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1962 CLASS LETTER



Campus Update 2021

Concordia recently announced three changes to be implemented in Fall 2021: the launch of a new pricing structure for tuition, a change to its academic framework by establishing a schools model within the college, and the introduction of the Cobber Flex Year.

Beginning in Fall 2021, the price for annual tuition will be \$27,500, which is more than \$15,000 lower than current tuition – a reduction of over 35%. The change in the college's pricing model will benefit continuing students as well. Historically, students have seen an average annual tuition increase of 4% or about \$1,700 annually.



In the upcoming year, the increase in the out-of-pocket tuition costs for continuing students will be limited to \$800 and no more than \$1,000 for 2022-23 and 2023-24.

To further prepare students, Concordia implemented an academic reorganization to clearly name three schools. Under the new academic model, Concordia introduced the School of Arts and Sciences and the School of Health Professions. These two new schools join the Offutt School of Business to encompass all areas of the college. The new schools model resulted in the appointment of two new deans. Dr. George Connell is serving as dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and Dr. Cynthia Carver is dean of the School of Health Professions. As school deans, Connell and Carver join Christopher Mason, who was appointed dean of the Offutt School of Business in January 2020.

Concordia also established a Cobber Flex Year option. The Flex Year option offers current students and those enrolling in Fall 2021 two tuition-free semesters of study beyond their anticipated graduation date. The Cobber Flex Year allows students whose college experience has been affected by the pandemic expanded possibilities to learn in ways they find most compelling.

In the midst of a pandemic, Concordia continued its work to support the vitality of our faith and learning mission. In March 2020, as the realities of COVID-19 swept the nation, Concordia transitioned to distance learning. Concordia was able to transition back to campus for the fall 2020 semester. In-person instruction and residential living were offered with modifications to academic and campus life. Each teaching space was measured to determine appropriate occupancy and classes were held in larger spaces when necessary. In addition, some classes were offered as a hybrid approach and virtual learning attendance was available for those who could not meet in-person.





Want to be a Class Agent?

We are looking for a class agent for your class. As a Class Agent, your primary role is to keep your class connected: connected to the college, connected to each other, and connected to the mission of Concordia programming.

If you are interested and want to know more, please reach out to Karen Carlson at carlsonk@cord.edu or 218-299-4335



CLASS UPDATES

Natalie (Hanson) Buzby

2020 certainly has been different!! What are we doing? Not much. It's a good time to read and try new recipes. Zoom meetings are a way of life. Bound Brook Seniors are patiently waiting for the COVID Vaccine. Our family is doing well and the grandchildren are growing up or grown up. All is well at our house!! The Christmas concert was so good. Congratulations on a job well done.

Paula (Albana) Spengler

Ken and I have been well during this time. We continue many of our activities and volunteering with caution. We now have time to catch up on watching movies and reading. I am trying to give away and discard items throughout our home. A good feeling when I see an empty shelf considering I continue to go through boxes from my parents home.

So much to recycle. Our daughter and family (6) experienced the difficulties of contracting COVID-19. We were especially concerned about our daughter who has lupus and took her about four months to feel well. I appreciate the communication from Concordia as to dealing with the changes during this epidemic. Praying that faculty and students may return to the best of conditions. Thank you for this opportunity to send greetings to 1962 classmates. Peace with Love to all. Paula (Albano) Spengler

Paul Peterson

I am still teaching and also work at the Hoover Institution at Stanford University, though COVID is keeping us from California right now. In September our family celebrated the old man's eightieth on the Crane estate in Ipswich MA on Labor Day weekend. Carol and I went on a safari in Tanzania before the pandemic. The wildebeests crossing the river was the highlight. To keep ourselves going, Carol goes to the gym, and I try to plan tennis.

Glen Wheeler

Let us not forget that in 1961 president Joseph Knutson during a year when he had been very ill listened to student government and brought Pastor Carl Lee to campus as our very own campus pastor. His ministry of preaching the Gospel to students and staff continued for 30 years, and that legacy continues even today. As I turn 80 years old I am a proud owner Of a new owner of a pacemaker, and am thankful for being a scholarship student at Concordia from 1958 to 1962 with my teammates and coach Gulsvig. Our gratitude is unending for our teachers and the sacrifices they made. My wife Jane and I will celebrate 39 years of marriage this year.



Nancy (Nelson) Olson

Jerry and I have traveled in our motor home a lot. All during August and September we stayed in it at the beach in Morro Bay, CA. However, Jerry got pneumonia and COVID-19. He entered the hospital December 2nd and passed away December 31, 2020. It still seems so unreal! Two of my sons live in Visalia so they are a big help.

Margaret (Ranheim) Friedberg

My husband Jay and I still live in the Denver metro area and still love it here. Since the pandemic started in March there has been little exploring of the great beauty of our state, nor anywhere else, for that matter. We are grateful for our health and mindful of the pain this virus has caused to so many here and across the globe. We are grateful also for the health of our son and his family who have relocated to Sigonella NAS in Sicily. We are so looking forward to the day we can see them again. Our daughter lives in the Denver area and has been a delight with her visits and help in so many ways. What a treat it was to enjoy the Concordia Christmas concert this year. Hope this will be an annual virtual event for those of us who live so far away. Soli Deo Gloria!

Marcia (Mckenzie) Miller

We've been quarantining and so far staying safe. Like everyone else we are anxious to get back to seeing friends and family and back to in person church and other meetings.

Virgil Christianson

Many of our classmates have stayed close to home as we have during the past few months. While we were very careful, we did not escape the Covid in early November. We are very thankful that we were not seriously ill and have fully recovered. We have four grandchildren of school age who participate in many activities. The wonders of technology provided us the opportunity to watch their many events/contests in our living rooms. It has been a wonderful service provided by school districts and sport associations. Even better, the technology has provided excellent church services each Sunday in our homes. We are very appreciative to the excellent leadership of our churches and schools. While we did spend the summer months at our Lake Home in Glenwood, MN we are spending the winter months at our home in Mesa, AZ. We look forward to the time we can gather together again in church, at sporting events, and social events.

Homecoming 2021

Make plans to attend Oct. 1-3.
Watch our website for updates.
ConcordiaCollege.edu/homecoming



Join the Concordia Book Club!

Connect with fellow Cobber alumni, faculty/staff, current students, and current/former parents to read and discuss a variety of fiction novels. To join the group search *Concordia College Fiction Book Club*.

Watch for Corn Feed Season!

We hope to continue with the tradition of hosting corn feeds in this summer. Watch for updates at concordiacollege.edu/cornfeeds



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GIVING UPDATE

In a year like none other, the generosity of alumni like us has helped propel the college forward while supporting the students it serves. A few of the highlights from this year include:

- More than \$2.1 million was raised for The Cobber Fund for scholarships and support to help make sure a Concordia education is possible for every one of our students.
- During the start of the pandemic, \$59,000 was raised for emergency funding for food, transportation, and other critical needs.
- This fall, 841 Cobber fans gave \$87,890 to make sure our athletes have the resources they need to compete despite COVID-19.
- This holiday season, 1,809 virtual Christmas Concert attendees donated \$68,552 in honor of this Concordia tradition and our student musicians.
- In just ONE day, donors fully funded the Cobber Food Pantry.



Thank you to those who have already given this year! Be on the lookout for the “CobbersGive” Fund-the-Need campaign in March - you are sure to find an area of campus that aligns with your passions. The class of 1962 can truly make a difference in the lives of current Cobbers!

**What area of campus will you champion
with your gift to the Cobber Fund?**

 ORIENTATION	 SCHOLARSHIPS	 SUSTAINABILITY	 CAREER READINESS
 AREA OF GREATEST NEED	 STUDENT LEADERSHIP	 STUDENT CARE AND SUPPORT	 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

**Between March 8-19, your gift of any size to The
Cobber Fund will unlock an additional \$100 for
student scholarships – up to \$50,000!***

*Thank you to an anonymous alum for providing the generous match.

Together we are preparing Cobbers to lead and serve in a world that needs them. During the challenges of COVID-19, your generosity is needed more than ever.

Learn more or give early at ConcordiaCollege.edu/cobbersgive

WE REMEMBER

David Stedje passed 1/28/2021
Russell Hovland passed 8/15/2020
Carol (Lehrer) Borchert passed 2/8/2020
Paul Allen passed 1/7/2020
John Brady passed 11/17/2020
Dewel Viker passed 8/16/2019



HELP US LOCATE

If you know any of the 1962 Alumni below, please ask them to update their information by going to concordiacollege.edu/classnotes or send an email to alumni@cord.edu. We would love to update their records.

Kenneth Behl
G M. Bergman
Sandra (Olstad) Bring
Judy (Herberg) Carney
Ross Churchill
Luanne Dagen
Joan (Knutson) Day
Jane (Gable) Dean
Dennis Everson



Juli (Avery) Hannah
David Kupka
Elton Mellum
Evelyn (Braun) Merritt
Einghenja Mmbaga
Virginia (Larson) Murtuza
Frieda Nelson
Arrol Ness
Elliot Wodekwia



Alumni can send in life updates throughout the year.
Go to: www.ConcordiaCollege.edu/ClassNotes

ALUMNI AWARDS

2020 Sent Forth Award Recipients



Cmdr. Brian Kesselring '00



Tara (Stueber) Wilson '06



2020 Alumni Achievement Award Recipients



Robert Johnson '71



Karen (Quanbeck) Grandstrand '77



Rachel (Nelson) Hollstadt '70



Dr. Bennett Larson '63



To read the bios of the 2020 AAA and Sent Forth Award Recipients or if you would like to nominate a deserving Alum, please go to ConcordiaCollege.edu/AlumniAwards