

**CONCORDIA COLLEGE**

*class of*

**2014**



**2022 CLASS LETTER**

## OH HEY, CLASS OF 2014!

Here we are, eight years post-graduation. What a ride it has been. Since we've graduated, our classmates have become doctors, nurses, teachers, architects, marketers, politicians, world travelers, spouses, parents, friends, supporters and so much more.

We're still in this weird time of life, but hopefully soon we can gather together again. As we commemorate another year together, take a peek at what our classmates have been up to, what the college is doing, and how you can stay connected to Concordia.

Roll Cobbs,

Matt Dymoke

2014 Class Agent

# WHAT'S HAPPENING ON CAMPUS THESE DAYS?

HERE'S A QUICK LIST OF UPDATES YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS:

## 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.

## UPDATES 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 on campus near the 8th Street entrance to 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.

# LEARN. WORK. LEAD.

A Concordia College education is rooted in the college's deep commitment to providing a transformational experience for every one of our students through learning, working and leadership. 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.

## BECOME A COBBER AMBASSADOR

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 become an Ambassador at  
**[ConcordiaCollege.edu/alumni/cobber-ambassador-program](https://ConcordiaCollege.edu/alumni/cobber-ambassador-program)**

# COBBER ATHLETICS RECOGNIZED FOR WOMEN IN COACHING

The University of Minnesota's Tucker Center for Research on Girls & Women in Sport gave Concordia and "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.

## COME TRAVEL WITH US!

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](https://ConcordiaCollege.edu/alumni/global-travel)

## OTHER UPDATES:

Stay up to date on news throughout the year and subscribe to our weekly newsletter. [ConcordiaCollege.edu/news/news-and-notes](https://ConcordiaCollege.edu/news/news-and-notes)

Nominations are open for our Sent Forth and Alumni Achievement Awards!

Learn more and nominate a deserving alum at:

[ConcordiaCollege.edu/alumni/awards-and-recognition](https://ConcordiaCollege.edu/alumni/awards-and-recognition)

# AN UPDATE FROM THE ADVANCEMENT DIVISION

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 (insert class) can truly make a difference in the lives of current students.

## SAVE THE DATE:




**HOMECOMING: OCT. 7-9, 2022**




SO FAR THIS FISCAL YEAR, 2014 HAS COME TOGETHER TO

**RAISE \$3,654**  
**FROM 27 DONORS**



BRINGING OUR LIFETIME GIVING TOTAL TO:

**\$28,477**



NEVER FORGET THAT YOUR GIVING MATTERS - EVERY SINGLE PERSON, EVERY  
SINGLE DOLLAR. YOU ARE MAKING CONCORDIA A BETTER, MORE ACCESSIBLE  
PLACE FOR OUR CURRENT AND FUTURE COBBERS.

**THANK YOU.**



# INDIVIDUAL UPDATES

A LOT HAS HAPPENED THIS YEAR. TAKE A LOOK TO SEE WHAT  
OUR CLASSMATES HAVE BEEN UP TO.

## CAITLIN (DAGGETT) RACKLIFFE

CAITLIN AND CHRIS ('15) WELCOMED A COBBER BABY ON 9/21/21. THEO JAMES RACKLIFFE IS  
EXCITED TO ATTEND HIS PARENTS ALMA MATER IN 2040.

## JOSH AND REBEKAH (MANN) DAUNER

MY WIFE AND I ARE DRAMATICALLY SHIFTING OUR MINDSETS ABOUT WORK, AND THE  
WORK/LIFE BALANCE WE WANT TO ACHIEVE. REBEKAH HAS BEEN TEACHING FOR 7 YEARS  
AND IS CONSIDERING TAKING A YEAR OFF TO RECUPERATE. SHE ALSO CONSIDERING MOVING  
DOWN TO A SPECIALIST POSITION THAT WOULD REQUIRE LESS OF HER ON A DAILY BASIS.

I'VE BEEN WORKING AS A THERAPIST SINCE 2018 AT A LOCAL NON-PRODUCT MENTAL HEALTH  
AGENCY TREATING TRAUMA VICTIMS. IN OCTOBER 2021, I LEFT THAT POSITION. I TOOK 3  
MONTHS OFF AND FOCUSED ON ME. I'M NOW TRANSITIONING TO A ROLE AS AN ONLINE  
THERAPIST, WORKING FROM HOME - SOMETHING I FOUND I QUITE ENJOY. I'M ALSO PURSUING A  
NEW VENTURE ON THE SIDE: FREELANCE COPYWRITING.

OUR OVERALL HOPE IS TO DO WORK THAT PAYS THE BILLS, BUT THAT DOESN'T DEplete US  
MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY, AND EMOTIONALLY. WE WILL BE EXPANDING OUR FAMILY IN THE  
NEAR FUTURE AND WANT TO WORK TO LIVE INSTEAD OF LIVE TO WORK.



# JARED AND QUINN MARONEY-HERNANDEZ

QUINN IS CHILDREN AND COUPLE'S THERAPIST AND JARED IS IN NURSING RESEARCH. WE HAVE MADE THE LEAP INTO FOSTER PARENTING AND WELCOMED A NEWBORN IN TO OUR LIVES, WHO IS NOW 6 MONTHS OLD AND THE LIGHT OF OUR LIVES! WE HAVE A HOME IN SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS AND LOVE OUR LITTLE CORNER OF THE WORLD.

# AMY EVANS

THIS YEAR I QUIT MY PERMANENT JOB AND HEADED OUT ON THE ROAD TO DO TRAVELING PHYSICAL THERAPY! SO FAR MY FIANCE AND I HAVE LIVED IN OREGON AND CALIFORNIA WORKING AND EXPLORING! IT HAS BEEN A LOVELY CHANGE OF PACE. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING MARRIED THIS YEAR AND CONTINUING OUR TRAVEL JOURNEYS!

# GABI (HENNEN) WINTERS

I MARRIED KEVIN WINTERS ON NOVEMBER 13, 2021 AFTER POSTPONING A YEAR DUE TO COVID. WE ALSO BOUGHT A HOUSE IN ST. MICHAEL IN 2020. I AM CURRENTLY THE VICE PRESIDENT OF CUSTOMER SERVICE AT MERCHOLOGY AND WILL CELEBRATE MY 6 YEAR ANNIVERSARY THIS SUMMER AT THE COMPANY.

# JENNA (BAKKEN) CLARK

WE WELCOMED OUR SECOND CHILD, CAMERON!

# VICTORIA (RICHMOND) SUNDBERG

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE ARRIVAL OF OUR SON, LINUS NILS SUNDBERG. HE WAS BORN ON FEBRUARY 22ND, 2021. THE FAMILY OF THREE WILL BE RELOCATING TO WOODBURY FROM LAKEVILLE IN MAY 2022.

## KIRSTEN HOABY

MY PARTNER OF 4 YEARS AND I MOVED TO BOULDER, COLORADO IN AUGUST 2021 AND IN OCTOBER I STARTED A NEW JOB AS THE VOLUNTEER SERVICES MANAGER AT THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF BOULDER VALLEY. I AM ALSO WORKING TOWARDS MY MASTER'S IN PUBLIC & NONPROFIT ADMINISTRATION AND ANTICIPATE GRADUATING IN 2023. I SPEND MOST OF MY FREE TIME ENJOYING THE GREAT OUTDOORS OR CUDDLING UP WITH A BOOK AND MY SWEET 16-YEAR-OLD CAT!

## CASEY (PEROUTKY) AND JACOB AMOS

JACOB AND I HAVE RECENTLY MOVED FROM BROOKLYN, NY TO BOONTON, NJ WHERE WE PURCHASED OUR FIRST HOME AND WELCOMED OUR FIRST CHILD! WE ARE THRILLED TO BE LIVING IN THE SUBURBS AFTER LIVING FOUR YEARS IN NEW YORK CITY. BOTH OF US CONTINUE TO WORK IN MANHATTAN. JACOB WORKS IN FINANCE WHILE I TEACH IN A PRIVATE SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS WITH LANGUAGE BASED LEARNING DISABILITIES. OUR DAUGHTER EVELYN WAS BORN THIS PAST JULY AND WE ARE SO IN LOVE! WE CANNOT WAIT TO SHOW HER THE BEAUTY OF MINNESOTA WHEN WE VISIT FAMILY IN THE FALL.

## THEA GESSLER

I AM CONTINUING TO WORK ON MY PHD IN GENETICS AND GENOMICS AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY. THE EXCITING NEWS FOR THIS YEAR IS THAT I WAS ACCEPTED INTO A GLOBAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR WOMEN IN STEMM - CALLED HOMEWARD BOUND. I WILL BE SPENDING THE NEXT YEAR WORKING WITH 109 OTHER WOMEN FROM AROUND THE WORLD ON OUR DEVELOPMENT AS LEADERS - WITH AN EYE TOWARDS WORKING FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE PLANET.

## JULIA CATER

IN OCTOBER 2021 JULIA CATER MARKED HER THIRD YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT AS CATALOGING AND METADATA LIBRARIAN AT MINOT STATE UNIVERSITY, MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA.

## RYAN AND CHRISTIE (BUNGE) SEDERQUIST

OUR BIGGEST BLESSING THIS PAST YEAR WAS OUR DAUGHTER NOVI WHO WAS BORN AT THE END OF AUGUST. IN THE FALL, RYAN GOT A NEW JOB AS THE SPORTS AND OUTDOOR REPORTER FOR THE VAIL DAILY, WHICH IS A WONDERFUL FIT IN SO MANY WAYS. I COMPLETED EIGHT AND A HALF YEARS OF TEACHING IN DECEMBER AND NOW AM JOYFULLY TAKING ON THE JOB TITLE OF STAY-AT-HOME MOM. WE CONTINUE TO LOVE LIVING IN LEADVILLE, CO- THE ACTIVITIES, WEATHER AND COMMUNITY ARE PERFECT FOR OUR FAMILY. EVERY DAY WE THANK GOD FOR HIS SOVEREIGNTY IN OUR LIVES- TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY!

## COURTNEY QUIST

AFTER FIVE YEARS OF WORKING IN THE NONPROFIT SECTOR WORKING AT CHARISM AND THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE RRV DIRECTING AFTERSCHOOL AND SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR LOW-INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS, I MADE A CAREER SHIFT. IN MAY 2021, I GRADUATED FROM NDSU WITH MY MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING AND SCHOOL COUNSELING. I STARTED AT WEST FARGO HIGH SCHOOL AS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR THIS PAST AUGUST!

## ELSA HOKANSON

I'M WORKING AS AN RN IN LABOR AND DELIVERY AT ABBOTT NORTHWESTERN. MY FIANCÉ DAVIN AND I BOUGHT A HOUSE IN ST. PAUL, MN IN 2021! WE HAVE YET TO PLAN A WEDDING DUE TO COVID BUT ARE ENJOYING LIFE BACK IN MINNESOTA AND NAVIGATING HOME OWNERSHIP.

## KATIE (SWEDBERG) DEMUTH

WE WELCOMED OUR BEAUTIFUL BABY GIRL, MOLLY, IN JUNE OF 2021.

## KATHERINE (HOLM) ANDERSON

DESPITE THE PANDEMIC, WE HAD A GREAT YEAR. 2021 WAS FILLED WITH THE EXCITEMENT OF BUILDING A NEW HOUSE AND WELCOMING OUR FIRST CHILD.

## KIRSTEN (RIEKE) AND MASON HERMAN

2021 WAS A GREAT YEAR- AS WE WELCOMED OUR 3RD DAUGHTER IN NOVEMBER, ADDYSON FAITH. BRAELYN AND JOELLE ARE PROUD BIG SISTERS. 2021 ALSO BROUGHT A BIG MOVE ACROSS THE RIVER FROM MOORHEAD TO FARGO! MASON CONTINUES TO WORK AT ESSENTIA HEALTH IN THE NEUROLOGY DEPT. AS A NEURODIAGNOSTIC TECHNOLOGIST. KIRSTEN IS GOING ON 8 YEARS AT HATCH REALTY SERVING BUYERS + SELLERS AS A REALTOR.

## MATT DYMOKE

MATT CONTINUES TO WORK AS A MANAGER OF DONOR OUTREACH FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF. THIS SPRING, MATT BOUGHT A HOUSE IN BLOOMINGTON, AND LATER THIS FALL SUCCESSFULLY RAN FOR THE BLOOMINGTON SCHOOL BOARD.

## SHANNON (BURTON) ANDREEN

SHANNON SPENT 2021 GIVING COVID VACCINES, MARRYING HER HUSBAND AJ (AFTER A FEW COVID DELAYS), AND TAKING HUNDREDS OF PICTURES OF HER DOG, KINGSLEY.

## MIRANDA JENSEN

ON OCTOBER 22, 2021, MIRANDA JENSEN MARRIED MICK FINNEMAN IN ZION NATIONAL PARK.

# STAY CONNECTED



## VOLUNTEER



Help current students with their job search, career questions and preparedness for the real world.

Contact Karen Carlson at [carlsonk@cord.edu](mailto:carlsonk@cord.edu) for more information.

## RECRUIT



The Admissions Office is always looking for help getting new students to look at Concordia. Wanna talk us up?

We wouldn't be mad about that! Email [alumni@cord.edu](mailto:alumni@cord.edu) with questions.

## BECOME OUR CLASS AGENT



It's been a great ride, but it's time to step down and let one of you take the reins. The Class Agent is responsible for the annual class letter, periodic class updates on social media, and keeping our class connected with the Alumni Office.

If you're interested, let Karen Carlson know at [carlsonk@cord.edu](mailto:carlsonk@cord.edu).



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THANKS FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR!

2014

STAY SAFE, BE WELL,  
AND ROLL COBBS.