Welcoming New President
Dr. Russell P. Dawn
to Concordia University Chicago
As I sat down to write my first column for the Forester, I reflected on the first three months of my presidency. I'll admit, it's been a bit of a blur. At first I felt overwhelmed and struggled to gain real traction. Now I've found my footing and we're picking up speed. It's really starting to get exciting! Truly, I could not have made it to this point without the support and wisdom of the faculty and staff that make Concordia-Chicago great. My new colleagues have impressed me deeply with their genuineness, commitment, love for one another and ability to make my whole family feel welcomed.

The University continues its longstanding tradition of excellence, ranking again among the Best Regional Universities – Midwest in U.S. News and World Report. CUC was also rated for Best Ethnic Diversity – Regional Universities Midwest and recognized as a Top Performer on Social Mobility. These acknowledgements remind us of what we already know about the strong value of the well-rounded education we provide to our students whose backgrounds and cultures are varied.

Our enrollment remains strong this fall. In fact, combined graduate and undergraduate enrollment reached a new historic level of 6,176 students, despite continued challenging times for all of higher education. Growth in doctoral programs and accelerated online undergraduate degree programs contributed to this enrollment increase and is a testament to this university's reputation for strong academics and a Christ-centered focus.

I am exceptionally blessed to have joined a university with such strong footing, and look forward to leading it to the next level. We want to ensure that our Christ-centered academic experience grows even stronger, and this desire is driving the strategic planning process that began last year. This initiative centers on reinforcing and strengthening the academic core of the institution and represents a significant commitment to the University's long-term prosperity. Already, over 200 members of our campus community have been an active part of these conversations, and I will continue to look to all members of the Concordia-Chicago family to help guide the future direction of the University.

I've spoken publicly, several times, about the goal to make Concordia-Chicago the best Lutheran university in America. What will make us the best? Our graduating students will. First, our graduates will not only have received information, they will have engaged in the quest for Truth—centered on Christ and His Word while also thorough and penetrating in worldly matters; second, our graduates will be free, self-governing and independent adults; and third, our graduates will have what it takes to excel in their vocations, serving their neighbors in the church, the family and the world. This vision is not wishful thinking, as we know where we’re going and we’re planning the strategy to get us there.

Together, we will build a Concordia-Chicago that is stronger and more successful than ever before, and will do so with Christ at the heart of all we do. To the Christian, there is no realm, no field of endeavor or knowledge, no aspect of life to which the God revealed to us in Christ Jesus is irrelevant. In Him we live, and move, and have our being.

Russell P. Dawn
MISSION
As a distinctive, comprehensive university of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and based in the liberal arts, Concordia University Chicago equips men and women to serve and lead with integrity, creativity, competence and compassion in a diverse, interconnected and increasingly urbanized church and world.

VISION
Rooted in its Christian heritage of engaging knowledge and faith, Concordia University Chicago aspires to be the destination university for all who seek to develop their full individual potential through a distinctive, innovative and dynamic environment of exploration, creativity and discovery for leading lives of servant-minded leadership.

CORE VALUES
We at Concordia University Chicago embrace these Core Values as essential to living together in a vibrant and influential Christian academic community and as productive citizens of the Church and world.

CHRISTIAN FAITH.
The Christian faith is an integral part of our community.

THE INDIVIDUAL.
As a member of God’s creation, each person is unique and is blessed with inherent worth.

EXCELLENCE.
We strive for excellence in who we are and what we do.

INTEGRITY.
Our community demonstrates the accord between our beliefs and practices.

SERVICE.
Recognizing and addressing the needs of others is a response to God’s love for us, and a reflection of God’s love for them.

ON THE COVER
Dr. Dominic Salvino (left), chairman of CUC’s Board of Regents, congratulates President Dawn upon the completion of the academic rite of inauguration on October 25, 2019.

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Alumna Donates Job-Hunting Books at Career Services Event

Last spring, the University's Office of Career Services received a large donation of copies of “The Job-Hunting Handbook” by Harry Dahlstrom—enough that every undergraduate student could take one home. The gift was from Mary (Wolf) DePew BA ’65, who drove up to CUC from her home in Bloomington, IN, to personally distribute the books to students. At the book giveaway event, Jerry Pinotti, director of Career Services, said that to find your first job, “You have to be a doer, and Mary is a doer.”

DePew shared fond memories of her time at Concordia-Chicago, and offered encouragement to students who are in the job search process. “In life, you can do so much. You don’t have to be just one thing!” she said. “I’ve done lots of different jobs, and I think it would’ve helped me to have a book like this. It also helps to have people supporting you, like you have here at Career Services.” The DePew Center for Vocation and Career Development was dedicated as a part of the newly renovated Kreft Center for Student Success/West Annex in 2018.

Cook County Resolution Honors Tomorrow’s Promise Partnership

The Cook County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution in June honoring the University’s Tomorrow’s Promise partnership with Fifth Third Bank. Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle presented the formal resolution, which was received by Evelyn Burdick, CUC’s Senior Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing.

In honor of the students’ “diligence and outstanding accomplishments,” the resolution stated, “Tomorrow’s Promise exemplifies the positive effects of and serves to inspire future public-private collaborations to invest in deserving students, school districts and their local communities.”

In 2008, Concordia-Chicago joined Fifth Third in a long-term program to provide full-tuition scholarships, including room and board, to underserved students from Bellwood School District 88 and Proviso Township High School District 209.

At CUC’s Spring 2019 commencement ceremony, the first program graduates, Thaddous Daniel, Janay Taylor and Javier Terrazas, received their diplomas. The family of Jocelyn Morales, who passed away prior to the completion of the program, received a posthumous degree in her honor. Two additional students are on track to graduate this December and another is slated to complete the program in Spring 2020.

Grant Funds Green Screen Studio in Alumna’s Classroom

Vanessa (Acosta) Woof BA ’11 is an EL co-teacher in first, second, third and fifth grade classrooms at John Mills Elementary School in Elmwood Park, IL. When she was awarded the Leyden Credit Union Grant Award earlier this year, she used it to fund a green screen studio at her school.

Woof and her students now use the studio for a daily school-wide TV broadcast. Students report important announcements, the lunch menu, birthdays and more. “We noticed that there were a lot of students who are too nervous to make an appearance, so they normally assist me behind the scenes with the lights and camera,” she says. “But by the end of the week, they have gathered up enough courage and want to take part!”

Woof is always trying to find new ways for her students to become more comfortable using the four domains of the English language—listening, speaking, reading and writing. “Whether it’s creating a book report, a class compilation of videos or something fun for teachers, students are displaying their learning while being creative, having fun and using tech!”

Fall Commencement to Celebrate December Graduates

The University will honor its newest class of graduates to earn their degrees in pursuit of their vocations this December. Approximately 110 undergraduate students and 850 graduate students (among them 84 doctoral candidates) are expected to receive their diplomas. Andrew Pederson, CUC professor of English, will be the speaker at the undergraduate ceremony and Dr. Debra Arfsten, CUC professor of Christian education, will be the speaker at the graduate ceremony.

Fall Commencement will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 in Geiseman Memorial Gymnasium, with the undergraduate ceremony starting at 10:30 a.m. and the
graduate ceremony starting at 3 p.m. Doors will open and shuttle service will begin an hour and a half before each ceremony. Tickets are required to attend. For those who wish to watch from home, both of the ceremonies will be live-streamed online at CUCHicago.edu/live. The Baccalaureate Service of Praise and Consecration will be held the night before in the Chapel, at 7:30 p.m., and will also be live-streamed.

**LCMS Called Workers and Placements**

For its entire history, Concordia University Chicago has provided professional workers for the schools, congregations and other agencies of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. While the context for preparing workers has changed, as have the particular skills and abilities needed by these entities within the Church, the one constant that has remained is a dedication to the integrity of the Divine Call and securing the same for those qualified graduates of this Concordia-Chicago. The following Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 graduates received a Call to serve at institutions of the Church.

**Undergraduates:**
- Carinna Corbett, DCE: Concordia Lutheran Church & School, Machesney Park, IL
- Hannah Johnson, LTE: St. Peter Lutheran Church & School, Schaumburg, IL
- Nicolette Johnson, DCE: Lord of Glory, Grayslake, IL
- Becca Klemm, DCE: Faith Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI
- Will Lebeau, DCE: Cross Lutheran Church, Yorkville, IL
- Courtney Lofink, LTE: Our Savior Lutheran Church & School, Aiea, HI
- Rebekah Meyers, LTE: Christ Lincoln Schools, Lincoln, NE
- Tim Moses, LTE: Suburban Bethlehem Lutheran School, Fort Wayne, IN
- Hannah Russell, DCE: St. John's Lutheran Church, Union, IL
- Marie Schultz, LTE: Our Savior Lutheran School, Fenton, MO
- Madeline Sunstrom, LTE: St. Martin Lutheran School, Clintonville, WI

**Colloquy:**
- Paige Hallemeier, LTE: Immanuel Lutheran Church & School, Saint Charles, MO
- Katie Holtz, LTE: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Farmington, MO
- Michelle Linneman, LTE: Zion Lutheran Church & School, Saint Charles, MO
• Catelyn Mefford, LTE: St. John-Emmanuel Lutheran School, Monroeville, IN
• Stephanie Rennecker, LTE: St. Paul’s Lutheran School, Bremen, IN
• Chloe Soignier, LTE: Atonement Lutheran Church & School, Metairie, LA
• Jamie Stirneman, LTE: St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Bourbonnais, IL
• Stephanie Valleroy, LTE: St. John’s Lutheran Church & School, Red Bud, IL
• David VanSpanken, LTE: Lutheran Schools Association of Woodburn, IN

Art Faculty Member Exhibits in Berlin

Nikkole Huss, professor of art, exhibited a large-scale installation and 15 mixed-media encaustic monotypes for her solo show at Gallery UNO Projektraum in Berlin, Germany. “It was an opportunity of a lifetime and hard to believe my whole show fit into two carry-on suitcases,” Huss said. Her art will be on display in Europe until June 2020, including Berlin Art Week as well as Rome Art Week. She was already juried into 48 Stunden Neukölln, the largest independent art festival in Berlin, which attracts 70,000 visitors.

The show, titled “Vanishing Landscapes,” focuses on habitat loss linked to pollution, deforestation and rising sea levels. The installation is composed of 15 pieces of double-sided Japanese kozo paper hanging from the ceiling, each spanning 18 inches wide by 10 feet long. Viewers can wander through the environment depicting submerged islands. The installation is accompanied by 15 mixed-media prints that contain imagery influenced by deforestation, melting glaciers and extreme weather events. Additional information is featured on nikkolehuss.com, including her recent show at the Brent and Jean Wadsworth Family Gallery at Lewis University.

CUC Named Age-Friendly University, Hosts Senior Summer Camp

Concordia-Chicago was added to the Age-Friendly University (AFU) Global Network for its commitment to serving an aging population, reflected in the activities and research led by the University’s Center for Gerontology. The AFU Global Network consists of institutions of higher education around the world that have committed themselves to becoming more age friendly in their programs and policies.

“Being an AFU is important for CUC,” said Dr. Lydia Manning, associate professor and program faculty leader for gerontology. “We recognize the importance that people who are older have in our society and are committed to offering opportunities and engaging in work that improves the quality of life for people as they age.”

In keeping with that designation, the Center for Gerontology, in partnership with AgeOptions, Senior Services of Oak Park and River Forest Townships, and the Scottish Home/Caledonia House, hosted Summer Camp for Seniors. For a week in August, older adults came to campus to participate in fitness and yoga, group singing, intergenerational reading activities with the Early Childhood Education Center, a field trip to the Art Institute of Chicago, and Lunch and Learn sessions on topics of special interest to seniors.

1. A gift by Mary (Wolf) DePew provided job-hunting books to all undergraduate students.

2. The Tomorrow’s Promise students began their freshman year at CUC in Fall 2015.

3. Professor Nikkole Huss is exhibiting her artwork in Berlin, Germany through June 2020.

4. The Center for Gerontology hosted Summer Camp for Seniors in August.
## 2019-2020 University Events

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### Concordia Invitational Tournament

The Cougar men’s and women’s basketball teams will have home court advantage as they host the CIT this January. Join fellow alumni, students and fans to cheer on CUC as they face Concordia-Wisconsin, Concordia-Ann Arbor and Concordia-Nebraska in this 69th annual historic tournament.

**January 24-25**

Full schedule: CUCougars.com/CIT

### “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum”

Set in ancient Rome, the musical tells the story of Pseudolus, a crafty slave, struggling to win the hand of the beautiful but slow-witted courtesan, Philia, for his young master, Hero, in exchange for freedom. The plot twists and turns with slamming doors, cases of mistaken identity and satirical comments on social class.

**February 21, 22, 28, 29 at 7:30 p.m.**

**February 23 and March 1 at 3 p.m.**

Tickets: FunnyCUC.brownpapertickets.com
Many Crowns—One King
Theme of the 2019-2020 Academic Year

BY: REV. DR. JEFFREY LEININGER, UNIVERSITY PASTOR AND DEAN OF THE CHAPEL

In the book of Revelation, St. John sees an image of Christ Jesus in which “His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems” (Rev. 19:20). A monarch wearing multiple crowns stacked on top of one another is a strange and almost comical sight for us. But as revealed in the vision from the Spirit, it conveys a profound truth about our faith and our lives. The Lord Jesus Christ’s reign is as multi-faceted as the human experience; his victory is singular yet plural. The scriptures acclaim him Lord of Life, for his resurrection on the third day means he rules over death. He is called Lord of our sin and shame because by becoming sin for us and receiving our punishment, he overcame sin. He is Lord of love, because his love sustains all creation and through it our lives are given meaning and purpose. He is the Lord of time because he not only created time, but in him “we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

The English poet and hymn writer Matthew Bridges (1800-1894) wrote the well-known and beloved hymn text, “Crown Him with Many Crowns,” inspired by St. John’s vision of the many-crowned King. Godfrey Thring (1823-1903) added six stanzas of his own, and a composite of these two texts makes up Concordia-Chicago’s hymn of the year (Lutheran Service Book 525). After an introductory stanza, four stanzas describe the key crowns of Christ’s work: his victory in the Incarnation, on the cross, at the empty tomb, and finally his enthronement in glory. These are but a few of the many crowns which the One King wears, all of which bring forth the praise of myriads around the throne (Revelation 5:12).

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
—Revelation 5:12 (ESV)

We also are bid to recognize and rejoice in his Lordship over our lives, and to see through the Spirit the many-dimensioned diadem he wears for each of us. No aspect of our life is beyond his reach and his rule—neither our best nor our worst. At a Christian university, especially, we have reason to place our academic and educational crowns at his feet. Our callings as students, faculty and staff are carried out with double vision: a focus on the Lordship of Christ and love toward our neighbor. All the earthly crowns we accumulate should ultimately be found only in two places: at the feet of Jesus or in the life of our neighbor in need. This also represents the best in the Lutheran educational tradition, as our endeavors and accomplishments are to be in His name, for His glory, in service toward others.

Throughout this academic year, we are pleased to sing a festival setting of “Crown Him with Many Crowns” by Thomas Gieschen BS ’52. A beloved professor of music at Concordia-Chicago and the director of Kapelle for many years, Dr. Gieschen’s faith was inseparable from his music; his voice now joins the great multitude around the throne of the Lamb. It is our prayer that the theme, hymn and music this year will stir our hearts and lift our eyes in celebration of the many crowns of our One King.

1. Theme of the Year Graphic, based upon the stanzas of “Crown Him with Many Crowns.” A rose with thorns depicts the Incarnation and virgin birth; a cross and flowing blood for Christ’s death; the ensign of victory for the Resurrection; and the throne of heaven for Christ’s eternal reign. All four images are united in one crown, centered in the love of Christ.
Spreading the Faith: Lutheran Summer Events

The Christian faith, the people, the experiences, the academics—these are the components that comprise the essence of Concordia University Chicago. These elements came together in various combinations over the summer as the University worked to more deeply engage LCMS audiences, on and off campus, by having a presence at nearly a dozen events in a six-week span.

For Lutheran junior high and high school students, the summer of 2019 provided myriad opportunities to grow in their faith and interact with their peers at the LCMS Youth Gathering in Minneapolis-St. Paul and at five Higher Things conferences hosted by various Concordia campuses around the country. At each event, Concordia-Chicago staff and spiritual leaders alike engaged tomorrow’s college students in conversations about how their world would open up at the University. Concordia-Chicago’s booth at Youth Gathering featured interactive activities, including an 11-foot wall that allowed participants to upload event photos to their Instagram and Twitter accounts and post printed copies.
of them on the wall, which grew to reveal a finished mosaic image over four days.

Back on the Concordia-Chicago campus, pastors, educators, theologians and others attended the Consortium for Classical Lutheran Education’s 19th annual conference, “Further Up and Further In: The Lutheran Liberal Arts Today.” This three-day event was held concurrently with The Trotzendorf Lectures, a new, annual event sponsored by the University’s Center for the Advancement of Liberal Lutheran Arts (CALLA). Attendees and their families took part in informative and educational seminars rooted in biblical theology and reflecting an ongoing commitment to Lutheranism and classical liberal arts education.

Additional events with a strong Concordia-Chicago presence included The Society for Classical Learning’s Annual Conference in Austin, TX; the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League 38th Biennial Conference in Mobile, AL; and Vocation at Concordia Seminary St. Louis. The 67th Convention of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in Tampa, FL provided a unique opportunity for several of the institutions from the Concordia University System to act in concert by working together to develop an equal, unified presence on the exhibitor floor.

During the 2019-2020 academic year, the University looks forward to continuing its focus on engaging LCMS audiences locally and nationally.

1. Charlie T takes a break backstage at the LCMS Youth Gathering.

2. Dr. Tom Korcok, director of CUC’s Center for the Advancement of Lutheran Liberal Arts, represented the University at several events and hosted The Trotzendorf Lectures on campus.

3. Mascots from all the Concordias joined together in both harmony and friendly competition this summer.

4. Rev. Rich Heinz, Assistant VP for Mission and Ministry at CUC, was one of more than 20 faculty and staff in attendance at the LCMS Youth Gathering.
Distinguished Alumni Awards: Celebrating Global Impact in Our Church & World

BY: KATE HAWLEY and PAIGE CRAIG BA ’99, MBA ’14, Concordia University Chicago Foundation

Lining the walkways at Concordia University Chicago’s River Forest campus are banners proclaiming, “Your world opens up from here.” This motto has played out in remarkable ways for the 2019 recipients of the Distinguished Alumni Awards: Colette Case BA ’83, Pascale Creek Pinner PhD ’12 and Mary (Holl) Scott BA ’80.

Hailing from Italy, Hawaii and China (respectively), these honorees literally use their Concordia-Chicago educations to change the world. The University honored their global impact at the third annual Maroon & Gold Banquet on September 28.

Watch videos to learn more about the 2019 Distinguished Alumni Award Honorees at CUChicago.edu/DistinguishedAlumni
Colette Case BA ’83  
*Distinguished Alumni, Undergraduate*  
Padua, Italy

“Ti Faccio Strada.” The Italian phrase, meaning “I’ll show you the way,” easily describes Colette Case’s personality as an educator, medical professional and philanthropist. However, it is her faith in Christ that guided a career that spans the classroom, the boardroom and the research lab.

Graduating from Oak Park River Forest High School in just three years, Colette was younger than most Concordia classmates. And, not unlike many CUC students today, she worked multiple jobs to finance her tuition. She credits faculty like Dr. Merle Radke for her ability to complete her program in English education. “He looked out for me,” says Colette.

Colette’s excellent command of language guided her in high school classrooms as well as teaching summer sessions for ELS Educational Services on Concordia-Chicago’s campus. Her ELS students included a mix of ages and abilities from the community and corporate world including Arthur Andersen, a former Big 5 accounting firm.

Impressed by Colette’s talents, the firm recruited her for a full-time position. She was later named Director of Training and Total Quality Management, leading 45 teammates serving CEOs and corporations in more than 35 countries.

During this time, Colette’s mother suffered a stroke. The experience motivated her to pursue a Master of Science in Integrated Medicine/Science in 1988 from the University of Chicago, adding to her previously earned MBA. “I never desired to serve clinically; I just knew I never wanted to not understand what was happening again,” says Colette. This persisence would show Colette the way in her next act.

In 1990, she married Antonio Sperati Ruffoni, CEO of Gesam (Arthur Andersen Italy). After joining him in Italy, Collete launched Quest, her own consulting firm advising and educating corporate clients like Whirlpool and Morley Candy Co. After their son, Fabio, was born, Colette received an unexpected call from the University Hospital of Padua.

The university was looking for a leader that spoke English and had a medical background to scientifically and financially manage their European and International Research contracts—an opportunity made for Colette by God’s plan. For the next two decades, her knowledge and experiences helped set the standard for research methods and collaborations across Italy and Europe. She would also positively impact the treatment of children and their families as Head of Quality Control Diagnostics, Research and Grant Office in the Pediatric OncoHematology Unit.

Colette dedicates her life to causes directly impacting education. When Nepal was devastated by an earthquake in 2015, she volunteered to serve children who were among more than 1 million left without homes and schools. Through WeWorld, she helps ensure women and children have access to health resources, education and employment. In April 2019, the Sperati Ruffoni Family & Friends School was dedicated in Milche, Nepal, a mountainous village accessible only by foot. This school, along with the six additional schools built near Kathmandu, provides all area students a safe, healthy respite while parents are at work.

A fellow educator in Milan describes Colette’s generous spirit as overflowing. “Even if she didn’t have it,” says her colleague, “She’d have it.”

Pascale Creek Pinner PhD ’12  
*Distinguished Alumni, Graduate*  
Hilo, Hawaii

Pascale Creek Pinner approaches her vocation as a middle school science teacher with a tireless intellectual energy. With more than 30 years in the classroom, Pascale’s approach has led her to receive numerous accolades including Hawaii’s Teacher of the Year in 2008 and the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching in 2003.

In 2018, Pascale received a prestigious appointment to the Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship Program through the U.S. Department of Energy. During this 11-month residency in Washington, D.C., she had the opportunity to share her expertise in classroom teaching with leading policymakers shaping education in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

“One of the biggest problems we are running into is the lack of certified chemistry and physics teachers,” she says. Changing that “is going to involve incentivizing programs for people who want to go into teaching.”
Another major concern is creating access to quality science programs in rural communities like Hilo, where she lives.

Living in a remote outpost didn’t stop Pascale from pursuing her own educational opportunities. In 2012, she was a member of Concordia University Chicago’s first-ever graduating class of Ph.D. students, earning the degree online in teacher education and leadership.

“My program was really, really good. The number one thing that the rigorous coursework provided for me is the ability to write very well.” That served her well as she supervised eight grants that provided over $2.3 million for schools in Hilo.

Finishing a doctorate, managing grants and teaching was quite a balancing act, especially considering that she and her husband, Dean, were raising two children, Keanu (now 21) and Moana Lily (now 20). Throughout those experiences she never lost her enthusiasm for teaching.

This year, Pascale is back in Hilo, on Hawaii’s big island, in her 8th grade classroom at Hilo Intermediate School. “I love science,” she says. “I love it when I see kid’s eyeballs go ‘Wah?!’ Like, ‘I just got that!’ I love it when they can interact with things and learn something new that they never knew before.”

Mary (Holl) Scott BA ’80
Spiritus Christi 2019
Shanghai, China

In the summer of 1978, after her sophomore year at CUC, Mary Scott took an unexpected journey. Raised solely by her father after her mother’s death and educated in Lutheran schools in Chicago, she hadn’t done much traveling. Then, missionary friends invited her to Papua New Guinea for six weeks. “It was a life-changing, transformative experience,” she says.

The trip made Mary a regular international traveler, as she also began a remarkable career in higher education. After graduating, Mary spent a few years of teaching and coaching at Martin Luther High School in New York. In 1985, she took a position as a physical education instructor at Christ College Irvine in California (now Concordia University Irvine).

The college was 13 years old with a lot of building to do. Her first basketball team had just seven players, and two of them had never played before. But the team grew, and so did Concordia Irvine. Over Mary’s three decades at the university, the student population increased from 350 to 4,000. “It was fun to be part of an organization with such a growth trajectory,” she says. “And I grew along with it.” She rose steadily through the ranks to become provost and executive vice president.

A lifelong traveler, Mary also made international connections through her work. When an opportunity came up to lead the Concordia International School, a K-12 Lutheran school in Shanghai, China, she and her family decided to accept. She became head of school in 2016. Leading a Christian school in China has proved both challenging and rewarding. “It’s been a wonderful three years,” she says.

But Shanghai is a long way from home and family. Her husband, Dan Scott, a professor at Irvine Valley College, could only join her in China during a sabbatical, and they wanted their daughter Anna, 14, to attend high school in the states. Beginning in July 2020, Mary will serve as CEO and executive director of Orange Lutheran High School in Orange, CA.

In the meantime, Mary continues her work in Shanghai. She was “honored and humbled” to receive the Spiritus Christi Award. “I’m thankful to God for the years of service and influence I’ve had,” says Mary. “It was a joy to see some old friends at CUC…but I was be very jet lagged,” she adds with a laugh.

1. From left to right: Pascale Creek Pinner PhD ‘12, President Russell Dawn, Mary Scott BA ’80 and Colette Case BA ’83
A Passion for Justice, A Love of Truth, A Focus on Christ
An Interview with President Dawn

With an exceptionally broad education, work experience and vocational background, the University’s 12th president doesn’t fit the mold of his predecessors. At the same time, he possesses an unbridled love of the Gospel, driving his goal to lead CUC to become the best Lutheran university in America. The Forester editorial staff took a few minutes to find out more about the man behind the presidency.
Focus on Christ is and will be of central importance to my presidency. As the light of the sun informs our perception of the world around us, so also the light of Christ rightly informs our understanding of all that we do...
have accomplished years down the road. I look forward to building on successes, learning from failures and, in general, experiencing heritage as well as hope.

FE: What do you consider to be the most important strengths and opportunities for the University?

DD: Our most important strength is our people. Caring, competent Christians who love this place and want to see it flourish are the true building blocks of the best Lutheran university in America. Our opportunities are many. From advanced degrees in education and business to traditional undergraduate programs in health sciences and church work, our future is bright if we can sharpen our focus and take a disciplined approach.

FE: If you could change one thing in higher education, what would it be, and how would you go about implementing that change?

DD: I would jettison the notion that college is mainly for 18- to 22-year-olds. Not ready for college at 18? Take a year or a few to support yourself or do missionary work or serve in the military. You’ll mature a lot in those years and be equipped to get more out of college. Pausing your career to care for the kids? What a beautiful and honorable choice. Pick up an online class or two to stay sharp and enrich these years even more. Retired at 60 and never took the opportunity to imbibe the liberal arts? Come join us in the Great Conversation! All of these examples are already happening, but I’d like to see them become more mainstream. As for how I would implement it, there is no realistic answer for how one would transform a culture.

FE: What do you see making the biggest impact in the future of higher education?

DD: I believe that, unfortunately, many colleges will close their doors or be consolidated into other institutions over the next 10 years. Obviously that means fewer institutions, but I think it also means the survivors will be stronger than they would have been without the industry consolidation. They’ll be more efficient, more focused and more competitive in many ways. We will be one of those survivors and our students will benefit from our strength. We’re strong, getting stronger.

FE: What takeaways do you hope CUC students will gain from their university experience to help ensure success in their vocation?

DD: Curiosity, humility and, at a minimum, the seed of the Gospel. A person who is curious asks, “Why X and not Y?”; “How does this work? Is there a better way?”; “How might a different point of view inform our planning?” Such questions, and the diligent pursuit of their answers, lead to success. Similarly, humble people are always ready and willing to learn, to try something new, to play as part of a team rather than as a soloist. These, too, are characteristics that lead to success. (By the way, curiosity and humility are nurtured by the rigorous pursuit of the Great Conversation.) As for the seed of the Gospel, I know that not everyone will leave CUC as a believing Christian, but all should have at least heard the Gospel, as well as teachings that support and flow from the Gospel. They should also have seen the Gospel lived out in the form of service.

FE: Cubs or White Sox?

DD: A more fitting question: Cardinals or Rockies?

FE: What should the CUC community know about the man behind the president?

DD: Christ died for me, just as He died for you. That is the foundation of my identity, my roles as husband and father, my passion for justice, my love of truth, and my drive as president.

1. Dr. Dawn with his wife, Sharon Dawn, and their two daughters Bethany (far left) and Meredith (far right).
Welcoming a New President

Concordia University Chicago’s 156th academic year began, as is tradition, with the annual Opening Service of Praise. The event had a particularly celebratory tone this year as nearly 600 faculty, staff, students, alumni, clergy and community members joined to celebrate the installation of Dr. Russell P. Dawn as the University’s 12th president.

The ecclesiastical rite, representing formal recognition of Dawn’s new position in the Church, was presided over by Rev. Allan R. Buss, president of the Northern Illinois District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, president of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, graciously acted as the preacher for the service.

“The incarnation of Christ is the affirmation of every vocation which serves the need of our neighbor,” Rev. Harrison said, emphasizing the University’s role in preparing students for vocations of service to the Church and world. “Christ took on our flesh, Martin Luther said, so that when we see the need of our neighbor, we take on the flesh of our neighbor in need and serve. And we do that...in all of the vocations that this institution trains. Your service and vocations are eternally consequential...that is what the incarnation means for a university.”

In his first official remarks as the newly installed president, Dr. Dawn noted the important role of faith as a necessary tenet of education. “A Christ-centered education is crucially important for the good of civil society and for the flourishing of the Gospel. Martin Luther saw this 500 years ago, and we, likewise, see it today. Let us celebrate the beginning of our 156th year of serving the Church, the family and the world with Christ-centered education.”

At the conclusion of the service, attendees joined together in the Triangle and broke bread together during a BBQ dinner. The post-opening service dinner began in 2013 and has become a highly anticipated tradition as it is one of the few opportunities for members of all the campus constituent groups to gather together—from students to Golden Alumni, and from community members to the Board of Regents.
Truth, freedom and vocation. These ideals are what a Concordia-Chicago education is all about.
The Best Lutheran University in America

Faith-based universities are unique in that they welcome a new president with an ecclesiastical installation as well as a separate academic inauguration. On Friday, Oct. 25 the campus community gathered in Geiseman Gymnasium to formally welcome President Dawn as member of the Concordia University Chicago academic community.

In his role as Chairman of the CUC Board of Regents, Dr. Dominic Salvino presided over the rite of inauguration, noting, “As you work to fulfill this mission, you will be guided, and will make it your goal that others come to be guided, by the words of Jesus which were read earlier and which are quoted on the University seal: ‘You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.’”

Guest speakers included Rev. Peter Lange BA ’84, first vice-president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; Rev. Dr. Allan R. Buss, president of the Northern Illinois District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod; Rev. Dr. Dean O. Wenthe, president of the Concordia University System; Dr. Jeffrey Carlson, provost of Dominican University; Dr. Jamel SC Wright, president of the Associated Colleges of Illinois; Tom Cargie, trustee of the Village of River Forest; Antonio Martinez, Jr., president and CEO of the Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation; Dr. Sandra Doering BA ’71, CUC Faculty Senate representative; Dr. Norman Young BS ’56, CUC Emeriti Faculty representative; Cathy Schlie BA ’05, MA ’18, president of CUC Staff Council, Joel P. Zielke BA ’05, Alumni Foundation Board member and Alumni Board chair; and Tamilore Adeeyo, president of the CUC Student Government Association.

In his formal address, President Dawn spelled out his initial vision for leading the University toward becoming the best Lutheran university in America. “For Concordia-Chicago it is absolutely central that we abide in God’s Word so that we know the truth, the revealed truth. But it is also crucial that we pursue worldly knowledge—grounded and informed by revealed truth, but robust and fully engaged with the wisdom—and the foolishness—that the world has to offer. We rely on reason and evidence in the search for worldly truth, but we also submit imperfect reason to the perfect Word of God.”

He also reinforced the continued central role of the liberal arts in a Concordia-Chicago education, saying, “Despite the obituaries being written for the liberal arts, despite the modern world’s rejection of the arts of self-governance, these arts are as necessary as ever. I doubt there’s mere coincidence between the decline of the liberal arts in schools and universities, and the decay of civil discourse and reasoned debate in the public square. The liberal arts, illuminated by the revealed truths of Scripture, are powerful for equipping students for a life of self-governance.”

Dinner, dancing and fellowship were on hand at an evening celebration held at the Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook, IL. The inaugural dinner was fully sponsored by a generous gift on behalf of the University’s Board of Regents. In addition, the Board of Regents announced a $25,000 donation, honoring President Dawn’s inauguration, to a scholarship fund they initiated earlier this year. That fund will support students from LCMS congregations around the country, with a preference for those choosing to pursue one of CUC’s church work programs.

President Dawn’s full Inaugural Address can be found on page 36-37 of this edition.

1. Dr. Dawn at the Inauguration Celebration Dinner speaking with an honored guest.
2. Dr. Dawn and members of CUC’s Board of Regents.
3. Collection of images from Installation on August 25, and the Inauguration Ceremony and Celebration Dinner that took place during CUC’s Homecoming on October 25.
Concordia University Chicago faculty and staff unite to focus on our Lord Jesus and serving our students. Partner with our ministry and increase opportunities for students with a gift today to Concordia’s Scholarship Fund.

Commitment by partners like you help each student embrace their double vision. Haylie Williamson, a junior majoring in Theology with a minor in Not-for-Profit Business Administration, benefits from an urban ministry scholarship established in memory of Dr. Peter M. Becker BS ’62. This scholarship allows her to pursue her calling as a Deaconess and live out her vocation serving the lives of her neighbors in need.

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Global Change Agents

DBA, Ph.D. and Ed.D. degree programs provide pathway to inspired leadership

By: Martina Reese, Director of Marketing and Communications for Graduate and Innovative Programs

At the launch of Concordia-Chicago’s 2019-20 academic year, 1,385 students were enrolled in the University’s doctoral programs. Five current and recently graduated Concordia-Chicago doctoral students shared their stories with the Forester.

Ahmed Montasser’s experience as a Concordia-Chicago MBA student was so positive that, after completing the program in 2016, he enrolled immediately in the University’s Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) program. Montasser anticipates completing his DBA with a specialization in Strategic Leadership in December 2020. One of many international students pursuing degrees through the College of Business, Montasser enriches the academic experience of his fellow students by bringing solid, prior global education and business experience to the classroom. Following his undergraduate studies in pharmacy and biotechnology at German University in Cairo, Egypt, Montasser worked as a researcher in pharmaceutical chemistry at Tübingen University in Germany, then traveled widely throughout Asia in his role as a compliance team leader and product specialist for Eli Lilly and Company.

“Ahmed’s passion for knowledge, leadership and teaching has excelled as he has developed in the DBA Program,” says Dr. Charlene Dunfee, DBA program lead. While pursuing his doctoral dissertation research, a qualitative case study of retail small-business crisis management, Montasser works as a leadership coach with Concordia-Chicago’s Center for Literacy. He is also an assistant lecturer within the College of Business. “I get inspired by helping people unlock their potential to achieve their organizational and personal goals,” Montasser explains.

“My family and my professors at Concordia-Chicago have empowered me to live my dream. I want to show my gratitude by enabling others to live their dreams as well.” Dr. Claudia Santin, dean of the College of Business, worked closely with Montasser as a mentor during his MBA studies. “Ahmed exemplifies the typical College of Business student,” she says. “He is an authentic servant leader whose first question is always, ‘how can I be of service?’”

Concordia-Chicago’s solid suite of doctoral degrees prepares aspiring leaders for dynamic careers in for-profit, nonprofit, publicly held and government organizations.

The Doctorate in Business Administration (DBA) is designed for professionals who seek both real-life business challenges and application-oriented research.

The Ed.D./Ph.D. in Leadership, which develops skills in knowledge management, decision making, conflict and change management, and communication, is available with 12 specializations:

- Curriculum and Instruction
- Early Childhood Education
- Educational Leadership
- Educational Technology
- Gerontology
- Health and Human Performance
- Higher Education
- Organizational Leadership
- Reading, Language and Literacy
- Special Education
- Sports Leadership
- Teacher Leadership
Tenneal Wetherell is the superintendent of the South Coast Education Service District in Coos Bay, OR. While working full-time, she’s pursuing a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership with an anticipated graduation date of Spring 2020. “Tenneal is an administrator, a wife, a mother and an online doctoral student,” marvels Dr. Paul Sims, chair of the Department of Leadership. “She balances it all with passion, compassion, knowledge and creativity while exhibiting servant leadership—one of the University’s core values—in each area of her life.”

Wetherell came to Concordia-Chicago through its partnership with the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA). “After seven years as a central office administrator and five years as a superintendent, it became clear to me that I needed to understand, more deeply, the research and diverse contexts of educational leadership if I was to successfully lead a school district to achieve the goal of reaching and teaching every student who walks through the doors,” Wetherell recalls. “As a result of my studies, I’ve cultivated the capability to effectively utilize research to provide the district with robust and comprehensive strategies for addressing the complex organizational issues that we face as students, teachers, families and community.”

Looking ahead, Wetherell is inspired to be actively engaged with the process of developing a common, equitable, culturally responsive approach to teaching students. “We all need to be dedicated to developing an educational system with highly prepared teachers, administrators and support staff,” she observes. “Together, we can provide all students with a well-rounded education that will prepare them for the life of their dreams.”


da Alsalah proudly received her doctoral hood at Concordia-Chicago’s graduate commencement ceremony in May 2019. Alsalah’s Ph.D. in Early Childhood Education followed her successful defense of a dissertation titled, “Empowering Resilience through the Biological Theory in Syrian Refugee Children in Unregistered Refugee Camps in Jordan.” To perform her on-the-ground research, Alsalah lived for a month inside an unregistered camp for 110 Syrian refugees—46 of whom were children—outside Amman, Jordan. The Jordan Red Cross guided the project and sponsored Alsalah’s data collection process. “When I first went to the camp I thought I would be hearing sad stories, but it was the opposite,” Alsalah remembers. “Syrian society is collectivist; they consider the whole community. The people work together to be resilient and overcome the challenges that they face.”

Before coming to Concordia-Chicago, Alsalah earned a bachelor’s degree in home economics from King Khaled University in Abha, Saudi Arabia; pursued a master’s degree in child development from Southern New Hampshire University; and taught for a year at a private university in Saudi Arabia, her birth country.

Alsalah began working in Concordia-Chicago’s Early Childhood Center during her second semester and stayed with the Center for four years, advancing from lab student, to teacher assistant, to teacher and director of the after-school program. “From day one I could tell that she had a heart for children and a passion for teaching young children,” recalls Michele Gnan, executive director of the Center. “The children and parents loved her personal attention and positive attitude.” Now that she’s completed her studies, Alsalah hopes to establish a mobile school for Syrian refugee children in Jordan. “I’ve developed the idea and now need to begin fundraising,” she says.
Online delivery allows students in many of Concordia-Chicago’s doctoral programs to pursue a degree while simultaneously holding a professional position in their field of expertise. Jimmy Reyes, currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program in leadership and gerontology, is a nurse and nurse practitioner with a full-time position as associate director of practice and education at the Iowa Board of Nursing. Reyes, who expects to graduate in December 2020, chose to pursue a doctoral degree to equip himself to conduct robust research that can be applied to enhancing the lives of underserved and underprivileged elders facing chronic illness. “Concordia-Chicago has a great reputation for helping students attain their professional and academic goals,” Reyes notes. “That was important to me as a working adult.”

“Jimmy’s hard work, dedication and passion for older adults are inspiring,” observes Dr. Lydia K. Manning, professor of gerontology. “His strength as a futurist is demonstrated by his ability to blend the disciplines of nursing and gerontology.” Reyes is dedicated to translating his expertise into concrete changes that provide for a healthy and productive future for older adults. He says, “I hope my research will inform policy changes at the local and state level.”

Kelsey Vander Werff completed her Ph.D. in Health and Human Performance during Concordia-Chicago’s 2019 summer term, having successfully defended her dissertation, titled “The Effect of Hypertension, Obesity, and Smoking Status on Resting Heart Rate.” Vander Werff adds her new title to an impressive list of previous professional accomplishments, including her current role as director of neurosciences at Mountainside Medical Center in Montclair, NJ. “I chose to seek a doctoral degree to further my knowledge base within human physiology,” Vander Werff explains. Vander Werff notes that she chose Concordia-Chicago to pursue her terminal degree because of its “elite reputation for doctoral studies, engaging and multifaceted course curriculum, and unique collaboration with colleagues and faculty from various regions throughout the United States.”

“Kelsey did an outstanding job throughout the dissertation process,” reflects Dr. Ronald Wagner, who advised her progress through the Health and Human Performance program. “She conceptualized a research project that would be beneficial to her in her clinical practice while also honing her research competency.” Vander Werff’s ambition is to change lives and save them by reducing the prevalence of ischemic and hemorrhagic strokes and cardiovascular disease. “Earning my Ph.D. will open numerous doors and allow me to partner with leaders within my specialty while advancing the neuroscience and stroke field,” she reports.

1. Ahmed Montasser, currently pursuing a DBA through Concordia-Chicago’s College of Business, hopes to grow his own consulting and leadership development business for corporate and academic clients after completing his degree in 2020.

2. Hala Alsalah PhD ’19, chose Concordia-Chicago because of its unique program design—a balance between early childhood courses and research courses.

3. Although school superintendents in her home state of Oregon are not required to hold doctoral degrees, Tenneal Wetherell chose to pursue a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership to increase her knowledge base as an educational leader.

4. Kelsey Vander Werff PhD ’19 credits her Concordia-Chicago doctoral program with providing a vast foundational knowledge for statistics, research and publications related to cardiovascular disease.

5. The dissertation research undertaken by Ph.D. student Jimmy Reyes (shown walking with elders in Costa Rica) will evaluate strategies for improving diabetes self-management among Latino elders.
A Golden Look at 1969

BY: JIM EGAN BA ’82, Sports Information Director

Golden anniversaries can evoke the most special of memories in us. As we get ready to close the door on 2019, the more nostalgia-minded among us remember marking some golden memories of the year 1969. From man’s first steps on the surface of the moon to the tumult of the Vietnam War to the cultural significance of Woodstock, the year 1969 was a game-changer for our country in so many ways.
In its own way, 1969 was a momentous year for Concordia-Chicago (then known as Concordia Teachers College or CTC) athletics, and some even regard it as the greatest year of Cougar sports to that point in time. Let’s look back on a few of the highlights from that 12-month period and understand why some might make that argument.

January 1969

Richard Nixon sworn in as the 37th President of the United States. A brash Joe Namath predicts the New York Jets’ upset win over the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III. And the CTC men’s basketball team is heating up for a special season.

The 1960s had been good to the Cougar cagers. Three NCAA tournament appearances (1962, 1963, 1965) highlighted the decade, and insiders were postulating whether the 1968-69 team would be good for a fourth. Under the direction of fifth-year head coach Tom Faszholz, the Cougars returned eight players from the 14-9 team of 1967-68. The biggest challenge to the team looked to be the early-season schedule, as CTC would play six of its first seven games away.

The Cougars’ first game in January would also be the first at home after that rugged early stretch; CTC beat Lake Forest College 75-59 to move to 8-0. A blowout win over Concordia St. Louis and an overtime win at the Illinois Institute of Technology pushed the winning streak into double digits, but the Cougars weren’t ready to be cooled off. An impressive win at home over a 9-2 Ferris team followed two nights later. Team spirit was beginning to reach a fever pitch, and that was demonstrated the next evening when a group of seniors dribbled a basketball from River Forest to Lisle for the Saturday night game at St. Procopius (now Benedictine University). The Cougars rewarded their fans making the trek with not only win number 12 but also a school record for points in a 108-89 win over the Eagles.

After a win over Northeastern Illinois, CTC fans began to talk about the team matching or surpassing the all-time winning streak of 17 (1950-51 season), but the streak ended at 13 as Calvin defeated CTC 101-81 in overtime on Jan. 31. The Cougars would get back on their feet after the knockdown and win their final six regular-season games for a 19-1 record, but five of those six games were decided by single digits, due in part to the limited availability of top scorer Dave Wild who had been injured prior to the Calvin game.

In those days, the Concordia Invitational Tournament was a postseason tournament, and the Cougars headed to St. Paul, MN as heavy favorites. The Cougars had already defeated the Preachers of Concordia St. Louis twice in the regular season, and a first-round victory provided their 20th win. However, the host Comets were ready the following night, and they edged the Cougars 73-69 for the upset win.

Despite the loss, the Cougars would head to their fourth NCAA tournament in eight years. A spirited CTC team would come up short in losses to host Valparaiso (91-81) and North Park (99-73), but the Cougars’ 20-4
record would tie their best season mark from the 1961-62 season. Five players averaged double figures in points for the season, led by Dave Wild's 17.1, Terry Piper's 13.2 and Roger Burgdorf's 12.8. Wild's 862 points over two seasons remains third in career scoring average with 19.1 points per game.

Spring 1969

Dr. Denton Cooley implants the first temporary artificial heart. UCLA, under its legendary coach John Wooden, wins its third consecutive NCAA basketball championship. And the CTC track and field team is quietly putting together one of its finest seasons.

The CTC track and field team, or the Thinclads as they were often known, had a 1969 schedule consisting of two dual meets, two triangulars, three quads and three large invitationals. There were very few teams that could keep up with the Cougars that spring, with the exception of Carthage College, who won one of the quad meets handily. Under head coach Harold Brockberg, the Cougars would claim a final record of 6-1 for the season.

Overall, the field events and the hurdles were considered the strengths of the team, but there was enough talent and balance to go around. The mile relay team of Lynn Pelletier, Wayne Flanagan, Dan Schlensker and Jim Conrad set a record of 3:27.7 that would stand until 1978. Martin Dasler set a high jump record of 6'1” that is currently CUC's third best all-time. Also writing new team entries in the record books that year were Charles Dreessen in the three-mile run (15:18.4), Pelletier in the 440-yard dash (:51.3) and Schlensker in the triple jump (42'4 ¾”). One of the busiest men on the team was Tom Manske, who competed in the hurdles, the 100-yard dash and the 440-yard relay.

Fall 1969

The “Amazing Mets” make a late-season charge that culminates in a World Series win over the Baltimore Orioles. The Beatles release “Abbey Road.” And the CTC football team follows up a great 1968 season with a worthy sequel.

Entering the new season, their sixth under Conrad Aumann, the Cougars returned several players from their 1968 team that had finished 7-2 and set a CTC record for wins in a season. An early test came in the first game as the Cougars hosted North Park, one of the teams that handed CTC a loss in 1968. However, CTC was up to the test and defeated the visitors by a 21-12 score. A 38-18 win against Rose Poly Institute in Indiana followed before the Cougars returned home to face Lake Forest. Another dogfight was predicted, and this one saw the offense battle it out. The Cougars would build up a lead
1. The 1968-69 Concordia Cougars compete in the NCAA regional tournament at Valparaiso University.

2. In their fifth year under head coach Tom Faszholz, the 1968-69 men’s basketball team made their fourth NCAA tournament appearance of the decade.

3. The 1969 men’s track and field team, known as the Thinclads, excelled in the field events and hurdles.

4. Scoring 100 points in the first three games, the 1969 football team gained wider attention, with quarterback Meunier nationally ranked in total offense and passing.

behind quarterback Dennis Meunier (19-28, 272 yards, 3 TDs), but the visitors made a late charge. It would take an interception by linebacker Jim Braun to finally seal the deal, a 41-40 Cougars’ win.

The Cougars’ early-season outburst, 100 points in the first three games, was beginning to gain some attention in small college circles. Meunier was nationally ranked in total offense and passing, and the team was 23rd in total offense at 357.7 yards per game and 20th with 208.0 passing yards per game.

Victory number four came against Illinois College, which was ranked 12th in total offense, but CTC had the final word by a score of 28-21. As he did on the track team, Tom Manske did double duty for the football team, and nowhere was it more noticeable than in this game. Manske broke up a Blueboys’ drive with an interception and, moments later, caught a 37-yard pass from Meunier that would set up the eventual winning touchdown.

The following week was Homecoming at CTC, and the Cougars observed it by avenging their other loss from 1968. The Cougars outgained the Indians of Principia College 368 to 134, and the result would be a 28-13 win. CTC then defeated St. Procopius 27-17 as Manske set a record for pass receptions with 11, setting a record that would stand until 1985.

CTC was 6-0 after the St. Procopius win, matching their two undefeated seasons in the 1930s, and their winning streak was now at 10, counting the last four games of 1968. Sadly, the dream season would come to an end with losses in the final two games, 22-10 to Iowa Wesleyan and 29-28 to Northwestern Wisconsin.

While all three of these teams are worth remembering, it is unfortunate that none were able to celebrate conference championships. Football would not have an affiliation until 1976, when the Illini-Badger came into existence. Braun would return to Concordia to coach his alma mater in 1983, and the Cougars would win an Illini-Badger title that season and then again in 1987. As for the track & field and basketball teams, the fall of 1969 was when the Northern Illinois Intercollegiate Conference came into being. The track & field team would not wait for long to celebrate, as they claimed NIIC titles in 1970, 1972 and 1973. For men’s basketball, they would claim four titles in the NIIC, the first two coming in 1971-72 and 1973-74.

We hope you’ve enjoyed this look back at a special year of CUC athletics, and that your memories of this university, whether 1969 or other years, are as “good as gold.”
“Sporting” with Kapelle in Scotland and England

BY: DR. CHARLES P. BROWN, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities
On the 50th anniversary year of the Kapelle “Around the World Tour,” the current Kapelle traveled to the United Kingdom for eight days last May. We were eager to absorb as much history, arts and culture in Scotland and England as possible without the language barrier that we typically face overseas. We were also excited to share uniquely American choral music that represented our Concordia-Chicago music traditions and featured some chestnuts of American spirituals and folk songs.

Our performances opened with “Easter Anthem” by 18th-century composer William Billings, which was also performed around the world by Kapelle 50 years ago. With a rugged and exuberant character, the piece served as a terrific opening statement about Christ’s resurrection in a concert that took place during the Easter season. Coming out of the early American, Sacred Harp, shape-note tradition set around the time of the Revolution (Figure 1), a phrase near the end of the anthem resembles the opening phrase of “See, the Conquering Hero Comes” from Handel’s oratorio Judas Maccabeus. Eventually Handel’s tune inherited a new text and developed into the hymn “Thine Be the Glory” (Figure 2). Billings had a working knowledge of Handel’s music, and the connection is apparent.

Concerts took place in iconic cathedrals and places of worship: the Church of the Holy Rude in Stirling, Scotland; St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh; and St. Paul’s Church, Covent Garden in London (also known as the Actors’ Church). Every location provided memorable, moving connections between the ensemble and listeners as part of this cultural exchange.

This was especially true when we were able to meet composer and friend of Kapelle, Hywel Davies, with whom we have often collaborated (Figure 3). After years of collaborating with him electronically, we were able to meet in person for the first time. During a post-concert tea time, our conversation eventually turned to botany. He was particularly taken by the performance of the Billings anthem. He referenced the term “sporting,” which is basically a plant’s mutation that can be transplanted and live a life of its own, even though it’s the same plant. An enjoyable discussion followed about how the shape-note style of “Easter Anthem” was a sporting of Davies’ Welsh singing tradition. This insight explains the unification and inevitable branching out of our musical styles.

We also wish to express our thanks to Friends of the Kapelle, who helped defray the total cost for all students who took part in this life-changing experience. The next international tour in 2023 will be another meaningful adventure. Wherever Kapelle travels, touching audiences through Christ-centered music will remain our primary objective. By connecting with new friends and cultures, our music will undoubtedly sport a new influence.
Class Notes

1950s

David Krubsack BS ’58 and his daughter, Kathryn, were inducted into the Greendale Martin Luther High School’s Hall of Honor in February 2019. David served Martin Luther High for 30 years as head of the Music Department, director of bands and instrumental ensembles, and teacher of humanities. Both were recognized for their “exceptional contribution to the school and the community at large in leadership, excellence and Christian selfless service.”

1960s

Barbara (Schram) BA ’65 and Carl Schoenbeck BA ’65, MA ’69 were awarded the Aeterna Moliri award by Concordia-St. Paul (CSP) at their Spring 2019 commencement. Their ministry began in 1965 with a shared classroom at Concordia Lutheran School in Rockford, IL and continued through 2019 as co-chairs of CSP’s 125th anniversary celebration. Professors emeriti at CSP, Barb helped establish the early childhood education program and Carl served the majority of his time as Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs. This summer they celebrated 54 years of marriage, teaching and team ministry.

1970s

Phil Kershner BA ’78 recently published “Why the United States is a Morally Good Country: A View from the Center.” The book, available on Amazon.com, examines 16 different aspects of American culture to make a case that the United States deserves to be regarded as one of the world’s morally good nations. Phil currently serves as pastor at Marine United Church of Christ in Marine, IL.

Douglas Pennekamp BA ’76 celebrated 25 years of service as director of music at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Houston, TX in March 2019.

1980s

Brian Doepke BA ’81 was elected vice president of the Northeastern Indiana Tri-State Chapter of Piano Technicians Guild. He has serviced acoustic pianos in the Fort Wayne area for more than 15 years as owner of AAA Piano Works.

Arthur D. Griffin Jr. BA ’84, MA ’93 was honored by the Illinois Cook County Board of Commissioners in March 2019 with a resolution honoring his retirement from 34 years of service to the Chicago Public Schools as a music and physics teacher.

Dean Pittelko BA ’83 was installed as the new pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Freeport, IL in December 2018.

1990s


2000s

Steven Barkley BA ’02 earned his Ed.D. in educational leadership from Northcentral University in August 2018. He is pictured with his son Drew, wife Crystal, Jennifer and Marlon Booth BA ’01, and goddaughter Peyton.

Karl Frixen BA ’00 was named 2019 Illinois Basketball Coach of the Year by the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association. He currently coaches girls varsity at Chicago Christian High School and serves as a case manager at UCAN. Karl resides with his wife, Renee (Campbell) BA ’01, and their four children in Chicago.

Katie Jendraszak BA ’07 married Matthew Konow on Sept. 22, 2018 in Winfield, IL. The wedding party included Miriam Eisenmenger BA ’07, Kimberly Gottsacker BA ’08, Rebecca (Lamski) Scalzitti BA ’13, Cassandra (Sater) Shinsako BA ’09 and Mary Umstattd BA ’16. The couple resides in La Porte, IN while Kati serves as Director of Operations at The Family Wealth Alliance in downtown Chicago.

Dione Wilson MA ’07 is now principal for Park Elementary School in Riverdale, IL as part of District 148. Dione previously taught as a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support Facilitator (MTSS) at Washington Junior High. She lives with her family in Chicago, IL.

Sarah (Steiner) BA ’08 and Fred Hertwig welcomed a son, Freddy, on Jan. 13, 2019. The family resides in Xenia, OH.
Andrew Fenton MA ’09 was named principal of Carleton Washburne in Winnetka, IL. Andrew previously held the principal position at Oak Grove (K-8). He lives in Vernon Hills with his wife, Tracey, and their three children.

2010s

Jenny (Look) BA ’12 and Andrew Montgomery BA ’12 welcomed their third son, Everett, on May 6, 2019. The family resides in Columbus, IN where Andrew teaches 5th grade at St. Peter’s Lutheran School.

Ben Asche MA ’13 was appointed principal of West Carroll High School in Savanna, IL. Ben lives in Freeport with his wife, Krista, and their three children.

Guy Lodico PhD ’13 has achieved the distinction of Certified Education Technology Leader (CETL). Established by the Consortium for School Networking, the CETL demonstrates Guy’s mastery of knowledge to provide vision for and building of 21st-century learning environments to support student achievement.

Rocio Del Castillo MA ’13 was appointed as the new assistant superintendent focused on equity and special populations for Huntley Community School District 158 in Illinois.

Lynn (Green) Daniel MA ’18, a student in CUC’s Reading, Language, Literacy and Leadership doctoral program, along with classmates Margie Aker and Luis Javier Penton Herrera, have formed a writing alliance about project-based service learning and literacy. Their publications have been recognized in Literacy Today and English Leadership Quarterly. Their goal is to write a book focusing on combining 21st-century skills, PBSL and TESOL.

Ingrid Sorensen BA ’15, CUC admission and advising specialist, presented to the American Academy of Religion Western Region Annual Meeting in March 2019. Ingrid earned a M.A. in history from Arizona State University and is teaching in CUC’s Accelerated Degree Program. She has established a humanities internship with the Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park and led initiatives in CUC’s Center for the Advancement of Lutheran Liberal Arts (CALLA).

Rachel Harden-Maddox MA ’19 published her book “Motherless: Memoirs of a Teenage Girl” in February 2019 under her pen name Carsen Aminna. Rachel wrote the book to “shed light on the many changes that people may experience during the loss of a parent.” Rachel serves as a licensed drug and alcohol counselor.

Joanna (Ptasinski) MacCallum BA ’13 was appointed marketing manager of Baxter & Woodman, Inc. in Crystal Lake, IL.

Amanda (Jones) McCallister MA ’13 received a 2019 Golden Apple Award for her commitment to educational excellence at Roosevelt Education Center in Rockford, IL as a 9-12 grade Math teacher. Amanda was distinguished one of five outstanding recipients representing public and non-public school districts of Winnebago and Boone counties.

Sara (Michaelsen) Weeks BA ’11, MA ’14 and Lukas Weeks BA ’10 welcomed identical twin girls in March 2019. Adelynn Erin and Emma Grace hope to be members of CUC’s Class of 2041, making them third-generation legacy students.

Michael Konwinski MA ’18 was sworn in as the next River Grove, IL police chief in June 2019 following 30 years of dedicated service. Michael was accompanied by wife, Denise, and his daughter, Alexis, at the induction ceremony.

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About Class Notes

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Condolences

But thanks be to God, who gives us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57

Faculty & Staff

Theodore Bundenthal – April 1, 2019 Professor (1959-1962)
Jim Hasil – May 7, 2019 Physical Plant Staff (1978-2009)
Ima Koehneke – September 27, 2019 CUC First Lady (1954-1972)
Donald Spitz – March 29, 2019 Head Coach Men’s Basketball (1959-1965)

Alumni

Donald Ahlman BA ’61, MA ’76 – March 8, 2019
LaVerne (Auler) Almstedt BS ’62 – October 4, 2013
A. Delgado Barrett BS ’52 – October 10, 2014
Fred Bartel BS ’62 – July 7, 2019
Margaret (Knief) Bartz BS ’46 – November 1, 2004
Grace (Trolenberg) Bester BS ’59 – October 8, 2016
Arnold Blackwell BS ’61 – July 1, 2019
Elda Boller BS ’58 – March 23, 2009
Paul Bouman HS ’36, BS ’45 – April 28, 2019
Elizabeth (Luecke) Brondos BS ’50 – July 2, 2018
Mariani (Konesnik) Bruckner BS ’59 – December 7, 2018
Grace (Stuenkel) Bruss BA ’71 – November 4, 2018
Sonia (Meyer) Burron BS ’55 – December 9, 2017
Nancy (Soldwisch) Cordes BS ’61 – June 29, 2019
Gerald Cudworth BA ’59 – October 2, 2008
Mildred (Heidenrich) Dahl BS ’53 – November 12, 2005
Lois (Meyer) Dankenbring BS ’44 – February 18, 2019
Robert Dorn HS ’45, BA ’56 – January 22, 2019
Arthur Eggers BS ’38 – December 12, 1975
Norbert Engebrecth HS, BS ’43 – May 17, 2018
Merne (Toensing) Fagel BS ’45 – February 1, 2018
Lucas Farmer BA ’14 – July 13, 2018
Doris (Weingartner) Fisher BS ’55 – October 29, 2010
Ronald Fode BS ’64 – March 8, 2019
Ralph Frick HS, BS ’44 – February 9, 2008
Philip Friederichs BA ’74 – February 27, 2019
Yvonne Gehring BS ’52 – January 25, 2019
Robert Gonzalez BA ’69 – March 6, 2007
Edward Grapatin BS ’62 – June 28, 2019
Alfred Gras HS ’44, BA ’48 – December 6, 2015
Carolyn (Meifert) Grunewald BS ’54 – December 25, 2018
Pauline (Gohr) Hartman BS ’62 – June 20, 1988
Ima (Radloff) Haseman HS ’48, BS ’52 – July 15, 2019
Walter Hauer BS ’59 – October 10, 2007
June (Guske) Hein BS ’52 – August 3, 2019
Edward Heinz BS ’63 – September 1, 2018
Betty (Newald) Herpolsheimer BS ’44 – February 26, 2018
Erhardt Hilgendorf BA ’63 – February 28, 2019
Lawrence Hjort BS ’54 – March 27, 2009
Hertha (Gotsch) Holstein BS ’61, MA ’67 – May 10, 2019
Daniel Janssen BS ’57 – August 24, 2018
Randall Jierscheck BS ’69 – February 7, 2010
Anita (Luetje) Keith BA ’83 – February 16, 2019
Iris (Wiese) Kent BS ’59 – November 8, 2017
Bonnie (Grossheider) Kinkel BS ’59 – June 15, 2019
Werner Klammer BS ’46 – December 13, 2014
Richard Klatt BS ’60, MA ’71 – April 18, 2018
Barbara (Kuker) Klawiter BS ’48, BS ’52 – April 11, 2019
Richard Krage BS ’59 – February 9, 2004
Roger Laesch BS ’57 – May 29, 2019
Rebekah (Baehr) Leder BA ’66 – May 23, 2019
Grace (Baumann) Lehne BS ’53 – June 13, 2017
George Lehrke BS ’59 – February 22, 2007
Jose Lepe BA ’20 – May 2, 2019
Kimberly Loontjer BS ’03 – February 27, 2019
Margaret (Alt) Luecker BS ’48 – April 14, 2018
Celebrating Lives and Legacies

In 2019, two of the University’s former first ladies were called to their heavenly homes—Irma Koehneke (September 27, 2019) and Ruth Ann Johnson (April 8, 2019).

Irma was a beloved wife and provided great support to President Emeritus Martin Koehneke in his tenure at Concordia Teachers College from 1954 to 1972. She is warmly remembered as an active participant in college and community organizations during that time. When the Lord led Irma and her husband to Aid Association for Lutherans (now Thrivent) in Appleton, WI, she brought her wisdom and counsel to his tasks there as well.

Ruth Ann’s strong faith in Christ was evident in the Church in many ways including extensive work with Concordia Publishing House and the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League. She provided counsel and guidance to President Emeritus John F. Johnson during his CUC presidency from 2004 to 2013, and is also fondly recognized for her significant roles at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and Concordia University, St. Paul.

Memorial contributions in Mrs. Koehneke’s honor may be made to support the Dr. Martin Koehneke Endowment for faculty enrichment and professional development. Contributions in Mrs. Johnson’s name support CUC students through the general scholarship fund. Gifts can be made online at CUCHicago.edu/GiveNow or call the CUC Foundation toll free at 866-448-3867 for further assistance.
Welcome. Welcome to Concordia University Chicago. Welcome to the original Concordia, founded in 1864 over in Addison, not far from here. Since 1913, we’ve been blessed to be part of this absolute jewel of a community, the Village of River Forest. We’re also blessed to be a stone’s throw from Chicago, a city with seemingly endless resources for our academic community.

I’m thankful to God and to Concordia-Chicago for calling me to be the 12th president of this distinguished institution. It’s a tremendous honor, one that I don’t deserve. But I’ll strive every day of my administration to meet and exceed the hopes placed in me, to serve with wisdom, creativity, faithfulness and dedication.

Thank you, honored guests, for joining us here today. In particular I thank the University’s Board of Regents, dignitaries from a variety of Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod institutions, academic delegates from other colleges and universities, including several of our sister Concordias around the country, and community members from River Forest and Oak Park. I also want to recognize our former Concordia University Chicago presidents, Reverend Dr. John F. Johnson and Reverend Dr. Daniel L. Gard. I am honored to succeed you, gentlemen. I’m also especially grateful for the CUC faculty, staff and students who join us today, and for my family and friends. I stand amidst impressive company assembled here, and you elevate this university by your presence.

“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” These are the words of Jesus from chapter 8 of the Gospel of John. These words are also the motto of Concordia University Chicago. It’s a profound and beautiful passage. As a motto for a Christian university, an institution of higher learning that is of the church, but is not the church itself, the passage takes on a fascinating hue. Let’s unpack that a bit.

“If you continue in my word,” the passage begins. If we abide in the word of Christ Jesus, and dwell on it. If we make it our home. If it transforms how we see ourselves, the work we do, and our relationships. And to be clear, we aren’t just talking about the words that some editions of the Bible print in red. We’re talking about the entirety of the word of Jesus, which is to say the Word of God, Holy Scripture.

If we continue in the Word of God...what? If we continue in the Word of God, we’ll know the truth. Of course Jesus is talking here about the truth revealed in God’s Word. We’ll know the truth of the Gospel of grace and of all other scriptural teachings that support and flow from the Gospel. We’ll know these teachings, but we’ll also know the One, the Person to whom these teachings point. For that person is Christ Jesus, who loves us, and who is the truth. We’ll know the truth, the revealed truth.

But as a university motto, this language about truth indicates another layer. In addition to knowing revealed truth, our call in the university is to know worldly truth, empirical and rational truth. Indeed, the quest for truth is at the core of a university’s purpose. These two layers, revealed truth and worldly truth, rightly interact with each other. Knowledge of revealed truth helps us to interpret and more fully understand the implications and proper uses of worldly truth.

Plato wrote of the form of the good, an ideal so perfect that, like the sun, it shines its light on everything else, making everything else visible with a clarity that cannot be achieved without knowledge of the form of the good. Well perhaps Christ crucified and risen, perhaps our loving Lord who is the truth, takes the place of Plato’s form of the good. C.S. Lewis probably had something similar in mind when he said that he believes in Christianity not only because he sees it, but because by it he sees everything else.

So for Concordia-Chicago it’s absolutely central that we abide in God’s Word so that we know the truth, the revealed truth. But it’s also crucial that we pursue worldly truth—grounded and informed by revealed truth, but robustly and fully engaged with the wisdom (and the foolishness) that the world has to offer. We rely on reason and evidence in the search for worldly truth, but we also submit imperfect reason to the perfect Word of God.

So we have truth, revealed and worldly. We will know the truth and...what? The truth will make us free! Of course, it’s clear that Jesus had spiritual or
eternal freedom in mind here. We’ll know the revealed truth, the Lord who is the truth, and we’ll be set free from the powers of sin and death. But again, as a university motto, an additional layer of meaning to the word free emerges.

The ancient Greeks taught that certain arts, particular kinds of study, were necessary for anyone who would be free. They called these studies the liberal arts, the arts of freedom. These arts were necessary because they equipped the student for freedom. Some might wonder, why does anyone need to be equipped for freedom? Isn’t freedom just doing whatever we want? Anyone can do that!

No, the nature of freedom isn’t doing whatever one wants, it’s that one governs oneself, rather than needing to be governed by force from the outside. Doing what we want while still needing to be governed by force isn’t freedom, it’s the abuse of freedom. Hence, the liberal arts to equip us for freedom. And despite the obituaries being written for the liberal arts, despite the modern world’s rejection of the arts of self-governance, these arts are as necessary as ever. I doubt there’s mere coincidence between the decline of the liberal arts in schools and colleges and universities, and the decay of civil discourse and reasoned debate in the public square. The liberal arts, illuminated by the revealed truths of Scripture, are powerful for equipping students for a life of self-governance.

When President George Washington had nearly completed his second term of office, he announced that he would not seek re-election. These were the first eight years of governance under what was then a brand new Constitution, an experiment in human freedom. In his farewell speech, Washington said that this experiment in freedom could only work if the people are moral and religious. I believe this is what he was talking about, this preparation for self-governance.

Now when I talk about the liberal arts, it’s possible that some of you think to yourselves, “future baristas!” I will respond!

For starters, that isn’t a fair assessment of the future prospects of liberal arts majors. There are many competitive and lucrative fields for which the liberal arts are wonderful preparation.

But it’s also true that many professions, many of the most in-demand careers, require specialized training, the training of professional programs. These can help bring another form of freedom, freedom from dependence—dependence on government, dependence on others for our livelihoods. The combination of self-governance and specialized expertise is formidable equipment for freedom.

So we have truth and we have freedom. But one thing is missing. We skipped a few words. We said, if you continue in my word you will know the truth and the truth will make you free. But Jesus said, if you continue in my word you are truly my disciples. Then he moved on to truth and freedom. So we need to understand what a disciple is.

A disciple is one who takes on a master’s discipline; one who follows the master. And what does it mean to follow Jesus? He said it means to take up one’s cross. The cross, those in his presence knew, meant Rome’s terrible instrument of death. In Jesus’s case, the cross was the instrument of death not for His own sake, but for ours. The cross is thus the symbol of dying for others. Of dying to self for the sake of serving others.

So to be a disciple of Jesus is to serve. God calls us to serve our neighbors, our neighbors being anyone who has need whom we’re capable of serving. Your neighbors might or might not look like you. My neighbors might or might not think like I do. Our neighbors might or might not believe what we believe. But they are our neighbors, and we’re called to serve them. God created them, all of us, in His own image, male and female, of every race or ethnicity. Look around, please. There you see people made in the image of the living God. There you see people who are perfectly equal to you in God’s eyes. And if God sees them as equal, we can never rightly see them as unequal.

As you see the people around you, thank God for them, for the opportunities you might have to serve them, and for the ways in which they might serve you. Whether you’re a student, or a member of faculty or staff, or a regent, or a guest, God calls you, beckons you, to serve your neighbors.

Often we’ll refer to the service we do as our “vocation,” from the Latin word for “call.” Your vocation, my vocation, is God’s call on our lives to serve others. And a life of service is a life well-lived.

So now our reflection on the university motto is rounded out, it is complete. Truth, freedom and vocation. These ideals are what a Concordia-Chicago education is all about. They help define us as a university and unite as a community. As your new president, it is my honor and my duty to keep these ideals ever in front of us, visible, tangible, so that we can almost touch them. Students, it is because of these ideals that your world opens up from here.

“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples. And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”
Dr. Andrea Flynn, associate professor of psychology, was awarded $10,000 by AccessLex Center for Legal Education Excellence to study first-generation students. The aim of this study is to gain an in-depth understanding of high-achieving first-generation law students in order to increase access to higher education for them throughout the educational pipeline.

Dr. Pamela Konkol, professor of foundations and social policy, was presented with the Mary Anne Raywid Award from the Society of Professors of Education during the 2019 American Educational Research Association annual meeting. The award was established in 1996 to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the study of education.

Sandra Krohnert, assistant professor of art, was selected to participate in the Council of Independent Colleges’ 2019 Seminar on Teaching European Art in Context at the Yale Center for British Art in New Haven, CT.

McGraw-Hill published the seventh edition of the textbook “A History and Philosophy of Sport and Physical Education: From Ancient Civilizations to the Modern World,” by Dr. Robert Mechikoff, professor of kinesiology and sports studies. The book has been published in English since 1993, and is now also published in Korean and Chinese.

Jenna Nelson, visiting assistant professor of curriculum and instruction, presented “Reimagining Research: Experiences Using Post Qualitative Inquiry in Educational Research” at the American Association for the Advancement of Curriculum Studies annual conference in Toronto, Ontario, and at the International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry annual conference in Urbana, IL.

Four faculty members attended the 11th annual Summer Institute at the University of Notre Dame’s Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, a weeklong training for academics who want to launch or strengthen peace studies programs at their institutions. The CUC team included Dr. Jamie Kowalczyk, assistant professor in the Department of Teaching, Learning and Diversity; Dr. Aimee Krall-Lanoue, chair of the Interdisciplinary Studies Program; Dr. Jenna Mahay, professor of sociology; and Dr. John G. Schwarm, associate dean, associate professor and chair of the College of Business’ graduate programs.
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