

Hey Class of 2012!

We're back again with another class letter to keep you updated! We hope you've all had a great year and are enjoying your summer. Remember that you can update your information at anytime at cord.edu/classnotes, and we'll be sure to include it in next years' letter.

CLASS UPDATES

Tom Sederquist - On July 8th, 2017 I married my wife Turi (Anderson) Sederquist (Class of 2014). In May of 2018 we moved from Northfield, MN to Duluth, MN. I took a job as an Analyst at Cirrus Aircraft and Turi began working as an Art Teacher at Marshall School. We love Duluth - trail running, skiing, surfing, snowshoeing, and whitewater canoeing are some of my favorite adventures so far!

Dr. Anna Stasko - received her Doctor of Philosophy from The Ohio State University on May 6, 2018.

Rachel (Torgerson) Lahlum - is now the Project Manager and Photographer at InHouse Media.

Crystal (Miller) Johnson - and her husband, Cobber Dr. Alexander Johnson, welcomed their daughter into the world on December 21, 2017, Mabel Johnson.

Miranda (Goraczowski) Larsen - welcomed a daughter, Elizabella Larsen, on July 16, 2018. She also has a daughter, Millena Georgia Larsen, that was born 1/8/16. Miranda is currently employed at Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce as their Finance Coordinator.

Britt Vander Eyk - started a new role as the Marketing Director at D.J. Bitzan Jewelers in St. Cloud, MN in April 2018. She also recently purchased a home in October 2018.

Sarah (Adam) Kirberg - was married to Adam Kirberg on May 26, 2018.

Sarah (Davis) Koharchick - welcomed her son, Theodore Koharchick, into the world on January 26, 2018.

Katrina (Ruh) Hammer - welcomed a daughter, Esme Hammer, into the world on July 29, 2018.

Rachel Brady - welcomed her first child, son Jude Jerome, into the world on July 29, 2018.

Ashley (Dahl) Gilbertson - started her new job as an English Language Learner Teacher at Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg Public Schools in August 2018.

Congratulations to all these Cobbers on their celebrations this past year!!

LOST LIST

The following is a list of classmates the alumni office doesn't have contact information for. If you know an email address or other contact info for any of these classmates, please encourage them to update their information at cord.edu/classnotes or let me know so I can update the system.

Brittany Anderson
Tarin Beireis
Austin Bren

Demetria Hickson
Victor Malsom
Thomas Mammen

Felicia Schons
Lee Shults
Christian Snyder

Brandy Crews
Zachary Deffinbaugh
Nathalie Fida Lassang
Angela Foreman
Katelyn Foster
Frank Grabanski

Philip Nelson
Yannick Ngongang Petnkeu
Edward O'Byrn
Amanda Paulson
Kelsay Peterson
Anna Rice

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Ashley Stahowik
Taras Starheim
Brianne Thompson
Skyler Vilt
Clar Weyrauch

DECEASED LIST

Katherine A. Helmin – September 27, 2010

HOMECOMING

October 10 – 13, 2019

For a full schedule of events and to register, visit <https://www.ConcordiaCollege.edu/Homecoming>

COBBERS FOR COBBERS

2012 Class Giving

Class Year	Total Donors	Potential Donors	Participation	Total Credit	Lifetime Credit
2012	23	611	3.76%	\$1,348.05	\$9,097.43

CONNECT WITH CLASSMATES

Stay connected with your class and college!

Concordia College Class of 2012 facebook.com/groups/672653856115896

Concordia College Alumni @CobberAlumni

Concordia College Young Alumni facebook.com/groups/2057143081235980/

Concordia College Facebook @concordiacollege

Concordia College Instagram @concordia_mn

Concordia College Twitter @Concordia_MN

CAMPUS UPDATES

Here are a few fun things happening around campus. Make sure you're encouraging potential students to consider Concordia – there's always a lot going on as we know!

Concordia Language Villages

Summer 2018 was a busy one for Concordia Language Villages. We had over 4700 villagers and families from all over the world attend immersion programs at our Turtle River Lake sites just north of Bemidji and at other leased camps in northern Minnesota. This strong enrollment demonstrates the value families are placing on world language and culture education.

Music

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. Clausen is a leader in choral music as both a conductor and a composer. He is the artistic director of the Concordia Christmas Concerts. Clausen was also commissioned by Concordia to create a major work in observance of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The work is titled "The Passion of Jesus Christ" and premiered at Orchestra Hall in 2017. 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.”

The Concordia Band was invited to perform at both the Minnesota Music Educators Association Mid-Winter Clinic in Minneapolis and the North Dakota Music Educators Association Conference in Bismarck. In addition, the band was also invited to be the featured collegiate band at the Westman Honour Band concert at Brandon University in Brandon, Manitoba. As part of their annual domestic tour, the band performed a joint concert with the Encore Wind Ensemble in St. Paul, MN as well as concerts in St. Anthony Village, Albany and Staples-Motley, all in Minnesota. The band is in the beginning stages of planning their international tour to Spain in May of 2020.

Athletics

In the spring of 2018, Concordia had only one team – women’s basketball – with a female head coach. Fast forward one year, and with the hiring of new volleyball head coach Faith Dooley, the Cobbers now have 5 additional female head coaches mentoring student/athletes.

The Cobber men’s hockey team earned its seventh consecutive berth in the MIAC playoffs this season. Concordia finished conference play with nine league wins which was the most since the 2013 season.

Other News

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. Our program is ideal for career changers, and individuals deciding later in their academic journey, to pursue a career in medicine.

A dinner was held April 4 to celebrate the naming of Dr. Dan Biebighauser as holder of The Sigurd and Pauline Prestegaard Mundhjeld Endowed Chair of Mathematics. Biebighauser is a 2002 graduate of Concordia and joined the faculty in 2006. The holder of the Mundhjeld chair is to be a person who has provided exemplary service in teaching and scholarship in the field of mathematics and who is known and respected in the field.

ALUMNI AWARDS

The National Alumni Board voted on the 2019 Alumni Achievement, Sent Forth and Called to Serve Awards. To learn more about each award, visit www.concordiacollege.edu/alumni/awards-and-recognition/.

2019 Alumni Achievement Award Recipients

Dr. Paul Brandvik ‘59
Dr. Kristi Ferguson ‘71
Dr. Thomas Samuelson ‘81
Rev. Ann Svenningsen ‘77

2017 Sent Forth Recipients

Betsy Grams ‘98
Matthew Culloton ‘98

That’s all for now! Go Cobbers!

Britt Vander Eyk & Kayla Horien
2012 Class Agents