

# Concord University's Matthew Bolen Chosen to Participate in The Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX) Program!



Concord University's Matthew Bolen was chosen to participate in The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX) Program. The CBYX Program is a fellowship funded by the German Bundestag and U.S. Department of State, that annually provides 75 American and 75 German young professionals, between the ages of 18-24, the opportunity to spend one year in each other's countries, studying, interning, and living with hosts on a cultural immersion program.

The program consists of three phases: 1) two months of intensive German language training; 2) four months of classes in one's academic or career field at a university, technical or professional school; and 3) five-month internships in one's career field.

CBYX is open to candidates in all career fields who are interested in a year of academic, professional, and cultural exchange.

**Lisa Moten: How does it feel to be chosen as a participant in the CBYX Program?**

**Matthew Bolen:** *They had 700 applicants and I was one of 75 chosen to participate! As a result, it is exciting and an honor to be chosen! I hope that I can show the German people what West Virginia is like; and, also learn some things from them to bring back home!*

Matthew is a Business Administration major from Beaver, WV. He will graduate in May of 2020. He was not a transfer student; and, was home-schooled.