

The Concordia Current

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Presidential Assistant to Speak at Commencement



TIM GOEGLIN, Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the White House Office of Public Liaison, will deliver this year's Commencement Address to the 124th graduating class on Saturday, May 14.

A native of Indiana, Mr. Goeglein has worked in the public sector for 17 years, beginning as communications director and press secretary for U.S. Senator Dan Coats. He joined the Bush campaign in 2000. Following the election,

Goeglein joined the Bush-Cheney transition team and was commissioned as a member of the original White House staff. He currently works as one of the deputies to senior advisor Karl Rove. A graduate of Indiana University, Bloomington, Tim and his family live in the Washington metropolitan area.

Goeglein, a member of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, spoke at the 2000 National Lutheran Youth Gathering in New Orleans, where he shared a taped greeting from President Bush with the attendees. “My most important roles in life are husband and father,” says Goeglein, “We are a family united by our faith, and our pride in this remarkable country.”



Nationally Acclaimed Commentator Cokie Roberts Presenting at Spring Books & Coffee

COKIE ROBERTS, ABC NEWS political commentator and senior news analyst for National Public Radio, will discuss her most recent book, *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*, at the April 19 *Books & Coffee* lecture.

In addition to broadcasting, Ms. Roberts, with her husband Steven V. Roberts, writes a weekly syndicated newspaper column. Her last book, *We Are Our Mothers' Daughters*, was a *New York Times* bestseller.

[Krenz Academic Center Construction to Begin... See *What's New?* inside for Full Story](#)

Growth of Pre-Sem Program Continues

AS A LUTHERAN COLLEGE, Concordia takes seriously Jesus' command to “spread the Gospel to all nations” (Matt. 28:19). One way this is demonstrated is the resurgence of Concordia's Pre-Seminary program. In the past few years, the number of Pre-Sem students at the College has more than doubled and is currently at a 15-year high, with 26 students, including seven sophomores and nine freshmen. This continued increase highlights the College's deep commitment to recruit and train—academically, spiritually and vocationally—the next generation of pastors for Christ's Church. Concordia prays this enrollment trend continues, bringing the number of its Pre-Seminary students to even greater heights.

Church Vocation student enrollment, as a whole, continues to increase as well. Over the last five years, the campus has seen Lutheran Teacher Diploma (LTD) numbers rise 76%, for an overall 91% increase in Church Vocation (Pre-Sem & LTD) students since 2000.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- March
19 – 26 Exhibit
Martin Luther—The Reformer
- April
6 Books & Coffee Lecture
The Plot Against America
Philip Roth
- 13 Books & Coffee Lecture
Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait of an Epic Friendship, Jon Meacham
- 14 Concordia Gallery
Voices of War: An Interdisciplinary Slide Lecture
- 16 Office of Admission
Campus Preview Day
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Russia Under Putin and Beyond

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English as a Second Language teacher Michael P. DiGennaro has published a children's book entitled *The Lid*. This, his first book, stems from his vast elementary school experience and extensive training in reading instruction. Information can be found at www.rcowen.com.

Dr. Ralph Peters, Associate Professor of Psychology, presented two *Multiple Intelligences and Brain-Based Education* workshops to Lutheran School Association (LSA) teachers at Trinity Lutheran School, Hicksville NY, during a November LSA Professional Development Day.

Please send news of births, marriages and employment to alumni@concordia-ny.edu

Alumni News

International Management Welcomes New Director

TO SERVE THE GROWING enrollment in the College's Business program, Concordia is pleased to introduce Christopher "Kit" Nagel as a full-time Business faculty member. He will have the additional responsibility of directing the College's International Management (IM) program.

While serving the College over the past six years as Vice President of Enrollment, Nagel also taught Business in the Adult Education program. He says, "This is a great development

for me personally and I look forward to working to expand students' horizons and impart a practical understanding of globalization and the driving forces of business today. With our diverse and international student body, our corporate contacts, and great location, Concordia is superbly positioned to prepare students for global careers."

Nagel brings a broad mix of experience to the Business program. He holds an advanced degree in IM from

the prestigious Thunderbird School (AZ), and was Marketing Manager-Asia for International Paper Company. Nagel has traveled to more than 60 countries and has negotiated with foreign governments at the ministerial level.

Academic Dean Sherry Fraser comments, "I'm delighted the International Management program has such an energetic and experienced director. This program will clearly benefit our globally-minded students."

The Pig Roast is Back!

Reunion Weekend is June 10-11

A VENERATED CONCORDIA TRADITION is making a triumphant return mid-June as the College welcomes its alumni for a fabulous Reunion Weekend!

The weekend will kick off Friday night with a cocktail party to welcome alums back to campus—a great opportunity to greet old friends and mix with new. Then on Saturday afternoon—the Pig Roast is back in the quad! The evening will culminate with an informal dance in The Commons.

Are you a member of the graduating classes of 1975, '80, '85 or '95 (or simply like to be associated with that crowd)? If so, this Reunion is especially looking for you! So get on the phone, crank up the email, or beat the bushes to have your classmates show up for this wonderful weekend of reconnecting with longtime friends.

To RSVP today, contact Nathaniel Broyles at x2151 or nbb@concordia-ny.edu. For questions, contact Charlie Browne at x2167 or cbb@concordia-ny.edu.

ALUMNI DIRECTOR OPENING—The College seeks an enthusiastic alum or friend of the College to coordinate and manage all alumni communications, event planning, mailings, and alumni-directed fund-raising appeals. Bachelor's degree or equivalent preferred. Must have excellent communications skills. Alumni/public relations or fund-raising experience a plus. Interested candidates, send letter of interest, résumé and three references to Charlie Browne, Director of Annual Giving & Special Events.

JACOBSON ENDOWMENT FUND—If you would like to contribute to the *David C. Jacobson Endowment Fund*, checks made payable to *Concordia College*, memo: Jacobson Endowment Fund, should be sent to Concordia College, Office of Institutional Advancement.



Concordia Sunday Celebrated at Emanuel, Patchogue NY

On October 24, Faithwalk—Village Lutheran's (Bronxville NY) praise band comprised of Concordia faculty and staff—led the singing. The Rev. William J. Meyer, Concordia's Director of Church Relations and former pastor at Emanuel, delivered the sermon. Emanuel's Day School Principal Lori Lee Joerz, '89, led former graduates who served as service readers and ushers, and as hosts during the reception that followed. Praise and thanksgiving was offered to God for the many Concordia graduates who have served Emanuel as pastors, principals, teachers, musicians and lay leaders through the years.



Campus Visits Designed for You

Have you visited campus lately—or at all? We invite you to visit for an event or an individual visit. Tina Osso is Concordia's Admission Visit Coordinator and is happy to arrange a visit specific to your interests. There are so many things to do—sit in on a class, take a campus tour, enjoy lunch in The Commons, meet with your admission counselor, attend an athletic and/or music event, and so much more. Tina is available daily via phone, email and fax to arrange a visit tailored to your requests. In addition, each semester we offer campus events (see flip side) providing a group environment for your visit. Bring your completed application packet with you and we will waive your \$30 application fee!

Tina is waiting to assist you, so call today—don't delay and we'll see you on campus! (800) YES-COLLEge

New Overseas Study Program Established for Pre-Sem Students

Beginning fall '05, two Pre-Sem students in their junior year will spend a semester of study at Westfield House in Cambridge, England. Westfield, the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England, is a well-respected international school of Lutheran theology with special Cambridge University status. Westfield students attend Divinity School lectures and utilize the library at Cambridge University—one of the world's foremost centers of theological learning. Application and acceptance to the program is during the freshman year. Learn more about this invaluable academic and life experience by contacting Concordia's Pre-Seminary Program Director, The Rev. Scott Ashmon, x2125 or saa@concordia-ny.edu.



Westfield House

What's New?

CONCORDIA COLLEGE

NEW YORK

Construction to Begin

After years of planning and anticipation, construction is slated to begin this summer on Concordia's new 12,000 square-foot Krenz Academic Center. Named for late Concordia Regent, Donald A. Krenz, and underwritten by a significant gift from his widow, Darlene, the Center will be located in new and existing space on the second floor of Scheele Memorial Library. It will offer Concordia students two large, networked presentation classrooms equipped with the latest in multi-media educational technology, a media production studio to be the heart of a new Communication studies program, a relocated and enlarged art gallery

overlooking the quad, a new 20-station computer lab, an inviting student/faculty reading lounge, and more. The Academic Center's opening is planned to coincide with the College's fall 2006 launch of its newly enriched curriculum, *The Concordia Experience*, and Concordia's 125th anniversary.

As the first campus construction project in many years, the Academic Center symbolizes the strides Concordia has made in recent history. With a record enrollment and an enriched curriculum soon to be implemented, the College looks forward to completion of this eagerly-awaited facility.



History Student Attends Presidential Inauguration

Senior Patrick Raftery, from Greenburgh NY, had a unique opportunity to go behind the scenes at January's Presidential Inauguration. Raftery, a history major, was nominated by Dr. Kathryn Galchutt, Assistant Professor of History, and Concordia President Dr. Viji George to participate in *Inside Washington 2005*, a program of The Washington Center that brought young men and women to Washington during Inaugural Week.

Each morning, participants met with politicians and journalists. The afternoons consisted of site visits to lobbying firms, embassies, and interest group offices to meet with staff. On Inauguration Day, Raftery attended the inauguration and the parade. Between the two events, small groups met with facilitators to discuss the day's events. Patrick's group leader ran New York State Senator Golden's successful 2002 and 2004 campaigns. Valuable networking gave Raftery hope for working on future campaigns.

A key component to the program was the opportunity to dialog with instrumental players in our government. Raftery "engaged in a good amount of the discussion due to experience gained in Concordia's small classes. For me, the most valuable part of the experience was meeting other students who shared my deep interest in politics," commented Patrick.

Students Take Mission to the Streets

Just about the time most start winding down for the night, a group of more than thirty students can be found in lower Schoenfeld Hall getting started on a Homeless Run...a trip into New York City to provide a meal, maybe a warm coat, and conversation for one of the hundreds of homeless individuals of Manhattan.



The evening goes something like this:
11:30 PM – gather to make brown-bag meals of a sandwich, chips, a drink and fruit;
12:00 AM – depart for City;
12:30 AM – stop at targeted churches, where the homeless are known to sleep, offer a meal and caring smile;
2:00 AM – return to campus.

A service opportunity offered at least once a month by the Student Government Association, President Sara Camporeale remarks, "Students at Concordia have big hearts. This simple act on our part is all about caring for our 'neighbors.' Studies are important, but altruistic activities such as this help us see the world as a whole...not just our area of study."

Working in conjunction with Homeless Runs this winter was the Career Center. Director Nick Pohl, worked with a group of Bronxville youth soliciting winter coats to distribute at Homeless Runs. Of the 110 coats gathered, the Concordia College community contributed half. Concordia is filled with opportunities like this one for students to make a difference.

Concordia education students taking the tests required by New York State for teaching certifications had a 100% pass rate. (Source: Education Dept. Chair Dr. Jane Buerger)

Math Team Repeats International Competition



This February, Concordia's Math Team competed, as it has for the past three years, in the worldwide *International Math Modeling Competition*, against hundreds of the finest colleges and universities around the world—including such powerhouses as Harvard, Oxford, M.I.T. and Yale.

The team trained weekly for the competition and then, once their contest problem was selected, worked 12 – 18-hour days until submitting their research paper to be judged by an international panel of experts. This year's team was comprised of 50% women and Concordia's current Calculus II class is 76% female, dispelling recent media attention on women's relatively poor participation in advanced mathematics.

In the 2004 competition, the Concordia team was awarded "meritorious standing," the same rank achieved by M.I.T., the University of California at Berkeley, and Duke—a rank above that of Georgetown University.

The results of this year's competition are expected in April—stay tuned!



In a national survey of college seniors, our students' ratings place us in the top 7% for providing enriching educational experiences and in the top 6% for our student-faculty interactions. (Source: 2004 NSSE)

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Upcoming Events

April 2

Accepted Student Luncheon
Our accepted students are invited to celebrate their future at Concordia.

April 16

Spring Campus Preview Day
One in a series of informative days when prospective students tour campus, meet faculty and students, learn more about Financial Aid and the admission process. Come gain a sense of campus life at Concordia!

April 21 – May 14

Concordia Gallery Student Exhibition
This annual exhibition of works by Concordia students offers an exciting and colorful display of fresh visions and experiments in many different media.

April 24

4:00 PM

Festival Choir Concert

This one-hour concert, which brings together young singers from other schools to join with the Concordia Festival Chorus, is a perfect family concert for a spring afternoon.

June 3 – 4

The Junior Youth Experience

An opportunity for confirmation-agers to celebrate their Christian faith with Lutheran youth from regional churches. With this year's theme, *Get Connected*, youth will experience 24 hours of coordinated activities, Bible studies, devotional periods, entertainment by featured artists *HappyFunTime*—and just plain fun. Learn more: www.concordia-ny.edu/junioryouth.htm

July 16

Summer Campus Preview Day

One in a series of informative days when prospective students tour campus, meet faculty and students, learn more about Financial Aid and the admission process. Join us for a mid-summer day on the Schoenfeld Terrace and gain a sense of campus life at Concordia!

Associate's Degree Offering and Increased Enrollment in Adult Ed

AFTER LONG PLANNING AND APPROVAL PROCESSES, the new Associate's degree program has been implemented in the Adult Education Department. In addition, 64 students have enrolled since September, an increase of 60% over January 2004.

Moving to new offices, adding staff and expanding the number of class nights per week have all contributed to the increasing success of the department's Accelerated Degree Program. New York State's approval of Concordia's new Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies degree last October has more than doubled the number of courses offered at an accelerated pace. Now, not only can Concordia accept those adult students with 60 hours or more toward completing their Bachelor's degree, but they can also recruit and enroll adult students with 59 or fewer credits from another institution, enabling these students to earn their General Education credits from Concordia at an accelerated pace.

This new student population brings new responsibilities for the Adult Education Department, primarily in the area of academic support. With these needs in mind, Nicole Pelose, a Language Arts teacher from Yonkers, is serving as Educational Assistant and tutor for those new A.A. students who need help with writing and study skills. Sara Marcus, a Ph.D. candidate in Online Education from Bayside, Queens, is assisting new A.A. students in formulating, researching and writing the Life Application Project assignments due each term. Both women have already generously given their time and talents to make our initial A.A. program a success.

Ashmon Named New Director of Public Relations



THE COLLEGE IS PLEASED to announce that Ann Ashmon has been named Director of Public Relations for the College. "Ann will play a critical role in communicating the College's message to our internal and external communities," commented Paul

Grand Pre, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. "It is an exciting time in the life of the College as programs continue to grow and our message reaches an ever-widening audience. We are fortunate to have such a qualified Public Relations Director with a deep appreciation for our mission."

As the College enjoys its largest enrollment in decades, Ashmon will communicate with the College's various constituencies at an institutional level. Having served the College as Director of Alumni Relations for the past year and a half, she brings to her new position superb communications skills, a deep

Ministering to the Changing Face of the American Family

MOST WOULD AGREE that families are our society's greatest asset. But how do we fully appreciate, protect and nurture this asset? How do we find its strengths and promote them? The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod has acknowledged the importance of families by passing a resolution at its 2004 regular convention to roster Family Life Ministers as church workers.

Concordia College recognizes the family as one of God's greatest gifts and has made a commitment to include a Family Life Ministry specialization in the Bachelor's level study, as a companion to the Social Work program. This

specialization will examine, analyze and study the message educators, clergy, laity and counselors deliver to today's generation. Students will learn that ours is truly a family-focused society, resulting in family-focused churches, congregations and activities within the congregation.



ECAC Honor Roll

Concordia is recognizing congregations of the East Coast Association of Congregations (ECAC) that contribute \$1,000 or more to the College for three successive years. An "Honor Roll" is being established in the Schoenfeld Campus Center brickyard terrace by displaying a brick with the congregation's name and location. Forty-nine congregations from ten eastern seaboard states are among the first to be honored.

knowledge of and appreciation for Concordia's mission, its history, and its students, and the professional and academic training in the disciplines necessary to be a highly qualified spokesperson for the College. "Concordia is a vibrant community with much to offer," notes Ashmon. "It is my pleasure to help foster relationships in neighboring communities and with our greater public." Ms. Ashmon holds a B.A. in English from Valparaiso University (IN) and has continued studies toward the M.A. degree in English, with a concentration in Composition Studies.

April

19 Books & Coffee Lecture
*Founding Mothers: The Women
Who Raised Our Nation*
Cokie Roberts

21 – May 14 Concordia Gallery
Concordia Student Exhibition

21 Concordia Gallery
Opening Reception
Concordia Student Exhibition

24 Music at Concordia
Choral Series
Festival Chorus Spring Concert

27 Books & Coffee Lecture
*The French War Against
America: How a Trusted
Ally Betrayed Washington
and the Founding Fathers*
Harlow Giles Unger

May

6 Music at Concordia
Master Class Series
*String—John Patitucci, bass
Lawrence Dutton, viola*

7 Music at Concordia
*Chamber Music Festival 2005
The Star Showcase Concert*

8 Music at Concordia
*Chamber Music Festival 2005
Guest Artist/Faculty Concert*

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Commencement

For information on these
and all campus events, please
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click on News & Events.

Spring Athletics

Bold denotes home games **DH** denotes double-header
For game times and tennis schedules, visit www.concordia-ny.edu

Baseball

- MARCH 22 **NJ Inst. of Technology**
- 23 Queens College
- 24 **St. Thomas Aquinas**
- 26 Bridgeport University – **DH**
- 29 Teikyo Post University – **DH**
- 30 University of New Haven
- APRIL 1 **Bloomfield College**
- 2 **Molloy College**
- 3 Molloy College
- 5 Felician College
- 6 **St. Thomas Aquinas**
- 7 Caldwell College
- 10 **Philadelphia University – DH**
- 12 NJ Inst. of Technology
- 13 College of St. Rose
- 14 **Felician College**
- 16 **Dowling College – DH**
- 17 Dowling College
- 20 Queens College
- 23 **Mercy College – DH**
- 24 Mercy College
- 26 University of New Haven
- 27 Pace University
- 28 Dominican College
- 30 **C.W. Post College – DH**
- MAY 1 C.W. Post College
- 2 Caldwell College

Softball

- MARCH 22 **Adelphia University**
- 29 **Bridgeport University**
- 31 Georgian Court College
- APRIL 2 Southampton College
- 5 **Queens College**
- 8 **Wilmington College**
- 9 Philadelphia University
- 12 **NJ Inst. of Technology**
- 15 Molloy College
- 17 **Dominican College**
- 19 Mercy College
- 23 Dowling College
- 24 **Bloomfield College**
- 26 St. Thomas Aquinas College



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