

Thank You

Concordia College is grateful for the deep, historic, and vibrant relationship it shares with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. **Thank you** for upholding this valued partnership by commending the College to students, by offering ongoing prayers, and by extending abundant gifts which encourage and sustain our mutual work in the world with you!

New President

In July 2011, the Concordia community welcomed and celebrated the arrival of its newly elected president, **Dr. William J. Craft**, together with his spouse, **Anne**. During his most recent ten years of work within Lutheran higher education, Dr. Craft served as academic dean at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. With formal inauguration on April 28, 2012, Dr. Craft officially becomes the eleventh president in the history of Concordia College.

Enrollment

2,772 students representing 38 states and 36 countries currently attend Concordia from a variety of cultural backgrounds and faith traditions – all welcome realities! 62% are female, 38% are male, and 56% are students with Lutheran Affiliation.

Notable

Concordia offers 61 study majors, including 18 honors majors, as well as 12 pre-professional programs. The student-faculty ration of 13:1 enables faculty to develop individual relationships with students, going beyond the coursework to provide mentoring and guidance.

Concordia is a model among U.S. colleges for global learning, distinguished by a study abroad program that ranks overall among the **top 15 in the nation**. Concordia Language Villages provide world-renowned, one-of-a-kind, language and cultural immersion education experiences in 15 languages to 11,000 participants annually.

Concordia ranks in the **top 12 percent nationally** among all colleges for number of graduates who obtained research doctorates.

One third of students participate in music, inclusive of 19 major music ensembles.

Over 800 student/athletes participate in 22 different varsity sports.

Leadership and Research

The new facility for the **Offutt School of Business** will open during the 2012-13 academic year. Innovative curriculum will emphasize global understanding, entrepreneurship, ethics and leadership.

A President's **Sustainability Council** was created and a Coordinator was been hired as benefit to the College and to the world.

New majors in Chinese and multimedia journalism are underway. **New minors** in neuroscience chemistry and vaccinology are underway. A **religion major with a new faith and leadership concentration** will be offered beginning the 2012-13 academic year. The purpose of this concentration will be to prepare a new generation of leaders for the church in faith-based organizations engaged in service to the world.

The **Forum on Faith and Life** was created and a director hired. The Forum serves as a premier and robust theological resource for the campus community, the church community and the global community. The Forum facilitates transformative conversations about issues of human ultimacy. At the Association of American Colleges and Universities this January, Dr. Eboo Patel (Founder and President of Interfaith Youth Core) recognized Concordia publicly as a vanguard institution for interfaith cooperation and programming.

Being Responsibly Engaged in the World

During initial months of leadership, President Craft has engaged faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends of the College in a process of intentional listening and conversation. Emerging from these sessions is a vision of Concordia as a college where students experience learning for their whole self, for their whole life, for the whole world.

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