

Cobber Class of '90

Newsletter

February/March 2022

Hello Class of 1990!

What a year it has been, friends! So much has happened on campus, in our personal lives, and 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.

I've also included highlights from our 30th/31st reunion. Thank you to everyone that contributed their time and talents in creating this great event, and thank you to everyone that attended! Just think, one of the "benefits" of the pandemic means it is just three short years until our 35th reunion!

Warm Regards,



Julie Lynn (Kresl) York
1990 Class Agent

Stay Connected



Facebook Group: Concordia College Class of 1990
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1465451273778004>



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Class Letter



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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 the college's deep commitment to providing a transformational experience to every one of our students. Development has continued to 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 an 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 benefit to growth in the School of Health Professions.

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-10 pandemic. Students, faculty and staff are updated regularly and encouraged to take any opportunity that reduces risk to prioritize in-person learning and working as we have been able to continue for the 2021-2022 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

- The renovation was completed in Christiansen Recital Hall to provide a more superior and modern experience for students and guests
- A gas fire pit was installed on campus near the 8th St entrance to Knutson Campus Center
- An Indoor Performance Center for golf was added in Olson Forum using the latest simulator technology providing year-round training for the men's and women's golf programs
- This summer, an expansion will take place in Olson Forum of the exercise balcony



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

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

Read more under "Awards and Recognition" at ConcordiaCollege.edu/alumni

2021 Alumni Achievement Award Recipients



Fay Ferguson '73



Dr. Gwen
(Wagstrom)
Halaas '75



Harold D. Pope '77



Dr. Corey
Teigen '86

2021 Sent Forth Recipients



Stephen Letnes '00



Judge Jade Rosenfeldt '05

30th-ish Class Reunion Memories





Giving Update

We can pay forward the generous scholarships we received as students by supporting this new generation of Cobbers. Together we help make sure 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.

THANK YOU TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR CLASS WHO MADE A GIFT!

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 1990 can truly make a difference in the lives of current students.



In Memory

Kenneth Kalvig ('90) passed away unexpectedly from a massive stroke on May 23, 2021, at Logan Health. He is survived by his loving wife, Rhonda ('89), and their three children all of Kalispell, MT. Ken was the owner and practicing attorney of Kalvig Law Firm, P.C. at the time of his death.

Paul Susag ('90) passed away on September 15, 2021 in Roseville, CA after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife Jennifer and their two girls Addison and Kate. At the time of his death, he was employed as a Sr. IOT Sales Executive for T Mobile, serving clients across the country.

30th-ish Class Reunion

The page before highlights some of the memories made at our 30th-ish Class Reunion this past October. For those that were able to attend, we hope it was a time of reconnecting, reminiscing, and recommitting to Concordia.

For those who could not attend, check out the 1990 Cobber Facebook page to hear more about the fun and to keep up on the events as the planning for our 35th reunion in 2025 begins. Bring on the happy hours, parades, class gatherings, and so much more!



The Committee

Thank you to our reunion committee members: Kathy Anderson, Michelle Beeman, Linda Dorn, Deanne Dostal, Missy Fee, Candace Lilyquist, Trudi Paulson, Max Richter, and Julie Lynn York.

Joan (Hansen) Lebigot

2021 was an outstanding year in real estate in the Grand Canyon State for Joan. So well that Joan started the Palms and Pines Group with West USA Realty on 1/1/22. She works with clients in the 55+ communities of the West Valley - Sun Cities, Surprise, Peoria, and Glendale in the winter months, working with clients from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and the Pacific Northwest, finding them a place to snowbird. However, in 2021, she took on the Rim Country of Payson, Pine, Strawberry, Heber/Overgaard, Forest Lakes, and Christopher Creek to match the perfect summer getaway for snowbirds and Phoenicians alike. Joan & her husband Olivier bought a cabin in the area too, so now they are snowbirds in their state, spending time in both regions, where they work and play, half the year in each location.



Elizabeth (Berg) Leer

Elizabeth is the chair of the Education Department at St. Olaf College. She was recently promoted to full professor.

"Where
Are We
Now?"



Kirk Crews

Kirk and Lisa ('91) have moved to Missoula, MT, now that all of their kids are grown. Kirk continues to practice Family Medicine in Stevensville's small town, where he has been serving the community for 22 years. Their kids, Emily, Ben, and Lillian, live nearby and are healthy and happy.

Lisa and Kirk continue to enjoy the outdoors and family time. They welcome hearing from fellow Cobbers, via phone or mail, that they have lost touch with to hear how they are doing.

Megan McRae-Hastings

Megan would like to share that she is working for Union Pacific Railroad as a UX Architect.



If you know any of the classmates listed below, please ask them to update their information by going to **ConcordiaCollege.edu/classnotes** or send an email to alumni@cord.edu. We would love to update their records.

Bartelt, Jon M.
Brown, Erik M.
Buhr, Brent A.
Cairns, Shawna M.
Clark, Jonathan D.
Colago, Armina L.
Dentinger-Leiskow, Kristi J.
Fleming, David E.
Folstad, Michelle C.
Fox, Brenda R.
Gross-Kukkonen, Kristine E.
Heid, Lona R.
Jensen, Jan H.
Kopperman, Kristin A.
Lau, Lai Y.

Maestad, Odd K.
Miller, Allan H.
Moerkhagen, Tore
Perlitz, Christin
Raney, Carrie E.
Rodriguez-Klever, Terri L.
Sanner, Forrest L.
Schuler, Polly D.
Shurtleff-McDonald, Elisabeth A.
Stanchik-Edmunds, Linda C.
Tomito, Frida
Vellan, Bjørn-Gunnar
Vetruba, Brian W.
Wandke, Lisa M.
Worcester, Donald R.



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