

# THE SCOOP

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## Parents Club

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Spring 2013 semester! Despite beginning classes in late January, in part to avoid weather closings and delays, we have already had several accumulating snowfalls and bitter temperatures. And, unfortunately, while Punxsutawney Phil predicts an early spring, our own Concord Charlie claims six more weeks of winter! (p. 2 article on CU's Groundhog Day Breakfast) Please know that we place safety first-and-foremost when determining cancellations and delays. Students, staff, and faculty are urged to use their discretion regarding their individual circumstances. If students must miss class for any reason, they should contact their professors as soon as possible and ask classmates for missed lecture notes and assignments.

This edition of *The Scoop* welcomes Andrew Sulgit as Campus Activities Director and Greek Life Coordinator (p. 5). While Andrew is new to the position, you may recognize Andrew as a former Admissions Office Counselor. Andrew has welcomed students and their parents to campus for the past seven years and we look forward to having him lend his many talents in his new role.

Is your student graduating in May? If so, please take note of our Graduation Fair on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 1pm in the Jerry and Jean Beasley Student Center Ballroom. (p. 10) The Grad Fair is a one-stop program designed to assist students with everything needed to complete the graduation application process, including taking cap and gown photos. As a preview, CU is hosting a Career Fair on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 3pm to assist with the post-graduation job search.

If your student is returning, we've included important information on financial aid for next year. (p. 4) All are invited to join us for College Goal Sunday on February 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm at either the Athens or Beckley campus for FAFSA assistance. (p. 10) Concord volunteers will be on hand to help meet the filing priority deadline: March 1<sup>st</sup> for West Virginia residents; prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> for non-residents.

On behalf of the Parents Club, we wish you and your students a successful spring 2013 semester! Please let us know if we can be of assistance.

Best wishes and peace,  
*Marjie Flanigan*  
 Vice President of Student Affairs

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# Concord Charlie Predicts Six More Weeks of Winter

By: Sarah Dalton, Public Relations Specialist



A snowy blast of winter set the stage for Concord Charlie's yearly weather predication at Concord University's 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Groundhog Day Breakfast held Friday morning, Feb. 1, in Athens. "Charlie has reported he saw his shadow," Alicia Besenyei, Concord's interim vice president of advancement, told the audience in the Student Center Ballroom quoting a text from Dr. Gregory Aloia, the University's president. "I hope you enjoy the cold weather this morning," Besenyei said, "because you're going to get six more weeks of it." According to Groundhog Day tradition, if the groundhog sees his shadow the morning of Feb. 2, six more weeks of winter can be expected. An early spring will be on the way if he doesn't see his shadow.

Wanting to get a head start among groundhog weather prognosticators, Concord Charlie decided to make his 2013 prediction the day prior to the official Groundhog Day observance. Charlie has a standing appointment with the University's President each year to offer his predictions and insights on the duration of winter. The President relays the forecast to the breakfast guests. "I am currently in Concord Charlie's burrow," Dr. Aloia said in his text. "He is using his new computer software to make his prognostication." After fulfilling his duties as Charlie's spokesperson, Dr. Aloia attended a meeting of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission in Charleston, W.Va. and was unable to attend the breakfast. Along with showcasing Charlie's announcement, the popular breakfast also honors an individual who has positively impacted life and culture in West Virginia with the title Grand Groundhog Watcher. This year's recipient is Bramwell, W.Va. Mayor Louise "Lou" Dawson Stoker. A lifelong resident of Bramwell, Stoker is a consummate volunteer, professional, artist, friend, neighbor and community leader. She has an extensive list of community, county, state and regional service to her credit.

In her remarks, Stoker called on the breakfast guests to savor "magic moments" as she recalled special times in her own life like the "birth of a child" and "running across the mountaintops in summer. "Being invited and being here is a magic moment for me," she said. "Do not be afraid of your shadow because the groundhog who is afraid of his shadow and goes back into his burrow, he does not experience six weeks of magic moments," she said. "Think what you'd miss."

Lou grew up listening to stories of friends and family about the people, places and events that impacted the southern West Virginia coalfields. She translated that interest and knowledge into oral and written histories and an archival collection of documents and photographs unique to the region. Her monograph, "Bramwell: A Century of Coal and Currency," tells the story of the early coal pioneers in Bramwell. Lou also co-authored "Bramwell: A Town of Millionaires," a book of photos and stories from private and public archives that illustrates the diversity of the area's early immigrants. She has contributed stories to the *Bluefield Daily Telegraph*, *Princeton Times*, *Hearthstone Magazine* and other journals and has won writing awards in the Sherwood Anderson Short Story Contest and the National Federation of Press Women annual awards contest.

Stoker has dedicated her gifts of teaching and storytelling to schoolchildren and those visiting this area to learn about local history. She served as tour director for the Bramwell Millionaire Garden Club, the organization responsible for initiating public home tours in Bramwell. An accomplished playwright and actress, she is affiliated with Summit Players community theatre and performs one-woman interpretations of historical figures for regional groups and events. Her plays, "Bramwell 100," written for the town's centennial celebration in 1983, and "Magic of Coal," were chosen to represent West Virginia at the Southeast Theater Festival. She has served with numerous boards including the West Virginia Association of Museums, West Virginia Preservation Alliance, West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals Fatality Review Team, Pam's Place, Mercer County Sexual Assault Response Team Victim Advocate, The Bramwell Foundation, Historic Pocahontas, Inc. and Mercer County Tourist Train Authority and has assisted with projects at the Greater Bluefield Chamber of Commerce. As Bramwell's mayor, Stoker spearheaded planning and fundraising for a community playground and restoration of the Pence Hotel and Bramwell Theatre. Her work with the Hatfield-McCoy Trail Authority has made possible the location of its newest trailhead, the Pocahontas Trail, in Bramwell.



The breakfast, originally planned to begin at 8 a.m., was delayed two hours due to Concord University being on the inclement weather schedule.

Lou Stoker being honored as the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Grand Groundhog Watcher.

Photo by: Sterling Snyder





# Academic Calendar

Date	Activity
February 6	Last Day to Pay fees
February 8	Last Day for Adding Courses
February 15	Last Day to Apply for Fall 2013 Professional Semester (Student Teaching)
February 28	Last Day for Making Application for Undergraduate and Graduate May Graduation
March 8	Mid-terms
March 11-15	Spring Break
March 18- April 5	Summer and Fall Advising
March 29	Last Day to Drop Courses
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 10AM & 2PM



## Recent Renovations **Around Campus!!** By: Rick Dillon, Vice President of Administration

Concord has been busy over the winter intersession making changes to The Campus Beautiful. In an effort to make our campus a more student-friendly environment, several aesthetic and beneficial renovations help make Concord a better place. The Concord University Veterans Lounge was moved to the second floor of the Student Center across from the Office of Student Affairs. The Commuter lounge was moved to the first floor beside the Game Room and near Starbucks, Subway, and the Bookstore. Change occurred in the Marsh Library this December and January when private office and storage space was converted to quiet study areas for student and faculty use. In addition, the Library front desk was centered in the main library room, and an additional small seating area was provided where the desk had previously stood. A separate media room now houses CU's extensive movie collection.

The Science Hall and Marsh Administration Building front entrance steps were completed for use while students were away from Athens. Currently we await permanent handrail, which will be installed over the next few weeks. Once the handrail is placed, each front entrance project will be complete.

Renovations occurred in the Concord University Bookstore throughout much of the Fall semester. Finishing touches to the bookstore's IT system occurred over holiday break which brought the bookstore renovation to a successful conclusion.

In North Tower, plumbing work was scheduled for three Sorority Lounges. In order to perform the work, water had to be shut off for three entire floors (120 students). For this reason, the plumbing project could only begin once the students were not present in the residence hall. Near the end of break, the project was completed. The ALEF House I bathroom floor required replacement, as well. Over the holiday break, the old floor was removed and a new floor installed.

On your next visit to The Campus Beautiful, take time and see the changes that have been made. We look forward to seeing you soon!





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

**Now** is the time to complete your 2013-2014 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). The priority date for filing is **March 1, 2013**, especially for West Virginia residents who qualify for the West Virginia Higher Education Grant (WVHEG). Filing early qualifies students for maximum financial aid! If your 2012 tax return is not complete by this date, you can use estimations – and revise after you file your tax return.

**Verification** – If you are selected by FAFSA for verification, a **red flag** will appear on your student's MyCU account. If selected for verification, you will need to provide the financial aid office with additional documents. The financial aid office will mail a letter listing documents and information needed for verification. We are no longer able to collect copies of tax returns; therefore the student and parent will need to use the IRS data retrieval tool in FAFSA on the Web (detailed instructions on our website, [www.concord.edu/admissions/financial-aid](http://www.concord.edu/admissions/financial-aid)). The Data Retrieval Tool will be available early February but IRS data may not be available until late February due to a delay in when the IRS will accept 2012 tax returns. Or, an IRS tax return transcript (free) may be requested at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) – Order a transcript. **Financial aid will not be awarded until verification is complete!!**

**Need a tax credit?** "1.5 million Americans failed to claim eligible education benefits," reported by National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. There is a tax credit of up to \$2,500 of the cost of tuition, fees and course materials paid during the taxable year. You will need form 1098-T (generated on January 31<sup>st</sup> by the Business Office and available to print from the student's MyCU account) and complete IRS **Form 8863** to see if you are eligible.

For more information, visit:

[www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Benefits-for-Education](http://www.irs.gov/uac/Tax-Benefits-for-Education):

-Information-Center.

Feel free to contact our office at 304-384-6069

or [finaid@concord.edu](mailto:finaid@concord.edu) if you have questions.



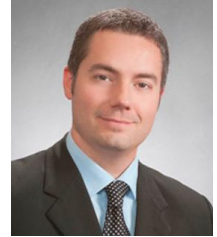
## 2012 Tax Information Form 1098-T Notice

Concord University has issued Form 1098-T electronically for the 2012 tax year. **Printed forms will not be mailed.** Students can access their form by logging into their MyCU account (<http://mycu.concord.edu>). The Business Office notified students that they are not able to reproduce the form with the labeled boxes and cannot supply student financial information to others; therefore, **if someone else claims either the student or an education deduction or credit on your student's behalf, the student needs to provide this information to them as soon as possible.** In most cases, this form needs to be provided to a parent or other legal guardian.

Please remember the Business Office cannot answer tax questions or provide tax advice. These types of questions should be directed to a tax professional. The Concord University IT HelpDesk is available for MyCU login assistance and can be reached at (304) 716-0054



# Concord Welcomes Andrew Sulgit as Director of Student Activities



Andrew Sulgit

We would like to welcome Andrew Sulgit back to the Student Affairs family, as Director of Student Activities & Student Center, and Greek Affairs Coordinator. Andrew began employment Concord University in 1999, working as a Resident Director (Housing) and within Greek Affairs. In 2005, he transitioned to Admissions, where he moved from Counselor to Associate Director within just a few seasons. Always proclaiming a penchant for Student Activities, he had his eye on this position for many years, but “never felt it was quite the right time, personally and professionally. When the position opened up, late this last fall, I felt that the stars had aligned, and that I was in the right spot to potentially do great things within the Student Activities. Fortunately, I was successful in the interview process and given the opportunity by the search committee to accept the job.”

Andrew’s plans for his first semester as activities director include increased live entertainment, especially capitalizing on local and regional talent. “There is so much talent in West Virginia, musically, that it’s almost a shame to frequently import entertainment from too far outside our borders. I plan to bring in local and statewide country bands, rap, metal, folk, reggae, and other styles of music, taking advantage of the connection we have to so many great artists.” Andrew also plans to resurrect the Concord tradition of a large-scale yearly concert, even this spring. “I’ve got a pretty big and widely popular musical act in the works, and hopefully things will come together and students will walk away from this school year with fantastic, tangible memories of the event that they will fondly recall long after they have left campus.”

Other initiatives include a large expansion of Outdoor Programming, utilizing the many world-class opportunities that are located within close proximity to campus, including hiking, biking, caving, skiing, snowboarding, and rafting. Additionally, Andrew will work with several academic areas to promote cross-departmental initiatives when possible, especially in the area of Recreation Tourism Management. “This is a personal passion of mine, and it makes sense to take advantage of the wide array of outdoor events within our area.”

“I also plan to focus on the commuter student; as two-thirds of our population at Concord University, we owe it to them to provide a comprehensive activities calendar as well.” Plans include commuter-specific programming that not only highlights issues and concerns targeting a commuter, but that also fall within the day-hours most available to them. “I want to reach as many students as possible with our offerings, and making the commuter students a priority makes a lot of sense.”

Lastly, Andrew will be in charge of bolstering the Greek system at Concord. “As a Greek myself from my college days, I hope I will see things through those eyes to be an effective coordinator for the system we have. I come from a strong Greek system, and will implement many things I found successful as an undergraduate to hopefully strengthen the fine organizations we currently have in place.”

***Best of luck to Andrew, in this semester, and the many semesters to come!***

## News from the Beckley Campus Submitted By: Lori Pace, Sociology Instructor in Beckley

Concord students at the Erma Byrd Higher Education (HEC) in Beckley are planning fun activities, service projects, and continue to be involved in the local community. On February 10<sup>th</sup> Concord University’s Beckley Campus will host, College Goal Sunday from 1-4pm. This worthwhile financial aid program assists any student or parent needing help with the FAFSA. All are welcome to stop by for this free assistance!

Karen Vuranch's Appalachian Studies will sponsor a monthly "Coal Heritage Lecture Series" at the HEC which is open to the public and is free. Concord Volunteers will again support the Raleigh County Solid Waste Authority's Earth Day 10K & Festival at the YMCA Soccer Field Complex on April 21. And, as requested by the students at the HEC, we will have food events throughout the semester.

If your student is attending one or all of their classes at the HEC, remind them to like the Facebook page "Concord Beckley Student Services" and check the bulletin board in the building regularly to stay updated on weekly events.





## Concord Baseball Picked to Win WVIAC South

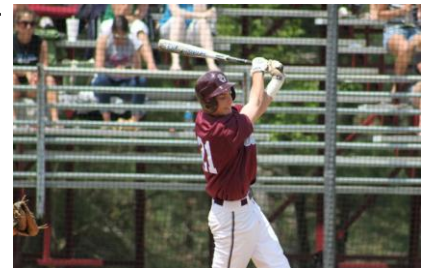
For the first time in program history, the Concord University baseball team has been picked to win the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference-South Division, as announced in the WVIAC Preseason Coaches poll released by the league office Wednesday.

Concord received 11 first-place votes and a conference-high 113 points; 20 points ahead of West Virginia Wesleyan, which was tabbed to finish in second place in the WVIAC-South with 93 points and two first-place votes. Concord's 11 first-place votes is a program-high dating back to the 2008 WVIAC Coaches Poll, the earliest information the league office has on file. Previously, CU received four first-place votes and was picked to finish second in its respective division in 2012, 2010, 2009 and 2008.

The Mountain Lions were also prognosticated to win the WVIAC-South by D2BaseballNews.com as well as receiving votes in College Baseball Newspaper's preseason top-25 poll. Head coach Andrew Wright returns 18 players from last year's squad that finished the season 26-27 overall and 20-15 in the WVIAC, including seven players who started at least 38 games in the field and three pitchers who made at least 11 starts.

Leading the returners are junior outfielder Bret Blevins, sophomore first baseman Ryan Johnston and senior short stop Josh Wenger. All three are former all-conference choices. The Mountain Lions' offense will also welcome the return of senior Jacob Mays, who hit a team-high .382 in 2011 before playing in only three games in 2012.

On the mound, junior reliever Will Zuspan was an all-conference selection last season while junior Ryan Weatherholtz, junior Tyler Zimm and senior Devin Smith are all experienced starters. Concord opens its season with a three-game series at perennial power Armstrong Atlantic February 8-10.



## Softball Picked Ninth In WVIAC Preseason Poll

The Concord University softball team was picked to finish in ninth place in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference this season, as announced in the WVIAC Preseason Coaches poll released by the league office Wednesday.



The Mountain Lions finished 20-29 overall and 9-16 in the WVIAC in 2012 under head coach Alisa Tasler, who returns for her second season in 2013. Concord ended last year on a three-game winning streak, narrowly missing qualifying for the WVIAC Tournament. Concord returns six players who started at least 35 games a season ago including All-WVIAC performer's sophomore pitcher/outfielder Lacey McDougall and senior outfielder Becca Gleason.

McDougall earned second team all-league honors as a freshman after hitting .390 with 17 runs scored, three home runs and 31 RBI. She also pitched in 21 games, finishing with a record of 7-6, 33 strikeouts and a 5.06 ERA. Gleason was an honorable mention All-WVIAC selection in 2012. For the year, she batted .333 with 24 runs, two home runs and 14 RBI. Gleason's .967 fielding percentage was second on team of players with at least 100 chances.

The Mountain Lions begin their 2013 campaign 1:00 p.m. Feb. 3 in game one of a scheduled doubleheader at Fayetteville State.



## Concord Duo Earns Don Hansen All-America Honors

For the second time this season, junior linebacker Jake Lilly and junior cornerback Riyahd Richardson have been recognized as All-American caliber players. When the Don Hansen Football Committee unveiled its 2012 NCAA Division II All-America Team Friday Lilly received third team accolades and Richardson was bestowed with honorable mention honors.



Friday's honors cap off an outstanding awards season for the two defensive standouts. Lilly and Richardson both earned Beyond Sports Network All-America, Daktronics All-Region, Don Hansen Football Gazette All-Region and first team All-West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference recognition previously. Lilly was also named the WVIAC's Defensive Player of the Year.

The junior standouts led a CU defense that ranked 13th in the nation in total defense, ninth in scoring defense and seventh in passing defense last season. Concord closed out the year by winning its final three games to finish with a 7-4 overall record and 6-2 mark in the WVIAC. The Mountain Lions went 6-2 in the WVIAC, finishing tied for second in the league.

The WVIAC's leading tackler in 2011 and 2012, Lilly finished his 2012 season with 126 tackles, 13 tackles for loss, two interceptions, two forced fumbles, 0.5 sacks and six pass break-ups. He ranked fourth in Division II with 11.45 tackles per game, fifth in solo tackles per game (6.27) and 83rd in tackles for loss per game (1.18). Lilly, who enters his senior season 127 tackles away from breaking the record for career tackles at Concord, registered at least 10 tackles in a game seven times this season including a season-best 18 stops at Liberty.

Not to be outdone, Richardson was Concord's top defensive back on a unit that had both cornerbacks and safeties earn all-conference honors. For the season, Richardson totaled team-highs of five interceptions and 13 pass break-ups to go with 28 tackles, 3.5 tackles for loss, two forced fumbles, once fumble recovery and 0.5 sacks. He intercepted passes in five of Concord's final six games, finishing the season atop the WVIAC in interceptions and passes defended.

## Anderson Hits Two Provisional Marks at Kent State



Concord University men's indoor track and field sprinter R.J. Anderson met the NCAA provisional qualifying standards in the 60-meter dash and the 200-meter dash Saturday at the Doug Raymond Invitational on the campus of Kent State University.

After posting the top preliminary time in the 60-meters, Anderson bolted to the victory in the finals by recording a time of 6.85 seconds. He followed that performance up by clocking a time of 21.80 seconds in the 200-meters to place third overall, but more importantly meet the NCAA provisional standard of 22.20 seconds. Anderson's 200-meter time is currently the eighth fastest in Division II while his 60-meter mark ranks 11th in the nation.

Distance runner Robby Peters also had a strong showing Concord, finishing third in both the 3,000-meter run and the mile run. Peters posted a time of 8:44.61 in the 3,000-meters before posting a time of 4:18.32 in the mile.



# 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.

<b>Monday – Thursday</b>	<b>7.45 a.m. – 10.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7.45 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Noon – 4.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.</b>

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

## News from the Geography Department By: Dr. Joe Manzo

Concord Universities Geography department has a \$166,000 grant from the Benedum Foundation for geography education that merges physical geography and literature. There has been an additional \$34,000 grant for geography education from the National Geographic Society.

The Geography department has recently reviewed the placement record for students wanting to attend graduate school and they have a successful 100% placement rate! Another outstanding statistic from the department shows one hundred percent of our students with computer cartography and geographic information system backgrounds are employed.

This past year geography students had field experiences to the Cherokee reservation in North Carolina. The students in biogeography practiced, under Dr. Tom Saladyga, learned the intricacies of dendrochronology in the field and in the geography lab. Furthermore two of Dr. Shimantini Shome's students made poster presentations at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Geographers in Asheville, NC.







# 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](mailto:nellison@concord.edu)

Phone: (304) 384-6086

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## 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
- **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.

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!





### 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](mailto: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.



## College Goal Sunday – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Concord University is pleased to once again participate in College Goal Sunday, a national initiative to provide FREE, confidential support for completing the FAFSA. Concord will host two locations: (1) Athens Campus—Rahall, Room 130; and (2) Beckley Campus—Erma Byrd Higher Education Center Library. Experts will be available to assist students and parents from 1 to 4pm; no appointment is necessary. College Goal Sunday is open to anyone planning to attend or continue in college, so please help us spread the word! If you or your student cannot attend the Concord CGS sites, please check for the location nearest you for FAFSA assistance.

## Spring Graduation Fair – February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013

What is a Graduation Fair? The Graduation Fair is a one stop shop to assist students with applying for graduation. The Spring 2013 Graduation Fair will be held on Monday, February 25 from 9 am to 1 pm in the Beasley Student Center Ballroom. May 2013 and August 2013 candidates for graduation can apply for graduation, pay the graduation fee (\$50.00) and get measured for cap and gown. Financial Aid Office representatives are there for students to discuss student education loan exit requirements. Career Services' staff is there to discuss resumes and job searches. There will be a photographer to take Commencement pictures for the yearbook. Refreshments are available and a small gift is given to each graduate.



## Founders' Day

Concord University will celebrate its 141<sup>st</sup> anniversary by hosting a Founders' Day Convocation of Scholars on Monday, February 25, 2013 at 2pm in the Alexander Fine Arts Auditorium. A proclamation denoting 2013 as "The Year of the Scholar" will be issued during the program. Concord students, faculty, and staff will be honored during the ceremony for their service, research, teaching, and scholarship. The public is invited to attend. A reception in the Fine Arts Lobby will follow the reception.

## 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