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Greetings from Concordia Language Villages!

We are excited to welcome many new members to our Community Advocate Network in this newsletter. While our busy summer season has come to a close, we are already jumping into academic year programming! For new and existing members alike, here are some **ongoing ways that you can advocate for CLV in your community:**

- Hang fliers: Fliers and other materials can be found in the Community Advocate Network tool kit. Post them at local businesses, in your classroom, or in other spaces around your community. Please note that the URL has recently changed and that many of these flyers are currently outdated as we work on next summer's schedule — updated versions will be available soon!

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- Post about us on social media: Being an advocate can be as easy as pressing "repost!" Like, comment, share, and post your own CLV stories to boost our online presence. CLV is active on Facebook and Instagram. Many of the villages have their own accounts as well.
- Present at your school: For teachers, parents, and villagers alike, school presentations are a great opportunity to show others who we are and what we do. We can provide you with slides, fliers, and any other information you need to get started.

your community? Let us know! Our team can provide you with all the materials you need for a successful event, including fliers, banners, brochures, and CLV swag to give out. For more information, contact Elise Grabinger at egrabin1@cord.edu.

- Share your experience: Word of mouth continues to be the number one way that people find us. Talk about us with your friends, your colleagues, your neighbors, or anyone else who might be interested in living the language!

Regional Chapters

We are still welcoming members of our community to increase their impact by becoming Chapter Leaders! **Chapter Leaders will act as a point of contact for other community advocates in their area and take the lead in organizing volunteers for at least one advocacy event or campaign annually.** Examples might include tabling at a festival, organizing alumni meet-ups, or holding a series of school presentations.

If you're interested in a leadership role, please fill out the form below. Once we have a small group of interested volunteers, we will schedule a virtual meeting to share ideas and discuss next steps. We hope to see you there!

CAN Leadership Interest Form

Fall Programs

Summer may have just ended, but academic year programming has already begun! Our fall schedule includes several Adult Weeks and Weekends, including French, German, Japanese, Norwegian, Spanish, and Swedish programs, as well as Family Weekends, Retreats, and Holiday Workshops. Here are just a couple of the exciting sessions coming up this season:

Women's Wellness Retreat Weekend – Oct. 9-11

Wind down after the busy summer season with an energizing wellness retreat designed for you. Set in the peaceful, natural setting of our Russian village, this experience invites you to recharge and reconnect. Enjoy a balanced mix of movement including yoga, dance, mindfulness, outdoor activities like archery, nature walks, art, and cooking activities as well as meaningful conversation and connections. Meals are thoughtfully prepared using fresh, seasonal ingredients that reflect the essence of fall. You can expect colorful dishes that highlight fruits,

overall wellbeing. From sunrise reflection to laughter-filled afternoons, each moment is designed to uplift and inspire.

Japanese Adult & Family Weekend – Oct. 15-18

Join us for a global learning vacation for the entire family — right here in Minnesota! Overnight family weeks and weekends are a great way to spend time together, discover new international foods, play games, make crafts, enjoy music, and take part in some old-fashioned outdoor fun. And while you're all busy having such a good time, together you'll experience the wonder of speaking a new language through our fun and natural immersion environment. Invite friends, aunts, uncles, and grandparents — or whatever family means to you! This Family Program is also open to adults who wish to attend without minor children.

Dual Credit Programming – We Want Your Feedback!

CLV has recently introduced dual high school/college credit programming, an opportunity for motivated high school students to earn one full year of high school language credit and 4.0 credit hours of college language credit from Concordia College — in just four weeks! As we plan for future sessions, we want to hear your thoughts: Is your villager interested in earning dual credit? What languages should we offer this program in? Share your feedback by completing the form linked below. Your villager does not need to be enrolled or plan to enroll in dual credit in order to complete this survey!

Share Your Feedback

Advocate Spotlight

In this Advocate Spotlight, we're featuring Chloe 혜진 Cho, a villager who helped bring the *Sup sogŭi Hosu* spirit to the Twin Cities this summer!

Chloe's Korean village journey began four summers ago when she attended her first two-week camp. She has returned every year since, immersing herself in village life and growing her language skills. Her favorite thing about the village is being surrounded by other people who share her interest in learning Korean language and experiencing the culture.



Korean is a heritage language for Chloe, and she has been learning it to help her dad maintain his own language skills and connect with their shared culture.

This August, Chloe advocated for *Sup sogŭi Hosu* by supporting our booth at K-Pop Minnecon, the biggest K-Pop convention in the Midwest! Over the course of the two-day event, Chloe handed out flyers and photocards and shared the magic of the Korean Language Village. She and our staff volunteer talked to a number of convention-goers who were interested in learning Korean and very excited to hear about the opportunity for immersive language learning right here in Minnesota. Thank you, Chloe, for sharing your CLV experience! Our booth was a success thanks to your time and efforts.

We want to see how you're advocating for CLV in your community. Send us a photo or a story about your advocacy work for a chance to be featured in the next Advocate Spotlight! All content can be sent to Elise Grabinger at egrabin1@cord.edu.

Upcoming Events
CLV is on the move! Find us at these upcoming conferences and events.

FinnFest – Sep. 18-19, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Minneapolis, Minnesota
FLAND Fall Conference – Sep. 25-26, West Fargo, North Dakota
FLANC Fall Conference – Oct. 3-4, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Connect with Us!
Do you have ideas for promoting Concordia Language Villages in your community? Contact Elise Grabinger at egrabin1@cord.edu with your thoughts!

find flyers, brochures, slideshows, and our Volunteer Guidebook, which contains even more resources for advocacy work!

To stay in the loop on upcoming programs and events, sign up for one of our monthly village newsletters.

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