



Class Letter

SPRING 2022

CLASS OF 1960

CONCORDIA COLLEGE

CAMPUS UPDATES



President Craft to Retire

President Craft announced his upcoming retirement at the end of his second presidential term, on June 30, 2023. The Board of Regents has already started seeking Concordia's next president with a presidential search committee and national consulting firm.

New Executive Director for Faith and Learning

Dr. Michael Chan will be welcomed in June 2022 as the new Executive Director for Faith and Learning. He will direct the Lorentzsen and Dovre Centers, guide Concordia's interfaith relationships, and oversee the work of Campus Ministry.



Learn. Work. Lead.

A Concordia College education is rooted in college's deep commitment to providing a transformational experience for every one of our students. Development has continued on our academic framework through **Three Schools, One College:**

- Sanford Heimarck School of Health Professions
- Offutt School of Business
- School of Arts and Sciences

Concordia will begin renovation in the summer of 2022 on the Sanford Clinic building adjacent to campus to provide expanded laboratory, classroom, and centralized office space for its freshly named Sanford Heimarck School of Health Professions. The project will include a nursing simulation lab and a human performance lab. It will be a remarkable advancement to the program.

Dr. Gwen Wagstrom Halaas '75 named new dean of Sanford Heimarck School of Health Professions

Dr. Halaas brings more than four decades of research, teaching, program development and administrative experience to Concordia. She grew up in the Fargo-Moorhead area and is a 1975 graduate of Concordia. Dr. Halaas will assume the role on July 1, 2022.



COVID Response/Planning



We continue to monitor guidance from the Minnesota Department of Health and the CDC to keep our campus as healthy as possible amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Students, faculty, and staff are updated regularly and encouraged to engage in risk-reducing practices to prioritize in-person learning and working through the academic year.

Advancing the Mission | Cobber Ambassador Program

A new initiative was officially launched to invigorate the unique network and relationships among alumni, friends, and students of Concordia College. Cobber Ambassadors are people who care about the students and mission, believe in the college, and help spread the word about Concordia's life-changing education.



Learn more or sign up to become an Ambassador at ConcordiaCollege.edu/alumni/cobber-ambassador-program

Around Campus

- Renovation was completed in Christiansen Recital Hall to provide a higher quality and more modern experience for students and guests
- A gas firepit was installed near the 8th Street entrance of the Knutson Campus Center
- An Indoor Performance Center for golf was added in Olson Forum using the latest simulator technology to provide year-round training for the men's and women's golf programs
- Olson Forum's workout balcony will be expanded this summer



Concordia Recognized for Women in Coaching

The University of Minnesota's Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport gave Concordia an "A" grade on its 2020-21 report card. The college was highlighted for having female head coaches for 70% of its women's sports. Concordia was the only MIAC school to receive an "A" grade in the report. Compliments to Athletic Director Rachel Bergeson for her leadership in athletics.

Homecoming

100 Years of Homecoming was celebrated in October 2021. The college was happy to successfully welcome back over 700 alumni and friends to partake in this strong Cobber tradition.

We look forward to celebrating with YOU **October 7-9, 2022!** Watch for updates at ConcordiaCollege.edu/homecoming



Corn Feed Season is around the corner!

We will continue the tradition of hosting corn feeds in the summer and hope to see you!

Updates can be found at ConcordiaCollege.edu/cornfeeds

Giving Update Class of '60

We can pay forward the generous scholarships we received as students by supporting this new generation of Cobbers. Together, we help ensure that a Concordia education is possible for every student.



In 2021, more than 5,000 people came together to raise **\$2.6+ million** for The Cobber Fund.

Our class had made a substantial impact in the lives of students. This year, a few dedicated classmates led the way with truly transformational gifts for scholarships. More than 50 of us have joined them so far and together we have given \$227,183 to Concordia this fiscal year! This is part of an amazing \$6,015,767 the class of 1960 has given since graduation.

Every donor and dollar matters. **Thank you for faithfully sustaining a mission that matters!**

Be on the lookout for the Cobbers Give campaign **March 7-18**; a generous alum will add an additional \$100 to each of our gifts to The Cobber Fund. The class of 1960 can truly make a difference in the lives of current students.

Learn more or give online at ConcordiaCollege.edu/giving

Travel the World with Concordia



Each year, the Alumni Relations Office offers opportunities for alumni and the Concordia family to partake in global travel experiences led by our in-house experts. From wine tastings in the French countryside, participating in Northern Spain's rich culture from the seat of your bicycle, or traveling as a companion to our top vocal and instrumental ensembles as they share their music with the world, there's an excursion catered to every interest.

Explore the trips at ConcordiaCollege.edu/alumni/global-travel



News & Notes

Stay up to date on news throughout the year and subscribe to our weekly email newsletter.

ConcordiaCollege.edu/news/news-and-notes

Alumni Awards

2021 Alumni Achievement Award Recipients



Co-CEO Burrell
Communications
Group

Fay Ferguson '73



Vice chancellor for Academic
Affairs and professor,
Washington State University
Health Sciences

Dr. Gwen (Wagstrom) Halaas '75



Senior counsel at
Dykema Gossett, PLLC

Harold D. Pope '77



Vascular and interventional
radiologist, researcher, and
developer, and Chief Scientific
Officer, Penumbra, Inc.

Dr. Corey Teigen '86

2021 Sent Forth Recipients



Founder, Executive Director
Able Artist Foundation

Stephen Letnes '00



Clay County Courthouse
Seventh Judicial District

Judge Jade Rosenfeldt '05

Nominations Always Open

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

Dear Class of 1960,



I wish to send my greetings for the 2022 New Year! We are so hopeful that this will be a year of moving forward away from the trials of the past few years. Thankfully, we've had the help of Zoom and phone to keep us together as we wait again to meet face to face.

Our 60th, actually the 61st reunion, was celebrated last October during Homecoming. There were six classmates at the breakfast reunion gathering of classes. During the afternoon, we had four classmates present in the Frida Nilsen Lounge along with a larger number of classmates from the class of 1961 who shared the space. We had a very enjoyable time together there with pizza and drinks, etc.

I am most appreciative to all of those who sent messages for our class letter. your letters make us feel like we really are a class again. The letters are both fun and serious and remind us that we are a part of this family of Cobbers. Thanks you to each of you for taking the time to send a note and sometimes even a picture.

Let us not forget our Alma Mater and may some of us remember Concordia with a gift each year.

Marjorie Gjevre, Class Agent

Class Member Updates

Mary (Grover) and Carl Scheie

We divide our time between our homes in Gold Canyon, Arizona and Huntley Del Webb in the Chicago area. Our three sons live in New York, California, and Ohio. We are thankful to have them in our lives again this year. Three of our seven grandchildren are married. We have six precious little great grandchildren. We are healthy and hope to be able to travel again at some point. We are very blessed.

Photo shows us with Granddaughter Emily at Navy Pier in Chicago in July.



Jeanne (Onstad) Hole

Enjoying retirement in Fargo, ND with husband Wayne. We spend 3 months in Scottsdale, AZ and did a fair amount of international travel prior to the Pandemic!



If you know any of the classmates listed below, please ask them to update their information by going to ConcordiaCollege.edu/classnotes
Send an email to alumni@cord.edu or call 218.299.3734
We would love to update their records.
Thank you if you've already done so.

Eleanor Antonsen
Joan Bail
Faye Baker
Robert Benthagen
Jack Bergene
James Cayler
Carol (Iverson) Clark
John Combellick
James A. Davidson
Alice Ehlers
Patricia Elliott
Raymond Erickson
Loyce (Halvorson) Fulton
Byron Grove
Dale Gunderson
Carolyn (Clark) Cystad
Hugh Hannesson
Joan (Nelson) Hanson
Carol (Frandsen) Henn
William Hoffer
Lois (Goodrich) Hudson
Jon Jerdee
Janis (Nordstrom) Johnsen
Gerd (Haddeland) Kessler
Gerald Knutson
Fredrick Koppelman
Elaine (Barr) Kraiss
Janis Krause

Ronald Lee
Edna Lienemann
Bette Linder
Robert Lindsey
Lavaye Lomsdal
Kathleen Lowry
Jerry Martz
John McFarland
Robert Moe
Gerald Neubauer
Elaine Preston
Elgaard Reppen
Allen Ross
Terry Sands
Diane (Sands) Eiker
John Spande
Carol (Oakland) Spencer
Donald Spencer
Paul Stokes
Mineyasu Sugita
Karen (Hayes) Sweeney
Robert Veal
Dennis Wangen
Stewart Ward
Jud Watson
Marlys (Sandall) Worthington
Robert Young



**Lost Loved Ones
We Remember**

Gary M. Nelson
Janet (Williamson) Lauzon
Anna (Knutson) Butler
Charlotte (Olson) Sween
Kay Syvrud



 **CONCORDIA COLLEGE**
MOORHEAD, MINNESOTA

901 8th St S | Moorhead, MN 56562 | 218.299.4000