



*A Message of Gratitude from Aneleise '26:*

Dear Cobber Community,

Thank you to everyone who has generously supported Concordia music during Sustain the Refrain! We've raised more than \$81,000 - 96% to our goal - and gifts are still coming in for music scholarships and programs. Without your kindness, experiences like mine would not be possible.

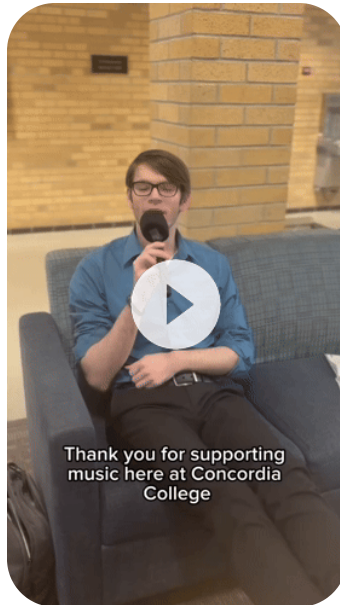
During my time at Concordia as an elementary education major and a music minor, I've been involved in ensembles including The Concordia Orchestra, The Concordia Band, Chapel Choir, as well as Horn Choir, Symphonic Band, and more. **Every ensemble I've been in at Concordia has shown me how music can bring joy, purpose, and connection.**



**Music at Concordia has been a powerful and transformative experience, challenging me to see from new perspectives, teaching me to be present, to listen, and to value the people around me.** This kind of connection reminds us of our shared humanity, where everyone is invited to contribute regardless of background or experience. I've also found opportunities to lead, serving as a two-term Chapel Choir president, which has helped me grow in communication, empathy, and leadership.

**Thank you to all who are helping to make these experiences attainable for me and future generations of Cobbers.** I am so grateful for these opportunities and every single person I've met through Concordia Music!

In gratitude,  
Aneleise '26



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