HELLO CLASS OF 2016!

What a year it has been, friends. So much has happened on campus, in our personal lives, and in the world around us. I’m excited to share some of your accomplishments, as well as the big happenings on campus this year in the pages that follow, and hope you enjoy.

As always, if you are in search of any additional information, have questions, or would like to find out how you can get more involved in the Alumni world, please don’t hesitate to reach out!

Warm Regards,

Kylie Windecker
2016 Class Agent

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CLASS OF 2016 GIVING STATS

This year, our class came together to:

RAISE $3,186
fourth place out of the ten most recent graduated classes

WITH 56 DONORS
tied for second place out of the ten most recent graduated classes

GIVING US A 8.45%
PARTICIPATION RATE
fourth place out of the ten most recent graduated classes

TO BRING OUR LIFETIME GIVING TOTAL TO:
$10,983.95
sixth place out of the ten most recent graduated classes

Never forget that your giving matters - every single person, every single dollar. YOU are making Concordia a better, more accessible place for our current and future Cobbers.

THANK YOU.
WHERE ARE WE NOW?

DR. ALYSSA (BERGSTROM) CLARITY
Bemidji, MN
Married on August 25th, 2018 to Trevor Clarity.

MADELINE HUSS
Minnesota
Earned Master of Music degree in vocal performance and music theory pedagogy from Peabody Institute in Baltimore, MD and now working as a Vocal Instructor at St. Croix Prep Academy.

KELSEY DRAYTON
West Fargo, ND
Began working as the Marketing & Admin Assistant for Beyond Realty in Fargo, ND.

KARLY (SCHUMAN) KLEINJAN
Bismarck, ND
Became a parent to Ava, born on September 19, 2018.

KRISTEN (HATFIELD) KOCHER
Fargo, ND
Married Daniel Kocher on June 2nd, 2018 and began working as the Administrative Assistant for Music Ensembles at Concordia College.
WHERE ARE WE NOW?

ANDREA MAJOR
Brainerd, MN

Working for Good Samaritan Society-Bethany in Brainerd, MN as the Licensed Nursing Home Administrator.

SAM MATTSON
Iowa

Working for Ag Processing Inc. in Eagle Grove, IA as a Merchandiser.

ALYSON (KASEMODEL) McGUIRE
West Fargo, ND

Earned Master of Education in School Counseling from North Dakota State University in Fargo, ND and became a School Counselor at Trinity Elementary in West Fargo, ND.

KIERSTEN McMAHON
Brainerd, MN

Earned Master of Laws degree studying International Human Rights Law from the National University of Ireland - Galway and began working as an Immigration Paralegal at Karam Law in Bloomington, MN.
WHERE ARE WE NOW?

JACEY MITZIGA

New York, NY

Earned M.S. in Publishing from New York University in New York, NY and began working as a Literary Agent Assistant at DeFiore and Company Literary Management.

ADAM NELSON

Minnesota

Working for Advanced Body Chiropractic in Stewartville, MN as a Chiropractic Assistant.

GRACE NICHOLSON

Newark, DE

Earned Master's Degree in Higher Education Student Affairs from the University of Rochester - Warner School of Education and Human Development in Rochester, NY. Now working for the University of Delaware Residence Life and Housing as a Residence Hall Coordinator.

ANNA SMITH de YOMA

Roseville, MN

"I got married on December 22, 2018 to Victor Yoma. I am currently employed with Anoka-Ramsey Community College as a Financial Aid Officer."
WHERE ARE WE NOW?

AMANDA (WORTMAN) SOHLER
Crystal, MN

Married on September 29, 2018 to Aaron Sohler and became National Counseling Society Member in October 2017.

RACHEL (GOERTZEN) WIENS
Winnipeg, MB, Canada

"I just graduated from U of Manitoba with an Honours degree and will be applying for the Physician Assistant program this fall."

KYLIE WINDECKER
Moorhead, Minnesota / North Andover, Massachusetts

"I just finished my third and final year as the Park Region Hall Director and Alcohol & Sexual Assault Programming Coordinator here at Concordia. At the end of June I will be moving to Massachusetts to work on my Masters Degree in Higher Education and Student Affairs while also working as a Graduate Hall Director at Merrimack College. It's a very bittersweet transition for me. Let me know if you are ever in the Boston area - I'll be looking for familiar faces to connect with any chance I get."

GABE WRIGHT
South Bend, IN

"I am currently in the 3rd year of a Ph.D. in Computer Science at the University of Notre Dame. Having completed my course work, I am now focusing on collaborative research with the Department of Biochemistry here at ND. Theoretically going to graduate at some point in the future."
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STUDENT SUCCESS IS THE NORM(ANDY)

The Center for Student Success has a new home in the Normandy - aka, that space above the bookstore and connected to Livedalen. The beautifully renovated space is open and full of light, making for an inviting space for students. The center includes academic support & Orientation and First-Year Transition Programming.
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2 CELEBRATION OF STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

More than 300 students presented their posters or spoke at concurrent sessions during Concordia’s 2019 Celebration of Student Scholarship (COSS) on April 10. Some students participated in multiple presentations. New at this year’s COSS was an art display with printmaking pieces and two sessions presented in Spanish. “Our goal is to keep building on the diversity of research,” says Krys Strand, director of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity and coordinator of the Celebration of Student Scholarship.

3 FORENSICS TEAM GOES TO NATIONALS

Concordia sent one debate pair to the National Debate Tournament and 12 speech team members to the American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament (AFA-NIET) this year. Way to go, speakers!
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COACH LIKE A GIRL
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. Dooley, who was an All-American at the University of North Dakota, joins women’s golf head coach Kari Weidner-Ceniceros, Maureen Greiner of women’s hockey, Rebecca O’Shurak from women’s soccer and NDSU All-American Laura Januszewski who coaches both the men’s and women’s cross country teams. The rise of female head coaches was recognized by University of Minnesota’s Tucker Center for Research on Girls and Women in Sport in their 2018-19 coaching report card that cited Concordia as the top college in the MIAC for the increase in female head coaches over the past year.

DR. B IS HONORED
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. All of the past holders of the Mundhjeld Endowed Chair were present. Past holders include Dr. Bill Tomhave, Dr. James L. Forde, Dr. Alexander Sze and Dr. Gerald A. Heuer ’51.
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. 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.”
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CONCORDIA ORCHESTRA & BAND TOURS

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. Repertoire included Symphony No. 3 by Florence Price, Scheherazade by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov and Concerto for Trombone by Jim Pugh, which featured Concordia Professor of Low Brass Dr. Nathaniel Dickey on trombone. Also joining the tour was guest conductor Christoph Rehli-Fankhauser, professor of conducting at the Lucerne University of Music in Switzerland.

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.
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CAREER CENTER UPDATES

Concordia added two critical new leaders in the Career Center this year. Kris Olson joined the College as the new Director of the Career Center in October 2018, and Jill Wenger, a Barnesville native, was hired in the role of Assistant Director of the Career Center in March 2019.

Kris began her career in Higher Education spent several years in Higher Education at NDSU and Concordia before making a career switch. She began working for Cargill, Inc as a Corporate Training Consultant, Training Curriculum Specialist, a Member of a Global Realignment Team, and a Recruiting Manager. Following her time at Cargill, Kris founded her own consulting business. Kris is an experienced professional with over 30 years of progressive experience in Higher Education, Corporate Business and Consulting.

Jill is an experienced professional with progressive experience within the City of Moorhead ranging from City Clerk, Assistant City Manager, and most recently, Human Resource Director. Jill brings great insight into public service, the local Fargo-Moorhead area, the Restorative Justice process, and recruitment best practices.
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HEALTH SERVICES

Katie Nystuen was hired as our Health Services Coordinator this year. Part of her role is to guide students in making choices regarding their healthcare needs, and connecting them to the many quality providers in our community. Though direct care is not the focus of the Health Services Office, she is First Aid, CPR and AED certified, can assist with triage and referral to an appropriate medical facility should an urgent situation arise, and is a Mental Health First Aid trainer. One of her goals is to be more proactive and holistic regarding health and wellness programming on campus.

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 and the recipients, visit www.concordiacollege.edu/alumni/awards-and-recognition/.

2019 Alumni Achievement Award Recipients:
Dr. Paul Brandvik ’59
Dr. Kristi (Martinson) Ferguson ’71
Rev. Ann Svennungsen ’77
Dr. Thomas Samuelson ’81

2019 Sent Forth Recipients:
Matthew Culloton ’98
Betsy (Strebel) Grams ’98
SAVE THE DATE

FULL CORNFEEED SCHEDULE
cord.edu/cornfeeds

COBBER NIGHT @ ST. PAUL SAINTS
Friday, June 7th

WEST METRO COBBER HAPPY HOUR
Wednesday, June 12th

COBBER NIGHT @ FM REDHAWKS
Tuesday, July 30th

COBBER NIGHT @ MN TWINS
Thursday, August 8th

2019 MOVE IN DAY
Sunday, August 25th

HOMECOMING WEEKEND
OCTOBER 11-13, 2019
cord.edu/homecoming

For more events, check out
www.cord.edu/youngalumni
MORE WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED

VOLUNTEER AS A MENTOR

Help current students with their job search, career questions and preparedness for the real world.

HELP RECRUIT STUDENTS

The Admissions Office is always looking for help getting new students to look at Concordia. Wanna talk us up? We wouldn't be mad about that!

JOIN AN ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Office of Alumni Relations is still supporting Young Alumni Engagement Committees in both the Twin Cities and Fargo-Moorhead. These committees meet periodically throughout the year to plan and develop events and ideas to connect Cobbers from the last ten years together. If you’re interested in learning more about these groups and would like to be a part of this amazing work, contact Matt Dymoke at mdymoke@cord.edu
For making it through this entire report, and for being the amazing person that you are

THANK YOU

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