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A career service: Saying farewell to President Kurt Krueger

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After a total of 27 years serving Concordia as professor, provost and president, President Kurt Krueger will be retiring at the end of the 2017-18 academic year. Krueger has been president of Concordia University Irvine since 2010. After leading the university through several major milestones, Krueger is leaving our school with a strong foundation to build on.

Under Krueger's leadership, the university set the record for the largest student enrollment in the school's history, transitioned into NCAA DII status, built up our endowment, paid down debts and much more.

Despite being president during this period of success, Krueger acknowledges the school's many accomplishments as a group effort. "One person doesn't lead a university," said Krueger. "Yes, I was president when these things happened, I was there encouraging, I was there helping to raise funds, but we have so many people."

"Our vice presidents and athletic directors worked so hard getting us into the NCAA. They worked so hard getting the master plan through the city of Irvine. When a university accomplishes anything, really, it is a team effort."

One thing that stands out about President Krueger is the great amount of respect

his colleagues have for him. When asked about how he earns respect, Krueger joked, "It helps to be an old guy." But in all seriousness, he has formed

starts with the concept of servant leadership," said Krueger. One of Christ many titles is that of the suffering servant, who leads by putting the needs of

even more and go through changes such as continuing to offer new opportunities and programs for students that align with the mission and vision of the school.



President Krueger flashing his signature smile

deep relationships with his colleagues and knows them on a personal level.

"When you're friends with people, that automatically generates respect and also concern, love and care," said Krueger. "Respect is not something you set out to do necessarily, you just spend time with people and show concern for their lives and family. You laugh together, you worship together, you cry together and you form a bond with people."

As a Christian, President Krueger allows his faith and the example of Christ to inform his leadership. "After all these years, I'm convinced that leadership

others first.

Quoting scripture, Krueger integrates Christ example as servant into his leadership. "If you go into a leadership position with the attitude that everyone has to jump to your command, it may work for a while, but in the long run, a leader is a true servant," said Krueger. "Those who would be first must also be last. You guide rather than require; you encourage rather than command."

The university's accomplishments under Krueger's leadership as president gives our next leader plenty of bedrock to build on. Krueger is excited for our school to grow

"I would like to see the next president continue to enhance our reputation in the world of higher education," said Krueger. "We really have come a long way in 42 years. Once we were just struggling to get by, and now we're a well recognized university that has a good academic reputation."

As his final words of wisdom, Krueger said, "I wish all of our students God's richest blessings. I am hopeful and confident that the Lord will lead the next president here at Concordia to be that humble servant who is dedicated to the gospel of Jesus Christ."

15th Anniversary of the President's Academic Showcase

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Over the past 15 years, some of Concordia's finest have invested time and dedication into the President's Academic Showcase with projects that highlight a variety of research topics. The month of April has been a time for students to finally show off all the hard work they have been doing over the past semester. Starting with the poster showcase that took place on Thurs., April 5, then to the finals that took place on Wed., April 11, it has been a time to celebrate the achievements and learn about the interesting discoveries and research these students completed.

The President's Academic Showcase of Undergraduate Research is an interdisciplinary competition where students work one-on-one with a faculty mentor on an undergraduate research project. There are two different levels of competition; tier one consists of upperclassmen and tier two consists of freshmen and sophomores.

The competition has three components: a research paper, an academic poster and an oral presentation. Students from all disciplines are welcome to participate in the showcase. This year, Dr. Melinda Schulteis, Math

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ASCUI Updates: Summer renovations

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Big things are happening this summer! It is crazy that the semester is finally coming to an end, with summer break just around the corner. This year, there have been a lot of great amenities that have come to campus and that trend is going to continue as the summer begins.

Over summer, there are going to be three semi-large updates to the amenities on campus. Drum roll please... all of the dorms will get fans this summer! That means that no matter where you live next semester, you will be able to enjoy the nice cooling breeze of the overhead fans during those hot fall days.

While everyone is away on vacation, the Caf will receive the first phase in the plan. This phase will not be as extensive as the second phase, happening summer 2019. But, prepare to see big changes over the next few years.

The final update that is going to happen this

summer is something that students have been wanting for a long time. Sigma Square is going to be getting an upgrade. CU Active is being moved from the small two rooms in the back to Sigma Square. The gym will take over the entire space except for the area where the practice rooms are located. There will be new weights and equipment. Make sure to check it out in the spring!

As the semester comes to a close, the ASCUI team wants to thank everyone for an amazing year. There are so many new and exciting things that have been achieved this year and there are even more things to come.

Concordia is filled with doers and achievers. We are praying for all of you as we head into finals week and summer. We pray that God will bless you and continually show His love for each one of you. We are all so blessed to have been able to serve you as your ASCUI Executive Board!



Dorms at Concordia University Irvine. Courtesy of Google.



Example of what the fans could look like. Courtesy of Google.

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Concordia athletics wrap-up first year as NCAA members

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As the academic year comes to a close, so does Concordia's first year as an official member of the NCAA PacWest. There are many things to be proud of from both the men's and women's teams. Most recently, the men's tennis team placed third in the PacWest tournament, their highest finish in program history.

In addition, the women's tennis team also competed in Surprise, Arizona at the PacWest tournament, where they placed sixth overall. Men's volleyball too had an impressive season, after falling in the MPSF semifinal match against UCLA in Provo, Utah. Senior volleyball player, Jonathan Predney reflected on his time as an Eagle and the transition over the past couple years, saying he has been "truly honored to represent Concordia through the process."

Men's and women's basketball both got "the green light for post season and didn't hesitate," said women's basketball senior Annie Studdert. Men's basketball senior Anderson Clarke said, "Finally being

eligible to participate in post-season play was great."

Women's softball has been on a hot streak this month with ten straight wins. They are set to play a doubleheader today and tomorrow against

semifinal round against Grand Canyon University at 7:30 p.m. tonight. The team hopes to continue their success of last year's national championship into the end of this season.

Numerous years have

years old and hopes to continue his love for the sport through coaching. Softball, senior Kailey Palazzolo has played softball for 17 years now and plans on making a coed team with some friends to

develop on the field, but also as people.

In terms of advice these seniors gave to their teammates, "look out for one another, hold each other accountable, love each other through it all," said Studdert.

When things get tough remember to "always have fun and remember why you started playing in the first place," said Palazzolo. Studdert also emphasized how proud she is to have been an Eagle and is confident "Concordia will be a force to be reckoned with here in a few years."

Throughout the year many athletes from freshman to seniors received PacWest honors and accolades, attesting to the amount of talent acquired each year by the program.

The opportunity presented with the transition to an NCAA member has brought the university recognition because of the success this year from our teams. In years to come, with the help of the wonderful support of the administration and the university together, we will continue to pave ways as a top flight program.



Natalie Gilmore, Men's Tennis places third overall in the PacWest tournament, the highest in program history.

Dominican and Biola, in hopes to secure some PacWest wins.

Likewise, Men's lacrosse is on a roll, especially with big recent wins against the University of California Santa Barbara, to advance to the Southwestern Lacrosse Conference tournament

gone into each of these athletes careers, some having started playing as early as age four, and who hope to continue to keep their passion alive beyond their graduation as Eagles.

Men's basketball senior, Anderson Clarke has been playing since he was five

continue expressing her competitiveness and love for the game.

Many athletes had nothing but great things to say about the athletic program here at Concordia. Palazzolo said coaches and staff have the ultimate goal to help athletes not only

Men's Volleyball finishes fourth in their first season of Division II

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Men's volleyball entered into their first Mountain Pacific Sports Conference tournament last week as the fourth seed, after being predicted to finish last during preseason polls. They swept Grand Canyon University, the fifth seed, which sent them to Provo, Utah to play the University of California Los Angeles on April 19. UCLA defeated the Eagles, leaving UCLA to play USC and BYU who were tied for the second seed.

Senior, Jon Predney said, "We finished our season higher than we were expected to finish. Since this was our first year in the MPSF conference they ranked us as 7th out of 7 teams in our

league. We ended up making it to semifinals and unofficially placing 3rd. We also defeated BYU who is the number one team in our conference at their place in Provo, Utah."

University of Southern California Trojans.

Raymond Barsemian, sophomore, was selected as a part of the All-MPSF Second Team. He had a career high record of 18 kills in a

volleyball now that season is over. Chandler [Gibb, junior,] and I did really well in beach tournaments last summer. I'm proud of our wins over Loyola University Chicago, BYU and USC

and play finally. We're looking to keep it up next year."

Predney stated, "As a senior it was really enjoyable to take some of the younger players under my wing and show them the ropes. I was

"The Eagles have definitely proven themselves to be a threat this season..."

The biggest upset of the season was when the Eagles beat the BYU Cougars in five sets. BYU had home court advantage, winning the first two sets, but falling to the Eagles after five. The Eagles have definitely proven themselves to be a threat this season, especially after an impressive win over the

single game, which he tied at the UCLA MPSF semifinals game, leading the team in a number of kills. Following Barsemian were Hunter Howell, junior, with 12 kills, Taylor Falduti, senior, with 10 kills, and Jon Predney, senior, with 8 kills.

Barsemian said, "I hope to focus more on beach

especially this season. We weren't predicted to even come close to beating them. We really managed to put everything together and stay motivated no matter what. I'm really glad my first season as an Eagle went so well. I had to redshirt last year when I transferred here, so it's been exciting to get out

able to build a really cool team culture along with my fellow seniors that will last for years to come."

Visit www.cuieagles.com for more information and statistics on the men's volleyball season.

See you soon speechies: Another year of success for Speech at Concordia

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Earlier this month, our speech team closed out their speech season by competing at the American Forensics Association-National Individual Event Tournament (AFA-NIET). Taking place from April 6-10 at Colorado College, the speech team worked furiously to maintain their title as a top 20 team.

Nationally, our team has seen much success in the past. Since its founding in 2007, the team has become arguably one of the best forensics programs on the West Coast. This year, members of the speech team competed against over 60 colleges and universities across the nation, securing their title as 14th in the nation.

Students competed in several platform and oral interpretation events to



Forensics Speech Team after awards AFA-NIET 2018

gain national recognition. Platform speeches are typically informative or persuasive in nature and have a clear message. Oral interpretation events include the use of poetry, drama, prose and/or a combination of genres in order to present an argument.

Making it to nationals is no easy feat. Competitors must qualify each of their events over the course of the school year in order to attend.

This year's nationals team was composed of 20 members. Jeffrey Antonio, graduating senior, feels blessed to have been able to participate. "This year, I had the opportunity to collaborate with a team that was willing to pour their hearts out with the messages that meant the most to them," said Antonio. While competing may be difficult the opportunity to grow with peers make it worthwhile. He added, "These experiences are

worth so much more than any trophy. The heart, the pure essence of vulnerability that each student presents to the audience, that is what I am going to miss the most."

While some students relish in the memories they built, others are just getting started. Natalie Wellman, freshman, was grateful for the experience of attending her first national tournament. "It was amazing to see the different pieces from all over the country. It gave me the chance to see the rest of the nation's teams and to be inspired by genuine people," said Wellman.

Traveling with a team of 20 members requires a slew of coaches. This year, Concordia forensics alum, Diego Perez, joined the squad as coach for the national tournament. Though only a year has passed since the culmination of his forensics

career, he noticed things are starting to change. "I think speech is becoming even more intense. Students are taking a stance for or against this political climate. It's ultimately enhancing arguments through performers," explained Perez.

Through forensics, students have been given a platform to express themselves while creating arguments through performance and rhetoric.

As the forensics season comes to a close, the team looks forward to the upcoming 2018-19 school year. If you would like information regarding the forensics team, please visit their Facebook page at Concordia University Irvine - Forensics or email the Director of Forensics, Yaw Kyeremateng at yaw.kyeremateng@cui.edu.

You could win \$5000! A look at the HQ Trivia craze

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HQ is a trivia app that allows users to answer a series of questions and potentially win money. It is a live quiz show that is hosted by the vivacious quizmaster, Scott Rogowsky. Players can log on twice a day and answer 12 questions for the chance to win cash. Players have just three seconds to answer each multiple choice question, and the questions become more and more difficult as they go on. If players answer any of the questions incorrectly, they are eliminated and cannot win.

HQ was first released in August 2017 and has become one of the most popular apps, now with over 1 million users playing daily.

The app was created by the same person who created the popular video app, Vine. Rus Yusupov decided to launch HQ after realizing there was nothing like it out there. He did an interview with "CBS This Morning" and stated, "We thought, 'Hey, let's combine some

of our favorite elements of mobile gaming, live video, and TV production, mash them together and create an experience that people, frankly, have never had before."

The main goal of HQ is to win money; the most money the app has given away is \$300,000 in one game. However, typically the cash prize is \$5,000, and it is split between all the winners. The winners are the people who

answered all 12 questions correctly, but there are cases where they have special shows called 'Winner Takes All' and only allow one winner who takes the entire cash prize for themselves.

Many Concordia students are addicted to this trivia app and play twice a day when it comes on at 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. PST. For instance, sophomore Vanessa Ramirez has been playing HQ for months and

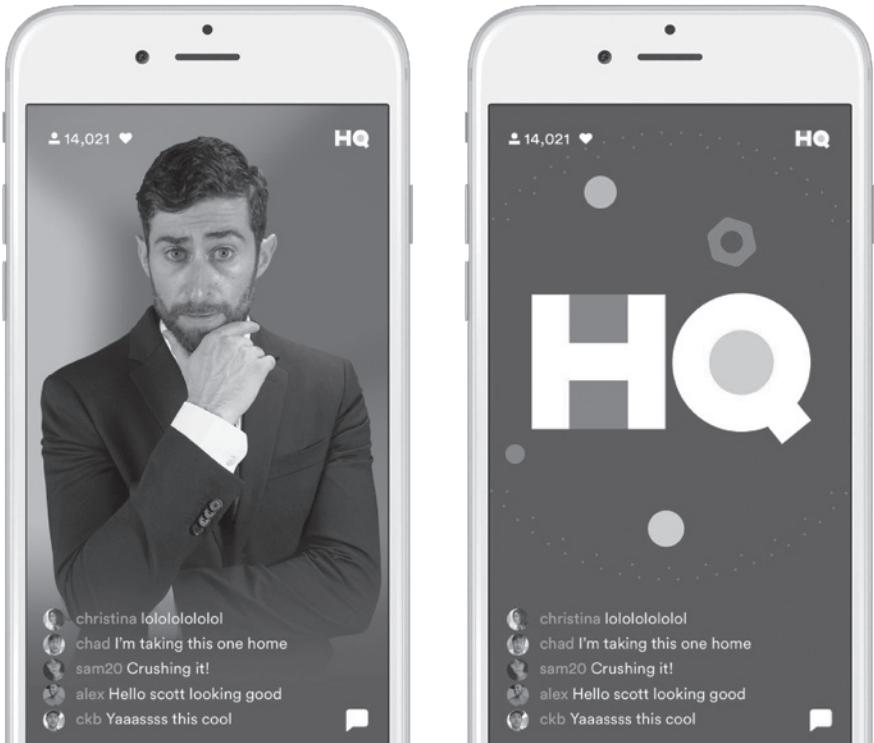
is determined to win some money. "I always get so close to winning the cash prize but can never get there. Hopefully, the more I play, the better my chances are at winning," said Ramirez.

Another Concordia student, sophomore Hailey O'Neil, is also addicted to the trivia game and has realized the questions become more difficult as it gets closer to the cash prize. "I play twice a day,

and the first few questions are always super easy, but it gets harder around question six," said O'Neil. She also described how she plays even when she is out in public. "One time I played while I was out to dinner with my family and got my entire family to help me with the questions," said O'Neil. HQ has become a social game that allows friends and families to work as a team to answer the questions.

This app has caught the attention of many. Only time will tell how long this craze will last, but it looks like a bright future. Creators of this popular app have stated that they someday plan to increase the cash prize to 1 million dollars! While it is unknown what lies ahead for Yusupov and his company, the number of users HQ Trivia has and the app's plans for the future make it look hopeful.

To play HQ, simply download the app to your phone. You can also follow @hqtrivia on Twitter for daily quiz hints!



HQ trivia app with host, Scott Rogowsky

A Royal Wedding:

The story of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle

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The royal love story everyone is talking about is the engagement and upcoming wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Prince Harry is a member of the well-known British royal family and has fallen in love with American actress, Meghan Markle. The couple first met in June of 2016 on a blind date set up by a mutual friend and are now set to wed on May 19, 2018.

Their engagement was officially announced back in November 2017 and caused a lot of controversy. Markle is a biracial American actress who has been previously married. Traditionally, the royal family is not widely ethnically diverse and avoids highly public industries like entertainment.

Markle is a local; a Californian who grew up

in Los Angeles with her African-American mother and Caucasian father. She is known for her role in the hit television series “Suits.” Due to the controversy of her engagement to Prince Harry, she has had to deal with a numerous amount of hate and backlash. The backlash has been so horrendous that Prince Harry issued a statement to the public back in Nov. 2016 when they were still newly dating.

“Prince Harry is worried about Ms. Markle’s safety and is deeply disappointed that he has not been able to protect her,” the statement said. These threats and backlash just show her decision to marry a prince is going to change her life forever and throw a few challenges her way.

Prince Harry is the youngest son of Prince Charles and Princess Diana.



Prince Harry & Meghan Markle. Courtesy of Google.

He has grown up in the United Kingdom and has always been in the public eye. In 2005, Harry decided to step away from royalty and join the military. He was a part of the army for an entire decade before he walked away from that part of his life. He is also known as the rebellious

one in the royal family for being caught in the tabloids and media partying it up in Las Vegas. Now that he is engaged and prepared to marry Markle, his wild days may be behind him.

With the royal wedding just a few weeks away, Americans and Concordia students are getting excited.

Sophomore Vanessa Ramirez stated, “I’m excited to see all the decorations and of course the beautiful gown and the outfits.”

According to ABC News, this is going to be the wedding of the year with more than 2,000 members of the public invited to view the carriage procession following the ceremony. The wedding will also be broadcasted live for people all over the world to watch. Many celebrities and influential people have reportedly been invited to the royal wedding, including former President Barack Obama and Michelle Obama, as well as Markle’s tennis star friend Serena Williams. It is a wedding not to be missed! Be sure to catch the ceremony live on local television stations at 8 a.m. EST on Sat. May 19, 2018.

Reputation: A look at Taylor Swift’s upcoming tour

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“Are you ready for it?” Taylor Swift kicks off her Reputation tour on May 8, 2018 in Glendale, Arizona. With 51 shows in total, the tour will travel the world. With the concert just 10 days away, questions are swirling; What will the sales be like? Where can people get tickets? What on earth will Taylor wear? What will she DO???

Reviews on projected revenues are mixed. Some sources, like the Daily Mail, report sales of over 180 million dollars, while others, like Digital Music News, claim sales are “a total disaster.” There are also rumors that T-Swift tickets are sold at a high rate up until the last day of the show.

Regardless, the turnout for her concerts has a good track record, and there are no signs of that slowing down anytime soon. Tickets are amply available on the internet.

After stalking Taylor

Swift’s instagram, I came across some authentic footage of her in what she labels as “repu-hearsals.” The footage was just a picture of a bunch of unrecognizable fancy sound equipment, but nonetheless it is PROOF of the production of this tour happening in real time. Woah, Tay!

A few years ago, I found myself at a Taylor Swift concert at the Staples Center and while I couldn’t tell you the name of the tour, I could tell you that it totally changed my life. Like, seriously. Her words and her performance are beautiful to see. Since then, I have always been a fierce advocate of the beauty and butt-kicking that is Taylor Swift. She has a mega “Reputation”... (Did you see what I just did there?)

There’s something about Taylor Swift that makes people feel a certain way.

Taylor can be easy to hate on, but she can also be really easy to love. Forbes magazine announced on January 4th that

“Reputation” was the best selling album of 2017 (Full Disclosure: I bought one, too. Oh, Taylor. Look what you made me do.)

The tour will be filled with the songs from her “Reputation” album, and guessing from the music videos, lots of contrasting lights, glitter, gold, and maybe a cage and a swing! Whatever the elements of her concert may be, it is sure to be magical.

Taylor will do a wide variety of flashy dance moves and it will be a brilliant spectacle of light and dark. This new image T-Swift is really something to analyze if you think about it, “the old Taylor can’t come to the phone right now. Why? Oh, because she’s dead,” and isn’t that like totally something?

In all seriousness, her Reputation tour will be one for the books. Check it out if you want to be dazzled! Visit taylorswift.com to purchase tickets or merchandise from her “Reputation” album. Or follow Taylor on instagram

@taylorswift to get a sneak peak at tour rehearsals. She will be nearby in

Pasadena on May 18 & 19, so get your tickets now!



Taylor rehearsing for tour. Courtesy of @taylorswift (instagram)

Box office breakdown: A summer film forecast

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As the academic year draws to a close, summer films will be hitting the silver screens nationwide. This year, the tide begins April 27 with the long-awaited “Avengers: Infinity War Part One,” the latest film in the Marvel franchise. This film brings together every character from the Marvel cinematic universe so far, including Captain America, Thor, Iron Man, Spiderman, Doctor Strange and the Guardians of the Galaxy.

“Avengers: Infinity War” is one of many sequels we’ll be

seeing this summer. These titles include “Deadpool 2,” premiering May 18, starring Ryan Reynolds, “Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom,” opening June 22, starring Chris Pratt, and “Mission: Impossible-Fallout,” which will debut July 27.

Back in the Marvel-U, “Ant-Man and the Wasp,” will be premiering July 6. This film will follow Scott Lang, aka Ant-Man, as he takes on a partner and attempts to balance his life as a superhero.

The “Purge” franchise adds a prequel to the summer forecast with “The First Purge,” opening July

4. The film is an origin story about the first national day of consequence-free crime. Then in late May, the stand-alone “Solo: A Star Wars Story,” will be telling the story of Han Solo, one of the main characters in the original “Star Wars” trilogy.

With the recent success of the “Ghostbusters” reboot featuring an all-female cast, gender-swapped remakes are on the rise this summer. “Oceans 8,” a spin-off of the “Oceans” trilogy, is slated to open June 8, and stars an all female cast including Sandra Bullock, Anne Hathaway, Helena Bonham Carter and Rihanna.

A gender-bent remake of the 1987 comedy, “Overboard,” telling the story of a spoiled, wealthy yacht owner who ends up with amnesia will also be hitting the theaters May 3.

Several family films will also be opening this summer, including “Hotel Transylvania 3” and Disney’s live-action film, “Christopher Robin,” which will tell the story of a grown-up Christopher Robin, the child protagonist of the “Winnie the Pooh” stories. The film stars Ewan McGregor as the title character.

Perhaps the most

anticipated family film this summer is “The Incredibles 2,” the sequel to Disney and Pixar’s 2003 film, “The Incredibles.” Thirteen years in the making, this new film picks up where the last film left us. Only this time, instead of watching Bob go on secret adventures, we follow Elastigirl’s rise to fame. Meanwhile, Bob and the kids spend their screen-time trying to live a normal life.

A few original films, featuring several big Hollywood names, also break into the year’s summer lineup. Comedian Melissa McCarthy will star in “Life of the Party,” which follows a single mom who goes back to college with her daughter.

The documentary “Won’t You Be My Neighbor,” based on the life of Fred Rogers, the man behind the television show “Mr. Rogers Neighborhood,” is another original premiering June 8.

Finally, this summer promises a long overdue “Slender Man” film, based on the legends inspired by the memes surrounding the mysterious specter known as Slender Man.

For a complete list of this summer’s upcoming films, visit <https://www.imdb.com/list/ls062668868/>.



Left to right: Solo: A Star Wars Story, Deadpool 2, Skyscraper, Avengers: Infinity War, and Incredibles 2

Concordia "kicks" with diversity

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Concordia shows a lot of diversity amongst its students; not only ethnicity, but also sneakers. Many different styles of sneakers make their way across campus and one can only hope a matching outfit accompanies. Many different choices in sneaker styles is what makes Concordia’s sneaker community a unique one.

With graduation approaching, robes and stoles will be the annual attire for these student’s big day, but how do students set themselves apart? That’s right; the sneakers they choose to wear.

I asked some of

Concordia’s seniors what helped them decide on what shoes to wear to graduation. Is it because the comfort? Or maybe just the overall style of the shoe? Softball senior Grayson Harvey was the first to answer this question.

“Probably heels, it’s for style, I feel like graduation is a nicer event and I should look presentable,” Harvey said. Basketball senior Adam Turner also took time out to answer. “I’m planning on wearing my Stacy Adams dress shoes. Mostly because I want to seem formal and I feel like I’d be more respected than if I was wearing shoes like vans,” said Turner.

Professional and respected seems to be the

most sought out style but Women’s Basketball senior Madeline Sulka also has comfort in mind. “I will probably wear a thicker based heel to look dressed up for the occasion but also comfort,” Sulka said.

Most people would assume that comfort is the most important style. Although there will be long amounts of sitting, standing may happen just as much on grad day. Sulka is preparing for the occasion as she intends to prepare for a significant amount of standing.

Some athletes around campus thought more in the sense of comfort. Women’s Soccer freshman,

Carmany Jones explained how sneaker choice is mainly based on the day of the week. “On Fridays it’s chapel so I dress up nicer and wear more stylish shoes to accommodate my outfits, while every other day I wear my slides or running shoes which are more practical to wear with comfortable clothes,” Jones said.

What many people don’t know is sneakers can resonate with your mood. When you’re not in the mood to get dressed you’re more likely to put on sneakers that slip on and off.

Lesila Tuitavuki, a manager at a local Footlocker, gave me insight on some sneaker trends

she noticed. She elaborated on styles and trends most sneaker consumers come in the store for. As of now, the sneaker trends are taking more of a retro spin back to the past. “Some trends I noticed at my store were a lot of vintage looking clothing. Also, a lot of the Jordan and Nike brand shoes had bright colors to them. Giving them more of an updated 80s and 90s look,” Tuitavuki said.

Sneakers are an undeniable force that can either improve or diminish your outfit. You can never have too many sneakers, the more you have; the more outfit combinations.

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Professor and Coordinator of Academic Showcase, said, “There are 66 students participating, 59 projects and 57 papers submitted.”

There is over \$5000 in prizes awarded to the winners. The tier one winner takes home \$1500. In regards to judging, Concordia faculty members are selected to help judge the showcase.

“Students are able to participate by speaking with a professor that they choose as a mentor, who also agrees to work with the student and to come up with an idea of a project,” said Schulteis. Students can have previous research on a project before submitting it or can start their work with a professor. “Sign ups open up in October and the deadline to participate is the end of

January,” said Schulteis.

Tier two second place winner and competitor, Josiah Popp, is a History and Political Thought major with an emphasis in Military Studies. Popp said, “I have been working on my project independently for about six years. I then came together with my mentor to start compiling all of the research I had found around September 2017.”

Popp did his project on the disciplined approach to deploying land based phalanx weapons systems to South Korea with his mentor Dr. Caleb Karges. By taking part in the academic showcase, Popp felt that he gained an understanding to an academic approach on a subject and an essence of teamwork while working with his mentor. “I would

encourage other students to participate as well so that they are able to push themselves academically as well as get a better understanding for the hard work and research that is required,” Popp said.

The winners of this year’s presidential showcase were announced on Fri., April 13. In tier one: first place Adam Dougherty, mentor Dr. Tom Mueller; second place Daniel Welchons, mentor Dr. Melinda Schulteis; third place Emily Wood, mentor, Dr. Herbert Geisler. Two honorable mentions: Derek Deming, mentors Dr. John Kenney and Dr. Inga Kenney; Manoah Marton and Caleb Speakman, mentor Dr. Adam Francisco.

The tier two winners: first place Denise Sprimont and David Vasquez, mentor Dr.

Russell Dawn; second place Josiah Popp, mentor Dr. Caleb Karges; third place Savannah Neu, mentor Dr. Sean Bignami. The poster winners included Benjamin Lange, mentor Dr. Jack Schultz; Abigail Large, mentor Dr. Bret Taylor.

Schulteis said, “The showcase is important because it is a chance

for students to seize the academic experience for themselves. It gives them the ability to challenge themselves. It also prepares them for a life of learning.” To learn more about the academic showcase visit <https://www.cui.edu/academicprograms/undergraduate/showcase/index/id/20886>.



Tier One winner Adam Dougherty,(Center) with President Krueger (on left) and faculty mentor Dr. Tom Mueller (on right).

The 3rd annual Cornelius Business Plan Competition comes to a close

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On Sat., April 7, the Cornelius Business Plan Competition kicked off its third annual competition in the CU Center. This competition provides students and alumni a chance to present their business plans to a panel of judges in hopes of winning cash prizes, learning entrepreneurial skills and experiencing what it is like to launch their projects.

Dean of Concordia’s School of Business, Stephen Christensen, said the point of this competition is to “instill the entrepreneurial mindset [and to get students to] think like an owner. Having been through the business plan, they’ll be more sensitive to what it’s like to own that company and think with innovation and creativity.” The competition is open for any student of any major. This year, alumni were also allowed the opportunity to compete.

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Reyes, winners of the first ever competition, and now graduated alumni from the school of business, have taken the reigns as co-directors of the competition. After they competed, they saw ideas to grow the event, and brought a list to Christensen to improve the competition.

Reyes said that the changes were as simple as, “organization, and making sure everyone had the resources they needed. All the teams competing [should have] access to mentors, [as well as] a series of workshops done once a month through the semester to help the students prepare.” With these additions, the Cornelius Business Plan Competition has advanced to where it is today.

The biggest change for this year was opening up the competition to both Concordiagraduatestudents and Concordia alumni, as well as a networking event the evening before the competition for all the competitors. Although

only two teams included graduate students and alumni, it is expected to grow in the coming years. “We would like to see a lot more alumni and graduate students participate,” Reyes said.

16 teams originally started in the competition; by April 7 seven teams remained to present their business plan and compete in the 90-second fastpitch portion of the competition. Reyes said the teams ranged from one to four students per team. Throughout about a six-month process that begins in October, students write out a business plan, create a PowerPoint for their presentation, attend workshops and meet with designated mentors.

The Graduate/Alumni Track first-prize winner was Leslye Taylor with her business plan for Plan A!. For the Undergraduate first prize, Sarkhan Nabiye and Diego Del Risco took the title with their Babicam business plan. The Undergraduate Second

Prize went to Yiquan Wand and Hao Jiang for their business plan for Troy.

Freshman Anthony Calderon won the 90 Second Fast-Pitch competition with his J-pad, “an improvised vision of what the Mr. Clean Magic Eraser cannot do. [The J-pad] is designed to take the elbow grease out of cleaning by putting [a magic eraser] on a rotary buffer,” Calderon explained. It is marketed to heavy-duty cleaning industries, from marine to janitorial, and it is currently recognized in four different countries.

“Even though I’m a freshman and by myself in this competition, it’s been eye opening to see how much I can do just by myself,” said Calderon. “I mean, the business plan alone, the written document, was about 24 pages, and then our presentation is about 10 to 20 slides. On top of that, running the business on the side while taking 18 units, It’s extremely difficult and very hard to manage all at once.”

The competition is growing and improving each year. “One of the other things we are going to see if we can do in the future, is if we can make the competition qualify for an internship credit. This way students will be getting credit for participating,” Christensen said.

There are also summer camps for teens and kids to learn about business and compete in their own competition. These camps were founded by Christensen. More information can be found for Kid Entrepreneur Academy at www.cui.edu/kea. For the Teen Entrepreneur Academy information can be found at www.cui.edu/tea.

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Battlestar Galactica: A Syfy network review

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So you've finished all 500 seasons of "Doctor Who" and you're upset that "Firefly" only aired for one. You're looking for another sci-fi flick to satisfy your need for drama and suspense. You like shows with huge cult followings that keep them airing so long you think they will never end, but you're not quite sure where to go next?

How about a show with a universe as vast as Star Trek and an antagonist so limitless you're astounded anyone manages to survive? A series that does epic, action

and explosions without sacrificing drama, romance and character development? Then Battlestar Galactica is the space apocalypse television series for you.

Battlestar Galactica is more than just robots chasing people across space. It is an emotional rollercoaster filled with brilliant actors such as Mary McDonnell and Edward James Olmos delivering lines about "firing up the FTL drives for a jump" with a straight face. It is a tragedy in which characters regularly make split-second decisions that determine the survival or extinction of the

human race.

Yes, it is set in a universe where a lone military spaceship is protecting an ever-dwindling population from the relentless onslaught of sentient robots. Yes, the name is ridiculous. But anyone who has been sucked into all 63 hours and 29 minutes of total runtime will tell you that BSG is worth it.

Just ask sophomore Jonah Kaufmann who raves, "Battlestar Galactica is one of the best shows I've ever watched." Or sophomore Katie Depol who says that girls like shows about robots and space cannons too.

The 2004 BSG reboot is an evolution of a show you might have seen if you switched through channels in the 70's and early 80's. The new version emerged with huge enthusiasm, courtesy of producers Ronald D Moore and David Eick.

The cylons in the new version still appear as hulking metallic "centurions" similar to the ones in the 80's, but they got a huge glow-up with machine gun hands and more natural walking mechanics.

The biggest adaptation comes in the form of 12 different human-cylon clones, that manage to

look, act and feel just like humans. With the help of human-looking clones on the inside, the cylons manage to wipe out all twelve human colonies without them ever seeing it coming. All but one of the human's massive battleships are destroyed in a matter of minutes, leaving the 47,000 remaining humans with no choice but to run.

If you're thoroughly convinced BattleStar Galactica is right up your space alley, find it streaming on Amazon Video, Youtube, iTunes and more.



Cast from Battlestar Galactica. Courtesy of Google.

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