FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE
LEADERSHIP RETREAT

JANUARY 28-29, 2011
CONFERENCE ROOM, GRIMM HALL, 3RD FL.
The First-Year Experience Leadership Retreat is hosted by the Offices of First-Year Experience Programs & Initiatives, Residential Education & Services, Student Leadership & Development, and the Associated Students of CUI (ASCUI). Open to all first-year students (new freshmen and transfers), the two day retreat provides opportunities for students to:

- Identify and recognize their strengths, skills and potential
- Strengthen their leadership and team building skills
- Learn how to apply their goals and talents to succeed in the classroom, on campus, and in the community
- Communicate and listen effectively with others
- Connect with Concordia University Irvine and invest in its leadership opportunities

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The retreat will take place in the Conference Room, Grimm Hall, 3rd floor from Friday, January 28th to Saturday, January 29th, 2011. Some sessions will occur throughout campus.

- Friday, January 28th - 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 29th - 8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Please note:** To ensure that your retreat experience is as meaningful as possible, we will strictly limit the number of participants to 40. We strongly recommend you complete your application and return it to the Center for Student Leadership & Development (CSLD) as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is **Friday, November 5, 2010, at 4:30 p.m.** Hard copies will only be accepted. Applications will be considered incomplete if the recommendation form is not submitted by the deadline.

Invitation letters will be mailed via intra-campus mail beginning Friday, Nov. 12, 2010. Acceptance letters will be due no later than Wednesday, December 1st. A $15 fee in the form of cash or check will be collected with your acceptance letter to ensure your attendance at the retreat. The fee will cover retreat expenses. Please make checks payable to: Concordia University Irvine. On the “Memo” Line indicate First-Year Experience Leadership Retreat. Once accepted, please submit your payment and liability waiver to the CSLD. **You will also be required to complete an online inventory survey by December 17th.** This survey will be used at the retreat.

If you have questions, please contact Dr. Gilbert Fugitt in the CSLD or e-mail him at gilbert.fugitt@cui.edu.
First-Year Experience Leadership Retreat Application
Friday, January 28 – Saturday, January 29, 2011
Conference Room, Grimm Hall, 3rd Floor

Name: __________________________________________           E#: _______________________________

Circle Incoming Fall 2010/Spring 2011 Student Status:     Freshman       Transfer

Residence Hall/Room or Address _____________________________________________________________

Cell # _____________________________           Eagles email: _________________________________________

Recommendation
List one person who has agreed to submit a reference form on your behalf. Staff, faculty, previous or current employer, high
school counselor, etc can serve as your recommendation. Reference form needs to be submitted by the Nov. 5th
deadline otherwise your application will be considered incomplete.

Reference: __________________________________            Relationship to applicant: _____________________________

Application Questions
Please answer the following questions. You can type or print your answers. Feel free to attach additional pages if needed.

1. What is your involvement on campus or within the community (i.e. leadership roles, work experience, clubs, conferences
you attended, etc.)? If you are a freshman, what involvement did you have in high school or in your community?

2. What do you hope to gain from the leadership retreat?

3. How will you apply what you learn from the retreat to your academics, your interactions with your peers, staff, and faculty,
and to your experiences here at CUI?
4. After reflecting on your areas of weakness, what specific skills do you want to improve on and why (i.e. conflict management, listening, time management, self-confidence, interpersonal/social skills, etc.)?

5. Why do you believe you should be selected as a leadership retreat participant?

6. The retreat is 2 days and will require high energy and commitment from you. How do you keep your energy high and spread enthusiasm among other students?

7. Concordia’s educational tenets are “to develop our students into wise, honorable, and cultivated citizens.” What experiences have you had thus far at Concordia that depicts the University’s commitment to develop you into this kind of person?
FIRST-YEAR EXPERIENCE LEADERSHIP RETREAT RECOMMENDATION FORM

TO THE APPLICANT: Please fill in the information below; forward this form to a member of CUI’s staff or faculty, previous or current employer, high school counselor, or someone who has worked closely with you to complete this form. *This completed Recommendation Form must be turned in no later than 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 5, 2010 in order for your application to be considered.*

Please check one of the following:

___ I waive any right of access that I may have to this recommendation form.
___ I do not waive any right of access that I may have to this recommendation form.

Applicant’s Name: ____________________________________________________________________________

Applicant’s Signature: _____________________________     Date: _____________________________

TO THE PERSON COMPLETING THE RECOMMENDATION: The applicant is seeking to be an attendee of CUI’s First-Year Experience Leadership Retreat. The retreat will focus on developing applicable leadership skills as well as foster personal growth and connection to the campus community. Please state the merits of this applicant’s candidacy, any deficiencies, and any other information that may be useful to the selection committee.

Recommender’s Name: ___________________________     Position: _____________________________

Relationship to applicant: ____________________________________________________________________________

Length you’ve known the applicant: ____________________________________________________________________________

How well do you know this applicant?  ____ Very Well  ____ Fairly Well  ____ Casually

How will this leadership retreat benefit the applicant? _________________________________________________________

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Please comment on the applicant’s ability to role model positive Christian values.________________________________________

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_____ Strongly Recommend   _____ Recommend

_____ Recommend with Reservations  _____ Do Not Recommend

Signature___________________________________________     Date______________________

Please sign this reference form and return it in a sealed envelope to the applicant

BEFORE November 5, 2010

OR

Return this form by November 5, 2010 to:

FYE Leadership Retreat ▪ Office of Student Development & Leadership

1530 Concordia West ▪ Irvine ▪ CA ▪ 92612 ▪ Tel. (949) 214-3060