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Mercer County judge to take students on prison tour, speak at Concord University

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PRINCETON, W.Va. – Ninth Judicial Circuit Judge Omar Aboulhosn will be getting out from behind the bench twice this week to give students an up-close look at the justice system.

At 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 14, the judge will be leading about fifty students from Montcalm Elementary School on a tour of the new Federal Correctional Institution in McDowell County. The first minimum-security inmates arrived in mid-September. The facility eventually will house 1,152 medium-security inmates and 128 minimum-security inmates.

Judge Aboulhosn regularly leads students on tours of the Mercer County courthouse and once a year takes Montcalm Elementary sixth-grade students to the Regional Jail in Raleigh County. He has been a mentor to sixth graders at the elementary school for the last twelve years and this year has recruited other volunteers to expand his mentoring program throughout the county.

On Friday, October 15, Judge Aboulhosn will participate in Concord University's second annual career symposium.

At 10 a.m. he will participate in a panel on "Making the Graduate School Process Successful" in Admin. 300, Marsh Hall. At 11 a.m. he will participate in a panel on "Law School and Law Careers" in Admin. 320, Marsh Hall. And at noon he will participate in a panel discussion on "Maximizing Your Undergraduate Years to Prepare for Your Future," in Admin. 110, Marsh Hall.

Judge Aboulhosn graduated from Concord in 1989 with a major in political science and a minor in speech communications.

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