#### CONCORDIA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Tax returns are due on April 30th!





Need funding for Spring or Summer term studies? NOW is the time to apply!

Visit a Concordia Financial Aid Advisor (HA120) or contact us at <a href="mail: finaid@concordia.ab.ca">finaid@concordia.ab.ca</a> if you have funding questions, need help applying, or need to know which funding application to use.

## EXTENDED LIBRARY HOURS APRIL 20-29 MON-FRI: 7:30 AM - 12:00 AM SAT\*: 10:00 AM - 12:00 AM SUN: 1:00 PM - 12:00 AM

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to Kristina B., winner of the Library's
Student Survey draw!



#### CAFETERIA MENU: APRIL 23-27

Monday General Tso's Chicken with Vegetable Fried Rice

24/7 STUDY SPACE IS AVAILABLE AT THE CAFETERIA

Tuesday Grilled Pork Chops with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, and a sautéed vegetable medley

Wednesday Gnocchi and Marinara sauce with Italian Sausage
Thursday Beef Vindaloo with Basmati rice, peas, and carrots

Friday Fish & Chips - Battered Cod with Potato Wedges and Tartar Sauce



### **Interaction With Coyotes on Campus**

There have been some daytime sightings of coyotes on our campus recently. The City of Edmonton's Park Rangers have been informed—we want coyotes to stay off our campus to avoid any conflict with people! Please see the advice from the Edmonton Urban Coyote Project listed below, and for more information visit:

http://www.edmontonurbancoyotes.ca/whatcanido.php





#### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Here are a few simple things that can be done to discourage coyote habituation:

- When you encounter a coyote act aggressive: Shout in a deep voice, wave your arms, throw non-edible objects towards the coyote, and make yourself look big while maintaining eye contact. Never run away: like with most dogs, this behavior makes them want to chase after you!
- Secure anything that could attract coyotes to your property (garbage, compost, birdseed, pet food, fallen fruit).
  - Keep cats and small dogs indoors, and keep them on-leash in park areas.
    - Never feed a coyote either in person or by leaving food for it.

Remember: In order to co-exist with coyotes, it is crucial that we maintain and reinforce their natural fear of humans!

#### First-Year Student Scores 2018 Edmonton Music Awards Nominations

Congratulations to first-year Concordia music student **Eric Scott**, a.k.a. **The Faceless Pianist**, who has been nominated for two 2018 Edmonton Music Awards! Eric's nominations are for Instrumental Recording of the Year for his piece "Before Time," and for the People's Choice award, which is based on public voting.

Eric is a self-taught musician and audio engineer who started composing at the age of 15, mainly on guitar. He released his first album, in the singer-songwriter genre, at the age of 16, and played guitar and bass on his own and in several bands for the next five years before taking a decade-long hiatus. Eventually he returned to music through audio engineering. More recently he has returned



to his central passion of composition, striving to create music that is emotionally evocative and inspiring, and utilizing digital means to produce music that sounds as much as possible like an authentic live performance--hence the moniker The Faceless Pianist. He is currently releasing his second EP, which will complete his first full-length digitally-produced album.

Eric has come to Concordia as his interests have gravitated toward the piano, to develop keyboard, cello, and theory skills that will inform both his performances and more sophisticated compositions. To this point his recordings have been digitally produced using a software program and audio-engineered to develop the composition past his piano performing skill level, but he hopes to remedy that dilemma with the help of Concordia's piano instructor, **Dr. Ping-Shan Liao**.

"I strongly believe in the importance of being mentored by the many music experts at Concordia . . . I feel truly privileged to receive the valuable advice offered by not only the professors but other students as well. Performing during the music seminars this semester is the first time in ten years that I have performed for anyone, and although I still have a lot of stage fright, being back to doing what I love and being able to share it with others feels amazing! I very much look forward to performing more and more as my skills improve and getting a chance to work alongside all the amazing talent the students of the music program possess.

"Ultimately, I just want to be able to write music that inspires others, ideally making a living scoring films and video games as well as continuing to write my own brand of music."

Listen to Eric's nominated composition, "Before Time," here.

Vote for Eric as "The Faceless Pianist" under the People's Choice award here.

The award ceremony is 7:30 pm Thursday, 28 June, at the Winspear Centre and tickets go on sale to the public on 22 April. The box office number is 780-428-1414. Good luck, Eric!



#### **COUNSELLING SERVICES**

Where healing begins...

Did you know that Concordia provides psychological counselling to students? Yes, we are here for you!

Sometimes life can get a little rough. At counselling services, it is our goal to help you recognize your strengths and resilience, so you can enjoy your life to the fullest. We know school can be stressful (course load, due dates, papers, finals! Ahhhh...). Keeping your mental health in good shape can help you with retention of study materials, increase your energy and boost your motivation!

## Counselling support is here for you

Call, email, drop by or book online with

Mirna Hanic, Counsellor

780 479-9241

studentlife@concordia.ab.ca

Student Success Centre (across from the bookstore)

To book online visit goo.gl/C6Yp23

\* 24 hr. cancellation notice required

#### HOURS

Mon - Fri: 9 – 4 pm

Office: HA113D Student Success Centre

Free Counselling Sessions

We Help You Develop Concrete,
Achievable plans and goals.

Confidential One-on-One
Support

We Connect you to Different (and superbl)
Resources - In and Off Campus
We Help You Work Towards Making the
Changes that Matter Most to You

https://concordia.ab.ca/studentservices/student-lifelearning/supportservices/counselling-services/





Pets, cuddles « belly rubs!

> Therapy Dogs

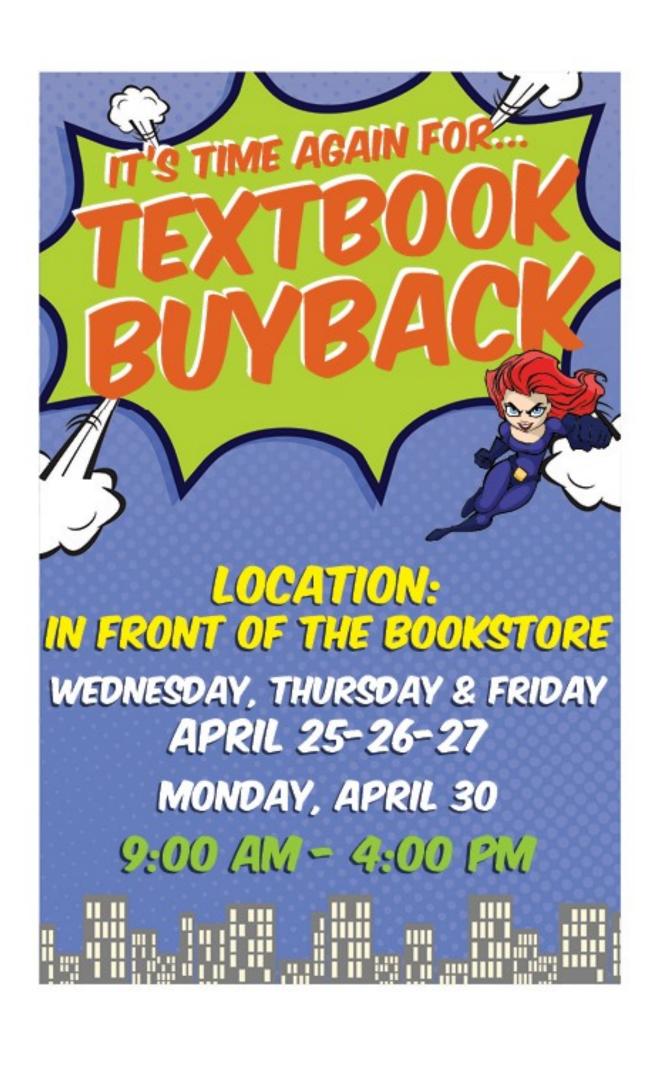
> > APRIL 23 & 27: 11 AM - 1 PM MAIN FLOOR, CUE LIBRARY

Free for all students!

## **Locker Contents Removal**

Lockers rented from September 2017 – April 2018 or January 2018 – April 2018 must have the contents removed by April 30, **2018**. Items not removed by this date will be collected and kept in the Plant Operations Office until May 30, 2018. To claim your items please contact Concordia Security Services on 780-479-8761 or in person, and present your Concordia identification.

Items not claimed by May 30, 2018 will be disposed of.



#### **NADC Bursary**

The Northern Alberta Development Council Bursary is a return service bursary of \$6,000 per year for a maximum of two years, and is offered to students in their final two years of post-secondary studies. It is meant to encourage students to train for jobs that are in demand in northern Alberta.

The NADC Bursary program provides up to \$12,000 over two years, and is non-repayable if you agree to live and work in the north. Your return service is one year of full time employment in your field of studies for each year of bursary support received. Some careers in high demand now include education, medical and health, engineering and technical fields, and social work.

You may receive a NADC Bursary if you:

- Have been a resident of Alberta for 12 consecutive months before the start of your program
- Are enrolled full-time in a post-secondary program designated for provincial funding
- Are within two years of completing your post-secondary program
- Are in a program that is at least 12 weeks in length for a half bursary and 16 weeks in length for a full bursary
- Are not in default of a provincial student loan

Deadline to apply: April 30, 2018

http://nadc.ca/



#### Repaying Your Student Loans

Repayment is the process of returning the money you have borrowed to the lenders, which includes the principal amount of the loan plus interest.



When does repayment begin? Repayment begins when you graduate or leave school for more than six months or are no longer a full-time student.

**6-Month Non-Repayment Period:** After you leave school, a six-month non-repayment period starts. During this period, you are not required to make any payments but interest can accrue depending on your loan program. You can, however, choose to make payments during this period.



What am I responsible for? You are responsible for repaying your loan & associated interest according to the terms of your loan agreement, and notifying your student loan provider if you:

- Change your name, address, banking information, or phone number
- Change from full-time to part-time studies or vice versa
- Leave or transfer to another school



Create an online account with your student loan lender/s! This allows you the flexibility to access your student loan information at your convenience and update your contact information. It also gives you access to important communications and documents.



It is very important that when you go into repayment you make your full loan payment on time each month. If you don't, you could end up in default, which has serious consequences and your credit rating may be affected. Student loans are real loans—just as real as car loans or mortgages. You have to pay back your student loans. **Tip:** You can make "extra" payments towards your loan debt at any time!

The National Student Loans Service Centre (NSLSC) offers an online Repayment Presentation which is easy to access. We highly recommend watching it! On Demand Repayment Presentation:

https://dhcorp.webex.com/dhcorp/ldr.php?RCID=db89eb61e35c98dadf77ad8f754f24dc

Questions? finaid@concordia.ab.ca



# PER HELPERS NEED!

NOW RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR THE PEER SUPPORT PROGRAM STARTING IN SEPTEMBER.

We're looking for students who are great listeners and enjoy supporting others!

Commitment is 3-5 hours a week in the fall and winter semesters.

Recruitment closes as soon as positions are filled.

Training and supervision provided.

EMAIL PEERSUPPORT@CONCORDIA.AB.CA
FOR MORE INFO!









Pick up your FREE student ticket (with ID) at the Bookstore!

SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2018 AT 8 PM

7:45 PM PRE-CONCERT CHAT BY JOY BERG & TRENT WORTHINGTON

