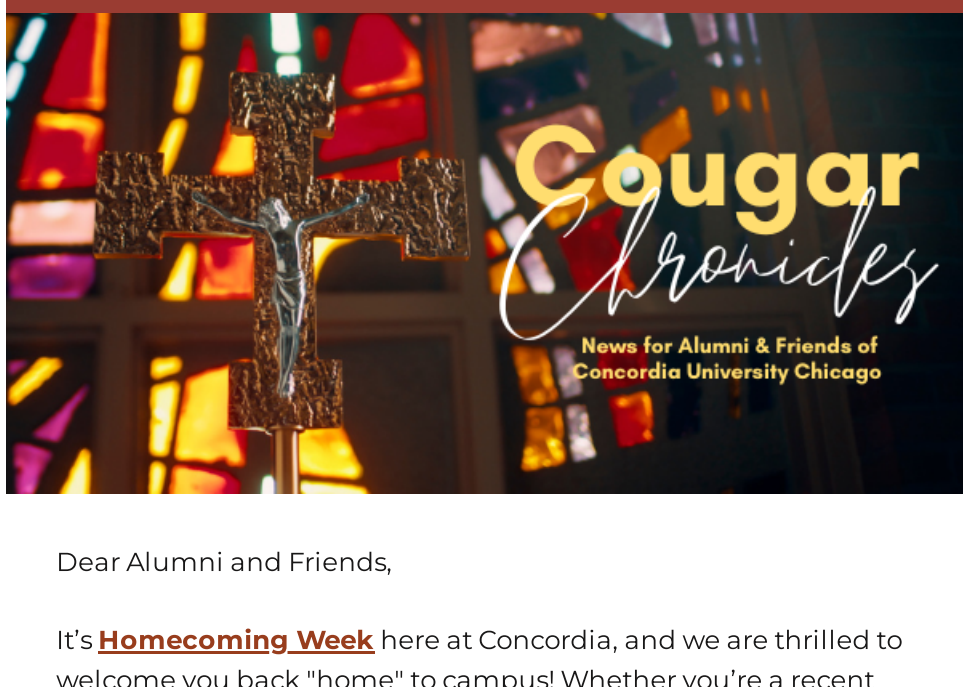


October 7, 2024



Dear Alumni and Friends,

It's **Homecoming Week** here at Concordia, and we are thrilled to welcome you back "home" to campus! Whether you're a recent graduate or a proud CTC or CURF alum, this time of year gives us all the chance to reconnect, celebrate, and Stand Tall together as a community.

We hope to see many of you at our homecoming weekend events, including the [Cougar Classic Golf Outing](#), the [Beer and Brats Tailgate Party](#), and the [Homecoming Football Game](#) as our Cougars take on Rockford University. On Saturday evening, we will hold our [Hall of Fame 2024 Induction Ceremony](#), where we honor our exceptional alumni athletes who have made their mark on Cougar Athletic history.

This week is about coming together to celebrate the CUC community—one that values Christ at the Center of all we do as a university. As alumni and friends of the university, you play a vital role in furthering this mission, and we are grateful for your prayers and support.

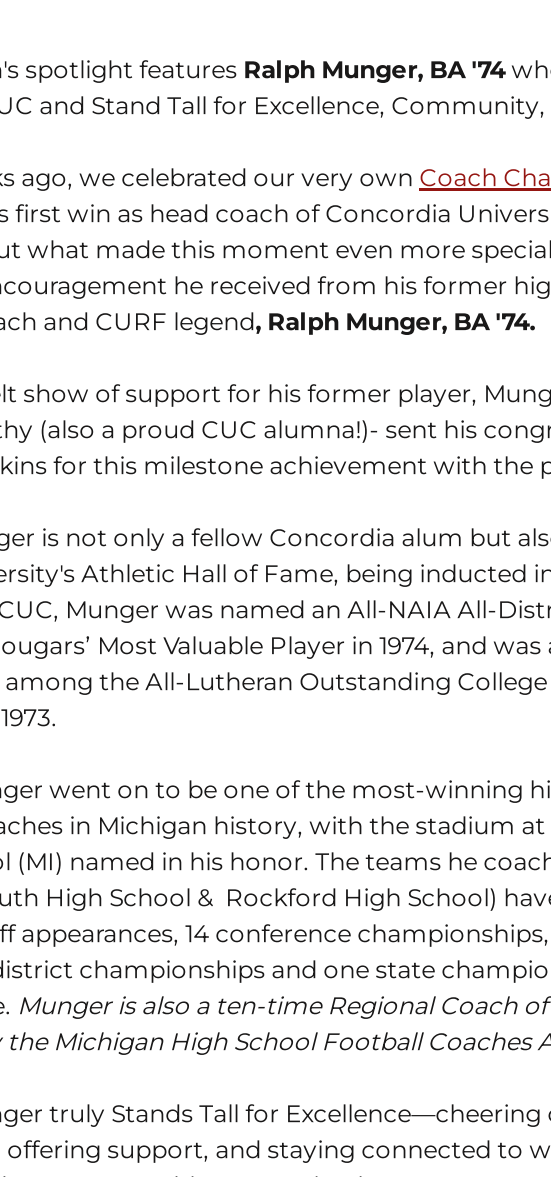
I encourage you to share these updates and stories with your friends and family, and be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for more ways to stay connected.

In Christ,

**Jeff Hynes**  
University Foundation President/CEO  
Sr. Vice President University Advancement

## Alumni Spotlight

No explanation needed! ❤️



### Ralph Munger, class of 1974

This month's spotlight features **Ralph Munger, BA '74** who continues to cheer on CUC and Stand Tall for Excellence, Community, and Faith.

A few weeks ago, we celebrated our very own [Coach Chase Hankins](#) on securing his first win as head coach of Concordia University Chicago Football. But what made this moment even more special was the heartfelt encouragement he received from his former high school football coach and CURF legend, **Ralph Munger, BA '74**.

In a heartfelt show of support for his former player, Munger- through his wife Kathy (also a proud CUC alumna)- sent his congratulations to Coach Hankins for this milestone achievement with the photo above.

Ralph Munger is not only a fellow Concordia alum but also a member of the university's Athletic Hall of Fame, being inducted in 2003. During his time at CUC, Munger was named an All-NAIA All-District Running Back, the Cougars' Most Valuable Player in 1974, and was also recognized among the All-Lutheran Outstanding College Athletes of America in 1973.

Coach Munger went on to be one of the most-winning high school football coaches in Michigan history, with the stadium at Rockford High School (MI) named in his honor. The teams he coached (Frankenmuth High School & Rockford High School) have combined for 13 playoff appearances, 14 conference championships, six regional titles, two district championships and one state championship appearance. *Munger is also a ten-time Regional Coach of the Year as selected by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.*

Coach Munger truly Stands Tall for Excellence—cheering on the next generation, offering support, and staying connected to what's happening here at CUC. This connection between two generations of CUC football demonstrates how we Stand Tall for community, uplifting one another as Christ does for us.

We are excited to continue celebrating our outstanding alumni athletes this weekend at the Hall of Fame banquet! View more about this year's inductees by clicking below.

Hall of Fame 2024



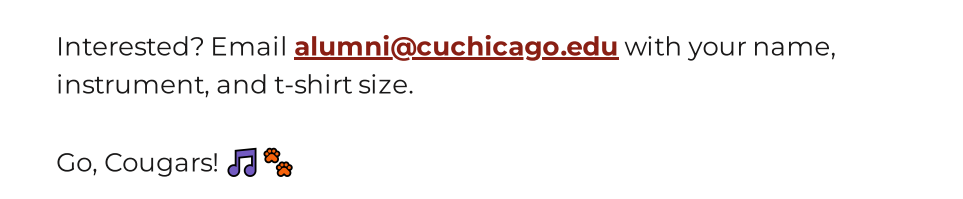
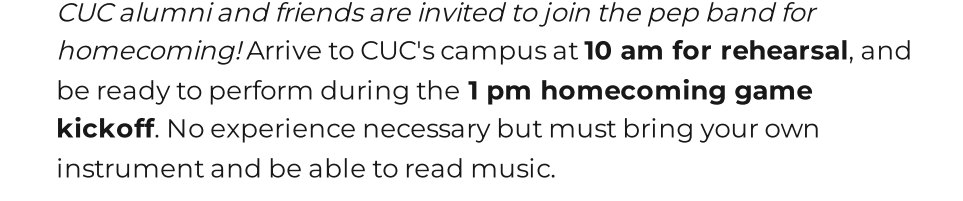
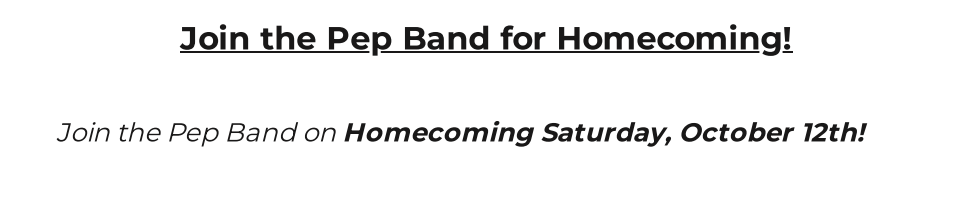
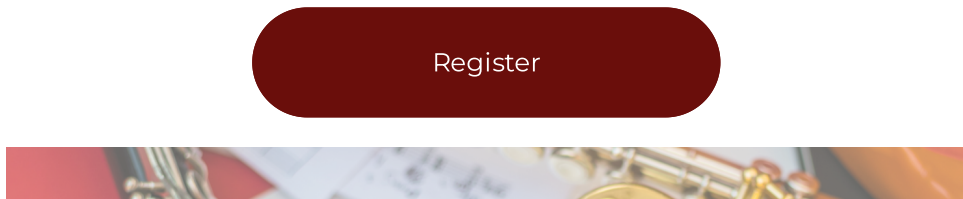
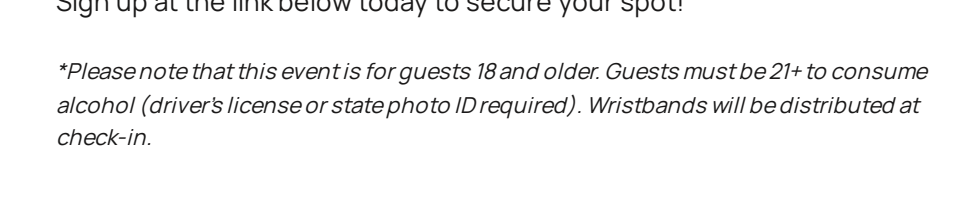
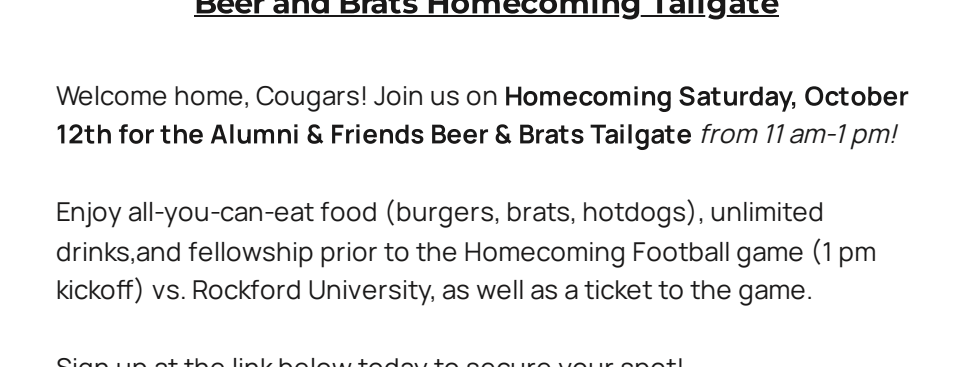
### Maroon & Gold 2024 Recap

We're still *dreaming* about **Maroon & Gold: A Million Dreams**, where we celebrated distinguished alumni & friends of CUC while raising funds for student scholarships!

It was a beautiful evening filled with fellowship, laughter, and unforgettable moments. God continues to bless the Concordia Chicago family in countless ways. View the photos below!

**There's still time to make an impact!** Visit the link below to give your gift today.

Give to Maroon & Gold



### Beer and Brats Homecoming Tailgate

Welcome home, Cougars! Join us on Homecoming Saturday, October 12th for the **Alumni & Friends Beer & Brats Tailgate** from 11 am-1 pm!

Enjoy all-you-can-eat food (burgers, brats, hotdogs), unlimited drinks, and fellowship prior to the Homecoming Football game (1 pm kickoff) vs. Rockford University, as well as a ticket to the game.

Sign up at the link below today to secure your spot!

*\*Please note that this event is for guests 18 and older. Guests must be 21+ to consume alcohol (driver's license or state photo ID required). Wristbands will be distributed at check-in.*

Register



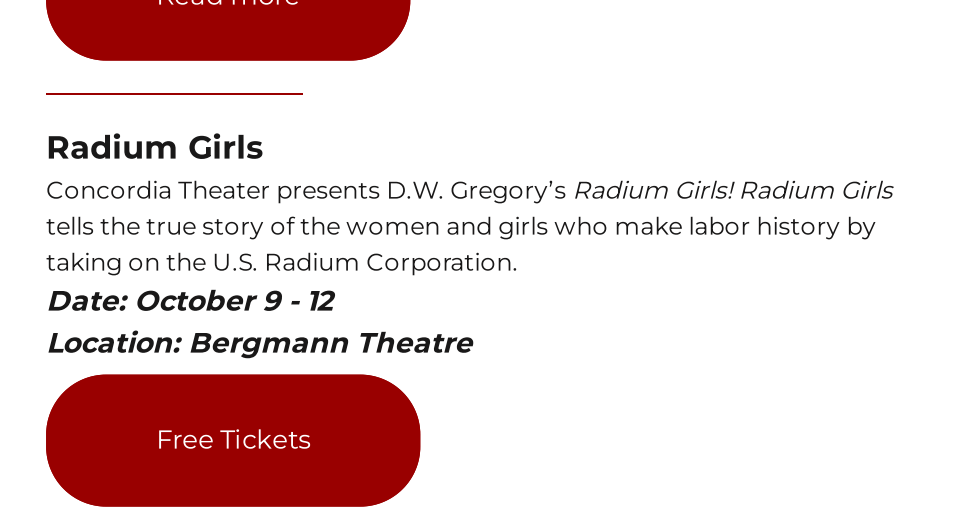
### Join the Pep Band for Homecoming!

Join the Pep Band on **Homecoming Saturday, October 12th!**

CUC alumni and friends are invited to **join the pep band for homecoming!** Arrive to CUC's campus at **10 am for rehearsal**, and be ready to perform during the **1 pm homecoming game kickoff**. No experience necessary but must bring your own instrument and be able to read music.

Interested? Email [alumni@cuchicago.edu](mailto:alumni@cuchicago.edu) with your name, instrument, and t-shirt size.

Go, Cougars! 🎺🥁



### Wind Symphony Fall Tour

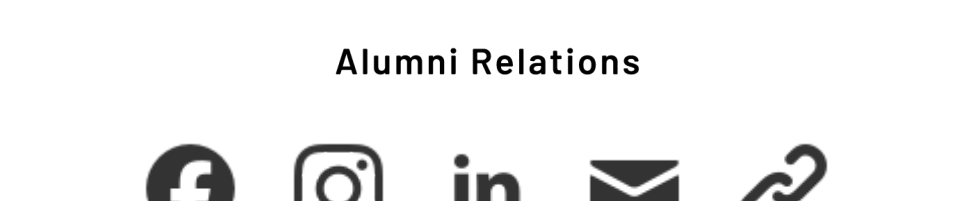
Join us as The Wind Symphony, Concordia-Chicago's premier touring instrumental ensemble under the direction of Dr. Richard Fischer, embarks on their fall tour from October 25-27!

**Concert Locations:**

**Friday, October 25 at 7 pm (and 2:30 pm interactive mini-concert for school)**  
Trinity Lutheran Church & School  
824 Wisconsin Ave  
Sheboygan, WI 53081  
[trinitysheboygan.org](http://trinitysheboygan.org)

**Saturday, October 26 at 7 pm**  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School  
7821 W. Lincoln Ave  
West Allis, WI 53219  
[splcwa.org](http://splcwa.org)

**Sunday, October 27 at 4 pm**  
Faith Lutheran Church  
680 W. Deerpath Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045  
[faithlakeforest.org](http://faithlakeforest.org)



## Upcoming Events

### Careers for Christ 2024

Today is the final day to register! Open to all High school students interested in learning about LCMS professional church work careers!

**Dates: Saturday, October 12 - Monday, October 14**  
**Location: Concordia University Chicago**

Read more

### Radium Girls

Concordia Theater presents D.W. Gregory's *Radium Girls!* *Radium Girls* tells the true story of the women and girls who make labor history by taking on the U.S. Radium Corporation.

**Dates: October 9 - 12**  
**Location: Bergmann Theatre**

Free Tickets

### (re)generations by Dave Sobotka

Through the melding of photography, installation and digital manipulation, Sobotka's work investigates themes of mortality. The title of the exhibition, "(re)generations," is tied to the biblical passage from Ecclesiastes, "What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun?"

**Dates: October 13 - November 16**  
**Location: Concordia University Chicago**

Read more

### Lectures in Church Music

Registration is open for the annual the Vi Messerli Memorial Lectures in Church Music.

**Dates: October 9 - 22**  
**Location: Geiseman Gymnasium**

Register



Alumni Relations

