

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Grounded in the liberal arts.
Focused on the future.

Targeted Funding Goal: \$12MM

You remember the faculty that encouraged you. You remember the experiences you had at Concordia that shaped your future. Today's students deserve the same standard of excellence. People are at the core of the Concordia experience, from faculty and coaches to conductors and other mentors. Inspired by teaching and mentorship, students learn to live out our mission to influence the affairs of the world as thoughtful, informed people dedicated to the Christian life.

At the heart of this effort is expanding access to experiential learning for students, investments in classroom technology, and strengthening faculty and staff through a Center for Teaching and Learning. These academic priorities invest in the people who make Concordia's Lutheran heritage and liberal arts education distinctive.

Living Out Our Mission

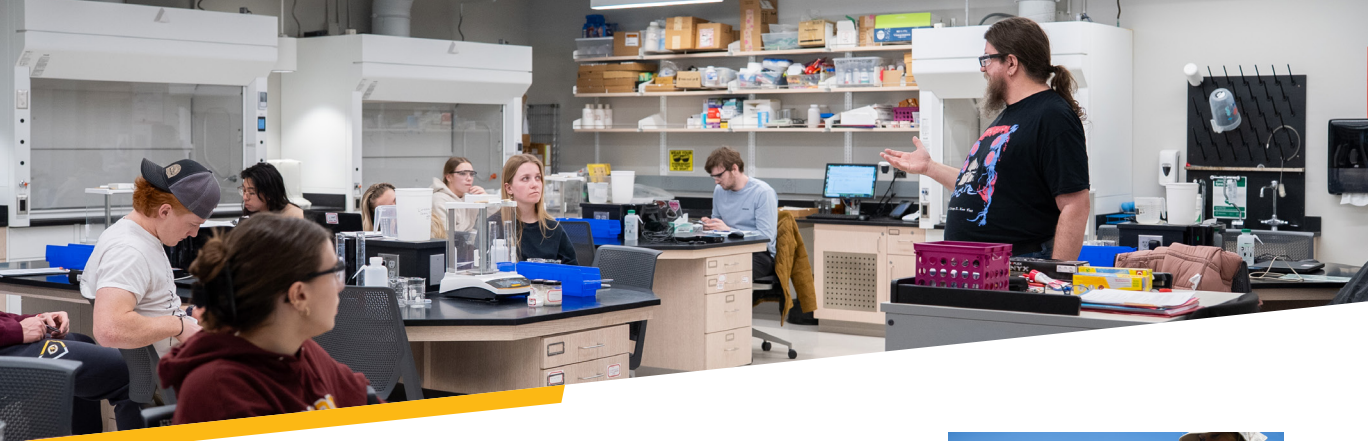
The academic priorities focus on Concordia's foundational commitment to excellence and high-impact experiential learning. Our commitment is to the faculty and staff who live out Concordia's mission, and on providing the resources for experiences and opportunities that drive student engagement and success. We are dedicated to protecting what has always made the college strong, while building for the future.



"Academic excellence begins with people. When we invest in faculty and staff, we strengthen teaching, mentorship, and scholarship, and we ensure Concordia can recruit and retain the educators our students deserve."



Susan Larson,
Provost



Experiential Learning

Experiential learning connects classroom scholarship to real work and real communities through hands-on learning, including research, internships, community-based learning simulation, and global study. An investment in high-impact practices is an investment in our students, so more students can participate as they pursue their academic passions.

“Even during surgery, the doctors were excited about teaching, and they wanted me to see and understand what they were doing at every moment.”

— Kylie Brenny '25, reflecting on a study abroad experience in Italy and Spain

Center for Teaching and Learning Innovation

Exceptional teaching does not happen by accident. It is built through shared learning, intentional and engaging pedagogy, and continuous development. The Center for Teaching and Learning will strengthen faculty and staff through professional learning, teaching innovation, and support for scholarly work. This is a space that creates interdisciplinary collaborations that can identify emerging challenges and opportunities in a complicated world. The CTLI will help Concordia attract and retain outstanding educators who lead with mentorship and prepare students for a changing world.

“Great teaching takes ongoing investment. The Center for Teaching and Learning Innovation will give our faculty and staff the support to keep learning, keep innovating, and keep meeting students where they are, while also strengthening Concordia’s ability to recruit and retain outstanding educators.”

— Steph Ahlfeldt, associate provost

Your support reinforces what is most powerful about Concordia: People first. Academic excellence always. A liberal arts education built for the world our students will lead.



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