

COBBER SALT

The Official SALT Newsletter of Concordia College



UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Project Linus:
December 7th**

RING DAY

By: Elizabeth Birkemeyer

The long-awaited Cobber Ring Day is a special Concordia tradition that has lived on for over a century. Ring Day means a lot of things to all Cobbers, but it also unites Cobbers everywhere. Students are finally given the chance to get a physical representation of the community that exists on and off our campus. The Cobber ring acts as a symbol for the Concordia family as an easily identified connection piece that brings together past and current students wherever they go. The ring also helps to remember the memories and achievements that each student has made from the school that not only provided an education, but also served as a home.

As an organization, SALT also carries out the purpose of bringing together current students and alumni of Concordia by being an established link between Cobbers. SALT was happy to be a part of a long lasting tradition here at Concordia by having photographers at the event who were able to capture everyone's excitement. By being a part of Ring Day, SALT recognizes the importance of participating in these traditions that make our college so unique.

Make sure to look at all our pictures from Ring Day by checking out our Instagram and Facebook pages!





THANKS CONCORDIA!

by *Blake Dallager*

Being a Cobber is a special feeling. There is a lot of pride that comes with attending Concordia College. The college is constantly trying to improve itself while still holding on to its values and traditions. One thing that makes us special is our engaged alumni who continue to help mold Concordia long after their attendance. Their donations do not go unnoticed as they can be seen in all aspects of a student's life: by taking science classes in the new Integrated Science Center, cheering on the football team with the bright new scoreboard in the background, it can be heard at our renowned Christmas Concert as the 300 plus students sing and play with a passion, or simply by walking through campus seeing all the students who are able to attend because of generous scholarships.

It is because of this SALT puts on an event called Thanks Concordia. We table in the atrium with a thank you card for donors, and students eagerly await to sign their name to show appreciation of our alumni. This year, alongside our thank you card, we had jars that were being filled with ping pong balls that represented where students see donor's dollars most at work. This was a fun way for students to visually see how their classmates have been affected by our donors.

Check out our Facebook for pictures from the event as well as a video for our donors.

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MORE THAN COFFEE

by *Morgan Vouk*

As the semester continues, the opportunity for some coffee and relaxed conversation is always inviting. Luckily, the Coffee with Cobbers event on Friday, November 22nd gave students the perfect chance to relax and enjoy a cup of coffee with recent Cobber grads. SALT provided the coffee and muffins, and the students and alumni provided the conversations. It didn't take long before the atrium was buzzing with current students and recent Cobber grads. Concordia Class of 2011 graduate, Nicole Rousar, was just one of the alumni who attended the second annual Coffee with Cobbers event. When asked for her perspective of being back on Concordia's campus as an alumni, she said "I come back for the people".

Her connections with the faculty and her former classmates still give her the same sense of community she felt while attending Concordia. Just like she was involved in the campus community while being a student, her experience as an alumni is just as connected, "I have friends that work here, and I always come back for Homecoming to visit them. It's nice to get reconnected with the people I know and catch up with them," says Rousar. SALT is dedicated to creating channels for current students and alumni to connect, and thanks to Concordia's current students and alumni, those connections continue to be made.

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- NICOLE ROUSAR**





MEMBER FEATURE: MEGHAN RETHEMEIER

by *Blake Dallager*

As a junior, Meghan Rethemeier has stayed active throughout her time at Concordia. Originally from Owatonna, MN, Meghan decided to attend Concordia because of the small town feeling that came with attending a smaller college. Aside from SALT, Meghan has been involved in the Women's Hockey Team, Club Lacrosse, and College Against Cancer.

Over the years Meghan has been on SALT, she has been part of Erik Tolkinen's Alumni Awareness team. Her job, along with the rest of the team, is to provide avenues and events that acknowledge and thank Cobber alumni for their engagement, donations, and deep connection to the Concordia Community. By educating current students about Alumni Engagement, Alumni Awareness helps enable students to become active alumni and continue the tradition of a tightly-knit community -- even post-graduation. Her favorite thing about being in SALT is getting to work with an awesome group of people to put on events that connect current students on campus with alumni. Of the many events SALT has, the Cobb Cab is her favorite because it is a fun and unique way to connect with students as well as share fun facts about the college. If she could give advice to all Cobbers, it would be to get involved as it is a great way to meet new people as well as discovering new passions. Thank you Meghan for all the hard work you do on SALT!

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