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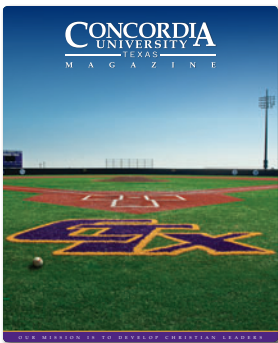


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The newly completed Concordia baseball field, seating over a 1000 fans, is considered one of the best in the NCAA Division III Conference. Fans and players will enjoy many amenities including natural-feeling artificial turf, box seating and a concession area.

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**“Concordia will become a student learning-centered institution that is distinct because of its Lutheran world view.”**

## Dear Friends of Concordia,

**Concordia** University Texas has just completed its eighty-fourth academic year, and as I walk the now quiet halls that just weeks ago were filled with students, I already look forward to the energy and excitement that our eighty-fifth year will bring. The words, “Be Strong and Courageous,” taken from Joshua 1:9, are powerful words which guided us through the past year. We have lived those words! Just a few of the highlights of the past year—all possible with the guiding hands of our Heavenly Father—are new programs, new facilities, new faculty and staff, and continued increases in enrollment.

Concordia’s progress doesn’t stop there. At the start of the academic year, students, faculty and staff began working together to develop a transformational vision for the university entitled Beyond 2015. This has been an amazing process and one of engagement at every level. During the year, three Integrated Curriculum Transformation Committees were formed. Each was tasked with one of three focus areas: Academic Quality, Institutional Identity and Learning Integration.

These committees (and sub-committees) looked at a variety of elements within each area, ultimately developing a vision for the university: Concordia will become a student learning-centered institution that is distinct because of its Lutheran world view.

This may be easy to say, but living out this strategic transformation will be a journey

during which we will strive not to lose focus on the Lutheran values that were the foundation of this university in 1926 and still remain today.

The next leg of this journey begins with six additional Committees: Leadership Development, Spiritual Life, Relationships, Practices, Learning Experience and Pedagogy. Within these committees, operational objectives will be developed to form the university’s strategic plan entitled Toward 2020. Committee members have already begun their work and this effort will continue over the summer and into the next academic year.

Please keep these committees and Concordia University Texas in your prayers as we seek to improve and further our mission of developing Christian leaders.

We thank you for your continued support of Concordia University Texas and hope you enjoy this issue of the Concordia University Magazine. In this edition we celebrate highlights of the past year: a launch of a Master of Business Administration degree program, the approval of our nursing program, adventures overseas and more.

May you have a blessed summer!

**Yours in Christ,**

*Thomas E. Cedel*



## Concordia's New MBA Program Built to Develop Leaders for Today's Business Environment



Dr. Alan Runge and Dr. Don Christian at first information session for the new Concordia MBA Program

**A**s Concordia University Texas continues to grow, so do the number of programs offered. Beginning fall 2010, a Master of Business Administration will be offered at the main and central campuses in Austin. The MBA program has been submitted to the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of College and Schools (SACS) for approval.

today's challenging business environment and will develop the next generation of successful leaders."

This program, similar to Concordia's Master of Education, is designed to be completed in a two-year time span with students attending

class one evening per week. A total of 36 credit hours, including a capstone course at the end of the program, are required. Each student will be part of a cohort that functions as a learning community to foster personal and professional transformation and academic achievement. Students will learn specific skills in accounting, finance, economics, marketing and business strategy, while developing leadership skills to make a positive difference in the workplace and beyond.

In April, Concordia received a significant donation for the MBA Program from the leading financial firms BlackRock and Nationwide. "We are delighted to make a contribution to the Concordia MBA program," said Tony Leal, Vice President for BlackRock, an asset management firm and a premier provider of global investment management, risk management and advisory services to institutional, intermediary and individual investors around the world. "The Concordia MBA program is just what the industry needs to develop the next generation of successful business leaders."

"The University is thrilled to begin enrolling our first MBA class," Dr. Donald Christian, Dean of the College of Business, said. "With our mission in mind, we have designed this program from the ground up to develop courageous leaders with the business tools to succeed. We are confident that an MBA from Concordia will stand out among other universities."

The Concordia MBA aims to attract employees of small business and corporate settings and non-traditional business vocations, such as the social and public sectors. It is designed for those who want to master core business concepts, analytical tools and leadership skills to build a better future for themselves and their communities. Dick Moeller, former CEO of St. David's Community Healthcare Foundation and present Concordia College of Business Advisory Board member, noted that "the Concordia MBA program is perfect for



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**Tony Leal** (left)  
Vice President  
BlackRock Financial Firm

# Texas Board of Nursing Approves Bachelor of Science in Nursing

**In** the fall of 2008 Concordia announced that it was developing a Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing program. For the last two years Concordia students have been taking Pre-Nursing courses to prepare them for admission into the program once it was approved. On Thursday, April 22, 2010, the Texas Board of Nursing officially approved Concordia's nursing program. Concordia is now admitting students into the Professional Nursing Courses of the Nursing Program for classes beginning fall 2010.

*"Concordia's Nursing Program is unique in that*

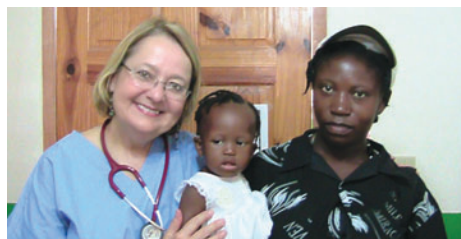
*our entire focus is on the preparation of nurses for the workforce,"* Dr. Joy Hinson Penticuff, RN, Director of Nursing Program Planning, said. "Our program reflects Concordia's mission to develop Christian leaders by instilling leadership in response to the needs of others."

The Professional Nursing Courses will consist of nursing clinical experiences and lectures and seminars that provide students the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to become competent and compassionate professional nurses.



Concordia University Texas' Nursing Program receives final approval, Thursday April 22, 2010, from the Texas Board of Nursing

"Concordia's Nursing Program is an excellent fit within the university because it is in sync with our mission of developing Christian leaders," President Tom Cedel, said. "Our Christian focus sets the program apart from others. Concordia's Nursing Program requires a medical mission trip and begins with a course entitled 'Foundations of Professional Practice' that teaches the tradition of caring for others as a reflection of one's faith."



## Associate Director of Nursing Enriches Program with Medical Mission Trip to Haiti

**Susan** Calloway, RN, Ph.D., Concordia's Associate Director of the Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (BSN) program spent two weeks in Haiti working with a team of physicians, nurses and dentists at the Mission of Hope near Port-au-Prince.

Calloway, who joined Concordia in August 2009, had traveled previously to Haiti during nursing school. After learning of the

earthquake in January, she was compelled to return to the country to offer assistance.

Concordia's new BSN Program emphasizes that nursing is a calling. To help students develop as Christian leaders and to prepare them for life after graduation, each student in the program will go on a medical mission trip during the summer, fall, winter or spring break of their junior or senior year. Students may choose their destination, and not all medical mission opportunities are abroad. Susan is already using her experience in Haiti to enrich this part of Concordia's nursing program, the only BSN program in the region that requires students go on a medical mission trip.

"Part of my purpose in going to Haiti was to assess the quality of the experiences for our nursing students if we were to offer a mission opportunity to this country," Calloway said. "We were afraid it might be unsafe or too traumatic for students, but I found that it is a very safe area and the quality of the experience

for nursing students will be fantastic. These types of experiences are wonderful for students because we often don't appreciate what we have in the U.S. It also teaches us (medical professionals) to think outside of the box in providing healthcare with limited resources."

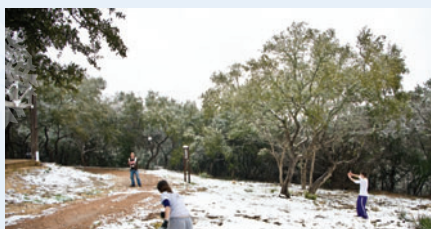
BSN Program developers understand that cost to attend mission trips can be an issue for college students, which is why opportunities in underserved areas of the U.S. are also being explored. Besides medical mission trips to Haiti, the Philippines, Costa Rica and Africa, there are tentative plans for opportunities at an Indian reservation in Arizona and in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky. Students will be able to select an area to which they feel led.

Haitian Girl received medical treatment after the devastating earthquake in January



# Let it Snow Let it Snow Let it Snow

**On** February 23, 2010 Concordia students enjoyed a special treat not commonly found in Austin, snow. There were snow ball fights, sledding and enjoying the beauty of the campus under a blanket of white. With over 95% of students at Concordia from Texas, to many, this was their first time playing in the snow.



## Family Weekend 2010

**Every** year Student Activities hosts Family Weekend. This is a time for parents to reconnect with their student while they are away at college. "Our goal is not to overload the families with activities, but to provide them with opportunities to grow as a family and see their child's life as a college student," Kevin Kerr, Student Activities Officer, said.

This year, Family Weekend was held February 5-7. During the weekend there were several opportunities for parents to get a better understanding of their student's overall experience at Concordia University Texas.

Family Weekend 2010 was a success! Families had a special opportunity to have fun together at student recitals, playing intercollegiate sports such as volleyball, soccer and basketball and enjoy a student-led concert that provided great music and snacks for families to enjoy.

Parents met with professors, attended classes with their student and had the chance to meet with the College Deans at a special breakfast.

**Parents, mark you calendars for September 24-26 for next year's Family Weekend.**



Families enjoyed refreshing snow cones provided by the Student Activities Committee



Students volunteered to do face painting



The student-led concert was a huge success for Family Weekend 2010

## Dr. Meissner Receives Prestigious Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award



**Professor** Dr. Laurence Meissner has earned the prestigious Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award, signifying that he ranks as one of the leading university educators in Texas.

The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation recognizes 15 professors each year for superior teaching at the college level. Started in 1958

with eight awards, the roster of Piper Professors includes outstanding professors from two and four-year colleges and universities, both public and private.

Dr. Meissner has been a valued part of the faculty at Concordia since 1973 and is currently the director of the biology program.

# Assistance to Go Beyond the Classroom

## \$85,000 Grant to Benefit Concordia Preserve



State Farm Youth Advisory Board presents CTX College of Science an \$85,000 Grant

**Concordia's** relocation in the fall of 2008 meant not only new buildings for the university, but 250 acres of a nature and wildlife preserve named The Concordia Preserve. This "living classroom", part of the Balcones Canyonlands Preserve, enables the expansion of the science program at Concordia by offering a unique opportunity to observe and study the awesome creation of our Lord and Savior.

On Monday, March 8, Concordia received an \$85,000 grant from the State Farm Youth Advisory Board (YAB). Concordia was selected

for this grant because of the commitment the university has to fostering environmental responsibility through on-campus service-learning projects.

"The \$85,000 grant we received will benefit The Concordia Preserve, the natural treasure we are dedicated to protecting," Dr. Michael A. Moyer, Dean of the College of Science, said. "We are grateful to the State Farm Youth Advisory Board for helping us begin our low-impact study of this incredible living classroom."

With this grant, students from both Concordia and a local community partner, Leander Independent School District (LISD), will identify all aspects of the landscape.

Students will be identifying the number of caves and their size; identify opportunities, if any, for clearing brush for fire survivability; and plants and animals present. With this grant, LISD and Concordia students will physically map the preserve using software,

hardware and consulting and training for the units needed to conduct a modern survey. Once information is gathered, signage will be posted and an online virtual tour of the area will be made available.

Studies will be shared via Twitter and YouTube. Also, a high quality photographic record will be created to further enhance awareness in the scientific community of the preserve's assets.



The 250 acre nature and wildlife preserve named The Concordia Preserve

## Students Coordinate Acts of Service



CTX partners with TX Ramp Project to help build two 60 ft. ramps to enable a disabled homeowner to access their mobile home



**Since** 1994, the third Monday in January has been designated by United States Congress as a national day of service in memory of Martin Luther King Jr. This year, on January 18, Concordia celebrated the good works of Dr. King by working alongside the Texas Ramp Project. Coordinated by the

Service-Learning Program, members of the Concordia community worked with other volunteers to construct two 60 foot ramps. The ramps enabled a disabled homeowner, whose home was recently destroyed by fire, access to a new mobile home.



# 2010 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

## BY THE NUMBERS

271 Masters Degrees

183 Undergraduates Degrees

454  
Total Graduates





# DCE Program Celebrates 50 Years in LCMS & 10 Years at Concordia University Texas

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the FOUNDER and PERFECTER of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”  
 Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)

**On** March 25, 2010 Concordia celebrated 50 years of Director of Christian Education (DCE) ministry in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and 10 years of the DCE program at Concordia University Texas. Director’s of Christian Education in the Texas District, DCE graduates of all Concordia Universities and those interested in DCE ministry attended a day-long celebration at Concordia University Texas. “It was a wonderful opportunity to

reconnect, exchange ideas and celebrate accomplishments” said Jacob Youmans, Director of the DCE Program at Concordia University Texas. “We looked at the past, present and future of this vital ministry not only to LCMS congregations but to those of other denominations,” Jacob said.



## The 2010 graduates of the Concordia University Texas DCE Program Intern Placements

**Elizabeth Ledford**  
 Messiah Lutheran Church in Plano, TX

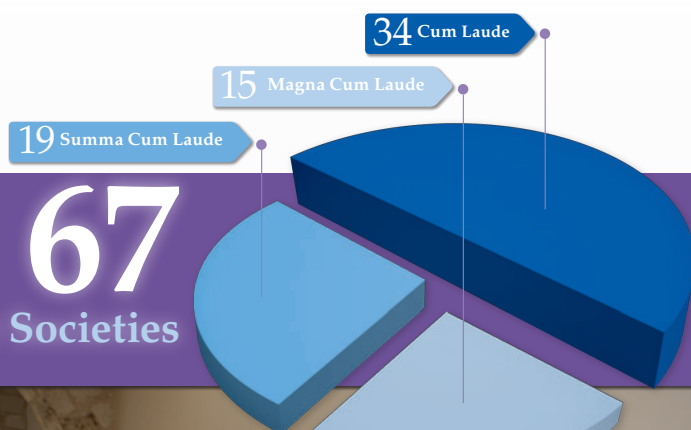
**Amelia Miguet**  
 Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church in Haslet, TX

**John Hanson**  
 The Well in Buda, TX

**Laura Fusilier** (soon to be Pulliam)  
 First Lutheran Church in Texarkana, TX

**Joshua Tinney**  
 St. John’s Lutheran Church in Napa, CA

**Loretta Moerbe**  
 St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Kaneohe, HI



**67**  
 Graduates in Honor Societies



# Partnership in Palestine

## A Challenging Context for Christian Leaders

by: Philip Hohle '77

**There** in the road stood two Palestinian policemen with rifles, manning their post on the outskirts of Ramallah. The American visitors grew quiet as their bus rolled to a stop just twenty yards away. This group of Concordia University System representatives was in the West Bank at the invitation of Dr. Mitri Raheb, Pastor of Christmas Lutheran Church and the visionary behind a range of ministries that include a new Christian

college. Today, they had an urgent appointment with high-level dignitaries of the Palestinian authority.

As the group sat waiting for their bus driver to clarify directions on his cell phone, they noticed that the militiamen stood casual and relaxed, far from menacing. As the bus rolled past, they hardly looked up at this bus load of American educators. Many in the bus exhaled in relief.

Representing the Concordia University System, this group included four university presidents, three administrators, one professor, three students and a number of supporters. They had only arrived in Tel Aviv the night before. In darkness, they passed through the checkpoint located at the massive separation



President Cedel greets Palestinian Ministry of Education Lamis al-Alami in Ramallah



Concordia University System representatives on their way to a meeting with dignitaries of the Palestinian authority

wall and slipped into the relatively still city of Bethlehem. Immediately, the next morning, after church services at Christmas Lutheran Church, the group was immersed into the heart of Palestinian culture. A few hours before, they were secure on U.S. soil—preoccupied with their own educational concerns and



Concordia University System students in Bethlehem



Concordia University System students are partnering with Dar al Kalima Lutheran College students on cross-cultural communication projects



The Concordia University System was represented by presidents, administrators, professors and students from across the U.S.

cultural realities. As they walked to their bus down the crowded streets in Bethlehem, they experienced a profound perspective shift—an intimate view from inside the epicenter of the conflict in the Middle East. As the bus lurched through winding streets toward Ramallah, the travelers joked that they were not in Kansas anymore.

For even the travelers who had been to the Holy Land before, the trip to the Palestinian headquarters was a true adventure. This was a rare event, as they had exclusive appointments with the Minister of Education and the Prime Minister of the Palestinian Authority. Like might be expected when meeting government officials in any country, there were the last minute discussions of seating and other issues of protocol, but the meetings were cordial. The

group selected President Tom Cedel to be their spokesperson. Not only for his reputation as a visionary leader, but perhaps also due to his experience in living in Pakistan while in the military.

Surprisingly, the Palestinian Ministry of Education is a woman. Lamis al-Alami speaks English fluently and dresses like a typical Western dignitary. Al-Alami spoke to the group of the progress in higher education being achieved among the limited number of institutions in the West Bank and Gaza. Obviously wrecked by the conflict, the system is in great need of a stronger infrastructure. Al-Alami is working to increasing capacity so that through education, many more young Palestinians can build their identity and preserve their cultural heritage. Like the ten Concordias in the U.S., al-Alami believes that values are essential to a quality education. As an example, she noted that today's Palestinian college textbooks have been set free from the political war-like posturing criticized by Western observers in the past. She expressed gratitude that our Christian University system was willing to play a supportive role with the Dar al Kalima Lutheran college and elementary school in Bethlehem.

The diplomatic tour continued with a meeting in another government building a short walk away. Seated around a large table, the Concordia group was granted an audience with the Prime Minister of Palestine, Salam Fayyad. In a surprisingly candid discussion, the Prime Minister described the difficulties government leaders have in preventing Palestinians from descending into defeatism, which is demonstrated as either hopelessness or belligerence. Fayyad expressed his belief that these two responses are sides of the same coin. Raheb elicited affirmation from Fayyad when stating that the Dar al Kalima approach to education is centered in hope—"to defeat the defeatism." Before leaving, Fayyad, who is a Muslim, blessed the group, "God speed!" He then added with a broad smile, "Can we have more Christians here?"

Connecting with these dignitaries was not difficult for Tom Cedel and the Concordia delegation. Both al-Alami and Fayyad have studied in the U. S. To the group's surprise, Raheb introduced Dr. Fayyad as a former resident of Austin, TX with degrees from St. Edward's University and the University



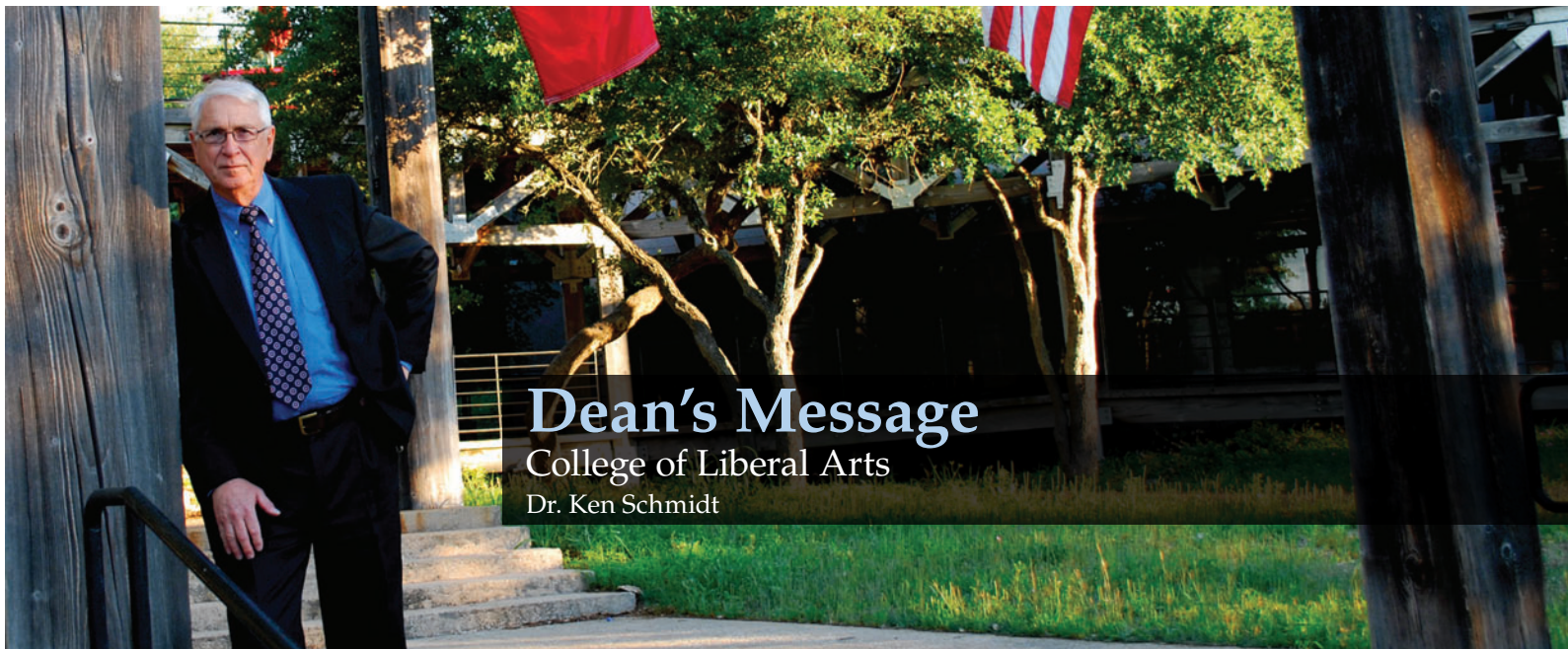
Prime Minister of Palestine, Salam Fayyad describes the difficulties in preventing Palestinians from falling into defeatism

of Texas. Fayyad actually expressed disappointment in the Longhorn's loss to Alabama in the National Championship football game, saying that he was unable work afterwards because his eyes were "filled with tears." Then adding with a laugh he said, "at least we have an excuse" (referring to the injury sustained by U.T. quarterback Colt McCoy).

Before the week was finished, representatives from the Concordia Universities in Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Texas each signed an agreement called a "Letter of Understanding" with Dar al Kalima College. For Concordia University Texas, this will mean the exchange of students and faculty for mutually beneficial learning experiences.

Already the possibilities are taking shape. A first opportunity for students to visit is planned for this summer, August 6-16. Led by Communication professor Philip Hohle, a group will work with Dar al Kalima students on a film project while also studying the historical context of Palestinian culture and the current economic and political realities. The cost is set at \$2,750 and is open to other Concordia systems students. It includes airfare, local transportation, housing and most meals. The trip is also open to any adult interested in exploring communication in such a deep cross-cultural context (\$2,950).

No doubt, travelers who risk leaving the safety of the U.S. for this kind of Holy Land tour cannot be guaranteed a theme-park experience, and only mature travelers are invited. The agreement demonstrates that Concordia's mission to develop Christian leaders will not be limited by politics, distance or comfort. This course will be the first opportunity in a series of experiences that will provide new and challenging contexts for the testing of the role of Christian leadership in the world.



## Dean's Message

College of Liberal Arts

Dr. Ken Schmidt

**I**t is with delight that I send my greetings from the College of Liberal Arts, one of the four colleges of Concordia University Texas, to our alumni and friends. The College of Liberal Arts provides a wide range of courses in over twelve disciplines including English, religion, communication, history, psychology and sociology, as we help students across the university build their liberal arts core. This is the foundation of all university undergraduate programs, as we live out our mission to develop Christian leaders.

### A liberal arts education at Concordia University Texas is a window to understanding the world and the human experience.

It is a broad approach to education designed to empower an individual with the knowledge and skills to think critically, and act responsibly as they embrace a variety of ideas, competencies and skills from a Lutheran perspective.

Our faculty work closely with students and colleagues to deliver a quality curriculum that not only provides detailed knowledge of a discipline but also the vision and ability to understand how individuals utilize their knowledge, skills and gifts to serve the greater good.

We are proud of what has been accomplished in

the past, but we are not resting on our laurels.

The faculty, staff, students and administration are working collaboratively to refine and improve how we develop campus culture, and deliver the curriculum. We are examining how learning is accomplished both in and out of the classroom, and looking at teaching and learning from the perspective of the student. Current discussions are directing our attention to an outcomes based curriculum. Essentially, we are in the process of transforming teaching and learning at Concordia University Texas.

This is a bold step for a university, especially since university culture tends to be steeped in tradition and not accustomed to change; but higher education is also characterized by the constant activity of review, revision and change. Faculty continually assess and revise course content and delivery, they engage in professional activities - research, and publishing, not for its own sake, but to inform classroom teaching and program relevance and effectiveness. This is certainly true of our faculty in the College of Liberal Arts. I am astonished at the ongoing creativity that is poured into teaching, research and learning at this Concordia. And now we are on the cusp of intentionally channeling that creativity and energy for learning to a transformation of the curriculum and campus culture.

### The future is full of promise, a new millennium, a new campus and a renewed commitment to

### student learning.

Transformation and change are our watchwords, but it also takes dedication to make transformation and change a reality. I'm optimistic about the process, and would like to share some of the things happening in the College of Liberal Arts that are a testimony to our vitality and commitment to student learning. We are blessed with an exceptionally talented faculty who are the key to engaging our immediate future.

As I write this, we have twenty University Choir members touring and singing in Germany. They have sung in the Berliner Dome, and several churches throughout Germany as they tour Wittenberg, Leipzig, Eisleben, Erfurt, and other cities and villages. You can relive some of their experiences and hear the choir perform on Professor Joshua Chai's Blog for the trip <http://ctxchoir.blogspot.com/>. Some of the students in choir have never been out of Texas. You can be sure this is transformational for them. And the choir is singing at some incredible venues, including Bach's home church. The choir even gathered around Luther's grave in Wittenberg and sang Schubert's Zum Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy Lord).

Two other faculty members are also in Europe at this time. Dr. Claudia Teinert and Dr. Amy Root are in London preparing an English Literature course to be offered in May of 2011. They are visiting the sites where great literary

## College of Liberal Arts Faculty Accomplishments



**Dr. Debra Allen** has signed a contract with Scarecrow Press to publish a Historical Dictionary of U.S. Diplomacy from 1776 to 1861



**Dr. Nickles Chittester** published an article entitled, Correlates of Drive for Muscularity: the role of Anthropometric Measures and Psychological Factors, in the Journal of Health Psychology.



**Dr. Joel Heck** has written numerous articles on C.S. Lewis, and has two books that are due out late summer or early fall. The first is an Old Testament textbook published by Kendall Hunt, and the second is a Lutheran Philosophy of Education utilizing contributing authors and coedited with Dr. Angus Menuge



**Dr. Abigail Pfister** has published (in press) a paper with Dailey & Beck, entitled, On-Again/Off-Again Dating Relationships: What Keeps partners Coming Back? in the Journal of Social Psychology. She is also presenting papers at the International Communication Association annual conference, Singapore; and the National Communication Association Conference, San Francisco (the paper for this conference has been named "Top Paper" for the Social Cognition session.



**Dr. Amy Root** presented a paper entitled, Designing the Borzoi: Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., Creates a Brand or Excellence, 2009, The Bibliographic Society of America – New Scholars Program, New York. A paper was also presented at the annual Conference on College Composition and Communication in San Francisco, during 2009.



**Dr. Ann Schwartz** paper to be presented at the National Research Conference on Child and Family Program and Policy, July 21-23, 2010, Bridgewater, Massachusetts.



**Dr. Carl Trovall** published an essay, "Juan Diego: A Psychohistory of a Regenerative Man, in a collection of essays entitled "American Magnificat: Protestant Reflections on Mary of Guadalupe" by Liturgical Press.

artists worked and found their inspiration. A course in English Literature in England! And the end of June, Dr. Ann Schwartz will lead a group of students to Australia to experience course content experientially. They are enrolled in a Sociology course entitled, Children in a Global Perspective: The Stolen Generations of Aboriginal Australia. This course provides real world experiences to deliver course content, and is supplemented by classroom work, research and group presentations.

This model has been used for several years by Dr. Debra Allen, who annually takes students to Washington D.C., and other cities in the east known for their relevance to American History. Brian Friend, class of 2010, commented on this travel course: ... "the fact that I was physically in those historic places is what made this class so exceptional. I have an appreciation for the history of the country, the struggles and successes the United States has experienced, in a way no textbook or classroom can convey." This past year, the History travel course was offered in tandem with a Communications course led by Dr. Abigail Pfister.

In early January, Professor Philip Hohle visited Dar al-Kalima College in Bethlehem along with presidents and other representatives of the Concordia University System. Professor Hohle has made several visits to Bethlehem, and has designed a Communications course that will travel to Bethlehem and Dar al-Kalima College.

Dr. Paul Muench facilitated the organization of a Concordia Study Abroad semester to be offered to all CUS (Concordia University System) schools through ISA (International Study Abroad). Dr. Muench will lead the first group of students in this program to Costa Rica during the Spring Semester 2011.

**Our students have travelled to Greece, England, South America and Ethiopia. They have witnessed first hand what it means to live and work in this new and exciting world.**

We are also beginning to have events on campus that serve communities abroad. Our student Service-Learning Program, partnered with Water to Thrive, a faith-based non-profit providing clean water, health, and hope to impoverished communities in Ethiopia and Sierra Leone. Last summer, two of our students

travelled to Ethiopia to see the product of their fundraising efforts.

The latest English Journal features a paper written by senior English Major Courtney Knudsen, and a response from Dr. Ad Putter of the Department of English at Bristol University in Bristol, England. Dr. Claudia Teinert is the faculty advisor, editor and advocate for the English Journal. Her vision and energy strengthens the excellence of undergraduate education.

Two faculty members completed their Ph.D. degrees this academic year: Professor Carl Trovall, Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Southern Methodist University in Dallas; and Professor Amy Root, Ph.D. in English (Rhetoric and Writing) from the University of Texas in Austin.

**Approximately 90% of the full time faculty of the College of Liberal Arts have earned doctorates or terminal degrees.**

Two of our faculty in the College of Liberal Arts took sabbaticals this past school year: Professor David Kroft, a sabbatical enabling him to explore fused and slumped glass in depth. Professor Kroft is currently exploring ways to integrate studio glass in the art curriculum. Dr. Curtis Giese was contracted by Concordia Publishing House to write the 2 Peter/Jude Commentary in the Concordia Commentary Series.

Several students were placed in prestigious internships. Among them is Deana Schaeckel, class of 2010, who interned at Elizabeth Christian and Associates in Austin, and also served as an intern at the Long Center for the Arts.

Three Behavioral Science students served internships with Lutheran Social Services of the South. The internships were part of the Isaiah 49 Program, sponsored through the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. This program is administered by Dr. Ann Schwartz, and includes a Summer Institute for all campuses of the CUS.





# Communication Travel Course

## A Student's Perspective

by: Deanna Schaeckel, Concordia Senior

**While** I may live country, I crave city. A city that never sleeps, a city where it all began, and a city where many cultures make their home. Indeed, the one thing I want is city.

Standing in the middle of New York's Times Square makes me feel as though I'm in a grown up version of Disney World. Walking through Boston's Quincy Market takes me back to colonial times. And strolling and shopping amongst the diverse culture in D.C.'s Dupont Circle lifted my spirits higher than a kite.

Immersed in the heart of such wonderful cities, I have never felt so small. Every title that I had previously claimed disappeared. For the first time, I realized how no one would know I was Deanna from Concordia University Texas.

But perhaps shrinking down to a smaller version of yourself also increases your perspective and broadens your world view. This is bound to happen on any trip to a new place, but especially a trip to three of the finest cities in the States: Boston, New York City and Washington D.C.

One of the best things about traveling and expanding your world view is meeting new people that have different definitions of what it means to live. One example is our bodacious bus driver from Boston who spoke with a thick accent and pointed out the plethora of Dunkin' Donuts. He even showed us where there are two Dunkin' Donuts across the street from each other! This was, of course,

incredibly essential to a deeper understanding of Boston; and Boston was an important part of our bus driver. I also learned a great deal about John F. Kennedy's character in Boston. Walking through the JFK museum, I could see very clearly that JFK was passionate and driven. He took his passions and channeled them to advocate change. As a result, he had a significant impact on the way we, the American people, define democracy.

In New York City, it's always a treat to learn a little culture from your cabby, but that wasn't all. While checking out the local NY style cheesecake, we met my favorite cutie comedian from the improv comedy show that we had watched that night. Unfortunately for me, he had a beautiful woman at his side. So much for using my charm, remarkable good looks and sense of humor to win him over. He was also a different person than I expected. Based on his wildly-entertaining on-stage performance, I



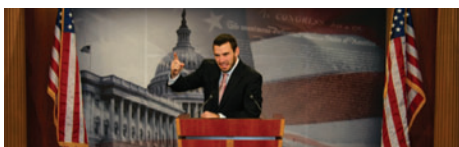
Concordia University Texas Students on a New York Subway

thought I would walk up to him and he'd do a song and dance to get my number. Sadly, this was not the case. It was intriguing to see such a drastic difference between being "on" and being "off."

In D.C., we met the most powerful man in the world (besides President Obama). Just a day in the life of your average Concordia student. Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Mike Mullen currently serves as the primary military advisor to the President. Yes, it was everything one could hope it to be and more. We started the day with walking around the Pentagon, then proceeded to meet The Joint Chiefs of Staff face to face,

Front Row: Dr. Lani Kass, Katherine Asper, Alyssa Hawkins, Admiral Mike Mullen, Samantha Dominguez, Sally Panenbacker, Taryn Merrill  
Middle Row: Lauren Duffin, Deanna Schaeckel, Andrew Kasper, Dr. Debra Allen, Dr. Abigail Pfeister, Gary Belcher  
Back Row: Cade Radley, Kristopher Pearce, Susie Caraway, Brian Nunnery, Brian Friend, Kevin Lightfoot





Senate Press Gallery, Washington D.C.

and to top it all, we received his challenge coin. It was quite an honor. Watching the Joint Chiefs of Staff, it was apparent that every moment mattered to him; he didn't waste a second. In fact, his days were planned out in 15 minute increments so that he could make

all his meetings, etc. Taking time out of his day so he could have a few minutes with a small group of Concordia students made me feel pretty special. Also in D.C., we had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Pfister's friend and national speech champion, Mr. Schultz. He was quite the character. He was also refreshingly genuine. In a city where honesty is difficult to come by, he was real with us. After discussing what he does for a living, he opened up the conversation to other aspects of his life (even asked our advice on baby names!), and it felt as though he enjoyed spending time with us.

When I packed my bags for this trip I had no idea what I was doing. (really, my bag was overweight on the way there AND back). But seriously, I didn't know what was in store for me. When I left the east coast to come back home my eyes had been opened to another world. A world filled with people that each live uniquely. And although I met many people that live quite different lives than me, I have never been more proud to be Deanna from Concordia University Texas.



## Service-Learning

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### Continues to Lead Successful Partnership with Water to Thrive



**Mother** Teresa once said, "What we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But if that drop was not in the ocean, I think the ocean would be less because of that missing drop." In light of the water crisis facing the people of Ethiopia, where over half of the population of 85 million lacks access to clean water, funding one hand dug well may seem like only a drop, but last year, while in Ethiopia, Concordia Service-Learning students realized its importance as they saw water gushing from the well and the joy of those in the community served by the well. In addition, this one drop has become much more, as the partnership between Concordia University Texas and Water to Thrive, a faith-based organization that transforms lives through the gift of clean water, has grown.

In the fall of 2008, the Service-Learning Student Leaders began working with Water to Thrive with the goal of funding one well that would benefit a school in Sudi, Ethiopia. Little did the students know that one well would turn into a trip to Ethiopia for two students last May, CTX involvement in the first Water to Thrive 5K last September, and another, more ambitious goal for 2009-2010—to continue the CTX connection with the 1200 students at the Sudi School through funding new desks and chairs and to support another well project at the Kure Gaybi Mekane Jesus Church in Kure Gaybi, Ethiopia, serving 450 people.

The Service-Learning Leaders used their creativity and energy to inspire the Concordia community to reach this larger goal. Early in the semester, they put together an exhibition on campus that depicted the vast difference in water usage in the United States compared to Ethiopia. Other fundraisers included a benefit concert as part of the fall Service-Learning Week and a Valentine's Day flower sale. Students in Dr. Abigail Pfeister's Group Dynamics course also became involved as teams learning about theories of group behavior competed through fundraising projects, all benefitting the Concordia goal for Water to Thrive. The combined total raised by the teams exceeded \$1800!

Fundraising efforts for this academic year culminated in April with the 2nd annual faculty and staff banquet where guests dined on an Ethiopian dinner created by Concordia's food service provider Sodexo (also an important supporter of the Water to Thrive partnership). Students of Ethiopia and Eritrea (SEE) from the University of Texas-Austin presented Ethiopian dances, and CTX alumna, Kristen Seals, and Service-Learning Leader, Whitney Flynt shared about their experiences in Ethiopia where they had the opportunity to meet the children who attend the Sudi School. Student leaders also organized a silent auction as part of the banquet, and through the auction, raised the remaining funds to meet this year's

goal of \$5500.

While working to raise both money and awareness among members of the Concordia community, the Service-Learning Leaders were encouraged by Donna Berber, the founder of A Glimmer of Hope, a partner of Water to Thrive, that works with individuals in both Ethiopia and the Austin community. Ms. Berber spoke at Concordia as part of a special speaker series organized by the College of Business. Following her presentation, Ms. Berber had lunch with the Service-Learning Leaders, giving them a unique opportunity to spend time with a servant leader who has had a far-reaching impact.

A new team of Service-Learning Leaders is excited to launch a third academic year of collaboration with Water to Thrive, begin a new well project in Ethiopia, as well as continue associations with the sites of previous projects. To stay informed regarding upcoming projects, please check out the Service-Learning web page at [www.concordia.edu](http://www.concordia.edu), and to learn more about how to support the life-giving work of Water to Thrive, go to [www.watertothrive.org](http://www.watertothrive.org).

# A Year in Review

## Concordia University Texas Music

**The** 2009-2010 academic year has been an exciting time of transformation and growth for the Concordia University Texas music program!

In August, a new faculty member, Joshua Chai, was hired as the Director of Choral Activities. Prof. Chai was on faculty at Concordia University Irvine and the Minister of Music in southern CA. He now teaches classes in corporate worship, music theory, conducting, choral music and the University Choir!

The University Choir has accomplished much this school year. They presented a fall concert collaborating with a chamber orchestra and Concordia's own adjunct flute instructor, Dr. Ellen Johnson. An Advent Service of Lessons and Carols featured artist-in-residence, Joseph Martin, and was a wonderful time of congregational singing and choral artistry.

In the spring, the choir presented three major concerts. An Evening for Valentines featured a diversity of music from English madrigals to the modern "Five Hebrew Love Songs" by Eric Whitacre, as well as individual vocal solos spanning musical theatre to guitar-driven country. Following was the choir's biggest event of the choral season, the Mozart Requiem, in which the University Choir was joined by the Concordia Singers, a newly-formed community choir. For the final concert of the year, the choir was again joined by artist-in-residence, Joseph Martin, and presented all the literature the Choir would bring to Germany!



The University Choir toured Germany May 8-17, with performance engagements in Berlin, Leipzig, Rothenburg, and others. This has understandably generated a lot of interest and excitement around the music department!

Elsewhere in the program: adjunct faculty, comprised some of the best performing pedagogues in Austin, continued to enhance the ability to instruct students in the practical side of the performing arts. From performances by Concordia's own Concordia Faculty Trio (Dr. Patricia Burnham, Dr. Karla Hamelin, and Dr. Ellen Johnson) to concerts featuring nationally-acclaimed guitarists led by Dr. Kim Perlak, the music department has presented opportunities to hear an incredible level of excellence in music making – right here on campus.

Contemporary Worship Weekend, our annual program event in the worship arts, invited several regional worship bands and guest speakers to campus, and presented an opportunity for established music ministers, worship directors, pastors and congregation members to come together to discuss worship and music in a diverse context.

One of the most long-term transformations

in the music program this year was in the academic offerings. The music program will now offer a Bachelor of Arts in Music with three distinct specializations: performance, theory/composition and music ministry. An addition to the music ministry specialization was made which allows students to be certified Directors of Parish Music, as rostered members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Much was accomplished this year, but there are many plans for next year! We're continuing to engage the community – look for the new Concordia Community Music Academy (CCMA) to begin offering individual and group instruction next year. The community choir, the Concordia Singers, will continue, and are already recruiting for a brand-new community instrumental ensemble.

To keep up-to-date on all of the many concerts and accomplishments of the music department, check out [www.concordia.edu/music](http://www.concordia.edu/music). Get involved! Come to a concert, participate in a community ensemble or lessons, give financially to support scholarships or music programs. Concordia welcomes your partnership as we offer our students and community a music program dedicated to excellence, grounded in the Lutheran tradition and the liberal arts and able to transform the lives of students towards lives of service and leadership in the arts and elsewhere!



# Concordia Celebrates the American Guitar Sound



On Wednesday, April 21, and Friday, April 23, music students, faculty, administration and friends of Concordia University Texas joined world class guitarists and members of the Austin guitar community for an event that recognized Concordia as a true part of Austin's "Live Music Capital of the World". The event, "A Celebration of the American Guitar Sound", included two afternoons of classes and an evening performance featuring Dr. Kim Perlak, other Concordia faculty, classical guitarist Bret Boyer, roots and jazz guitarist, blues guitarist David Hamburger and Kirby Kelley - "The 2009-10 King of the Blues".

Claiming more guitarists per capita than any other city in the world, Austin is a guitar town that supports a variety of musical styles and honors the American history of the instrument.



Entering its second year, Concordia's new guitar program reflects this culture and is one of the largest and most musically diverse in Austin. With students of all levels studying classical, folk, blues, worship music and music theory. Wednesday's class allowed students to learn more about each style hands-on from master players. Students from the Living Praise ensemble worked on "Amazing Grace", traditional hymn arrangements for the classical guitar and thirty students from beginning and intermediate guitar classes learned and performed blues. Students and faculty from the College of Liberal Arts discussed cultural issues, history, literature and art reflected and inspired by American music.

Friday's concert began with eight performances of students from Concordia and Austin's public schools. Dr. Perlak performed the second set on the classical guitar, and in a musical hand-off, performed the patriotic song, "Rally 'Round the Flag' with slide guitar player Bret Boyer. Bret played a beautiful set of roots and jazz tunes and handed off to David Hamburger with their duo, "I'm So Lonesome I Could Cry". David delighted the listeners with a set of swanky blues songs and handed off to Kirby Kelley with "Little Red Rooster". Kirby launched into

a set of emotional Delta blues and welcomed all back to the stage for a quartet of "Amazing Grace". Each players' stories and unique approach to the instrument painted an eclectic picture of the American guitar sound.

The Concordia concert and class were the last in a series of programs sponsored by a grant from Yale University, in partnership for this last event with Concordia's College of Liberal Arts. The grant from the Yale School of Music Alumni Ventures Program brought the history and music of the guitar into nine Austin public schools through the perspectives of these fine guitarists. Concordia's enthusiastic and welcoming environment provided the perfect setting for the final celebration.

Illustrating this point, Kirby Kelley - upon finding out a few days later that he would be opening for Eric Clapton on the "Crossroads Tour" remarked, "It's wonderful. I am so blessed. But I must tell you - I feel just as excited playing with Kim, David, and Bret. What a wonderful night!". Concordia University Texas is becoming a welcome member of the Austin guitar culture.

## Concordia University Texas Choir

Germany Tour 2010

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Events go to:

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## STORIES THAT CAN'T BE FORGOTTEN

**Published** by Concordia University Press, this fascinating immigration study documents the stories of those who left central Europe in the 1850s to find new homes in Australia, the United States, Canada, South America and South Africa. The travel



was dangerous and often tragic. Over 15% of those heading for America died en route!

The stories are important to Concordia because Concordia University Texas is the only university founded primarily by ancestors of these immigrants. In 1926, thirteen congregations in Central Texas, the great majority of whom were Wendish Americans, voted to establish what is today Concordia University Texas. This new volume and others are being published by Concordia's own University Press, the only Concordias that has its own publishing arm.

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## Meet a CTX Student: Melva Flores

**Melva** Flores is no stranger to receiving scholarships. As a high school senior, she was the recipient of a full tuition scholarship to the University of Texas. Unfortunately, Melva never stepped foot on the campus. "Being a first time college student from my family, we didn't know about financial aid. We could not afford to pay for any of the "extras" for me and didn't know how to go about seeking help, so I never attended."

Understanding the importance of higher education, Melva enrolled in a local community college. However, working full time and taking night courses proved to be too much for the young student. "I did not make the transition well so I dropped out. I just didn't have the discipline back then."

Almost 30 years later, Melva found herself realizing the necessity of a college degree after getting laid off from Dell. "I could not find work. So many others were also looking for work and I had the necessary experience, but since I did not have a degree, I did not make the cut."

"I could not get in the door for an interview because a Bachelor's degree was what employers used to help weed out the extreme number of applicants for any job." So Melva decided to try her hand at college one more time.

"My husband graduated from Concordia's Accelerated Degree Program in 2001 and he kept telling me I should do it." In the spring of 2009, Melva finally heeded her husband's advice and applied to Concordia. "Eileen Godeaux made it so easy; I was registered before I knew it!"

Melva began taking ADP classes in the fall of 2009 and working towards a Bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management. "Once I enrolled, I discovered it would only take me a year and a half to complete my degree!"

This time around, Melva is committed to not only finishing her degree, but also excelling in her courses. "I may only be in class one night a week, but I am studying almost every night." She says that is the encouragement of her CTX family that keeps her going. "I could not have asked for a better support system. Everyone from Jennifer Rosas to Mark Meyer make it so easy. My professors have been great to work with, too."

Melva's hard work has already paid off. In February 2010, she was a recipient of the Austin Human Resource Management Association (AHRMA) annual Karl B. Zimmerman Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship. She was chosen not only because of her 4.0 GPA at Concordia, but also because of her unique story.

Shane Sokoll, Director of Concordia's Human Resource Management Program, is one of Melva's professors and is proud of her achievements. "Melva is a highly motivated, inquisitive, and committed student. Her life journey, academic achievements, and professional goals are impressive and her award of the AHRMA scholarship attests to these realities."

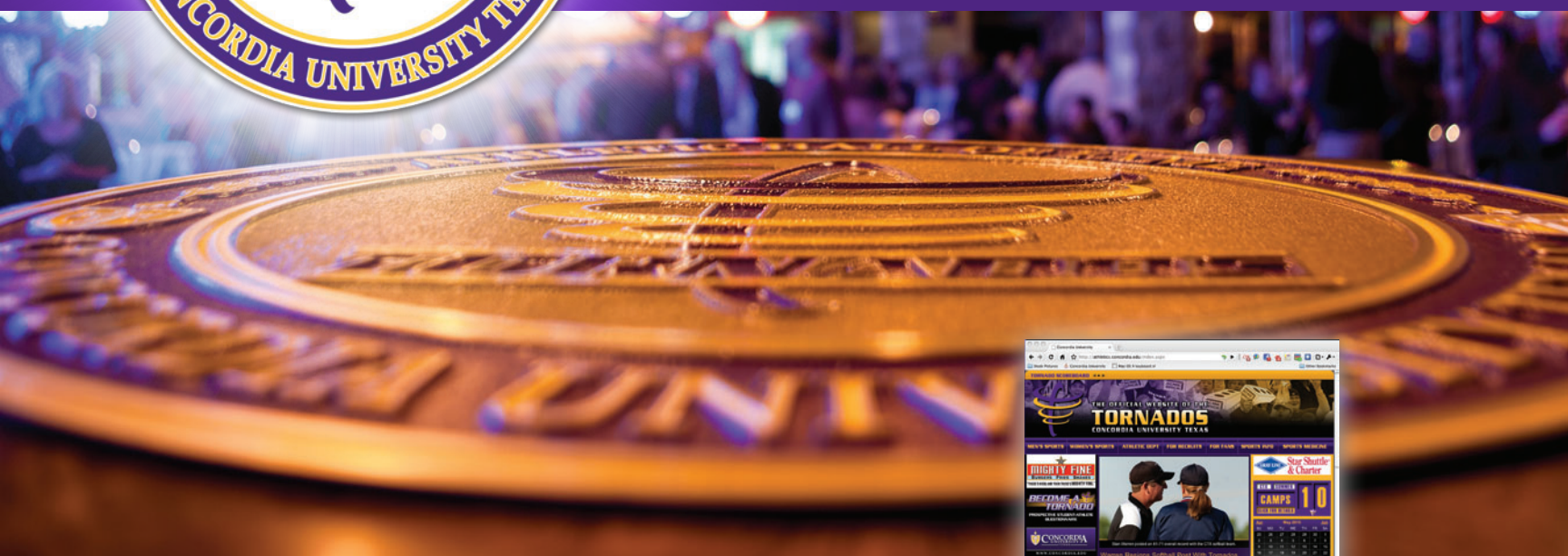
So what is Melva's advice to adult students that may be hesitant about going back to school? "It is not easy and you have to commit yourself to the task at hand, but everyone involved in the program is here to offer support and help you every step of the way. I would, without a doubt, recommend Concordia's Accelerated Degree Program to others."

As supporters of the university, you can encourage friends or employees, like Melva, to enroll in ADP classes. This program is designed to fit the busy schedules of working adults and can help advance their careers. More information about our Accelerated Degree Program can be found at [discover.concordia.edu](http://discover.concordia.edu).





# Concordia University Texas Inaugural Hall of Fame



**Four** individuals and two teams are now a part of the newly founded Concordia University Texas Athletics Hall of Fame following an induction ceremony at The Oasis on Lake Travis on Friday, February 5, 2010.

James Keller, Carol Jean Sharp, Scott Linebrink and Wendell Holmes were all inducted as individuals, while the 1982-83 men's basketball team and the 2002 baseball team made up the rest of the first-ever class.

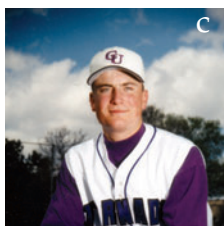
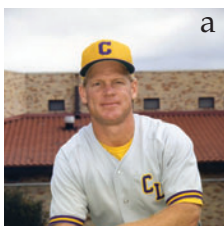
Over 250 guests gathered at The Oasis, celebrating the inductees with video tributes. CTX Athletic Director, Dan Huntley, served as the master of ceremonies for the evening's activities.

## INDIVIDUALS:

- a) **James Keller**, Head Baseball Coach (1991-97)
- b) **Carol Jean Sharp**, Volleyball (1987-91)
- c) **Scott Linebrink**, Baseball (1993-95)
- d) **Wendell Holmes**, Men's Basketball (1990-92)

## TEAMS:

- 1982-83 Men's Basketball Team
- 2002 Baseball Team



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## Coaches Corner

**Corey** Holton took over the women's soccer program prior to the 2009 season. In her first year as the head coach, Holton helped the Tornados break the school record for wins in a single-season. She has already elevated the program's visibility and exposure.

Prior to coming to Concordia, Holton was an assistant women's soccer coach at NCAA Division III Greensboro College. As an assistant coach at Greensboro, she was responsible for recruiting, academic counseling, scheduling, arranging travel, scouting opponents and goalkeeper training. During her tenure at Greensboro, Holton

coached seven all-conference players, including two all-region players. In the 2007 season, she helped lead the team to a record-breaking season finishing with 14 wins, four losses and one tie.

Holton played on the collegiate level at Elmira College, where she captained her women's soccer team for two of her four seasons, helping the team make it to multiple post-season appearances. Holton graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. She then went on to get her master's degree in sports studies from High Point University in High Point, North Carolina, graduating in 2008.



### 2009-2010

## CTX Basketball Awards



**The** Tornados men's and women's basketball teams collected several postseason awards following the 2009-10 season.

Senior men's basketball forward Brad Walker (Brenham, TX/Brenham H.S.) was named the American Southwest Conference West Division Player of the Year. Walker, who led the men's basketball team to its fourth straight conference tournament appearance, also earned NABC First Team All-South Region and D3hoops.com Second Team All-South Region honors. Freshman guards Nick Haynes (Irving, TX/Irving H.S.) and Margaret Milling (Fort Worth, TX/Paschal H.S.) each garnered Freshman of the Year honors in their respective sports.

Seniors Reza Farahani (Kerrville, TX/Tivy H.S.) and Kerrie Carter (Cuero, TX/Cuero H.S.) were named ASC Distinguished Scholar-Athletes and found a spot on the prestigious CoSIDA/ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District team.

Overall, Concordia basketball teams raked in 27 individual postseason awards.



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**CTX Basketball  
Individual Awards**

# CTX Athletics Schedules

## Fall 2010

### Men's Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/3/10	Houston-Victoria	Victoria, TX	5:00 PM
9/5/10	Our Lady of the Lake	San Antonio, TX	3:00 PM
9/11/10	Southwestern Assemblies of God	Austin, TX	3:00 PM
9/12/10	Austin College	Austin, TX	1:00 PM
9/16/10	McMurry *	Austin, TX	4:00 PM
9/18/10	Hardin-Simmons *	Austin, TX	4:00 PM
9/24/10	Mary Hardin-Baylor*	Belton, TX	4:00 PM
9/25/09	Howard Payne *	Brownwood, TX	4:00 PM
9/30/10	Schreiner *	Austin, TX	4:00 PM
10/2/10	Texas Lutheran *	Austin, TX	4:00 PM
10/8/10	LeTourneau *	Longview , TX	6:00 PM
10/9/10	East Texas Baptist *	Marshall, TX	6:00 PM
10/12/10	Dallas	Irving, TX	4:00 PM
10/16/10	Texas-Tyler *	Tyler, TX	3:00 PM
10/21/10	Ozarks *	Austin, TX	3:00 PM
10/23/10	Texas-Dallas *	Austin, TX	3:00 PM
10/28/10	Louisiana College *	Pineville, LA	3:00 PM
10/30/10	Mississippi College *	Clinton, MS	3:00 PM

\* Indicates American Southwest Conference opponent

### Women's Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/3/10	Huston-Tillotson	TBA	4:00 PM
9/5/10	Our Lady of the Lake	San Antonio, TX	1:00 PM
9/11/10	Southwestern Assemblies of God	Austin, TX	1:00 PM
9/16/10	McMurry *	Austin, TX	2:00 PM
9/18/10	Hardin-Simmons *	Austin, TX	2:00 PM
9/24/10	Mary Hardin-Baylor*	Belton, TX	2:00 PM
9/25/09	Howard Payne *	Brownwood, TX	2:00 PM
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10/23/10	Texas-Dallas *	Austin, TX	1:00 PM
10/28/10	Louisiana College *	Pineville, LA	1:00 PM
10/30/10	Mississippi College *	Clinton, MS	1:00 PM
11/2/10	Southwestern	Georgetown, TX	3:00 PM

\* Indicates American Southwest Conference opponent



### Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
9/7/10	at Mary Hardin-Baylor	Belton, TX	7:00 p.m.
9/17/10	* at Hardin-Simmons	Abilene, TX	7:00 p.m.
9/18/10	* at McMurry	Abilene, TX	1:00 p.m.
9/21/10	* Texas Lutheran	CTX	7:00 p.m.
9/23/10	* Howard Payne	CTX	7:00 p.m.
9/28/10	* Schreiner	CTX	7:00 p.m.
10/1/10	!* vs. East Texas Baptist	Richardson, TX	2:00 p.m.
10/1/10	!* vs. LeTourneau	Richardson, TX	7:00 p.m.
10/2/10	!* at Texas-Dallas	Richardson, TX	12:00 p.m.
10/5/10	* at Texas Lutheran	Seguin, TX	7:00 p.m.
10/8/10	* Hardin-Simmons	CTX	7:00 p.m.
10/9/10	* at Sul Ross State	Alpine, TX	7:00 p.m.
10/15/10	%* Mississippi College	CTX	4:30 p.m.
10/16/10	%* Texas-Tyler	CTX	9:30 a.m.
10/16/10	%* Mary Hardin-Baylor	CTX	2:30 p.m.
10/19/10	* at Howard Payne	Brownwood, TX	7:00 p.m.
10/22/10	* McMurry	CTX	6:00 p.m.
10/23/10	* Sul Ross State	CTX	2:00 p.m.
10/26/10	* at Schreiner	Kerrville, TX	7:00 p.m.

Oct. 29-30  
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Southwestern Halloween Tournament  
American Southwest Conference Tournament

\* denotes American Southwest Conference Games.  
! denotes ASC crossover, hosted by Texas-Dallas.  
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# HOMECOMING 2010

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# CTX Alumni Association President's Perspective

Norm Stoppenhagen ('61)



“With each reception we host, the number of graduates in attendance increase.”

**The** Spring Commencement was in Riverbend Church of Austin May 1st . The Alumni Association hosted a reception in honor of the graduates on April 17th, and some of the faculty and staff from the university joined us at the reception. With each reception we host, the number of graduates in attendance increase. It was a great indication of what cooperation between our chapters can accomplish in serving our alumni.

The university included us in the Commencement program this year, and we were able to officially welcome the graduates into the Alumni Association. Many of them will move from Austin to pursue their careers in other cities, and we will inform the chapter presidents in those cities of their impending arrival.

The 2010 Homecoming Committee has held its first planning meeting, and registration materials will be mailed the end of July so that you will have plenty of time to make your plans to attend. Instructions on how to nominate a professor for the Faculty Wall of Honor and an alumnus or alumnae for Alumnus/Alumnae of the Year will be included. We are especially excited this year because the student body on campus will plan activities with us for Homecoming Week on campus preceding the arrival of the alumni on the weekend.

Board member Candice Bielss is working on a revision of our outdated by-laws that will aid the work of the Alumni Board greatly. Priscilla Trevizo, our vice-president, is getting ready to take applications for the three scholarships we want to award at Homecoming Weekend. Our secretary, Eileen Godeaux, has learned how to set up our web page so that you can get the current information about what the association is doing and what events are taking place for our alumni in its various chapters. Kyle Robinson agreed to serve as our Treasurer and is working on a more effective way to report

our financial status.

Our main source of income, of course, is your contributions. If you wish to contribute to the Alumni Association scholarship fund, now is the time. Without additional contributions the scholarships will be only a small help to the students who receive them. We are again asking that each alumnus or alumnae also make an annual contribution of \$25 to the Alumni Association. It amounts to no more than a night for your family at McDonalds. Be sure to designate it for the association. You may contribute on the web site or send your donation attention Amy Huth of the Alumni Association. These monies will be used for graduate receptions, scholarships, publicity, chapter seed and support money, and the setting up of the Wall of Honor as well as new projects undertaken by the association.

If you would like some interesting information about Concordia University Texas and/or a bit of nostalgia, I recommend the DVD, “Crossing Jordan,” a history of the university by decades and of the old campus and professors. You will probably see a classmate or two in it. You may order it from Amy Huth. It is well worth the price of \$20.

In His service and yours,  
Norm Stoppenhagen ('61)







# 2010 North Texas Alumni Chapter Event

The first 2010 gathering of the North Texas Alumni Chapter was Friday, March 12 at Pluckers in Arlington. It was a fun night of food, drink, fun and fellowship. There was a special reserved section just for the Concordia group to enjoy good conversation and reconnect with each other.

To get involved in the North Texas Alumni Chapter email Jeff Strege '84 at [jeffhoutx@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffhoutx@hotmail.com) or check facebook page "Concordia Texas - North Texas Alumni"

## UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS



### July 13

Alumni Reception at Synodical Convention  
 Home Plate Grill - 1800 Texas Avenue Suite 100 Houston, Texas 77003  
 Houston alumni and ALL alumni attending the convention are encouraged to attend this reception for you!

### October 22, 23, 24

HOMECOMING 2010!

### Chapter Presidents

This summer is a great time to get active in your CTX alumni chapter. Below are the current chapter presidents and other contacts for the CTX Alumni Chapters across the country. If you are an alumni and live in an area with a chapter, please make contact and renew your connection to Concordia University Texas. If you would like to find out how to start a chapter in your city, email [alumni@concordia.edu](mailto:alumni@concordia.edu) or call the Alumni Office 512-313-4111.

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# Alumni Notes



**Steven Stoppenhagen**, grandson of **Norm Stoppenhagen ('61)** was born March 23 at 11:56 a.m.. He weighed at 6 lbs. 15 oz. and stood 20 1/2 inches tall. He is the first grandchild born in Texas for the Stoppenhagen Family.



**Kurt Senske ('79)**, CEO of Lutheran Social Services of the South, Inc., was

selected as the new board chair for Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Dr. Senske has been a member of the Thrivent board of directors and its predecessors since 1999.

On Easter Sunday, **Pastor Kevin Westerngren ('87)** from Redeemer Lutheran Church proposed to Tammy Ferguson, and she accepted! God's blessings to them!



**Jennifer Wied Davis ('01)** and husband Bradley welcomed their first daughter on June 25, 2009. Brooke Camille Davis 8 lbs. and 4 oz. and 21 inches long and was born at Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, Spring, TX.



**Justin Johnson ('02)** introduces daughter, Nora Jane Johnson. She was born July 9, 2009, 7.5 lbs, 21 inches long. "She is the light of our lives".

Congratulations to **Ms. Ashley Schneider ('04)** who has been selected as the Teacher of the Year for Forest Trail Elementary School. Ms. Schneider started her career at Forest Trail in 2004 as a first grade teacher upon graduating from Concordia. She has established herself as a school leader in the field of early literacy and science as well as having served on the Campus Leadership Team.

## CTX Alumni Retires as Teacher of the Year



**Darlene Schultz Cox ('67)** has retired after 38 years in the classroom. She taught at Mt. Olive, Concordia, and Crown of Life in San Antonio for a combined total of 14 years. For the past 24 years she has taught at Hutchins ES in the South San Antonio ISD. During the year 2008-2009 she was honored by her district as its Teacher of the Year. She was awarded the KENS-5 Excel Award and continued on to be recognized as one of twenty Distinguished Educators for the 2009 Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching in the Bexar county area.



# Faculty Wall of Honor

## Dr. Richard J. Dinda



The 2009 Wall of Honor recipient was Dr. Richard J. Dinda. Dr. Dinda and his family were present at the October 2009 Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association. Dr. Dinda was presented with his certificate of honor by 2008-2009 Alumni Association President Donna Rupp and 2009-2010 President-elect Norm Stoppenhagen.

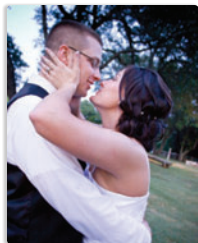
Nominations for the 2010 must be submitted by **August 15, 2010**

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This recognition is bestowed upon Concordia University Texas Faculty by the CTX Alumni Association. Recipients are recognized as an outstanding faculty member whose dedicated service to Concordia University Texas has personified the University's mission of developing Christian leaders. Recipients are

exemplary academic educators committed to: providing innovative techniques and methodologies in the classroom; contributing significantly to student learning and academic success; advancing the University's priority of educational excellence; and demonstrating dedication to our diverse student community.



**Nate Hill ('08)** and **Candice Biells Hill ('08)** were married Saturday, August 15, 2009 at Zion Lutheran, Walburg, Texas. They are currently living in St. Louis.



On Friday, April 23 the Concordia community honored **Dr. Don Zielke** for his more than 40 years of service at Concordia. Dr. Zielke joined the faculty of Concordia in 1967.



**Andrea Bolognini ('09)** is currently serving with LCMS World Mission in Hong Kong.



**Dr. Michal Larraine Rosenberger** was honored for her service at Concordia on Monday, April 19. Dr. Rosenberger has been part of the College of Education since 2000.

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# In Memoriam



Erwin Richard Michalk graduated from Concordia Lutheran High School in 1941



Erwin Richard Michalk lived in Tucson Arizona and is survived by many family members that are Concordia alumni themselves

**Erwin Richard Michalk ('41)**, died March 27, 2009 in Tucson, Arizona after a long battle with COPD. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Wyneken), son Michael E. (CLC class of 1985), daughter Cristine Michalk-Pogue (CLC class of 1986) their spouses, five grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Also by brother Rev. Theodore A. Michalk (Katherine), sister Ruth Michalk Doering (Curtis), sister Dorothy Michalk Geisler and many nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends, many of whom are also Concordia alumni or students. He valued the Christian education he received at Concordia and supported the institution as he was able.

**A. Dean Kelm ('58)** passed away April 4, 2010. He was a high school graduate of Concordia from 1958

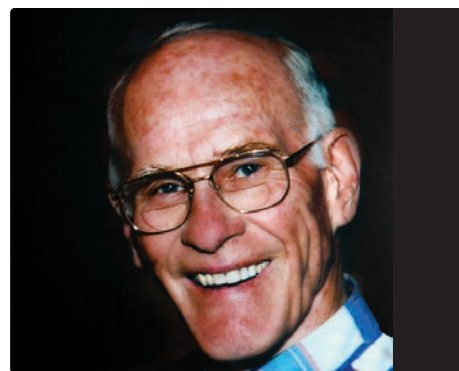
**Diane (Miller) Reeves ('67)** died on September 20, 2008. When she graduated Concordia in 1967 and went on to Concordia, Seward, Nebraska. After teaching at a couple of different Lutheran elementary schools throughout the country, she settled

in Dallas, TX, teaching at a school that eventually had Robert "Preacher" Preece as Pastor. She finally gave into requests from a family friend who had just been elected State Representative from the N. Dallas area to be his chief legislative aide. When her daughter entered Concordia University as a student, Diane moved to Austin to run the legislative office directly from Austin. She left behind a husband, Ben, and her daughter Michelle, as well as two brothers and a sister

**Joe Patrick Bean** of Austin, Texas, formerly of Lamar, died December 24, 2009 at Brackinridge Hospital in Austin. He died as a result of a severe head injury sustained in a fall in the parking garage where he worked, followed by a massive heart attack. He was 51. Mr. Bean was on the faculty for several years at Concordia University Texas. He later completed a master's degree in journalism and worked for newspapers in San Antonio, Muskogee, Oklahoma and Victoria.

He is survived by his mother Pat Bean of Lamar, Mo., and two brothers, Shaun and his wife Sandy Bean, and Ron and his wife Tracy bean of Liberal, Mo.

**Dr. Elaine Costello**, passed away Sunday, February 21, after an extended illness. Dr. Costello was a graduate of Concordia Lutheran College and eventually went on to become the director of Gallaudet University Press in Washington, DC. A few years ago she was one of the speakers in the Distinguished Speakers Series. She wrote several sign language books and served in the deaf ministry.



**Dr. Bernie Gastler**, professor emeritus of music was called to his heavenly home Saturday night, November 21, 2009.



Photo of a visit in August, from left to right David Goeke ('68), Amy Huth, Cynthia Klenk Woodlee ('62), Elmer Klenk ('32), Jackie Macha('10), Bettie Horn Bendewald ('57)

**Rev. Elmer Klenk ('32)** went to be with the Lord Monday, November 23, 2009. Rev. Klenk was Concordia's oldest living alumnus and is survived by his daughter, Concordia alumna, Cynthia Klenk Woodlee ('62).



# We Are One Body with Many Members

by: Andrea Bolognini '09

The month of March was full of pre-Easter celebrations and a visit from the supervisor of my internship with Concordia University Texas (CTX). I am currently serving as a missionary in Hong Kong through LCMS World Mission but I am also still partnering with CTX serving as a two-year Director of Christian Education (DCE) intern. A traditional internship is done in a church in the United States for one year, then the intern becomes a "rostered" Lutheran church worker (this means that he or she can work in a Lutheran church). My internship is a two year commitment because I needed to have time to adjust to the cultural and language differences before I could become truly effective. I have now settled into the routine of Hong Kong life and have a good understanding of the ministry needs in Hong Kong so it was time for my supervisor (Dr. Jacob Youmans) to visit and see all of the amazing things God is doing in Hong Kong.

Professor Youmans spent five days in Hong Kong and fought through his jet lag and exhaustion in order to experience every ministry with which I am involved. In total, I work with two churches and three schools in any given week. Together professor Youmans and I visited each site and met with the people who are key to the ministries that I am involved in such as students, teachers, pastors, principles, and the people who work in the LCMS World Mission Asia Headquarters. It was a lot to put in five days but the benefit of these five days was tremendous.

I am the first international DCE from CTX and I am one of the first three missionaries in my current position in Hong Kong which is new this year. These 'firsts' provide an opportunity for me to learn as well as to shape the future of these ministries. Partnerships are being formed between the Lutheran Church Hong Kong Synod (LCHK), LCMS World Mission, and CTX. This is a blessing because we are called to work together to share the message



LCHKs sharing some Hong Kong Culture



Dr. Youmans Experiencing Hong Kong



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of Jesus Christ to all people. We are one body of believers even if we are half a world apart. Romans 12:4-6 says,

*"Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."*

The LCHK has the gift of relating and ministering to its own people and culture. LCMS World Mission has a gift of expanding the mission field and sharing the message of Jesus Christ all over the world. CTX has a gift of educating and shaping young people as well as putting their mission statement into action which is "developing Christian leaders." Of course these are not their only gifts but they are very important ones and as one body these

three can use their gifts, work together, and do God's will in new and exciting ways!

The visit by professor Youmans helped to provide CTX with an understanding of the ministry opportunities in Hong Kong and other local areas. It also gave the people in Hong Kong a better understanding of what a DCE intern is and how they can continue to partner with CTX and LCMS World Mission in future internship placements. I am very excited about these opportunities and I pray that God will continue to strengthen this connection and work through this new partnership!



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Help Andrea serve at:  
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*This article was first published by LCMS World Mission*

# Concordia University Texas

## Alumnus Develops iPhone App

Former NASA planner creates counter-clockwise time telling application

**Concordia** University Texas Alumnus, Christopher Leslie ('95) recently developed a Truth Timepiece iPhone application to help tell time the "correct" way. According to Leslie, the average person tells time incorrectly, an observation he made while researching a way to tell time on the moon.

"Imagine yourself suspended in outer space, above the Earth, looking down at the North Pole. You will see a sphere half lit and half dark. The Earth is spinning counter clockwise," Leslie said.

Based on this reasoning, Leslie believes people should tell time in a counter clockwise fashion, the basis for his Truth Timepiece. And so, Leslie's Truth Timepiece operates without the minute and second hands of a clock. Unlike a sundial, which casts a clockwise-moving shadow, this timepiece tells time by showing a disk, representing the earth, rotating counter clockwise around a stationary sun.

"To understand what time it is where you are, just look at the top of the dial where the sun touches the earth. It's pointing to your local time. The numbers on the disk represent each line of longitude, on the earth, as it passes directly underneath the sun," Leslie, said.

The time it takes for the earth to rotate under the sun from one line of longitude to the next, equals one hour. There are twenty four lines of longitude on the charted globe. Twenty-four hours for the earth to rotate once.

Christopher Leslie's iPhone Application Stems from Previous Work at NASA to Create a Timepiece for Future Astronauts to Use While Operating on the Lunar Surface



Since the moon's daylight period lasts two weeks, as well as its night period, Leslie needed to consider a new way for astronauts to calibrate their internal alarm clocks. By looking at this clock, astronauts can see when their families will experience night time or when those same loved ones are passing underneath the sun at noon.

"As always, we are proud of our alumni achievements," Dr. Tom Cedel, President of Concordia University Texas, said. "We look

forward to these types of accomplishments, as an extension of the work our students begin on campus, fully expecting each student to make an impact in their field of expertise."

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Christopher Leslie - Truth Timepiece



# Mark Your Calendars for **July 13<sup>th</sup>**!

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