



CLASS LETTER

CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MOORHEAD MINNESOTA



Concordia dedicates new Heimarck Center

A crowd of alumni, students, and well-wishers gathered to celebrate the October opening and dedication of Concordia's Heimarck Center, made to house the Sanford Heimarck School of Health Professions.

Named for Dr. Ted Heimarck, who founded Concordia's healthcare administration program, the facility is made for learning by doing, said President Colin Irvine during the ceremony.

Not only does it allow students from multiple programs to work together as a team just as healthcare workers do in the field, but its spacious interior includes state-of-the-art simulation labs for nursing and home health, a leadership boardroom that allows students to give executive presentations, and a high-tech BodPod device that can measure a patient's body fat percentage.

Concordia's nursing program ranked No. 1 in Minnesota

Concordia's nursing program has been ranked No. 1 for the second consecutive year on RegisteredNursing.org's list of Best Nursing Schools in Minnesota.

The site states: "Minnesota is fostering the move toward a higher standard of patient care by encouraging advanced nursing degrees and professional development for registered nurses, and educational opportunities abound in the state for both new nursing students, as well as registered nurses looking to advance their careers."

Concordia Promise to cover full tuition for new students in financial need

Concordia College announces the Concordia Promise, a new program beginning in Fall 2024 that will cover full tuition for any newly-admitted student from across the country whose family has an Adjusted Gross Income below \$90,000.

The Concordia Promise includes 100% of standard full-time tuition through a combination of federal and state gift aid and existing Concordia scholarships. Housing, food, fees, and other additional costs are not included.

To be eligible, students must:

1. Be admitted to Concordia for Fall 2024, either as an incoming first-year student or as a new incoming transfer student who has not yet completed an undergraduate degree. Minnesota students eligible for the Minnesota Dream Act also qualify.
2. Be eligible to file a FAFSA. The program is open to students from any state.
3. Report an AGI lower than \$90,000 on the FAFSA. The FAFSA must be filed yearly to determine eligibility.
4. Maintain satisfactory academic progress. There is no GPA requirement.



Concordia introduces new wellness program, director

Concordia has redesigned its wellness program, integrating wellness into its First-Year Experience curriculum for the 2023-24 academic year.

As part of this transition, Dr. Stefanie Meyer has been named the new wellness director and will design and teach the new and revised wellness courses. These are one-credit, two-semester courses that will be required of all students. These classes have been redesigned to address physical, social, emotional, intellectual, spiritual, occupational, and environmental wellness.

\$2.5 million NSF grant for CLIMB brings biotech opportunities to Concordia students

A new \$2.5 million National Science Foundation grant will set 36 Concordia students up for success, pairing scholarships with academic and social support systems, mentoring, and internships with local industry partners.

Geared toward students with high financial need, the Concordia Leads: Instructing and Mentoring in Biotechnology program will offer three cohorts of 12 incoming students up to \$15,000 annually, beginning in Fall 2024. The scholarship can be applied on top of others to potentially cover the full cost of college.

Eligible programs of study include biology, chemistry, computer science, environmental studies, mathematics, neuroscience, physics, and pre-engineering.

Three Fargo companies — Agathos Biologics, Aldevron, and Genovac Antibody Discovery — have partnered with Concordia for the CLIMB program, along with the Greater Fargo Moorhead Economic Development Corporation.



CONCORDIA ANNOUNCES

New Programs and Activities

Concordia College is charting a new path by investing to grow, strategically investing in innovative, interdisciplinary academic programs that meet the demands of the market but also pave the way for high-demand careers.

Several new programs were announced in Fall 2023

with more in progress, including:

- Biosciences Major with Pharmacy Concentration
- Healthcare Leadership Minor
- Applied Data Analytics Certificate
- World Languages for the Workspace Certificates
- Registered Behavioral Technician Certificate
- Master in Management Science with a Focus on Data Analytics

More are in the planning stages for 2024-25, such as:

- Actuarial Science Major
- Business Major with a Cybersecurity Concentration
- Business Major with a Human Resources Concentration
- Business Major with a Project Management Concentration
- Computer Science Major with a Cybersecurity Concentration
- Cybersecurity Administration Major + Minor
- Data Science Major

- Supply Chain Management Major + Minor
- Certified Financial Planning Minor
- Human Resources Minor
- Pre-Law Minor
- Project Management Minor
- Public Health Minor
- Master of Social Work in Clinical Social Work

Extracurricular expansions include:

- Drumline
- Clay Target
- Esports expansion in Super Smash Bros. Ultimate and Rocket League.



News & Notes

Stay up to date on news throughout the year and subscribe to our weekly email newsletter. ConcordiaCollege.edu/news/news-and-notes

CONCORDIA COLLEGE HOMECOMING

Concordia's Homecoming events include something for everyone. Bring your family, join old friends, and make new memories on campus this fall. We look forward to celebrating with YOU Sept. 27-29, 2024. Watch for updates at ConcordiaCollege.edu/Homecoming



THE COBBER FUND

Let's pay forward the generous scholarships we received as students by supporting this next generation of Cobbers. Together, we can help ensure a Concordia education is possible for every student. Last year, 4,500 people made a gift for students.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN GENEROUSLY TO SUPPORT COBBERS!

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Corn feed season is around the corner! We will continue the tradition of hosting corn feeds in the summer and hope to see you!
ConcordiaCollege.edu/CornFeeds



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ALUMNI AWARDS

CONCORDIA HAS THREE CATEGORIES OF AWARDS PRESENTED EACH YEAR

The Alumni Achievement Award

the college's highest honor, is conferred upon alumni who have distinguished themselves in their careers and service to others. For graduates of 20 years or more, the AAA is reserved for alumni at the pinnacle of their vocational life.

Called to Serve Award

is conferred upon alumni who have demonstrated notable commitment to the mission of the college through lifelong service to their faith communities, education, arts or other not-for-profit activities. Alumni of any year are eligible.

The Sent Forth Award

is conferred upon young alumni who have distinguished themselves early on in their careers and service to others. For graduates of less than 20 years, this award is reserved for alumni who have shown vocational precociousness.

2023 Alumni Achievement Award Recipients



Dr. Betty Malen '68

Retired professor of education policy and politics at the University of Maryland, College Park
Deceased Feb. 23, 2023



Randall "Randy" Boushek '79

Retired senior vice president and chief financial officer for Thrivent Financial



Dr. Stephen Wonderlich '78

Vice president for research and co-director of the Center for Biobehavioral Research at Sanford



The Rev. Gary Henderson '79

Chief relationship officer — Global Partnerships for United Methodist Communications

2023 Called to Serve Award Recipients



Kari (Dordal) Christianson '71

Retired program director for DES Action USA



The Rev. Lane Doerring '57

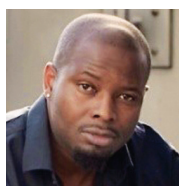
Served as pastor for several parishes in Minnesota
ELCA missionary in Tanzania
Deceased Oct. 30, 2023

2023 Sent Forth Recipients



Kindra (McGrane) Hall '03

Wall Street Journal best-selling author and internationally recognized keynote speaker on the power of storytelling in business



Noah Addy '05

Principal group engineering manager of AI Operations and Experiences for Microsoft

Nominations Always Open

To read more about these recipients or to nominate a deserving alumni, go to
ConcordiaCollege.edu/alumni/awards-and-recognition