

and now for something completely important...



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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ALBERTA

Important announcements for students are now being consolidated into this one weekly communiqué—the seventh of which you are now reading.

Review the headlines in this week's newsletter and see what may impact your "***Student Life***" at Concordia.

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New Scholarship Search Engine for Students with Disabilities

NEADS (National Educational Association of Disabled Students) is a registered charitable organization with a mandate to encourage the self-empowerment of post-secondary students and graduates with disabilities in Canada. NEADS has created a new scholarship search engine (portal) that will contain information on all disability-based scholarships, awards, bursaries offered through: Canadian students from Canadian colleges and universities, non-governmental and charitable organizations, the private sector, as well as complete information on grant and loan programs available from federal and provincial/territorial governments.

www.disabilityawards.ca

Student Fees are Due:

**Please note the deadline for Student Fees was
September 30th, 2010.**

If you have any questions or concerns

Please contact :

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Concordia Bursary Assistance

Concordia Bursary Program

Students experiencing financial difficulties while attending Concordia may apply for bursary assistance. A Concordia bursary is non-repayable financial assistance awarded to domestic and international students on the basis of financial need. Students are expected to make plans for funding their education through primary sources such as personal and family savings, scholarships and awards, and employment earnings. A bursary is meant to supplement, not replace, other financial assistance. The program is funded by both Concordia University College and private donors.

Am I eligible?

Demonstrate financial need based on a modest standard of living

Be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program

Be registered full-time (minimum 60% of a full-course load)

Have achieved satisfactory academic standing on their most recent course work

Have not previously declared bankruptcy or defaulted on a student loan, including the Concordia Emergency Loan

Application Process

To apply for bursary assistance, students must complete and submit an online application form by the October 15th deadline. In addition, students must submit all supporting documentation to the Student and Enrolment Services office by the deadline. Go to **Services for Students** on the Concordia website and click on "Online Award Applications".

Questions?

Contact Student and Enrolment Services at 780-479-9220 or send an email to finaid@concordia.ab.ca.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR GRADUATE STUDIES

What is an Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarship?

NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council) provides financial support to high caliber scholars who are engaged in master's programs in the natural sciences or engineering. This support allows these scholars to fully concentrate on their studies and to seek out the best research mentors in their chosen fields. NSERC encourages interested and qualified Aboriginal students to apply.

Are you eligible for scholarship support?

To be considered eligible for support, as of the application deadline date, you must:

Be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident of Canada;

Hold, or expect to hold (at the time you take up the award), a degree in science or engineering from a university whose standing is acceptable to NSERC;

Intend to pursue in the following year full-time graduate studies and research at the master's level in an eligible program in one of the areas of the natural sciences and engineering supported by NSERC; and

Have obtained a first-class average (a grade of "A-") in each of the last two completed years of study (full-time equivalent)

What is the scholarship value?

A Canada Graduate Scholarship is \$17,500 for one year.

How do I apply?

Concordia students interested in applying for an NSERC Canada Graduate Scholarship will need to complete Form 201. Applicants should visit the NSERC website at <http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/> for the electronic application form and further information on the scholarship.

Applicants must submit an electronic application form by Concordia's deadline.

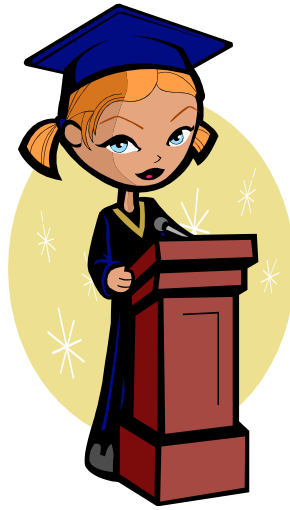
When is Concordia's deadline?

The deadline is November 15, 2010. Applicants should allow adequate time to complete the application process.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Applicants who have questions regarding the process should contact the Financial Aid Advisor in Student and Enrolment Services HA 120 or by phone 780-479-9226 or by email at finaid@concordia.ab.ca.

NOTICE: DATE CHANGE!



2011 Graduation Convocation will be held on
Saturday, May 7

Joke of the week:

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

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If you have a joke of the week you would like to see featured in the newsletter, please email it to studentaffairs@concordia.ab.ca.

(All submissions are subject to approval)



Career Services NEWS – October 8, to October 15, 2010

Career Services provides **Individual career consultations** and numerous **Career Resources**.

Consider Volunteering with Career Services to assist with events, critique resumes or special projects! Training and Volunteer Recognition provided.

Happening THIS week:

Seminar - Peter Schiemann Centre – Researching and Applying for Grad Studies –

Making plans in a group setting can be dynamic and creative.

Wednesday, October 12 – 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Please let Career Services know if you are interested in the Edmonton Police Service or RCMP. Career Services is arranging another information session. You need to let me know before October 18 that you are interested. Then the date will be planned.

Thank you!

IMPORTANT TIPS:

Track your volunteer experience. It doesn't have to be a lot to add up. That can really help your career when trying to get that all important experience and becomes part of your portfolio. If you are still looking for volunteer opportunities, Career Services can help. Take Care! Take time to be grateful this Thanksgiving!

For more information or appointment - contact Doreen Kooy, Career Services Coordinator at 780-378-8461, or e-mail at doreen.kooy@concordia.ab.ca or careerservices@concordia.ab.ca

**UNITED WAY
PIE & ICE CREAM SALE
OCTOBER 13TH, 2010.
11:00 TO 1:30 PM**

One slice of pie \$2.50
(with or without
ice cream)

All proceeds in
support of
UNITED WAY.



**New: Feature Pie for
Auction**

A certain member of our Faculty has proclaimed that his spouse makes the world's best pie and he is "loathe to part with it." We felt such a pie should be auctioned to the highest bidder! That way a certain philosophical fellow may return home with it.



UNITED WAY OF THE ALBERTA CAPITAL REGION

Upcoming special events on campus in support of the United Way:

Pie and Ice Cream, October 13 - Tegler

The **Fudge Lady** returns, October 19, 20, 21 - Tegler

Chapel and Coffee (date in October to be determined) - in support of Catholic Social Services

"What is United Way":

"We bring people and resources together to build caring, vibrant communities. We focus on the big picture, not just on a single cause. We combine our expertise, resources, networks, and influence to improve social conditions where it matters most. Agencies, partnerships, and initiatives all work together to improve community conditions as a whole".

Your gift works alongside the many volunteers and community agencies that make such a difference. Interested in other ways of helping the United Way? How about a product drive for Homeless Connect? Email kathe-rine.hutton@concordia.ab.ca for details.

If you would like to make a donation to the United Way, donate online, or visit External Relations & Development for a pledge form) Your gift can be directed to the non-profit organization of your choice (provided it has a charitable registration number).



UNITED WAY OF THE ALBERTA CAPITAL REGION

Yearbooks!!!

The CSA would like to bring back the tradition of yearbooks. One minor problem: we need volunteers to coordinate it! You don't have to be graduating to be involved! If this is something you would like to be a part of, please email

csapresident@student.concordia.ab.ca

It looks great on a resume and scholarship applications!!! Get involved!!!!

Bras Across the Bridge is BACK!!!!

EADSA is proud to take part in in **91.7 The Bounce's** annual **Breast Cancer Research** drive.

We are looking to collect *new and gently used* bras to donate! For every **bra** collected, 91.7 The Bounce will donate **\$1** to **Breast Cancer Research!**

The bras collected will be strung together and hung across the **High Level Bridge** on **October 29, 2010** to gauge the collections success.

Thereafter, the bras will be **donated to women's shelters.**

To donate, please place all bra donations in the labeled box in the **Education Student Lounge** area in **Guild Hall** before October 29. Thanks for your support on our **Quest for the Cure!**

Not enough good looking men or women on campus? Check out the YMCA with your complimentary 2-week pass that must be used in October!!!! Print off the attached form and take it to your local Y. PLEASE NOTE: although it states \$45.00 on the brochure, to continue to have a monthly pass, it will only be \$40.50 for Concordia Students, Staff, and Faculty.
Students: You will be asked to show your student ID
Staff and Faculty: Bring some sort of CUCA affiliation such as a business card, etc.

Facilities:

A variety of Drop-In Classes for all ages (*aerobics, aquafit, yoga, indoor playground, child minding, teen night activities, etc.*)

Squash & Racquetball Courts (*courts not available at all locations*)

Members-Only Recreational Swim and Gymnasium times-**THEY HAVE A POOL!!!!!!** (*specific times vary at each location*)

Work-out Centre Orientation (must be 12+ years)

Personal Program Design (must be 12+ years)

100 metre indoor running/walking track

Benefits:

Access to all four of the YMCA Family facilities in Edmonton

Access to YMCA facilities across Canada

Preferred rates on registered programs and services

Advanced program registration

Priority on program waitlists

Guest privileges

YMCA Group Membership Rates

Concordia has been offered group membership rates with the YMCA. This means that you get 10% off the monthly rate and don't have to pay a building fee. Below are the following rates:

If you are interested, please email: csapresident@student.concordia.ab.ca
(We need at least 10 people buying memberships to get the discount:)

Still too expensive for your student budget?

Check out the Opportunity Fund--><http://www.edmonton.ymca.ca/MembershipInformation/OpportunityFundEasingAccessToTheY/tabid/91/Default.aspx>

Please note that staff and faculty are welcome to join.

Concrete Theatre Season Opener

Under Cover



October 29 & 30

1 Stanley Milner Library Theatre

Special Ticket Price of \$10.00 with Concordia ID

ESA Clubs and Associations

Concordia Aboriginal Students' Association	casa@student.concordia.ab.ca
Concordia Business Association	cba@student.concordia.ab.ca
Church Vocation Alliance	churchvocation@student.concordia.ab.ca
Education After-Degree Students' Association	eadsa@student.concordia.ab.ca
Environment Health Students' Association e	hsa@student.concordia.ab.ca
Education Undergrad Society	eus@student.concordia.ab.ca
Hockey Fan Club	hfc@student.concordia.ab.ca
Loveglobal	loveglobal@student.concordia.ab.ca
Model UN Club	modelun@student.concordia.ab.ca
Psychology Students' Council	psc@student.concordia.ab.ca
Philosophy Club (The Peripatetics)	phylosophy@student.concordia.ab.ca
Intramural Club	intramuralclub@student.concordia.ab.ca
Science Club	scienceclub@student.concordia.ab.ca



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Library News

A New Library Notice is coming that will help you avoid Fines!

If you have an item checked out of the library the schedule of email notices you receive is as follows:

A “Heads Up” notice 3 days before the item is due

A “1st overdue” notice the day after the item is due

A “2nd overdue” notice 7 days after the due date

An “Assumed Lost” notice 31 days after the due date

Soon a new notice will be added to this list. You will receive a notice on the day that the item is due, giving you the opportunity to renew or return the item that day and avoid the \$1.00/day fine. The “1st overdue” notice will move to 2 days after the item is due. Just remember to renew or return items on time - the best way to do that is to check your student email daily for library notices.

You can renew your own items from “My Account” on the library website <http://library.concordia.ab.ca/services/myaccount.php>. You can also visit or phone the Circulation Desk to renew.

If you have any questions about notices, fines or renewals just ask at the Circulation Desk.

Doing research for your latest assignment? Need more than what you can find on the shelves of Concordia’s Library? Did you know that you can request books and articles from other libraries through our library catalogue? The Concordia Library is a member of the NEOS Consortium, which includes the University of Alberta libraries, Alberta Government libraries, and other academic libraries across Alberta. Visit the library homepage at <http://library.concordia.ab.ca> to search WorldCat and select the items that you need to read. Materials are usually delivered in under five business days and can be picked up from the Circulation Desk. Any questions? Just consult a library staff member who will be happy to walk you through the request process.