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2021 ANNUAL LETTER

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Michelle (Asp) Law started a new position as Assistant Professor of Nutrition Sciences at Baylor University. She lives in Waco, Texas with her husband Wilson, and daughters Anna and Clara. Congrats, Michelle!

In the better late than never category:
In June 2016 Willow (Bousu) Gerhard married Russell Gerhard in Minneapolis. Son August Allen Gerhard joined the family in December 2017. As of late 2018, Williwow works at Thrivent doing mutual funds marketing.

In January 2021, Sarah Nathan began her appointment as Executive Director of Northfield Shares, the community foundation serving Rice and Dakota counties in Southern Minnesota. She is an avid Girl Scout volunteer spending countless hours joyfully leading a troop of 2nd graders.

Matthew & Kaytee Kruse welcomed their first child Emma Elaine Kruse into this world on March 28, 2020.

Stacy (Stromstad) Christianson along with husband Chad and kiddos Quinn, Kindlee, Lydia, Tucker, and Ivy started a shaved ice business (Ohana Shaved Ice) after a visit to Maui in September 2019. While navigating the pandemic with a new business was tricky, they loved bringing sunshine and happiness to communities in the Summer of 2020!

Peter Schott is launching a non-profit and electronic publication called Zera (means seed in Hebrew). The publication will promote diverse and emerging artists from the ND, MN, and SD area. It's a wonderful project and excited to launch the first issue soon! Meanwhile, Peter's business venture is actively working globally in 17 countries with the US Soybean Export Council. It's changing how people buy and value crops like soybeans that are grown in the area.

In December 2020, Carrie (Bunger) Reynolds celebrated her one year anniversary since purchasing a mobile veterinary practice in Madison, WI.

Reid Froiland is in his 15th year of teaching mathematics and coaching the Math League team at Lincoln High School in Thief River Falls, MN. He is the organist/liturgist and choir director at Redeemer Lutheran Church (ELCA) and spends his non-pandemic spare time playing in the Northland Community Band and the Northern Jazz band.



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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.



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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.

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GIVING NEWS

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

THANK YOU for your generosity!

Stay in touch with your classmates and get updates by joining and following our class Facebook group.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/143839649021975/>

Seriously, FB groups are pretty much where it's at these days. :)

In a year like none other, the generosity of alumni like us has helped propel the college forward while supporting the students it serves.

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.

YOUR CLASS AGENT:

SARAH NATHAN