

Hey Class of 2012!

Wow!! What a year!! I hope everyone is doing well and made the most of the past year. Thank you to everyone that sent over an update – I had a blast reading them and I think you all will too.

Take a moment to catch up with your class Cobbers below and read about what's going on around campus. I know it's much appreciated from the Alumni Office to hear from everyone, so remember that you can update your information at anytime at cord.edu/classnotes. Roll Cobbs!

CLASS UPDATES

Jordan Lutz –Jordan and partner Nicole were fortunate to maintain employment through 2020, continuing as Sustainability Project Manager at Bemidji State University and elementary teacher in the Bemidji School District, respectively. They spent much of their year preparing mentally and physically to welcome their first child into the world. Baby Lutz is due in late March 2021.

Kari (Krieger) Jurgenson – My husband and I moved to Alabama in July during the height of the pandemic here. We also welcomed our first child, Sydney Nicole Jurgenson, on October 12th. With a newborn baby girl and the pandemic, we decided not to travel and celebrated the holidays virtually with family. Although it was our first time ever not being with our families over the holidays, we know it was for the best and enjoyed our time together as our new little family of three!



Dr. Amber (Chevalier) Plambeck – I got married in September of 2019 and had my son in September of 2020. I am currently working at North Dakota State University for the Chemistry & Biochemistry department.



Chelsea Wilson – I started the year working as a copy editor at a tech education company in Boston, then got COVID in March, and after being back about half a week, I (and about 75 other people) got laid off. I finally got a job as a science copy editor starting in February, so 2020 was an experience! But I survived and spent that time doing freelance copy editing, kickboxing, and Dungeons & Dragons, and hanging out with my cat.

Andrea (Wagner) White – We paid off all non-mortgage debt (Thanks, Dave Ramsey!). That's a sort of milestone :P

Katie (Peske) McDowell - I am currently still in Severn, Maryland, with my husband Justin. We welcomed our third child, baby girl Julia Rachelle in April, in the heart of quarantine, which was...interesting. :-) I am homeschooling our 5-year-old (which is funny timing, given that homeschooling was always my plan). We enjoyed lots of time at our lake cabin in Minnesota, since my husband was working remotely anyway, so we figured he might as well work remotely from the lakeside! Photo attached is from December 2020 - Justin, Katie, Bethany (5), Jonah (3), and Julia (8 months) McDowell.



Eric Steuck – I got married in Big Sky, Montana in August. I also helped start up and am part owner of a new in home concierge medical company called LX Medical. I am the director of IV Hydration Health and Wellness. We go into people's homes and do COVID testing, IV hydration, and any other medical services you may need. All in the comfort of your home.

Liz Redman – I finished my Masters program in Educational Technology in June! I am currently teaching 7th grade American History and 8th grade World Geography at Medford High School. I have two daughters, Reagan who is turning 4 soon and Sloane is almost 2!



Katrina Hammer – Dane and I are now settled in Fargo and have welcomed a new baby boy in September of 2020, Leif Taryn Hammer. We spent most of the summer doing landscaping projects and hope to enjoy our yard with more family and friends this coming year.



Zach Deffinbaugh – I'm married to my wonderful wife, Kaley. We have two kids, Grace (4) and Gabe (1.5). I'm a Family Nurse Practitioner and we live on a little hobby farm in Ellensburg, Washington.

Fun thing this past year...built a deluxe chicken coop and got some chickens to fill it ;)

Britt Vander Eyk – I absolutely love owning my own home and really enjoyed the time on my new deck this summer. It was especially great when I worked at home for a few months and got to take in the sunshine! I spent time quality time with family, running many miles, up north at the cabin, and tried making life as normal as it could be with COVID going on. Many puzzles were completed, books read and movies/shows watched in the downtime. A highlight of the year though was turning 30! I also started a new job at Coldspring in their Marketing department in November 2019. Excited for some fun adventures in 2021!!



Sarah Nick – Besides learning how to play cribbage to occupy our time. ha!

Corey Brenner ('11) and I got engaged in August and moved out of the city to our first home we bought in Saint Louis Park MN in December. I have been blessed to keep my job throughout this pandemic but if you hear of anyone that is in need through this or in general and wants to be in sales support or sales in the media industry please tell them to reach out to me. We are pretty slammed and actively looking! I'm happy to help others or at least connect them as much as I can.

Anyways, We look forward to all the craziness the next year has to bring us with home ownership and wedding planning. Hopefully staying healthy along with it.

An update from Nathaniel Cook ('12), Amanda Devine ('12), Graham Kosel ('12), Ryan McAdam ('12), LaCresia King - Lennick ('12), Skyler Vilt ('12), and our spouses (Emily ('13), Kyle, Katie, Jessica ('13), and Mary) Also pictured and important to note is honorary Cobber: Kirsten.

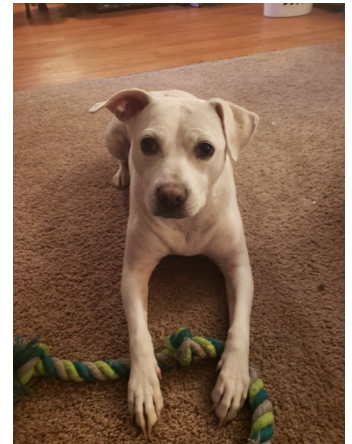
We are all still great friends, we are all influencing the affairs of the world, and we are all still craving mini chicken tacos from DS. Some of us have babies, a few pregnant, some got married, and one got COVID. Roll Cobbs.





Paul Cravens - We've both been able to work from home a lot in the past year, and although we're both focused on our own tasks, it has been really nice to spend more time with each other. I've had my share of vocational anxiety (as I'm sure many of us have), but I'm grateful for the meaningful work I could do last year. One major accomplishment was completing my second symphony for a consortium (including Concordia) of eight college and high school bands across the country. Looking forward to seeing it performed (even if virtually) this spring!

Anna Olson - In May 2020 I completed my graduate Program: Master of Professional Studies in Arts and Cultural Leadership from the U of M Twin Cities. The day after my final presentation I adopted a dog! Attached is a picture of my dog, Luna.



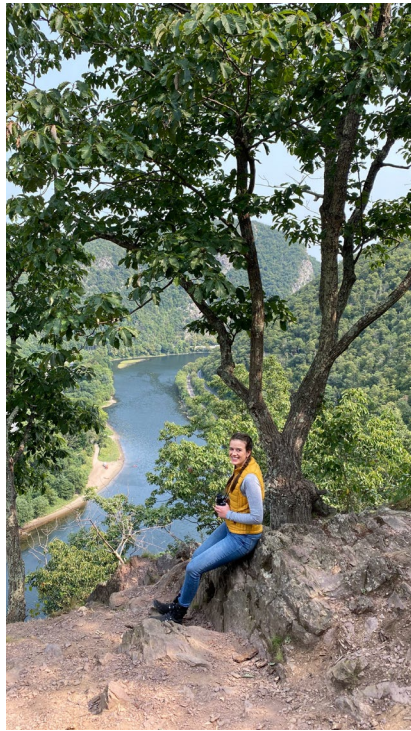
Ben & Alyssa Jacobson - The Jacobsons welcomed Finn Robert into the world in April 2020. They recently moved to Fargo, ND where Ben accepted a call as an associate pastor at Hope Lutheran Church.



Maggie Roberts - Maggie and her husband Luke welcomed their daughter Lydia Bernice into the world in February 2020. Maggie is a Registered Nurse at Sanford in Fargo.

Christine Fifield - In Fall 2020, I took my remote work on the road for a 5-week solo road trip of the east coast. I worked in the mornings then headed out to hike almost every day. I hiked my way through

the Poconos (Penn.), Acadia National Park (Maine), the Adirondacks (N.Y.), Allegheny National Forest (Penn.), Sleeping Bear Dunes (Mich.), Pictured Rocks Lakeshore (Mich.) and the Porcupine Mountains (Mich.) before returning home to Chicago. It was an amazing, rejuvenating and COVID-safe way to travel and get out of the house!



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

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 2012 can truly make a difference in the lives of current Cobbers!

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.

Brittany Anderson	Nathalie Fida Lassang	Demetria Hickson
Tarin Beireis	Angela Foreman	Gerardo Leon-Aguliar
Brandy Crews	Katelyn Foster	Victor Malsom
Zachary Deffinbaugh	Frank Grabanski	Thomas Mammen
Philip Nelson	Yannick Ngongang Petnkeu	Edward O'Byrn
Amanda Paulson	Kelsay Peterson	Jaclyn Porto
Anna Rice	Felicia Schons	Shane Sessions
Lee Shults	Ashley Stahowik	Taras Starheim
Brianne Thompson	Skyler Vilt	

HOMEcoming 2021

Celebrate Homecoming this Fall – September 30–October 3, 2021

For more details, visit: <https://www.concordiacollege.edu/alumni/homecoming/>

CONNECT WITH CLASSMATES

Stay connected with your class and college!

Concordia College Class of 2012 [facebook.com/groups/672653856115896](https://www.facebook.com/groups/672653856115896)

Concordia College Alumni @CobberAlumni

Concordia College Young Alumni [facebook.com/groups/2057143081235980/](https://www.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 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.

We hope everyone has a great year! Go Cobbers!

Britt Vander Eyk & Kayla Trobec
2012 Class Agents