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1964 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

Kjell Johansen

This last year has been interesting to say the least. With the COVID travel restrictions we now have family visits via Zoom. Our men's book group at church also meets via Zoom. We have decided to hold the book group Zoom meetings twice a week instead of our usual once a week. We just finished Marcus Borg's book, *The Heart of Christianity* which is the second time I have read this book. I also attend a monthly zoom meeting with the Marcus Borg Foundation. In addition to Zoom, another great electronic communication is the cell phone and its ability to transmit short video clips. We keep up with our grandson via these short videos. We got to see him opening his presents for his 3d birthday and for Christmas. We also appreciate the weekly videos we get of him. Not as good as actually being there, but it will have to do during this pandemic.

Needless to say, we don't attend church as we used to do. Our church services are via our church's YouTube channel. Our choir is now a virtual choir and we produce a monthly anthem based on individual recorded submissions. The blending of the individual submissions is accomplished by one of our choir members who does this as business, having done it for groups in Europe as well. We really enjoyed the CC virtual Christmas pageant and for Christmas Sandy gave me the 75th anniversary CC Christmas Concert CD. So, until we all get the COVID vaccine, welcome to the new normal.

Daniel Holm

Retired, doing some digital photography, furniture finishing, and took one trip back to St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, where I owned and managed The Frame Up, an art and craft supply, custom frame store, for 37 years.

Dr. Jon Torgerson

Dear Classmates, We have been very fortunate. Only one member of our family had COVID and it was extremely mild. Unlike so many others, we have only suffered inconveniences like having so many concerts and Drake University women's basketball. I started teaching philosophy at Drake in 1970. Even though I retired in 2007 I have been connected to Drake by teaching short courses for our live long learning program and serving on the Board which oversees the program. I am very proud of how Concordia and Drake have created vibrant learning experiences for their students in spite of COVID. It is a pleasure to keep track of both schools. Betty (Brusven '65) and I have been married for 55 wonderful years. We made many good Concordia friends with whom we keep in touch. Some have passed on. I especially miss Marc Borg. Even though we lived half a continent apart, we still managed to see each other many times. We even went to Turkey with him! On the other hand, I have



reconnected with Clarence (Cap) Jacobs who was, like Marc, both a high school and college friend, even though he lives in New Zealand. We can't travel now. Having been there 14 times, I really miss seeing my friends in Cuba. But I delight in memory of them and of the many students and others I took there. This may sound odd, but my first memory of Concordia is the fall of 1915! That's because it is the year my grandparents and mother arrived there. There memories have become mine. It continues to be special to me.

Daniel (Dan)Norem

Just after completing a great vacation via National Geographic's Around the World by Private Jet, we returned to our home in Lake Tahoe to find ourselves restricted for the next 12 months or so by the Covid 19 restrictions and shutdowns. Although our travels have been curtailed, we are lucky to live in place where we can enjoy lake and mountain based activities -- boating, hiking, golfing -- the ability to spend quality time in the outdoors every day of the year has been an absolute blessing to combat the limitations of the pandemic.

Fred Kruger

We are doing much traveling with our travel trailer. We have seen most of the USA. Summer months find us also doing rides with friends on our four wheelers. Love our local Wisconsin trails. Winter skiing is slowing down considerably. This is probably our last winter in Montana for downhill skiing. Age is catching up with us. Looking at a probable move to the Eau Clair, Wisconsin area this coming summer.



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 1964 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



Walter Olson passed 5/7/2020

Dalton Dirks passed 1/25/2020

Vincent Lindstrom passed 1/13/2020

Paul Sanderson passed 9/7/2019

HELP US LOCATE

If you know any of the 1964 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.

Jeanenne (Guenthner) Bennett

Kathleen (Boomer) Brown

Elaine (Turnwall) Bruer

Coralie (Christianson) Bryant

Bruce Carlson

Ronald B. Christiansen

Ronald H. Christianson

Theodore Coonrod

Carol (Mortvedt) Hvidsten

Ardis Johnson



Wyman Jorgenson

Judith (Pochardt) Loken

Mark Loken

Gene Ness

Harold Pedersen

Denise (Sather) Reuther

Corliss (Miller) Sutliff

Enikoe Vikor

Sandra (Torske) Wigdahl

Maren Woie



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