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Dr. Gerald S. Kripsin,
President

Concordia's role in educational history began in 1921, when it was founded to prepare young men for preaching and teaching ministries in the Lutheran church. In 1939, Concordia expanded to include women and to offer general courses of study and an accredited high school program. In 1967, Concordia began offering first-year university courses in affiliation with the University of Alberta. Today, Concordia offers three- and four year Bachelor of Arts degrees, three- and four-year Bachelor of Science degrees, a four-year Bachelor of Management degree, a Bachelor of Education (After Degree), a Bachelor of Environmental Health (After Degree), a Master's degree in Information Systems Security Management, a Director of Parish Services Program and colloquy programs for the church, as well as extensive professional and continuing education programs.

Concordia just celebrated its 22nd convocation with over 340 graduates receiving bachelor's and master's degrees. Truly, Concordia is an exceptional institution. Concordia is exceptional because of its stature relative to its size. In autumn of 2009, we will begin to offer our first liberal arts graduate degree program, a Master of Arts degree in Biblical and Christian Studies, adding to our successful Master of Information Systems Security Management degree. The quality of our graduate and undergraduate programs is recognized by all of our students and acknowledged in so many ways by Concordia's supporters, which include our faculty and staff. **The Government of Alberta has also come to recognize the success of Concordia as an excellent university** and has secured our ability to offer doctoral programs in the future by writing it in legislation.

With such a bright future, Concordia is nevertheless firmly rooted in the history of Edmonton and its surrounding communities. It is in this community that Concordia has grown to be recognized over the years as Edmonton's premier small university. Concordia has also attained national and international recognition as a world-class smaller university. To illustrate the point, Concordia will be featured as only one of two

Canadian universities in a book celebrating Cambridge University's 800th anniversary next year; Concordia is recognized as being an example of a university that mirrors the values and aspirations of superior university education in the way of Cambridge.

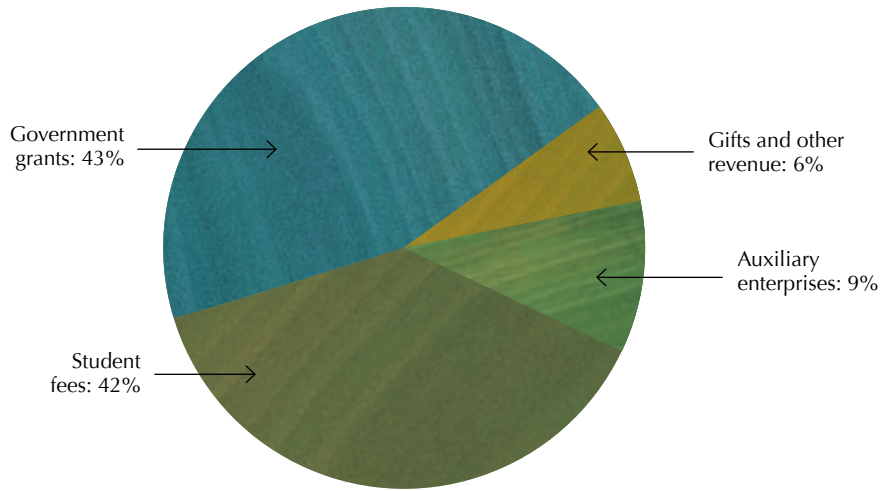
And despite economic down-turns that have us depend ever more on philanthropic support, Concordia has retained a positive financial position during the past fiscal year. A position that has enabled us to reinvigorate the aging parts of our facility. We might single out the renovation of the cafeteria, which was made possible in part by a gift of \$40,000 that our own students contributed through their student association. Because of the generosity of donors, **Concordia was able to provide close to one million dollars in scholarships in the past year**, helping us attract the best academic students, as well as the best athletic students. Consequently, our athletics programs continue to find success on soccer pitches, hockey rinks and gymnasiums of the ACAC.

Yet, in order to continue to serve our students better and to facilitate their learning, in fact, to make it possible for them to come to Concordia to learn, we cannot neglect to acknowledge that improvements are needed. Scholarships and bursaries are in constant need of replenishment. But we need new buildings, too. I envision new student residences to house our rural and international students, as well as local students who desire to live in a dynamic learning community. We need a community arts centre that cannot only house our acclaimed music and theatre programs, but also community arts events and programs. A full service university, such as Concordia, desperately needs a new science wing to provide students with the most current technology and learning, along with lab facilities in which professors and students can pursue research. These are huge aspirations, but all possible because of the support and recognition Concordia has achieved.

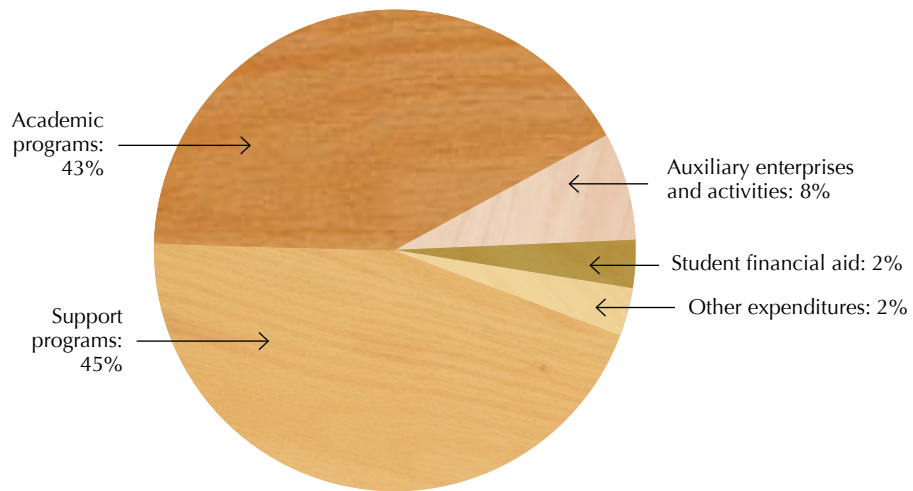
As our supporters contribute to Concordia so, in turn, Concordia contributes to its students who contribute to society, our communities of faith and to the world.

ANNUAL REPORT

Revenue by Source - Year Ending June 30, 2008



Expenditure by Activity - Year Ending June 30, 2008



**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS) AS AT JUNE 30, 2008**

Assets	2008	2007
Cash and investments	\$3,027	\$5,029
Other current assets	\$779	\$799
Capital assets	\$23,061	\$22,777
Total Assets	\$26,867	\$28,605
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Bank & other indebtedness	\$1,203	\$704
Accounts payable, special & prepaid funds	\$2,136	\$3,438
Current portion of debt	\$247	\$1,428
Deferred capital contributions	\$4,369	\$3,748
Term Loan	\$8,512	\$8,640
Long-term debt	\$1,635	\$1,500
Total Liabilities	\$18,103	\$19,458
Net assets	\$8,764	\$9,146
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$26,867	\$28,605

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
(IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS) AS AT JUNE 30, 2008**

Revenue	2008	2007
Government grants	\$10,073	\$9,220
Student fees	\$9,913	\$9,601
Auxiliary enterprises	\$2,202	\$1,970
Gifts and other revenue	\$1,340	\$1,325
Total Revenue	\$23,528	\$22,116
Expenditures		
Academic programs	\$10,017	\$9,999
Support programs	\$10,362	\$9,683
Auxiliary enterprises and activities	\$1,839	\$1,704
Student financial aid	\$526	\$396
Other Expenditures	\$523	\$24
Total Expenditures	\$23,268	\$21,806
Net Revenue (Expenditures)	\$260	\$310

GRADUATION: CLASS OF 2009 CONCORDIA'S 22ND CONVOCATION



In 1987, Concordia began offering bachelor's degrees in arts and sciences and has since grown to offer 27 undergraduate programs as well as master's degrees and professional programs. This year, 341 graduates crossed the stage to receive their university degree.

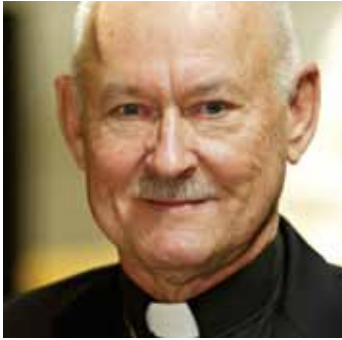
May 9, 2009 was Concordia's 22nd Convocation Day. It began with a Baccalaureate Service at 10am at the Robert Tegler Student Centre and the convocation ceremony was held in the afternoon at Northlands' Hall D. The guest speaker was Mr. Laurie Hawn, Member of Parliament for Edmonton Centre. Mr. Hawn served in the Canadian forces for 30 years, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He is Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defense and is the lead government MP on SCOND, the special Committee on the Mission in Afghanistan.

Mild spring weather and the relief of finally finishing classes and achieving the goal of an academic degree was cause for celebration among graduates, family and friends. The pageantry and colour of academic regalia was punctuated when graduates were hooded, and then received their degree and were congratulated by Dr. Gerald Krispin, President of Concordia University College of Alberta.

Dr. Krispin's charge to the graduates was to use their education to lead in a world in need of leadership, and to remember the contributions of those who made the graduates' education possible.



SPECIAL AWARDS



Christo et Ecclesiae Award
Rev. Dr. Ralph E. Mayan, Langley BC

Ralph Mayan was born in Yorkton, Saskatchewan in 1944, the son of Pastor Ernest and Mary Mayan. His years of studying included the University of Alberta in Edmonton; Concordia College, Portland, Oregon; Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, where he earned his Master of Divinity. In May of 2002, Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, Alberta awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Following graduation in 1971, Mayan accepted a call to serve a dual parish in his native Saskatchewan. He was pastor at Zion Lutheran, Yorkton, Saskatchewan and St. Paul Lutheran, Springside, Saskatchewan until 1978, when he accepted a call to Trinity Lutheran in Richmond, B.C. While serving in Richmond, he was involved in cross-cultural ministry, working with two Chinese pastors to establish Lutheran congregations. Mayan married Linda Miller in 1968 and together they have raised four children: Tamara (Dickhof), Rachelle (New), Jonathan and Benjamin. The Mayans have 12 grandchildren.

Throughout his 34-year ministry, Mayan has served the church-at-large in various positions. These include being a Circuit Counsellor, a member of district worship committees, district counsellor for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Chair of the Board of Regents of Concordia Lutheran Seminary (1993-96), and a vice-president of the Synod. The Rev. Dr. Ralph Mayan is president emeritus of Lutheran Church-Canada, having served His Lord and the church in the office of president for four terms, 12 years.

His years of service in the office were marked by his call to the church to remain firm in her biblical and confessional foundation, bold in her witness and genuine in care and love for all people. Dr. Mayan has also served for eight years as Chair of the International Lutheran Council, a world-wide association of confessional Lutheran churches. During the past year, he has been Interim Mission Director for Lutheran Church-Canada, residing in Chinandega, Nicaragua, and working as a mentor and consultant with Synod's new partner church, Iglesia Luterana Sinodo de Nicaragua.



Distinguished Service Award
Margaret Becker, Edmonton AB

Concordia's Distinguished Service Award recognizes contributions to 'others' – to the Church, to Concordia, and/or to society in general. Margaret Becker is considered the epitome of someone whose life has been spent in service to others. She learned this as a child from the example of parents who read The Bible to her, taught her to pray, and inspired in her gifts of generosity and hospitality. And she also acquired it as a legacy from an extended family of Saskatchewan pioneers who have produced a long line of servants for the church and society.

Born Margaret Dressler in Churchbridge, Saskatchewan, in 1920, Margaret grew up on a farm in the Langenburg area and, at the age of 13 had to assume adult responsibilities for some of her younger siblings when her father died. In 1939, she married Walter Becker and moved to a farm in the Stornoway area, where the couple began raising their own family. A couple of years of severe drought, and an offer of employment at Concordia College, which one of their daughters was already attending, brought the Becker family to Edmonton in 1961. Walter was hired for maintenance work, and Margaret as a dorm parent for the girls' residence.

Though the Concordia appointment was not of long duration, the Beckers continued to be available to students when they moved to their own home



Distinguished Alumni Award
Jean Greer McCarthy, Lethbridge AB

east of the campus. Some boarded with them over the summer, and others continued to visit and keep in touch with Margaret after they went off to other colleges and careers. Margaret maintained an interest in Concordia activities, including a long involvement with the Concordia Guild. The Beckers extended their generosity to the local community as well; their garden was a ready source of vegetables to whomever rang the doorbell, and Margaret brought bouquets of flowers in season to her church and to people she visited.

Margaret's gifts and talents have always been available to her church community. She has played the organ, taught Sunday School, visited the sick and lonely, and actively participated in women's groups and bible studies. With her guitar ready at hand, she has been a song leader whenever needed, including at the retirement centre where she now lives. Most of all, Margaret is known as a 'prayer warrior.' One of the highlights of her lifetime was a trip to the Holy Land in 2008 with her daughter, Margy.

Margaret's husband, Walter, and one daughter, Mavis, are deceased. There are three more Becker daughters—Donna, Johanna, and Margery; two sons—Wally and Daryl; 18 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. They are followers in the pathway of faith and service that Margaret (and Walter) mirrored for them.

Jean Greer McCarthy was born on June 19, 1967 in Lethbridge, Alberta, to Wes and Kay Greer. She attended elementary and junior high schools in Lethbridge. While a young teen, Jean convinced her parents to let her attend a boarding school. Even at a young age, she believed she needed new experiences to help her develop and grow. She chose to attend Concordia College's high school.

She graduated from high school in 1985 and continued her education at Augustana University College, where she graduated in 1989. While at Concordia, Jean met Ross McCarthy who, in 1989, would become her husband and, later, her business partner. They have three sons: Craig (17), Campbell (15), and Brad (12). Growing up in Lethbridge, her father ran Greer Homes, a small home builder in the southern Alberta city. She and her sisters helped clean up construction sites. When her father retired, Jean and husband Ross took over the business.

Her skill as a businesswoman has led to great success. But not content to rest on business success, she desires to see her community thrive. This is characterized with her work in the arts, and her leadership in supporting charitable causes in her home community of Lethbridge.

Jean Greer McCarthy has served in volunteer leadership on several non-profit boards and is currently President of the Canadian Home Builders Association – Lethbridge Region. She has received national attention for her charitable work, including support for the Canadian Cancer Society, and reading programs at Dr. Gerald B. Probe School. In conjunction with the YWCA, she created "Sisters in Success," a program which aims to mentor women in business by instilling in them a sense of confidence and professional appearance.

Jean Greer McCarthy has won numerous awards, including the 2008 Canadian Home Builders Association "Volunteer of the Year Award," Home Design awards, and three times (2002, 2006, 2007) has been named to Profit Guide Magazine's Top 100 Canadian Women Business Owners.

Jean is also a professional musician with two full-length albums, including her latest release called "Blessings and Burdens."



Judith C. Meier Excellence in Teaching Award
Dr. John McK. R. Woollard, Professor of Chemistry

Dr. John Woollard is a graduate of New College, Oxford University in England. His interest in chemistry and a move to a specialization in science was triggered during his high school years at the City of London School by a very sharp and demanding chemistry teacher who had come there from Oxford. This influence and the fact that his father had supported Oxford in the university Boat Race led John to choose Oxford when asked where he would be applying for university. He spent six years there, receiving a BA (Hons) in Chemistry in 1970, followed by an MA and a DPhil in 1972.

John got involved with the Christian Union, a version of InterVarsity Fellowship, during his Oxford years and, through them, developed an interest in teaching at an overseas university. Though his initial applications were rejected, a follow-up call to see if he might still be interested resulted in his move to Southern Africa and a position in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Botswana in 1973. The initial three year contract grew to a total of 16 years, to 1989, through a time of considerable change, development, and growth in the country and university.

John met his wife, Eleanore, during his sojourn in Botswana. A native of Steinbach, Manitoba, she worked as a volunteer lab technician for the Mennonite Central Committee, the development and aid agency of the Mennonite

churches, and it was their marriage several years later that led to a move to Canada and a teaching fellowship for John at McMaster University from 1989-1991.

Acceptance of an offer from Concordia to teach organic chemistry and to develop the organic component of the chemistry degree program brought the Woollards to Edmonton in the summer of 1991. Held in highest esteem by the members of Concordia's Chemistry Department, John is described by them as a masterful chemistry lecturer and a wise and engaging colleague. John's colleagues note especially the Oxfordian tutorial influence as an important aspect of his teaching style. One-on-one mentorship and small group interaction feature prominently in John's senior-level organic chemistry classes in particular. Though classes that are purposely structured to allow individual students to do different things means more work for John, he views this as a necessary part of a university's role in helping individuals make the transition from students into becoming colleagues upon their graduation. "No one else could have made me remotely interested in chemistry," one student commented.

John is a member of several professional societies, including the Canadian Institute for Chemistry (CIC), the International Society on Toxinology, and the Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation (CSCA). He is currently the faculty-elected member of Concordia's Board of Regents.

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 Academic Gold Medal Award



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 Governor General's
 Academic Silver Medal Award

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JIM MACLEAN: HOCKEY'S FOUNDING COACH HANGS UP THE SKATES



In 1992, Concordia's hockey program was less like its name, the Thunder, and more like a whisper. Since then, Concordia Thunder Hockey has had a disproportionately large impact for its size. Outgoing coach, Jim MacLean, has been pivotal in creating a hockey team that continues to leave a mark on its opponents, and ACAC hockey on the whole.

Jim MacLean came to hockey honestly. There is little left of the rural Alberta town where he was raised. "Hazeldean is northeast of Vermillion. It was a little town. We had a nice outdoor rink with a lean-to

shack with a pot bellied stove to stay warm," says MacLean. Now, it's little more than one house and a collection of lots.

But growing up, like a lot of Alberta boys, Jim would throw his hockey stick over his shoulder, skates dangling from the blade, and make a quarter mile walk to a dugout where he would skate for hours. "When I was seven or eight years old, we started travelling the three miles to Dewberry, where they had a really nice outdoor rink. I'd be out there playing all the time, even if it was 30 below. I just loved the game. I froze my toes a few times, but everyone did."



Jim's dedication to hockey was deeper than most. He went to Wilcox, Saskatchewan and played for the legendary Notre Dame Hounds. He ended up finishing only part of his Grade 11 and spent the balance of the year working to earn tuition to go back - it cost roughly double his family's mortgage for a year at Wilcox. With money saved up, he went back and finished his Grade 12. He even played on a line with future NHLer Jim Hargreaves. "I was small, but I was a strong kid. Jim could pick me up and just throw me around. His arms were like tree trunks. He was just working at a different level."

Looking at the shelves in MacLean's office, there are stacked pucks, volumes of post-game reports, books of scouting reports, and rows and rows of video tapes. The video tapes illustrate the time he's spent at Concordia; early dates in the 90s are VHS, the digital 8mm tape, and finally mini-DV digital tapes. Three generations of technology to record games for a generation of players and students who have felt his influence.

"I'm a hard worker," he intones. "I remember one time spending the entire day loading up bags of cement for the foundation of the new arena in Dewberry. I was never so exhausted." But the work paid off. He became the arena manager and coach of the hockey team.



DR. GERALD KRISPIN



HOCKEY ALUMNI POST GAME CELEBRATION

Eventually, Jim went to University and later taught elementary school in Wetaskiwin. In 1982, he taught at J.R. Robson High School in Vermillion. While there, MacLean became coach of the AJHL (Alberta Junior Hockey League) Lloydminster Blazers, now called the Bobcats. "I had a decent record, 19-19-8, but after one season they fired me. I was a third coach in just a few years, but I learned a lot." He leans back in his chair and a smile peels across his face. "If they didn't fire me, I wouldn't have come to Concordia."

After being let go by the Blazers, a colleague mentioned Concordia was looking for someone to be assistant athletic director, and head up a new hockey program. "I applied, and had an interview but I didn't hear anything for a few weeks." President Emeritus Richard Kraemer says, "he met all of Concordia's requirements: a good coaching record, academic qualifications for classroom teaching, and a faith commitment."

Seventeen years later, Jim MacLean says the program has come a long way, but the challenges today aren't that different from those when he first started. "Getting guys to come here is a challenge. Every scholarship dollar we can muster for players is a big part of future success." His small-town Alberta work ethic plays a big role in mitigating a tight budget. Anyone who has parked at Concordia during Klondike Days or, more

recently, Capital Ex at Northlands, has seen Jim collecting parking fees and patrolling the lot.

"Concordia is very focused on academics. For hockey and athletics to get any respect, we have to be better." MacLean has always insisted on the highest standards of dress and conduct from his players, and having to work harder to level the playing field has paid off. Concordia has a high public profile thanks to hockey. During sports broadcasts on radio and television, Concordia is mentioned alongside much larger institutions. "For me, the highlight was the championship in 2002-03. We're such a small institution that you have to work so much harder to be competitive. But that year, I felt like, if we made the playoffs, we could really do well. And we did," recalls MacLean.

He felt the same way about it this year too, but a bad bounce in overtime ended the post-season for the Thunder. It's not how he wanted to make his exit, but he's philosophical. Just weeks before retirement he said, "I still have a lot of work to do."

The same energy that kept him skating with frozen toes, hauling endless bags of cement, or working to pay tuition in Wilcox, Saskatchewan, fuels his days. As he cleans out his office, Jim MacLean is on the phone recruiting players for next season.

He knows who the good players are in junior hockey who will be looking for a university education while staying in the game. He knows, game by game, how the Dewberry team did this past season, and he can tell you in detail everything that's going on in the AJHL.

"We're moving to Vancouver Island," he says, chatting about retirement. "I might get involved with a hockey programs there." But after talk of retirement, he comes back to recall the last 17 years in Edmonton. His eyes well up a little, and he sums up his career and his future with the directness and honesty that have earned him the respect of his players and colleagues at Concordia and throughout the ACAC: "I love hockey and Concordia, so it's hard to leave. But I haven't been home much in 30 years."

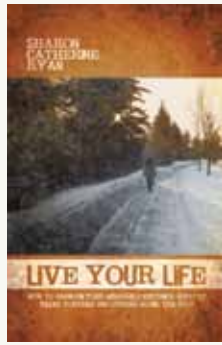
In retirement, Jim MacLean will take a break and then sort out what happens next.

"I always worked hard because I had great expectations." From those who know Jim MacLean, his retirement will meet whatever goals or expectations he sets for himself and his family.



Dr. Tim Loreman – Book Publication: *Respecting Childhood* – A book in which Tim Loreman advocates a more balanced approach, calling for views of children that allow them to be children, and to live their childhood in the present, rather than constantly having to follow the dubious proposition of ‘maximizing’ their learning and development in order to become more competitive, successful adults in the future; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Canada, Standard Research Grant of \$125,000 to support research project entitled “Characteristics of effective teaching practices in inclusive Classrooms.” Principal investigator: J. Lupart. Co-investigators: T. Loreman & Donna McGhie-Richmond.

Tony Mak – Research award (\$15,700) from the federal government’s Food Safe Initiative - “Role of Workplace Social and Environmental Factors on Commercial Workers’ Food Safety Practices” is a study exploring the possible relationship between workplace social/environmental factors and the occurrence of food-borne illness in commercial eateries. Preliminary findings have suggested workers’ “unhappy” feelings towards their jobs due to heavy workload, lack of equipment, incompetent coworkers, etc., are correlated with the occurrence of food-borne illness.



Sharon Ryan - Book Publication: “Live Your Life: How to Abandon Your Miserable Existence Without Killing Yourself and Others Along the Way”

Dr. Joy Berg - Alberta Choral Federation Con Spirito Award for commitment and dedication to the choral community in the province. The award is “in recognition of her spirit, dedication and commitment to choral music in the province of Alberta.” The association recognized Dr. Berg’s Concordia Community Chorus as important to the choral community. In addition to her administration and commitment to Singspiration (choral camp for young singers held at Concordia), Dr. Berg has been involved in ProCoro for many years and, she is also active as a church musician and choral conductor. She has also served as a board member of the Alberta Choral Federation.

Dr. Tim Labron - Published a book entitled “Wittgenstein and Theology.” This is a unique guide to Wittgenstein’s philosophy and how it fits with theology. Does Wittgenstein’s philosophy lead to atheism? Is it clearly religious? Perplexingly, both of these questions have been answered in the affirmative. Published by Continuum International Publishing Group.



Lisa Martin-DeMoor won the Alberta Writer’s Guild Stephan G. Stephansson Award for Poetry for her book of poetry “One Crow Sorrow.” It’s described as a “fearless and vulnerable, grieving yet hopeful, book of poems - poetry for anyone with a taste for the bittersweet.”

Dorothy Steffler - Is a research collaborator on a three-year Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) – grant in the amount of \$128,000 for 2008 – 2011. The principal investigator is Dr. Rauno Parrila, University of Alberta. Other collaborators include Dr. Helene Deacon, Dalhousie University; Dr. John Kirby, Queen’s University; Dr. Robert Klassen, University of Alberta. Dr. Steffler and the group are developing a reading model for post-secondary students with reading disabilities.

Mr. Richard Currie is Concordia’s new VP Finance and Operations – Joining Concordia after the closure of Taylor University College, Mr. Currie joins the staff of Concordia with a wealth of administrative experience. He has served on several health boards in Southern Alberta and a hospital in Nepal. He holds a Master’s degree in health services administration as well as certification as a CGA in Alberta.



Shane Lafond was the first student to graduate from Concordia's Inclusive Post-Secondary Education initiative. Shane audited courses and participated in a number of co-curricular programs since the initiative's inception in January 2006. Shane was awarded a Certificate of Completion at the 2009 convocation. Shane is pursuing a career in the mission field. His graduation from Concordia is a monumental step. It also fulfills Concordia mission to cultivate the uniqueness, potential, integrity, and the well-being of every student, and to encourage all to use their knowledge and skills for the benefit of others in the wider community.

Dr. InHee Cho - Regional Scholar Award from the Central States (USA). She submitted and presented two papers: "Peter's Curse (Matt 26:73-74) and the Offense of the Religion of the Name Reflected in the Letter of Pliny the Younger" and "Theological Implication of Women's Leading Funeral Role in Jesus' Death and Burial According to the Gospel of Matthew." She will present a paper at the annual SBL meeting in New Orleans and will compete for a National Scholar award. She will represent the Central States.



Mr. Nelson Fok, Associate Director of the Capital Health Environmental Health Services, and an Adjunct Professor of Concordia's Environmental Health (After Degree) program, was invited to Qatar in November, 2008, to launch two environmental health technology programs under the School of Health Sciences, College of the North Atlantic Qatar. Fok is an internationally acclaimed environmental public health expert and he has been teaching Environmental Health Risk Assessment and Environmental Health Risk Management courses at Concordia since the inception of the program more than a decade ago. In Qatar, Fok, as the keynote speaker, presented to the faculty, the news media and the public on topics of Environmental Illness, Risk Communication and Global Environmental Health.

Dr. Jamie Dyce - Excellence in Teaching Award, Psychologists Association of Alberta; publication of audio book entitled "Personality Disorders at the Movies"



Concordia's School of Music has received an Allen Renaissance Theatre Organ from the estate of **George William Henry Snelgrove**. This top-grade organ, with a variety of stops, is ideal for the concert hall. It now sits in the Robert Tegler Student Centre and benefits not only the School of Music, but Concordia as a whole. George Snelgrove was an avid amateur musician, played the piano and organ and thoroughly enjoyed this organ. He wanted this organ to go to a good home, and it now has one at Concordia.

Nelson Knight - Earned a Master of Library and Information Studies degree (University of Alberta)

Paul Sir - ACAC North – male coach of the year in basketball

Concordia received the **Alberta Association for Community Living (AACL) Community Inclusion Award (2009)** and the **United Way Silver Award for employee participation and contributions (2008 Campaign)**.

IN MEMORIAM

PROFESSOR BOB JERARRD

After a long battle with cancer, Professor Bob Jerrard was called home to be with his Lord on Monday, December 29, 2008. In spite of the struggle, he continued to do what he loved doing: teaching, and spending precious time with his family and friends. A funeral service for Bob was held Saturday, January 3, 2009 in the Robert Tegler Student Centre on the Concordia campus. Family, friends, and colleagues in attendance received the consolation of the gospel and reflected upon the life that our Lord had given Bob.

STEFAN MUELLER

The Concordia family faced a sudden loss on January 2, 2009. Stefan Mueller, son of Concordia's Board of Regents Chairman, Dr. Martin Mueller, and former Concordia High School Teacher Brigitte Mueller, died in a car accident near his family home in Gibbons, Alberta. The Mueller family has asked that memorial donations be made to Concordia University College of Alberta.

ADDITIONAL RETIREMENTS

Mr. DAVID BOESCH

David Boesch joined Concordia's staff as it was developing the Education After-Degree program and was instrumental in making the idea become a reality. He was involved in gaining the support of superintendents and principals in spite of a tentative Alberta Teachers' Association and other education programs in the province.

Working as Field Experience Coordinator, David helped develop a program that is considered a standard of excellence. Students appreciated how he made every effort to find field placements that met their needs, whether it was location, access to transportation, or personal areas of interest, such as art, music, languages, or special needs.

David is skilled with technology and was often the person departmental staff called on when glitches or crashes occurred.

Being a key member of the education faculty was the foundation of his work at Concordia, but he was also involved with the Community Chorus for the last three years.

In retirement, David plans to spend time with his three older siblings in Australia, where his eldest brother is a retired Lutheran Pastor. He plans to be active in his local congregation, and he and his wife Sandy, a nurse, are considering some outreach activity together.



Mr. DAVID BOESCH



Dr. GARY COLWELL

Dr. GARY COLWELL

As Concordia's first full-time permanent-stream faculty member in philosophy, Dr. Colwell is often considered Concordia's "Father of Philosophy." All the courses and offerings at Concordia, until 1994, when Jonathan Strand joined the department, were developed by Dr. Colwell. Drs. Colwell and Strand worked together to create the Philosophy concentration that was added to the three-year Bachelor of Arts offerings not long after.

Dr. Colwell is recognized for being meticulous, conscientious, ethical and very organized, with a strong commitment to the faith and Christ. He is also highly respected for having high standards and a sense of decorum that governs all his dealings with students and colleagues.

The personal and professional respect he has earned at Concordia is reinforced by his publications: his PhD dissertation garnered five publications. Dr. Colwell has presented at conferences and seminars, and is a preacher in his local Baptist congregation and the senior's apartment building where the church holds monthly services.

He served as Philosophy Coordinator for many years at Concordia, and has also served on many faculty standing committees. He was a member of the Private Colleges Accreditation Board in the early 90s.



Reshma Bhambhani

Tristan Ilko



Thunder Athletics Celebrates 2008-09 Year

The Concordia University College of Alberta Thunder Athletics program celebrated the 2008-09 athletics season at the annual Thunder Athletics Awards Banquet held April 7, 2009. The evening highlighted the outstanding accomplishments of Thunder athletes over the course of the season. Some of the impressive accomplishments included an ACAC Championship for Men's Soccer, ACAC Silver Medals for Men's Basketball, Women's Soccer and Badminton, CCAA National Silver medals for Badminton and National Bronze for Men's Soccer as well as numerous individual awards and achievements. The Thunder Athletics department also announced the winners of the Male and Female Outstanding Athletes

of the Year for 2008-09. The winner of the Male Outstanding Athlete of the Year was Tristan Ilko, goalkeeper for the Men's Soccer team. Tristan was recognized for his amazing season which included nine shut outs, the fewest goals against any team in the ACAC as well as helping his team to an ACAC Gold Medal and a CCAA National Bronze Medal. Reshma Bhambhani of the Thunder Badminton team was named the Female Outstanding Athlete of the Year. Reshma's accomplishments are numerous, including being named CCAA All-Canadian, the ACAC Female Badminton Player of the Year, CCAA Academic All-Canadian, Thunder team MVP, ACAC Silver Medal, and CCAA National Silver Medal in Doubles.

The night ended with the presentation of a number of special awards, including a recognition award to Women's Basketball Coach Todd Warnick who will be stepping down from his coaching duties to move into an administrative position with the Athletics Department. Also recognized was Jim MacLean, who is retiring after 17 seasons as the Men's Hockey Coach and Assistant Athletic Director at Concordia. Naeem Haque who is retiring after 12 seasons as the Head Coach of the Badminton program at Concordia. Congratulations to all the award winners and every athlete and coach at Concordia on a tremendous and historic 2008-09 athletics season.



Todd Warnick Appointed Athletics Coordinator

Concordia University College of Alberta is pleased to announce the appointment of Todd Warnick as the Athletics Coordinator for the Thunder Athletics Department. Mr. Warnick served as the Thunder Women's Basketball Coach from 2006-2009 and amassed a record of 71-39, including an ACAC Championship in 2007-08 and being named ACAC Coach of the Year in 2006-07. Mr. Warnick has extensive experience as a Coach, having coached in the CCAA, the ACAC and the BCCAA since 2001. This will serve him well in his new administrative role with Concordia. "I am excited by the opportunity to join Concordia full time and continue to contribute to this outstanding Athletics Department," says Warnick about his new position.



Kevin MacAlpine Named Badminton Head Coach

The Concordia University College of Alberta Badminton team will have a new yet familiar face taking over head coaching duties next fall. Kevin MacAlpine, long-time Assistant Coach, will move into the Head Coach position left vacant by the retirement of Naeem Haque. Coach MacAlpine has a long history with Thunder Badminton. He played with the national powerhouse program from 2001-2005 then served as an Assistant coach from 2005 - 2009. With nearly a decade of Thunder Badminton experience, the Athletic Department is confident that Coach MacAlpine will continue the tradition of national excellence established by the Thunder Badminton team. In addition to his Badminton coaching duties, Coach MacAlpine will also continue to serve as the Thunder Golf Team Head Coach.



Dan Peacocke Named New Thunder Hockey Head Coach

Concordia University College of Alberta is excited to announce the appointment of Dan Peacocke to the position of Head Coach of the Thunder Hockey program. Coach Peacocke brings tremendous experience and skill to the position with over 25 years of coaching experience at both the post-secondary and professional levels of hockey throughout Canada and the world. Coach Peacocke is no stranger to the ACAC. He first coached in the Alberta Colleges Athletics Conference in 1985 as the Head Coach of the Red Deer College Kings Hockey team. He went on to serve as an Assistant Coach with the University of Alberta Golden Bears Hockey Team from 1987-1994 and was part of the 1992 CIS National Championship team. Coach Peacocke returned to the ACAC in 2005 as the Head Coach of the Augustana Vikings Hockey team, guiding the Vikings to an ACAC Bronze Medal. Coach Peacocke joined the Thunder family in 2006 as an Assistant Coach under Jim MacLean. Given his impressive list of accomplishments, there is little doubt that Coach Peacocke will continue the tradition of excellence established by former Head Coach Jim MacLean and will guide the Thunder Hockey Program forward into 2009 and beyond.



Alumni Association President's Message

A spring edition of the Concordian is a signpost of exciting things ahead. Summer is just around the corner and for those of us who enjoy the warm weather and outdoors, good times (weather permitting!) are coming. For non graduating students, it means the end of a school year and exams and the prospect of a summer job and earning some money. And for our graduates, it's the beginning of a new adventure. For some, there will be new careers, and for others, there may be higher education at Concordia or other schools in Edmonton or elsewhere. On behalf of the Concordia Alumni Association, I welcome you as our newest alumni. One of the goals of the Alumni Association is to ensure that the contacts and relationships that you enjoyed while a student don't end. Concordia is not just a three or four year experience, it becomes a lifetime opportunity to connect, reconnect and be a part of something special and unique.

Over the last 12 months, your Alumni Association has been active. The Thunder Hockey Alumni Chapter held its 3rd Annual Golf Tournament. There were also alumni mixers in various locations including Edmonton, Calgary, Regina, Kelowna, Vancouver and Victoria. And in February, with the help of Kate O'Gorman, our Development and Alumni Relations Officer, Concordia held its first Annual Benefit Concert featuring three alumni acts. Kristilyn Robertson, Jean Greer McCarthy, and Terrell Edwards and Reach put on a tremendous show and their music really speaks to the world-class talent that comes out of our school. There will be another concert next year and I encourage all of you to attend.

I wish all of you a safe and enjoyable summer. See you in the fall, and please stay in touch!

Mike Wade, Alumni Association President

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July 31st - Aug. 3rd

Mark your calendars and get ready for a reunion to remember! If any of you have ideas you would like to see as part of the reunion, please contact the planning committee.

We'd love to have your input.

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CONCORDIA DORMIES '99 REUNION WEEKEND

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END TIME: Sunday, July 19, 2009 at 2:00pm

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For more information please contact

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Alumni Receptions

With great excitement, Concordia hosted an Alumni and Friends Reception in Regina, SK. on Wednesday, April 27th and followed it up with a visit to Richmond, BC. on May 23rd. Once again, these evenings were an opportunity for alumni to gather together in the spirit of community, reconnecting, and fellowship in their resident cities. The turn out at each location was wonderful! Concordia's President and reception host, Dr. Gerald Krispin, shared some news about where the university is headed while Kate O'Gorman, Alumni Relations Officer, encouraged everyone to stay in touch with the University through the various alumni programs currently being developed by the Concordia Alumni Association and the Alumni Relations Office. Thank you to everyone who helped make these events a great success. Stay tuned for an Alumni and Friends Reception in your area!

Announcing New Alumni Association VP!

Anyone who has met Elizabeth Balcombe is immediately taken with her enthusiasm and determination. While a student in the Bachelor of Management program, she served on the Concordia Student Association as the VP of Internal Relations for two years. In this position, Beth gained invaluable people skills, listening skills and (everyone's favourite) budget management skills, all of which worked to her benefit in her chosen field of employment. Beth credits the small classes and the attentiveness of her instructors for her speedy employment after graduation. "The professors were really approachable and they made learning fun! They went out of their way to ensure my success."

After graduating in 2008, Beth was quickly offered a position at the Alberta Research Council. As the Human Resources Services Coordinator, she is front and center in the hub of the human resources sector. Among other duties, Beth is responsible for all on-site employee orientation and management of resume submissions. Though Beth finds her new job "a big learning curve", she also finds that she is well prepared for the challenge, thanks to the hands-on nature of her Concordia education. As a result, this alumna is confident in the continued pursuit of her professional goals.

Currently, Beth is working towards her Professional Human Resources certification (CHRP) and has set her sights on graduate work. While her ultimate goal is doctoral work, Beth is exploring various MBA program options, with Boston College on the top of her list.

This extraordinary alumna has also recently accepted the voluntary position of Concordia Alumni Association Vice President. Together with the Association's President, Mike Wade, Beth is working as an ambassador and advocate on behalf of Concordia's former students. The Alumni Association is really starting to gain some strength. Many initiatives are in the works which will get alumni re-involved with the Concordia community for 2009. Beth's familiarity with the university, coupled with her energy and passion for her alma mater, is a very welcome addition to the alumni relations team.



It is hard to believe that just a year ago, I was a student at Concordia. Now, as a member of the Executive Council, I get to be a part of the Alumni Association and work to connect with all former students.

With all the technology that is happening around us, it is even easier to stay in touch with those friends that you spent so much time with and the Alumni Association can help! It amazes me when looking through the Alumni Association Facebook page, the large number of friends that I have lost touch with. A simple site can link so many of us together! It is fast and easy to use and, best of all, you can rekindle old friendships.

I am very excited to be a part of the Alumni Association and to help plan events for all alumni. Some events that we are bringing to you are reunions, Alumni Branch Receptions, the Concordia Open Golf Tournament and much more. We are always in need of volunteers so please join us on Facebook, visit our website at www.alumni.concordia.ab.ca or simply email Kate O'Gorman, Development & Alumni Relations Officer at kate.ogorman@concordia.ab.ca to find out how you can get involved!

Cheers!

Beth Balcombe, Vice President



Wedding Announcement

Three time Concordia alumna Catherine Batty (H.S '00, BA '03 & BEd '05) was married to Andrew Wojcichowsky on May 17, 2008 in Edmonton, Alberta. Congratulations!



Gehring Baby Announcement

Concordia alumna Michelle (Ney) Gehring (BA '98 & BEd '01), husband Brad and big brother Parker recently welcomed a new addition to their family. Baby Hudson William was born on February 11, 2009 weighing in at 8 lbs. 5 oz. Congratulations Gehring family!



Wedding Announcement

On July 12, 2008, Concordia alumnus Craig Nelson (BA '00) and alumna Heidi Gerdung (BA '03, BEd '05) were married at Grace Lutheran Church in Edmonton. Congratulations go out to both of them!

Wedding Announcement

Three time Concordia alumnus, Rev. David Haberstock (H.S '93, BA '96, Sem '04) is proud to announce that he was wedded in Holy Matrimony to Lise Dumas of Thunder Bay, ON in a ceremony conducted in the Divine Service on the First Sunday after Christmas, December 28, 2008. Congratulations and blessings!

ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

ARE YOU INVOLVED?

Concordia values alumni involvement. Your knowledge and expertise are tremendous assets that can benefit the University. Every alum who participates strengthens the Concordia community. No job is too big or too small. From stuffing envelopes to serving on council to connecting with alumni over the phone, we need your help! Join the many alumni who are volunteering their talents and building experiences that are meaningful, rewarding and fun.

GET STARTED

Begin your volunteer career at Concordia by submitting your Volunteer Application Form found on the Alumni website at <http://alumni.concordia.ab.ca/>, or contact Kate O’Gorman, Development & Alumni Relations Officer directly to find opportunities that match your interests.

You might volunteer to begin an alumni club, serve on a reunion committee, or help with an event.

Volunteering at Concordia benefits both you and the University. The more you volunteer, the more opportunities you have to make an impact!

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- Convocation
- The Concordia Open Golf Tournament
- Organizing a reunion

For more information, contact:

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Aaron Adamkewicz – Student Volunteer Profile



Amidst the busiest time of year for students – final exams – Aaron finds a small window to share his thoughts about his first year at Concordia. Though for anyone who knows Aaron, it is no surprise that he would make time for others. In fact, volunteerism has been a priority for this music major since high school. Whether it was volunteering with the Boys & Girls Club in Bruderheim, assisting with his high school’s spring clean up and recycling program in Fort Saskatchewan or playing his euphonium at local nursing homes with his jazz band, Aaron has always made time for others and his passion for volunteerism has naturally extended into his life as a full-time university student.

Aaron does all he can to be involved with campus life and with the Concordia community at large. In point of fact, since beginning his studies last September, Aaron has volunteered with many university events, including the Annual Grande Masque Gala, the President’s Dinner, the Alumni Benefit Concert, and the Annual Concordia Open Golf Tournament – to mention a few. It is clear he loves to be involved and connected with his community and, according to Aaron, volunteering is the best way to accomplish that. He recognizes that by being involved with these events, student volunteers have the opportunity to gain valuable experiences, meet interesting people, learn effective

networking skills and create some wonderful memories.

On top of everything, this ambitious student also manages to hold two jobs to help pay for his tuition. Many days, you can find Aaron working at Concordia’s own coffee kiosk or at The Home Depot where he is currently being trained as manager. It is clear that this determined and impressive young man will no doubt achieve all he puts his mind to.

As he looks to the future, Aaron has some lofty goals. After completing his BA, Aaron plans to enroll in Concordia’s Education After-Degree program and eventually pursue a career teaching high school music. “Preparing and inspiring kids to pursue university music, like my teacher did for me, is something I want to be apart of.” But true to character, his career goals don’t end there. Aaron has dreams of playing lead trombone with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra or playing his euphonium for Canada’s military brass band while pursuing a Master’s degree and, eventually, a PhD in music. These are grand pursuits to be sure, but based on Aaron’s track record of dedication to his studies and to volunteerism thus far, it wouldn’t surprise anyone if he accomplished it all and the Concordia community is behind him all the way!



Lesley Brennan and Jennifer Biliske: Alumni Profile

Alumnae, Lesley Brennan and Jen Biliske, have been friends for a long time. As teenagers, they played on the same youth soccer team and while they shared many of the same interests as kids, they could never have predicted just how much they had in common.

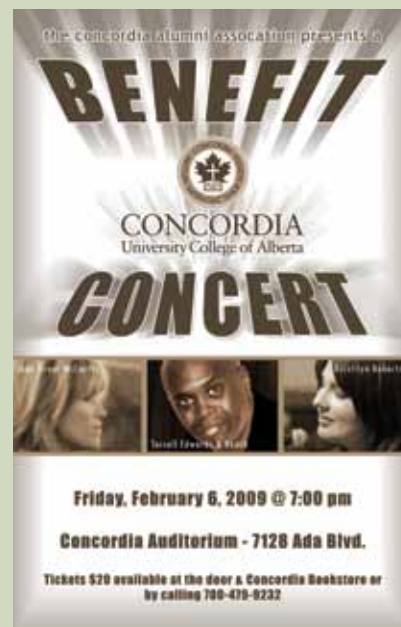
Though two years apart, both women enrolled in Concordia's undergraduate biology program and, through the tutelage and encouragement of their professors, Lesley and Jen found their passion for scientific research and study. "Profs like Dr. Deborah Hemmerling and Dr. Harriet Harris were such an inspiration! We didn't have a 4.0 GPA but they pushed us to challenge ourselves and they helped us believe that we could pursue a career in the sciences through academia."

Today, these alumnae are both pursuing graduate studies in the area of cell biology at the U of A. Lesley is a published PhD candidate and, for the last four years, has continued to be an integral part of the Concordia community as a lab instructor. Likewise, Jen is currently pursuing a Masters degree and intends to work towards doctoral studies. Though their academic pursuits have led them to another university, Concordia is still very much a part of their current learning. The lab Jen and Lesley are using to complete their graduate degrees is run by Concordia's own Dr. Harris and as Lesley highlights, "she is the principal investigator and continues to mentor us."

According to Jen, the transition from undergraduate to graduate studies was very smooth. "Concordia students are well prepared for graduate studies. The biological sciences department at the U of A definitely recognizes that preparedness and they are impressed with the caliber of students coming out of Concordia." As proof of this fact, both Lesley and Jen were recently awarded research fellowships from the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC). Lesley received the Canada Graduate Scholarship in the amount of \$70,000 over two years (enough to finish her thesis) and Jen received the same award in the amount of \$17,000 for one year. This funding will allow these highly accomplished women to pursue their *Wolbachia* bacteria research (another shared interest) on a full-time basis – the ultimate dream for academics.

When looking towards the future, Lesley is clear that she would be delighted to return to Concordia in a professorship. "I would love to be hired back here. I have a lot of happy memories with Concordia". On the other end of the academic's spectrum, Jen would be thrilled to be employed as a full-time researcher, though she remains open to all possibilities. With the foundation they received from Concordia, Lesley and Jen are confident that they will continue to be successful, and so are we.

- For the latest in Alumni news and events, check out our website at alumni.concordia.ab.ca
- Join us on the Concordia University College of Edmonton Alumni Facebook Group



Benefit Concert

On February 6th, 2009, the Alumni Association was proud to organize and host the university's first Benefit Concert and we are even more pleased to report that it was a great success! Alumni and local recording artists, Kristilyn Robertson, Jean Greer McCarthy and Terrell Edwards and Reach, all donated their time and talent to put on this stellar concert. All proceeds raised went towards the university's areas of highest need. A large thank you goes out to the performers and to those who came out as audience members in support of Concordia. We look forward to making it bigger and better next year!



Drew and Matthew Czernick: Alumni Profile

The Czernick brothers, Drew and Matt, will soon be known as Dr's Drew and Matt Czernick, DDS. These dedicated alumni began their academic careers at Concordia as undergraduate science majors. Today, they are both building on the educational foundation they received at Concordia as they move towards their future in the field of dentistry. After transferring into the U of A's dentistry program from Concordia's BSc program, Drew will be graduating this June and beginning his career in Edmonton while Matt, who graduated from Concordia in 2007 with a BSc, has just been accepted into the dentistry program at Boston University and will begin his studies there this summer pending other, more local graduate school acceptances.

Both Drew and Matt knew early on that they wanted to be in the medical profession. Over time, that desire evolved into an understanding that dentistry was the field in

which their talents could be used best. As Drew explains, "when people leave your clinic, they leave with a healthier smile – how can you not feel good about that?" His brother Matt agrees that dentistry is a good fit for them both and he looks forward to the day when they can begin a practice together back here in Edmonton.

As science undergraduates at Concordia, these alumni benefitted from the small classes and the personalized guidance of their professors. In fact, the rapport the Czernick brothers developed with many of their instructors allowed them to secure excellent letters of recommendation "and that went a long way when applying to medical programs" says Drew. According to the brothers, "the whole science faculty at Concordia was really wonderful. Professors like Dr. Pitchko, Dr. Berkes, Dr. Harris and Dr. Hemmerling kept us motivated and helped us to be the best we could be.

They offered us a lot of direction" – direction that has obviously led to a great deal of academic achievement.

These alumni have had a long history with Concordia and while they are taking what they learned at their alma mater and moving full speed ahead towards their bright futures, they haven't forgotten where they started from and they plan to stay involved with the Concordia community well into the future. "Our time at Concordia was invaluable. Through Concordia's undergraduate science program, we were given the tools to study and focus properly so that we could feel confident enough to pursue medical studies." As Drew and Matt confidently embark on their new journey into the world of dentistry this summer, there is no doubt they will both find great success in all they set out to accomplish.

CD RELEASES

Kristilyn Robertson

Singer-songwriter Kristilyn Robertson believes in hope, searches for peace, and embraces the imagination. Her pop/folk/jazz songs border on theatrics and cabaret as she mixes her smart piano arrangements with her storytelling lyrics. You can listen to Kristilyn's music and purchase her latest release –The Bee Tree – through her website at www.kristilynrobertson.com or at www.reverbnation.com/kristilynrobertson

Matt Day

Matt has been an active musician on the Alberta music scene since the early 90s. He has had the privilege of playing with jazz/blues legend, Clarence "Big" Miller, the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra and The Calgary Philharmonic. An accomplished pianist and entertainer, Matt has performed for television specials, fund-raisers and numerous community events and concerts. Learn more about Matt at www.mattday.ca

Jean Greer McCarthy

Her living room window overlooks the rolling hills of the Oldman River Valley in Southern Alberta and the Rocky Mountains beyond. From this serene viewpoint, Jean crafts songs that are reflective and moving. Jean tells her own deeply personal stories (everything from donating bone marrow to motherhood is fair game), and shares her observations on others' lives. You can hear more from Jean at www.myspace.com/jeangreermccarthy

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The 12th Annual Concordia Open

In spite of a slow start to spring, on May 27th, the skies cleared and colleagues, friends and supporters of Concordia, along with Edmonton Eskimos Alumni, enjoyed mild weather and an enjoyable day of golf at the Belvedere Golf and Country Club.

Concordia is grateful to title sponsor, Northgate Industries, and all our sponsors, golfers, and volunteers that made this year's event a great success.

New this year, Concordia students and volunteers greeted golfers with a complimentary bag drop upon arrival at the Belvedere. Golfers teed off with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start in a Modified Stroke format, with teams vying for prizes in categories like highest and lowest score, longest drive, longest putt and closest to the pin. The team with the best score included Blake Dermott, Jim MacLean, Tom Jedrasik and Will Winter.

Concordia was represented by President Dr. Gerald Krispin, and student, Aaron Adamkewicz. Garry Meyer was the emcee for the post-tournament banquet, and auctioneer for the live auction.

Among the Edmonton Eskimo Alumni supporting the event were Blake Dermott, Herb Dobbins, Glenn Harper, Ed Jones, John Farlinger, Emilio Fraietta, Brian Fryer, J.R. LaRose, Garry Lefebvre, Singor Mobley, Bayne Norrie, Jack Parker Jr., Tom Richards, Todd Storme, Mike Volcan, Tom Wilkinson, and Larry Wruck.

In honour of our shared history, Concordia University College of Alberta is, from this year forward, donating a portion of the \$48,000 raised at the Concordia Open Tournament toward a bursary for Concordia students in the name of the Edmonton Eskimo Alumni Association.

Thank you everyone! To reserve your place in next year's tournament, call Katherine Hutton at 780.479.9247 or email katherine.hutton@concordia.ab.ca.

We look forward to seeing you next year - Wednesday, May 26th, 2010.

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Science at Concordia

Science is often taken for granted. People joke that they “don’t do math,” but something as casual as a phone call, browsing YouTube, brushing your teeth, or even driving to work or school puts billions of dollars of infrastructure and years of research into play. Mobile phones, computers, toothpaste, even roads, rely on science and technology to simplify an increasingly complex world. Concordia University College of Alberta equips students to work in this dynamic environment.

Science students gain several advantages by attending Concordia. First of all, they experience a more intimate undergraduate setting. Emphasizing small classes, Concordia’s science classes average 18 students in lecture sections, and 13 in laboratories. This fosters a friendly atmosphere, a high quality of teaching, and a myriad of opportunities for interaction between students and professors. Students have the opportunity to work alongside their professors doing research, making the transition to graduate studies easier.

Concordia is also distinguished as a place where students come first. It is common for students to drop into their professor’s office to ask questions and receive individualized instruction and advice. Concordia’s professors are able to spend time with students and are willing to listen and answer questions.

As a science undergrad, Dr. Drew Czernick (DDS 2009) benefitted from Concordia’s small classes and the personalized guidance of his professors. It may have been Dr. Deborah Hemmerling, Associate Professor of Biology, who had the greatest influence; “she kept me motivated and helped me to be the best I could be. She offered me a lot of direction” - direction which led to great academic success. The rapport Drew developed with his instructors also allowed him to secure letters of recommendation that “went a long way when applying to medical programs.”

Concordia is a Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada

(NSERC) institution – meaning students are eligible for various NSERC award and scholarship programs. Undergraduate Student Research Awards (USRA), for example, are available to Concordia students every year. These awards stimulate undergraduate students’ interest in the natural sciences and engineering. Students spend 16 weeks working on a research project during the summer. In addition to gaining research experience, these awards assist students financially. Fourth year students can also apply for Canada Graduate Scholarships to continue their study in graduate programs in natural sciences or engineering. This is just one example of the support Concordia’s Science faculty receives from other agencies and organizations to engage students in research.

Concordia is a proud member of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) and the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU). As a result, students who desire to move on to further study have a university degree that will open doors around the world.

Combining an academically rigorous Bachelor of Science degree with the strengths of a liberal arts education also ensures great flexibility with regard to future career plans.

Concordia currently offers both three- and four-year Bachelor of Science programs in Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science and Mathematics. Students often continue their education in graduate studies or in professional programs, such as education, medicine, dentistry, nursing, veterinary medicine or business.

Though scientific and technological advances continue to make great strides, great challenges still exist. Employers are looking for people with a high-quality education and proven professional skills to be successful in today’s global, high-tech economy. Concordia equips students to be leaders who will help define how science and technology will be applied in the future.



If you are exploring your options and interests, Concordia’s science degree opens up a wide range of future possibilities. At Concordia, you’ll find friends and a faculty and staff who care about you and will help you succeed.

Concordia Offers Master of Arts

Concordia is now accepting registrations to the new Master of Arts in Biblical and Christian Studies. The program, unique in Alberta, is an accredited graduate degree. Students will focus their studies in one of the program’s three areas of concentration: Old Testament Studies, New Testament Studies, or Christian Theology and History.

The program, which features nationally recognized faculty in Concordia’s intimate and personal setting, will encourage students to develop a high level of competence in research, writing, teaching, and communication skills, preparing them to serve as highly qualified resource people within a church or para-church setting or, after further graduate work in a doctoral program, to seek a teaching or administrative position in a university or seminary.

For more information, visit www.graduatestudies.concordia.ab.ca or contact Dr. Richard Kraemer – Richard.kraemer@concordia.ab.ca

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