June 28, 2019

Happy summer! This summer, my daughter and I will head to Concordia for a campus tour. I can’t wait to see the wonderful changes since the last time I was there. For me it is part of a planned summer break that also includes lots of time at my family’s lake home. It is my hope for each of you that you are able to take time to be with family and friends this summer in places you love.

Classmate Updates

- **Dr. Pauline Shanks Kaurin** was promoted to the Stockdale Chair in Professional Military Ethics at the College of Leadership and Ethics, US Naval War College located in Rhode Island. Congratulations!
- **Tamara (Hedlund) Yon** was elected Chief Judge of the 9th Judicial District in Minnesota this past March. Her term will start July 1, 2019. I know you will serve the citizens of Minnesota well!
- Finally, best wishes to two classmates who were married in the last year! **Susan (Emptping) Green** and her husband Mark were married last June and live in Alexandria, Minnesota. **Monica (Ranstrom) Hanein** and her husband Gameil were married last August.

Cord Updates

- Concordia Language Villages are celebrating several anniversaries this summer. The Norwegian Language Village, **Skogfjorden** will commemorate its 50th anniversary on July 13 and **Sjölunden**, the Swedish Language Village celebrates its 45th summer on August 3!
- Dr. René Clausen announced that he will retire following the 2019-20 academic year, concluding his service as professor of music and conductor of The Concordia Choir. President William Craft noted in an announcement to the Concordia community that throughout his work at the college Clausen has lived the mission of The Concordia Choir “to uphold a sacred choral tradition through the uncompromising and unrelenting collaborative pursuit of musical integrity and spiritual expression.”
- Concordia was recently recognized by the University of Minnesota’s Tucker Center for Research on Girl and Women in Sport as the top college in the MIAC for the increase in female head coaches over the past year. The Cobbers now have 6 female head coaches—Jessica Rahman, Women’s Basketball; Faith Dooley, Volleyball; Kari Weidner-Ceniceros, Golf; Maureen Greiner, Women’s Hockey; Rebecca O’Shurak, Women’s Soccer; and Laura Jauszewski, Cross Country.
- Concordia’s outstanding tradition of preparing students for medical school is now available to those who have completed an undergraduate degree. This intensive, 1 year program is designed for highly motivated individuals with excellent academic records, who have earned a bachelor’s degree from an accredited four-year institution, but lack most or all of the prerequisite science courses needed for admission to medical school. The program is ideal for career changers, and individuals deciding later in their academic journey, to pursue a career in medicine.

Upcoming Alumni Events

- Summer Sporting Events
  - Cobber Night at the Minnesota Twins – Thursday, August 8: [https://bit.ly/2iFYjFH](https://bit.ly/2iFYjFH)
- Summer Golf Tournaments: head to [www.cord.edu/alumni](http://www.cord.edu/alumni) to register
  - Finn Grinaker Golf Tourney – Monday, July 8
  - Baseball Golf Tourney – Monday, July 29
  - Football Golf Tourney – Friday, August 2
  - Golf Team Golf Tourney – Monday, August 26
  - Wrestling Golf Tourney – Saturday, September 14
- Cobber Corn Feeds! More information on dates/times can be found at [www.cord.edu/cornfeeds](http://www.cord.edu/cornfeeds)
• The Minnesota State Fair is coming up, and Concordia will once again have a booth in the Education Building! Plan your visit, stop by and grab some new swag! August 22-Labor Day.
• Want to help first year students move into their residence halls and welcome them to Concordia? Sign up to help with Move In Day! Register here: https://bit.ly/2ZjCHxS
• Homecoming and Family Weekend Registration are now OPEN! Dates are:
  • Family Weekend: September 20-22: www.cord.edu/familyweekend
  • Homecoming: October 10-13: www.cord.edu/homecoming

**Fundraising Update:**
This past year, almost 11% of our class donated to Concordia, raising over $36,000. Since graduation, our class has given over $472,000 in outright gifts. THANK YOU!

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