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Dear Parents,

Spring has arrived on the Campus Beautiful! It seems that the semester is on a rapid trajectory to final exams and Commencement, but we have many activities planned between now and mid-May. This April-May edition highlights some semester events and provides a glimpse of what is planned. For our returning students, we hope that by now you and your students have filed the FAFSA for 2013-2014, registered for summer and fall 2013 classes, and notified Housing & Residence Life of your living arrangements for next year. If not, now is the time to do so!

This week, CU is hosting its first ever *Commuter Appreciation Week*. Throughout April and May, there seem to be too many activities and events to mention, lest we forget something of significance. Please visit the Events Calendar on the CU webpage at <http://www.concord.edu/calendar.php> for a full listing. Some of the highlights include: Greek Week; Spring Fling; Earth Day; Undergraduate Research Day; Box City; Senior Art Shows and Recitals; Disability Awareness Forum; International Gifts Festival and International Banquet; Honors Banquet; Greek Forum; Senior Picnic; several theatrical productions, including *Godspell*, *Driving Miss Daisy* and student productions; Roth Scholarship 5K Walk/Run; Early Advising for new students; service projects; athletic events; Late Night final exams breakfast; and culminating with Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 18th!

This is the final edition of the Parents Club newsletter for 2012-2013, but we will be emailing with updates and reminders. To our graduates, we wish you many successes and invite you to stay involved through the CU Alumni Association. Remember that you will always remain a special part of the CU family! To our returning students and parents, we wish you a wonderful summer and we look forward to the 2013-2014 academic year!

As always, please let us know if you have questions and concerns. We welcome your suggestions.

On behalf of the Parents Club, Best Wishes and Peace,
Marjie

Marjie Flanigan, Vice President of Student Affairs



Academic Calendar

Date	Activity
Spring 2013	
May 3-	Last Day to Withdraw from University
May 10-	Last Class Day
May 13 -	Spring Semester Exams Begin
May 17-	Spring Semester Ends
May 18-	Commencement

Fall 2013

August 19-	Classes begin
September 2-	Labor Day Holiday
October 10 -	Fall Break Holiday Begins
November 25 -	Thanksgiving Holiday Begins
December 6-	Last class day
December 9 -	Final Exams Begin
December 14-	Commencement



Undergraduate Research Day Submitted by the McNair Scholars Program

The 6th Annual Undergraduate Research Day will be held April 25, 2013 in the Jerry L. Beasley Student Center Ballroom. Students involved in the McNair Scholars program and the Honors program, students working on senior theses, and students collaborating on research with faculty members gather to present the outcomes of their research projects. Concord's annual Undergraduate Research Day is hosted by the Concord University McNair Scholars and the Psychology program. The event provides an opportunity for faculty, fellow students and guests to see what our students have accomplished over the past year. Students present either poster or paper (oral) presentations that highlight qualitative and quantitative projects across all six of Concord's academic divisions.

In addition to the research presentations, the day also includes a Graduate and Professional School Fair. We typically host representatives from more than 20 schools and programs including Marshall University (Biomedical Sciences and Psychology), Pikeville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Radford University, Tufts University, Vanderbilt University, Virginia Tech (Biochemistry and Biological Sciences), Hollins University, University of North Carolina – Pembroke (Business Administration), University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill (School of Pharmacy) and Concord University (Education), just to name a few. This provides an excellent opportunity for students interested in graduate school to meet and visit with representatives from a broad range of schools and programs.





Important News from the Housing Office!!

Please note: All residence halls will close at 5:00pm on Friday May 17, 2013 for the summer.

All students must vacate the buildings 24 hours after their last final exam or by 5:00pm on Friday 05/17,

WHICHEVER COMES FIRST! North Towers will reopen for Summer School Check-In on Sunday, June 2, 2013 at 1:00pm

Coming to Concord Stage 4Pals Productions

Presentation of 'Driving Miss Daisy' By: Nancy Ellison

The Office of Multicultural Affairs at Concord University is pleased to announce that 4PALS Productions will present Alfred Uhry's dramatic comedy, "Driving Miss Daisy" on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 in the Main Theatre of the Alexander Fine Arts Center at 7 p.m.

"Driving Miss Daisy" is the story of Daisy Werthan, an elderly Jewish woman, her chauffeur Hoke Coleburn, and their unexpected but rich friendship. At 72, Daisy struggles to keep her independence when her son Boolie hires a chauffeur and insists that she give up driving. Hoke's warmth and understanding eventually wins Daisy over, and in the 25 years that follow, a deep affection develops between these unlikely friends.

Directed by Sara Helmandollar, the production features a local all-star cast with Mary Jo Babbitt as Daisy, Vain Colby as Hoke and Skip Crane as Boolie. "Driving Miss Daisy" is a tender story about racial tensions, growing old and friendship that pleases audiences of all ages and backgrounds.

"Earlier this semester, 4PALS Productions presented 'The Passing of Pearl,'" Nancy Ellison, director of Multicultural Affairs, said. "We enjoyed that so much that we asked them to come back and present 'Driving Miss Daisy,' too." This event is free and open to the public.

Concord University Annual International Banquet

The 2013 International Banquet will be held on Sunday, April 28th at 6 pm in the Ballroom of the Jerry and Jean Beasley Student Center. The delightful evening features delicious foods prepared by members of the International Students Club, followed by wonderful performances by club members. A fashion show featuring traditional clothing from each country represented on campus will be a highlight of the evening. For reservations, contact Nancy Ellison, Director of Multicultural Affairs, by telephone at 304-384-6086 or by email at nellison@concord.edu. Please be sure to get your tickets early, as the event is always a sell-out!

Roth Scholarship 5K Walk/Run

This year's Roth 5K Walk/Run will be held on Tuesday, May 7th with Registration at 5pm in the Carter Hall Lobby and the Walk/Run beginning at 6:15pm at the track of Callaghan Stadium. Proceeds benefit the David S. Roth Memorial Scholarship Fund. The first 100 pre-registrants who participate receive a t-shirt. The event is sponsored in part by the CU Student Government Association. Entry fees and sign-up information is available at <http://rothwalkrun.site90.com/index.html>. Questions? Contact Tom Davis at 304-384-3298 or 304-384-5134 or Dr. Liz Roth at 304-384-5229. *Come join the fun and support a worthy cause!!*





Financial Aid Information By: Debbie Turner, CU Financial Aid Director

The spring semester is nearing the end! After grades are posted in May, the Financial Aid Office will begin running processes to determine eligibility for the 2013-2014 academic year. Students must be meeting the CU Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy. A letter will be mailed the end of May to students placed on Warning or Ineligible for Financial Aid. This policy is on our website at <http://concord.edu/admissions/financial-aid>. The Registrar's Office conducts a separate review of academic standing. Students should be certain that Concord has an up-to-date mailing address on file to be certain that you receive important correspondence.

Next we review individual grant and scholarship renewal criteria. These processes take several weeks. We will begin awarding aid for returning students the middle to end of June after all eligibility processes have been completed. An award letter will be mailed. Also students can view the awards on their MyCU account.

Students planning to attend the summer term and wanting to use financial aid must complete a Summer Aid Application. The document, Summer I/II Financial Aid Application (2013), is located on our web page at www.concord.edu/admissions/financial-aid under Forms & Applications. Eligibility for summer aid is based on the 2012-13 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) results and not all types of aid are available for the summer term. Students wanting to work during the summer term and who are eligible for work-study must complete the Summer Work Study Application located on our web page.

Currently we are loading the 2013-2014 FAFSA results and have begun mailing requests for verification documents. If you receive such a letter please return the requested documents as soon as possible as some funds are awarded on a first-come first-serve basis. Financial Aid for Fall 2013 and Spring 2014 is not awarded until verification has been completed. If you have not completed the 2013-14 FAFSA, please do so promptly at www.fafsa.gov.

Please contact our office at 304-384-6069 if you have any questions regarding summer aid awarding, completing the 2013-14 FAFSA, verification, or for other financial aid concerns. We wish our families and students a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming back our non-graduates in Fall 2013!

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Visit <http://fafsa.gov> to complete the FAFSA. Students should immediately read all correspondence and respond promptly to requests from the Financial Aid Office. Questions? Contact the Financial Aid Office at 304-384-6069 or email finaid@concord.edu





Want to send a care package to a student for Finals?

By Will Hicks Resident Director

On Campus Marketing is a company that offers care packages for Concord University students living in the residence halls to help during the hectic last weeks of the semester. If you order by April 22nd, your student should receive the package by May 7th.

Please note that OCM is a private company, not affiliated with CU. Questions should be directed to their Customer Service department, customerservice@ocm.com or 1-866-847-7365, M-F, 9-5:30



A Note on Safety from Housing Bill Fraley, Supervisor of Residence Halls

Concord University Residence Life and the Office of Public Safety take many precautions to ensure the safety of all students and their personal belongings. Both the Officers and the Residence Life staff members on duty are available to receive emergency telephone calls from anyone on campus or associated with the University. All Public Safety Officers also have direct radio contact with outside local law enforcement agencies. However, we cannot do it alone! We need residents' help to ensure you and your belongings stay safe. Students are encouraged to exercise common sense regarding personal safety. Each student must take an active part in his or her own personal safety and the safety of other community members. **A few tips for how you can enhance your:**

Personal Safety:

- Avoid walking alone, especially at night
- Walk in well-lighted areas
- Avoid areas with heavy foliage
- Have your cell phone available (to call 911 in case of emergency; pre-download a flashlight app)
- Be alert and aware of your surroundings
- Refrain from propping open residence hall doors (This allows others access who could present a threat)
- Use the viewing porthole provided in each residence hall door
- Have strangers identify themselves before unlocking any room door
- Keep your room door(s) locked at all times

Vehicle Security:

- Remove property from plain view
- Roll up vehicle windows
- Remove keys & lock vehicle at all times

Residence Hall Room Safety:

- *Secure valuables left in your room.
- *Engrave all valuables
- *Print your name on valuables when appropriate
- *Always lock the door(s) and window(s) to your personal room each time you leave & when sleeping
- *Lock your room door even when you are just going down the hall for a minute
- *Have a plan in case your wallet/credit cards are stolen
- *Check to determine if you are covered under your parent's Homeowner's insurance, or purchase renter's insurance, in case of accident or theft



Concord University participates in Relay for Life By Erin Clark



At the Concord University Relay For Life event we came together to honor cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against a disease that has already taken too much. The funds raised truly make a difference in the fight against cancer – just ask one of the nearly 14 million cancer survivors who will celebrate another birthday this year! Concord Relay teams hosted tables to raise money and took turns walking around a path in the Ballroom on the evening of March 22, 2013. Concord University's Relay

event started at 7pm and ended at midnight. The evening started with the Student Representative, Lindsay Scott, who spoke about her reason to Relay. As her remarks came to an emotional end, she led us on the Survivor Lap to celebrate the victory over Cancer. As celebration music played in the background, Concord students walked and spoke about their loved ones who have won the fight against cancer. As the night went on teams could be observed walking the path around the Ballroom and were spotted at each table buying candy, cakes and snacks. Some tables had games. We enjoyed watching the CU Dance Team perform and we had a surprise visit from some special football players who serenaded us with a song from the heart. Students played several hours of Bingo and had a blast receiving Relay for Life and Concord University merchandise as prizes from the many scavenger hunts.

As the night progressed you could feel the energy change because of the main reason we came together on this evening: To celebrate Relay for Life. As the emotional evening slowed down, we ended Relay with our *Fight Back* ceremony and *Luminaria Lap*. This gave students a chance to honor loved ones who have passed or who are fighting the disease. After the tears and special words by the American Cancer Society's Regional Manager, Melanie Meachum, we ended the night with a total of around \$2,000. But that's not the end. We still need your help. We are still raising money for American Cancer Society until August 2013. Help Concord University reach their goal of \$10,000. You can sign up now and donate online at http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=49540.

You can also contact Erin Clark at clark@concord.edu or 304-384-5277 or Melanie Meachum at melanie.meachum@cancer.org.

Thank you for your Support!



Concord Graduation Gift! By Sarah Turner

Still trying to figure out what to get your Concord senior for their graduation gift? Why not get them something to help them remember their days in Athens! "The Campus Beautiful" is a print by well-known artist P. Buckley Moss produced especially for Concord University in conjunction with the Concord University Alumni Association, Inc. Print size is 11'x13'. Cost is \$100 with \$15 shipping and handling for each print. Make all checks payable to: Concord University Alumni Association, Inc. Mail to: CUAA, Campus Box 83, PO Box 1000, Athens, WV 24712. When ordering, please include your name, phone number, email address and a street address for shipping.





CONCORD ATHLETICS

By Tyler McIntosh, Sports Information Director

Smith Earns Honorable Mention All- WVIAC Honors (Women's Basketball)

Junior guard Amanda Smith was named to the All- West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Team. Smith was an Honorable Mention. Smith had a career –year in 2012-2013 starting 27 games and averaging 13.7 points, 4.0 rebounds, 1.5 assists and 1.3 steals per game. She shot 44.8 percent from the field and 77.8 percent from the free throw line. Smith ranked 14th in the conference in scoring, 12th in free throw percentage and 15th in field goal percentage.

All-Conference Honors Roll in for CU Men's Golf

Concord University men's golf coach *Will Johnson* was named West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Co-Coach of the Year, *Stefan Labuschagne* was tabbed the WVIAC Player of the Year and three other Mountain Lions earned All-WVIAC honors when the league office announced its yearly awards Wednesday.

The Coach of the Year honor is the first of Johnson's career. He earned the distinction after guiding the Mountain Lions to the program's sixth conference title when CU defeated the field by 16 strokes at the league championship tournament in October.

Leading the charge to the WVIAC championship on the course was Labuschagne, who took home medalist honors at the event after shooting a three-round total of 220 (+4). Labuschagne also finished second at the WVIAC Central Regional, tied for fourth at the WVIAC Northern Regional and 19th at the WVIAC Northern Regional. He is the fourth golfer in Mountain Lion history to be named WVIAC Player of the Year. Joining Labuschagne on the All-WVIAC first team was *Evan Muscari*, who placed in the top-five of all three WVIAC regionals as well as taking fifth place at the conference championships. The highlight of Muscari's season so far has been shooting a -8 to win the WVIAC Central Regional title.

Peareth 1st, Erice 2nd at John Barbour Memorial

Concord University women's golfer *Stephanie Peareth* took home medalist honors and *Marina Erice* placed second at the John Barbour Memorial held on the Palmer Course at Stonewall Jackson Resort. Peareth shot a two-round total of 157 for her third win of the season. She shot an opening-round 83 before bouncing back with a 74 in the second round to win the title. Peareth also finished in first place at the FSU invitational and the WVIAC Northern Regional earlier in the year. Erice was consistent throughout the Memorial with rounds of 82 and 83 for a total of 165. Both Peareth and Erice were named to the all-tournament team.



Stephanie Peareth



Damien Tunstalle

Beckley West Virginian and Senior forward Damien Tunstalle earned 2nd Team All-WVIAC honors! Tunstalle started in 22 of CU's 26 games, averaging 16.2 points, 5.8 rebounds, 1.1 steals, & 1.0 assist per game. He had 3 double-doubles this season, shooting 42.9% from the field, 39.4% from 3-point range, & 75% from the foul line. Congratulations, Damien!

Concord Football Hosts Successful Football Clinic

Members of the Concord University football team recently donated their time and knowledge of the game to help the West Virginia Children's Home Society host a successful flag football competition and clinic at the second annual Winter Chilly Classic on Saturday, Feb 23. The Mountain Lions in conjunction with football players from Bluefield College, hosted area youths ranging from ages 7-14 from the Working to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect (WE CAN) program for football and fun filled day at the Princeton Recreation Center. Volunteering for Concord was Brandon Farmer, Will Greathouse, Mike Hodeib, Calvinaugh Jones, Davon McGill, Ervin Moore, Kevin Pierre, Anthony Pyle, Albert Rose and Tyler Smith.



Shawnee Carnett Earns All-America Honors at Indoor NCAA Championship

Concord University women's track and field athlete [Shawnee Carnett](#) earned All-America honors after placing sixth in the 800-meter run Saturday at the 2013 Indoor NCAA Championships in Birmingham, Alabama. Carnett ran the championship race in 2:11.85 on her way to the fourth All-America honor of her career. She had previously been named an All-American in both the indoor and outdoor seasons during 2010-11 in addition to the 2009-10 outdoor season. The meet capped off another fantastic indoor season for Carnett, who won three 800-meter races and earned five consecutive WVIAC Track Athlete of the Week awards. Carnett set a school-record in the 800-meters with a time of 2:08.51 at the Virginia Tech Challenge on Feb. 16. The top-eight finishers in each event earn All-America honors from the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.



All-American Shawnee Carnett

Library Services

The J. Frank Marsh Library is open 7 days each week for the convenience of Concord University students, faculty, staff and members of the local community.

Hours of operation are.

Monday – Thursday	7:45 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Friday	7:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Saturday	Noon – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday	2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Special hours will be posted for exam periods, holiday weeks, and summer sessions.

The Library houses more than 150,000 volumes including books, microforms, popular and scholarly periodicals as well as bound periodicals, and DVD's. The library subscribes to electronic databases that include Infotrac Academic Onefile, Ebsco, PsychInfo, Faulkner Advisory for IT Studies, America's Newspapers, Grove Music Online, A to Z Maps online, SciFinder, Jstor (which covers the disciplines of language, literature, music, and biology) and remote access is provided for distance learning students.

Computers are provided for students in the Library. A printer and two photocopy machines are available. Wireless access is available within the library. Materials that instructors place on reserve are available at the front desk on the main floor of the library during normal operating hours. Staff members will provide assistance with reference searches and other research related endeavors.

Library Director Connie Shumate has introduced the *Anti-Book Club Book Club*. The next meeting is Thursday, April 18th at 4pm in the Library. All are welcome to come join the fun!!



Services for Students with Special Needs and Disabilities

By: Nancy Ellison, Director of Multicultural Affairs and Disabilities Coordinator

Greetings from the Office of Disability Services! I think you will find that Concord University is a caring and supportive community with high academic and personal expectations. The University is committed to making its programs, services, and activities accessible to students with disabilities. The ODS assists students with documented disabilities by determining their eligibility for services and then working with students to determine reasonable accommodations and services which will, in turn, give the student equal access to the University.

Services may include:

- laboratory assistance
- note taking assistance
- reader services
- accessible campus facilities
- counseling services
- TDDs (Telephone devices for the deaf)
- * enlarged print services
- * tape recorders
- * recorded textbooks
- * accessible housing
- * priority scheduling
- * Typewell Transcription
- * tutoring
- * accessible computing
- * testing accommodations
- * referrals

Contact Disability Services:

Email: nellison@concord.edu

Phone: (304) 384-6086

Tutoring Services

Concord University offers numerous free tutoring resources to assist students. These include:

- **Sponsored Tutoring**—Drop-in peer tutoring by qualified upper division students; assistance is available for almost all classes offered at Concord. Visit <https://cs.concord.edu/tutoring/> for times and locations
- **Tutoring in Academic Divisions**—many of Concord's academic programs offer extra help with understanding course material. Students should check with their instructors or the academic division secretary for a tutoring schedule
- **SMARTHINKING**—free online professional tutoring for most subjects, from basic to advanced. Tutors are available 24-hours a day, 7 days per week. Students can participate in live chat with tutors, pose questions to be answered within a short time, or submit papers for editing assistance. Sign up for the first time through MyCU; afterwards, visit <http://smarthinking.com>

Students are encouraged to utilize academic support services! Tutoring can make the difference between a failing and passing grade, as well as improve acceptable course grades to A's!





Earth Day 2013– April 22!!

In celebration of Earth Day 2013, CU provides a variety of fun and educational activities! While student organizations have events planned on the weekend, CU's main event kicks off on Monday, April 22nd with a campus and town clean up. Some of the scheduled projects include: mulching at the Athens school—Bonner Scholars; weeding, mulching, and campus trash collection—various students, faculty, and staff; tree planting; birdhouse building and distribution—CU Honors Program; a *Lights Out* project—Green Sustainability Committee (everyone is asked to unplug not-in-use appliances and turn off lights during daylight hours, safety permitting); Blue Key clean-up project at the Child Development Center; Delta Zeta—residence hall clean up; Library staff—Marsh Hall, Library, & Science Building; Business Advisory Council—Rahall Clean Up; Multicultural Affairs—Valley & Student Center; Alpha Sigma Alpha—grounds clean-up; Student Center mulching—CU administrative staff; and more.

A *Glow Green 5K Run Walk* is planned for Saturday, April 20th to benefit the non-profit James F. Caudill Traumatic Brain Injury Foundation. Registration begins at 6:30pm; run-walk begins at 7:00pm. Entry cost is \$10 for children under 12; \$15 for CU students; \$20 for general public; and \$75 for groups of 5. Cost includes t-shirt and glowstick. CU senior Kylie Kirn is organizing the event to raise awareness and funds for the foundation begun by the friends and family of former CU student, James Caudill, who received a head injury while skateboarding. James was not wearing a helmet. As noted on its Facebook page, the "C" Foundation is committed to raising awareness about traumatic brain injuries and assisting those families and victims of these tragedies.



As part of Earth Week, CU is hosting a FREE Backyard Gardening & Canning Seminar Thursday, April 25, 6:00 p.m., State Room, Student Center--Athens Campus. Wendy Johnston of Oakwyn Farms (a local organic farm), Jodi Richmond and Andi Bennett, WVU Extension Agents, will be discussing how backyard gardening & canning provide many advantages to your family and the environment. Seminar attendees will receive free organic seeds from the Baker Heirloom Seed Company!

Beckley Campus:

Concord University students and Lori Pace are again working with the Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority and Sam's Children Miracle Network to make this year's 2nd Annual Earth Day 10K/5K and Festival a success. The event takes place at the YMCA Soccer Complex on April 21 from 11-5. We are sponsoring a "Concord Fun Zone and Fun Run" as well as sending over 50 volunteers to make this event a success. Anyone wanting to volunteer can contact lpace@concord.edu

Thanks to Kati Whittaker Hatfield & the CU Earth Day Committee for their hard work & planning! CU Logo designed by Adam Weaver, Advertising & Graphic Design, Junior, Bonner Scholar

News from Beckley Campus By: Lori Pace, Sociology Instructor & Activities

Spring semester at Beckley has been busy! Student Pam Wallace coordinated a collection from both the Athens and Beckley campuses for the Raleigh County Humane Shelter. Total collections were amazing: 591.6 lbs dry dog food, 237.35 lbs dry cat food, 164 cans dog food; 151 cans cat food; 290 lbs litter; 24 lbs Milk Bone treats & 5 bags other treats; 6 gallons bleach; laundry detergent and toys. Students, staff, and the children of Crescent Elementary contributed to the collection. Students Celia Laverty and Sarah Tedder, along with Lori Pace, sponsor an evening Student Support Group. With the multiple personal, academic, family, and financial issues that students encounter, this is an opportunity in an informal setting for students to support each other, share, and find connections. The groups are held every other Wednesday. Lori Pace has again chartered a Red Eye Bus Trip to NYC for Popular Culture students and others. This year two full buses of people will be in NYC May 1 to experience the bright lights and Big Apple!



Commencement Information Submitted By: Carolyn Cox, Registrar

Congratulations to our May and August graduates! Commencement ceremonies will be held on **Saturday May 18, 2013** in the main gym of the Leslie R. and Ruby Webb Carter Center. Two ceremonies will be held to accommodate the number of graduates and their families and guests. A morning ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. and an afternoon ceremony is planned for 2 p.m.

Students will participate in a ceremony based on their fields of study. The morning ceremony will include candidates for graduation in the Master's program and undergraduates from the divisions of Business, Education and Human Performance, and Fine Arts. Participating in the afternoon ceremony will be candidates for graduation from the divisions of Languages and Literature, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, interdisciplinary studies and the Regents program. To date, 340 applications for graduation have been received in the Registrar's Office, including a record 60 candidates for the Regents Bachelors of Arts degree.

Valedictorians are **Ms. Rebecca Creel**, Pre-Professional Biology from Prociou, West Virginia and **Ms. Elizabeth Rose Brundage**, Geography major and International Studies minor from Princeton, West Virginia.

Graduates will receive their diplomas in the mail at the home address listed in the Registrar's records approximately eight weeks following certification of degree completion. Students should make sure to update any change of address with the Registrar. Again, ***Congratulations to our graduates*** and their families!!!

Student Activities Update By: Anthony Sulgit, Campus Activities Director

April is a huge month for activities, with the global hip-hop group "Trybe Entertainment" (featuring a member of the Mountain Lion Football Team, Abu Kamara aka Plex Major), Concord alumni group "The Boatmen," Charleston-based rap artists "Dinosaur Burps," and Concord staff member Billy Fraley's band "JC/BC". Also, nationally-known country artists "Gage" will be featured on May 9th as a capstone to our Spring concert series.

Greek Week falls within April, as does Spring Fling, with a "Mardi Gras" theme. "Commuter Appreciation Week" will commence in April as well. This first-of-its-kind event will herald week-long activities targeting commuter students, who represent a large amount of Concord's student population. The Student Government Association campaign and elections for 2013-2014 officers is finalized, and the new SGA officers and senators are in place for next year. (See page 13)

The Student Activities "Outdoor Initiative" (that offered discounted skiing and snowboarding to students) will welcome warmer temperature with its April offering of caving in Greenbrier County. Greenbrier and Monroe Counties are home to world-recognized systems of caves, and several groups of students will be able to capitalize on this outstanding natural opportunity available in our backyard.



Technology Support at the Help Desk

We would like to remind parents that Technology Services provides students with a single point of contact for all technology related questions and concerns through our Help Desk. Students are encouraged to contact the Help Desk anytime they have questions, or if they encounter problems using campus technology. To ensure that students have as many opportunities as possible to reach us, at the most convenient times for them, we have implemented multiple means of communication, as well as extended hours of operation. Our contact information and hours of operation are as follows:

Contact Information:

- ✓ Phone: (304) 716-005
- ✓ Email: cuhelpdesk@concord.edu
- ✓ Instant Messaging/Chat: <http://workorder.concord.edu/ChatEnduserWelcomePage.jsp?queue=1&accountID=ConcordUniversity>
- ✓ (Links to this URL are also located on the login page of MyCU, as well as inside of MyCU)
- ✓ Walk-in: Rahall Technology Center; Rooms 301 and Room 305

Hours of operation:

Monday - Thursday	7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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. Please contact Technology Services for Academic Technology for further assistance: 384-5361. To sign up go to: <http://sms.concord.edu/>

Student Employee Appreciation Week was celebrated April 8th through the 12th at CU, in recognition of the invaluable contributions of our student employees. Thanks to Career Services Director Tammy Monk for creating and promoting this special recognition for our wonderful CU students! Although we have literally hundreds of student employees extraordinaire, the following students were nominated by their supervisors for the Outstanding Student Employee Award for 2012-2013:

Scott Hagerman - Accounts Payable Office

Shawn Clisso - Mail Office

David Moore - Veterans Advocate

Amie Mullens - Financial Aid Office

Kelley Bunner - Financial Aid Office

Shawnee Carnett - Athletic and Human Performance Department

Congratulations to **Joshua Young** - Office of Sponsored Programs, Recipient of the 2013 Outstanding Student Employee!!!



A Special Message from CU President, **Dr. Gregory F. Aloia**

Thank you for sharing your students with us over the past year! And what a great year it's been! As a parent of seven children who have all been college students, I understand, appreciate, and value the trust you place in us to provide your students with the best education possible. Earning a degree from Concord University is something of which to be truly proud!

And speaking of degrees, we are very pleased to announce the awarding of an honorary Concord University degree to a very special individual, Charles Erickson. *Dr. Erickson*, as he now will be known, is a native West Virginian whose generosity has provided resources otherwise unavailable to our state colleges and universities. Step onto a college campus in West Virginia and you will most likely arrive at an Erickson Alumni Center, named in honor of Dr. Erickson's Father. I had the distinct honor of bestowing the Doctor of Letters degree to Dr. Erickson in April and was fortunate to spend some time with this incredible man and his wonderful family. We will also be honoring Mrs. Laurie Erickson with an honorary doctorate at our May graduation ceremony. Please join me in extending our thanks to the Erickson family for sharing their vision, philanthropy, and love for learning with the people of West Virginia.

To our May and August graduates, we wish you well as you begin your new venture away from the Campus Beautiful! We hope you remember fondly your days spent at Concord and that you will visit often in the years to come. I look forward to shaking your hand in greeting as you cross the stage in May and offer my congratulations for a job well done! To our continuing students, I invite you to study hard, have a successful semester, and work towards the day in the near future when you, too, will be receiving your degree.

Yours truly,

Gregory F. Aloia

President and Professor



Welcome Future Mountain Lions! From Kent Gamble, Director of Enrollment

Do you know of someone interested in becoming a Concord University student? It is not too late to apply to Concord for the Summer or Fall 2013 semesters. Students can apply online—free of charge—by visiting the Concord website at <http://www.concord.edu> and following the links. Early advising appointments for students accepted for admission to the University are available on the following dates by contacting the Admissions Office at (304) 384-5249 or toll free, 1 (888) 384-5249:

Friday and Saturday, April 19 & 20

Friday and Saturday, April 26 & 27

Friday and Saturday, May 3 & 4; Friday, May 10th

For additional appointment days and times, contact the Admissions Office.



SGA Announces 2013-2014 Officers

Congratulations to all of the candidates and to the newly elected Student Government Association officers for a well-run campaign! The 2013-2014 Concord University SGA officers are:

President: Ms. Chelsey Rowe, Senior Sociology major/Correctional Rehabilitation emphasis; Pre-law minor

Vice President: Mr. Greg Stamp, Senior Communication Arts/Theatre

Business Manager: Ms. Genevieve Hatcher, Senior Business Administration; Recreation & Tourism minor

Attorney General: Mr. Kenny Breslin, Sophomore Psychology major

Public Defender: Mr. Greg Slone, Junior Business Administration/Marketing emphasis

Board of Governors Representative: Mr. Cody Boone, Senior Music Interdisciplinary

Kudos to Dr. Susan Williams & Mr. Kent Gamble

Dr. Susan Williams, Associate Professor of Recreation & Tourism Management was awarded the **Engaged Educator Award** by the West Virginia Campus Compact for her LINK service learning projects. Dr. Williams goes the extra mile to ensure that students apply their classroom knowledge to benefit our communities. Her LINK grant with the Houston Company Store in Kimball, WV was featured on NPR's "Reconnecting McDowell" segment.

Mr. Kent Gamble, Director of Enrollment, was recognized by the WV Higher Education Policy Commission as the **West Virginia GEAR UP Champion** for the southern region. The award acknowledges Kent's and Concord's commitment to post-secondary access and success for all 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	1-304-256-0270
Business Office	1-304-384-5234
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