

HOMECOMING

# HOME IS WHERE THE HARVEST IS

**Homecoming Program** 

Oct. 13-15, 2023

# **WELCOME**

# **Welcome from President Irvine**



Welcome, everyone, to Concordia's 2023 Homecoming! We have looked forward with great pleasure to seeing you this weekend. To reunion classes, congratulations to you all, and thank you for your devotion to your alma mater.

As new arrivals on campus, Kelly and I, have been made to feel so welcome by the entire Concordia community. We joyfully anticipate getting to know you, hearing your stories of lives transformed by this good place, and discovering the ways in which you are influencing the affairs of the world. We know that

homecoming is a special time on campus and we can't wait to experience our first weekend of celebration from the banquet to the parade to cheering Cobber teams on to victory to the wonderful music at the Homecoming Concert and more. We know you'll delight in seeing classmates, reconnecting with faculty and staff, meeting with our current students, and just walking around one of the most beautiful college campuses in the United States.

The essential gift of returning home is the recollection of why and how we love a place so dearly. I know that as you return to Concordia, you will rejoice in friendships renewed, and remember what binds us all together across 132 years of faith and learning.

Soli Deo Gloria,

President Colin C. Irvine

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# **Welcome from Homecoming Chair**

Hello Cobbers! The Homecoming committee and I are thrilled to welcome you back home to campus! Homecoming is a great time to express your Cobber pride and celebrate Concordia's unique traditions. We are incredibly excited to see you back on campus for our favorite events, including the parade, alumni breakfast, football game, and more! Our theme for 2023 is "Home is

Where the Harvest Is" to commemorate the one campus we all have called home, and the unforgettable experiences we have had. Soli Deo Gloria.

Brock Rossell '24

2023 Homecoming Chair

Brock Rossell



# **Homecoming Committee**

(Left to Right) Row 1: Lizzie Phillips '24, Atlie Danielson '24, Brock Rossell '24, Marlie Johnston '23, Lillianne O'Brien '23 Row 2: Ava Kiemele '25, Daniel Pambu '25, Jordan Jensen '25, Sydney Ingham '25, Jacee Vang '26, Maddie Guler '24, Bella Brezonick '25 Row 3: Alaina Hagestuen '25, Ahna Novasio '26, Dre Sander '25, Molly Wells '23, Yuki Tei '25, Ann Vanderlinde '25, Lizzie Allan '25 Row 4: Olivia Tuhy '25, Olivia Lautt '24, Beth Vanderlinde '25, Johan Dominguez Lopez '25, Elizabeth Fedorchak '24, Ashley McHale '23, Karissa Jones '24 Row 5: Abi Strandlie '25, Glory Godwin Lekashu '24, Saela Fredericks '24, Avery Harsell '26, Greta Tollefson '25, Megan Haugo '24, Brendan Fee '24, Tennyson Kelm '24

Not Pictured: Lillie Kirchner '24, Tegan Marty '24,

# **National Alumni Board**

The Concordia College Alumni Association sustains and advances Concordia's mission by strengthening the relationship between the college and its alumni, and between alumni and current students, through active engagement, supporting enrollment, giving, and career initiatives. Board members serve a four-year term, with the exception of officers, and are recommended by peers at **ConcordiaCollege.edu/NABNomination.** 

### Officers

President: Jeff Cadwell '89 Vice President: Elizabeth (Maiers) Cheney '03 Secretary: Eric Beenken '88

### **Alumni Board Members**

Rev. Lisa Ahlness '84 • Anna (Haugo) Argo '11 • Dulcie (Healing Ground) Bear Don't Walk '95 • Kathryn (Johnson) Benson '64 • Joon Hyung Cho '04 • Layne Danielson '95 • Scott Ellingson '77 • Jon Evert '68 • Elle (Lorenson) Grothaus '92 Sarah (Cobb) Guzman '07 • Brandon Huether '10 • Kai Janovsky Western '00 • Christopher Jones '98 Susan (Rathbun) Kortemeier '76 • Krista (Wee) Nelson '72 • Pete Seljevold '84 • Aaron Siegle '05 • Alexi Waul '03

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Barbara (Walther) Anderson '84 • Steven Buchholz '69 • Adam Frazier '18 • Rhoda (Anderson) Habedank '85 Berit (Wallevand) Harvey '15 • Kris (Freije) Olson '90

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# 2023 HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

\*Requires preregistration and/or a fee

# **THURSDAY, OCT. 12**

Chapel • 9:50 a.m. • Centrum, Knutson Campus Center

Sanford Heimarck School of Health Professions Dedication • 1 p.m.

New Heimarck Center (South of Olson Forum) All are welcome.

1973 50th Reunion Opening Reception • 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Murphy's Pub, 808 30th Ave. S., Moorhead

No registration required; no cost; cash bar; order off menu

Cobbers Got Talent • 7 p.m. • Olson Forum

Bonfire and Fireworks • 8:45 p.m. • Jake Christiansen Stadium

# FRIDAY, OCT. 13

Homecoming Chapel • 9:50 a.m. • Centrum, Knutson Campus Center

Hear a message from 2023 Homecoming Committee Chair, Brock Rossell '24

Homecoming Registration • 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. • Atrium Alcove, Knutson Campus Center

Campus Tours • 10:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. • Leave from Atrium, Knutson Campus Center

Hosted by Student Ambassadors and SALT (Students and Alumni Linked Together)

1973 50th Reunion Luncheon with President Colin Irvine\*

12:30-2 p.m. • Centrum, Knutson Campus Center, Registration required; Cost \$20

Enjoy lunch with classmates and hear from President Irvine

### 1973 50th Reunion Tour of Sanford Heimarck School of Health Professions

3 p.m. • Sanford Heimarck School of Health Professions

Guided tour of the new building by Dr. Gwen Wagstrom Halaas '75, dean of the School of Health Professions

Co-Ed Alumni Soccer Game • 5:30 p.m. • Concordia Soccer Fields

Pre-Banquet Social Hour • 5:30-6:30 p.m. • Atrium, Knutson Campus Center

Enjoy a beverage and join fellow Cobbers and friends for a social hour prior to the banquet. Cash bar available

Homecoming Banquet\* • 6:30 p.m. • Centrum, Knutson Campus Center

Registration required; seating reserved; Cost \$55

The Homecoming Banquet recognizes four distinguished graduates with the presentation of the Alumni Achievement Award. Join us as we honor Dr. Betty Malen '68, Dr. Stephen Wonderlich '78, Randall Boushek '79, and the Rev. Gary Henderson '79.

Alumni Soccer Gathering • 8 p.m. • Murphy's Pub, 808 S. 30th Ave., Moorhead

### **Reunion Gatherings**

Class of 1973 (50th Reunion) • 7:30-10 p.m. • Radisson Blu, 201 5th St. N., Fargo Informal gathering — no registration required; no cost; cash bar; order off menu

Class of 1978 (45th Reunion) • 8-11 p.m. • Sidestreet Grille and Pub, 404 4th St. N., Fargo Informal gathering — no registration required; no cost; cash bar; order off menu

Class of 1988 (35th Reunion) • 7:30-10 p.m. • Sidestreet Grille and Pub, 404 4th St. N., Fargo Informal gathering — no registration required; no cost; cash bar; order off menu

Class of 1993 • 7:30 p.m. • Mick's Office, 10 8th St. S., Moorhead

No registration required; no cost; cash bar; order off menu

Class of 2003 (20th Reunion) • 9 p.m.-Midnight

Blarney Stone Pub, Hotel Donaldson, 101 Broadway N., Fargo

No registration required; no cost; cash bar; order off menu

Class of 2013 (10th Reunion) • 7-10:30 p.m. • Junkyard Brewing Company, 1416 1st Ave. N., Moorhead No registration required; no cost; cash bar

Class of 2018 (5th Reunion) • 6:30 p.m. • Brewhalla, Drekker Brewing Company, 1666 1st Ave. N., Fargo No registration required; no cost; cash bar; order off menu

# **SATURDAY, OCT. 14**

### Cobber 5K Fun Run & Kids' Niblet 1 Mile\*

Memorial Auditorium

7-8 a.m. Registration for Cobber 5K Fun Run & Kids' Niblet 1 Mile\*

8:30 a.m. Homecoming Cobber 5k (all ages welcome)

9:30 a.m. Kids' Niblet Mile (12 and under)

\$20 early registration for Kids' Niblet Mile before Oct. 13 (T-shirt included)

\$25 early registration for Cobber 5K before Oct. 5 at 11:59 p.m. (T-shirt included)

\$30 after Oct. 5 at 11:59 p.m. (Includes T-shirt based on availability)

Registration and race details at ConcordiaCollege.edu/CobberFunRun

### Reunion Breakfasts\*

Spend time with your classmates during these special class breakfasts. You can check in and receive your registration materials at your breakfast.

65th ('58) 9 a.m., Frida Nilsen Lounge, Fjelstad Hall\* (\$10)

60th ('63) 9 a.m., Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

55th ('68) 9 a.m., Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

50th ('73) 8 a.m., Centrum, Knutson Campus Center\* (\$22)

45th ('78) 8 a.m., Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

40th ('83) 8 a.m., Barry Auditorium, Grant Center\* (\$18)

35th ('88) 9 a.m., Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

30th ('93) 8 a.m., Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

25th ('98) 8 a.m., Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

20th ('03) 9 a.m., Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

15th ('08) 9 a.m., Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

10th ('13) 8:30 a.m., Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

5th ('18) 9 a.m., Micks Office, Moorhead • Registration not required; pancakes and beverages available for purchase. Contact Alumni Relations with questions – 218.299.3734.





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# SATURDAY, OCT. 14 continued

Young Alumni Breakfast (classes 2019-23) • 9:30-11 a.m. • Mick's Office, Moorhead

Registration not required; pancakes and beverages available for purchase

Contact Alumni Relations with questions - 218.299.3734

Admission Presentation and Tours • 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Available for prospective students and their families – for registration information, contact the Admission Office 218.299.3004.

Education Department Alumni Reception • 10-10:45 a.m. • Second Floor, Old Main

The Education Club invites current and former education majors to gather for refreshments and conversation.

Library Reunion • 10-11 a.m. • First Floor Reference Room, Carl B. Ylvisaker Library

Please RSVP by contacting Colleen Egan at cegan@cord.edu or 218.299.4640, indicating your class year and what years you worked in the library, if applicable.

Homecoming Parade • 11 a.m. • Eighth Street, Moorhead

Route starts from Townsite Center near McDonald's and ends at the Jake Christiansen Stadium

**Cobber Wrestling Tailgate** 

Cobber Wrestling • 11:30 a.m., Jake Christiansen Stadium (behind third baseline dugout)

All wrestling alumni, family and friends are invited – food is available for purchase at the concession stand. No RSVP required

Football vs. Hamline • 1 p.m. • Jake Christiansen Stadium

Tickets are available at the gate. During halftime, the **2023 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees** will be recognized and the Cobber Cheer Team will be performing.

Men's Soccer vs. Gustavus Adolphus • 1 p.m. • Jake Christiansen Stadium, Soccer Field Tickets available at the gate

Women's Soccer vs. Gustavus Adolphus • 3:30 p.m. • Jake Christiansen Stadium, Soccer Field Tickets available at the gate

Making an Impact and Leaving a Legacy • 3:30-4:30 p.m. • Heimarck Center 150

Concordia is proud to partner with Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing to offer an informational session on using your resources to positively impact the organizations you love, while at the same time planning for your family in retirement and your estate. Benjamin Boline, J.D., senior charitable gift planner with Thrivent, will lead this session. No products or services will be sold in this presentation.

## Afternoon Reunion Gatherings

Class of 2013 (10th Reunion) • 3-5:30 p.m. • Camp Lone Tree, 701 Eateries, 701 N. University, Fargo No registration required; no cost; cash bar; order off menu

**Lambda Delta Sigma Alumni Tea • 3:45-6 p.m. • Birkeland Alumni Lounge, Offutt Concourse** Alumnae will enjoy treats and share their experiences and memories of Lambda Delta Sigma. Please RSVP to lds.alum.cc@gmail.com.



Athletic Hall of Fame Reception\* • 5 p.m. • Centrum, Knutson Campus Center

Registration is required; cost \$20. The 2023 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees will be honored.

Homecoming Concert • 6:30 p.m. • Memorial Auditorium

Free; arrive early to get a good seat.

### **Evening Reunion Gatherings\***

60th ('63) 8:30 p.m., Centrum, Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

55th ('68) 8:30 p.m., Centrum, Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

50th ('73) 8:30 p.m., Centrum, Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

45th ('78) 8:30 p.m., Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

40th ('83) 7:30 p.m., Jasper Hotel, 215 Broadway N., Fargo (cash bar and hors d' oeuvres, donations welcome that evening)

35th ('88) 8:30 p.m., Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

30th ('93) 8:30 p.m., Legends Sports Bar, 803 Belsly Blvd., Suite 100, Moorhead (No charge; cash bar)

25th ('98) 8:30 p.m., Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

20th ('03) 8:30 p.m., Knutson Campus Center\* (\$18)

Band/Orchestra/Choir All-Reunion Gathering\* (for all class years)

8:30 p.m. • Knutson Campus Center (\$18)

Track & Field Ed Langsdorf 1970s Reunion Gathering

8:30 p.m. • Knutson Campus Center (\$18)

# **SUNDAY, OCT. 15**

All-Campus Worship • 10:30 a.m.-Noon • Memorial Auditorium

Inauguration Service of President Colin Irvine

All are welcome for this worship service as Concordia formally welcomes Dr. Colin Irvine as the 12th president. Immediately following the inauguration, please join us for a reception in the Atrium, Knutson Campus Center.

Reunion details and registration can be found online at

ConcordiaCollege.edu/Homecoming or by calling Alumni Relations at 218.299.3734.





# **HONORING OUR ALUMNI**

The National Alumni Board recognizes alumni who are notably carrying out the mission of the college and who have distinguished themselves in their careers and service to others by conferring upon them the Alumni Achievement Award (alumni of more than 20 years) and the Sent Forth Award (alumni of less than 20 years). We also honor alumni of any age who are devoted to local community service with the Called to Serve Award.



# **2023 Sent Forth Award Recipients**



Kindra Hall '03, is a Wall Street Journal best-selling author and internationally recognized keynote speaker on the power of storytelling in business. She is the former chief storytelling officer of SUCCESS magazine, 2014 Storytelling World Award recipient, former board member of the National Storytelling Network, and served as guest faculty at Harvard Medical School. Her work has been featured on Inc.com, Entrepreneur.com, and in Harvard Business Review.



**Noah Addy '05,** Microsoft, is working on artificial intelligence and how to leverage it to drive efficiency and cost-savings for businesses across the globe. Originally from Accra, Ghana, he has made sacrifices, invested time in learning to design software, and worked harder than he could have imagined. He also has mentored more than 100 people, some with no college degrees, who have landed high-paying jobs as software engineers, product managers, and more.

# **2023 Called to Serve Recipients**



Kari (Dordal) Christianson '71, retired program director for DES Action USA, a national nonprofit that advocates for DES-exposed individuals, was exposed in utero to DES or diethylstilbestrol. The anti-miscarriage drug, created in 1938, caused harm to women, their children and now possibly their grandchildren. Christianson was instrumental in organizing a Twin Cities chapter before joining the national board and eventually serving as program director. She has also been involved in several health organizations committees with a DES focus along with church committees and the ELCA.



Lane Doerring '57, served as pastor for several parishes in Minnesota over the years including Stephen-Argyle Parish, Menahga Parish and Highland Prairie-Elston in Peterson. He also served as an ELCA missionary in Tanzania where he was crucial to the Companion Synod and proved to be an invaluable advocate for the relationship. His fluency in Swahili was considered a great asset. In Tanzania, Doerring was the first teacher at the mission school, helped renovate school buildings and was instrumental in upgrading teaching at the school.

# **2023 Alumni Achievement Award Recipients**



**Dr. Betty Malen '68**, was professor of education policy and politics and a Distinguished Scholar-Teacher at the University of Maryland, College Park, until she passed away in February 2023. After beginning her career as a speech/English teacher and forensics coach, she held professorial positions at the University of Utah and the University of Washington. She was involved in educational programs on drug and alcohol abuse and fostering improvements in public schools. She received multiple awards and grants and had numerous scholarly works.



**Dr. Stephen Wonderlich '78,** is vice president for research and co-director of the Center for Biobehavioral Research at Sanford. He is also a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science, University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences. He has published widely, is on the editorial board for several professional journals and serves, or has served, on the board of directors for several eating disorder organizations.



Randall "Randy" Boushek '79, retired senior vice president and chief financial officer for Thrivent Financial, joined the company in 1981 and held various positions during his 40 years with the organization. In 2010, he was named CFO of the Year in the Twin Cities by the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal. He was a member and chair of Concordia's Board of Regents, chair of the search committee that brought President Craft to the college, and served on the board of directors of several organizations.



The Rev. Gary Henderson '79, has been chief relationship officer – Global Partnerships for United Methodist Communications since 2017. He is the primary protocol officer for the strategic development and maintenance of communication ministry for the United Methodist Church around the world. He has traveled to six of the seven continents and visited more than 100 countries to preach, teach, and lead. He has received several awards, been a member of numerous committees, and is currently on Concordia's Board of Regents.

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Maria DeBoer '00 (Pine Island, Minn.) was a 3-time All-American and MIAC champion in women's track and field who helped the Cobbers win the MIAC Indoor Championship in 1998 and 1999 as well as the MIAC Outdoor team title in 1999. She earned All-American honors in the discus and was a 5-time NCAA Championship Meet participant. DeBoer won the MIAC discus title in 1999 and was a 7-time All-MIAC honoree.



**Erin (Gunderson) Flann '02** (Princeton, Minn.) is the only 2-time NFCA All-Region award winner in program history. She is among only a few players in Cobber softball history to earn back-to-back MIAC All-Conference honors. A dominating pitcher who helped Concordia post its best conference finishes in program history, She still holds the program record for most career wins and lowest career ERA.



**Ryan Hebrink '04** (Sacred Heart, Minn.) was a standout 2-sport athlete who earned MIAC All-Conference honors on five occasions in football and baseball. He was a 3-year starter as quarterback for the Cobber football team, a 3-time All-MIAC honoree and the team captain in 2002 and 2003. Hebrink earned ABCA All-Region honors in 2002 and 2003 and still owns the program record for home runs in a career.



Jeremy Hinderks '04 (Renville, Minn.), also a powerful force for the Cobber football and baseball teams in the early 2000s, is the only player in Cobber baseball's history named MIAC Pitcher of the Year. He was also a 2-time ABCA All-Region award-winner in baseball, and owns the school record in career wins and appearances. On the football field, Hinderks was a 3-year starter as a fullback, who led the team in touchdowns in 2003 and rushed for almost 1000 yards in his career.



**Kyle Johnson '93** (Harcourt, Iowa) was an All-American 2-sport athlete for the Cobber track and field and cross country teams. He earned All-American honors when he finished runner-up in the 800 meters at the 1993 NCAA National Indoor Meet – missing out on a national championship by only .21 of a second. Johnson was a 2-time NCAA National Meet qualifier and 2-time MIAC champion in the 800 meters. He was also a 3-year member of the cross country squad.

### **GLOBAL TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES**

Learn more at ConcordiaCollege.edu/AlumniTravel

### Tanzania

Feb. 24-Mar. 8, 2024

Drive through the Serengeti Plains and to Tarangire National Park with Dr. James Aageson, retired dean of Arts and Sciences, and his wife, Julie, and visit a variety of Lutheran missionary projects. See diverse African wildlife, while visiting Lake Manyara National Park, the Great Rift Wall and Ngorongoro Crater. Witness the missionary work of David '51 and Eunice (Nordby) '52 Simonson at Maasai Girls Lutheran Secondary School, which has a close relationship with Concordia College.

### **Spain**

May 20-31, 2024

Experience romantic Spain on a 12-day journey from Madrid to the heart of Andalucía with Eric Johnson, director of Alumni Relations and his wife, Michelle. We move from the majesty of the capital city with the Palacio Real, Prado museum, the Plaza de España and travel south to experience the history of Rome in the aqueducts in Segovia and the culture of Al-Andalus, as this region of Spain was known during eight centuries of Moorish control. We will see the courtyards and fountains of the Alhambra in Granada; the iconic red-and-white arches of La Mezquita in Córdoba; and the imposing Alcázar in Sevilla. And of course, enjoy fantastic cuisine including wine and tapas and the soul of Andalucía in Flamenco music, dancing and singing. ¡Ven con nosotros y vive!

### **LOCAL ALUMNI EVENTS**

Host an event in your area for Cobbers and Alumni Relations. Concordia will help promote it and reimburse you up to \$200 a year for expenses. The event can be social, networking, service-oriented or anything else you're interested in. Currently, we have Twin Cities and Fargo-Moorhead committees focused on connecting alumni. To find out more about hosting an event or joining a local committee, contact Alumni Relations at alumni@cord.edu or 218.299.3734.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Event details at ConcordiaCollege.edu/AlumniNews

### The Concordia Orchestra Tour

Oct. 29-Nov. 5 | Home Concert, Nov. 5 Traveling through Minnesota and Wisconsin ConcordiaCollege.edu/OrchestraTour

### Twin Cities Concordia Women Connect

Nov. 11 | The Marsh in Minnetonka Speaker: Amy Quale, Co-founder and CEO, Wise Ink Creative Publishing

### Concordia Giving Day

Nov. 16

Support student scholarships

### **Concordia Christmas Concerts**

Dec. 1, 2, 3 | Moorhead

### **Concordia Christmas Concerts**

Dec. 7 | Minneapolis

### The Concordia Band Tour

**Feb. 5-11, 2024** | Home Concert, Feb. 11 Traveling through Minnesota and Wisconsin ConcordiaCollege.edu/BandTour

### The Concordia Choir Tour

Feb. 24- March 17, 2024 | Home Concert, March 17 Midwest and Western United States, including Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana, Washington, Oregon, and Northern California ConcordiaCollege.edu/ChoirTour

### Concordia Author Series March 14, 2024

Celebration of Student Scholarship April 17, 2024

### Commencement Weekend May 3-5, 2024











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# Bookstore and Dining Hours

### **Bookstore Hours**

Friday: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Jostens rep available 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Jostens rep available all hours

Sunday: 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Jostens rep available all hours

# **Dining Hours**

### **Anderson Commons**

Knutson Campus Center Friday: 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday/Sunday:

Brunch: 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Dinner: 5-7 p.m.

### The Maize

Knutson Campus Center Friday: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Saturday/Sunday: 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

### Korn Krib

Knutson Campus Center Friday: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday: 1-10 p.m. Sunday: 1-10 p.m.

### **Coffee Stop**

Knutson Campus Center Friday: 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday/Sunday: Closed

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