

CONCORD UNIVERSITY

August 2021

Calendar

Thursday, Aug. 12

CU After Hours
Mountain Pie Company
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
St. Albans, WV

Monday, Aug. 16

First Day of Class
Fall 2021 Semester

Tuesday, Aug. 17

BOG Committee Meetings
Via Zoom
Academic Affairs - noon
Student Affairs - 1 p.m.
External Affairs - 2 p.m.
Finance & Facilities - 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 18

Organization Fair
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

Collegiate Recovery Meet & Greet
Noon - 3 p.m.
Ground Floor Lobby
Student Center

Tuesday, Aug. 24

BOG Meetings
Executive Committee - 11 a.m.
Full Board - 1 p.m.
Pais Fellowship Hall
University Point

Sunday, Aug. 29

Collegiate Recovery/
WVSADD
Make Your Mark
10 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

Welcome to the August E-News

It's August and that means back to school time! At Concord, incoming students will soon be arriving on campus filled with the anticipation and excitement of beginning college. Our returning students will be back eager to see their friends and classmates and start a new semester.

Monday, Aug. 16 is the big day when the Fall 2021 semester and the 2021-2022 academic year get underway. The first day of class is always an exciting and busy time for all Mountain Lions be we faculty, staff, administrators or students.

A variety of gatherings are scheduled to welcome the new semester. Looking at just a few of these, we see the CU Organization Fair on the calendar for Wednesday, Aug. 18. This event gives new students a fun introduction to campus life. The fair will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. Organizations may register to participate [here](#) through 4 p.m. on Aug. 16.

Students can take a break during the first week of class by enjoying a soda float courtesy of the Center for Academic and Career Development on Thursday, Aug. 19. The sweet treats will be offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Ground Floor Lobby of the Student Center.

Alums and friends are invited to get in on the action at the CU After Hours planned for Thursday, Aug. 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Mountain Pie Company in St. Albans, W.Va. Visit [this link](#) to RSVP for the free event.

Please note that the state of the COVID-19 pandemic and Concord's adherence to CDC guidelines could impact how and if events are held. Always check www.concord.edu for the most up-to-date information.

Best Wishes for a Great Fall Semester!
Staff of *Campus E-News*

Campus Veterans Groups Honor Purple Heart Recipients





Concord's Office of Veterans Services hosted a reception on July 14 in honor of Purple Heart recipients. The midday event took place in the Veterans Lounge located in the Rahall Technology Center. The CU Veterans Upward Bound provided refreshments.

Veterans Advocate George Williams said the gathering was a way "to honor those men and women for their great sacrifices or for paying the ultimate price in service to our country."

For additional information, please [click here](#).



MBA Program Launches with Cohort of 25 Students

The first participants in the much-anticipated Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree program at Concord will begin matriculating with the start of the Fall 2021 semester. Dr. Susan Robinett, chair of the Department of Business, reports that the initial cohort for the MBA includes 25 students.

These individuals will start their studies in the 100 percent online program that is a general MBA with 30 hours of coursework. The degree program focuses on preparing masters' candidates in the knowledge and skills needed to lead organizations effectively. Students can complete the program in one year including summer sessions for full-time attendance. The courses are offered in accelerated 8-week sessions, allowing MBA students to attend full-time focusing on only two courses per 8-week session.

The general business emphasis curriculum includes graduate level courses in the functional areas of accounting, economics, finance, marketing, organizational theory, quantitative analysis, and strategic management. Additionally, critical perspectives will be emphasized within the program.

For additional information please contact Stephanie Lyons-Rocchetti, department program associate, at busdiv@concord.edu or visit the MBA website at www.concord.edu/mba

Submitted by:

Dr. Susan Robinett

Chair, Department of Business

Collegiate Recovery Announces Informational Events



The WV Collegiate Recovery Network and Concord Collegiate Recovery Coach Brandon Whitehouse are hosting several informational events at Concord during the months of August and September.

The first is a Meet & Greet on Wednesday, Aug. 18. Mr. Whitehouse will be in the Ground Floor Lobby of the Student Center from noon to 3 p.m. that day to visit with members of the CU community and share informational resources. "My purpose on campus is to assist, support, advocate and provide resources to students," he says.

The West Virginia Collegiate Recovery Network, Community Connections and WVSADD will be hosting Make your Mark at Concord on Sunday, Aug. 29. The Celebration of Community Event will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom and will focus on supporting WVSADD and preventing underage drinking and drinking and driving.

The event will feature music, games and resources from many different organizations. Door prizes have been donated by WVSADD. Food will be catered as well. Speakers from across the state are participating.

Save a Life Day is set for Wednesday, Sept. 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Ground Floor

Lobby of the Student Center. This event will provide resources and Naloxone training and distribution for Concord students. Naloxone is a lifesaving medication that can reverse an opioid overdose. Every person trained will receive a Naloxone rescue kit.

Additional Naloxone education training will be offered on Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the State Room. This training will provide educational information on Naloxone which is "a safe and easy to use medication that can save the life of a person overdosing on opioids" according to information provided by CU's Collegiate Recovery. To register for the training, please follow [this link](#).

The Concord campus community is also invited to attend the 2nd WV Collegiate Recovery Conference on Friday, Sept. 24. This event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the West Virginia Building Annex on the State Fairgrounds in Lewisburg, W.Va. The overall goal of this conference is to bring awareness that pursuing higher education is for everyone and that support through collegiate recovery programs is available to help students succeed in both their sobriety and educational goals. To learn more about the conference click [here](#).

For additional information on any of these events and/or the WV Collegiate Recovery Network, please contact Brandon Whitehouse at: bwhitehouse@concord.edu or call 304-800-6118. You may also visit him in his office located in Concord's John David Smith Center for Social Work Education. More information is also available on [Facebook](#).

Submitted by:
Brandon Whitehouse
Concord Collegiate Recovery Coach

Campus Thriller Gets the Vote for Book Club's Fall Title



With the voting in, Alex Michaelides' "The Maidens" has been chosen as the CU Alumni Book Club's fall selection for reading and discussion.

"The premise is enticing and the elements irresistible," says *The New York Times*. Journalist and author Tony Parsons describes the bestseller as "The greatest campus novel since 'The Secret History' by Donna Tartt."

The online club's discussion of this intriguing selection will take place via Zoom on Thursday, Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. Members will be sent a reminder email with the Zoom link.

New members are welcome to join the group and may sign up [here](#). Information about the book club is posted on the Concord Alumni Online Book Club [Facebook group](#).

Mountain Pie Company Welcomes August CU After Hours



CU After Hours for this month is headed to Mountain Pie Company in St. Albans, W.Va. Concord alums and friends are invited to enjoy food and fellowship there on Thursday, Aug. 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Attendees are requested to RSVP [here](#) for this free event. CU there!

Have You Saved the Date for Homecoming 2021?



Homecoming is set for the week of Oct. 9 this year. Have you saved the date? Be sure to check out the schedule of events [here](#) as new activities are added.

Please note that the state of the COVID-19 pandemic and Concord's adherence to CDC guidelines could impact how and if events are held. Always check www.concord.edu for the most up-to-date information.

Giving by Payroll Deduction Supports Work of Foundation

Did you know you can support the work of the Concord University Foundation on a regular, ongoing basis? By signing up for a payroll deduction, you can help further the work of the University and assist CU students in their educational pursuits.

It's simple. All you do is follow [this link](#) and designate on the form the amount of your contribution and if you want your donation to go to the General Unrestricted Fund or to a specific fund. The same amount will be deducted from your paycheck each pay period until you instruct otherwise.

Contributions of any size are appreciated. Thank you to all current and future participants in this giving opportunity!

HR Corner



Over the next days and weeks, the Office of Student Affairs and Office of Human Resources will continue to issue briefings to our respective constituencies regarding operations during the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. The COVID Resources page on the CU intranet, including the safe return to campus information, has been updated this week in preparation for another safe return to campus for Fall 2021.

Due to the recent substantial changes in CDC guidance and rapid increases in COVID cases, the university has enacted additional safety precautions including updated mask requirements and requiring pre-return to campus testing for non-vaccinated individuals.

University employees and on-campus contractors (Aramark, WFF, and Follett) will receive frequent updates as the situation and circumstances are changing rapidly. Please remain alert for new guidance and continue to read updates when issued.

In addition to the mask mandate while indoors on campus, the following new requirements are responsive to currently unfolding conditions.

Employees and on-campus contractors who are FULLY vaccinated

If you are fully vaccinated, and received your vaccination at a location other than Concord, upload your records to: <https://www.concord.edu/vaccine>. By verifying your records prior to August 16, 2021, you will not be required to undergo pre-semester COVID testing.

The vast majority of faculty and staff have been vaccinated. Any individual who has not been vaccinated is strongly encouraged to be vaccinated to protect others and yourself.

Employees and on-campus contractors who are NOT vaccinated

If you are not fully vaccinated, you are required to submit a valid COVID-19 test (PCR or Rapid Antigen) result at <https://www.concord.edu/vaccine>. Testing must be **completed after 8:00 AM on Friday, August 13 and the results must be uploaded by 8:00 AM Monday, August 16, 2021.**

The testing may be performed at the venue of the individual's choice.

Local COVID-19 Testing is available at
[MedExpress Urgent Care - Princeton](#)
[Bluestone Health Center - Princeton](#)
[Princeton Community Hospital](#)
[Mercer County Health Department](#)

Concord University will continue to conduct random sample testing among certain groups of students, faculty, and staff who are on campus and have not been vaccinated or have not verified their vaccination status with the university.

- If you have verified your vaccination records, you are exempt from the random sample testing.
- Certain groups may be asked to complete testing on a weekly basis based on their potential exposure to COVID-19 and vaccination status.

All Individuals

Individuals are to continue to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID and if symptomatic are to quarantine and be tested for the virus. As previously notified, masks are to be worn in interior spaces and individuals are to take established safety precautions to protect themselves and others.

Our expectations for the fall semester include:

- Face to face learning (properly fitted mask required for everyone, indoors)
- Residence halls at full capacity
- Buildings and facilities, including dining operations, the library and the fitness center will return to normal hours and increased capacity
- Spectators permitted at all athletic activities

Submitted by:

Daniel Fitzpatrick
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Chief Human Resources Officer

Please submit items to be considered for publication in the September 2021 issue to sdalton@concord.edu by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Thank you.

Please note that it is up to the discretion of the Office of Advancement as to which items will be published and that items may be edited due to space, style guidelines, timeliness, content, and appropriateness.

Also, if a photograph is submitted, it is understood that the Office of Advancement has permission from all persons appearing in the photograph to publish the photograph.