CONCORDIA'S WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER



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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"The more you take responsibility for your past and present, the more you are able to create the future you seek."

~ Author Unknown

Student - Faculty Mixers

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Each mixer is held after class hours between 4 – 6 p.m. We'll provide the pizza and drinks – all you have to do is come for the conversation.

Join us at one of the mixers – <u>http://concordia.ab.ca/2012/09/student-and-faculty-</u> <u>mixers/</u>

Faculty	Date	Location
English	Monday, Sept. 24 th – 4:00 – 5:00	Glass Lounge
English	Tuesday, Oct. $2^{nd} - 4:00 - 5:00$	Welcome Center
Drama and Music and French	Monday, Oct. 1st– 4:00 – 5:00	Welcome Center
History and Political Economy	Wednesday, Sept. $26^{th} - 4:00 - 5:00$	Glass Lounge
Philosophy and Religious Studies	Monday, Oct. $1^{st} - 4:00 - 5:00$	Glass Lounge
Psychology	Monday, Sept. 24th- 4:00 - 5:00	Welcome Center
Psychology	Wednesday, Oct. $3^{rd} - 4:00 - 5:00$	Glass Lounge
Psychology	Thursday, Oct. $4^{th} - 4:00 - 5:00$	Welcome Center
Sociology	Thursday, Sept. $27^{th} - 4:00 - 5:00$	Welcome Center
Management	Wednesday, Sept. $26^{th} - 4:00 - 5:00$	Welcome Center
Management	Tuesday, Oct. $2^{nd} - 4:00 - 5:00$	Glass Lounge
Biology and Environmental Science	Thursday, Sept. $27^{th} - 5:00 - 6:00$	Glass Lounge
Biology and Environmental Science	Wednesday, Oct. $3^{rd} - 5:00 - 6:00$	Welcome Center
Mathematics and Chemistry	Thursday, Oct. 4th– 5:00 – 6:00	Glass Lounge

REGISTER TODAY!

Languages In Teacher Education Scholarship (AB Scholarship Programs)

This scholarship is designed to reward Alberta students enrolled in a recognized Alberta teacher preparation program taking courses that will allow them to teach a language other than English, including FNMI (First Nations, Metis and Inuit) languages in Alberta schools.

Value: \$2,500

Applicants must be:

- A Canadian Citizen or a Permanent Resident
- An Alberta resident
- Enrolled full-time in the final two years of a recognized Alberta teacher preparation program at an Alberta Faculty of Education

Concordia will select one applicant who meets the eligibility criteria and who is completing an Alberta teacher preparation program that will allow them to become a language teacher after they graduate. Recipients must intend to teach in Alberta schools upon completion of their program.

See application form for full details.

Application forms available at Student & Enrolment Services (HA120)

Deadline: Monday, October 8, 2012

NOTICE REGARDING DEGREE CONFERRALS

Concordia University College of Alberta recently made changes to the graduation process. Starting September 2012, degrees will now be conferred three times per year in September, January and May. Students who complete their degree requirements prior to the May 2013 Convocation may now, if eligible, have the opportunity to have their degree(s) conferred on September 28, 2012, January 31, 2013 or May 11, 2013.

In order to be considered for any of the degree conferral dates listed above, students must submit an "Application for Degree (or Certificate)" form and any outstanding documents (if applicable) to the Registrar's Office (HA 120) according to the following deadlines:

September 28, 2012:

Application for Degree or Certificate due August 1 Outstanding documents (if applicable) due August 31

January 31, 2013:

Application for Degree or Certificate due **November 30** Outstanding documents (if applicable) due December 19

May 11, 2013 (Convocation Ceremony):

Application for Degree or Certificate due **October 1** Outstanding documents (if applicable) due February 1

*PLEASE NOTE: Students who opt for a degree conferral date prior to May are still most welcome to attend the May Convocation Ceremony and participate in all of the regular graduation activities!

Application for Degree or Certificate forms are available on our website under "Printable Forms"; in baskets under the graduation signs around campus; and in the Student and Enrolment Services area (HA120).

If you have questions about the new process for degree conferrals please contact the Registrar's Office at 780-479-9220, by email at registrar@concordia.ab.ca , or see a Registration Advisor in Student and Enrolment Services (HA120).

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SESSION

The Financial Aid and Awards Office will host a scholarship information session for students interested in **applying for graduate funding** from the three research councils of Canada - NSERC, SSHRC, and CIHR. The session is targeted to current senior-level undergraduate students interested in pursuing studies at the **Masters level** in the fields of **Natural Sciences** and **Engineering (NSERC), Social Sciences** and **Humanities (SSHRC)** and **Health research (CIHR**).

Thursday, September 27th 4:00 p.m. HA009

Presenters: Dr. Rossitza Marinova and Margie Schoepp

Concordia Bursary Program

Deadline to Apply: October 15th

Apply On-line: <u>https://onlineservices.concordia.ab.ca/student/</u> <u>onlineawardsapplications.php</u> Questions??? Speak with a Financial Aid Advisor in Student & Enrolment Services (HA120), call 780-479-9220, or email <u>finaid@concordia.ab.ca</u>.

Employment Opportunities with Athletics

The Concordia Athletics Department is looking to fill several casual part-time positions for the upcoming 2012-13 ACAC Athletics season. Students with a passion for <u>and knowledge of</u> Basketball and especially Volleyball are needed to complete our game-day staff 'line up'! All interested students are encouraged to contact Scott Bancarz, Athletics Program Coordinator, at scott.bancarz@concordia.ab.ca or by phone at (780) 479-9300.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE – SEPTEMBER 28!



The last day to pay fall term fees without penalty is September 28th

Accounts with fees unpaid after September 28th are subject to interest charges and encumbrance.

Please check your account information online through Concordia's website <u>http://onlineservices.concordia.ab.ca/student/</u>

If you need a statement, you can request one from Student Accounts

Fees can be paid at the Student Accounts Office.

Fees can also be paid through your bank by setting up Concordia University College of Alberta as a biller and using your ID number as your account number, as well as by credit card through online student services on Concordia's website http://onlineservices.concordia.ab.ca/student/

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Student Accounts: 780-479-9206, studentaccts@concordia.ab.ca

This week from Concordia – Career Services Monday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteer Fair – 20 exhibitors with volunteer opportunities

Thursday at Noon – 1 p.m. – Anyone interest in Law School join Kim Wilson from the University of Alberta for a presentation in Room – (A 314) – Alumni Hall 314

Drop In for - **Resume Critiques** from 1-3 p.m. on Tuesday's and Thursday's starting Thursday, September 21 until the end of the semester. Go to L265 – Main Floor Library. Tip - Don't start your search without having it looked at!

GRADUATING THIS YEAR?! – See Career Services to make your link from 'gown to town.' Know your options and plan your next step now!

Career Planning 1-1 – Unsure of your career path and decisions? Meet at Career Services at 4:30 – 6 on Wednesday September 26 for a group session.

CONCORDIA'S CAREER PORTAL

Concordia has a new Career Portal! This is where you can register to get log in permission and then access work, volunteer, internship, and going abroad opportunities that come into Career Services. Check it out! <u>www.careerportal.concordia.ab.ca</u> which links to the main career services website. Any problem, please contact Career Services.

Career Services are available to all faculties, students and alumni! Career Services – provides options, preparation and opportunities! Grow into your Career! Doreen Kooy, B.Ed., Career Services Coordinator/Advisor

Parking Permit Machines & New Loonies/Twoonies

The newly-minted one– and two-dollar coins do not work in vending machines or parking permit machines (they are of a slightly lighter weight than the previous coins). Also, If you experience any issues with a parking permit machine on Concordia's property not accepting a credit or debit card for payment to please try another machine. If more than one machine does not produce a receipt, please report that to Plant Operations.

Women of Concordia,



You are most welcome to join in the re-established women's choir of Concordia, *Bella Voce Concordia*! This year, *Bella Voce* will be meeting from 5:30-6:45pm on Mondays, in Tegler. We will be learning music to be part of several events and concerts, and enjoying the learning process along the way! There is no audition necessary, and anyone is welcome to join. The cost is \$50 for the year.

If you have been wanting to sing again, come join us! That time on Monday means that we can draw on Concert Choir women (staying after their choir rehearsal), Chorus women (coming early for their Chorus rehearsal), and staff and faculty at Concordia. If you know of people 'from the outside' who also want to sing, you can encourage them to be part of Bella Voce, as well!

Looking forward to making music with you! See you on Monday in Tegler! Joy

STUDENT HEALTH 101

Welcome to the new school year here at Concordia!

September is an exciting time of the year...new classes, new friends, new routines and more.

That's why you should spend 10 minutes reading September's Student Health 101, the online health and wellness magazines just for Concordia students, at <u>http://read101.ca/</u> <u>concordia.html</u>



What's in it for you?

- **First**, enter to win September's \$1,000 cash prize just for reading Student Health 101. Enter the contest at <u>http://read101.ca/concordia.html</u>
- Second, there are some great articles in Student Health 101, such as:
 - \Rightarrow Tasty Healthy Food on Campus
 - \Rightarrow Finding your Emotional Strengths
 - \Rightarrow Setting Goals with Mentors