

The Scoop

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to another exciting year at Concord University! We are beginning our 139th year, it's a great time to reflect on our rich heritage of providing quality education and service to our region and students. We appreciate that our current students are part of a rich legacy that is Concord University!

Whether it is your student's freshmen or senior year, we know it will be filled with learning, friendships, and growth. One of Concord's special charms is the blending of our many traditions that remind us of less complex times, juxtaposed with cutting-edge opportunities for future success. Concord students gain a solid foundation that will allow unlimited potential for the challenges that lie before them. Please encourage your students to take advantage of all that Concord offers, including over 70 campus organizations, Student Government, intramurals, undergraduate research, service-learning courses and service projects, intercollegiate athletics, study abroad, and more.

We invite you, our parents, to encourage your students throughout these magical times of their lives. Concord has numerous opportunities for fun and growth, such as freshmen Orientation, Constitution Day, Homecoming Week, Veterans celebrations, musical and dramatic productions, special events, Christmas-time Wassail, Alumni gatherings, art shows, athletic contests, Box City, Relay for Life, Spring Fling, Earth Day, career and graduate fairs, symposia, guest lectures, — through to December and May Commencement ceremonies. We hope you will join us in celebrating our Concord community's many accomplishments.

On behalf of the Parents Club Committee, we wish you and your student a successful year!

*Marjie Flanigan*Vice President of Student Affairs
and Dean of Students

Academic Calendar

August 22, Mon.	Freshman Univ. 100 class begins (Athens campus only) 11:00 a.m. Fine Arts Auditorium
August 23, Tue.	New student registration 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Marsh Hall 208)
August 24, Wed.	Classes begin
August 25, Thur.	Late registration fee starts for on-campus courses
Sept. 5, Mon.	Holiday - Labor Day
Sept. 9, Fri.	Last day for registration or adding classes 4 p.m.
Sept. 9, Fri.	Last day to apply for Spring 2012 Student Teaching 4 p.m.
Sept. 14, Wed.	Last day to pay fees
Sept. 23, Fri.	Career Fair, Career Symposium
Sept. 24, Sat.	Homecoming
Oct. 6-7 (Th-F)	Fall break
October 12, Wed.	Mid-semester reports of unsatisfactory grades submitted by faculty
October 21, Fri.	Last day to make application for December graduation 4 p.m.
Oct. 31-Nov. 11	Advising for course selection for Spring 2012 Semester
November 4, Fri.	Last day for dropping a course with grade of "W" or changing course status from credit to audit 4 p.m.
November 7-17	Course selection for Spring 2012 Semester (for students presently enrolled)
Nov. 21-25 (M-F)	Thanksgiving recess
December 2, Fri.	Last day to withdraw from the University
December 9, Fri.	Last class day
Dec. 12-16 (M-F)	Final exams
December 16, Fri.	Fall semester ends 5:00 p.m.
December 17, Sat.	Fall Commencement 11:00 a.m.
January 18, Wed.	Classes begin spring semester

Important Dates from Housing!

November 18 (5pm) Residence Halls close for Thanksgiving recess

November 27 (1 pm) Residence Halls reopen from Thanksgiving Recess

December 16 (5pm) Residence Halls Close for Winter Break

January 16-17 Residence Halls Open for Spring Semester

Student Resources

The **Student Affairs** office at Concord University is proud to offer numerous resources to students that enrich the college experience. In this issue we will highlight three exciting services to students:

Sigi³

Sigi³ is a program designed to help students find up to date career information. Sigi³ can help students explore careers suited towards their interests and the values. To do this Sigi³ uses a self assessment tool, as well as information the user provides, such as academic major. This site will also track additional educational or technical training necessary for a desired career. It is a useful resource, especially for freshman and those students approaching graduation. It can be accessed on the main Concord website under Quick Access, through MyCU or as www.sigi3.org, and is free to use with any MyCU or concord email.

Zimride

Zimride is a fun and easy way to share the seats in your car or catch a ride. With Zimride, you can find Concord friends, classmates, and coworkers going the same way you are. Concord Zimride requires an @concord.edu or @mycu.concord.edu email address. You can also sign in using your Facebook account if you are part of the Concord network. Concord Zimride helps you offer or request rides for commutes, road trips, and popular events. If you have a car, split costs by offering rides. If you don't have a car, find rides where you need to go. With costly gas prices, Zimride is an excellent way to cut commuting costs! There is a free service to help students, faculty, and staff and is part of our "Go Green!" initiative to help the environment and save green (\$), too. It can be accessed under Quick Access on the Concord website or at www.zimride.concord.edu



Cashcourse

Cashcourse is a website designed to help current college students and recent graduates budget and deal with financial planning. This website helps students make intelligent decisions about loans, credit offers, and more including avoiding quick fixes for money. The website is full of helpful hints and articles on how to make your dollar go further while at college, and is sure to be helpful to any student. Types of financial aid, how to avoid scams, and scholarship searches are also available. It can be accessed through the main Concord website under current students, or at www.cashcourse.org/concord, or through MyCU.



Are Your Students enrolled in the CU Emergency Alert System?

If not they should sign up for this free service

Signing up allows students to be among the first to find out when classes are cancelled or delayed. It will also inform you of any campus emergencies. All current students faculty and staff are eligible. Students can also register their parents for CU Alert. To register just go to www.sms.concord.edu.

International Services from Nancy Ellison

HOMESTAY PROGRAM AT CONCORD UNIVERSITY

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.

QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

What kinds of people make good international friends?

- * Single people, couples, people with children, retired people... neither your marital status nor your age is a factor.
- * People who want to share their lives with others...you don't need to fit a "mold" of any kind... if you want to share your life with someone from another culture, you'll make a good friend to an international student.
- * People who have an interest in expanding their horizons...perhaps you are a world traveler or perhaps you have never been outside West Virginia...experience is less important than interest. You'll make a good friend to an international student if you want to be one!

How will I benefit?

You will gain a new level of understanding about yourself and our own country. The process of trying to explain an American holiday or our concepts of freedom or child rearing can help to clarify your own beliefs. Children learn first hand about the peoples and countries they study in school. Best of all, being a friend to international students gives you a window on the world through the medium of friendship-friendship, which can lead to letters, travel and new horizons.

Can I choose the nationality of the student you assign to me?

On your application you may indicate a preference for a particular country if you wish. We always do our best to meet specified preferences. Our most well represented geographical areas are Asia, Europe and Africa.

What kind of food should I serve?

Almost anything is appropriate because the students are open-minded enough to try new dishes and want to learn about American food. However, it is wise to ask the student before hand if there are any foods that he or she can't eat for health or religious reasons.

How should I act?

- * Be yourself! The students are interested in learning about how Americans live, so do what you always do.
- * Involve children or grandchildren, if you have them; it is often easier for the visitor to relax first with them because of their openness and enthusiasm.
- * Show interest in the student's country, family, customs. They will also enjoy sharing such information with you.

International Services cont.

What about religion?

International students come from a variety of religious backgrounds. Many are not Christian. While discussing and sharing information about each other's religious beliefs and practices can be interesting and informative, it is important to respect the student's beliefs. One should not befriend international students for the purpose of changing their religious beliefs.

What about money or financial problems?

As a condition of their admission, all international students at Concord University show full funding for the expenses of their studies and maintenance costs. When unexpected financial problems do arise, the staff of the International Student Office is prepared and trained to assist students in resolving their concerns. You are not expected to provide financial support of any kind.

What do I do if there is a problem I can't solve?

Contact the International Students Office. We're here to help.

How can I get involved?

Contact the International Student Office for an application. Our telephone number is (304) 384-6086. Our email is nellison@concord.edu. After we receive your application, you will be matched with an international student(s).

The International Students' Club Delivers!

The International Students' Club is delivering birthday greetings to students on campus. Club members will deliver a birthday cake from Wal-Mart, balloons, birthday plates and forks to your child's room on his/her special day. There are white cakes, chocolate cakes and even cookie cakes available!

To request a birthday greeting for your child, send us your child's name, cell phone number, residence hall and room number, date of birth, type of cake desired, and the name(s) of the person giving the surprise along with a check for \$25 made payable to the International



Disability Services from Nancy Ellison

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:

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

Contact Disability Services:

Email: nellison@concord.edu Phone:304-384-6086

Sports News from Kyle Cooper, Sports Information Director



Concord Student First National Champion in WV Conference

There have been many big headlines in Concord Athletics over the last few months, and Shawnee Carnett made the biggest news.

Carnett gave Concord its first-ever NCAA national championship when she won the Women's 800 meter run at the Division II Track & Field national meet in May.

It was also the first Women's Track & Field national championship in the history of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Carnett fell as far back as 7th place in the 800 finals before employing her signature finishing kick to win by an impressive .58 of a second.

With the victory, Carnett earned All-American honors for the third time in her young career. The sophomore from Sugar Grove, VA was an Outdoor All-American in 2010 and secured Indoor All-American honors in March 2011.

"It started kind of fast, but then it slowed down. Then I thought, 'I can win this thing,'" Carnett said in a post-race interview on www.ncaa.com. "It's everything I dreamed of."

Concord Athletic Honors Students

Concord placed 26 student-athletes from 14 different sports on the 2010-11 West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll.

The WVIAC has named Emmanuel Charmat (Men's Golf) and Tiffany Kobordo (Softball) as, respectively, CU's Male and Female Student-Athletes of the Year.

The WVIAC mandates that "qualifying student-athletes are classified as a junior or senior and have obtained a 3.3 or higher cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale at the end of the term of attendance in which the sport was concluded" to be eligible for the Honor Roll.

Meanwhile, Charmat and Ryan Terdik earned spots on the Cleveland Golf/Srixon Men's Golf All-America Scholars team, as announced by the Golf Coaches Association of America, for the second straight year.

Three Concord Ladies to Play Internationally

Three Concord Softball players took a summer trip overseas, playing for the USA International team in a series of games in Europe.

Becca Gleason, Stephanie Harper and Katelyn Williams helped the US squad post a 4-2 record against teams from the Czech Republic and Austria.

The series started with two victories -- 1-0 over the Prague Eagles and 6-1 against Slavia Plzen. The USA team dropped its next two games ("I think jet lag set in," said Christina Harper, Stephanie's mother) before posting consecutive 11-0 wins over Slavia Plzen and the Vienna Wanderers.

"I played with this team when in my college years and it was truly the best time in my sports career," said CU Softball head coach Sabrina McCullough. "These young ladies took their talent to the international level and were great ambassadors for Concord and our family here."

Fall Sports Schedules

Football

9/3/2011	Lenoid Rhyne University	Callaghan Stadium	7:00 pm
9/10/2011	Elon University	Elon, NC	7:00 pm
9/17/2011	University of Charleston	Charleston, WV	1:00 pm
9/24/2011	West Virginia State Univer-	Callaghan Stadium	2:00 pm
10/1/2011	Shepherd University	Callaghan Stadium	1:00 pm
10/8/2011	Glenville State College	Glenville, WV	1:00 pm
10/15/2011	Seton Hill University	Callaghan Stadium	1:00 pm
10/29/2011	Fairmont State University	Fairmont, WV	2:00 pm
11/5/2011	West Liberty University	West Liberty, WV	1:00 pm
11/12/2011	West Virginia Wesleyan	Callaghan Stadium	1:00 pm

Men's Soccer

9/2/11	East Stroudsburg	Away	2:00 pm
9/3/11	Caldwell College	Away	11:00 am
9/7/11	Shippensburg	Anderson Field	2:00 pm
9/10/11	Seton Hill	Away	2:00 pm
9/14/11	West Virginia Wesleyan	Anderson Field	4:00 pm
9/17/11	Pitt-Johnstown	Anderson Field	2:00 pm
9/20/11	Virginia Intermont	Anderson Field	4:00 pm
9/24/211	Shepherd	Away	3:00 pm
9/28/11	Alderson-Broaddus	Anderson Field	5:00 pm
10/1/11	University of DC	Away	2:00 pm
10/5/11	University of Charleston	Away	3:30 pm
10/8/11	Wheeling Jesuit	Anderson Field	2:30 pm
10/12/11	WVI Tech	Away	4:00 pm
10/15/11	Davis & Elkins	Away	2:00 pm
10/19/11	Ohio Valley	Anderson Field	4:00 pm
10/21/11	Cedarville University	Anderson Field	4:00 pm
10/25/11	Bluefield College	Anderson Field	4:00 pm
10/28/11	Washington Adventist University	Anderson Field	2:00 pm

Women's Soccer

9/1/2011	East Stroudsburg University	Away	2:00 pm
9/3/2011	Caldwell College	Away	11:00 am
9/10/2011	Shippensburg University	Anderson Field	2:00 pm
9/14/2011	Seton Hill	Away	2:00 pm
9/17/2011	West Virginia Wesleyan	Anderson Field	4:00 pm
9/21/2011	Pitt-Johnstown	Anderson Field	2:00 pm
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10/4/2011	University of DC	Away	2:00 pm
10/8/2011	University of Charleston	Away	3:30 pm
10/12/2011	Wheeling Jesuit	Anderson Field	2:30 pm
10/15/2011	WVI Tech	Away	4:00 pm
10/19/2011	Davis & Elkins	Away	2:00 pm
10/24/2011	Ohio Valley	Anderson Field	4:00 pm
10/26/2011	Cedarville University	Anderson Field	4:00 pm

FERPA Release

On-line Consent Form for Information Release

In Spring semester 2011, Concord launched an online **Release of Information** as a simpler way for students and alumni to allow others access to academic information. You may be aware that Concord University is prohibited from releasing most information to third parties. Students can rescind privileges at any time by adding an end date to the release form.

Directions for FERPA Release of Information

In accordance with the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), all information regarding a student's record, with the exception of certain directory information, is considered private between the student and the university and requires a release for discussion of this information with a third party. The student may wish to grant permission to all or some information, including financial aid, student accounts, grades, and other university information to a parent, spouse, employer, agency, or other person of the student's choosing.

Students wishing to release information to a third party can do so by completing the FERPA/ Information Release Form. Directions for completing the form are outlined below:

Log into MyCU (<http://mycu.concord.edu>)

Click on the Student tab

Click on FERPA/Information Release under the Information box on the left side of the screen

Complete the form, assigning a PIN number for the individuals to whom you are granting permission to your indicated university information

Provide the PIN number to the person(s) to whom you are allowing information access. NOTE: Information will not be released to an authorized individual without the person knowing the PIN. This is for your protection.

Work Study and Student Employment from Tammy Monk

Has your student been awarded workstudy? Is your student interested in finding an on-campus job? On-campus job openings are posted on the Concord website, www.concord.edu under Career Services> On-Campus Job Postings. Workstudy jobs are usually filled within the first week of school so encourage your student to be reviewing the job openings early. Generally there is an email and/or phone contact for the supervisor. Students should be encouraged to contact the supervisor and arrange a time to meet with them once they arrive on campus. Most supervisors will want to conduct a brief interview before hiring a student.



Please Note:

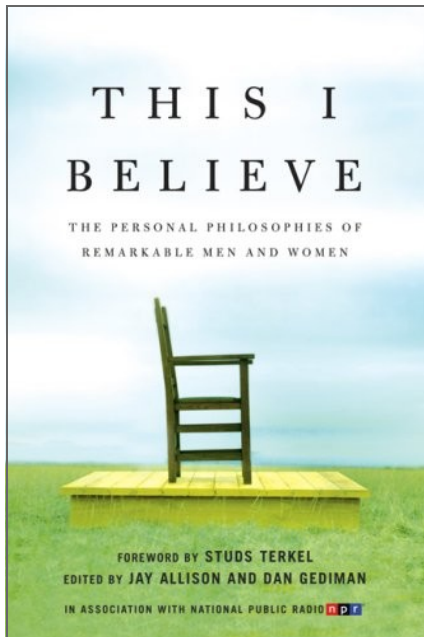
If your student did not receive workstudy there may be other opportunities for on-campus employment. These jobs would be posted as state funded, grant funded, or CU Connect funded. For some of these jobs there will be specific criteria that must be met to be eligible to apply for these jobs. All types of funding, including workstudy, have limits so it is important for your student to secure employment during the first week of classes to have the best opportunities.

Efforts are also made to contact local employers to explore their hiring needs for the fall. These jobs would also be posted on the Concord website under Career Services> Full-Part Time Job Postings.

Any questions you may have about on-campus employment can be directed to careerservices@concord.edu or 304-384-5325.

Remember the career Fair and Career Symposium on Friday September 23rd, 2011 !!

***This I Believe* eds Jay Allison and Dan Gediman, University 100
Summer Reading from Jennifer Nail, Sr. Math Education Major**



For the past few years incoming Freshman and transfer students have been participating in their University 100 courses in a different way than former students. These incoming students have an extended orientation, where they attend events together as part of their course work. This allows students to get to know one another, and to share common experiences such as Play Fair, and the tree planting tradition. Another common ground that students can connect through is their summer reading assignment. This year's assignment is the book *This I Believe: The Personal Philosophies of Remarkable Men and Women* edited by Jay Allison and Dan Gediman.

This concept began as a radio show in the 1950s and was then brought back as an NPR segment in 2005. The book is a compilation of the best essays from the two series. These essays include entries from everyday people to well known figures including Eleanor Roosevelt, Helen Keller, Warren Christopher, and Albert Einstein.

After reading the book students were expected to write their own "This I Believe" essay to be submitted to their University 100 instructor.

Changes Made to Financial Aid Policy

To comply with new federal regulations Concord University Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP) has changed. To view the policy go to www.concord.edu/admissions/financial-aid.

Your student has been provided a copy of the new SAP policy. It is important for students to understand that to receive federal financial aid, they must meet SAP. To meet SAP students must: (1) have an acceptable GPA, (2) pass a minimum of 67% of classes attempted, and (3) fall in the maximum 150% timeframe to complete their degree. Students must meet all three standards to fulfill SAP requirements.

Students are responsible for knowing the requirement for their major, and for meeting scholarship/grant renewal requirements for any institutional, state, private, or federal aid they may receive. Students should consult the Academic catalog and financial aid website as needed. Specific questions about SAP can be directed to the financial aid office. Questions concerning academic majors should be directed to the student's academic advisor



Now 120 Hours Needed for Graduation

Effective fall 2011, Concord University is reducing the minimum number of earned credit hours for graduation from 128 to 120. Consequently, you may be able to graduate sooner or reduce your planned course load without delaying graduation. Please consult with your academic advisor to determine if and how you may benefit from this change in graduation requirements.



Homecoming 2012

This years theme —
Comics!

Thursday, September 22

Parade (Vermillion Street)
Bonfire (Valley)

Friday, September 23

Career Symposium (all day)
Job Fair (11am-1pm Ballroom)
Alumni Banquet
Lip Sync

Saturday, September 24

Tailgates
Homecoming Football Game
CU vs. West Virginia State
University
Callaghan Stadium
2 pm Kickoff
Halftime Crowning of CU Homecoming Royalty



2010 Homecoming King and Queen, Adam Pauley and Ann Andres from the Bonner Scholars and Sigma Sigma.

Visit our website at
concord.edu

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 6287

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