



GRADUATION INFORMATION

Formal Banquet Tickets

The Banquet will be held at Northlands Expo Centre Ballroom, May 10th 2014. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Each Graduate will receive one complimentary ticket courtesy of the CSA. Grads must present their Student ID in order to pick up your complimentary ticket. Guest tickets are \$60 plus GST. Seating will be arranged in tables of 10. The Northlands parking fee (\$12) is not included in the ticket price.

Master of Ceremonies & Toasts

We are searching for those who would be interested in giving the toast to the profs and the toast to the families. Please email: grad@student.concordia.ab.ca for further information

Grad Photos

Images with Distinction will be here for a final on campus sitting March 24th and March 25th. Space is limited so book soon. To make a booking; or to contact *Images of Distinction* about a past booking, go to their website: concordiagradphotos.com/

Silent Auction Fundraiser

We will be postponing our Silent Auction this year till March 25 & March 26. Keep this on your radar as there are many intriguing items you can receive including restaurant gift cards, gym memberships, oil changes, etc.

Watch your Concordia email for updates and other important information. Or, check out the Spring Convocation website: <http://graduation.concordia.ab.ca/>



Brett's Weekly Update



[Click Here](#)

OFFICIAL TAX RECEIPT

2013 T2202A'S: AVAILABLE ONLINE

The T2202A is your official tax receipt used to claim the eligible educational expenses for the tax year on your income tax return. The form includes the amount of tuition that can be claimed as well as the number of months eligible for the education deduction.

The 2013 T2202A is now available through online student services on Concordia's web site <http://onlineservices.concordia.ab.ca/student/>

WINTER TERM FEES ARE PAST DUE

If you have not paid your winter term fees, they are now past due. Your account is encumbered and interest is being charged.

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

If you anticipate student loan payments, please ensure that you have completed the student loan process. Questions? Contact Student Accounts (780) 479-9207 or studentaccts@concordia.ab.ca

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CSA ELECTIONS

Nominations Open Today!
See page 2 for more info.

CSA GENERAL ELECTIONS - MARCH 20TH & 21ST 2014

Get involved and make a difference to your student life at Concordia. The Concordia Student Association is seeking nominees for the following CSA Executive positions:

- **CSA President**
- **CSA VP Finance**
- **CSA VP Marketing**
- **CSA VP Internal**
- **CSA VP Student Life**
- **Arts Representative**

Nominations Open: Monday, March 3rd 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Nominations Close: Friday, March 7th 2014 at 4:30 p.m.

Election Speeches: Wednesday, March 19th, 2014 at 12 Noon
Tegler Student Centre

Elections: Thursday, March 20th & Friday, March 21, 2014

From 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Watch your Concordia email for election information; voting is now online.

Pick up a nomination package at the CSA Office (A107) or Student Life (HA114). For more information contact (Elections Chair) Bailey Gardecki at: bgardeck@student.concordia.ab.ca

NATIONAL SURVEY OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

TAKE THE SURVEY AND WIN A \$15 ITUNES GIFT CARD

Concordia University College of Alberta wants to improve your educational experience and you can help by completing the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). NSSE helps us understand how students are spending time in and out of the classroom, which guides decisions that will benefit Concordia students.

Please check your Concordia email for the survey and your unique login ID. In appreciation for participating, we will enter all students who complete the survey by March 12, 2014, into a drawing for one of five iTunes gift cards worth \$15 each. Your chances of winning depend on how many complete the survey, approximately 744 students have been invited to participate. Your feedback is valuable!

BACKPACKING WITH A PURPOSE

This summer, Operation Groundswell is sending hundreds of students across the globe for six week programs that will change their perspective on the developing world. You will have a unique opportunity to truly immerse yourself in new customs and cultures with the help of our incredible program leaders, who have organized meaningful community service projects, meetings with innovative local NGOs, and one crazy adventure.

We are looking for globally conscious and socially active students who want to spend their summer exploring some of the most complex and beautiful countries in the world! Programs are filling up quickly so apply today!

Check out our map of where we go. www.operationgroundswell.com

Our six week programs each have a different focus and are open in the following countries and regions:

- * West Africa - Education and Global Health
- * East Africa – Youth Empowerment and Development
- * Middle East - Human Rights (ALMOST FULL)
- * Southeast Asia - Ecotourism (PROGRAM FULL) and Youth Empowerment
- * India - Education and Women’s Rights (ALMOST FULL)
- * Guatemala - Fair Trade Justice and Peace & Conflict
- * Peru - Health & Wellness (PROGRAMS FULL) and Environment



Operation Groundswell is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing financially accessible travel experiences that blend responsible volunteering, education, personal development and adventure.

Starting March 3, students can book the two library study rooms online either by clicking on the link via the library website or by scanning the study room QR code posted on the door.

<http://library.concordia.ab.ca/book-a-group-study-room/>

Rooms can be booked in hour increments to a maximum of 4 hours per day.

Minimum of two students and maximum of six students in each room.

Make the CONCORDIA CAREER FAIR work for you!

The employers are coming!

Are you looking for full time, part-time or summer employment?

Attend Concordia's **Career Fair on Wed, March 5, 2014** from 10am – 2pm to learn about many great work opportunities available to you.

Below are a few things to keep in mind to ensure your experience at the Career Fair is positive and productive:

BEFORE THE FAIR

1. Get your resume ready. Meet with staff at Career Services (L265) to ensure you are presenting yourself well and highlighting your skills and experiences in ways employers will appreciate. Need fine tuning or a complete resume overhaul? Career Services can help.

Book an appointment or visit during Drop-In hours (11:30am – 2pm Mondays – Thursdays).

2. Learn how to network. All participating employers will be looking to hire students like you. Not looking for a job right now? Make employer connections now to prepare you for when you are seeking work later.

AT THE FAIR

1. Be prepared. Bring copies of your resume, a pen and paper to make notes during the Fair. You will be getting a lot of information and you may want to follow up with employers afterward. Note the names of employers you speak with and the information you learn from them.

2. Treat the Career Fair like a job interview. Dress to impress and be ready to answer any questions that employers may ask you. Do not be afraid to showcase your acquired skills and abilities. Visit Career Services for interviewing tips and to book a mock interview.

3. Go solo. Would you attend a job interview with your friends? Consider attending the Fair alone so that you can demonstrate your professionalism and confidence.

4. Network. Make yourself known to employers by taking initiative and introducing yourself to them. Not interested in working for a particular organization? Ask them about their hiring practices anyway. Learn about hiring trends.

5. Take business cards from employers you talk with. You can maintain contact with them after the Fair is over.

6. Ask questions. Ask insightful questions whose answers would not be found on their website.

7. Remember, new job opportunities are always arising. If an employer does not have a position for you now, there may be work for you in the future.

8. Employers will appreciate your attentiveness, thoughtfulness and professionalism. Maintain eye contact with them during conversation, smile and be polite. When the conversation is over, remember to say “thank you” and shake hands.

AFTER THE FAIR

1. Review your notes and any promotional material that you collected from employers. Consider which companies best suit your interests and needs. Follow up on job opportunities that you are interested in.

2. Send a thank you note to employers you have met. This common courtesy is often missed by most job seekers. Do you want to stand out? This is one way to do so. Thank you notes demonstrate your interest in an organization and position. Notes also allow you to promote yourself a second time.

Career Fairs allow recruiters to screen potential employees while allowing students to explore work opportunities available to them. However, keep in mind that not all employers are available to attend the Career Fair on March 5th. Keep your spidy senses on alert for employers who visit Concordia throughout the year to best meet their own availability and hiring needs. Inquire at Career Services and watch for promotional messages in newsletters, flyers and on campus TV ads.

Career Services

Room: L265 (Library)

Phone: (780) 378-8461

Email: careerservices@concordia.ab.ca

Student Drop-In Hours: Mon – Thurs, 11:30am – 2pm
Appointments are also available.

MIHALCHEON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS BROWN BAG SEMINARS OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS SERIES 2013-2014

Up Your Game: Value, Visibility, and Credibility – The Case for Case Competitions



Competitions are a daily part of life. Students compete for university placements, scholarships, practicum, and employment. You celebrate wins and learn from losses. The sooner you learn, the faster you up your game: position yourself with value, increase visibility, and enhance credibility at school and

ultimately the marketplace. Business case competitions are one way to sharpen your game. Think on your feet, manage divas, develop options, and present your solution persuasively. Are you game to Up Your Game? See you there.

Presenter's Bio

Dr. Mark Loo had over 20 years of experience in sales and marketing in various industries including office automation, direct-selling, advertising, children's education, and professional training-consulting before becoming a full-time academic. He has coached undergraduate teams for advertising, marketing, and business plan competitions, and one team took the top prize for an IT Business Plan competition organized by an international bank. He was also invited to coach managerial teams for a business competition jointly organized by the Malaysian Institute of Management and McKinsey. Not a stranger to competitions, Dr. Loo won art competitions in secondary school, advertising training awards at Ogilvy and Mather, and shared industry advertising awards for creative excellence with colleagues at Ogilvy and Quantum: FCB advertising agencies.

Feel free to bring your lunch
to the seminar!



DATE

Wednesday,
March 5, 2014

TIME

12:15 – 12:45pm

LOCATION

Hole Academic
Centre - HA 208
Concordia University
College of Alberta

PRESENTER

Mark Loo, PhD,
Associate Professor
of Management

THEATRE AT CONCORDIA PRESENTS
VILLAGE OF
IDIOTS

WRITTEN BY JOHN LAZARUS

DIRECTED BY DR. RANDY RITZ

MARCH 7-16

\$15 Regular
\$10 Student
TICKETS

Group rates available. Tickets at the door.

TEGLER AUDITORIUM
Concordia University
College of Alberta
7128 ADA BOULEVARD

FOR MORE
INFORMATION CALL
780.479.9270





Concordia Students Association Events and Announcements

Concordia Students Association is
Now accepting applications for the
position of Vice President of Marketing


Email your resume by February 11th to:
csapresident@student.concordia.ab.ca

**NOW
HIRING**

**EADSA 2014
DODGEBALL
CLASSIC**

**REGISTER
YOUR TEAM
TODAY!**

March 8th @ CUCA
Register Your Team of Six for \$60 at:
www.tinyurl.com/EADSADodgeball2014

2014 Concordia Education
Program's Dodge-Ball Classic 

Want *your* ad posted here? Email our Executive Assistant at:
hgulyas@student.concordia.ab.ca

THE CHRIS BENEDICT AWARD

This award was established by the Concordia Students' Association (CSA) in recognition of Christopher Benedict who in his final year of study at Concordia was diagnosed with Hodgkin Lymphoma, a type of cancer. Christopher was active in student life and serving as Vice President of Finance for the CSA in his final year.



This annual \$500 award is available to a student who:

- Has a positive outlook toward school and life
- Has demonstrated perseverance in the face of adversity
- Inspires others to succeed when facing adverse conditions
- Is registered as a part-time or full time student
- Presents a minimum GPA of 2.0

Paper applications are available at the Financial Aid & Awards Brochure rack located just outside the Student & Enrolment Services Office (HA120). Nominate someone today!

Applications must be submitted in person or by mail to the Student & Enrolment Services Office . (HA120) **by March 10, 2014**. Questions? Contact Financial at finaid@concordia.ab.ca



AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

U of A researchers are studying Family Caregivers of Older Adults with Multiple Chronic Conditions—can you help?

This study is to help understand the experience of caregivers and to find out the best way to assist you. You would participate in up to 3 one-hour research sessions in person, by phone or by Skype.

Please contact Heather for more information at 780-492-8167 or email heather.moquin@ualberta.ca



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FACULTY OF NURSING

This study has been approved by the Research Ethics Board

Canadian College Finals Rodeo (CCFR) March 27-29, 2014



Collegiate athletes face the toughest test of their lives at the CCFR! See future rodeo pros compete for national titles in the six major events, as well as Team Roping, Goat Tying, Breakaway Roping, and Pole Bending. Don't miss one of 2014's most exciting events!

CHOOSE YOUR CANADIAN COLLEGE FINALS RODEO TICKET OPTION!

SINGLE DAY TICKETS:

Start at \$11.50 per person

3-DAY PERFORMANCE PACKAGE:

Start at \$29.25 per person (Over 10% off Single Day). To purchase Single Day Tickets or 3-Day Packages go to Ticketmaster.ca or call [1.855.780.3000](tel:1.855.780.3000).

GROUP TICKETS (20+ TICKETS):

Starts at \$8.75 per person (Over 20% off Single Day). To purchase Group Tickets call [1.888.800.7275](tel:1.888.800.7275), email grouptickets@northlands.com or [download the order form](#)

Purchasing CCFR tickets supports the Canadian Intercollegiate Rodeo Association - tomorrow's career leaders in all industries, especially agriculture.

Your CCFR ticket includes free admission to the Northlands Farm & Ranch Show happening March 27-29, 2014 at the Edmonton EXPO Centre. Ticketmaster convenience and handling charges will apply. farmandranchshow.com/ccfr #CCFR14