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BRETT'S WEEKLY UPDATE



The WRITING CENTRE HOURS:



Career Services Workshops, all in HA009 from 12-1pm. Students must register in advance

Resume & Cover Letter
Writing- Jan 26

Interviewing Skills
February 4

Job Search Basics
February 11

Register with Career Services by calling 780 378-8461. Or, by emailing philipahardy@concordia.ab.ca

How to be a Successful Student

Attend these workshops to get practical and easy-to-apply tips on how to excel in your courses.

Monday, Jan. 26th
5:00 and 6:00 pm

Tuesday Jan. 27th
12:00, 5:00 and 6:00 pm

All of the workshops
will be held at Concordia
in room HA314.



- *HOW LONG CAN I TAKE THIS BOOK OUT FOR?
- *HOW CAN I KEEP IT LONGER?
- *HOW DO I PRINT AT THE LIBRARY?
- *WHERE CAN I STUDY WITH MY FRIENDS?
- *WHEN ARE YOU OPEN?
- *HOW DO I FIND ARTICLES?
- *HOW DO I ORDER A BOOK IN FROM ANOTHER LIBRARY?





this
monday

MUFFIN MONDAY

Monday, January 26, 2015
9:30am

Stop By Career Services (L358)
For Muffins, Coffee, & Hot Chocolate!

Hope. Burundi.

Concordia Alumnus Dr. George Watts

This Tuesday, January 27, 10:45-11:00am, Concordia's Auditorium Dr. Watts will be telling us how a faith-based university in Burundi is bringing hope in one of the world's poorest countries. A graduate of Concordia's Bachelor of Management program, Dr. Watts will be moving to Burundi shortly to take up a faculty position teaching business management. Come listen and learn.

Philosophy Party!

For all interested in Philosophy:

- philosophy concentrations and minors,
- anyone interested in concentrating or minoring in philosophy
- everyone interested in reconstituting Concordia's *Philosophy Club*

This Friday, January 30, noon, HA009

Pizza provided

Come party with others who enjoy a good argument!

CAREER FAIR

JANUARY 28~TEGLER CENTRE~10am-2pm

2015 Career Fair Participants:

ABC Head Start
ADR Institute of Alberta
Alberta Accountants Unification Agency
Alberta Blue Cross
Alberta Municipal Affairs – Municipal Internship Program
Alberta Society of Professional Biologists
Association of the Chemical Professionals of Alberta
Boys and Girls Clubs – Big Brothers Big Sisters
Christian Labour Association of Canada
Edmonton John Howard
EPCOR Utilities Inc.
Edmonton Police Service
Enterprise Holdings
Family Solutions Group
Freedom 55 Financial
Investors Group
MNP LLP
Paragon Toastmasters
Psychologists' Association of Alberta
RCMP
TELUS Communications
Wild Rose Caregivers

Booths from Concordia:

Concordia Business Association - LinkedIn Profile Photos
Concordia Career Services
Concordia Graduate/After Degree Programs
Concordia Financial Aid

Also: Get on the spot LinkedIn profile pictures by Concordia's CBA

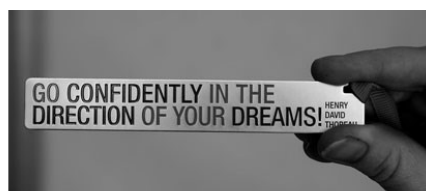


WHY ATTEND A CAREER FAIR: EVEN WHEN YOU DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD

Career and job fairs happening frequently in the city, and mostly free, but those should not be reasons to take them for granted. On the contrary, you should attend several career fairs a year, whether you have a job or not. Here are 5 reasons why:



Practice Confidence



A career fair is a shopping mall for career prospects and connections, and confidence is the currency of the day. Not only are employers and organizations vying for the brightest candidates, you have the opportunity to sell yourself to your “buyer” of choice. To do this, you need to confidently deliver an elevator pitch and

share your skills, experience and aspirations. Attend several career fairs and practice looking people eye to eye, shaking hands confidently, overall body posture and speaking fluently in professional manner. Study the body language of the most successful networker in the room; pick cues from their posture, dress, sense and speech. Practice making your brand the most desirable in the room. It all begins with confidence.

Reconnaissance



What would Sherlock Holmes do if he attended a job fair? Likely, he would watch for several clues, extrapolate information and use it later to solve the case. Grab your figurative (or literal!) Sherlock hat and head to Concordia's career fair. Information gleaned can help solve the *Case of the Missing/Future Employment!* LinkedIn details, organizational objectives, names of HR representatives and hiring managers, employee expectations, knowledge of workplace culture and atmosphere, are all potent weapons in your arsenal when eventually writing resumes, cover letters and heading to interviews. A job interview will not take you by surprise when proper reconnaissance has been done. A career fair is a great resource for just that. Elementary, my dear Watson.

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Explore Alternatives



Not sure which career path you want to pursue after school? Or, perhaps you're already at a job that you don't find fulfilling and are considering a change? At a career fair, you will interact with working professionals from all walks of life. Do not be afraid to take a representative more personal questions like their reason for working where they do and any purpose and sense of fulfilment their jobs may offer them; you might be surprised by the answers you get.

Socialize and Network

Careers fairs provide a healthy social context to not only discuss with representatives from various organizations, but also with fellow job seekers. Everyone is there with career advancement in mind. Start a conversation with a stranger, you may meet someone who is looking to vacate a position they currently occupy which you might be interested in filling. Exchange business cards, emails or LinkedIn details. Career related conversations can continue even after the career fair ends. Great friends and associates can be made if you approach a job fair with a social networking mindset.

Be Inspired



Feeling down because you are unsure about your future or are currently unemployed? Perhaps you are ready to move on from your current place of work. A career fair might just be the right dose of inspiration to get your productivity juices flowing again. Humans are generally social creatures, and interacting with bright and eager minds, tends to inspire us to better our lives also. Maybe it's the sense of challenge in the air, maybe it's even a bit of career envy. Whatever it may be, being in the midst of many brilliant, confident people vying for job prospects can get your blood running, and motivate you to strive for more.

Cheers to good success!

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for Concordia Career Services

CAREER SERVICES STUDENT DROP-IN
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Mondays to Thursdays in L358 (Library)



Ski Trip

tickets on sale now for only \$399

Spend your reading week at Lake Louise



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ASSOCIATION

BREAKING BUDGET?

6 STEPS TO SMART SPENDING



STUDENT
health101TM
Check it Out!



**AFTER
DEGREES**



CONCORDIA
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INTERESTED IN TAKING AN AFTER DEGREE AT CONCORDIA?

Check out these info sessions:

EDUCATION

Monday, Feb 2nd
Noon
HA238

ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH

Wednesday, Feb 4th
Noon
HA 238

Register at concordia.ab.ca/infosession/



Are YOU in Open Studies?

**Are you interested in
entering a faculty?**

Check out Concordia's info session:

Monday, Feb 9th

Noon

HA238

Register at concordia.ab.ca/infosession/

LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Laurence Decore Award for Student Leadership

**Full-time domestic UNDERGRADUATE students who are
Alberta residents may apply. Award Value: \$1000**

**Paper applications available at the
Financial Aid & Awards brochure rack (HA120)**

**Return all completed applications to Enrolment Services
by FEBRUARY 6**

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LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Dr. Gary McPherson Leadership Scholarship

**Full-time domestic GRADUATE & UNDERGRADUATE students
may apply. Award Value: \$2000**

**Paper applications available at the
Financial Aid & Awards brochure rack (HA120)**

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Charitable Donations

It was reported that recently on campus an individual requested donations for the Philippines. In most cases, a person or group, may be representing a legitimate organization; however, it's always best to ask those involved for some identification or documentation as proof of that involvement.

If you are approached on campus to contribute to a charity, and are in doubt, please ask the individual to report to the Student Life Office located in HA 114. Student Life staff will take steps to verify the credibility of the persons representing that charity. Requests for *cash donations* should be viewed as suspect- especially without a receipt!

Many of us are filled with a desire to help others; unfortunately, fraudulent charities often emerge to try to scam donations from well-meaning Canadians. To avoid scams or having your dollars misdirected, donors would do well to plan their giving and demand accountability of the organizations soliciting their support.

If you plan to donate money, whether it's for those in need or for another cause close to your heart, the Better Business Bureau offers the following advice:

Think before you give. Door-to-door solicitations for donations are common, but when an unfamiliar organization comes knocking, don't give without gathering details.

Giving later might be better. Never feel pressured to give on the spot. Legitimate charities will welcome your money tomorrow.

Be cautious when giving online. Be cautious about online giving, especially in response to messages and emails that claim to link to a charitable organization, in particular with those linked to disaster relief. In the days following the Japanese earthquake and tsunami, several phony charitable websites popped up alleging to help victims.

Watch out for charity fraud. Legitimate charities do not demand donations; they willingly provide written information about their programs, finances or how donations are used; and they never insist you provide your credit card number, bank account number or any other personal information.

Tax receipts. If you want to make a tax-deductible donation, only a registered charity has a Registration Number from the Canada Revenue Agency and can issue donation receipts for gifts



MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

“A NIGHT OF EVIL AND PASSION”

PRESENTED BY

THE GTC - CONCORDIA'S DRAMA

ASSOCIATION AND

ROTARY CLUB OF EDMONTON RIVERVIEW

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2015

7:00 PM

YEG NIGHTCLUB

11845 WAYNE GRETZKY DR

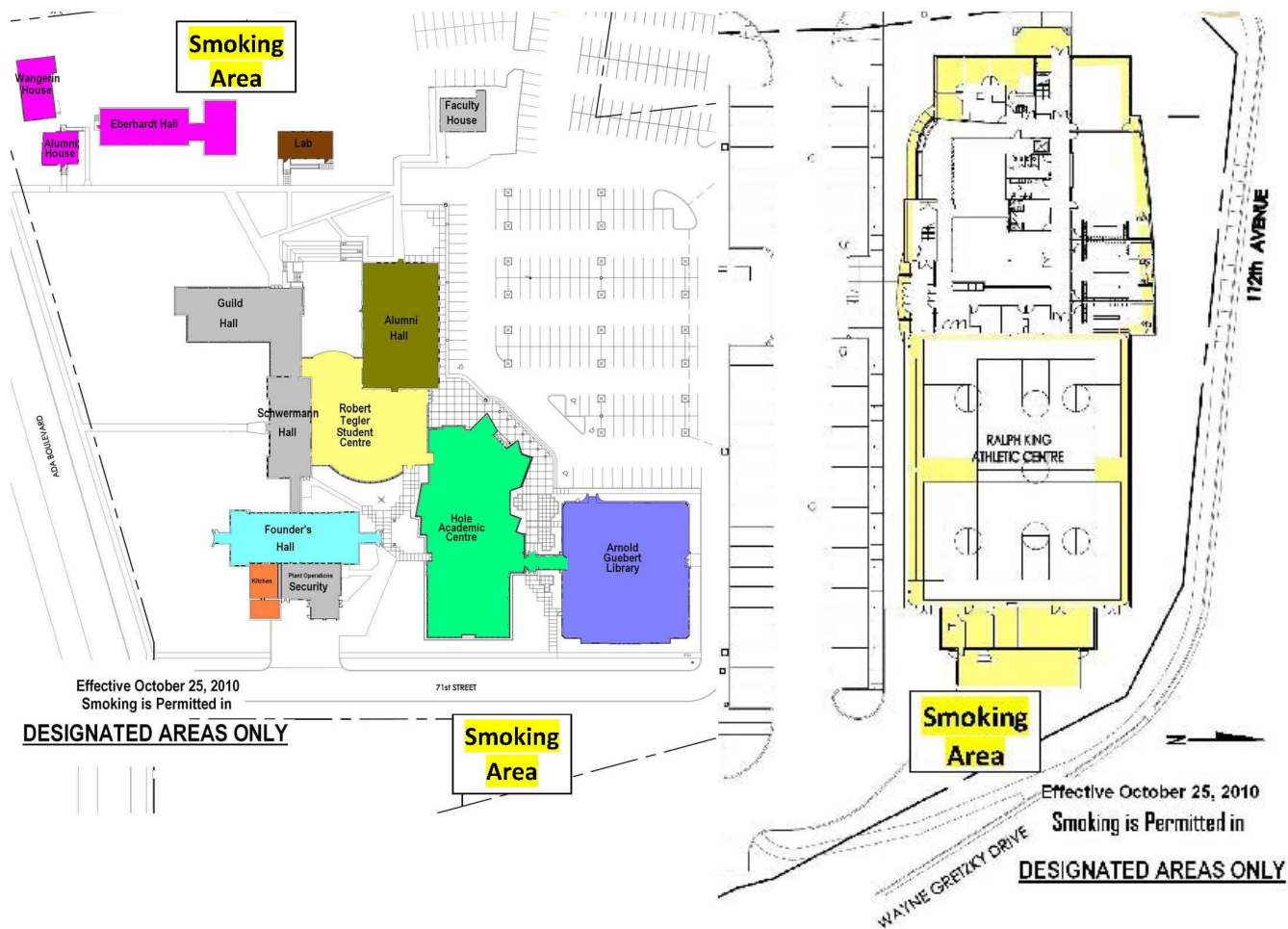
PRICE: \$38.00

The event is a fundraiser for development projects in Belize



Designated Smoking Areas on Campus

Please smoke in designated areas only



Concordia University College of Alberta

Souvenir Sale 30 %

Monday, January 26th to Friday, February 6th 2015

Note: Some exclusions apply



Get Connected!

It's that time of year again... it's time for CPA's **Get Connected!** Event.

This event will feature a panel of diverse, local professional accountants who will speak about their current roles (whether in business, public practice, government, etc.) and provide insight into what students need to consider before selecting a particular training route. There will also be time for mingling and networking with accountants and other students interested in the accounting profession, over light appetizers and refreshments.

Agenda Details:

Edmonton – Tuesday, March 3, 2015
Matrix Hotel (Amber Room)
10640 100 Ave NW, Edmonton, AB T5J 3N8

Registration: 6:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion: 6:30 p.m.

REGISTER TODAY!!!

<https://getconnected-edmonton.eventbrite.ca>



FEES ARE DUE

February 2nd IS THE
LAST DAY TO PAY TUITION
FEES WITHOUT PENALTY
DON'T DELAY! PAY TODAY!

You can find your balance by checking
online through Concordia's website.

<https://onlineservices.concordia.ab.ca/student/>

To pay in person, or to request a statement,
You can contact Student Accounts (HA120).

If you have any questions or concerns,
Please contact Student Accounts
At [780-479-9207](tel:780-479-9207) or email

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