CLASS OF 2015 IS SECOND HIGHEST DONATING CLASS

Concordia continues to have fundraising success due to generous supporters in each class. In the past few years, Concordia has continued to surpass fundraising goals and can create new opportunities for students, including the completion of the Integrated Science Center and student scholarships.

- 68 Donors
- $2,941 Donated This Year
- $7,187 Lifetime Donations
ALUMNI AWARDS

The National Alumni Board voted on the 2018 Alumni Achievement, Sent Forth and Called to Serve Awards. To learn more about each award, visit Cord.edu/alumniawards.

SENT FORTH RECIPIENTS

Dr. Tammy Frisby ’99
Arday Ardayfio ’02

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Charles Beck ’48
Dr. Richard Sibley ’67
Darnell Carter ’75
Claudia Swendseid ’78
• Concordia has been awarded a $1,000,000 grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation in honor of former Mellon Foundation president Earl Lewis ’78. This grant will be used for faculty development, scholarships for diverse students, program support for the Office of Diversity and support for the National Book Awards. This grant is in addition to the $800,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation the college received earlier this year to support PEAK and diversity initiatives across campus.

• This past fall, Concordia College launched the RISE Campaign, a comprehensive fundraising campaign with a goal of raising $150,000,000 by December 2019. These funds will be used to support three pillars of the Concordia experience: integrative learning, inclusive learning, and innovative learning. For more information, head to www.riseforconcordia.com

• The Department of Chemistry celebrated 100 years in early March (Chemistry has been at Concordia 102 years, but the event was postponed until the completion of the new Integrated Science Center). The day-long celebration included talks from chemistry alumni from across the country, a career networking event for students and a banquet in the evening with Robert Homann, Professor Emeritus and Past Dean of the College, as the keynote speaker.
• Senior Bailey Hovland broke several throwing records this year, winning the MIAC Championship and breaking the conference meet record in the hammer throw. Hovland’s hammer mark qualified her for the Women’s Track and Field Nationals Meet this spring.

• Brandon Zylstra ’15 signed a reserve/futures deal with the Minnesota Vikings for the upcoming season, after two successful seasons with the Edmonton Eskimos. Zylstra caught 100 passes for a league-best 1687 yards in 2017.
• Head tennis coach Joseph Murrey was named 2018 MIAC Coach of the Year after leading the team to the conference postseason for the first time since 2011.

• Becca O’Shurak has been hired as the first female head coach of women’s soccer. O’Shurak has previously served as assistant coach at Youngstown State and Tennessee Tech University.

• Chad Johnson was named the Bobby Bell College Impact Player of the Year by the Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation. He is only the second athlete from the MIAC to receive the honor. This honor is in addition to his MIAC All Conference Awards (3 years) and the 2017 MIAC MVP Award he received earlier this year.
• This May, the Concordia Orchestra spent two weeks on a cultural immersion trip in Greece, visiting eight cities and performing several concerts.

• The 2016 Concordia Christmas Concert “Gather Us In, O Child of Peace” earned a regional Emmy award for special event coverage. This is the second time a Concordia Christmas Concert has received the Upper Midwest Regional Emmy award.

• Dr. Rene Clausen was honored with the Weston H. Noble award for Lifetime Achievement at the 2018 ACDA Central and North Central Conference this year. Clausen is in his 32nd year at Concordia College as the conductor of The Concordia Choir.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can reach the Alumni Office with any life updates like moving, job changes, weddings, and degrees earned simply by emailing them your information!
CLASSMATE UPDATES

CONGRATULATIONS COBBERS!

ASHLEY (PEDERSON) BUELL, 2015
Ashley Pederson married Andrew Buell on September 30th, 2017.

ALYSSA (COOP) VICKSTROM, 2015
Alyssa (Coop) Vickstrom married Ben Vickstrom on December 17, 2016, in Fargo, ND. Alyssa and Ben Vickstrom moved to North Branch, MN, in July 2017. They are both employed as social studies teachers at Hinckley-Finlayson High School in Hinckley, MN. Ben Vickstrom earned his Masters of Science degree in Curriculum and Instruction with an Emphasis in Literacy from Minnesota State University: Moorhead on May 11, 2018.

MARIAH (LARDY) HALL, 2015
Mariah Lardy and Jackson Hall '13 were married on November 25, 2017. They were engaged on March 25th, 2017. They reside in Edinburg, ND, where Mariah is the Marketing Coordinator at First Care Health Center in Park River, North Dakota.

ANNA SAXON AND ZACK CARLSON, 2015
Anna Saxon and Zack Carlson were wed on August 18th, 2017. Zack currently attends medical school and Anna recently received her Masters in Healthcare Administration degree from the University of Iowa.