

Class of 2013

2019 Class Letter



Welcome!

Hello, Class of 2013! It's me, your class agent! Welcome to your 2019 class letter.

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2013 Class Giving



Class: 2013

Total Donors: 51 (out of 576)

Participation: 8.85%

Total for 2019: \$3,246.60

Lifetime Total: \$13,259.80



Campus Happenings

- Thanks to a generous gift of \$5 million from the Simone Corporation and its CEO Kenny Park, we will soon begin the first phase of construction of Sup sogüi Hosu, the Korean Language Village, on Turtle River Lake. The first Village to be built was Skogfjorden, the Norwegian Language Village, and that happened 50 years ago this summer. A special event to commemorate this milestone will be held on July 13. Sjölundén the Swedish Language Village, celebrates its 45th summer with a midsommar event on August 3.
- The Center for Student Success has a new home in the Normandy. The beautifully renovated space is open and light making for an inviting space for students. The center includes academic support, Orientation and First-Year Transition Programming, the Peer Mentor program, and the Diversity Coordinator for Student Support Services.
- 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.



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.
- The Concordia Choir completed a highly successful tour through the Pacific Northwest in March. The tour featured concerts in Washington, Oregon, Montana, North Dakota, and Minnesota. The Choir also had engagements with ten high school choirs, as well as The Choir of the West at Pacific Lutheran University and a collaboration concert with The Singers – Minnesota Choral Artists at the Ordway in St. Paul. Work is now being done to plan the Choir's 2020 tour to the Southeast United States.
- The Concordia Orchestra completed a very successful fall domestic tour with performances in Appleton, Wausau and Chippewa Falls in Wisconsin and Roseville, Sartell and Brainerd in Minnesota.
- 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.



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.
- Concordia men’s track and field junior Matt Bye, Moorhead, won the heptathlon at this winter’s MIAC Indoor Championship Meet and went on to finish 11th in the event at the NCAA National Indoor Meet held in Boston, Mass. Bye won the MIAC title with the second highest point total in school history.
- 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. Sophomore forward Tyler Bossert, Fargo, led the MIAC in scoring and went on to earn All-American Second Team honors to become the ninth All-American in program history.



CLASS UPDATES

Education & Jobs

Patrick Ross received a new degree: Master of Public Health from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Jade Richards received a new degree: Master of Elementary Education from Valley City State University.

Jenny Morrow received a new degree: Masters of Library Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is now an Elementary Library Media Specialist at Bismarck Public Schools.

Nathan Meidinger started a new job at Grain Millers, Inc. as a sales support specialist located in the Twin Cities.

Natalie (Dillemuth) Strauss received a new degree: Master of Arts Education at Augsburg College and is currently teaching at Osseo Public Schools.

Christie (Bunge) Sederquist is currently working at Fort Fairfield Middle High School as a High School Math Teacher.

Tony Sanders is currently working on his doctorate of Musical Arts in trumpet performance. He is an adjunct professor at Mitchell Community College in Statesville, NC.

Noah Ford-Dunker started a new job at Eide Bailly as a digital marketing manager.

Cassandra (Munter) Doran graduated from American University Washington College Law with her J.D.

Cody Huttunen received his Certified Public Accountant (CPA) license and is currently working at Arvig in Perham, MN.



CLASS UPDATES

New Beginnings & Endings

Laura (Kuisle) Hoebing and her husband, Ben, welcomed a baby girl, Lucy, in September 2018.

Natalie (Dillemuth) Strauss and her husband, Nikolas, welcomed a baby boy, Joseph, in October 2017.

Steph (Paulson) Mattson and her husband, welcomed a baby boy, Callen, in April 2018.

Aubrey (Stromberg) Kvasnicka and her husband, Dan, are expecting a baby girl due in November 2019.

Timothy Wisdom passed away in December 2017.



THANK YOU & GOOD NIGHT:

Special Note: With a bundle of joy on my horizon, I am looking to pass the title of 2013 Class Agent on to a new classmate! If you are interested in taking on this role, please reach out to Matt Dymoke (mdymoke@cord.edu) or me (aubrey.kvasnicka@gmail.com).

Thank you for being a great class!

