



University Convocation Requirements

(Please Read Carefully – Important Details)

As a regular, full-time day student, a part of your total academic experience is to participate in Convocations during each academic year. The following statement summarizes the purpose for convocation at Lenoir-Rhyne University.

Convocations provide opportunities for educational and cultural enrichment and personal enjoyment, while exploring the liberal arts from a diversity of perspectives. The convocation environment allows students to interact with social peer groups outside their usual associations, thus building a sense of belonging to the whole Lenoir-Rhyne University community. Convocations serve to extend the College's core curriculum and expose Lenoir-Rhyne students to a broad diversity of the arts, sciences, and professional fields.

You must attend six (6) convocations each academic year. Two of these convocations are required for the entire university community to attend together: Presidents' Opening Convocation at the beginning of the academic year, and Honors Convocation near the end of the year. You may choose your four remaining required Convocations each academic year, outside of the Presidents' Convocation and the Honors Convocation, to include at least one program in each of the following theme areas.

- **Literature, Fine Arts, and Culture**
- **Human Systems**
- **Mathematics and Sciences**
- **Education, Business, and Allied Health**

This variety of experiences ensures the purpose of enrichment, exploration from diverse perspectives, and the sense of being a part of the total community at L-R.

A "Convocation Program Listing" is located on the website and updated on a regular basis as new convocations are planned.

The policy on Convocations attendance is as follows:

- Be on time for the convocations you select and stay for the entire time. Some events will last only 45 minutes but others may last longer. Afternoon and evening convocations usually last considerably longer than 45 minutes and attendance credit depends on your presence for the full length of time.
- It is your responsibility to pick up a "convocation attendance card" and sign your name with your student ID number. These cards are your proof of attendance and are handed out at the beginning of the convocation and are collected at the end. If you arrive late, a convocation card will not be given to you. If you leave before the selected convocation is over, you cannot receive credit for having attended that particular session.
- One credit hour is added to the total number of hours required for graduation, for each of the required Convocations (Presidents' and Honors) you miss.
- If any of the remaining four Convocations are missed, one credit hour is added to your total credit hour requirement. Thus, if you skip ALL Convocations in an academic year, the maximum number of credit hours added to your graduation total requirement is three.
- If you accrue any graduation hours during the year due to absences, you will notified by mail of the added requirements. The letter will outline protocols for addressing appeals.

2009-2010 Convocation Schedule

Revised as of: *April 28, 2010*

CONVOCATIONS FOR 2009 FALL SEMESTER

August

- Fri 28** **PRESIDENTS' OPENING CONVOCATION (ATTENDANCE REQUIRED)**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: General, Required
- Sun 30** **“Party with A Plan” – Speaker Randy Haveson, finalist for APCA Speaker of the Year**
Time and Locale: 7:00 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Human Systems
- Mon 31** **“Party with A Plan” – Speaker Randy Haveson, finalist for APCA Speaker of the Year**
Time and Locale: 9:20 p.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Human Systems

September

- Fri 11** **“The Logic of the US Constitution”**
Dr. Larry M. Hall, Provost and Professor of Political Science
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Human Systems
- Fri 11** **Friends of Music Concert Series – Frederick Moyer, Piano**
Time and Locale: 8:00 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Mon 14** **“Making It Count” (monster.com)**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Education/Business/Allied Health
- Fri 18** **Dr. Eric Schramm interviews Mexican-American author, Richard Rodriguez**
(This convocation will bring diversity to the program)
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Fri 18** **“What Would You Do Today if You were Brave?” (Jane Handly-motivational speaker)**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Human Systems
- Fri 18** **Western Piedmont Symphony – A Recital of American Music - Best of LRU**
Time and Locale: 7:00 p.m. – Mauney Music Building
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Fri 25** **“Rising Up and Moving On: Study Abroad Options for LRU,”**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Human Systems
- Tue 29** **“Gear Up for Grad School” – Admissions and Test Strategy Workshop**
Presenters: Kaplan Representative, Katie Wohlman
Time and Locale: 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Cromer Center Fireside Room
Category: Education/Business/Allied Health
- Wed 30** **Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers – “The Baltimore Waltz” by Paula Vogel**
Time and Locale: 7:30 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture

October

- Thur 1 **“Test Strategy Workshop” – GRE, LSAT, MCAT, GMAT, etc.**
Time and Locale: 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. – Cromer Center Fireside Room
Category: Education/Business/Allied Health
- Thur 1 **Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers – “The Baltimore Waltz” by Paula Vogel**
Time and Locale: 7:30 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Sat 3 **Western Piedmont Symphony Concert – Music of Wagner, Strauss, and Berlioz, featuring Joseph Robinson, Oboe, and Rebecca Robinson, mezzo-soprano (Free)**
Time and Locale: 8:00 p.m. – Broyhill Civic Center, Lenoir, NC
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Mon 5 **“Keys to Life” – Mark Senter, NC Alcohol & Law Enforcement (ALE) Officer**
National Statistics show that every 15 minutes someone is killed or seriously injured in an alcohol-related automobile crash. The Keys to Life Program’s long-range objective is to heighten awareness of the consequences of underage alcohol use, with emphasis on and around special occasions and events.
Time and Location: 9:20 a.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Human Systems
- Mon 5 **“The Vocation of a Roman Catholic Cathedral Musician” – Dr. Larry Stratemeyer, Director of Music, St. Patrick’s Cathedral, Charlotte, NC**
Dr. Stratemeyer’s visit is part of our church musician-in-residence Program which brings church musicians to campus as models of vocation for our students. This will be the first Roman Catholic musician we have had in our residence program. Dr. Stratemeyer will also lead worship in chapel on Wednesday, October 7, 9:20 a.m., Mauney Music Recital Hall.
Time and locale: 9:20 a.m. – Recital Hall, Mauney Music Building
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Mon 5 **“The LR Homecoming Story – A Trip Down Memory Lane” - Which organization has had the most homecoming kings and/or queens? What was the biggest homecoming football play? Which athletic teams hold the most homecoming victories? What are/was some of the LR homecoming traditions? Come hear answers to these questions and learn about other factoids, stories, legends and traditions about homecoming at LR through the years.**
Time and locale: 8:00 p.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Human Systems
- Wed 7 **Sample GRE Strategy Class! Get tips and tricks to ACE the GRE from Kaplan Test Prep Company. Questions? Concerns?**
Time and locale: 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Career & Personal Development Center (first floor of Mauney Hall)
Category: Education/Business/Allied Health
- Thur 8 **“Cultural Competence in the Classroom” – Jessica Garner, NC Teacher of the Year**
Time and Locale: 7:00 p.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Education/Business/Allied Health
- Fri 9 **”Stop the Spread of HIV. Get Educated! Get Tested!”**
Speakers: Cecilio Orta, Lead Health Educator at ALFA and 2-3 Persons living with HIV/AIDS
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Education, Business, Allied Health
- Sat 10 **Friends of Music Concert Series – Jasper String Quartet (Free)**
Time and Locale: 8:00 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture

October

- Mon 12 **Research on Gender & Sexual Orientation (Or, everything you wanted to know about general & sexual orientation but were afraid to ask)**
The presentation will begin with a summary scientific research on several aspects of gender and sexual orientation. The majority of the time will be devoted to questions from the audience. Anonymous questions from the audience on note cards will be collected and taken to the speaker.
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Human Systems
- Wed 14 **“Love Stinks and other Myths about Dating”**
Speaker: Mandy Freeland, Case Manager at Family Guidance Center in Hickory who works with First Step, Catawba County’s Domestic Violence service provider. Ms. Freeland will lead students in an open discussion about domestic violence, abuse, and love. These actions happen more frequently than spoken about, and it is through open education on the matter that CAB hopes to invite students to become more aware of healthy relationships to protect themselves. October is “Domestic Violence Awareness Month,” and the most powerful tool is education.
Time and locale: 6:30 p.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Education/Business/Allied Health
- Mon 19 **FALL BREAK**
- Fri 23 **Aquinas/Luther Conference**
Time and locale: 9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Human Systems
- Mon 26 **Study Skills Convocation – Didn’t do so well on your mid-terms? We’ve got you covered! There will be a study skills convocation on Monday, October 26. This convocation will provide key strategies that will help students improve their academic performance.**
Time and locale: 9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Education/Business/Allied Health
- Fri 30 **“Biomimicry.” (Dr. John Brzorad) -- We live in a world dominated by consumption. The products we buy are designed and built by engineers that are, by and large, schooled to heat, beat and treat. Raw materials are heated up, pounded, treated with pressure and treated with chemicals. Living organisms cannot afford to make things this way. They do not run on coal, petroleum and natural gas the way our economy does. Yet, life has been making things about 3.8 billion years and there may be 10-30 million different R&D solutions (species) on our planet right now. To have dominion, people must study our fellow travelers so we can learn from the examples God has provided. We will explore what some of these species can do and examine ways we can imitate their examples.**
Time and locale: 9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Math/Science
- Fri 30 **“Trick or Treat...My Career in Student Affairs” – Students, faculty and alumni will hear about what a career in student affairs is really like! This event will be excellent career exploration for students.**
Time and locale: 12:00 Noon-1:00 p.m., Cub’s Pub (Fritz-Conrad)
Category: Education/Business/Allied Health

November

- Mon 2 **“Applications of Traditional and Recombinant DNA Technology for Crop Improvement” (Dr. Scott Schaefer) – Thousands of years of plant domestication has dramatically changed the world around us. Plant breeding has contributed significantly to changes in agricultural production and our ability to feed the world’s population. Now advances in biotechnology are revolutionizing crop improvement. Past and present breeding techniques continue to alter the phenotypic and genetic make-up of plant species. What is plant breeding, who are some of history’s unsung heroes and what can transgenic crops offer?**
Time and locale: 9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Math/Science
- Fri 6 **Q &A with author Jeannette Walls Visiting Writer Jeanette Walls is a journalist who has written for New York Magazine, Esquire and USA Today. Her memoir, “A Glass Castle,” is being made into a film.**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Sat 7 **Western Piedmont Symphony Concert – Music of Coleridge Taylor Perkinson, the Chevalier Ste-Georges, Delores White, and Anthony Kelley, featuring Anthony Kelley, piano (Free)**
Time and Locale: 8:00 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Mon 9 Open Currently
- Wed 11 **Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers – “How I Learned to Drive” by Paula Vogel**
Time and Locale: 7:30 p.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Thurs 12 **Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers – “How I Learned to Drive” by Paula Vogel**
Time and Locale: 6:00 p.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Fri 13 **“Shattering the Silence: An Empowering Double-Whammy Perspective into the Life of a Deaf Male Survivor of Sexual Violence” – Research states that 10-20% of all males will be sexually violated within their lifetimes. This leads to the statistics of 1 in 6 men being victims of sexual violence along with 1 in 4 women. It is also estimated that up to 85% of those with a disability have been victims. Q/A will be allowed near the end of the convocation with questions on notecards for those who want to remain anonymous.**
Time and locale: 9:20 a.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Human Systems
- Fri 13 **Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers – “How I Learned to Drive” by Paula Vogel**
Time and Locale: 7:30 p.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Sat 14 **Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers – “How I Learned to Drive” by Paula Vogel**
Time and Locale: 7:30 p.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Sun 15 **Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers – “How I Learned to Drive” by Paula Vogel**
Time and Locale: 2:30 p.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture

November

- Mon 16 **Matthew Redmond of the TSR Group of Golden, Colorado will speak about *Agriburbia: Building the infrastructure for the next generation of farming* – As communities encounter rising infrastructure costs associated with land preparation (grading, extensive streets, storm water runoff), conservation-based subdivisions have gained some popularity. Lots are smaller (less lawn mowing) and land is set aside for open space. This open space raises the value of properties and provides habitat for plants and wildlife. A new twist on this concept is using the open space for growing crops. Residents can participate in the gardening, or just purchase locally grown foods. This improves the quality of life by living near open space and having high nutritional quality food. Implemented widely, it would also lower food transportation costs.**
Time and locale: 9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Math/Science
- Mon 16 **“Green Building and Remodeling” – Rob Howard**
Time and locale: 6:30 p.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Math/Science
- Thurs 19 **Concert Band Fall Concert**
Time and Locale: 7:30 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Thurs 19 **“Two Applications of Inverse Problems: Reflection Seismology & Image Restoration” (Dr. Katrina Palmer, Appalachia State University – Dr. Palmer is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at ASU. Her research interests include Numerical Linear Algebra, Discrete III-Posed Problems and Regularization, Signal and Image Processing, and Image Restoration. Her current research activities include Biology Applications in the Mathematics Curriculum, Population Models in Ecology and Epidemiology, and Mathematics and Science Education at the secondary and post-secondary levels.**
Time and Locale: 2:00 p.m., Minges Sciences Building, Room 222
Category: Math/Science
- Fri 20 **Math Steelman Lecture – Dr. Katrina Palmer, Appalachia State University, “Medical Images with Connections to Math”**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Math/Science
- Mon 23 **QEP Convocation - Members of the SACS Quality Enhancement Plan Team for Lenoir-Rhyne University will engage students in a discussion of student learning at LRU, focusing on concerns identified in the QEP Survey administered earlier this month. All students are encouraged to attend; students who are interested in quality higher education should attend.**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Education/Business/Allied Health
- Thur 3 **“Open Mic Coffee House” (Faculty/Students) – The convocation will allow students and faculty to participate in an engaged learning experience by sharing their creativity. Open to all students and faculty from all disciplines.**
Time and Locale: 8:30-10:00 p.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture

December

- Fri 4 **“Hazing: When Will It End?” Rick Barnes: Former National President of the Association of Fraternity Advisors (AFA), former board member of a national fraternity, and a current board member of the North-American Inter-fraternity Conference. Purpose of the Convocation is to reach out to the entire student body of LRU, to let them know about hazing, not only what is considered hazing but also what people can do if it is occurring in their lives. The convocation will not only focus on Greeks, but will also focus on sports and freshmen who will soon be going through RUSH. Hazing is a serious problem and should not be treated lightly. Education is the key, and that is what Mr. Barnes can bring to our campus.**
Time and locale: 9:20 a.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Human Systems
- Sat 5 **“Christmas at Lenoir” – A Cappella Choir**
Time and locale: 2:30 p.m., St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Mon 7 **“Christmas at Lenoir-Rhyne” – A Cappella Choir**
Time and Locale: 7:30 p.m. – St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Tue 8 **“Christmas at Lenoir-Rhyne” – A Cappella Choir**
Time and Locale: 7:30 p.m. – St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Fri 11 Open Currently
- Mon 14 Open Currently

CONVOCATIONS FOR SPRING 2010 SEMESTER

January

- Fri 15 **Defending a Creation Model of Origins (Prem Isaac) -- The Biblical Doctrine of the Creation of the Universe by God out of Nothing(ex-nihilo) is perceived by many to be at odds with modern Science. Due to the elevated status that Science occupies in today’s society, this perception has called the accuracy of the Bible into question, and has contributed to the popular notion that belief in Divine Creation and in the Christian Faith specifically, cannot be rationally defended as objectively true, and thus must either be discarded or held purely the on basis of blind faith and subjective personal experience. The purpose of this talk is twofold: first, to show how such a view can be refuted by examining its undergirding philosophical presuppositions, and second, to demonstrate how empirical evidence gathered by scientists in the fields of Cosmology and Biology actually furnishes very strong lines of evidence in support of a Creation Model of Origins, thus engaging Science as a powerful ally in the rational defense of the historic Christian Faith.**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Math/Science
- Mon 18 **Martin Luther King Observance -- Mr. Steve Hunt, Director of Multicultural Affairs at Catawba Valley Community College, will speak on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. The Lenoir-Rhyne Gospel Choir will also perform during the program. Immediately following the presentation, the Hickory NAACP annual march will take place, from Lenoir-Rhyne to the Brown-Penn Recreation Center.**
Time and Locale: 10:00 a.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Human Systems

January

- Thur 21 **“Summer Experience and Internship Fair” -- The Career Fair**
will expose students to internship and summer opportunities that can help them explore career options and develop their work/career strengths.
Time and Locale: 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Cromer Center Lobby
Category: Education/Business/Allied Health
- Fri 22 **“How to Thrive and Survive During Your First Few Years of Teaching: A Panel Discussion with First and Second Year Teachers” – A panel of first and second year teachers will be asked to share their experiences in developing positive classroom learning environments for their students; and for understanding the culture of the school where they are employed during their first and/or second year of teaching. They will be asked to focus on lessons learned and provide tips for being successful in meeting the needs of all students. Time will be provided for question and answer from the audience.**
Time and locale: 9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Education/Business/Allied Health
- Fri 22 **Friends of Music Concert – Four Nations Ensemble (Free)**
Time and Locale: 8:00 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Mon 25 **“Gay is Okay.” Author Mitchell Gold discussed his book Crisis: 40 Stories Revealing the Personal, Social, and Religious Pain and Trauma of Growing Up Gay in America. Mitchell Gold is co-founder of the furniture company Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams, a nationally recognized business that promotes tolerance and quality, and the creator of Faith in America, an organization dedicated to ending religion-based prejudice against the gay community. His 2008 publication *Crisis* confronts this issue through a collection of forty stories written by well-known and accomplished gay Americans and edited by Gold along with Mindy Drucker. *Crisis* promises to reveal the “personal, social, and religious pain and trauma of growing up gay in America” through the perspectives of its contributions, among them theologians, athletes, CEOs and philanthropists.**
Time and Locale: 9;20 a.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Literature, Fine Arts, Culture
- Fri 29 **“Working in the Fast Paced, Exciting World of Sports Public Relations and Marketing” (Mike Arning, L-R Alum) – Mike Arning, Vice President of *True Speed Communications and Public Relations Firm* is responsible for Stewart-Hass Racing (Tony Stewart, Ryan Newman, and others) will talk about working in the fast paced, exciting world of sports public relations and marketing. This convocation is made possible by the School of Journalism and Mass Communications and the Lenoir-Rhyne Communications Club.**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – Celk Centrum
Category: Education/Business/Allied Health

February

- Sat 6 **Western Piedmont Symphony Concert – Music of Tchaikovsky, Orbon, and Brahms, featuring LaCatrina String Quartet**
Time and Locale: 8:00 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Fri 12 **Community Service Awards**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Human Systems

February

- Mon 15 **The Rev. Stephen Deal, Missionary to Costa Rica**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Human Subjects
- Mon 22 **“How to Present Yourself Professionally/How to Work A Career Fair” (Matt Moore, Regional Sales Manager for Fastenal) – This program will teach students the importance of presenting themselves professionally, thus positioning them for success in their personal and professional lives.**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Education/Business/Allied Health
- Thur 25 **Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers – “I Do! I Do!” A Musical about Marriage. Book by Tom Jones, Music by Harvey Schmidt**
Time and Locale: 7:30 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Fri 26 **Lenoir-Rhyne Gospel Choir – “The Gospel Truth – History of Negro Spirituals”**
The convocation will highlight several commonly known Negro Spirituals and, after each song, there will be an historical analysis of each song’s message.
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Fri 26 **Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers – “I Do! I Do!” A Musical about Marriage. Book by Tom Jones, Music by Harvey Schmidt**
Time and Locale: 7:30 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Sat 27 **Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers – “I Do! I Do!” A Musical about Marriage. Book by Tom Jones, Music by Harvey Schmidt**
Time and Locale: 7:30 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Sun 28 **Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers – “I Do! I Do!” A Musical about Marriage. Book by Tom Jones, Music by Harvey Schmidt**
Time and Locale: 2:30 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture

March

- Mon 1 **“Women Study Women, Past and Present, Episode I” (Dr. Jennifer Heller, Dr. Julie Voss, and Dr. Adelia Ruiz)**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Human Subjects
- Fri 5 **“Women Study Women, Past and Present, Episode II” (Dr. Beth Wright, Professor Mia Self, and Dr. Carly Friedman)**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Human Systems
- Sat 6 **Western Piedmont Symphony Concert – Peck, Chopin and Sibelius, featuring Cynthia Lawing, piano**
Time and Locale: 8:00 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Mon 8

March

- Thur 11 **Friends of Music Concert Series – Cleveland Duo with James Umble, saxophone (Free)**
Time and Locale: 7:30 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Fri 12 **“I Take My Life in My Hand”: A Tale of Two Cherokees and the Trail of Tears (Dr. Amy H. Sturgis)**
It is common to measure the tragedy of the Trail of Tears by the number Cherokee lives lost during removal, or the number of acres of Cherokee homeland taken by the U.S. forces, or the number of miles that ultimately separated the scattered Cherokee survivors from one another. These statistics paint a grim picture of one of the darkest episodes in U.S. history, but they only convey part of the tale. Join Amy H. Sturgis as she considers the Trail of Tears through the unique personal stories of two Cherokee statesmen whose lives – from the careers they pursued to the women they loved – offer poignant insights into the Trail of Tears era. Once mentor and student, friend and friend, the two men strove to defend their people in vastly different ways as the threat of removal loomed large. They shared a common goal, to preserve Cherokee lives and land, but the means they followed made them enemies. The impossible choices they were forced to make cost one man his country and the other his life, while creating a lasting schism in the Cherokee Nation. The moving tale of a man names John and a man named Buck not only sheds a more intimate and human light on the tragedy of removal, but also illustrates why the Trail of Tears must not be forgotten.
- Dr. Sturgis will recount the dramatic personal stories of two Cherokee statesmen through a lecture and accompanying PowerPoint multimedia presentation including portraits, photographs, and paintings.**
Time and Locale: 8:00 p.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Human Systems
- Sun 21 **A Cappella Choir Home Concert**
Time and Locale: 7:30 p.m. – St. Andrew’s Lutheran Church
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Mon 22 Open Currently
- Fri 26 **“Team Heart: How an L-R alumna is working to save lives in Rwanda”**
Speaker: Ceeya Patton-Bolman class of 1971. This L-R nursing alumna organized and helps run Team Heart, a program through which U.S. cardiologists, nurses and other specialists bring life-saving heart surgery to patients in Rwanda. The Team Heart project also involves a public health and education component, training doctors and other healthcare workers in Rwanda.
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Human Systems
- Sun 28 **“Invisible Children” – Speaker from “Invisible Children” Organization – This convocation will be an informational session (with video) on the child-soldiers in Uganda. This session will hopefully open the eyes of Lenoir-Rhyne students, faculty and staff to the injustice and inhumane tactics of corrupt governments around the world.**
Time and Locale: 8:00 p.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Human Systems
- Mon 29 **Sign Troupe Performance: Entertainment, choreographed and interpreted in Sign Language to promote deaf awareness on campus.**
Time and locale: 9:20 a.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture

March

- Tue 30 **“Freaks”** – This convocation will screen the 1930’s movie classic, **“Freaks.”** The story is about a group of sideshow performers. This movie stimulates questions and discussions about disability, handicap, and stigma. Following the hour-long movie, a panel will reflect upon some of the themes the movie presents. The panel is being gathered from different disciplines on campus and local individuals with a background in disability issues. There will be several Lenoir-Rhyne faculty members, an occupational therapy student with a physical disability, and a local clinical answering questions about the movie and its portrayal of disabilities.
Time and locale: 7:00 p.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Education/Business/Allied Health

April

- Fri 2 Open Currently
- Mon 5 Open Currently
- Fri 9 **Steelman Lecturer, “Evaluating Forensic DNA Evidence” (Dr. Dan Krane, Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio) – Dr. Krane will discuss the science behind the development of DNA profiles (or DNA fingerprints) that are used in legal proceedings. A major theme of the talk is that “The science of DNA profiling is sound. But, not all of DNA profiling is science.” It is this aspect of profiling that makes for very interesting criminal investigations and criminal prosecutions. Sometimes science takes a back seat to other driving forces (e.g., overly ambitious criminal investigators and/or prosecutors).**
Time and locale: 9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Math/Science
- Sat 10 **Western Piedmont Symphony Concert – Rossini, Bayolo, and Elgar, Philip von Maltzahn, Violoncello (Free)**
Time and Locale: 8:00 p.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Mon 12 **Susan Pierce, Physical Therapist, “Therapeutic Riding and Hippotherapy” – The presentation will define Therapeutic Riding and Hippotherapy, outlining the similarities and differences, how clients benefit, appropriate horses and horsemanship, and how students can get involved as volunteers. The convocation will benefit anyone interested in working with students or adults with special needs.**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Education/Business/Allied Health
- Mon 12 **The Rev. Dr. David Rhoads, professor of New Testament at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, will make a presentation entitled ‘The Greening’ of a University Campus: a Wholistic Perspective.” The topic emerges from a growing passion for environmental conservation held by Dr. Rhoads for several years. The topic is also consistent with goals and aims of Lenoir-Rhyne’s Reese Institute for the Conservation of Natural Resources.**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m., Library Quiet Study
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Mon 12 **“Don’t Get Snagged! Legal and Liability Advice Every Young Teacher Should Know” (Dr. Tim Markley, Superintendent, Catawba County Schools) – Overview of basic legal issues in public education: Discussion topics will include potential liability on school property, classroom supervision, transportation, injuries, technology (copyrights &/or online safety), and children with disabilities.**
Time and locale: 9:20 a.m., McCrorie 213
Category: Education, Business, Allied Health

April

- Fri 16 **Philip Vaughn, “Writing for Television” – Writer for Late Night with David Letterman, Arsenio Hall, later with Greg Kinnear, and is presently developing a children’s television series (Philip Vaughn is a successful Holly Wood writer. He will talk about his experiences (how he broke into the business, writing comedy, etc.). While he is here, he will also be participating in the Communications Honor Society induction.)**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Mon 19 Open Currently
- Tues 20 **Symposium on University Research and Creative Expression (SOURCE)**
1:00 p.m. - Keynote Speaker – Dr. Anil M. Shende (Professor of Computer Science, Roanoke College) - “Managing Rose Deliverers, Snake Hunts, Searching for Black Holes – The Joys of Undergraduate Research”
Time and Locale: Belk Centrum
Category: Math/Science
- Concurrent Sessions, Rhyne Building: (Convocation Category in parentheses) – To receive convocation credit, students must attend entire session**
- 2:15-3:15, Session I**
Spanish – Room 149 (Literature/Fine Arts/Culture)
Humanities – Room 152 (Literature/Fine Arts/Culture)
Environmental Studies – Room 162 (Math/Science)
Honors Thesis Competition – Room 164 (Education/Business/Allied Health)
- 3:30-4:30 p.m., Session II**
Psychology – Room 149 (Human Systems)
Science and Physics – Room 152 (Math/Science)
Poets Reading Their Work – Room 162 (Literature/Fine Arts/Culture)
Honors Thesis Competition – Room 164 (Education/Business/Allied Health)
Social Issues – Room 159 (Human Systems)
- Wed 21 **Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers – “Antigone: Child of Cadmos” adapted by Mia Self**
Time and Locale: 7:30 p.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
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- Sat 24 **Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers – “Antigone: Child of Cadmos” adapted by Mia Self**
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- Sun 25 **Lenoir-Rhyne Playmakers – “Antigone: Child of Cadmos” adapted by Mia Self**
Time and Locale: 2:30 p.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Mon 26 **Leonard Geddes: The Last Wild Card Convocation Ever: Out with the old, in with the new, the convocation program is being changed just for YOU. The Convocation Program has undergone a much-needed makeover, and we hope to include you on the final touches. This session will seek to inform and dialog with the campus about the changes to the program, including student requirements and convocation submissions. We also want to give students an opportunity to submit names for the new program. It’s the last Wild Card ever; so, see you there!**
Time and Locale: 9:20a.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Wild Card

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- Thurs 29 **“The Coal Mining Industry and Water Quality” (Donna Lisenby) – Upper Watauga Riverkeeper, Donna Lisenby, will be speaking about “The Coal Mining Industry and Water Quality” in the Appalachian Mountains. Ms. Lisenby is a full-time public advocate for the Watauga River, the Elk River, Doe Creek and Watauga Lake watersheds. She blends the skills of science, law, advocacy and investigation to tenaciously protect waterways and watersheds. The Upper Watauga Riverkeeper works in conjunction with Appalachian Voices, whose goal it is to end mountaintop removal (aparticularly destructive form of coal mining), improve air quality and solve environmental problems that impact the central and southern Appalachian Mountains.**
Time and Locale: 7:00 p.m., Belk Centrum
Category: Math/Science
- Fri 30 ***Cantos*: Readings from LR’s Student Literary Magazine – The annual *Cantos* convocation provides a forum for recognizing the achievements of the LR community in the literary and visual arts. *Cantos* is edited and published by students, and funded by student fees; the reading provides an opportunity for the entire community to see the product of that investment and to hear the perspectives of a diverse group of students, faculty and staff members from across the LR community.**
Time and locale: 9:20 a.m. – Belk Centrum
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture

May

- Mon 3 **Music Student Honors Recital – Performances by outstanding Lenoir-Rhyne University music students in a joint recital setting. The students have been selected by the music faculty upon the recommendation of their applied instructor. The honor students are: Cody Jones (Voice), Chelsie Propst (Voice), Chris Murphy (Tuba), Julia Byrd (Piano), Jennifer Head (Trumpet), Kenneth Miller (Organ), Mara Hall (Voice), Henry Michaels (Trombone), Matthew Cochran (Saxophone)**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – Mauney Music Building
Category: Literature/Fine Arts/Culture
- Wed 5 **ANNUAL HONORS CONVOCATION (ATTENDANCE REQUIRED)**
Time and Locale: 9:20 a.m. – P. E. Monroe Auditorium
Category: General, Required
- Fri 7 Open Currently
- Mon 10 Open Currently