

We are pleased to introduce our new **Parents Club website**. You may find it by clicking the link at the bottom of this page or by going to Concord's homepage at [www.concord.edu](http://www.concord.edu) and clicking on "Parents & Visitors" and then "Parents Club". Please tell us what you think - share your questions, comments, and suggestions with us at [parents@concord.edu](mailto:parents@concord.edu)

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## Parents Club President Message

This issue of the Parents Club newsletter focuses on careers, so as a National Health Service Corps Ambassador I wanted to let you know that the Federal National Health Service Corps (<http://nhsc.hrsa.gov>) offers extraordinary opportunities for scholarships and loan repayment awards for certain categories of medical, dental, psychology, and social work students and clinicians. These financial incentives carry service obligations. The purpose of these awards is to improve access to care for vulnerable and underserved populations in designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (<http://hpsafind.hrsa.gov>).

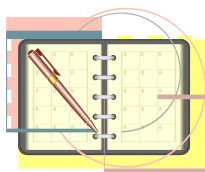
Scholarships can be for up to four years; benefits include tuition and fees, along with a stipend, for accepted or enrolled students in allopathic and osteopathic medical schools; dental school; and physician assistant, nurse practitioner, and nurse midwife training programs.

Initial loan repayment awards to practicing primary medical care, dental, and behavioral health clinicians can be for as much as \$50,000 tax free for a two year commitment. Sequential fundings are a possibility. Loan repayment awards cannot exceed bona fide medical education loans.

Due to an infusion of \$200,000,000 in scholarship and loan repayment money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, this is an unprecedented time for a student or graduate interested pursuing one of the eligible fields of study. With as much as \$145,000 available tax free for loan repayment, these monies can make an education in medicine, dentistry, or behavioral health more affordable.

I plan to participate in the Career Fair on Thursday, March 25th, in the Jerry Beasley Student Center (see page 5 for details) to share information about these opportunities. I'll also be available to speak to individual students on the day before and/or the day after the Career Fair. Please let me know if you have questions about the National Health Service Corps. I look forward to sharing information with you and Concord students and graduates.

Best wishes,  
Martha Endres  
President, CU Parents Club



## Academic Calendar

February 26, Fri.	Last day for making application for May graduation 4 p.m.
February 26, Fri.	Summer school schedule published, distributed and publicized
March 1-18	Fall 2010 Dorm Room Sign-ups: same room, at RA
March 5, Fri.	Mid-semester reports of unsatisfactory grades submitted by faculty
Mar. 8-12 (M-F)	Spring recess
March 22	Fall 2010 Dorm Room Sign-ups: organizational floors, at North Tower main desk
March 23	Fall 2010 Dorm Room Sign-ups: same building-change room, at main desk of each building
March 24	Fall 2010 Dorm Room Sign-ups: change building, at Wilson Hall main desk
March 26, Fri.	Last day for dropping a course with grade of "W" or changing course status from credit to audit 4 p.m.
Mar. 30-April 8	Advising for course selection for Summer and Fall 2010
April 5-8	Course selection for Summer and Fall 2010



## It's FAFSA Time Again !!!

It's time for current Concord University students to file the 2010-2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Please don't forget that FAFSA's must be filed every year.

The Financial Aid Office has been encouraging current Concord University students to file the FAFSA electronically at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) by February 14th, 2010 and the **deadline for on-time applications is March 1**. If you haven't completed your income tax return yet, you should estimate your 2009 income. The FAFSA code for Concord University is 003810.

The Financial Aid staff is available Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. in the Financial Aid Office located on the 2nd floor of the Jerry L. Beasley Student Center and at telephone: 1(888) 384-5249 or (304) 384-6069 or email [finaid@concord.edu](mailto:finaid@concord.edu).

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us at [parents@concord.edu](mailto:parents@concord.edu) if we may assist you in any way.

**REMEMBER:** *Students must complete a new FAFSA each year.*

**FAFSA**

## Focus Group Workshop

On Saturday, January 23, nine Concord seniors participated in a focus group workshop sponsored by CareerSiege. The interactive workshop used a series of group discussions and practice interview questions to help participants “fine tune” interview skills. Students were taped at the beginning and end of the session to show the change in how they presented themselves once they had listened to the presenters’ advice. The presenters possessed over 20 years of experience in corporate and agency recruiting and attendees found the workshop extremely helpful. Please encourage your student to watch for career related workshops throughout the semester. Students should also be encouraged to arrange an individual meeting with Career/Advancement Services staff beginning in their sophomore year to discuss their career goals.



## It's Job Fair Season !!!

Your student’s job search should be in full swing by now if he/she is graduating in May and plans to pursue employment opportunities. With unemployment rates higher than normal leading to increased competition for available jobs, the length of time to secure employment may take longer. Job seekers may want to broaden the geographic area in which they are seeking employment and may want to be more open to entry level jobs that may not be the “ideal” job, but could provide valuable work experience and get their foot in the door with a company of interest. In tight employment markets, job seekers will need to take initiative and show employers that they are motivated.

- The Recreation Tourism Management students will be hosting their annual Career Fair on Thursday, March 25 from 10 a.m.—3 p.m. in the Ballroom. *See page 5 for details.*

### Some other regional fair dates include:

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| 1 | Marshall University, Huntington, WV  | Wednesday, February 24 |
| 2 | Teacher Recruitment Day (for education graduates, reservations required), Concord University, Athens | Thursday, March 11     |
| 3 | Mountain State University, Beckley, WV   | Wednesday, March 31    |
| 4 | Bluefield State College<br>Bluefield College, Bluefield, WV<br>Concord University                    | Wednesday, April 7     |
| 5 | Interstate Career Fair, Bristol, VA  | Thursday, April 15     |

Participants should be dressed professionally, have professional copies of their resume to share, and be prepared to present themselves professionally. Students are encouraged to visit Career/Advancement Services for additional information or discuss how they might prepare to present themselves as a professional candidate.



## C U's Athletic Training Education Program Re-Accredited

Athens, W.Va. - Concord University's Athletic Training Education Program (ATEP) has been awarded continuing national accreditation for a term of 10 years, Dr. Joseph A. Beckett, associate professor and director of the ATEP, is announcing.

Beckett said the 10-year designation is an "incredible" award and quite an accomplishment for the ATEP at Concord.



"Programs traditionally and almost always receive no more than a five-year term of continuing accreditation," he said. "On very rare occasions, the CAATE (Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education) would award top programs a seven-year term of continuing accreditation. Receiving a 10-year award of continuing accreditation places the Concord University ATEP in an extremely select group, as compared to the approximately 350 or more other accredited ATEPs in the United States."

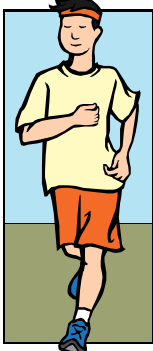
"I see Concord as a leader of sports medicine in this area," he said.



Concord's ATEP is "quite young" according to Beckett and this is only the second re-accreditation evaluation the program has undergone.



His career experience and background have played a significant role in leading the program to its current re-accreditation status. A native of Bluefield, Beckett has 28 years of higher education experience at several different institutions and a proven track record in assisting programs to become accredited or re-accredited. He frequently serves as an external consultant and CAATE-accreditation site visitor.



The CAATE evaluation includes a self-study and an on-site review. The following CAATE sponsoring agencies helped establish the national standards used in the evaluation process: The American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine, and the National Athletic Trainers' Association, Inc.

Concord's ATEP offers a Bachelor of Science Degree in athletic training. Beckett said that upon receiving the degree, graduates have several options.

"Upon graduation, they are eligible to sit for the national exam which is very difficult. If they pass, then they can work in a school, college, university, clinic, in industrial rehabilitation...get experience on the job," he said.

Graduate school is another option along with additional education to become a physical therapist or physician's assistant.



## Upcoming Career Fair

The Recreation and Tourism students would like to extend an invitation to their fourth annual Career Fair. Since the Fair was such a huge success last year, they have decided to make it bigger and better this March— all they need to accomplish this is your participation.

Although the Meetings, Conventions and Special Events Management Class (RTM 415) will be planning and hosting the event, all Concord graduates and undergraduates who are interested in obtaining successful and rewarding internships and/or careers, are also welcomed.

Please plan to join us at the Concord University Ballroom from 10:00am until 3:00pm on Thursday, March 25, 2010. Because this event is designed to encourage dialogue between you, your students and the different reputable organizations that will be present, we ask that if you wish to participate, please arrive in business-casual attire. Light refreshments will be available throughout the day.

If you and your organization are willing to participate in the Fair, you may fill out the registration form on page 6 and submit via the different options listed on the form.

Thank you for your time and if you have any questions or need more information, please feel free to contact Dr. Susan Williams at (304) 384-6026 or



## International Office Searches for Host Families

The Homestay Program at Concord University provides an opportunity for American families to learn about other countries and cultures by having an international student stay in their home during university breaks. In turn, the international student benefits by being able to practice English conversation and learn about American culture first hand in the comfortable, friendly environment of an American home.

### Have you ever....

- \* been alone away from home, and wished for someone to talk to?
- \* wanted to know more about another country or culture?
- \* wanted to make friends with someone different from you?
- \* wished you could do a little to help the cause of peace and understanding?



Then you should consider becoming a friend to an international student. A "friend" can be an individual, a couple, or a family, anyone who would like to know a student from another land and help him or her to understand our American way of life, our language, our customs, and our community.

If you are interested in becoming a host family - as early as SPRING BREAK - or just to get involved, please feel free to contact Nancy Ellison at the International Student Office for more information. You may contact us at (304) 384-6086 or email us at [nellison@concord.edu](mailto:nellison@concord.edu).

CONCORD UNIVERSITY SPRING 2010  
CAREER FAIR  
MARCH 25, 2010

REGISTRATION FORM

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

If you will be bringing your own exhibition booth, please specify size: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need electrical supply? \_\_\_\_\_ Extension cords (limited supply)? \_\_\_\_\_

A limited amount of audio-visual equipment is available. Please specify if you would like:

\_\_\_ Television    \_\_\_ DVD Player    \_\_\_ VCR    \_\_\_ Overhead Projector    \_\_\_ Screen

Please give a brief description of your organization for inclusion in our handout of participants:

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**Please Submit This Form By March 1, 2010**

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Questions? Contact Dr. Williams at (304) 384-6026

*Thank you for agreeing to participate!*

*We will contact you via email to confirm receipt of your registration.*