

# Concordia University Chicago





## Degree Programs and Areas of Study

I EXPECT OUR STUDENTS TO CONTRIBUTE A GENUINE SENSE OF CONSCIENCE TO OUR COMMUNITY. I HOPE ALL OF THEM IMPACT THE WORLD WITH THEIR JOY, ENTHUSIASM AND GRACE.

—Erin Real, Assistant Professor of Spanish

### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

(This listing is subject to change. Refer to the University catalog available online at [CUChicago.edu](http://CUChicago.edu) for the most up-to-date listing.)

#### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Applied Microscopy \*  
 Art  
 Biology (BA or BS)  
 Chemistry (BA or BS)  
 Christian Ministry  
 Classical Liberal Studies  
 Communication  
 Computer Information Systems  
 Computer Science (BA or BS)  
 Criminal Justice  
 Deaconess – Theology Professional Studies  
 English  
 Exercise Science  
 Graphic Arts  
 Health Sciences majors:  
 – Emergency Medical Service \*  
 – Health Informatics and Information Management \* †  
 – Nursing (BSN) \* †  
 – Pre-Athletic Training  
 – Pre-Clinical Exercise Physiology  
 – Pre-Dentistry ‡  
 – Pre-Medicine ‡  
 – Pre-Occupational Therapy  
 – Pre-Pharmacy ‡  
 – Pre-Physical Therapy  
 History  
 Journalism  
 Mathematics (BA)  
 Mathematics – Actuarial Science Specialization  
 Mathematics – Computer Science Specialization  
 Mathematics – Natural Science Specialization  
 Mathematics – Pure Math Specialization  
 Music  
 Music – Director of Parish Music

Natural Science  
 Philosophy  
 Political Science  
 Pre-Art Therapy  
 Psychological Research Dual BA/MA  
 Psychology  
 Social Work  
 Sociology  
 Spanish  
 Sport and Fitness  
 Theater  
 Theological Languages  
 Theology – Christian Studies  
 Theology – Professional Studies  
 Women's and Gender Studies

\* Program not available to international students.

† Joint degree program with Resurrection University.

‡ LECOM program option available (not for international students).

#### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Accounting (BA or BS)  
 Business Communication  
 Church/Nonprofit Management  
 Church/Nonprofit Management Pre-Seminary  
 Management (BA or BS)  
 Management with a Media Arts Emphasis  
 Management with a Music Emphasis  
 Management with a Theater Emphasis  
 Management with a Visual Art Emphasis  
 Marketing (BA or BS)  
 Sports Management (BA or BS)

#### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Director of Christian Education (DCE Single Certification)  
 Director of Christian Education with Elementary Education  
 Licensure (DCE Dual Certification)  
 Director of Christian Education with Middle Grades Education  
 Licensure (DCE Dual Certification)  
 Early Childhood Education (birth–grade 2)

Elementary Education (grades 1–6)  
 Foreign Language – Spanish Language Education (grades K–12)  
 Middle Grades Education (grades 5–8)

Subject areas:

- Literacy
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Sciences

Music Education (grades K–12)  
 Physical Education (grades K–12)  
 Secondary Education (grades 9–12)

Subject areas:

- English/Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Physical Education
- Science: Biology
- Science: Chemistry
- Social Science: History
- Visual Arts

Special Education (age 3–age 21)  
 Visual Arts Education (grades K–12)

#### Other Pre-Professional Studies:

Pre-Law • Pre-Veterinary Medicine

#### Church Professional Programs:

Lutheran Teacher Education • Director of Christian Education •  
 Pre-Seminary • Deaconess • Director of Parish Music

### POST-BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS

For a complete listing of post-baccalaureate, master's and doctoral programs, refer to the University catalog available online at [CUChicago.edu](http://CUChicago.edu).

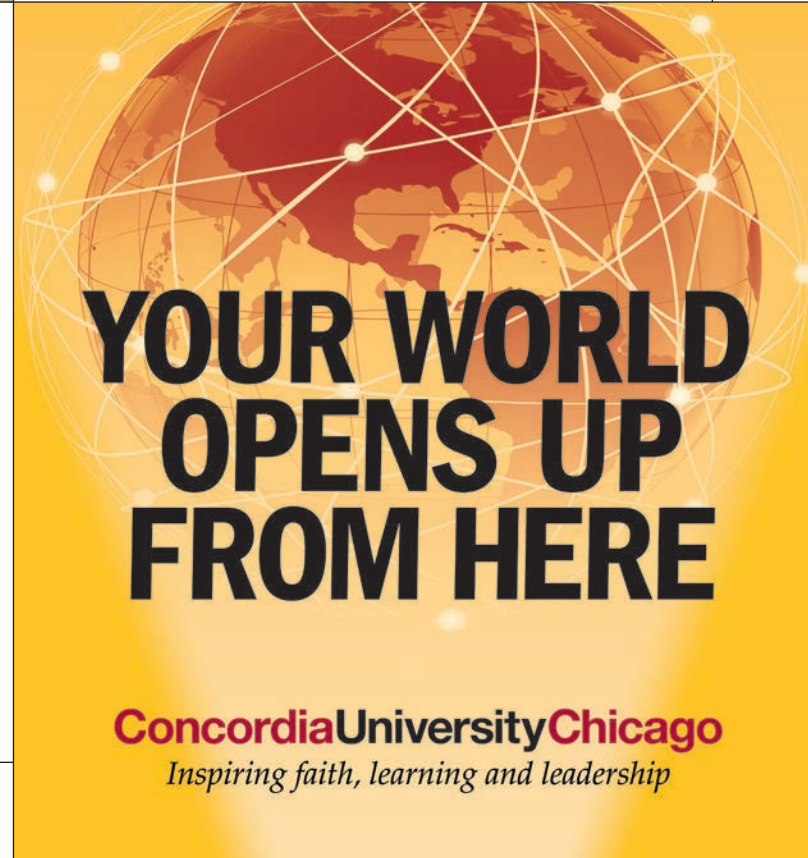




Learning  
that enriches  
Faith  
that uplifts  
Leadership  
that takes  
you places

## YOUR EDUCATION AT A COLLEGE OF DISTINCTION

You want your college experience to prepare you for a career and for life. We understand that. That's why at Concordia University Chicago learning, faith and leadership are interwoven. And it's why we focus on inspiring learning, faith and leadership that develop your potential and open doors to opportunity. CUC graduates make a difference in the world and in the lives of others. Distinctive academic programs are designed to meet students' diverse interests as well as the changing needs of the world in which we live, serve and work. You will have access to the countless resources of Chicago while you become part of a close-knit community firmly grounded in faith and shared values—a community where you'll be inspired, challenged and appreciated for your contributions. Student engagement, great teaching, vibrant community life and successful outcomes after graduation—it's all so rooted in the Concordia University Chicago experience that we've been recognized as a national College of Distinction *and* a Christian College of Distinction.



**YOUR WORLD  
OPENS UP  
FROM HERE**

**ConcordiaUniversityChicago**

*Inspiring faith, learning and leadership*

# Inspiring learning that creates opportunity



## JOE BAYER '17

Computer science major & graphic arts minor, software developer at Sogeti in Westchester, Illinois

## RIGOROUS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

"I came to CUC knowing next to nothing about computer programming, and I left the University as an IEEE Chicago Xtreme 24-Hour Programming Champion. Thanks to the amazing computer science faculty and the program's rigorous work ethic, CUC students are continually contacted by companies like Microsoft, Google, Facebook, Amazon and more."

Learning at Concordia is dynamic. We incorporate real-world connections, close interaction with faculty, and service learning activities that take advantage of the amazing resources of our Chicago-area location to benefit your learning experience. Our liberal arts-based program provides perspectives to develop your critical thinking and analytical skills, and your learning experiences are shaped by faculty who are active in their professional communities and connected to resources and networks that benefit students. Among our faculty are six Fulbright Scholars, sharing their passion for teaching and exchange of ideas in places like Latvia and Croatia. CUC faculty are highly committed to their role as teacher, mentor and advisor to each individual student.

THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF CAB (CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BOARD) HAS HELPED ME REALIZE THAT I CAN BE A LEADER. BEING A LEADER IS MORE THAN JUST SHOWING UP AND TAKING NOTES—IT'S COMMUNICATING WITH OTHERS, BEING ABLE TO THINK ABOUT THE FUTURE, CONSIDERING OTHER PEOPLE AND MOTIVATING OTHERS.

—Sarah Santizo, elementary education major (middle school endorsement), from Chicago

## CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO RECOGNIZED AS A COLLEGE OF DISTINCTION



What does it mean to attend a College of Distinction? At Concordia University Chicago, it means:

- Pursuing your education at a university nationally recognized by educators for excellence.
- Learning from CUC faculty who are strongly focused on you and your classmates, know you by name and create vibrant classrooms keeping you challenged and interested.
- Engaging in a wide variety of innovative learning experiences: research, service learning, internships and hands-on programs that open up new ideas, new worlds and new opportunities for you.
- Growing as part of an active campus with many opportunities for personal development.
- Graduating from a university highly valued by graduate schools and employers for outstanding preparation, with our long track record of successful graduates.

The Colleges of Distinction program especially recognizes our faith-based environment that not only embraces learning through experience, but also actively supports students' educational, personal and professional growth. When you come to campus, you'll recognize it, too.



# Impacting change through service



## SERVICE COMMITMENT EARNS CUC NATIONAL RECOGNITION

*Concordia University Chicago has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll six times. This honor "highlights the role colleges and universities play in solving community problems and placing more students on a lifelong path of civic engagement by recognizing institutions that achieve meaningful, measurable outcomes in the communities they serve."*

Service learning is tied to course content, and it helps students realize these issues aren't just topics in a textbook that they read and talk about in class. Students get to see firsthand up close, which makes the theoretical aspects they are learning in class more concrete.

We match our students' talents with community needs to potentially change and improve the lives of others. Here are just a few ways CUC students are making an impact:

- Members of Concordia's non-partisan conservation organization met with local and state politicians and lobbied for the Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act, or E-Scrap bill, to set up a government-run recycling program for electronics that contain mercury, lead and other environmental toxins.
- Some students serve as mentors to young readers at Chicago-area elementary schools through the "Reading Buddies" program, while other students help at neighborhood shelters with meal programs and clothing collections.
- Members of CUC's football team prepared meal packets for the Feed My Starving Children organization to help hungry children around the world.



AS PART OF MY FRESHMAN SEMINAR COURSE, I WORKED WITH A GROUP OF STUDENTS ON A LANDSCAPING SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE PARK DISTRICT OF OAK PARK. IT'S COOL KNOWING THAT THE HOURS THAT I AND OTHER STUDENTS PUT IN ARE GOING TO HAVE A LASTING IMPACT ON KIDS AND FAMILIES WHO USE THE PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

—Ari Osvath, psychology major, women's and gender studies minor, from Mount Prospect, Illinois



# Recognized programs in arts and



## **ALEK AGUILOS '16**

**Nursing major, neuro/telemetry nurse at Presence Resurrection Medical Center in Chicago**

### **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE TO SUPPLEMENT CLASSROOM LEARNING**

"Whether it's holding the hand of a patient in pain, teaching a newborn's parents how to swaddle their baby, or stabilizing critical patients, I really enjoy knowing that I was able to touch so many different lives as a nursing student. I had very passionate instructors and great experiences both clinically and academically, and I made good friends and met amazing people along the way who inspired, motivated and pushed me past my own limits. I feel that the entire program prepared me so well for my career in nursing."

In the College of Arts and Sciences, CUC offers a traditional academic program based in the liberal arts with more than 40 areas of study, ranging from English and graphic arts to pre-law and social work. A major in interdisciplinary studies gives students an opportunity to combine multiple areas of interest or talent. And pre-professional programs are designed to prepare students for successful entrance into and performance in professional programs, including law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physical therapy, veterinary medicine or theology.

Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are encouraged to apply their learning and enhance knowledge and skills through internships, service learning and other field experiences for credit. These opportunities for cultivating expertise and skill, combined with a broad base of coursework, help develop crucial thinking and communication skills for future success.



**"AS PROFESSORS, IT'S OUR JOB TO HELP INSTILL CURIOSITY AND WONDER. WE WANT STUDENTS TO GO OUT AND DISCOVER THINGS AND LEARN—AND WE WANT THEM TO SEE THE VALUE IN ALL THEIR CLASSES. THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WE CAN DO."**

—Dr. Bob Hayes, Professor of Political Science and Philosophy



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## JOINT NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM

Concordia–Chicago's unique joint nursing degree program in partnership with Resurrection University allows you to earn a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) from two fully accredited institutions, while you enjoy the benefits of being a student at two nationally recognized universities. As a member of two campus communities, you have the opportunity to participate in campus activities and access student services and resources at Concordia and Resurrection University. You can even live in CUC's residence halls all four years, while taking courses at Resurrection University.

General education and science courses at CUC during your freshman and sophomore years help you build a solid foundation to move into specialized study. The remaining two years of the program take place at Resurrection University in Chicago, where nursing classes prepare you to meet the challenges of today's evolving health care environment. Students gain firsthand experience and knowledge in a wide range of areas, including pediatrics, community health, mental health, older adult nursing, pharmacology and more. A nursing degree from CUC and Resurrection University prepares you to help others, change lives and make a difference in a successful nursing career.



INSPIRING

LEARNING

# Learning that develops competent educ

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO IS ACCREDITED BY THE  
COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION.



“AT CUC, WE ARE INSPIRED TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND. AFTER GRADUATION, I WANT TO BE A TEACHER AND A MENTOR FOR YOUNGER FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS. I WANT TO BE A ROLE MODEL FOR THEM BECAUSE THEY MIGHT NOT FEEL LIKE THEY CAN ASK FOR HELP.”

—Francisco Peralta, secondary education–English major (ESL endorsement), from Chicago

It’s not surprising that many students cite Concordia University Chicago’s education program as *the* reason they chose to attend. The University is recognized as an educational leader. So recognized is the CUC brand of teacher preparation that more than 3,000 current teachers and school administrators throughout the country enroll in any given year for graduate education degrees.

One of our key strengths is our faculty, who are committed to keeping abreast of educational trends while maintaining a comprehensive program that prepares competent, confident and dedicated teachers at all levels. Most importantly, according to our students, professors share their classroom experiences and wisdom and work closely with each student to make sure he or she is completely prepared to succeed in the classroom.

The nationally recognized Early Childhood Education Center provides a state-of-the-art learning laboratory on campus for students to gain valuable experience using the best resources and education techniques available.



**STEPHANIE COIL '16**  
Elementary education major (middle school endorsement), *teacher at Neubert Elementary School in Algonquin, Illinois; Named Illinois Outstanding Beginning Teacher, 2017*

#### EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING—RIGHT FROM THE START

“As an education major at CUC, I started doing field experience right away, so I was able to decide early on that teaching is really my passion. It made me more motivated about my career, and I feel CUC does a really good job helping students out with that. All of my education professors shared their own experiences from when they were in the field teaching, and it made me want to have those experiences as well. I was always inspired when I was at a school for field experience, especially when I helped out with the kids instead of just observing. It really inspired me to keep pushing on with my classes.”



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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Education

TEACHING



#### OUR AWARD-WINNING STUDENTS AND ALUMNI



Among CUC's many education graduates are 16 alumni in the teaching profession who have been recognized by the Golden Apple Foundation for outstanding teaching. In addition, more than 20 CUC students have taken part or are currently in the program as Golden Apple Scholars. These talented students receive a scholarship while attending Concordia–Chicago and commit to teach for five years in an Illinois school of need after graduation.

**"SEEING STUDENTS GROW INTELLECTUALLY, SPIRITUALLY AND EMOTIONALLY IS VERY REWARDING, AND IT'S AN HONOR TO SERVE AT A UNIVERSITY WHERE THE PROFILE OF OUR GRADUATES SURPASSES EXPECTATIONS."**

—Dr. Kevin Brandon,  
Dean of the College of Education





### YISHEN CAI

Business management major, from Qingdao, Shandong, China

### PROFESSORS WHO MENTOR AND GUIDE

"I chose Concordia University Chicago because of the business program, and I felt I would be able to settle in a little better in the smaller campus community. Community is the best thing about studying at CUC. Classmates see each other a lot around campus, and living on campus really strengthens those relationships. I've been able to get to know a lot of people and make a lot of friends with American students. Professors in the College of Business really spend time with us. Professor Tim Basadur works with us on the student organization CEG (Concordia Entrepreneurial Group). He is teaching me to be a better leader and a better manager. He helps us to strengthen our practical business skills."

# Learning that puts you in



BESIDES THERE BEING SMALL CLASSES, WHAT I FIND REALLY COMFORTING AT CONCORDIA-CHICAGO IS THAT THE PROFESSORS KNOW MY NAME, THEY KNOW ME PERSONALLY, AND THEY CARE ABOUT ME AS AN INDIVIDUAL. THEY ALSO HAVE OFFICE HOURS FOR HELP, AND STUDENTS ARE GUARANTEED TO SEE THEM. THE SMALLER ASPECT OF THE UNIVERSITY LETS US HAVE THAT CONNECTION NOT ONLY WITH OTHER STUDENTS, BUT ALSO WITH THE FACULTY AND STAFF.

—Ellen Moussou, marketing major and business communication minor, from Fort Wayne, Indiana



# business

"THE BEAUTY OF BEING HERE AT CUC IS THAT OUR STUDENTS CAN GET ON THE 'L' AND GO INTO THE CITY TO DISCUSS A PROJECT THEY ARE WORKING ON WITH THE BUSINESS OWNER, FACE-TO-FACE. YOU COULDN'T HAVE THAT SAME EXPERIENCE AT A COLLEGE IN THE MIDDLE OF A RURAL AREA."

—Elisabeth Dellegrazie, MBA, Assistant Professor of Marketing and Chair, MBA Program

## WE MEAN BUSINESS


Students in the College of Business have a wide variety of programs from which to choose. To meet the emerging needs of the business world, bachelor of arts degree offerings and bachelor of science degrees in management in several areas of emphasis have been expanded.

For a business student at Concordia, our Chicago-area location is a key advantage. Local business and nonprofit leaders come to campus regularly and create a large network of contacts at potential internship and employment sites for CUC students. Business professors are often working in the field as they teach and bring those experiences and networks into the classroom. The faculty are also committed to integrating discussion and the study of ethics into each course, remaining focused on Concordia's faith-based mission.

The CUC chapter of Phi Beta Lambda, a national organization for future business leaders, links concepts learned in the classroom to the business community through educational opportunities, professional events and real-world experiences. Phi Beta Lambda members benefit from networking, speakers, job placement assistance, leadership development and more. Students also have the option to study abroad, where they can learn firsthand about other cultures' approaches to business.



# Performing in harmony



Whether you want to pursue a professional career in music or simply continue to improve your skills, Concordia's music program will support your aspirations and personal passion for music. Music students benefit from Chicago's many venues filled with a variety of live performances, from classical and jazz to the latest Broadway musicals. CUC's location also provides for quality private lessons with faculty members who are highly sought-after teachers and performers in the Chicago area.

Music faculty are dedicated to providing a rich variety of opportunities for musical learning and performance in a Christian environment, while preparing you for the future. The most recently added ensemble is the Chamber Orchestra, which performs works from the orchestral tradition with two concerts annually, including a concerto competition.

Our well-respected choral and instrumental groups—Kapelle and Wind Symphony, respectively—travel and perform regularly in the U.S., and every four years they tour overseas to share their musical gifts and experience other cultures. Recent international tours have included destinations in Poland, China and South Africa.



#### **REBECCA EIFERT '14**

President's honor scholar, music education (LTE) major and math minor, teacher/band director at Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw, Michigan; Named LEA Outstanding New Lutheran Secondary Educator, 2016

#### **OPPORTUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD**

"The Wind Symphony's tour to China my junior year at CUC was such a fantastic experience. Through our music we were able to bring our culture into what we played, just as the Chinese ensembles that played before us were able to share their culture with us. I couldn't have asked for a better group to go to China with—having the opportunity to play with an ensemble and feel the music speaking to us in a way that words will never express."



#### **MUSICAL GROUPS**

Chamber Orchestra ■  
Cougar Band (pep band)  
■ Handbell Ensemble  
■ Jazz Band ■ Kapelle  
(touring choir) ■ Laudate  
(women's chamber choir) ■  
Männerchor (men's chamber  
choir) ■ Résonanz (chapel  
contemporary ensemble)  
■ Schola Cantorum (chapel  
choir) ■ University Band  
■ Wind Symphony (touring  
wind band)

IT WAS AN AMAZING FEELING PERFORMING WITH THE WIND SYMPHONY AT CARNEGIE HALL IN NEW YORK CITY. THE ENERGY OF THE GROUP WAS JUST SO AWESOME.

—Bethany Christiansen '15, president's honor scholar, elementary education (LTE) major (middle school endorsement), teacher at Faith Lutheran School in Plano, Texas



# Answering the call to serve



## ANDREW THOMPSON

Christian ministry major (pre-seminary), psychology and biblical languages minors, from Newhall, Iowa

### A COMMUNITY THAT ENCOURAGES FELLOWSHIP AND FAITH ENRICHMENT

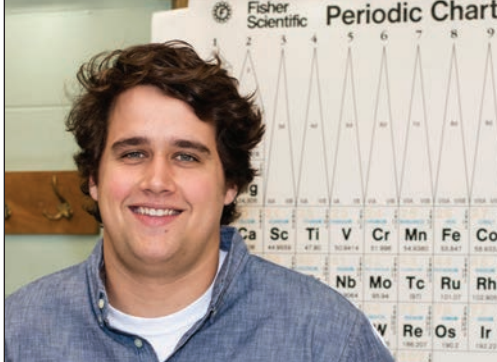
"The pre-seminary program at Concordia University Chicago is wonderful because I'm with a great group of guys who encourage me and are passionate about the same things as I am. There is plenty of good fellowship, and the diverse backgrounds of everyone in the program help me see different perspectives. The community and the experience CUC provides me go beyond the tangible. It impacts my faith and gives me the opportunity to learn from others."

*Church professional students share their Christian faith and make a positive difference in the lives of people of all ages and backgrounds, in a variety of urban, suburban and rural settings. CUC offers the following Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod church professional programs:*

- Lutheran Teacher Education (LTE)
- Director of Christian Education (DCE)
- Pre-Seminary
- Deaconess
- Director of Parish Music (DPM)

*High-quality academic instruction and an array of internship and service possibilities in the Chicago area equip church professionals with the tools they need to be effective in their future ministries. You will become part of a community committed to the intellectual and spiritual growth of each member.*





# Connecting your education to world-class

## ETHAN DRIFFILL

Biology major and sustainability minor, from Magna, Utah

### INTERNSHIPS THAT OFFER REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

"My faculty advisor connected me with internship opportunities available through the Associated Colleges of Illinois, and I was able to do a paid internship at the Nature Conservancy in downtown Chicago. Through the fieldwork, I gained experience hosting volunteer work at local nature areas like the Montrose Beach Dunes, while at the same time working side by side with a biologist and learning as I went along. I loved every second of this internship and didn't want it to end."

## CHICAGOLAND IS HOME TO MORE THAN 30 FORTUNE 500 COMPANY HEADQUARTERS.

### CHICAGO FIELD EXCURSIONS

- Accounting students picked up valuable job tips at the Deloitte Chicago office.
- Students learned insider aspects of retail marketing and merchandising while visiting Whole Foods Market.
- Marketing students benefited from professional seminars at the annual Direct Marketing Association convention.
- Art students viewed the collections at the Art Institute and the Museum of Contemporary Art.
- Geography students immersed themselves in cultures while touring several Chicago neighborhoods (Ukrainian Village, Chinatown, Pilsen) and visiting cultural museums and authentic restaurants.
- Marketing students got a glimpse of real-world advertising while meeting with executives at Edelman global public relations firm.

**RECENT INTERNSHIP SITES (a sampling)** ■ 1871 Chicago ■ Athletico ■ Brookfield Zoo ■ Catholic Charities ■ CBS 2 News Chicago ■ Chicago Symphony Orchestra ■ CNN ■ Downtown Oak Park (business association) ■ ESPN ■ Fujifilm Graphic Services Division ■ Kane County Cougars ■ LCMS schools and churches throughout the world ■ Loyola University Medical Center ■ Lutheran Child and Family Services ■ Nature Conservancy ■ Northwestern Mutual ■ *Popular Mechanics* magazine ■ River Forest Police Department ■ Shedd Aquarium ■ Smithsonian Institute ■ Stage Left Theatre ■ U.S. Congressman's Office





# opportunities



Not many colleges have a location quite like Concordia University Chicago's. Our safe, compact campus, with easy access to the country's third largest city, expands classroom boundaries in many ways. Professors take advantage of proximity to numerous cultural, historic, educational and business resources. Prominent artists, business leaders and experts visit campus for presentations and performances. Visitors have included:

- Rob Johnson, news anchor for CBS 2 Chicago
- Deborah Kapoor, Seattle-based artist specializing in encaustic paintings
- Illinois State Senator Don Harmon
- Gary Cuneen, founder and executive director of Seven Generations Ahead, an organization advocating for local solutions to global environmental problems
- Ashton Applewhite, author and leading spokesperson for a movement to mobilize against discrimination based on age

Because of our ideal location, internship prospects are plentiful in business, education, health care and many more fields. In addition, our students benefit from access to research opportunities and professional conferences that help them network.



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—The Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Gard,  
President of Concordia University Chicago

# Faith that engages



## AARON KEY '14

Business management major,  
Service Excellence Program  
representative for Chicago Cubs

### GUIDANCE TOWARD AN ETHICAL LIFE OF INTEGRITY

"I think Concordia-Chicago did a really good job of giving me a great education and a starting point, while also allowing me to grow in my faith. I wanted to do things the right way and work extremely hard at it, which ties back to my personal values. When the Cubs had an opening, I figured there would be millions of other applicants and thought I didn't have a chance. But I was very diligent about my cover letter and résumé, and I prepared for hours for my interview—and I got the job."

"AT CUC I NEVER FORGOT ABOUT MY FAITH—I WAS SURROUNDED BY IT, WHICH IS A POSITIVE THING. THERE ARE A LOT OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP GROUPS ON CAMPUS, AND WITH THE TRACK TEAM, WE HAD DEVOTIONS AND KEPT GOD AT THE CENTER OF THINGS IN OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS COMPETITION."

—Joshlynn Eaton '14, sports management major,  
pursuing graduate study in kinesiology: sport  
management at California State University, Long Beach

As a Lutheran Christian institution, CUC cultivates within each of its students the ideals of a Christian life. Students seek greater meaning in their spiritual and work lives—discovering ways to serve the greater good and mature in their Christian faith.

Concordia's faith community reflects the Lutheran tradition and is welcoming of other Christian denominations as well. Opportunities for spiritual growth and faith development are an integral part of the CUC experience.

Each student is encouraged to serve God and society in a way that makes use of his or her gifts and skills. Our Spiritual Life team's efforts engage students and help them find ways to put their faith into action and discover how they can best serve.





“THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS YOU CAN ENGAGE IN HERE THAT CAN HELP YOU GROW IN FAITH—IN QUALITY AND DEPTH. YOU ALMOST HAVE TO STEP OVER THE SPIRITUAL LIFE HERE NOT TO BE TOUCHED BY IT.”

—The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Leininger, University Pastor



### FAITH IN ACTION—SERVING LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

Service experiences of our students include helping at a local women’s shelter, leading a youth retreat, teaching Sunday school and rebuilding homes along the Gulf Coast. Other CUC groups that included students, faculty and staff traveled to India and Hungary to serve communities by building houses with Habitat for Humanity. And other groups traveled to Guatemala City to lead a children’s vacation Bible school program.

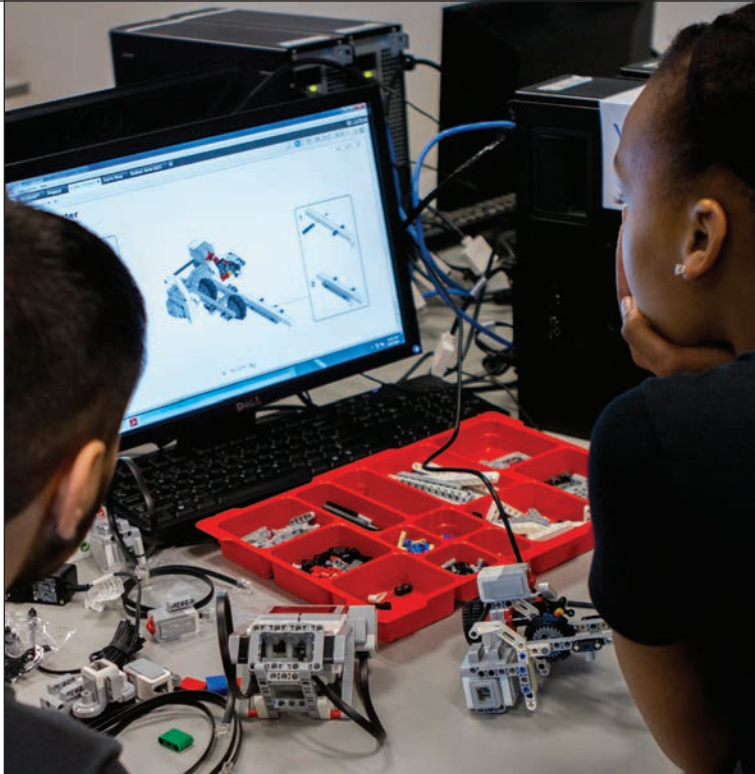
Concordia–Chicago students benefit from organized spiritual events as well as spontaneous gatherings, like a late-night chat session with Pastor Leininger at the nearby Buffalo Wild Wings. One student explained, “He’s always willing to stay up late, hang out and just listen.”



### SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND SPIRITUAL LIFE ACTIVITIES (*a sampling*)

Daily worship (Chapel), Sunday night Prayer and Praise ■ Résonanz (chapel contemporary ensemble) ■ National and international service—mission trips and Christian response to global issues of injustice and human rights ■ Lock-ins, retreats and concerts for high school students through Concordia Youth Ministry

# Inspiring leadership that engages



Concordia–Chicago is big enough to offer lots of opportunities, but small enough that you have genuine access to those opportunities. Our campus community is just the right size for you to develop leadership skills and for involvement.

Clubs and organizations include athletics, academics, service, the environment, politics, religion and more. Leading or participating in a campus club or organization is a way students can serve the community and often have an impact beyond campus. Students involved in activities expand their networks of friends, enrich campus life and add valuable experiences and leadership positions to their résumés. Student leaders identify opportunities for their organization, set goals to accomplish their vision, and both inspire and lead others to join in achieving those goals.



**STEFANIE T. CRUZ**  
Biology major and music minor,  
from Chicago

## MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO BE INVOLVED

"Even though I don't live on campus, there are still ways for me to be connected. Joining a club is the best way to do that. Being involved in the Pre-Med Club is helping me become more informed about different career paths in the medical field and what to expect as a pre-med student, such as how to study effectively and how to schedule my classes to prepare for the MCAT. The Commuter Club is more of a relaxing club. I get to socialize with other commuters and do activities outside of school. I've made a lot of friends from being involved in that."

“AS PRESIDENT OF CUC’S STUDENT CHAPTER OF IEEE (INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERS), BEING INVOLVED IN THE YOUTH ROBOTICS CAMP WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR ME. I REALLY LIKED WORKING WITH THE KIDS AND BEING A MENTOR FOR THEM.”

—Dan San Buenaventura '16, computer information systems major, *database coordinator at ISSA - The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association in Northbrook, Illinois*





A scene from "The Fantasticks" performed by The Collective

## CAMPUS CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

*(a sampling)* ■ Art Club ■ Black Student Union (BSU) ■ Campus Activities Board ■ Chinese Student Association ■ *The Collective* (theater) ■ Commuter Club ■ Concordia Entrepreneurial Group ■ Concordia Youth Ministry ■ Fellowship of Christian Athletes ■ IEEE: Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (student chapter) ■ Latino Student Union (LSU) ■ NAFME: The National Association for Music Education (student chapter) ■ Pre-Med Club ■ Psi Chi (psychology honorary) ■ *The Spectator* (newspaper) ■ Student-Athlete Advisory Committee ■ Student Government Association ■ Swing Dance Club ■ WCGR (radio & TV station)





# Leadership on the pla



## INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

### Men

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Football  
Lacrosse  
Soccer  
Tennis  
Track and Field

### Women

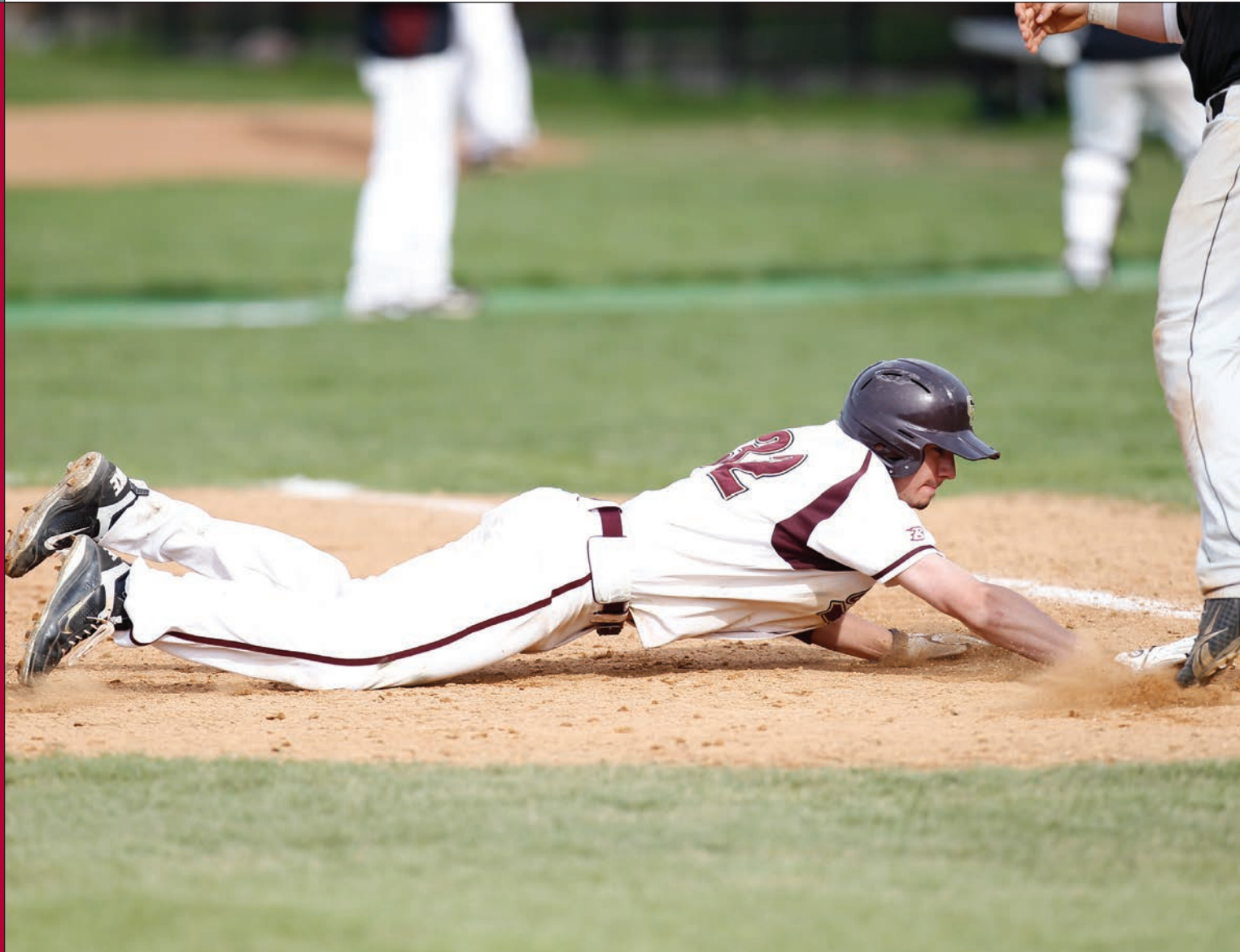
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Lacrosse  
Soccer  
Softball  
Tennis  
Track and Field  
Volleyball

### Spirit Groups

Dance/Cheer

### Intramurals (*a sampling*)

Basketball  
Dodgeball  
Floor Hockey  
Soccer  
Ultimate Frisbee





# ying field

Athletics are an important part of campus life. Eight men's and eight women's intercollegiate teams—including lacrosse, our newest offering—compete at the NCAA Division III level, providing opportunities for students at different skill levels to participate.

Concordia is a member of the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference, along with 11 other private colleges and universities in Illinois and Wisconsin. School pride shines when the unofficial spirit squad—the Maroon Platoon—gathers to energize the crowd, especially at Cougar football and basketball games.

Whether you are pursuing personal fitness goals, playing on intramural teams or competing on intercollegiate teams, you benefit from recently expanded and updated athletic facilities that include football and soccer FieldTurf playing surfaces, an all-weather track, baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, Geiseman gymnasium, and a state-of-the-art Fitness and Wellness Center.



## DEANNA WILSON

Journalism major, from Buffalo Grove, Illinois

### AN EDUCATION THAT'S AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR FUTURE

"I love being involved with CUC's dance/cheer team, the Dazzlers, because I get to build a lot of friendships with people on the team, and I get the chance to represent my school. Being a member of the Dazzlers has taught me the importance of teamwork and that hard work pays off. Coach Dee Allen has been a huge help to me. She makes sure that we are focusing on our academics first, but she has also taught me a lot of life lessons, what to expect in the workplace, the importance of kindness, and how to be a well-rounded person."



## CONCORDIA INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT FEVER

The Cougar basketball teams compete each year in a friendly rivalry with teams from three other Concordia institutions—Wisconsin, Nebraska and Michigan—for the Concordia Invitational Tournament (CIT). Each team hosts the tournament every four years. The CIT is a treasured tradition and is the second longest running tournament in NCAA history.



# It's about your



I CHOSE CUC BECAUSE THE SIZE WAS RIGHT FOR ME, AND THE LOCATION NEAR CHICAGO—A CITY I'VE ALWAYS LOVED BECAUSE OF THE ARTS—WAS JUST THE RIGHT DISTANCE AWAY FROM MY HOME IN FORT WAYNE, INDIANA. THE OAK PARK-RIVER FOREST AREA IS ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL, AND THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO IN DOWNTOWN OAK PARK, WITH LOTS OF CULTURAL AND ARTS OPPORTUNITIES.

—Hannah Gard '17, pre-art therapy and psychology majors, *behavioral therapist at North Shore Pediatric Therapy in Hinsdale, Illinois*



## STUDENT LIFE IS NEVER DULL WITH ACTIVITIES LIKE THESE (*a sampling*):

- Fill (the Chapel), Grill & Chill ■
- Spring formal ■ Amazing Race: Chicago
- Mr. CUC ■ Residence hall cookouts
- Lessons and Carols at Christmas ■
- Homecoming

Residence life at Concordia University Chicago is dynamic. Campus life is about what happens outside of class, which often are the most memorable college experiences. Your roommates and hall neighbors quickly become like family as you all navigate through the ups and downs of college life.

All freshmen living on campus are part of the Residential Experience and take part in special programming that helps support the transition from high school to college.

Residential Life sponsors various programs each year for residential students, some focusing on practical subjects like health and wellness and others on having fun and volunteering. Faculty and staff assist in these programs when possible, providing yet another opportunity for interaction outside the classroom.

Students consider downtown Oak Park-River Forest, easily within walking distance, an extension of the campus. Students shop at Gap or Old Navy and small boutiques, grab a latte at Starbucks, or take in the latest movie at the Lake Theatre on a night they offer discounts to Concordia students.

And a 20-minute “L” train ride takes you to downtown Chicago—with plenty of opportunities to experience great music and theater, eat out and shop.





## TOP REASONS TO HOP ON THE "L"

- Take advantage of a free admission day at the Museum of Science and Industry.
- Do some serious shopping on Michigan Avenue.
- Take in a discounted Chicago Symphony Orchestra performance.
- Take someone "out to the ball game" to watch the Cubs at Wrigley Field or the White Sox at U.S. Cellular Field.
- Ride the Ferris wheel on Navy Pier.
- Gaze at your reflection in "the Bean" in Millennium Park.
- Buy a famous "Chicago-style hot dog" (no ketchup!) from a street vendor.
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen or shelter.
- Listen to your choice of gospel, blues, jazz, etc.
- Attend free music festivals at Grant Park.
- Rent a pair of ice skates and skate at the rink in Millennium Park.
- Check out the Impressionists at the Art Institute.
- Get a bag of Garrett's famous cheddar/caramel popcorn mix (you'll never want another popcorn after trying this one).



I ENJOYED THE TIMES PROFESSORS PUSHED US TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR SURROUNDINGS BY EXPERIENCING MUSEUMS, CONCERTS AND OPERA IN CHICAGO. THESE EXPERIENCES HELPED ME UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A WORLD OUT THERE THAT IS FULL OF WONDER AND EXCITEMENT.

—Jaymes Hayes '10,  
director of Christian  
education major,  
serving as DCE at  
St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
in Munster, Indiana





# It's about your future

**KATRINA BRUNDAGE '13, MS, JD**  
President's honor scholar, political  
science and math double major,  
*data scientist and legal analyst at*  
*Juristat in St. Louis*

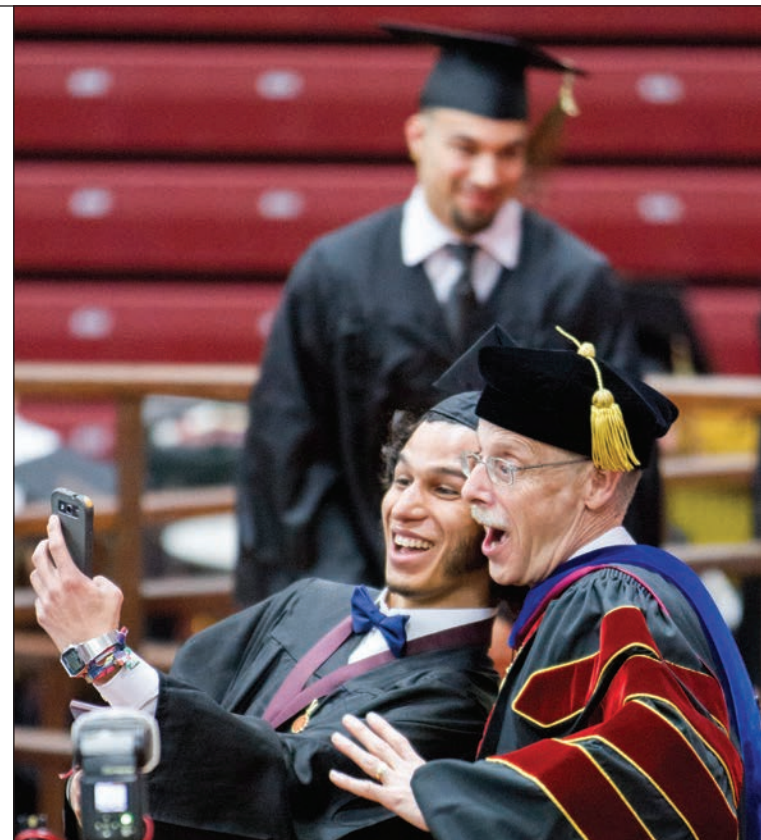
## A LEARNING EXPERIENCE THAT EQUIPS AND EMPOWERS

"As a student in the Honors Program, I was continually challenged to think critically, pursue my passions and dream big. My CUC education included a semester spent living in Washington, D.C., where I worked as a congressional intern on Capitol Hill, learning with students from other Lutheran colleges across the country. My senior honors project in the use of statistical targeting in political campaigns allowed me to study a unique area of interest, learn how to network with professionals in my field, and gain important skills in independent learning that proved vital to my success as a law student. I gained so much more than a diploma from my CUC experience."

## The value of a Concordia University Chicago education

Your future is what we're all about. We're proud that 90 percent of our students are employed or enrolled in graduate programs in their fields within six months of graduation. We want to help you prepare for that first job and help you discover how you can make a living and make a difference. A Concordia education prepares you academically, intellectually, practically and ethically to find that meaningful career.

Our students benefit from our Chicago location, which connects them readily to "real-world" career opportunities. Internship experiences can be found in almost any field of study to enhance your knowledge, skills and résumé. Some of our students benefit from more than one internship experience in their field.



## WHAT CAREER SERVICES CAN DO FOR YOU

*The Career Services staff serves students beginning their first year on campus—connecting them to major exploration exercises; career self-assessments; workshops, networking events and career fairs; internship planning assistance; preparation for job interviews; support with résumé writing; career planning and more. Students can access the center's comprehensive online services 24/7.*





### **BROOKE ZAUNER '16**

Communication major and journalism minor, multimedia journalist at WRDW-TV News in Augusta, Georgia

### **PRACTICAL LEARNING EXPERIENCES—ON AND OFF CAMPUS**

"As a student, seeking out internship opportunities is challenging, but you really don't know until you give yourself a chance. My internship at CNN in Washington, D.C., was a big one for me—it was an amazing experience learning from some of the best correspondents and photographers in the business. Along with my internships, I was able to gain practical experience working on the WCGR news team at CUC. It was an opportunity to really do everything that I needed to know for my first real-world job."

**APPROXIMATELY 90% OF OUR STUDENTS ARE EMPLOYED OR ENROLLED IN GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN THEIR FIELDS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF GRADUATION.**

### *A sampling of ...*

#### **Employers of Recent Graduates**

American Shakespeare Center	Lutheran World Relief
Brookfield Zoo	Lyric Opera of Chicago
California Veterinary Specialists	The McCrone Group
Chicago Cubs	Metropolitan Family Services
Chicago Public Schools and school districts throughout the nation	NFL Media
Chicago Tribune	Northwestern Mutual
Concordia Publishing House	Presence Resurrection Medical Center
Hewlett-Packard	Schaumburg Boomers
Kraft Foods	State Farm
LCMS schools and churches throughout the world	The St. Louis Children's Choirs
	U.S. Congressman's Office
	WRDW-TV News (Georgia)

#### **Graduate Schools Attended by Recent Graduates**

California State University, Fullerton	Michigan State University
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology	College of Law
Columbia University School of Social Work	Northern Illinois University
Concordia Seminaries	School of the Art Institute of Chicago
Concordia University Chicago	University of Chicago
DePaul University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Loyola University Chicago	Medical School
	University of Notre Dame
	Washington University—St. Louis

# It's your decision

Concordia–Chicago offers high-quality education that's affordable. What do you get for your investment? Our size gives you access to resources and opportunities, along with professors who know and support you and your goals. Our location opens doors to boundless professional and cultural experiences. And our Christian and liberal arts foundation will give you a well-rounded education focused on faith and the values you intend to live by.

Your college education is an investment in your future. It's an investment worth making. All of our full-time traditional undergraduates—100 percent—receive some type of financial assistance. We continually look for ways to offer additional financial assistance to students. All incoming new students are considered for merit awards at the time of admission.

**"FINANCING A COLLEGE EDUCATION REQUIRES CAREFUL PLANNING, AND TODAY, MORE STUDENTS ARE TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN CONTRIBUTING THEIR RESOURCES. AT CONCORDIA–CHICAGO, WE CONTINUALLY LOOK FOR WAYS THAT ENABLE US TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS TO NEW, DESERVING INCOMING STUDENTS. WE WANT EACH STUDENT TO REALIZE HIS OR HER DREAM OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION."**

—Evelyn Burdick, Senior Vice President for Enrollment

**100% OF OUR FULL-TIME TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS RECEIVE SOME TYPE OF FINANCIAL AID.**

*Taking the time to complete the FAFSA and apply for financial aid can pay off in the form of grants, scholarships, loans and on-campus employment opportunities. Visit [CUChicago.edu/afford](http://CUChicago.edu/afford) to find out about our:*

- *President's Honor Scholar Awards*
- *Music scholarships*

*Calculate your potential admission awards and scholarships online at [CUChicago.edu/netpricecalculator](http://CUChicago.edu/netpricecalculator).*







# See for yourself



The best way to find out if Concordia–Chicago is the place for you is to check us out online or in person. We recommend spending a day on campus to really get a sense of our students, our faculty and the energy of our campus. Though you can see and learn a lot online, nothing compares to being here in person—getting all your questions answered right away, familiarizing yourself with campus facilities and, most of all, getting the “feel” for Concordia’s campus. After all, when students do make their final college choices, many say “it just felt right” during their campus visit.

We welcome visitors almost any day to campus. Campus visit days are scheduled at several times throughout the year with programs that cover academics, campus life and financial aid. Or you can plan an individual visit day with an itinerary that meets your specific interests and schedule. Register online at [CUChicago.edu/visit](http://CUChicago.edu/visit) or call 708-209-3100 or 877-CUChicago (877-282-4422) to schedule your visit.

## YOUR VISIT ITINERARY COULD INCLUDE ...

- *Tour campus.*
- *Meet with a professor, conductor or coach.*
- *Sit in on class or a musical rehearsal.*
- *Eat at the Library Café, Cougar Den or Crossroads Dining Room.*
- *Cheer on our baseball team.*
- *Save time for downtown Oak Park to check out shopping and eating.*

## TO SET UP YOUR VISIT

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**“WE’RE SPOILED IN THE THEATER PROGRAM HERE AT CUC. HAVING ACCESS TO THE OFF-CAMPUS MADISON STREET THEATRE GIVES US OPPORTUNITIES TO PUT ON DIFFERENT TYPES OF THEATER PRODUCTIONS, AND THERE ARE A LOT OF NETWORKING CONNECTIONS OUR PROFESSORS HAVE MADE IN CHICAGO THAT THEY EXPOSE US TO.”**

—Christian Stuckemeyer, theater major, creative writing & communication minors, from Altamont, Illinois

## APPLY YOURSELF!

Find out how CUC can inspire faith, learning and leadership that will change your life.

1. Complete our admission application online ([CUChicago.edu/apply](http://CUChicago.edu/apply))—it’s free!
2. Submit additional information, such as transcripts and test scores.
3. Send in the FAFSA!

**“OUR PROFESSORS GIVE US OPPORTUNITIES AND ARE ALWAYS INSPIRING US TO DO NEW THINGS, SUCH AS MY BEING ASKED TO SERVE AS A PEER MENTOR FOR NEW FRESHMEN. I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES HERE.**

—Michelle Hennig, theology major (deaconess program), psychology and education minors, from Springfield, Illinois

# Facts About **CUC**—a College of Distinction

**History:** Concordia University Chicago was founded in 1864 as a college for teachers and today is a comprehensive university comprised of the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business, the College of Education, the College of Graduate Studies and the College of Innovation and Professional Programs. CUC offers more than 100 areas of undergraduate, graduate and doctoral study in small classes taught by professors who are passionate about teaching and student success.

**Location and Campus:** 40 tree-lined acres, 10 miles west of downtown Chicago, in beautiful, upscale, suburban River Forest, Illinois.

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

**Students:** Of the more than 5,000 students who choose CUC each year, approximately 1,500 are undergraduate students from a variety

of states and countries. The majority of undergraduate students are from Illinois, with other Midwestern states like Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Missouri heavily represented. Some students come from as far away as Florida, California and Texas. The student community includes both commuters and residential students who live in one of eight on-campus residence halls (with the newest hall opening Fall 2017).

**Student-to-Faculty Ratio:** 15:1

**Average Class Size:** 15

**Athletics:** 16 intercollegiate teams competing in NCAA Division III; countless intramural opportunities.

**Clubs and Organizations:** More than 45 student clubs and organizations including religious, academic, athletic, service and others.

**Financial Assistance:** 100 percent of full-time traditional undergraduate students receive some type of financial aid based on need, merit, background and/or academic program.

**Facilities:** Highlights include the Christopher Center for Learning and Leadership, which houses the Early Childhood Education Center; five computer labs; Fitness and Wellness Center; and Ferguson Art Gallery.

## **Accreditations:**

- Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
- Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
- National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)

## **University Designations (Undergraduate):**

- College of Distinction
- Christian College of Distinction
- Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI)
- President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll (recognized six times)



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