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Christian Leader

By: Melinda Brasher

Dr. Don Christian Becomes the Ninth Executive Leader of Concordia University Texas

August 1 was a day of honor and celebration at Concordia as faculty staff and friends said goodbye to Dr. Tom Cedel, immediate past President, and welcomed Dr. Don Christian to his new role as Chief Executive Officer at the University.

“Working with Tom for almost a decade has been a blessing, and it has prepared me well for this position,” Christian said. “I have the institutional familiarity and understanding of Concordia’s culture and mission that allows me to build on the solid foundation laid by Tom Cedel. It’s an honor to accept this position.”

Christian brings strong academic and leadership skills to take the helm of the University and build on the momentum created by Cedel. In recent years, the institution has seen a surge in growth and new programs, and Dr. Christian has plans to continue that growth. By how much? Time will tell. However, this fall, new programs are launching in the areas of criminal justice, psychology and a master of science in nursing. Concordia’s popular MBA is going online and a new master of science in nursing program is being offered online as well.

“The growth and success of Concordia’s resurgence in the last nine years – to be a player in the community and have impact on this region – it’s been wonderful to be a part of that,” Christian said.

Christian talks with great pride about Concordia alumni who are being sought by successful companies in Austin and who recognize that Concordia is turning out quality graduates, including such companies as Bazaarvoice and IBM.

“Our graduates are doing incredible things, including being successful in graduate school programs,” Christian said. “Only time will tell how they will impact their organizations and communities with the work ethic and Christian values they bring with them.”

Christian expects to ask a lot of questions and do a lot of listening in his first few months.

While he has ideas on the next steps Concordia will take, he knows there is more to learn about Concordia from its many constituents, including alumni and past faculty who have served the institution.

“I am inheriting a position that was held by people such as George Beto, Ray Martens, David Zersen, not to mention, Tom Cedel,” Christian said, “These past presidents set a course for this institution that I hope to build on and make them and our many alumni proud.”

“Don is the right leader at the right time for Concordia,” Kurt Senske, CEO at Lutheran Social Services of the South and Concordia alumnus, said. “As a Christ-infused servant leader, he brings to the position a unique combination of experience from the community, business, faculty and Lutheran ethos that will allow him to successfully take Concordia to the next level.”

Christian has served as dean of the Concordia University Texas College of Business since fall 2005. Since then, he has doubled enrollment of the Bachelor of Business program, launched the Concordia MBA in 2010 and provided direction in creating the required leadership curriculum that is used across the campus. Christian has engaged the community in the growth of the College of Business by bringing together multiple program advisory boards, establishing a monthly speaker series that highlights Central Texas leaders and partnering with multiple entities that provide real-world experiences for Concordia students. He also teaches leadership and management, focusing on developing the critical and creative thinking process for students.

Prior to joining Concordia University Texas, Christian served in a variety of leadership positions, including headmaster of Lutheran High North in Houston, parish life administrator at Trinity Lutheran Church in downtown Houston, and as a high school band director in Minneapolis, where he began his professional career. He served as a member of the Board of Regents for Concordia University Texas before taking on the role of dean of the College of Business. He earned his doctorate from the University of Phoenix in management and organizational leadership, his master’s in music and wind conducting from the University of Cincinnati and his undergraduate degree at Concordia University Chicago.

Christian is past-president of the Austin ECHO Board (Ending Community Homelessness Coalition), is a member of the board of the Lutheran Summer Music Program and serves in an advisory capacity to LINC-Houston. He and his wife, Deborah, who teaches English and serves as the college admissions coordinator at Concordia High School in Austin, make their home in Round Rock.

“This is a different phase for the University,” Albert Carrion, chairman of the Concordia University Texas Board of Regents said, “But with Dr. Christian’s leadership and his commitment to this region, we’re ready to embark again on another upward trend.” ■

“Don is a master of nurturing positive relationships and understands the importance of community. The combination of his entrepreneurial spirit and strong Christian values will be great assets as he ushers the University into its next season of success.”

Rebecca Powers
Austin philanthropist



QA with Dr. Don Christian

Q: Why are you the right person for this job right now?

I love this place. I love its mission, I love what it stands for, and I’m ready to take on this challenge. Tom Cedel, whether he knew it or not, prepared me for this time and place by allowing me to watch, participate, and learn in a variety of ways. Not to mention that the people I get to lead and work with are also incredibly gifted... that should make the job much easier.

Q: When did you know you wanted to lead in this capacity?

I will never forget Dr. Larry Meissner sitting in my office in early 2006 and telling me I needed to think about becoming President one day. I thanked him for his confidence in me, and tucked the idea in the back of my mind. As time went on, different opportunities presented themselves that allowed me to engage in some of the activities that leaders of universities do...fundraising, working with community leaders, shaping culture and identity, building high performing teams... and I found that I not only enjoyed them but was also fairly successful. Pretty soon I found myself considering the “what if?” question and here we are today!

Q: What do you see as some of the priorities for Concordia during your first year in office?

There are several areas that have been – and will remain important – for Concordia in the near term:

- 1) Defining and living out our “life together” – in other words, what does it mean to be a Lutheran Christian community called to be an institution of higher education?
- 2) Ensuring that teaching and learning continues to be at the heart and center of what we do so that our students are well served and our graduates are prepared to impact their communities
- 3) Growing the institution – as we expand online delivery, we will experience quick growth and will need to be considerate of growing and supporting the traditional student population that is so important to our main campus.

Q: You use the word “community” a lot – what do you mean by that?

Peter Block, in his book “Community”, describes that place where people interact and use their gifts to serve the common good. For us at Concordia, that happens on our campus and at our Centers – and it happens outside of our walls, both now and into the future. We need to create that type of community among our current students, faculty, staff and other constituents so as to model the type of community we want them help shape in their multiple vocations and callings, including their places of work, their neighborhoods, their churches, school, and their families.

Q: Let’s talk about fundraising. What do you want people to know about that?

When people invest in Concordia they are doing more than just providing funds for buildings or programs – they are investing in the future of their communities. Whether it’s completing the softball field where young women are honing their leadership skills, or purchasing simulation manikins through which students learn how to be competent and caring nurses, or helping to establish a business incubator where students and community entrepreneurs learn how to run a successful and ethical business, or establishing endowed scholarships that provide financial assistance to those who may not have been able to consider a college education - all of these are examples of how people’s gifts make a difference long into the future. I am so excited to ask others to partner with us in making Concordia a place of excellence.



Opportunity Education

By: Jill Cloud

Concordia University Texas and Goodwill Industries of San Antonio Create a Partnership in Education

Concordia University Texas San Antonio Center (CTXSAC) and Goodwill Industries San Antonio announced a new partnership in Fall 2013 to provide a bachelor of business degree program to the staff at Goodwill Industries and their neighbors at the 406 West Commerce Street downtown location. The first cohort recently finished its first full year in Concordia's program.

"I've always wanted to go back to school, and Concordia has made it so easy," Kalina Newsome, Goodwill Team Member and CTX student said. "Goodwill is a team, and we carry that over into the Concordia cohort."

Reflecting the Goodwill mission of creating and fostering a continuous learning environment and the Concordia mission of developing Christian leaders, the team of committed educators at both

Goodwill Industries of San Antonio and CTXSAC provides on-site education to assist and empower staff to complete a bachelor of business degree within a four-and-a-half year period.

"This unique partnership has allowed many of our team members who would not otherwise have considered attending college to do so in a convenient, cost-effective manner," Goodwill's San Antonio Chief Human Resources Officer Rachel Aldaz said. "The cohort

environment has been highly effective in encouraging them to remain engaged in the program."

CTXSAC's Dean Dr. Mary Landon Darden and Goodwill's Director of Career Development and Learning Joanna Hernandez first began discussions for the ground-breaking downtown degree plan in 2012.

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Kalina Newsome
Goodwill team member and CTX student

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David Morales

Goodwill team member and CTX student



“When we first had this discussion, we didn’t know what was going to come of it, but now, we have 24 students in two Goodwill cohorts,” Darden said. “We began with one cohort of 15 students and thought we might be revisiting a new cohort in a few years. The program was so popular that we created a second cohort in February.”

Goodwill President and CEO Marla Jackson and Darden are hopeful that partnerships like these will not stop in San Antonio.

“We would love to see these partnerships in other cities,” Darden said. “These students are so great, and I’m hopeful that many of them will go on to get their MBA with us.”

So far, the students have enjoyed the program. Even though it requires a lot of work, they are excited for the opportunities that Goodwill and Concordia are able to provide for them.

“As one of the instructors said, ‘Education not only grants you the opportunity to get somewhere in life, it gives you the opportunity to say ‘hey look, this is what I have and this is what I can do,’” David Morales, Goodwill team member and CTX student said. “It’s a great opportunity, and if it wasn’t for this opportunity, I don’t think I’d be in school right now.” ■



Leadercast Live

CTX Hosted Live Broadcast Featuring World-Famous Business and Cultural Leaders

By: Jill Cloud

CTX hosted a live broadcast on May 9 of “Leadercast,” a one-day, worldwide leadership conference that was simulcast to more than 600 locations within more than 40 different countries. “Leadercast,” the largest convergence of leaders in the world, aims to positively change the way the world thinks about leadership by providing communities and businesses with access to world-renowned leaders in business, arts, politics and more.

John Griffin, MBA graduate and founding partner of the John C. Maxwell Team, hosted the broadcast in partnership with CTX.

“This was an incredible event, and we’re already looking forward to next year,” Griffin said. “They have already announced two of the speakers for Leadercast 2015.”

Proceeds from the event benefited the University’s annual fund for scholarships.

CTX will be hosting the John Maxwell Co. “L2: Learn – Lead” simulcast on October 10, 2014. Speakers include John C. Maxwell, Linda Kaplan Thaler and Tim Sanders. For more information, visit:

www.l2.johnmaxwell.com.

FOCUS ONLINE

CTX Partners with Learning House to Deliver Online Learning Opportunities

By: Melinda Brasher

Concordia celebrated a milestone in May when it graduated its first online cohort for students in the Master of Education in Differentiated Instruction program. Some of the university's most in-demand degree and certificate programs are available in a fully online format. A partnership with Learning House allows Concordia to focus on delivering its high-quality, student-centered education through the Learning House learning management system (LMS).

“Concordia is committed to delivering service that meets student needs. Expanding our online program options allows people to learn on their schedule, whether they enroll in a fully online program or take individual courses to catch up or get ahead.”

Tammy Stewart

Associate Vice President for Enrollment,
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More programs will continue to go online to meet market demands. For more information about Concordia's online programs, visit:

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DFW Professor Dr. Janet Morgan Gives Back to Her Community

By: Jill Cloud

Developing Christian leaders isn't a mission statement that education professor Dr. Janet Morgan takes lightly. She believes, lives and practices that call every day. When Dr. Morgan met Sharlyn Elliott, master of education student and Lewisville Independent School District middle school teacher, she knew God had big plans in store for them. Elliott returned to school to earn her master's degree because she wanted to be able to share her faith in the public school system. She felt called to education and believed that God was guiding her to administration so she could have a larger influence in the public school system.

Dr. Morgan had Elliott in several of her classes, and one day, Elliott dropped her homework off a little early, to get to another job.

Not only was Elliott a middle school teacher, but she was also a co-founder of an organization in the Dallas Fort-Worth (DFW) area called Bridges Outreach of Denton County, Inc. This organization, founded in 2001, serves marginalized children and seeks to enrich students both spiritually and academically through math and science courses.

"[Elliott] encouraged me to see her programs," Dr. Morgan said. "Eventually, I went and I was fascinated."

Dr. Morgan and her husband decided they could start a similar organization in Tarrant County, near DFW. In 2010, under the auspices of Bridges Outreach of Denton County, Inc., Dr. Morgan co-founded

BridgesWork, Inc. Its mission is to participate in the lives of children, equipping them through academic growth, spiritual awareness and service to identify future dreams and help make them realities. Now a registered 501(c)3 organization, BridgesWork offers education and enrichment opportunities for students, especially to those who are at risk of falling behind in school.

"It's not always the professors inspiring students to do great things, but many times, the students inspiring the professors," Dr. Morgan said.

In 2011, Elliott graduated with her master's degree, the same year her daughter graduated from Baylor University. In February 2013, Elliott was diagnosed with stage four of a rare and aggressive breast cancer, and eight months later she passed away. Even up to a few months before her death, she continued to teach in her classroom because she loved to teach and loved her students.

"[Elliott's death] was very hard for me," Dr. Morgan said. "Sharlyn was the epitome of a Christian woman who was always giving back to the community."

Elliott's legacy lives on at Bridges Outreach of Denton County, now run by her daughter, Morgan Elliott.



Left: Sharlyn Elliott and Dr. Janet Morgan at a 2010 Bridges Outreach of Denton County, Inc. Summer Camp. Center: Morgan Elliott, now executive director at Bridges Outreach of Denton County and Sharlyn's daughter, proudly sports her Baylor pride on Baylor's campus. Right: Students in the 2013 Leadership graduating class in the BridgesWork program class.

“The heartbeat of the ministry is to bridge the gap between school, church and the community,” Morgan Elliott said.

BridgesWork is touching the lives of many in the Dallas Fort-Worth area, and Concordia graduate students and staff members are helping make a difference.

DFW Center Dean Dr. Rebecca Burton and retiring professor and board member of BridgesWork Dr. Robert Malzahn have been instrumental in establishing the relationship between the CTX DFW center and BridgesWork.

“Since Concordia DFW holds evening classes, our students and teachers conduct leadership and enrichment programs in the morning, so our Concordia students and other mentors can work with the children,” Dr. Morgan said. “We believe we’re making a difference.”

Concordia graduate students volunteer as mentors and instructors in both the Saturday and summer programs. Many of these programs are offered throughout the summer, after school and one Saturday of each month October through May. The Concordia DFW center even hosts a Christmas gift shopping experience every year that allows children to look through hundreds of donated items and choose a few to give to their families.

“The children who participated in the summer programs were invited to come and ‘shop’ for their families for Christmas,” CTX graduate student Linda Ristow said. “They were so excited about the gifts they picked out for their families. For many of them it was their first time to give a gift rather than just receive one. Truly a life-changing experience!” BridgesWork tutor and Lutheran teacher Ann Jung has been working with a few of these children for more than a year.

“We work on academics, but many other teachable moments arise to talk about family, community and their futures,” Jung said. “Let’s invest in them as future leaders in the community – leaders in their own families. That’s what really excites me.”

Beginning in October 2014, programs will include topics such as “Establishing Your Compass For Life” for second through fifth grades, and “Paying It Forward” for grades six through 12. This year, BridgesWork also plans to sponsor the Christmas gift shopping experience, and the tentative date is set for Saturday, December 13, 2014.



For more information about BridgesWork, Inc. and programs offered, visit:

www.bridgeswork.org

A Conversation on the Plight of Women in India

By: Jill Cloud



Director of Ministry for Mission India, Dr. Kamala, Spoke at CTX

Concordia hosted Dr. Kamala, director of ministry for Mission India and literacy expert, on March 3, where she talked about the plight of women in India. Her presentations focused on how God is working through Bible-based literacy classes to open these women's eyes and hearts to the word of God.

In India, millions suffer from malnutrition, illiteracy and lack of health care and face social evils like dowry abuse, forced abortions and religious prostitution. Most women in India have never heard of Jesus and have no idea that there is a God.

Mission India provides adult literacy classes led by local volunteers who are trained by Mission India's national

ministry staff, and students receive classes in reading, writing and math skills. They also educate in nutrition and sanitation, basic rights and responsibilities as citizens and ways to increase family income through home-based businesses.

Dr. Kamala holds a Ph.D. in education and economics from the University of Madras, as well as bachelor's and master's degrees in both education and chemistry from Osmania University in Hyderabad, India. She developed Mission India's indigenous Bible-based literacy primers, which are available today in nearly 30 of India's major languages. Her main focus is on training so indigenous leadership can be developed on a massive scale. ■

Facts about the plight of women in India:

1 in 3 women in India cannot read

Every day in India, an estimated 17 women are victims of "bride burning" (dowry abuse)

57% of men in India believe it is justified for husbands to beat their wives

53% of women also believe this abuse is justified

85% of women in India don't receive full pre-natal care

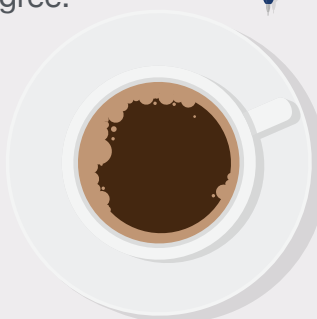
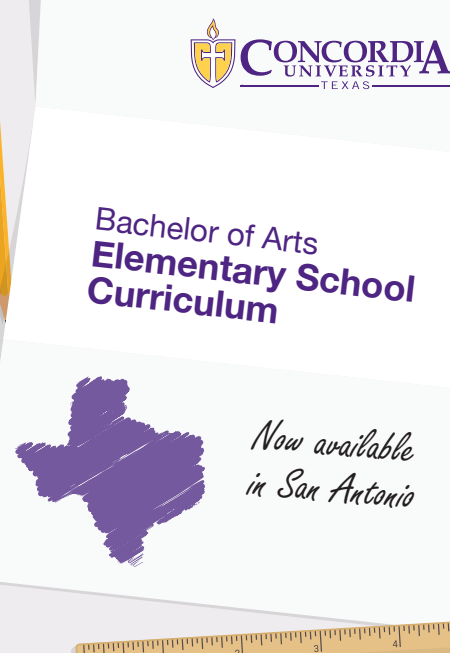
India's estimated 40 million widows are often rejected by family and community as cursed by the gods



More information can be found at:
missionindia.org

Expanding Degree Options for 2014

Concordia continues to offer new programs to meet student needs along with new delivery methods that make it easier to obtain your degree.





Villagers in Amuma, Ethiopia gather with Water to Thrive CEO Dick Moeller to dedicate their community well to Dr. Tom Cedel, former president at Concordia University Texas and his wife Penny.

Concordia Partners with Water to Thrive to Fund Clean Water Wells in Rural Africa

10th Well is Dedicated to Honor Tom and Penny Cedel

By: Melinda Brasher

Since 2008, Water to Thrive, a faith-based non-profit in Austin, has been working to raise awareness of the global water crisis while raising funds to construct clean water wells in rural villages in Africa. Concordia has been a proud partner in that effort.

In the last five years, the Concordia community has raised enough to fund 10 wells, three in the last year alone. Water to Thrive estimates that these 10 wells serve approximately 5,000 people, improving the overall quality of life for residents in those villages.

Right now, almost a billion people in the world do not have access to clean, safe water.

Women in Africa spend as many as six hours a day collecting water, which keeps them from the work force. Young girls are often forced to drop out of school to assist with water collection. And illnesses are far too common from water-born parasitic disease.

Tom and Penny Cedel have been tireless champions for this cause, and to honor them, the 10th well was dedicated in their honor and presented on August 22 during the Excellence in Leadership Gala, honoring Dr. Cedel.

Concordia will continue to partner with Water to Thrive to build more wells and you can help. Visit www.concordia.edu/w2tGiving to learn more.





K.C. Shingleton is

Making it Happen

By: Jill Cloud



CTX Business Alumna Works for the San Antonio Spurs in Game Operations

K.C. Shingleton ('13) is doing big things, and her business degree from Concordia is helping her achieve her goals. She currently works for Spurs Sports & Entertainment and has worked in the game operations department for all four of their franchises.

"During my senior year at Concordia I started working with the Austin Toros (NBA Developmental League) as a game operations and marketing intern," Shingleton said. "The day after graduation I moved to San Antonio and worked as game operations assistant for the Silver Stars (WNBA), then I stayed on for the Rampage (AHL) and Spurs (NBA) seasons."

Earning a business degree at Concordia prepares students for more than just a career path in business. Students are given the opportunity to design their learning based on personal topics of interest. Shingleton's interests focused on business, marketing and communications. Today, she uses these skills in managing the game operations side of basketball.

Shingleton is responsible for coordinating all performances and presentations, like the national anthem, color guard, promotional contests, entertainment acts and more.

"Game operations is everything that goes on during a game besides the game itself," Shingleton said. "We are in charge of everything and everyone who goes on the court."

The game operations department chooses the music, graphics for the video board and the script for the public announcer and in-arena hosts. A format is created prior to each game with each of these elements

and is scripted down to the second – from pre-game to timeouts to post-game. Everyone on the team knows exactly what is going to happen.

"Although we plan everything, games never go according to plan," Shingleton said. "Depending on the tempo of the game, we have to adjust our format. For example, if Ginobili just made a 3-pointer to put the Spurs ahead, we are not going to read a public announcement; instead, we have what's called a 'hot timeout' where we send out our mascot (Coyote), Silver Dancers or Team Energy to keep the crowd on their feet."

Shingleton not only works for the Spurs, but she volunteers her time and lives out Concordia's mission by serving in her community.

"Christian leadership means giving back to the community and never taking anything for granted," Shingleton said. "With Spurs Sports & Entertainment, I have volunteered with POSSE (People of Spurs Sports & Entertainment). I helped with the San Antonio Food Bank, and during a Rodeo Readtrip, while some people in my group read with students, I helped makeover their computer lab."

Shingleton truly enjoys every aspect of working for the Spurs in San Antonio.



photo by Tony Garcia

Left: Shingleton stands with the 2014 Larry O'Brien trophy after the Spurs were crowned 2014 NBA Champions.

Right: Shingleton celebrates with the Game Operations team on the court after the 2014 final playoff game concluded.

“There is no doubt that the Spurs are the heart of San Antonio,” Shingleton said. “My position allows me to be in the ‘heartbeat’ of the city, and I help bring the Spurs family together game after game.”

It’s not all about basketball, though. Shingleton has been actively involved in a variety of communities.

“I volunteered at the NBA All-Star [event] in New Orleans and also the NCAA Basketball Tournament that was hosted at the AT&T Center,” Shingleton said. “I’ve also worked concerts that included P!NK, Drake and Miley Cyrus. During the 2013 season, I worked in the Game Operations department for the Round Rock Express (MLB).”

Communication professor and former Round Rock Express’ mascot ‘Spike,’ Jeff Birdsell, enjoyed having K.C. in his classes. Being an avid sports fan himself, he encouraged her to follow her dreams.

“K.C. made an amazing transition from a great in-class student to a great in-ballpark/arena employee,” Birdsell said. “She served on [the Round Rock Express’] Party Patrol and enhanced the game experience for countless fans. With her work ethic and determination, I knew she would excel in her work for the Spurs.”

Indeed she is. But she hasn’t forgotten about the alma mater where it all started.

The Communication Department offered a Sports Communication course for the first time during the 2014 spring semester. The course was led by Dr. Paul Muench, and students traveled around Central Texas visiting a variety of sports organizations, one of which was the San Antonio Spurs.

“I spoke to a group of Concordia communication students who came to a Spurs game,” Shingleton said. “I told them about what I do, and how I got here.”

Shingleton encourages students to do big things and follow their dreams.

“Don’t settle, no matter what it is – your career, personal relationships, whatever it may be, don’t settle,” Shingleton said. “Know that you deserve the best, but also that it is up to you to make it happen.”

Shingleton enjoyed every minute of the Spurs’ journey to the championship game.

“The 2014 NBA Finals is an experience I will never forget. From cuing Colbie Caillat’s breathtaking performance of the National Anthem to standing on court during the Larry O’Brien Trophy presentation, every moment was surreal,” Shingleton said. “I believe that where you are at any given moment is where you are meant to be, and I couldn’t be more thankful or blessed to be on that court when the Spurs were crowned 2014 NBA Champions!” ■

Living the Example

By: John Adams



Stan Voelker is past president of the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo, a business owner and Concordia Alum.



Stan Voelker has been part of The Star of Texas Rodeo (Austin-Travis County Livestock Show & Rodeo) for 30 years. As a past president of the organization he believes in the importance of education and hard work. Voelker set the example by graduating with honors from Concordia even after his success in life.

“Work hard. But have fun,” Voelker said. “Life is an awful long road to be miserable on.”

It is the understanding of what makes a champion that drives Stan Voelker, (ADP '99) and why he has spent the last 30 years involved with the Austin-Travis County Livestock Show & Rodeo, now known as The Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo.

Concordia's entrepreneurial spirit encourages students to follow their dreams no matter how big or small. And students graduate already setting the example of Christian leadership. It's these qualities that make the Concordia experience worthwhile, and it's what encouraged Voelker to finish his degree.

Voelker was born in Manor, Texas and graduated from Reagan High School in east Austin. He initially attended Southwest Texas University (now Texas State University), but shortly after joined the National Guard, where he met his current business partner and friend Ralph Reinhardt (who also attended Concordia for a short period). During their time together in the National Guard as mechanics, they contemplated starting a welding business together.

Voelker then briefly attended Central Texas College, but left there to pursue the welding enterprise with Reinhardt. Soon after starting the business and building the pipe structures themselves, they wondered if maybe they'd made the wrong decision in leaving their jobs to go into business together.

“It was the middle of sweltering July and we were out in some pasture with hand-held post-hole diggers trying to create a solid foundation for a building we were putting together,” Voelker said. “Three inches down I hit rock so hard it made your head spin, and I looked at Ralph and said, ‘What in the world have we gotten ourselves into? We left good paying government jobs for this?’”

With determination, Voelker and Reinhardt pressed on.

In 1988 Voelker Custom Homes was born, and it was that rock solid foundation of hard work, entrepreneurial spirit and humility that has made it into the successful business it is today.

“We sell personal service and unwavering excellence,” Voelker said. “Anybody can build a house.”

It's that reputation that earned Voelker a spot on the Board of Directors for the Homebuilders Association of Austin, the Manor ISD School Board, the Board of Directors at Frontier State Bank, and a whole host of other community engagement activities. But it wasn't enough. Voelker wanted to invest in something that he believes helps teach responsibility and respect to the younger generation.

The mission of The Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo is promoting youth education and preserving western heritage. Said plainly, it's about teaching young people what it means to be a champion. Having been a boys' Sunday school teacher at his home congregation of Eternal Faith Baptist Church in Manor, and being a father of three himself, Voelker has seen firsthand what hard work and responsibility can produce in the life of a child.

“Kids have to wake up; feed their animals and care for them daily,” Voelker said. “My kids showed [animals] all nine years. I feel like this responsibility raises a different class of young person – they work hard, show respect and say ‘yes ma'am’ and ‘no sir.’”

Before Voelker knew it, he was chairing committees for major events and eventually became the president of the Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo in 1999 – the same year

he graduated with honors from the Accelerated Degree Program (ADP) at Concordia. He was 49 years old.

“I didn't finish my degree to get ahead – I'd already done that,” Voelker said. “I finished it for fulfillment and I wanted to be an example to my kids, and to the people I would lead as president of the Rodeo. If I was going to preach the importance of education, I had better be an example of it.”

Voelker said his experience was truly rewarding and he still stays in touch with his classmates and friends from Concordia.

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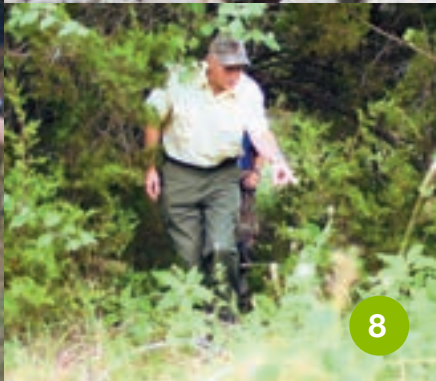
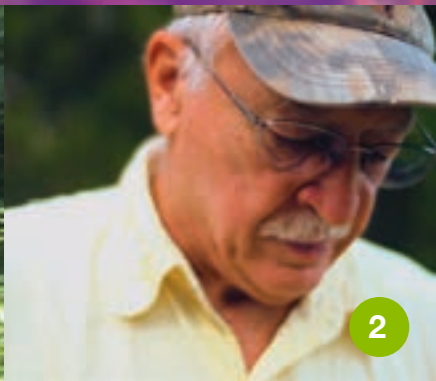
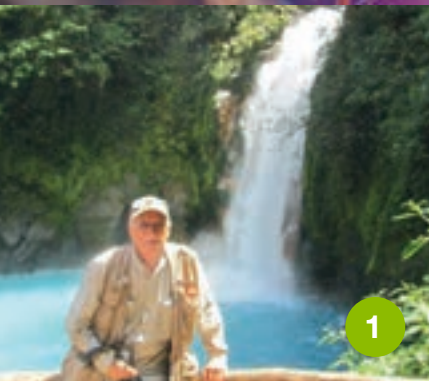
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Doc Meissner

A Concordia Treasure Retires After 41 years

By: Melinda Brasher

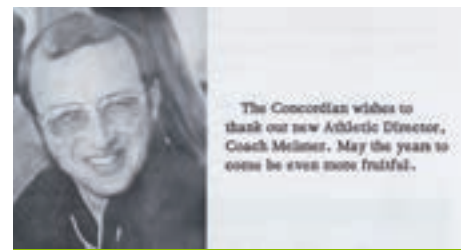




Dr. Meissner leading a tour of the Concordia Preserve



Dr. Meissner at the Friesenhahn Cave site in San Antonio, Texas



Clipping from a 1978 Concordia yearbook of Coach Meissner.

“Today is the last day of my (full-time) teaching career,” Dr. Laurence “Doc” Meissner said with a twinkle, or possibly a tear, in his eye. That day was April 25, 2014, nearly 41 years after Doc was recruited to Concordia University Texas from a Lutheran high school in Detroit, Michigan to teach physical education, coach basketball and serve as athletic director.

Doc served in those roles for approximately five years before he started teaching biology in 1978, a role well suited for a man with a master’s degree in biology and a doctorate in science education. Since 1978, he has led students in classroom studies in biology, environmental science, as well as field courses in native plants, tropical biology, ecology and geology.

In addition to teaching, Doc has been the steward of the Friesenhahn Cave site in San Antonio, Texas. Concordia obtained study access to the cave in 1996 and acquired ownership in 1998 as a gift from a member of the Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, whose daughter attended Concordia. It is believed to be the most fossil rich site in North America, after the Le Brea Tar Pits. The cave is a relatively small sinkhole which once was used as a den into which sabre tooth cats dragged their prey. Over the years, Meissner and his students have found numerous teeth and bones of mammoths, sabre tooth cats, bears and other species.

“This is a world class fossil site,” Meissner said. “Concordia was given an amazing gift from God.”

But the cave site is not Concordia’s only natural treasure. When the University purchased its current main campus site in northwest Austin in 2008, it also assumed ownership of the Concordia Preserve, a

225-acre nature preserve that is home to eight federally protected endangered species and 28 archaeological sites, 13 of which have been included within the National Register of Historic Places. Meissner has served as steward of that property as well.

“Does lightning strike twice,” Meissner asked. “Or is God trying to tell us something [about the responsibility over these nature sites]? It’s my wish that Concordia continues to use the gifts God has given it in a way that is unique and powerful.”

Anyone who has been on a tour of the preserve with Doc understands his passion. A certain awe and wonderment are experienced on his tours, where the ecosystem changes drastically and Doc educates hikers on native plants, animals, waterways and history.

“The coolest experience in the preserve is watching the eyes of the people who are amazed by what we have here,” Doc said. “God’s world is marvelous. He wants us to take delight in it.”

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So what’s next for Doc in his retirement? More time with family, being in nature and traveling abroad. In fact, it’s not too late to join a travel course with Meissner. This fall, he will lead a class in field biology in the Texas panhandle and next spring, he will lead a tropical biology course in Belize and Guatemala as well as a field biology class of central Texas. He may even find some time to finally learn Spanish.

“I expect I’ll also do something wacky in a few years,” Meissner said. “It’s been the story of my life. But I’ll miss the students. I draw so much energy from my students, and I hope they can find passion in their interests.” ■

◀ Images of Dr. Laurence “Doc” Meissner

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| 1. Dr. Meissner on a Field Biology trip in Costa Rica | 7. Dr. Meissner unearthing the mammoth tusk found near Moody, Texas in 1996 |
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| 3. Friesenhahn Cave tour in San Antonio | 9. Field biology trip |
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Incubator

Concordia Plans to Bring Innovation Center to Northwest Austin

By: Melinda Brasher

Entrepreneurs in northwest Austin may have a new resource to get their business ideas off the ground thanks to a new initiative by the University.

Concordia announced in May that it will be moving forward with an incubator – or innovation center – project to help accelerate the development of innovative and creative ideas by local entrepreneurs.

“The Concordia incubator project, or innovation center, has great potential for supporting and promoting entrepreneurial spirit and small-business growth in this area,” Dr. Don Christian, Concordia University Texas CEO said. “We are excited to move forward in discussions with local entities for partnerships and space.”

Incubator projects in the Austin area vary in the ways they help entrepreneurs—from providing seed money, expert resources and/or office space in exchange business equity or incubator service fees/rent.

Concordia made its decision to pursue this project based on a study it performed with research firm Strategic Options Inc. during the spring. The study focused on whether an innovation center was a viable option to help business entrepreneurs in the community. Concordia received a gift of \$250,000 to fund the research and provide startup costs. The study included suggestions for the best location for the program as well as potential partners, services, equipment and sources of revenue.

“While there are a number of innovation centers in and around Austin, our research showed that the communities around Concordia are not necessarily being served by them,” Strategic Options Principal Kathryn Davis said. “Statistics show that small businesses have a greater level of success, nearly 80 percent, when started in an incubator.”

The innovation center is not just for professionals in the community. Faculty, staff and students will have an opportunity to utilize the center’s resources.

“The Concordia innovation center will provide direct opportunities for students to get hands-on experience with entrepreneurs and early-stage businesses,” Davis said. “Students can assist entrepreneurs with the development of their businesses and can potentially commercialize their own product or service concept. The center will enable faculty to develop their own ideas or to work with entrepreneurs and bring the experience back to the classroom.”

The innovation center will initially be located on the campus of Concordia University. This location will serve faculty, staff and students and a small number of clients. In addition, community programs will be scheduled to address the pre-incubation needs of entrepreneurs.

For more information on the center, including opportunities to invest and get involved, please contact Meredith Allen, director of corporate relations, at 512-313-4104 or meredith.allen@concordia.edu.



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Diagnosis Education

CTX Nursing Student Tackles the Challenge of Educating Others About Autism

By: Jill Cloud

The Nursing program at Concordia sets itself apart from other nursing programs for a variety of reasons, one being the requirement of serving in the community. The mission of Concordia's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is to develop each nursing student's ability to serve as a Christian leader in professional nursing practice, promoting high-quality, safe patient care within diverse health care settings.

During the last semester of the BSN, students are required to complete a community health project. Students look at the unmet needs of patients and search for solutions to provide improved healthcare, such as diabetics, prison inmates, homeless, families, children and more. The students are challenged to network with other nursing leaders in their community and to read and communicate about current research on the health needs of specific patient groups. Students will then work on projects that actively improve the health of those patient groups. Recent graduate Kate Bird decided to investigate the health needs of the autistic in the Austin community because of an experience she had while volunteering for the Austin Dog Alliance (ADA).

"I saw many people come in to ADA looking for additional support and therapy with their autistic children. Some parents had no financial support because their children were not diagnosed, but showed signs of autism," Bird said. "After investigating the medical side of autism, I looked at how people live with autism in our community and then I compared my ideas for meeting their specific needs with those of professional nurses and current programs."

While completing her project, Bird worked as an ADA volunteer, where she assisted in vaccine clinics, microchipping rescue dogs and as a

guest speaker. ADA also offers courses for children and adults of all different ages and skill sets, and one of these courses was for children with autism. These courses taught community based skill-training that sets children up for success. They bathed and cared for the dogs, which teaches accountability and responsibility.



"I know dogs, and I know ADA and how they help these children," Bird said. "But I didn't know autism until I encountered this project."

This is where Bird found the unmet need she wanted to help fill for those living with autism. In order for parents of autistic children to receive financial help, their child must be diagnosed. She also found that many children were being misdiagnosed, and her goal was to bring attention to this mental disorder in a static way.

"There are no drugs and no cure to fix autism," Bird said. "I wanted to bring awareness and educate medical professionals to be aware of how fickle diagnosing can be."

The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), offers a common language and standard criteria for the classification of mental disorders.

"The DSM has several boxes that can be checked if a child is showing autistic tendencies," Bird said. "If the right boxes are checked, then they fit the category of being autistic and can be assisted by programs such as ours at the ADA".

Above: Kate Bird, '13 Nursing alumna

Left: Kate and her flat-coated retriever, Action Jaxon, competing at the 2013 AKC National Agility Championship in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she won National Reserve Champion.

The end goal for this project is to find a way to educate medical professionals on how common misdiagnosing autism can be.

"I was able to develop an educational session for diagnosticians and young medical professionals," Bird said. "I wanted them to not jump to conclusions about a symptom or two, but to look at the big picture – autism is a dynamic disorder, and it's not as simple as checking boxes."

Nursing professor Dr. Greta Degen, RN, believes that Bird's project will help shed light on the common misdiagnosing of autism not just in Austin, but nationwide.

"This won't bring a cure for those who are living with autism, but it assists in creatively addressing a solution to the problem of getting them the necessary services, and it brings education to our medical professionals in the Austin community about the issue," Degen said.

Bird now works in the NICU at St. David's Hospital in north Austin and she believes that Concordia's nursing program helped prepare her for this role.

"Concordia's nursing program is unlike any others that I've seen, because not many BSN programs get so involved in their own community," Bird said. "I also found that the professors were all very supportive of their students' lives outside of school. Because of the support I received in nursing school, by both classmates and professors, I was able to continue training my dogs and compete in agility competitions at the national level. In my third semester of nursing school, I went to nationals where my dog Action Jaxon and I won national reserve champion." ■

Developing Leaders & Sending Them Out

Concordia's Mission of developing Christian leaders holds true in every aspect of the CTX experience. This includes students, staff, faculty, and alumni of Concordia going out in to the world on mission trips to build relationships and spread the gospel. This past year, affiliates of CTX reached 7 states and 15 countries.



Where in the world are CTXans

1 Alaska	7 Florida	13 South Africa	18 Turkey
2 Arizona	8 Belize	14 Botswana	19 Thailand
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Collision with Destiny

A Fatal Tragedy and a Chance Encounter Paved a Path Toward Education and Success

By: Katherine Adams - This article is being re-printed with permission by *Change Magazine*.

Remon Green earned a bachelor's degree in business through the Accelerated Degree Program at Concordia's Houston Center.



Many of us struggle with finding our purpose in life. Remon Green's purpose found him. In 1990, when Green was just 17, it literally crashed into him. "I was on my first date with a young lady who I thought was 'the one,'" he remembers. "We were going to church. We never made it there."

Today, Green is deputy chief of police at a local university, in part because of a tragic accident on that first date. Green recalls the events vividly. "As I was driving, I momentarily looked toward my girlfriend to accept a piece of candy from her. In that instant, a speeding truck in the next lane crashed into us," he says. "The driver was fleeing from a crime scene. When he hit us, his passenger flew out of the truck window and she died at the scene."

Green was not seriously injured, but his date was. "I just went frantic," he says. "I was carrying her to a nearby grocery store to get help, and just as I was going into shock, an officer showed up."

Green says that he never got that officer's name, nor would he recognize him today, but his embrace and calming voice—telling him that the accident wasn't his fault and everything would be all right—gave him a sense of peace. "It was a terrible time for me, but that's the moment I knew I wanted to go into law enforcement," he says. "That officer gave me my purpose

in life. I knew I wanted to help people, just as he had helped me."

After high school graduation, Green worked for UPS and attended college for a while, but was just biding his time until he turned 21 so he could apply to the police academy. After starting his career as an officer in Harris County, in 1997, he was hired by the Sugar Land Police Department and eventually promoted to the detective's bureau as an undercover narcotics officer. "That's where I recognized I had leadership skills. I had the ability to encourage people and build teams. I decided that I wanted to take my career to a

higher level, so I had to continue my education. My goal was to keep moving upward in leadership positions."

Green enrolled at Concordia University Texas with the intention of obtaining a business degree. "I wanted to learn operations so that I could run a police department," he explains. "I wanted to learn risk management, budgeting, and personnel management. Concordia was exactly the right place for me."

Describing himself as a man of faith raised with Christian values, Green says Concordia provided the right opportunity to further his education.

"They infuse Christian values with education, which is very compatible with my needs," Green said. "Their adult education program has students just like me—adult, working people who are my peers."

Concordia's passion for students and small class size were important advantages that helped him succeed.

"There are a lot of options in the adult education program," Green said.

"With a small class of about 12 people, you can have good discussions. At my age, I needed to have that."

Green's 2006 graduation from Concordia inspired him to continue his education. Having completed his MBA, as well as a course at the Senior Management Institute for Police at Harvard University and another at the FBI National Academy, Green is currently within a year of finishing his Ph.D. in administration of justice from a nearby university. "I got a great foundation at Concordia," he says. "My education there inspired me to pursue excellence. I've utilized the skills I got there to get me where I am today."

When he completes his Ph.D. next year, Green hopes to become chief of police—whether it's at his current employer or elsewhere. "My story had a terrible beginning. But it's why I've pursued a purpose in my life since I was 17, and it's what led me to further my education at Concordia. I am grateful." ■



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Remon Green ('06)

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Ethics in Business & Community

RecognizeGood and EiBC Presented \$10,000 Scholarship to the College of Business

By: Jill Cloud

On February 27, Concordia University Texas hosted RecognizeGood’s Ethics in Business & Community (EiBC) Alumni gathering to recognize past EiBC award recipients and announce the 2014 EiBC finalists.

Each year, RecognizeGood presents the EiBC award to individuals, nonprofits, and small and large businesses that exemplify the highest level of ethical standards and demonstrate a strong commitment to integrity. On Thursday, May 22, RecognizeGood announced the award winners at the 12th Annual Ethics in Business & Community Awards at the AT&T Conference Center.

EiBC award nominees are evaluated by Concordia University undergraduate students participating in the College of Business’ Business Scholars Program. Students review and research the nominees, narrow the list to 12 finalists—three in each category (individual, nonprofit, and small or large business)—and create an in-depth review of each finalist. The finalist’s reviews are then presented to an independent selection committee made up of business



Business Scholars accepting the check presented to the College of Business at the EiBC Awards. Pictured Adam Whitlock, Amanda Hurvitz, John Watson, Tim Black, Colin Allison, Nehemiah Zapata, Katelin Faithfull, Benjamin Schmale. Not Pictured: Aaron Dunahoe, Sairam Pathi.

and community leaders who vote on the award recipients. The selection committee was led Dr. Don Christian, former dean of Concordia University’s College of Business.

RecognizeGood and EiBC also presented a \$10,000 scholarship to the Business Scholars Program at Concordia University, which will aid with travel, local business tours, challenge courses and leadership training. Last year, the scholarship was used for an integrated computer decision-making leadership simulation, as well as a Georgetown Challenge Course that focused on teamwork, leadership and values.

“Being a part of this process helped me understand not only what I learned in the classroom, but also how to represent the University in a variety of networking opportunities and meetings.”

Amanda Hurvitz,
Concordia University student

2014 EiBC Award Finalists

Individual:

Sarah Pantin, managing partner, Asset Strategies Group, LLC

Nonprofit:

Sustainable Food Center

Small Business:

Atchley & Associates, LLP

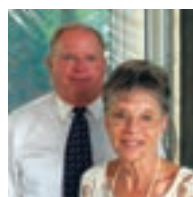
Large Business:

Community Impact Newspaper



Dr. Tom Cedel retired as president of Concordia University Texas after more than 12 years. Cedel served as the 9th president of Concordia and is responsible for leading the campus move from downtown to northwest Austin six

years ago. The University has benefited from increased enrollment and program offerings and partnerships with area businesses and nonprofits have elevated the University’s status in the region. The University honored Cedel on August 22 at its 8th Annual Excellence in Leadership Gala event.



Don Adam retired June 1 after faithfully serving the University for more than 10 years. Adam began his career at Concordia in 2002 as a senior development officer in Houston. In 2005, he moved to Austin to assume the role of interim vice president for advancement

and presided over External Relations as vice president since 2006.



Dr. Larry “Doc” Meissner retired this spring after 41 years of service at Concordia. Doc taught in the College of Science for most of his career and will be remembered for his travel courses and tours of the Concordia Preserve and the Friesenhahn Cave.

Read more about Doc on page 16.



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Dr. John Stanford passed away suddenly on March 7 at the age of 53. Stanford taught in Concordia's College of Science since 2007, inspiring students in the areas of astronomy and physics. He held a bachelor's degree in both physics and history from Rice University and a doctorate degree in physics

and astronomy from the University of Georgia. Stanford was honored to receive a pre-doctoral fellowship at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics and worked at Valparaiso University and Georgia Perimeter College before arriving at Concordia. John is survived by his wife Stacey and daughters Sarah and Rachel.

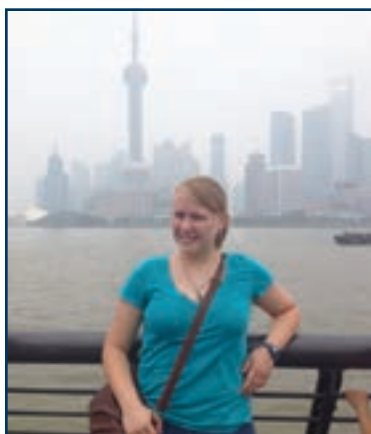


Dr. Clyburn "Clyde" Duder passed away on May 26 at the age of 75 after a battle with cancer. Duder was born in Grand Falls, Newfoundland on August 11, 1938. He was a founding member of the Concordia Texas NBA, "Noon Ball Association." He loved basketball and could be found in the Tornado Field House

shooting hoops with staff and friends on a regular basis. Duder was also well known for his acrostic poems, often writing them for retiring faculty and staff upon their retirement. Duder held undergraduate degrees from Valparaiso University, Concordia Seminary (Springfield, Ill.), a master's degree from Morehead State University, a master's of divinity from Concordia Seminary Ft. Wayne and a doctorate in English from the University of North Dakota. He taught at Concordia since 1987. Duder is survived by his wife Hilya and his children Celeste and Paul, 4 grandchildren and numerous relatives in Canada.

Student News

Natalie Bahr stands at a historic and scenic spot from the 1500s, the YuYuan Garden in Shanghai, China.



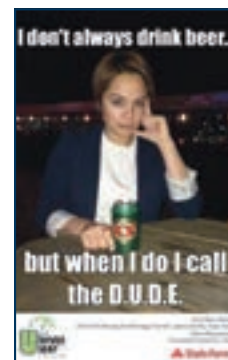
Crystal Brooks was selected as the 2014 Central Texas Compensation and Benefits Association (CTCBA) scholarship recipient. Currently a junior, Crystal is pursuing her degree in human resources management at the North Lamar center and main campus through the Accelerated Degree Program (ADP).

Sophomore education major **Natalie Bahr** was the first student selected as the “Abroad101 Student of the Week” through GoEnounce. The new “Abroad101 Student of the Week” initiative is designed to help students study abroad by aiding with course costs. Natalie was accepted into an intensive Chinese language course and study abroad program in the heart of Shanghai,

China, where she will immerse herself in the culture and society. With dreams of becoming an elementary school teacher,

she thinks the knowledge and skills she will acquire on this trip will make her an even more effective teacher.

Shina Bharadwaja ('14), won a “Driving the Message” contest. “U in the Driver’s Seat” is a peer-to-peer education program centering around ending impaired driving. CTX A.L.I.V.E. and the new student group Athletic Ambassadors began collaboration with “U in the Driver’s Seat” this spring. The meme Shina created and submitted was posted to social media, and in addition, she won a \$100 gift card for the submission.



In the meme, Shina references the D.U.D.E, which is their term for Designated Unimpaired Driver Extraordinaire. The goal of the contest was to get students involved in creating messaging that is relevant to their experience as college students. Shina graduated in spring 2014 and was a member of CTX A.L.I.V.E.

Sports Communication

CTX Students Visit Sports Organizations in Central Texas

Communication professor Dr. Paul Muench taught a first-ever sports communication travel course during the week of Spring Break. His goal was to offer an inexpensive course that would create student-interest in communications and sports. Throughout the week, they traveled around central Texas visiting various sports organizations.

First the class visited the Austin Toros, where Perri Travillion, media and community relations manager, talked with the class about her role. They then visited KEYE-TV, where Weekend Sports Reporter, Adam Winkler, talked with the class about his role as a reporter.

The class also spoke with CTX Sports Information Director Tony Baldwin about his role and received a tour at ESPN from CTX alumna Stacy McCullum (Watkins) '96. Stacy was Communication Student of the Year at CTX in 1996.

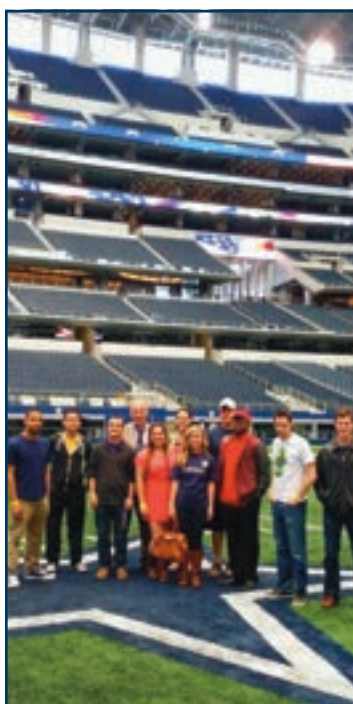
They then visited the Round Rock Express, a local minor-league baseball team, and the Texas Stars, a local minor league hockey team.

During the course, they traveled to San Antonio to visit with the Spurs' Group Sales Account Executive Danny Farias and CTX alumna K.C. Shingleton ('13) who works in game operations.

At the Dallas Cowboys stadium they met with the public relations department, and toured the post-game briefing room where media conferences take place.

Lastly, they toured the American Southwest Conference (ASC), where the class got to visit with Michael Fitch, executive director of the Texas Association of Sports Officials and Commissioner Amy Carlton.

Dr. Muench plans to offer the course again next year. ■



Above: Dr. Muench and the students stand on the 50-yard line during their tour at Cowboy Stadium. Right: The Communications Sports class at KEYE-TV. This photo was taken by Weekend Sports Reporter, Adam Winkler, and was aired on evening news.



Speak, Listen & Learn

CTX Adult Students Talk about the Unique Aspects of Their Educational Needs.



Students: Adola Stocker – MED, Marian Johnson – MED, Jennifer Casasola – MED, Jeff Busse – HRM, Hilda Castillo – BUS, Sean Michael – BUS, Joe Nino – MBA, Alejandra Rivas – MBA, Teresa Molina – MBA and Claire Ehi-Ebewele – BUS

Students from Concordia University Texas San Antonio Center participated in a student panel as part of the 2014 STAMATS Adult Student Integrated Marketing Conference in San Antonio in February. The students are currently enrolled in both undergraduate and graduate programs offered at Concordia’s San Antonio Center. More than 250 participants from a variety of national and international colleges and universities attended the conference to learn more about the unique needs of adult students and the best methods for reaching this growing market segment. Concordia students answered questions about their search for an educational degree program, the advertising mediums that were most effective, the emotions involved in their educational search and why they ultimately selected Concordia. Those who attended the panel discussion reported that they learned much about the importance of universities providing great personal attention and customer service.

Social chatter from the event on Twitter

“Personal attention from my admissions rep is why I chose @concordiatx. They got to know me.” #SASIMC #AdultStudentPanel – Teresa Molina, MBA student

“My admissions rep at @concordiatx knew when I got married and called me the week after to see if I was ready to start.” #SASIMC – Jennifer Casasola, MED student

“I had a personal tragedy and was close to giving up. My advisor at @concordiatx sent an email that helped me know I could finish.” #SASIMC – Marian Johnson, MED certificate student

PEER TUTORING

The Concordia University Texas Peer Tutoring Program has been approved and certified by the College Reading and Learning Association. The Peer Tutoring program is a free service offered to Concordia students, in which fellow students who have successfully completed courses tutor and assist students needing additional help in their coursework.

Peer Tutoring available in these subjects

Business	Foreign Language	Math	Science
Communication	Government	Music	Writing Assistance
Computer Science	Hebrew	Nursing	
English	History	Psychology/Sociology	
Education	Kinesiology	Religion	

more information at: concordia.edu/peertutoring

Students in Action



Concordia Nursing students provided healthcare to a Belize school and village in the jungle. A doctor and the students would drive to this remote village, set up a pharmacy and exam room where they would provide healthcare, medicine and health education.



CTX Nursing in Belize



Students of the Year

Music Student of the Year	Jacqueline Hale Artha Weaver
Drama Student of the Year	Bethany Heimann
Pre-Service Educator of the Year	Morgan Thorsen
Kinesiology Student of the Year	Nicole (Nikki) Kelm
Outstanding Mathematics Student	Emma Walsh
Communication Student of the Year	Michael Vybiral
Nursing Student of the Year	Caitlin Rowlette

Congratulations

Congratulations to all of the students who were recognized at this year's student award ceremony. We applaud you for continually striving to be shining examples of Christian leaders.

Research Projects



Nearly 70 students enrolled in chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry, environmental chemistry and natural science presented research projects on campus in April. Students also made presentations during a symposium in April to showcase their findings.

Faculty & Staff News

Meredith Allen has accepted the director of corporate relations position where she advances CTX's scope of influence in the community through strategic corporate partnerships and utilizes her background in external affairs, marketing, economic development and events.

Beth Atherton has accepted the position of chief advancement officer of the department of External Relations. Atherton will lead the development and communications team, as well as foster and maintain relationships with Concordia's community, government, church and corporate partners.

Music professor, **Dr. Joshua Chai**, was away this past year studying at The University of Kentucky for his doctorate in music. Chai will return to CTX this fall to direct the choir and music programs, and he also hopes to complete his dissertation early in the semester.



San Antonio Center Dean **Dr. Mary Landon Darden** gave a presentation at the 2014 STAMATS Adult Student Integrated Marketing Conference on February 25. In her presentation titled

"Expected Change for Higher Education and Its Impact on Marketing Beyond 2020," Dr. Darden addressed what the future of education looks like, how the future of higher education impacts marketing and how people can be successful in marketing. For more information, visit www.stamats.com.

Instructor of Art **Christopher Fitzgerald** was promoted to assistant professor of art at Concordia's main campus. A productive practicing artist, he has shown in 50 group exhibitions throughout North America. Fitzgerald was recently notified that he was a finalist for the prestigious Hunting Art Prize. Recently commissioned work has included paintings for diverse spaces - a hacienda in Mexico, the Big Ten Headquarters in Chicago, Seattle's Westin hotel, and the new Presidential Suite at the Hyatt Times Square.

Communication professor **Dr. Erik Green** is now overseeing the Life & Leadership and Leadership Theory & Practice courses. These courses are one of the ways CTX lives out its mission of developing Christian leaders. All students are required to take these courses - whether freshmen, transfer, online, or ADP. In Green's new role, he will continue to serve the instructors as they continue to provide memorable and transformative experiences, both in and out of the classroom, for CTX students. In addition, Dr. Green recently completed a chapter that will be published in a forthcoming book titled "Communicating Hope and Resilience across the

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Helping Humans

CTX Hosted Three-Day CUS Human Resources Conference

CTX hosted The Concordia University System (CUS) Human Resources Conference, which is an annual gathering of professionals and directors in human resources, risk management and insurance from Concordia universities and seminaries in the Lutheran Church. The three-day conference agenda held sessions ranging from risk management, training and development, Affordable Care Act updates, benefits information and various system initiatives. Next year, the conference will be held in St. Louis, Mo.



2014 CUS HR Conference attendees enjoy the Pier at CTX during a break. Attendees came from across the nation in June to take part in this 3-day event.

Walking Billboards

The North Lamar Center Promotes Christian Leadership Through Volunteering

The Concordia University Texas North Lamar University Center (CTXNLUC) began a “Walking Billboard” campaign in January 2014. The staff’s goal is to get more involved with the community in Austin and surrounding areas by volunteering with organizations that need it most. This campaign is a way for admission counselors and North Lamar staff to raise awareness for CTXNLUC and to serve as leaders in the Austin community. The staff at North Lamar set a goal of volunteering for at least six organizations during the academic



CTXNLUC staff members Gloria Candelaria, Dr. DeEadra Green, Lori Taplin, Tamra Gibson, and Kathy Lugo taking a break from sorting frozen food donations at the Capital Area Food Bank of Texas.

year. So far, they have volunteered at the The Capital Area Food Bank and have completed volunteer orientation for the Jeremiah Program, which is focused on helping single moms break the cycle of poverty by providing them with safe housing, childcare and support services to succeed in higher education.

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Lifespan” by Peter Lang International. He was the recipient of the 2009-2010 Jesse H. Jones Endowed Centennial Fellowship in Communication Studies awarded through the Moody College of Communication at The University of Texas at Austin. This award funded Green’s project to interview escaped child soldiers in Uganda, East Africa. He traveled to Uganda in the Summer of 2010 to listen to 22 previous child soldiers of the Lord’s Resistance Army tell their stories of capture, life with the rebels, escape and subsequent transition back into their village life. The chapter is titled “Fear of the Unknown, Hope for the Unseen: Resilience of Child Soldiers in Uganda, East Africa.”



Dr. Lynette Gillis, former assistant professor of management, has been named interim dean of the College of Business. The College of Business has been working on an interim succession plan for more than three years and Dr. Gillis has been well-prepared for this role, including the support of her colleagues. As Interim Dean, Dr. Gillis will oversee the College of Business operations and academic processes and

provide leadership and oversight to its graduate and undergraduate programs for all locations, including the main campus, remote centers and on-line. Dr. Gillis will also take over the College of Business Speaker Series and oversee the budgets. A search process will begin in Fall 2014 for a permanent College of Business dean.

Religion professor **Dr. Joel Heck** presented a paper at the Saint James Conference in June on the Liberal Arts in Hagerstown, Maryland. His presentation, titled “The Liberal Arts: Antidote for Atheism,” dealt with a comment C. S. Lewis made in a letter to Arthur Greeves, stating that the loss of the Classics was a contributing cause to atheism. In addition, Heck was also a speaker at the second annual Creation Conference at Concordia University Wisconsin in July. In his presentation, titled “The Grand Canyon and the Flood of Noah,” Heck described how the geology of the Grand Canyon supports the biblical story of the flood.

Mary McKelvy, senior director for HR and Business Support Service, presented and facilitated various sessions at the annual Ellucian Live user conference April 6-9, 2014 in Anaheim, Calif. She previously served on the Ellucian Human Resources Customer Advisory Board. There were more than 8,500 conference participants from across the globe, many of them from higher education institutions that were there for common purposes in helping

education move forward. McKelvy also spearheaded the Web Time Entry system that automated paper time sheets for all hourly CTX employees. This effort greatly improved accuracy and efficiency of the process.



Dr. Elizabeth Medina has accepted the position of dean of students at CTX. Medina was previously the assistant dean of students for the sorority and fraternity

life at the University of Texas. She has more than nine years of experience in student services, and will begin this new role August 4.

Concordia University Texas nursing professor

Garry Olney has been named chief operating officer of Seton Medical Center, Austin. Olney previously served as chief executive officer of the Austin Regional Clinic since 2010.

On July 1, Career Service Coordinator **Joyce Sinclair** retired from CTX after seven years of service. She assisted more than 500 students during the 2013-2014 academic year to find both full- and part-time employment, improve their resumes, find internships, develop networking and interviewing skills and connect their CTX education to employment opportunities. In addition, she has taken leadership roles in our student employment program, offered



Denim Day

CTX Partners with SafePlace to Raise Sexual Assault Awareness

Concordia University Texas participated in Denim Day on April 23, which was during Sexual Assault Awareness month. Concordia and Concordia counselor, Annie Ferrera, partnered with SafePlace, which works with sexual assault survivors, to help raise awareness about sexual assault misconceptions. SafePlace brought the call to action to Austin in 2008 and since then, thousands of Austin area employees have joined others across the world in wearing denim on this day. For more information, visit www.SafePlace.org.

countless workshops and seminars and created numerous relationships with employers. Former Assistant Director of Admissions **Randa Scott** has transitioned into this role.

College of Business Professor **Shane Sokoll** visited Turkey this summer in an effort to establish and strengthen a business relationship for a project in which his students participate titled "Group 30," which is a cross-cultural exchange program between CTX, Turkey and Taiwan.

Tammy Stewart, vice provost of remote operations, was a facilitator at the 13th National Conference for Accelerated Learning Programs in Higher Education. The sessions she facilitated were "What's So Relational in Today's Adult Relational Market?" and "How to Successfully Move On-ground Accelerated Degree Program Courses to a Hybrid and/or Online Delivery." Stewart also served the 2013/2014 vice chair of the Council for Accelerated Programs (CAP).

Dr. Carl Trovall, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, has been selected by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) to participate in a year-long Senior Leadership Academy. The purpose of the Academy is to prepare prospective leaders to assume positions as the chief officers of any division in independent higher education.

Concordia on the Move



Written by former Concordia President **Dr. David Zersen** "Concordia on the Move: 1926-2013", has received the commendation for excellence from Concordia Historical Institute for a major work contributing to Lutheran history in North America. If you haven't yet ordered your copy, this is your chance to purchase an award-winning book about your alma mater. Copies are available for sale in the bookstore on Concordia's main campus or online at:

<http://concordiauniversity.imodules.com/onthemove>



CTX Theatre presented “The Clean House”

By: Jill Cloud

CTX Theatre presented *The Clean House*, by Pulitzer-finalist Sarah Ruhl. The play was based on a personal experience for Ruhl, and it explored the extremes of humor, love, and cleanliness, as well as making several breaks in the time/space continuum.

Several years ago, when she attended a cocktail party, she met a doctor who complained that her live-in maid was too depressed to clean the house, despite the doctor having prescribed anti-depressants. “I did not go to medical school,” the doctor said, “to clean my own house.” An idea was born.

Ruhl’s inspired work of magical realism was produced in Concordia’s Black Box Theater and directed by Dr. Kelly Carolyn Gordon. The all-student cast featured Touré Manning as Ana, Adam Meyer as Charles, Shina Bharadwaja as Matilde, Maggie Thompson as Lane and Chelsea Henderson as Virginia.

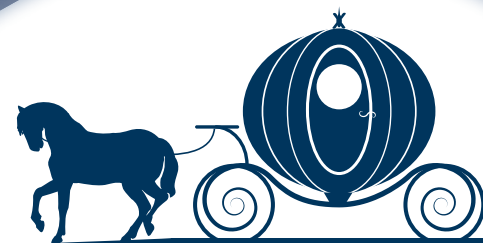
The True Story of *Cinderella*

By: Maggie Thompson

On April 11 and 12, the CTX Music Department held performances of *The True Story of Cinderella* in the chapel. Several student musicians donned roles from the fairytale to present the classic story in a beautiful tapestry of music which was fun for everyone. Originally composed for the graduate students of Westminster Choir College (WCC) by Warren Martin, this special program has become part of the singers’ tradition at WCC and is now performed all across the country each year.

There was also a pre-performance discussion from Dr. Claudia Teinert, on the role of heroines in fairytales. Dr. Teinert also provided narration for the performances. Teinert’s contribution to this event was part of her role as the English department chair and The Otto W. and Norma L. Schafer Endowed Chair in Literature.

“We are excited to share the musical talents of our students and staff with the greater community during this fairytale performance,” Dr. Patricia Burnham, music director at Concordia University Texas, said. ■



“This familiar story will delight an audience of all ages while providing an opportunity to raise funds to support our music program.”

Dr. Patricia Burnham

Alum Notes

Births

Rev. Timothy Appel ('06) and wife, Kristin, welcomed Noah Jacob Appel on December 24, 2013.

Roberto Flores ('05) and wife, Masha Gololobova, welcomed Antonina Lily Flores on February 4, 2014.

Nicole (Troester) Green ('05) and husband, Christian, welcomed Natalie Rose Green on December 14, 2013.

Jami (Jeffries) Kalmbach ('05) (Alumni Council) and husband, Eric, welcomed Wilhelmina Jeffries Kalmbach on January 28, 2014.

Tom Schwolert ('86) has joined the staff of Vibrant Faith Ministries as a church planter, trainer and consultant.



Amanda White ('12) is currently participating in the World Race, which is a journey and mission trip to 11 countries in 11 months to serve communities in need. Follow Amanda on her journey at <http://amandawhite.theworldrace.org/>.

Brandon Marks ('13) accepted a position at the Summit Christian Academy teaching Theatre Arts and Film.

Alyssa McCormack ('12) married **Heath Padgett ('13)** on May 24, 2014 and are currently traveling the country filming a documentary about hourly employees. Heath and Alyssa are on a seven-month road trip that travels to all 50 states, where Heath is working one hourly job in each state and interviewing the people he works with. You can follow Heath and Alyssa at www.heathpadgett.com/ and www.alyssapadgett.com.

Lauren Browning ('13) married Benjamin Price on June 21, 2014 and they currently live in Georgetown, Texas. Lauren is teaching at Leander Elementary School and Benjamin is an accountant for Concordia High School.

Emma Clifford ('14) was the recipient of the Thomas and Penny Cedel Prize in recognition of her outstanding scholarship, leadership and contributions to her communities. The Prize is funded by the Lutheran Educational Conference of North America as a way to honor Concordia's retiring president and first lady, Dr. Thomas and Penny Cedel. Emma is from Magnolia, Texas, and

the daughter of Mike and Amy Clifford. She graduated summa cum laude with a degree in religious education. She also was a four-year member of the CTX volleyball team, helped organize the Fellowship of Christian Athletes on campus, and served as an Admissions Ambassador for three years as well as Student Activities Coordinator.

Adrienne Eads ('13) married **Gerry Morrison ('12)** on June 6, 2014 and they currently live in Austin, Texas. Adrienne and Gerry both work in new home sales in the Austin area. Adrienne is a sales associate for Taylor Morrison and Gerry is a new home specialist for Pacesetter Homes.



Taylor Schiefelbein ('13) has accepted a position with a small international oil company, Geochemical Solutions, and also works part time for Austin-based company, iGrow Media, where she assists with social media management.

Announcements

JC Otero (MBA '14) has been accepted into a two-month international fellowship in Peru.



Nicole (Seals) Burt ('11) married Toby Burt in March 2014, and recently completed her DCE Internship. She will be staying on as the Young Adult/Youth Coordinator at St. Paul's, Ferryden Park in Adelaide, Australia.

Arturo Salinas ('93) has been promoted to Program Specialist II with Texas Department Of Transportation (TXDOT).

In Memoriam

Rev. Clarence Knippa ('30)
Harold Heckmann ('38)
Rex Paskett ('58)

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 [Concordia University Texas Alumni](https://www.linkedin.com/company/concordia-university-texas-alumni)

 [Instagram.com/ctxalumni](https://www.instagram.com/ctxalumni)

Alumni Chapters

// Third Thursdays

Join area alumni for our monthly "Third Thursday" happy hour and networking event. Come and go, connect with friends old and new, and take a break after a long day at work. Appetizers are on us, you bring the memories and laughs! Door prizes and networking opportunities available. We hope to see you there!

Houston Chapter Third Thursday

Located at the new Pluckers Wing Bar near downtown at 1400 Shepherd Drive, Houston, Texas 77007.

Austin Chapter Third Thursday

Located at Pluckers Wing Bar at Burnet Rd. and Highway 183 - easy access from anywhere in Austin.

For more information, visit alumni.concordia.edu

// Upcoming Events

Friday, September 19, 2014

Meissner Field Biology Reunion Camping Trip

There are few professors in the history of Concordia University Texas as loved and admired as Larry "Doc" Meissner. If you had the privilege of attending one of his field biology trips, or even if you didn't, join us for a weekend at the beautiful Inks Lake State Park in Burnet, TX to celebrate his retirement. Register by September 15, 2014.

For more information, visit alumni.concordia.edu

October 24-26, 2014

Homecoming Weekend

Homecoming Weekend is an annual tradition at Concordia University Texas when the entire CTX community - current students, faculty/staff, families, alumni, friends, and more - has an opportunity to Reconnect, Renew, and Remember. The weekend's schedule is packed full of exciting events, opportunities to visit with friends old and new, and chances to remember all the incredible ways our lives have been impacted by being a part of the Concordia community.

For more information, visit alumni.concordia.edu/ctxweekend

Your Alumni Council

listed below from left to right

Karon Jurgemeyer (AA, '78)
Rockwell, IA

Matt Tomlinson (BA-ADP, '04)
Buda, TX

Jami Kalmbach (BBA, '05)
Dallas, TX

Ben Haley (MBA, '12)
Austin, TX

John Adams
Director of Alumni Relations
Austin, TX

Rick Rosenhagen (BA, '82)
Pearland, TX

Candice Hill (BA, '08)
Council Chair
Winchester, TX

Kim Battle (BBA, '08)
Council Vice Chair
Austin, TX

Jeff Frosch ('96)
Ozaukee, WI

Scot McKnight (BA, '09)
Fort Worth, TX

The Alumni Association Council functions in an advisory and supportive role to the University and the Office of External Relations in the following ways:

- serving as leaders in the engagement and activation of the Members/Partners of the Association
- serving as an extension of the Office of External Relations with regard to development activities
- serving as the official voice of representation for the Association to the University and community at large



TAKE 3

Quick Q&A with CTX alumni



James Prothro ('08)

Q: Where are you and what are you doing?

A: After completing two graduate degrees and teaching at a Christian School for a year, I'm now beginning Ph.D. studies at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom.

Q: How are you using your CTX degree/experience to serve as a leader in your community?

A: My time at CTX was especially formative for my current pursuits and vocation. Learning Greek and Hebrew from Dr. Giese and Dr. Puffe opened a whole world of thinking and praying and wrestling to me, and I haven't gotten out of it since! The other faculty and staff at CTX prepared me personally, spiritually and academically to preach, study and publish.

Q: What bit of advice would you give to current students at Concordia?

A: Laugh as much as possible. Skip class as little as possible.

*James is pictured with his wife Ashley



Anthony Hernandez ('05)

Q: Who was your favorite professor or staff member at Concordia who made a real impact on your life? Why?

A: Dr. Muench in the communication department was my favorite professor. He helped me develop the skills I use every day.

Q: What does "Christian Leadership" mean to you, and how are you living that out in your community, family, job, etc...?

A: Christian leadership means living a life of honesty and integrity. I am trying to set a proper example for my 5-year-old son.

Q: Is there anything you'd like to share about your CTX story?

A: Attending CTX was a life changing experience. I would not change one thing.



George & Daniella Largent ('13)

Q: What does "Christian Leadership" mean to you, and how are you living that out in your community, family, job, etc...?

A: Daniella: I believe that living as a Christian Leader, people should lead with the idea of "What would God do?" Now that school is over, I would like to do more in the community by volunteering. I feel my daily actions at my job and in my personal environment highlight that I'm a Christian leader.

Q: How are you using your CTX degree/experience to serve as a leader in your community?

A: George: I am currently helping introduce new emergency drill procedures for our middle school. With all the new types of threats to schools today, we are increasing the amount of situations that we must be ready for to protect our students.

Q: What bit of advice would you give to current students at Concordia?

A: George: Students at Concordia University are very lucky to be a part of such a great Christian University. Concordia provides a great education in a Christian atmosphere. Each staff member and professor I have come in contact with have been generous and extremely helpful.



Tell us your story.
alumni.concordia.edu/yourstory



Tornado Evolution

The Concordia University Texas Department of Athletics unveiled its new brand identity and logos, including new primary athletics logos and wordmark, on Tuesday, August 26 at the University's annual back-to-school "Welcome Party".

The updated visual identity reflects an evolution of the current assets for Concordia Athletics to create a stronger visual representation of the department's Tornado mascot.

"Athletics is very excited about the new marks," said Director of Athletics and Head Men's Basketball Coach Director of Athletics Stan Bonewitz. "Our coaches love the evolution, and I believe faculty, staff, and students, especially our athletes, will love the new look and bold statement made by the new marks. This is perfect timing as we prepare to break

ground on a new softball field where we can incorporate the new look into our uniforms and facilities."

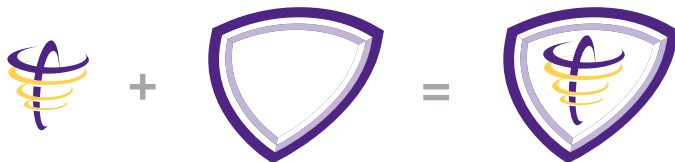
The project includes new primary athletics logos, a primary wordmark, and spirit marks as well as sport-specific logos for each team and athletics department support areas. The community can expect to see the new marks appearing on campus, uniforms and in the bookstore as inventory is replaced.

The new primary logos for Concordia Athletics incorporate the existing Tornado mascot inside of a shield background. This new arrangement allows for a stronger presentation of the mascot image. In addition to the primary marks, there is a family of secondary logos that Concordia Athletics will use as part of this new redesign.

Developing the new look was a team effort that began in the summer of 2013. A University-wide focus group consisting of coaches, and members of the University's communication and facilities teams contributed to the process of creating the new visual identity for Concordia Athletics.

As part of the visual identity and branding redesign, the official Concordia Athletics website at athletics.concordia.edu was also redesigned.

Fans who attended the Welcome Party got early access to items sporting the new designs. Fans can also purchase items at the University's bookstore on the main campus.



The new Concordia Texas Athletics brand assets add strength and flexibility to the existing Tornado logo.

New assets incorporate sport names and athletic departments in order to project a consistent look and feel and increase general brand awareness. See examples below.



SAVE THE DATE

Concordia Texas Athletics

Hall of Fame Dinner

January 31, 2014

The Oasis Restaurant - Austin, TX

Honorees to include:

Jack Faszholtz, Pam Skinner and Lee Kennedy

Baseball Coach

Basketball ('93)

Basketball &
Volleyball ('86)



Spring 2014 Sport Recaps

By: Tony Baldwin

The 2014 Spring athletic season was packed with excitement at Concordia University Texas. The following pages contain highlights from teams and individual Tornado athletes.



Spring 2014 Sport Recaps



MEN'S BASKETBALL

The men's basketball team closed out the 2013-14 season with a 16-10 overall record and qualified for their seventh American Southwest Conference (ASC) Tournament. Head coach Stan Bonewitz's club led the league in scoring average (87.6 ppg) for the eighth consecutive season. CTX knocked off the only ranked team it played, defeating I-35 rival Mary Hardin-Baylor, 96-93, on December 14.



The Tornados were led by **Josh Sanchez** (20.7 ppg) (pictured above) and **Dwayne Patterson** (19.6 ppg) (pictured left), ranking second and third in the ASC in individual scoring average. The duo both received first-team All-ASC accolades, while Patterson also collected second-team D3hoops.com

All-South Region laurels and was named to the conference's All-Defensive Team.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The women's basketball team returned to the ASC Tournament for the fourth time in program history and third consecutive season. The Tornados completed the year with an 11-15 mark, earning the No. 7 seed in the league's postseason tournament.

Three players earned all-conference honors, led by senior guard

Tyler Compton

(pictured above), who collected second-team laurels. Senior guard

Margaret Milling

(pictured right) and junior center Domonique Liddell both earned honorable

mention. Milling also became just the second player in ASC history to be named to the All-Defensive Team for the fourth season.



ASC BASEBALL REGULAR SEASON CHAMPS

The **baseball team** captured the ASC Regular Season championship and earned the top seed in the league's postseason tournament, which was held at Tornado Field. Concordia, which fell one game shy of reaching its fourth NCAA Regional, finished the campaign with a 31-14 record and was ranked as high as No. 11 in the national polls.





BASEBALL

The Tornados put together the most dominant pitching staff in league history, posting a 2.35 ERA, which was the fourth-lowest in the nation. The mark also set both program and league records.

Senior right-hander

Scott Weinschenk

(pictured above) headlined the staff after earning ASC Pitcher of the Year honors. Senior right-

hander Kiel Harmon and junior righty **Cameron**

Cox (pictured right) joined Weinschenk in earning

first-team accolades. Estevan Hernandez, Corey Holmes and

Kyle Rodriguez landed on the second-team, while Connor Bertsch, Brandon Hollier and Gareth Hutton collected third-team honors. Jon McManemin, Colton Poindexter, Ragan Pope and Brent Schaeckel received honorable-mention and the Tornados received

13 all-conference selections. Cox, Rodriguez and Weinschenk each received all-region honors, while Weinschenk also was tabbed an honorable-mention All-American by D3baseball.com.



SOFTBALL

The softball team finished the 2014 season with a 17-25 record under first-year head coach Rachel Reekstin.

The Tornados advanced to the ASC Tournament for the fourth time in five years and won five conference series during the campaign.

Freshman catcher Jessica Borrego, senior infielder Katie Carrizales, freshman infielder **Hanna Contreras**

(pictured above) and senior infielder **Jessica Parish** (pictured right)

each collected all-league honors.

Contreras landed on the second-team, Parish earned third-team laurels and Borrego and Carrizales both were named honorable-mention.

Contreras led Concordia in six offensive categories. She tied the program's single-season record with 11 home runs while batting .440 with 41 RBIs. She was named the conference's Hitter of the Week three times during the year, and the Austin native was tabbed the Louisville Slugger/National Fastpitch Coaches Association Player of the Week on March 26.





Spring 2014 Sport Recaps



MEN'S GOLF

The Concordia men's golf team enjoyed its best season in program history. The Tornados won three tournaments and finished runner-up in three others. Concordia also advanced to the NCAA Championships for the first time in school history and finished the season ranked 13th in the country.

Junior **Jack Cersosimo** (pictured above), who finished the year ranked as the No. 10 player in the nation, led the Tornados with eight top-10 finishes. The Austin native also led the ASC with a 73.43 stroke average. He won the LeTourneau Spring Invitational (March 31-April 1) by eight strokes and advanced past the cut to finish tied for 19th at the NCAA Championships in May. He earned PING All-West Region and second-team All-ASC honors for his performance during the campaign.

Junior **Bradley Goodlander** (pictured left) and freshman Josh Hernandez also collected second-team all-league accolades after finishing sixth and seventh, respectively, at the ASC Championships in April.



WOMEN'S GOLF

The women's golf team competed in eight tournaments during the 2013-14 season. The Tornados finished fourth at the ASC Championships in April.

Freshman **Shelby Allen** (pictured above) led Concordia at the final event with a 12th-place finish. Senior **Blair Allen** (pictured left) logged three top-10 finishes during the spring season, including placing runner-up at the University of Texas Dallas Comets Invitational in March.

The Tornados hosted their first-ever tournament in February – the Linda Lowery Invitational at Falconhead Golf Club. Concordia finished fifth in the tournament.



MEN'S GOLF NATIONALLY RANKED



Men's golf finished the year ranked 13th in the nation and advanced to the NCAA Championships for the first time in school history



MEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The Concordia men's track & field squad competed in six meets during the year and finished fourth at the ASC Championships in April.

Senior **Jared Jenkins** (pictured above) earned All-ASC honors after finishing third in the high jump and fourth in both the long jump and triple jump. The foursome of

Rajeem Garnett

(pictured right), Monté Griffin, JJ Jenkins and Deandrae Watkins won the 4x400 meter title. Garnett also finished runner-up in the 800 meters.



WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD

The women's track & field team participated in eight events during the year and placed third at the ASC Championships in April.

Senior **Megan Wagenaar**

(pictured right) capped off her career by being named the ASC Track Athlete of the Year. The Missouri City native won both the 800 meter and 1500 meter races, and ran the anchor leg for the championship 4x400 meter squad. Wagenaar, who set two school records during the spring, also finished runner-up in the 10,000 meter race.



The rest of the winning 4x400 meter team included Randi Askew, Kayla Brown and Celeste Laredo. Laredo and **Haley Van Klompenburg** (pictured above) also captured individual titles at the meet. Laredo won the 400 meter, while Van Klompenburg broke the school record in the high jump with a leap of 1.63 meters. Katie Baker finished runner-up in the 100 meter and javelin, while Caitlin Rowlette posted a runner-up finish in the 3,000 meter steeplechase and the 5,000 meters.



Tornado Spotlight *Megan Wagenaar*



Height	5'6"
Year	Senior
Hometown	Missouri City, Texas
Major	Business Marketing

2013-14 Concordia Texas
Female Athlete of the Year

Capital One
Academic All-District

First runner in CTX
history to advance to
NCAA Championships
in cross country

American Southwest
Conference Track
Athlete of the Year

Owns four school records

800m - Track & Field

1500m - Track & Field

5k - Cross Country

6k - Cross Country





FALL 2014 SCHEDULES

VOLLEYBALL

8/29	vs. Schreiner ^	10 a.m.
8/29	at Texas Lutheran ^	4 p.m.
8/30	vs. Willamette ^	10 a.m.
8/30	vs. Wisconsin-Oshkosh ^	2 p.m.
9/2	at Schreiner	7 p.m.
9/6	Our Lady of the Lake	11 a.m.
9/6	Wiley	2 p.m.
9/9	Schreiner	7 p.m.
9/13	at Sul Ross State *	11 a.m.
9/13	vs. McMurry +	1 p.m.
9/16	Howard Payne *	7 p.m.
9/19	Mary Hardin-Baylor *	7 p.m.
9/23	at Hardin-Simmons *	7 p.m.
9/26	Texas-Dallas *	7 p.m.
9/27	Texas-Tyler *	1 p.m.
10/3	at East Texas Baptist *	7 p.m.
10/4	at LeTourneau *	2 p.m.
10/8	Trinity	6 p.m.
10/10	Sul Ross State *	7 p.m.
10/14	Hardin-Simmons *	7 p.m.
10/17	at Mary Hardin-Baylor *	7 p.m.
10/21	at Howard Payne *	7 p.m.
10/24	at Texas-Tyler *	7 p.m.
10/25	at Texas-Dallas *	11 a.m.
10/31	LeTourneau *	7 p.m.
11/1	East Texas Baptist *	1 p.m.
11/5-8	at ASC Tournament	TBA

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^ denotes Bulldog Classic (Seguin, Texas)

+ denotes match played in Alpine, Texas

MEN'S SOCCER

8/29	at Dallas	3 p.m.
9/1	at Texas Lutheran	4 p.m.
9/5	at Dallas Christian	2 p.m.
9/7	Austin College	1 p.m.
9/12	Huston-Tillotson	7 p.m.
9/13	Schreiner	7 p.m.
9/19	at St. Thomas	5 p.m.
9/20	at Houston-Victoria	4 p.m.
9/26	at Mary Hardin-Baylor	5 p.m.
10/3	at East Texas Baptist *	6 p.m.
10/4	at Louisiana College *	6 p.m.
10/10	Howard Payne *	7 p.m.
10/11	Hardin-Simmons *	7 p.m.
10/18	at Mary Hardin-Baylor *	7 p.m.
10/24	at Texas-Tyler *	6 p.m.
10/25	at LeTourneau *	6 p.m.
10/31	Texas-Dallas *	3 p.m.
11/1	Ozarks *	3 p.m.
11/6-9	at ASC Tournament	TBA

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

8/29	at Dallas	1 p.m.
9/1	at Texas Lutheran	1 p.m.
9/7	Huston-Tillotson	3 p.m.
9/9	at Southwestern	TBA
9/12	Austin College	5 p.m.
9/13	Schreiner	5 p.m.
9/19	at St. Thomas	TBA
9/20	at Houston-Victoria	2 p.m.
9/26	at Mary Hardin-Baylor *	7 p.m.
10/3	at East Texas Baptist *	4 p.m.
10/4	at Louisiana College *	4 p.m.
10/10	Howard Payne *	5 p.m.
10/11	Hardin-Simmons *	5 p.m.
10/24	at Texas-Tyler *	4 p.m.
10/25	at LeTourneau *	4 p.m.
10/31	Texas-Dallas *	1 p.m.
11/1	Ozarks *	1 p.m.
11/6-9	at ASC Tournament	TBA

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