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## Concord University Parents Club September – October 2013

Dear Parents,

What a great time to be a Concord University Mountain Lion! With Homecoming activities underway; the campus decorated for our alumni, guests, and community; and our first year and returning students settled into their routines, there's a lot to be excited about at CU!

The first part of the semester was filled with informative programs and fun activities, from Orientation, UNIV 100 service projects, Constitution Day, the Governor's Day of Service, symposia, Hugs & Hope Service project, Greek rush, athletic events and intramurals, student organizational start-up meetings, the Veterans' Run for Heroes, and Beckley Dancing With the Stars fundraisers, and, of course, classes. It has been a busy start to Fall 2013!

Please take note of some upcoming events of interest: Fall break is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> (no classes); mid-term exams and reports of unsatisfactory grades submitted by faculty (mid-October); GEAR UP Prep Rally on October 15<sup>th</sup> for high school seniors applying to college; advising and course selection for Spring 2014 semester (late October & early November); and the CU Wellness Fair, October 29<sup>th</sup> on the Beckley campus and October 30<sup>th</sup> on the Athens campus. Be sure to check our Calendar of Events on the CU homepage for a detailed listing of campus happenings.

We hope you will join us for Homecoming 2013! A list of Homecoming activities is included in this edition of *The Scoop*. You'll see that there's a full calendar of events planned and we hope you'll stop by the Parents Club tailgate prior to Saturday's football game.

Please know that we are here to assist our students and parents in any way possible. As always, we wish you well and invite your comments and suggestions.


On behalf of the Parents Club, we hope to CU soon!

*Marjie Flanigan*

Vice President of Student Affairs & Dean of Students

# Academic Schedule



## Fall 2013

- Sept. 25 Last day to make application for December graduation 4 p.m.
- Oct. 5 Homecoming 2:00 p.m.
- Oct. 10-11 Fall Break
- Oct. 28-Nov. 8 Advising for course selection for Spring 2014 Semester
- Nov. 1 Last day for dropping a course with grade of "W" or changing course status from credit to audit 4 p.m.
- Nov. 4-14 Course selection for Spring 2014 Semester
- Nov. 25-29 Thanksgiving recess (no classes)
- Dec. 6 Last class day
- Dec. 9 Final Exams Begin
- Dec. 14 Commencement 

***"Save the Date"***

*Holiday Open  
House on Tuesday,  
December 3.*

## Spring 2014

- Jan. 20 Holiday - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Jan. 22 Classes Begin
- Jan. 23 Late registration fee begins for on-campus courses
- Feb. 27 Last day for making application for May graduation 4 p.m.
- Feb. 28 Founder's Day Convocation/Celebration 
- Mar. 10-14 Spring Break recess (no classes)
- Mar. 17-Apr. 4 Advising for course selection for Summer and Fall 2014
- Mar. 24-Apr. 4 Course selection for Summer and Fall 2014
- May 9 Last class day
- May 12-16 Final Exams
- May 17 Commencement 

*Important  
DATE!*

# Financial Aid and Business Office

Courtesy of Debbie Turner, Financial Aid Director

Students have settled into their classes but may feel overwhelmed and contemplate withdrawing from a class or two. Withdrawing from classes has an impact on future eligibility for financial aid. Colleges are required to have a Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy to determine if students are meeting a grade point average (GPA) requirement and completion ratio to ensure they are on pace to graduate within 150% of the program. Concord's SAP policy is located on our web page at [www.concord.edu](http://www.concord.edu) click on Quick Access then the Financial Aid link (scroll down to locate the policy). Currently available via [http://www.concord.edu/userfiles/files/Financial-Aid/Finaid\\_SAP\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.concord.edu/userfiles/files/Financial-Aid/Finaid_SAP_Policy.pdf)

There are times it is better for a student to withdraw from a class than receive a failing grade but the class will count toward the completion ratio. Students must pass 67% of the classes they attempt. For example, a student enrolled in 12 hours withdraws from one class the completion ratio would be 75% (9 hrs earned divided by 12 hrs attempted) so the student is above the 67% requirement and is on pace. But if the student withdraws from two classes the completion ratio drops to 50% and the student is not meeting the 67% completion ratio requirement. Students not meeting any of the standards of the SAP policy are ineligible to receive financial aid in the future. Students are given one semester on a "Warning" status to correct the deficiency.

If after the warning semester, the student is still not meeting SAP he/she must appeal and be approved to receive aid in the future. Refer to the policy regarding the appeal process. If a student is ineligible for aid it does not matter how long he/she sits out they are always ineligible. The student will have to submit an appeal and be approved to be eligible to receive aid.

**\* In addition to meeting SAP to be eligible for financial aid, some awards have additional renewal criteria. For example WV students receiving the Promise Scholarship must complete 30 hours and meet a minimum GPA requirement to be eligible for the next year. If a student withdraws from a class, he/she may not meet the renewal criteria for a grant or scholarship.**

**If your student has questions about the SAP policy or how withdrawing from a class will affect future eligibility for financial aid please have them contact our office. ([finaid@concord.edu](mailto:finaid@concord.edu); 304-384-6069)**

# Student's Activity Committee

Courtesy of Andrew Sulgit, Campus Activities Director

SGA is up and running, and with the start of this school year, President Chelsey Rowe is working in conjunction with her cabinet to better the lives of the students of Concord University. All executive positions have been filled, so Student Government is off to a strong start. Recent topics at SGA Meetings have included upgrading the State Room for more technologically-based meetings, Homecoming items, and budgets for student organizations.



Student Activities had a busy month in September, with many music acts, comedians, and new forms of entertainment that hit campus. Nationally known comedian KT Tatara, from Los Angeles, California, performed for a standing-room-only crowd on the Subway Stage, and regional music acts Majestic 12, Blistered Nifkin, DJ LJ White, and War Torn Angel perform an eclectic variety of songs that will certainly offer something for everyone.

Once again, focus on the commuter student will bring commuter specific activities to campus in October, with giveaways that benefit those students directly such as flashlights, umbrellas, and travel mugs. Also in October, nationally known comedian Liz Miele will perform in the Student Center, bringing her talents that have been on Conan, The Daily Show, and Comedy Central to our campus. Homecoming activities will be a huge event this year, as "Casino Night", giant inflatables, music from "Rockwell's Ghost", a DJ Rave-Dance, and Lip-Sync take the stage for a fun-filled week, ending in the Homecoming game on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

# News from Beckley Campus

Courtesy of Lori Pace, Sociology Instructor & HEC Campus Activities Coordinator

- Fall brings much activity to the Erma Byrd Higher Education Center (HEC)!
- Celia Laverty, Student Government Representative, is holding Beckley Campus Committee meetings every other Tuesday to provide the students attending classes at the HEC with a voice to Concord SGA.
- The Beckley Area Derby Dames held a “Back to School Brawl” for their last meet of the season on Saturday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, and gave Concord students with ID a discounted price for admission.
- Concord students and volunteers participated in the Beckley area United Way’s *Dancing With The Stars* event on September 20<sup>th</sup> and raised \$17,545 for the United Way!! CU students were mentioned in the program and introduced onstage at intermission. We are proud of our CU students and their volunteer and fundraising efforts for worthwhile community programs!
- Other fundraisers include: The Dream Center’s 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday food distribution on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> to benefit over 500 families; sponsor booths and help with The Creative Kids Festival at the School of Harmony on September 28<sup>th</sup>; and increase recognition of October’s Domestic violence awareness month by coordinating with the Women’s Resource Center for a number of events, culminating with a Candlelight Vigil at the United Methodist’s Temple, *The Place*, on October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Additionally, there are food events scattered throughout the fall semester class evenings, flag football pick-up games, board game nights, and community-building activities for the HEC students.

□ Picture by Tara Taylor, Administrative Assistant  
□ Erma Byrd Higher Education Center (HEC)



# Beckley Campus

## Dates to Remember

### September

**19<sup>th</sup>** United Way of SWV's Dancing With the Stars fundraiser need volunteers to set up event at armory 10:00-2:00. Also need volunteers to work during event on Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> 4:30-9:30 AND Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> for cleanup. Contact [lpac@concord.edu](mailto:lpac@concord.edu)

**20<sup>th</sup>** Volunteer at the Dream Food Distribution —behind Family Worship Center, 224 Pinewood Drive, Beckley. Need help the Friday evening to sort food into boxes from 6-8. Can work Saturday to serve food 9:00-2:00.

**24<sup>th</sup>** Yummy Dickey's BBQ fundraiser for victims of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault. 1:00-5:00 in HEC lobby. Bring \$\$\$. First Come/First Serve

**28<sup>th</sup>** Volunteer for School of Harmony's Creative Kid's Festival 12:00-3:00 at the old Shady Jr. High

### October

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Volunteer to Hang Ribbons for DV Awareness with Sociology students. Downtown Beckley 2:00. Contact [lpac@concord.edu](mailto:lpac@concord.edu)

**3<sup>rd</sup>** FREE film sponsored by The Women's Resource Center at the Raleigh Theater Playhouse at 6:00.

**5<sup>th</sup>** Volunteer for WRC Chili Night Booth downtown Beckley 4:00-8:00.

**5<sup>th</sup>** Concord's Homecoming-- Watch the Concord website for details.

**10<sup>th</sup>-Fri. 11<sup>th</sup>** FALL BREAK

**12<sup>th</sup>** Women Resource Center's Candlelight Vigil for Domestic Violence @ the Methodist Temple's The Place 6:00. Volunteers needed to help set up and clean up after.

**14<sup>th</sup>** Yummy Chili Day 3:00-7:00 bring \$\$ to support fundraiser

**18<sup>th</sup>** Volunteer at the Dream Center's Food Distribution

**24<sup>th</sup>** Yummy Dickey's BBQ fundraiser for victims of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault 1:00-5:00 In HEC lobby. Bring \$\$\$. First Come/First Serve

**26<sup>th</sup>** Tailgate Halloween Downtown Beckley 10-1. Join Beckley Sociology students in sponsoring a booth for Just for Kids, local child advocacy. Contact [lpac@concord.edu](mailto:lpac@concord.edu)

**30<sup>th</sup>** Student Services sponsors a FREE night at the Raleigh Playhouse

## November

Support Our Troops Collection--both campuses join local post offices to collect items for care packages to be sent to local troops currently deployed.



**Thurs. 14<sup>th</sup> & Fri. 15<sup>th</sup>** WV Children's Justice Conference - limited # of scholarships for students to attend each day.

**Mon. 25<sup>th</sup> thru Fri. 29<sup>th</sup>** Thanksgiving Break

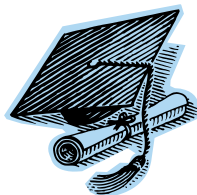


## December

**Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> thru Thurs. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**  
Connect & Relax with Student Services

**9<sup>th</sup> thru Fri. 13<sup>th</sup>** Finals Week

**14<sup>th</sup>** Fall Commencement



**Marsh Hall Library** Courtesy of Connie Shumate, Library Director



Welcome new and returning students, faculty and staff of Concord University! If you haven't ventured into the maelstrom of activity that is Marsh Library, this is your personal invitation to 'check out' the activity that encompasses all three floors (and the roof) of the library.

Work began on Monday morning immediately after May graduation. What seemed like a horde of Mongols invading Europe marched through each and every entrance of the library carrying concrete saws, pneumatic drills, jack-hammers, sledge hammers and every other tool known to man that could make noise was brought in and put to work. The once (almost) quiet sanctuary otherwise known as The Library suddenly became a cacophony of sound, a blur of activity and was enveloped in a never ending cloud of dust.

Crews of carpenters, plumbers, electricians, brick masons and a few jacks-of-all-trades began working ten hour days to replace the roof, install a new ADA restroom, upgrade the electrical system, install AIR CONDITIONING, rebuild the crumbling front steps, and replace windows in the main reading room. The windows were removed and blocked up sometime in the early 70's in an attempt to conserve energy.





While all of the construction was going on, your library staff was at work as well. During the summer of 2013, every book in the library was moved...cart by cart, stack by stack, every book was shifted in an attempt to make better use of the space that is available. The end result is a collection that flows smoothly from one section to another. The move opened up a space on the top floor for a study area, as well as a small lounge.

As the construction is nearing completion, the staff of Marsh Library wants you to know that we are here to assist you. Whether you're a new student looking for room B8, or you need a rare text printed in the original Greek, or you have 10 minutes to get to class and have to print your 20 page paper, we are here to help you.

Some of the services available to students are: free printing, a computer lab that is open 16.25 hours each day Monday through Thursday; Friday the library is open 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Sat. 12:00 - 4:00 p.m., and Sunday 2:00 - 10:00p.m.; During finals, the library is open 24 hours each day. The library also offers Interlibrary loan service, reference assistance, photocopying, notary service, a special collection of West Virginia materials, a quiet study area, an eclectic grouping of DVD's, an array of student art work, databases, graphic novels, and a new collection of young adult reading material. Possibly the best service that the library has to offer is a staff that is trained and available to help.

Construction continues...and will for several more weeks. The library won't always be as quiet as we would like. It won't always be as dust free as we would like, but, through clouds of dust and hordes of workmen, we will continue to provide you, the students, faculty and staff of Concord University with the materials/information you need. Check us out. Contact the Library at 384-5371 or email at [library@concord.edu](mailto:library@concord.edu).

# Concord



# CONCORD UNIVERSITY CELEBRATING HOMECOMING 2013

Courtesy of Sarah Dalton, Advancement Office

- Homecoming at Concord University is set for Sept. 30 – Oct. 6, 2013. The annual weeklong celebration is packed with festivities for alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends of the University.
- The Homecoming football game will be played on Saturday, Oct. 5. The Mountain Lions take on the Fairmont State Falcons at Callaghan Stadium. Kickoff is 2 p.m.
- Activities are scheduled throughout Homecoming Week. A tradition among Greek organizations and other campus groups is the annual competition for Homecoming Royalty ending with the announcement of the winners at halftime during the football game.
- During Concord’s annual Homecoming Parade, candidates and members of their organizations will display floats, banners and costumes as part of the competition. Billboards will also be located around campus. Theme for 2013 is “Grimm’s Fairy Tales.”
- The parade is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. on Vermillion Street in Athens. Area businesses, clubs and other organizations interested in placing entries in the parade should email [cuevents@concord.edu](mailto:cuevents@concord.edu) or call [304-384-6286](tel:304-384-6286). After the parade Concord homecoming tradition continues with a bonfire in the Valley.
- The Career Symposium, in its fifth year at Concord, will be held on Friday, Oct. 4. Sponsored by Concord University’s Advancement/Career Services Office, the event will connect current students with alumni. Concord graduates will speak on a wide variety of career options and offer helpful employment tips for undergraduates. The symposium will allow students to talk with alumni and make important business connections that can be used in obtaining internships or jobs.
- For more information on the Career Symposium, contact the Advancement/Career Services Office at [careerservices@concord.edu](mailto:careerservices@concord.edu) or [304-384-5325](tel:304-384-5325).
- The annual Alumni Reception and Pig Roast are scheduled for Oct. 4 at University Point. The reception begins at 5 p.m. in the Pais Fellowship Hall followed by the pig roast at 6 p.m. RSVP online <https://cs.concord.edu/machform35/view.php?id=38989>
- For more information email [alumni@concord.edu](mailto:alumni@concord.edu) or call [304-384-5348](tel:304-384-5348).
- Activities continue on Oct. 4 with the Lip Sync Contest at 8 p.m. in the Main Gym of the Carter Center.

- Game day festivities on Oct. 5 include a number of activities. A Wedding Vow Renewal for Concord couples will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Wilkes Family Chapel at University Point.
  - To participate in this new Concord alumni event, register by Sept. 27 by visiting <https://cs.concord.edu/machform35/view.php?id=39786>
  - An Alumni Brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon at University Point. RSVP online by Sept. 27 at: <https>
  - In celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, members of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity will hold a time capsule dedication at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will take place on the lawn between the Jerry and Jean Beasley Student Center and Sarvey Hall.
  - An Open House will be held at the President's House from 12 noon to 1 p.m.
  - The Lion's Den Tailgate opens at 12 noon at the football stadium main lot. This event is reserved for invited guests and members of the Concord University Alumni Association.
  - A post-game concert featuring The Boatmen and Gage will be held on the Carter Center Lawn. There is no admission charge.
  - Tau Kappa Epsilon will hold an alumni golf outing at Pipestem State Park on Sunday, Oct. 6.
  - For more information on Homecoming 2013 email [advancement@concord.edu](mailto:advancement@concord.edu) or [alumni@concord.edu](mailto:alumni@concord.edu) or call [304-384-6311](tel:304-384-6311) or [304-384-5348](tel:304-384-5348).
  - Visit <http://www.concord.edu/advancement/homecoming> for additional gatherings and events and updates to the Homecoming schedule.
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# 2013 Homecoming Week Schedule of Events

Submitted by Kati Whittaker Hatfield, CU Events

**Wednesday, October 2** -- Picnic on campus 4:00-6:00 pm

**Thursday, October 3** -- Parade & Bonfire 6:00 pm

**Friday, October 4**

**Career Symposium**--Contact [careerservices@concord.edu](mailto:careerservices@concord.edu)

**Discover Day** for prospective students [admissions@concord.edu](mailto:admissions@concord.edu) or 1-888-384-5249 for details

**Concord University Alumni Association, Inc. Annual Meeting** 4:30 pm

Wilkes Family Chapel, University Point—all alumni are invited to attend

**Alumni Reception**-- Pais Fellowship Hall, University Point 5:00 pm

**Alumni Pig Roast**-- Pais Fellowship Hall, University Point 6:00 pm

**Lip Sync**-- Carter Center Gym 8:00 pm

**Saturday, October 5**

**Wedding Vow Renewal for Concord Couples**-- Wilkes Family Chapel, University Point 9:30 am

**Cardinal Key Homecoming Tea**—10-11:30 am in the Rahall 103

**Delta Zeta Sorority Homecoming Tea**—10 am, State Room

**Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority Homecoming Tea**—10 am Sigma Lodge

**Alumni Mimosa Brunch**—Pais Fellowship Hall, University Point 10:30 am-noon

**Tau Kappa Epsilon Time Capsule Dedication / 50th Anniversary**

**Celebration**—lawn between the Student Center and Sarvay Hall 10:30 am

**Open House at the President's House** 12-1 pm

**Lion's Den Tailgate for CUAA members and invited guests**—Football Stadium Main Lot, noon

**Concord Band Alumni Gathering**—contact Dr. David Ball

[balld@concord.edu](mailto:balld@concord.edu) or 304-384-6090 for details and to sign up

**Parents' Club Tailgate**—Football Stadium Main Lot

**Spanish Club Hot Chocolate Tailgate**—Football Stadium Main Lot

**Concord vs. Fairmont State**—2:00 pm Kickoff

**Crowning of 2013 Homecoming Royalty**—Halftime



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□ **Sunday, October 6**

□ Tau Kappa Epsilon alumni golf outing at Pipestem State Park

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□ **FOR QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF  
THE HOMECOMING 2013 EVENTS  
CONTACT THE ALUMNI OFFICE AT  
304-384-6311 OR**

□ **[ALUMNI@CONCORD.EDU](mailto:ALUMNI@CONCORD.EDU)**

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Mountain Lion pumpkin carving by Senior Secondary Education major Montana Callison & Resident Director Anthony Simms



□ **News from the Division of Science, Math, & Health**

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**Submitted by Dr. Joe Allen, Professor of Geology**

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□ Three Concord science students, Jessica Allen, Ngyet Le, and Luke Stevens, will be presented their summer research on Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

□ Jessica participated in the INBRE program at WVU. The title of her seminar is "Investigating the Role of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor in Adipocyte Specific VEGF-A Deficient Mice."

□ Ngyet participated in the SURE program at Marshall. The title of her seminar is "Studying Metal Enhanced Fluorescence From Quantum Dots and Gold Nanoparticles."

□ Luke conducted research with Concord's Dr. Joe Allen in Greenland. The title of his seminar is "Above the Arctic Circle: Pseudotachylytes of the Ikertoq Shear Zone of Southwest Greenland."

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# Concord Students Travel to Colorado

Courtesy of Dr. Joe Allen



Concord students and faculty on the summit of Mt. Elbert, Colorado, in June, 2013. At an elevation of 14,439 ft, it is the second highest mountain in the contiguous United States and the highest in the Rocky Mountains. The students were part of a group of 19 environmental geoscience students enrolled in GEOL 404 Field Geology, colloquially known as "geology field camp," a 5-week course in which students learn the principles of geologic mapping and field techniques in a variety of settings in the western United States. The course will be offered again in summer 2015. Additional details can be found at: <http://academics.concord.edu/allenj/geol304.html>

Pictured are (L to R): Donnie Kirk (Class of '14), Joanna Kimmel (Class of '13), Caleb Harrison (Class of '14), Jason Holley (Class of '13), Ryan Baisden (Class of '14), Luke Stevens (Class of '14), and faculty members Dr. Steve Kuehn (Assistant Professor of Geology), Dr. Joseph Allen (Professor of Geology and Chairman of the Division of Science, Mathematics, & Health), and Ms. Eva Lyon (Lecturer in Geology).

Photograph by Sheena Grabski of Sheena Harper Photography

# West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants Hosts Students' Night Dinner

Courtesy of Dr. Cindi Khanlarian, Associate Professor of Accounting

On Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., at Ryan's Steakhouse in Princeton, West Virginia, the Southern Chapter of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants hosted the annual Students' Night for area university and college accounting majors in their senior year. It was an excellent opportunity for the students to network with area Certified Public Accountants both in public practice and industry. Dinner was provided for students and faculty. The program was presented by Judy Proctor, CEO and Christopher Nice, President, of the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. Eight students from Concord University attended with two faculty members.



Picture: Front row: Jerry Roy, Annie Kate Fancher  
Second row: Craig Gilpin, Cindi Khanlarian (faculty member), Shea Boothe, Daniel Ellison, Michael Testerman, Ethan Fox, Courtney Kincaid and Tom Shelton (faculty member).

## Business Division Faculty Highlights -- Publications

**Dr. Fred Davidson's** peer-reviewed research article, "Creative solutions to Management Problems via Dreamstorming" has been accepted for publication by the *Journal of Business and Economics*.

**Dr. Cynthia Khanlarian's** peer-reviewed research article, "An Exploratory Longitudinal Study of Web-Based Homework" has been accepted for publication in the journal *Issues in Accounting Education*. The paper is coauthored by Dr. Raul Singh.

**Dr. Johnnie Linn's** peer-reviewed research article, "A Deterministic Solution for Force-Using Bilateral Monopolists" has been published in the *Pennsylvania Economic Review*.

**Dr. Jie Luo's** peer-reviewed research article, "Lean accounting and information adjustment in efficient industries: assimilation ahead?" has been published in the *Academy of Accounting and Financial Studies Journal*.

## Faculty Highlights – Entrepreneurship Initiatives

As part of his continuing efforts to involve secondary business education teachers in entrepreneurship education, **Dr. Mohan Pokharel**, attended the West Virginia Career and Technical Education Conference in Charleston, WV, July 23-35. At the conference, he presented to and networked with teachers about Concord's Entrepreneurship Initiatives including next June's teachers' training and the upcoming Entrepreneurship Initiatives Launch on September 9.

Division faculty hosted a professional development seminar on June 15-16 to help regional high school business teachers in West Virginia better prepare their students to participate in newly developed high school level statewide business plan competitions. The Entrepreneurship Teachers' Training was held in the Rahall Technology Center. Concord business faculty served as presenters. Speakers and their topics included: Ideation, **Dr. Fred Davidson**; Entrepreneurial Accounting, **Dr. Cynthia Khanlarian**; Micro Foundation of Entrepreneurial Management, **Dr. Charlotte Davis**; Entrepreneurial Communication/Use of Technology, **Dr. Susan Robinett**; Entrepreneurial Finance, Dr. Andrey Zagorchev; Risk Assessment and Reflection, **Dr. Muhammad Islam**; Entrepreneurial Marketing, **Dr. Bill Deck**; and Strategic Entrepreneurship, **Dr. Mohan Pokharel**.



## Student Highlights – Classroom Success

During the Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 semesters, students in the capstone course in Strategic Management participated in the computerized Capsim business simulation and surpassed the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of points earned in the simulation's competition. Through the collective efforts of the students' performance on the simulation, Concord University was listed in Capsim's "Hall of Fame" of the global group of accomplished universities.

The Capsim simulation provides students with a venue to make integrated business decisions pulling from their degree program knowledge in computer operations, accounting, finance, management, marketing, and forecasting, and inculcates in them skills for competitive positioning, resource leveraging, and core competency enhancing strategies.

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**"REMINDER:** The Residence Halls close for Thanksgiving Break at 5:00pm on Friday, Nov. 22. They will re-open on Sunday, December 1 at 1:00pm. Any student needing to stay beyond Nov. 22 needs to stop by the Office of Housing & Student Affairs (Student Center 201) to pick-up an Application for Break Housing. These are available three weeks prior to the beginning of the break in question."

# CU Music Department Events

The Department of Music will be hosting an array of musical events throughout the fall semester. This includes performances from members of our own music department faculty and students as well as musical groups who are brought in to perform. Please come and enjoy the musical stylings provided by the CU Music Department!

September 30	General Recital/Choir Room	4:00 pm
October 8	Mackey-Gee Duo/Main Auditorium	7:00 pm
October 14	General Recital/Choir Room	4:00 pm
October 23	Marimba Duo/Wilkes Family Chapel	8:00 pm
October 30	ConChords/Wilkes Family Chapel	7:00 pm
November 1	Collegiate Singers/Main Auditorium	7:00 pm
November 4	General Recital/Choir Room	4:00 pm
November 6	Faculty Recital/Wilkes Family Chapel	7:00 pm
November 18	General Recital/Choir Room	4:00 pm
November 19	Cantus/Main Auditorium	7:00 pm
November 21	Holiday Special/Main Auditorium	7:00 pm
December 2	Laurel Black, Marimba/Paul Theater	7:30 pm
December 3	Boston Brass/Main Auditorium	7:00 pm
December 5	Jazz & Percussion/Main Auditorium	7:00 pm



# McNair Scholars News Submitted by Lisa Karnes

## CU McNair Alumni Earn PhDs/PsyD



Congratulations to the McNair Program's newest doctoral degree recipients (from L to R): Dr. Shelia Robinett of Princeton (WV), Dr. Candice Riley of Northfork (WV), and Dr. Sherrie Bowman of Lost Creek (WV)!!

Sherrie Bowman, a native of Harrison County, earned her PhD in Physical Chemistry from The Ohio State University in May 2013. She plans to continue her research in the field of laser or optical diagnostics as a Post-Doc Fellow with the National Research Council in Washington, DC beginning October 2013. Dr. Bowman is a 2006 graduate of Concord's Pre-Professional Chemistry program.

McDowell County native, Candice Riley, received her PhD in Forest Research Science from West Virginia University in August 2013. Her research interests include off-highway vehicle use, visitor satisfaction, and collaborative land use planning among others. She is currently seeking a research-based position in the Morgantown, West Virginia or Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area. Dr. Riley is a 2005 graduate of Concord's Recreation and Tourism Management program.

Mercer County native, Shelia Robinett, received her PsyD in Clinical Psychology from Marshall University in August 2012. She currently serves as a Clinical Psychologist/Military Sexual Trauma Coordinator for the VA Gulf Coast Veterans Health Care System. Dr. Robinett is a 2006 graduate of Concord's Psychology and Sociology programs.

# CONCORD UNIVERSITY GRADUATION FAIR

Written by Sara Cameron, Junior Communication Arts major

Concord University hosted the Graduation Fair on Monday, Sept. 16 from 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. on the Athens campus at 1000 Vermillion Street, Athens, W.Va. The event was held in the Jerry & Jean Beasley Student Center Ballroom, located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

Campus administrative offices including Student Support Services, the Alumni Office, the Business Office and the Registrar's Office were present to assist students in the graduation process. The Financial Aid Office was also available so that students could learn how to complete the exit interview process for student loans. In addition, the Career Services Office was available to help students with their resumes and assist them with applying to graduate and professional schools.

Concord's Graduation Fair is a one-stop shop to apply for graduation. The fair was for students who are applying for the fall 2013 graduation. Students will be able to apply for graduation, pay the \$50 graduation fee, and be measured for a cap and gown" said Carolyn Cox. In February 2014, students applying for May graduation will have a similar opportunity to participate in a Graduation Fair.

Light refreshments were provided, along with a gift of an alumni license plate for upcoming fall graduates. Photographs of fall 2013 graduates were taken for the yearbook by senior Advertising/Graphic Design major Sterling Snyder.

For more information concerning the Graduation Fair or graduation application process, please contact Registrar Carolyn Cox at [\(304\) 384-5323](tel:3043845323), or via e-mail at [registrar@concord.edu](mailto:registrar@concord.edu)



# CONSTITUTION DAY OBSERVED AT CONCORD

Courtesy of Sarah Dalton, Advancement Office

As part of Concord University's observance of Constitution Day, the Division of Social Sciences hosted a symposium Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013 to discuss several recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions. The program began at 7 p.m. in the Pais Family Fellowship Hall in University Point.

West Virginia Delegate John Shott and Paul Sheridan, Interim Executive Director of the WV ACLU, led a dialogue on last term's decisions on the Voting Rights Act, the Defense of Marriage Act, and California Proposition 8. Dr. Sally Howard, Associate Professor of Political Science, moderated the informative symposium.

The event was recorded and streamed live (<http://academics.concord.edu/constitution>).

The public was also invited to attend with no admission charge. For additional information contact Dr. Sally Howard at [sjhoward@concord.edu](mailto:sjhoward@concord.edu) or [304-384-5149](tel:304-384-5149).





# 5th Annual Career Symposium To Be Held In Conjunction With Homecoming

Courtesy of Tamara Monk, Career Services Director & Lindsay Crance, Senior Communication Arts major

We delight in the successes of Concord alums and annually host the Career Symposium, inviting Concord graduates to return to campus and share their wisdom and expertise with current Concord students. This event provides a great opportunity for students to network with professionals in their program of study, allowing them to see the many different directions a particular degree may take them.

Experienced alums can also offer advice on what a student should be doing while in college that will increase their opportunities for success when they graduate. Participating in this event has resulted in some students landing employment with companies they learned about through Career Symposium presentations.

This year we will be hosting panels of graduates from different majors to offer our freshmen and sophomores the opportunity to hear about a variety of careers. Please encourage your students to attend these worthwhile presentations, as their schedule permits.

Also at this year's Career Symposium, West Virginia filmmaker Jason Brown will be showing his movie "Miracle Boy" on Friday, Oct. 4 at 11 a.m. The showing will be held in the Main Auditorium of the Alexander Fine Arts Center on Concord's main campus located at 1000 Vermillion St. in Athens, W.Va.

Brown is a native West Virginian who earned his Bachelor of Arts in communication from Concord in 1997. He continued his education with a Master of Fine Arts in film and video production from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 2008. He currently teaches communication courses at Valdosta State University in Georgia.

Brown's film "Miracle Boy" is a short film set in Williamsburg, W.Va., that he produced with director Jake Mahaffy. The storyline follows a young boy who is injured in a farming accident and then bullied by other boys. It premiered at the Venice Film Festival in 2012 and won the Top Grit prize for best overall film at the 2013 Indie Grits Film Festival.

As part of Concord's Fifth Annual Career Symposium, there will be a Communication Arts Alumni Panel discussion from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. before Brown's presentation. The communication arts department invites all majors and those interested in learning more about the major to attend. The panel discussion will be held in the Wilkes Family Chapel in University Point.

The film showing is free for Concord students, faculty, staff and the public. For more information about the Career Symposium, email [careerservices@concord.edu](mailto:careerservices@concord.edu) or call 304-384-5325. For more information about Brown and "Miracle Boy," visit [www.wvfilmmaker.com](http://www.wvfilmmaker.com)





# **RUN FOR HEROES SUPPORTS CONCORD UNIVERSITY STUDENT VETERANS**

The Run for Heroes took to the streets and highways for the first time on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013 all in the name of helping Concord University student veterans pursue a college degree.

The event is a motorcycle Poker-Run and 5K Run to benefit the Veterans Support Fund at Concord University. The fund bridges the gap between the costs of college for our military brothers and sisters, from textbooks to school supplies. The idea came to Student Activities Director Andrew Sulgit when he became aware that some student veterans were covering basic costs for college out of pocket.

Prizes were awarded for Best and Worst Hands, among others. Five stations were set up along the course that spanned Summers, Raleigh, and Mercer counties.

Poker run participants received an event t-shirt, a picnic pass to a southern-style BBQ picnic, and had the opportunity to win prizes. Entertainment was provided by the legendary Tommy C Blues Band and The Stunt Army, a motorcycle stunt group from Greensboro, N.C.

Despite rainy conditions, thanks to numerous community sponsors, donations, and entry fees, the event raised \$500 for the CU Veterans Support fund!



## A Thank You from Housing

I would like to take a moment to thank you all for helping us to make the Fall 2013 Residence Hall check-in as smooth as possible. Your cooperation and patience made even the hiccups go smooth, and we appreciate all of your help. We're honored to be a part of your student's college experience, and look forward to assisting you in any way we can.

This fall we will be beginning the process of upgrading several study carrels in both North and South Tower. Our goal is to complete this project as quickly as possible, with as minimal interruption as possible, in order to provide quality study areas for our residential students.

Everyone's patience will be needed in this process as well, but I feel the results will be well worth the wait. We plan to do at least one carrel per floor in each building.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the Residence Halls, please do not hesitate to contact us at (304)384-5231 or at [housing@concord.edu](mailto:housing@concord.edu).

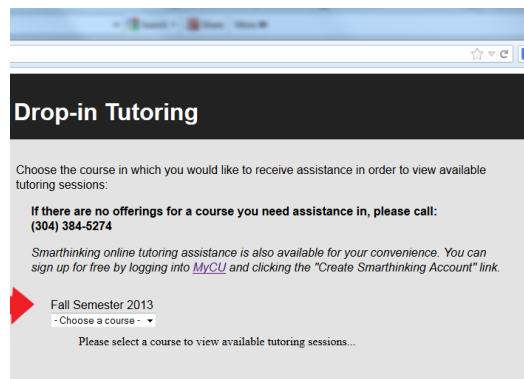
Thank you,

*Bill Fraley*  
Supervisor of Residence Halls



## Academic Support Services

Concord University has a number of **free** resources to assist students with academic success. Please encourage your students to take advantage of free tutoring; the one-stop Academic Success Center located in Rahall 243 (Atrium); apply for Student Support Services, a federally-funded TRIO program in Rahall 246; utilize 24-hour online tutoring via SMARTHINKING (<http://smarthinking.com>; sign up through MyCU); visit their academic advisors; or discuss difficulties with their instructors. Free tutoring is available in the Library, Student Center, Rahall Technology Center, Fine Arts lab, Towers residence halls, academic departments, and Beckley campus (HEC). For a listing of drop-in tutoring options, students may visit <https://apps.concord.edu/tutoring/>





## 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.

### Contact Information:

Phone: (304) 384-5291

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

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.

## Emergency Alert System 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. Please contact Technology Services for Academic Technology for further assistance: 384-5361.

**To sign up go to: <http://sms.concord.edu/>**

## Referring a Student to Concord

The Office of Admissions is currently looking for new Mountain Lions for the spring of 2014 and fall 2014. If you know of a potential Concord University student, please let the Office of Admissions know. Submit the following information to the Office of Admissions: student's name, address, e-mail and phone number through email at [admissions@concord.edu](mailto:admissions@concord.edu) or call [1-888-384-5249](tel:1-888-384-5249). The Office of Admissions thanks you for recommending potential students to join the Concord University family.

## 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

