizations that the students have worked with include: the Mercer County Animal Shelter, the Princeton Autumn Fest, the New River Gorge National River, Pipestem State Park, the Make-A-Child Smile program, the Athens School, the Haunted Mine in Pocahontas, Virginia, and the Mercer County Children's Home Society WE CAN mentoring program. Projects have ranged from recycling to park clean-ups to decorating for spooky events to helping with fall festivals for local school children. More projects are scheduled for the students to complete this semester.



CU DESIGNATED A “MILITARY FRIENDLY CAMPUS”

Concord University has earned the distinction of being named one of the top Veteran-friendly campuses in the nation and will be listed in the November/December issue of *Military Advanced Education* magazine, as well as the 3rd *Annual Guide to America’s Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities* (2009). This distinction is the result of renewed emphasis on Veterans at Concord, spearheaded by President Greg Aloia and the Concord University Veterans Committee, a campus-wide group of individuals who have met over the past year to increase access to higher education and services for military veterans, National Guard members, and their families. Some of the Veteran-friendly initiatives include:

- 🇺🇸 Streamlined application and acceptance processes for Veterans
- 🇺🇸 Establishment of a Veterans Office in the Student Center (across from campus post office), staffed by two student Veterans
- 🇺🇸 Military-only university orientation session (families invited)
- 🇺🇸 Informational brochure
- 🇺🇸 Veterans web page at the Concord website
- 🇺🇸 Special activities, such as honoring Veterans at a home football game and free admission to two football games, Veterans tailgates, etc.
- 🇺🇸 Installation of new flagpoles in front of Marsh Hall for display of MIA-POW and branch services flags
- 🇺🇸 Special dedication ceremony on Monday, November 9th, with Congressman Nick Jo Rahall
- 🇺🇸 Financial aid assistance and academic advising
- 🇺🇸 Offering a Veterans Oral History course



Additionally, student Veterans and committee members have participated in numerous activities, including parades; Take a Vet to School Program (on-going); Stand Down (Help for Homeless Vets); trainings (including conferences in Cincinnati and Atlanta), teleconferences, and webinars; community activities, and armory events.

Much more is planned to continue the awareness of educational opportunity available to our military men, women and their dependents. Concord has a rich history of assisting Veterans. Ongoing plans will build on that tradition through updated services to Veterans and their families. Stay tuned for more exciting news for our Veterans!



SOFTBALL EARNS ACADEMIC HONORS

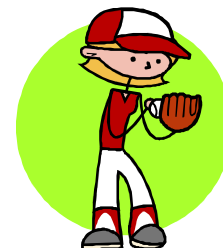


Concord University Press Release, 10/14/09

Coaches in college athletics ask that their most experienced players provide “senior leadership” in games, in the locker room and in the classroom. 2009 Concord Softball seniors Heather Witt and Tomi DeMent did just that, especially when it came to hitting. Hitting the books, that is.

As a result, Mountain Lions head coach Sabrina McCullough is pleased to announce that the National Fastpitch Coaches Association has named Witt and Dement as 2009 All-American Scholar-Athletes.

A student-athlete must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better to be eligible for the NFCA honor. On the field in the 2009 season, DeMent (Catlett, VA/North Stafford HS) played in all 27 games, hitting .246 with 4 RBIs and a .268 on-base percentage. Witt (Bedford, VA/Liberty HS) also played in all 27 games, topping the Mountain Lions in batting average (.380), home runs (3), hits (27), and slugging percentage (.577).



The Mountain Lions begin their 2010 season with a doubleheader at Lincoln Memorial University (TN) on February 18. Concord makes its 2010 home debut in a doubleheader against Slippery Rock (PA) on March 14.

FALL GOLF FINISHES STRONG

Adapted from press releases, 10/12/2009 and 10/21/2009

The 2009 WVIAC Men's Golf Championship Tournament was a mixed bag for Concord. The Mountain Lions placed two golfers among the top four individuals -- including Medalist Ryan Terdik -- but finished as close runners-up behind Ohio Valley University. Concord's 929 team score was just three strokes back of the Fighting Scots at the Arnold Palmer course at the Stonewall Jackson Resort in Roanoke, WV. "It was a tough way for it to end, because it could've gone either way," said Concord coach Darcy Donaldson. "It was a good battle and we really differentiated ourselves as one of the top teams in the league." A top team -- with no seniors. Terdik shot a final-round 80 to earn Medalist accolades, four strokes ahead of OVU's J.R. Jones. "It's the best performance I've seen since I've been here," Coach Donaldson said of Terdik. "This course is so tough, so penalizing, that you have to shoot great to do well. You have to make shots to put up a good score. Ryan did that." Terdik is the fourth Concord player to be Medalist at the WVIAC Tournament, joining Tim Wilson (1999), Scott George (2002) and Matt Horn (2005). CU's Emmanuel Charmat made a charge up the leader board with a third-round 74. Charmat finished tied for third with Alex Carrigan of the University of Charleston. The Mountain Lions' Kyle Long shot a final round 76 to finish in a tie for 14th. Freshman Fernando Voss tied for 26th.

The Moundsville Country Club allowed pars only with great reluctance during the first round of the WVIAC Women's Golf Northern Regional tournament. The course near Wheeling, WV was a 5956-yard miser again in round two. The Concord Women's Golf team finished a solid third place in a tournament in which no teams or individual finished anywhere near par. To put things into perspective, the Lady Lions' two-day team total of 685 was 123 strokes over par – but Concord ended play only 13 shots behind first-place West Liberty State and nine strokes back of runner-up Ohio Valley. Concord's top two golfers went in slightly different directions in the second round. Freshman Vivian Garciaferro shot an 82 to drop a spot into 4th place in the individual standings. Meanwhile, an 82 from sophomore Sofia Svensson was good enough to move her up one spot, to seventh. Freshman Shelby Myers shot a 90 to land in 15th. Sophomore Clarissa Wells showed the greatest round-to-round improvement; her second round 86 was eight strokes better than her first round score, and she wound up as CU's fourth golfer in the top 20, in 19th place. Sophomore Heather McMillen came home in the 29th spot. The Northern Regional marks the end of the 2009 Fall schedule for Concord, which is in just its second season of women's golf.

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

In an effort to increase safety and security on our campus, Concord University encourages everyone to register for instant text message alerts. Alerts will only be used for security and safety notices. All students, faculty, and staff are eligible to receive text message alerts on their cell phones or email alerts. Although parents cannot register directly for the emergency alert system, students can receive both cell phone and email alerts, so students may wish to register their own cell phone number and their parents' email address (or vice versa).



THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CLUB DELIVERS !!

The International Students Club is delivering birthday greetings to students on campus. Club members will deliver a birthday cake from Wal-Mart, balloons, birthday plates and forks to your student's room on his/her special day. There are white cakes, chocolate cakes and even cookie cakes available!

To request a birthday greeting for your student, send us your student's name, cell phone number, residence hall and room number, date of birth, type of cake desired, and the name(s) of the person giving the surprise along with a check for \$25 made payable to the International Students Club. Our address is: Campus Box 86 Concord University, P.O. Box 1000, Athens, WV 24712.

MESSAGE FROM THE ADMISSIONS OFFICE

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!

