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## Green dot training available on campus



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Taking place on Mon., March 25 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the RPC, Peer Health will be presenting a Green Dot training program for all Concordia students. Green Dot is a bystander intervention training that aims to empower students to recognize warning signs connected to stalking, sexual assault and relationship violence. Students are taught how to appropriately step in and intervene in situations that might be uncomfortable and potentially dangerous.

Director of Multicultural Leadership & Service Learning, Megan Harbert, said, "it is a really common problem that not a lot of people talk about. It is important to attend to support survivors and to learn how to prevent these

things from continuing to happen."

Pizza will be provided at the event and four lucky students will be winners of \$50 gift cards from a raffle. Along with the Peer Health coordinators, Ben Hinckfoot, the assistant coach for track and field, will also be presenting at this training.

Concordia has trained about 100 students in past trainings and hopes to continue to increase the number of students able to know appropriate warning signs and how to correctly and safely step in. While many cases focus on the victim and the attacker, this training shifts attention to the witnesses. These are people who could notify a bartender, or stay with a friend that feels unsafe or call the police if necessary. This year, Peer Health aims to train 40 more students.

The trainings are intended to be small to allow students to have an opportunity to share in a safe and comfortable environment.

Peer Health coordinator, Johnna Encarnacion said, "As an athlete I think that this is an especially important thing to be aware of. You become a role model...it is crucial you have the tools to do the right thing in certain situations."

In lieu of the March attack at University of California, Irvine, it is even more imperative that Concordia students attend this training. A witness is somebody who can potentially prevent violence and tragedy. Knowing the signs of stalking and relationship violence can save a person's life and protect their safety. Although Irvine is often known as one of the safest cities in America, it does not mean

that violence does not and cannot happen. Peer Health stresses the importance of safety and making the world a better place, one witness at a time.

Students are not only learning valuable skills at this event but also getting the chance to build their resume for future endeavors. This training gives students a Green Dot certification that can be put on resumes and can be a great conversation starter. Senior Samantha Schuster said "I participated in the Green Dot training and I believe that it really opened my eyes to what might be happening around us. To have this on my resume is something that I am proud of."

To be a part of this training, students can sign up at <https://goo.gl/forms/8B5QVJcOCBIcKAqN2> or visit the CSLD.

## Debate takes second place nationals win

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ARTS & REVIEWS EDITOR

Taking place March 14 through March 17 at the University of Utah, the Debate team competed at this year's National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA) National Championship Tournament. Competing against 36 schools and 106 pairings, Debate took home the National Runner-Up title and secured their place as beasts in the game.

Preparing for Nationals is no easy feat. The team has a long-standing tradition of "Hell Week." This is a week long preparation where debaters attend a work week from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (often longer) during mid-semester break. So while many students were spending their break enjoying the spring showers or taking trips back home, Debate was steadily working towards the win.

"This year, we ran 10 back-to-back rounds, to prepare for the stamina and mental pressure," explained Director of Debate, Amana Ozaki-Laughon, adding, "I think the work ethic and dedication these students showed put us far ahead of the pack!"

It is this hard work and perseverance that drove the team to take the second place national sweepstakes award. This year, three teams advanced into out-

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## What's Poppin'

KATIE DEPOL  
ASCUI SECRETARY

Hello Concordia! We've got something new and exciting coming your way! We know there are always ways to improve life on campus and we know that you have ideas that you want to share. So, starting Friday, March 22, ASCUI will be rolling out our new event, What's Poppin'? geared towards hearing your ideas! What's Poppin'? is designed to provide a space for students to pop in, share thoughts, have conversations and state opinions about how to enhance student life on campus! Your experience and ideas are essential to us. ASCUI is continually looking for ideas to bring to Upper Administration who are interested in hearing about the best ways to improve the campus.

In the past, students have voiced the need for things such as fans in dorms, water stations around campus and more spaces for students to relax aside from Eagles' Landing. Currently, all dorms on campus have brand new ceiling fans and several hydration stations have been placed around campus with plans to install more in the coming months. There are also soft seating areas by the CSLD, CU Center, Eagles' Landing and the residence halls. Even over this past

summer, the caf seating area and CU Active were updated to accommodate student's needs. These elements were installed due to students, just like you, bringing their ideas to ASCUI and Senate. To encourage more ideas, What's Poppin'? was created to do just that. Join us on the Student Union Patio, Friday, March 22 from 11-2:30 p.m. to share your thoughts. Come with questions about the caf, Eagles' Landing hours, dorm life, on-campus parking, student amenities or anything else you have in mind. ASCUI wants to hear them all!

## Sports Management Club comes out swinging

BROOKE JACKSON  
STAFF WRITER

The Sports Management Club was formed the beginning of this semester. The club's mission is to focus on preparing the future generation of leaders in sports business. The club is open to everyone, not just business majors, and meetings are only once a month.

McKinsey Thorpe, President of the Sports Management Club, who helped launch the club said, "This

club is all about networking, community service and meeting new people." They hope to give students the experience they need to feel prepared when entering into the sports industry, "as it is a tough one to break into," said Thorpe.

The club was started by seven students and one faculty member which included Thorpe, and fellow students Madison Herget, Riley Friauf, LeTroy Timms, Haley Diefenbach, Halimat Adeyemi Jakob Hexberg, and Professor Curt Cattau, who is the Director of the Sport Management Program and a School of Business Professor.

The group started the Sports Management Club because, as a business major, one needs to be able to network with other students and "get good information from professionals that could help future professionals," said Thorpe. Making connections was the main goal of this club and by learning these skills it allows them to apply it to any aspect of their lives.

Haley Diefenbach, vice president of the club said, "Anyone who is interested in working in the sports industry or is looking to make connections in this field should come to our next meeting on March 28 at 7 p.m. in the President's room." Overall, the club strives to give their members some insight into

what actually happens in the business world.

Diefenbach said that one of the benefits this club could give someone is "getting to reach out to people that they previously could not get in contact with." They wanted the students to get face-time with business professionals and know how to utilize their time with them. "Our Sports Symposium was an event when we had sports industry professionals come and be a part of a panel that talk to the students about experiences in college, what they did to succeed and how they got to where they are now," said Thorpe.

Another event coming up is the Concordia University Night at the Ducks on April 3 at 7:30 p.m. This is their first annual event that the club will be working alongside the Alumni Association. Students and alumni can come together to not only have a fun and exciting night with friends but also to create connections with people who have now entered their field of choice after they have graduated. The transportation is free and there are discounted tickets to purchase as low as \$26. Also, all Concordia attendees will be entered to win Zamboni rides during an intermission of the game. For more information, visit [www.anaheimducks.com/CUI](http://www.anaheimducks.com/CUI) or email McKinsey.Thorpe@eagles.cui.edu.

PICTURED BELOW: Concordia night at Ducks game PC: cuieagles.com.



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# Get out there! Opportunities to study abroad

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Concordia offers programs abroad including the Around-the-World Semester® as well as a Semester Abroad. Concordia's options for international study took off in earnest in 2011 with the launch of the Study Abroad Office, started by Faith McKinney. The goal of the Study Abroad Office is to offer students "access to new ideas and experiences that enhance your critical thinking and analytic skills and guides you in finding your own place in the world."

McKinney has been the Director of Study Abroad since she started the office. Creating the program has had an impact for her, as she did not grow up in the United States but was born in Japan. McKinney wanted to show people something that she felt they were missing. "This was a foreign country for me, so when I got here, I realized how many Americans have no clue of what was abroad. This is my

favorite job because when people come back, they are changed people," she said.

The program has grown tremendously at Concordia. Developing it in the beginning, McKinney said, "What we did was a survey of the freshman class and asked if they could study abroad, where would they want to go and that's where we got some of the countries that we have now."

Currently, there are about 12 different locations that students can travel to. These are Concordia sponsored programs, where Concordia's financial aid can be applied. However, that does not mean students are limited to these places. "The reality is, if someone wants to go abroad, I'll help them find wherever they want to go," McKinney said, adding, "We have a lot of partners that we use. We will work with other study abroad organizations."

There are many resources that anyone considering studying abroad should know,

but the key, accordingly to McKinney, is to start planning early. She also mentioned that, in general, the cost of the programs is about the same as attending Concordia, so study abroad can be financially within reach. Austin Adams, sophomore, studied abroad in Cambridge, England in the fall semester of 2018. He said, "Make it work. There are many schools there, so any major has the option."

One major benefit for studying abroad is how immersive the experience is. Adams said, "You're able to interact with the community instead of being restrained as a tourist in an area that's so diverse."

Sophomore Gabi Beckman, who also studied in Cambridge in 2018, said, "It's an experience you can never do again. You can vacation but it's not the same for living and studying for four months." Junior Lynnea Marlatt, who did the Around-the-World Semester® in fall 2017 said, "It forces you outside of

your bubble and allows you to see how people all over the world are living."

There is a community that builds from the trip. Beckman said, "Not only do you learn about the culture you're at, but you and your group become a family." There were students from other colleges in the same program. She added, "You're not alone; there's always a group for you to get to know better." Marlatt said that "The trip allows you to make so many new friendships with people you would never otherwise meet." She added, "you also get to meet people with the strongest faith you have ever seen-- people that gave up everything and deal with persecution to follow Jesus."

"I think the most important thing is, now is the time to do it," McKinney said. "Everyone thinks of travel as glamorous, but the reality is, it's almost a necessity to go abroad to put yourself in a different position, as an outsider, and it may help you in your

own life here." Beckman encourages interested students to book a meeting with Faith McKinney as soon as possible. "She can get you connected," Beckman said, adding, "Concordia will always be here but you can't always leave and study in a new country."

Study abroad applications are due for the fall semester on April 1, 2019, and the spring semester on Oct. 15, 2019. If you are interested or have any questions about study abroad, contact Faith McKinney at [faith.mckinney@cui.edu](mailto:faith.mckinney@cui.edu) or visit [www.cui.edu/Global](http://www.cui.edu/Global).

## Debate takes second place nationals win

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rounds, Meghan Gleeson and Kaitlyn Gleeson, Denise Sprimont and David Vasquez, and Ryan Corso Gonzales and Benji Lange, with 6-2 records.

"Instead of thinking of it as preparing for each tournament separately, we have spent this whole year thinking about each tournament as preparation for Nationals," said senior Benjamin Lange. It's all for good reason, this NPDA, Lange and his partner Debate co-captain and senior Ryan Corso Gonzales made it to the top eight in the country; placing sixth overall.

Juniors Denise Sprimont and David Vasquez received 11th and 12th place speaker. In addition, first-year novices Breyanna Taylor and Owen Milligan received second place novice team, and Taylor received third place novice speaker.

Though the win is well earned, it did not come with lack of stress. Still, the family environment the team has worked to cultivate helps keep the work manageable.

Corso Gonzales explained, "Debate in itself can be a very heavy event on the mind, we talk about the consequences of actions in great extent so outside of rounds we are always trying to joke around and find as much light in life that we can."

Especially in these high-intensity events it's crucial that teams function as a cohesive unit to ensure the highest possible individual and team success. "Each teammate has each other's back; if someone's mental health is suffering, we tell each other and support one another," said Ozaki-Laughon.

Corso Gonzales added, "My personal favorite moment was having my teammates come and watch Benji and I in our out rounds. It gave me confidence and was extremely reassuring to have so many of my best friends watch me in some of my last rounds ever. I couldn't ask for a much better team!"

Forensics, Speech & Debate still has three more



PICTURED ABOVE: Debate Team celebrates national runner-up win



PICTURED LEFT: Left to right, seniors Benjamin Lange and Ryan Corso Gonzales placed in the top 8 in the nation.

national tournaments to attend; National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence, National Speech Championships and the National Forensics Association annual tournament. We send them our prayers, good vibes and well wishes as team prepares to round out another forensics season.

If you'd like information on the team or would like information to join next year, contact Director of Debate, Amanda Ozaki-Laughon at [amanda.ozaki@eagles.cui.edu](mailto:amanda.ozaki@eagles.cui.edu)

Top 5 Debate teams for NPDA are ranked as follows:

1. UC Berkeley
2. Concordia U. Irvine
3. Rice University
4. Texas Tech University
5. Western Washington U.

# Softball earns #1 ranking for first time in history

SARAH KRETSCHMAR  
CAMPUS EDITOR

The softball team was ranked #1 in the NFCA Division II Coaches Poll for the Week of March 13. This was the first time softball was ranked #1 in school history. The Eagles are currently 19-3 overall and 8-2 in conference after splitting their four game stand with Hawaii Pacific last week. The Eagles won two non-conference games against Stanislaus State on March 17 by the scores of 2-1 and 1-0. For the week of March 20, the Eagles fell slightly in the rankings and currently sit at #7.

Freshman Erika Morris put on an impressive display on the mound last week. She delivered eight strikeouts to Hawaii Pacific on March 15 and currently has a 1.83 era. Caralin Nunes, sophomore, also dominated the circle giving up zero runs in her start against Stanislaus State.

Sydney Sprinkle, freshman from Palm Desert, California is a Communications major. She is a catcher/ infielder and has been an offensive leader for the Eagles this season. Sprinkle is currently batting .400 and has four homeruns on the

year, two of which came in the battles against Hawaii Pacific last week.

Junior Mackenzie Graham also picked up her second and third homeruns of the season this past week.

Despite dropping two games to Hawaii Pacific, the Eagles remain positive and

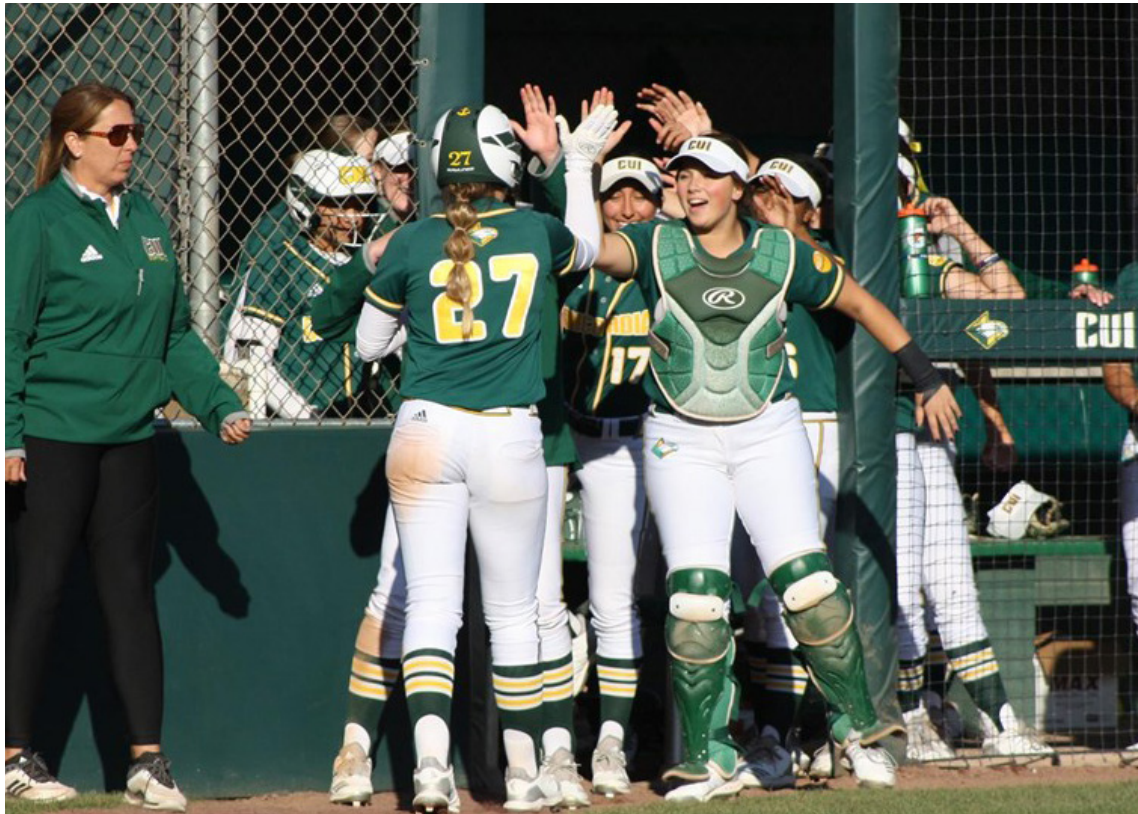
look to embark on another winning streak and get better every day. Sprinkle said, "We are going to trust the process and work base to base as we move forward in the season. Getting better every day is our ultimate goal," said Sprinkle.

Michelle Lieng also put

on an impressive display at the plate batting .467 on the week. Lieng is a junior outfielder from Alhambra, California. Lieng said "I think the mindset going forward is to worry about ourselves, stick together and focus on the basics." "At the end of the day, all you have are your teammates and we have to stick together win or lose," continued Lieng.

The Eagles take on Chaminade University today at 2 p.m and 4 p.m. Come by Eagle field to see the softball team in action.

PICTURED LEFT: Eagles celebrate after home run by freshman Sydney Sprinkle. Photo courtesy of cuieagles.com.



## Men's basketball wraps up historic season

SARAH KRETSCHMAR  
CAMPUS EDITOR

The men's basketball team finished the season 23-11 and came in second place in their conference. The Eagles also made an appearance in the NCAA Division II tournament for the first time in school history.

Brian Chambers, senior, was proud to be part of such an amazing season. "[Making the tournament] was a big testament to how hard everyone has been working this season. We really left everything we possibly could for the tournament and I would say I'm definitely proud of the team no matter the outcome," said Chambers.

Chambers was also named to First Team All-Conference, the D2CCA All-West Region First Team as well as setting the single game record for assists in a game with 17 against Hawaii Hilo.



PICTURED ABOVE: Eagles Kayle Knuckles and Robert Taylor battle for the rebound in first ever DII NCAA tournament appearance against St. Martins. Photo courtesy of cuieagles.com.

"It feels really good about being named to First Team All-Conference, I could definitely say it was a goal of mine since the end of the 2017-2018 season. My goal was just to improve every year," Chambers said. Chambers plans to pursue his goal to

play professionally and go "wherever God feels is the right place."

After receiving Freshman of the Week honors an impressive four times this season, Redshirt Freshman Kayle Knuckles was also awarded with Freshman of the Year for the PacWest conference.

Knuckles, a forward, averaged 8.7 points per game and four rebounds per game.

Center, Geoff Gerlach earned Honorable Mention for the All-Conference team. He averaged 8.4 points per game and 3.9 rebounds per game. Gerlach already

completed his bachelor's degree in psychology and is currently in the Master's in Coaching & Athletics Administration program here at Concordia. He will graduate in May 2020 and will return next year as part of the basketball program as a graduate assistant. "My Time at Concordia has been one of a kind and something I can cherish and brag about for years. It's been the most different and enjoyable time of my life. I have met some incredible people and life long memories. I could not be happier to be a part of such an amazing University," Gerlach said.

Check next semester when the basketball season is back underway. Go to [cuieagles.com](http://cuieagles.com) for any and all updates for Eagle athletics.

# Men's soccer alum Connor Gordon goes pro

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STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 30, 2019, Connor Gordon officially signed a professional contract with the Orange County Soccer Club (OCSC). The amount of excitement that came from the Concordia graduate upon signing the contract was special to watch, given his hard work to reach this position.

Gordon was born in Huntington Beach to parents Drew and Bette Gordon. He also has four sisters. While growing up, Gordon enjoyed bowling with friends, playing pick-up basketball with the boys and going to the beach with family.

The one hobby that remained constant was soccer.

From the age of five, Gordon would kick the ball against the wall in his backyard. He grew

up on the soccer field, always trying to improve. When Gordon attended Edison High School, the hard work started to pay off. His junior year of high school he scored twelve goals and received team Most Valuable Player. By senior year, Connor had attained a career record of twenty-seven goals in the season. With that record, Gordon was awarded All-County First Team, Sunset League MVP, national player of the week, Orange County Varsity Player of the Week, team offensive MVP and county leading scorer.

At Concordia, Gordon thrived all four years, obtaining numerous accolades. Being a four-year starter for the men's soccer team, Gordon produced results and set a high standard for the team and their capabilities. Gordon reflected on his four years at

the university and on the team, "It has been a great four years coming to this school and playing the sport I love with a great group of players that possessed a great passion for the sport as much as I do, if not more. I would not change my decision on coming here, I felt that He points us to the right direction and places us where we need to be and that place for me was Concordia Irvine," Gordon said.

Concordia director of soccer and men's head coach, Chris Gould, is proud of Gordon's signing and knows that he will be able to adjust to the professional game. "He is an incredible talent that has worked for everything he has achieved," Gould said. "I think with all young professionals, he had to adapt to the new challenges but given the right

opportunities he has the talent to achieve success."

Along with awards and recognitions at Concordia, Connor was also part of the Southern California club system and began playing for OCSC's under twenty-three team in 2017. Orange County Soccer Club is Orange County's only professional soccer team that is part of the United Soccer League (USL), the fastest growing Division II professional soccer league in the world.

After signing his contract, Gordon made a statement to the club press, "I am very excited to continue my growth as a soccer player at Orange County Soccer Club. It is a blessing to be able to play for my hometown team and represent such a great city."

OCSC has already begun their season with their next

match taking place at the club's new stadium in Irvine. Come support Concordia alum Connor Gordon and his team as they take on New Mexico United on March 23 at 7 p.m. at Championship Soccer Stadium, located at the Orange County Great Park.



PICTURED ABOVE: Concordia Alumni Connor Gordon. PC: cuieagles.com.

# First ever ACE worship night was a success

SARAH KRETSCHMAR  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Concordia Athletics put on their first ever worship night on March 18 in the gym. The ACE (Athlete Christians Eagles) was a great success organized by Associate Athletic Director for Compliance, Andrea Riche.

The night consisted of singing, praying, a message and great fellowship. Riche decided to organize the event after considering the idea for quite some time. She said "A couple of months ago, I felt God putting it on my

heart again and so I started the conversation with one of my co-workers and it just so happened that one of our student-athletes was also feeling that God was putting it on their heart to have a worship night. God's timing is perfect and I am in awe of the way He continues to work!"

The goal of the worship night, according to Riche, was to "gather together in community with friends and teammates and worship and praise our God." Junior McKinsey Thorpe attended the event and thoroughly enjoyed

what the night had to offer. "It was a super successful night that allowed student-athletes to gather around and worship, while also being able to pray with teammates and other athletes about things that were heavy on their hearts."

Riche led the worship night alongside musicians Will Faure and Don Weis. Coincidentally, Faure and Weis had met at a worship in Huntington Beach just a few weeks prior. Faure, an Irvine native, is a junior at neighboring UC Irvine where he is studying Biology. Faure has held worship nights a

couple of times before for a college group. He got involved with the worship night after befriending some Concordia athletes at Mariners Church in Irvine. Faure hoped that the worship night would create "a community and place that people could belong." His favorite part of leading the worship night was "when you could hear everybody singing together." When asked if he would be interested in leading another worship, Faure said "I would 100% love to comeback," adding, "I hope the worship nights become part of the

culture and go Eagles!"

With other worship nights in the works, Riche said, "I want to welcome anyone and everyone to our next worship night! There is no judgement and it is a safe space whether you have a relationship with God or want to know more about Him. We welcome everyone with open arms!" Keep your eyes open for the announcement of the next ACE worship night.

# Newport Rib Company Eagles of the Week

Sam Schuster  
Web and Social Media  
Editor

Kyle Benjamin  
Men's Swim and Dive

**Favorite moment from season:** When we won the conference championships where I got to compete against the best swimmers in the nation

**Favorite Music Genre:**  
Country

**Favorite Music Artist:** Luke Bryan

**Favorite TV Show:** New Girl



Madison Ravelo  
Women's Water Polo

**Favorite Movie:** Mega Mind

**Favorite Music Artist:**  
Blueface

**Favorite Color:** Purple

**Celebrity Crush:** Austin Butler

**Dream Vacation:** Costa Rica

**Hobbies:** Going to the beach

# The Jonas Brothers are back



PICTURED ABOVE: Jonas Brothers are back together PC: google.com

BREANN ALVARADO  
STAFF WRITER

No, it's not the "Year 3000" but the Jonas Brothers did get back together.

The Jonas Brothers rocked fame before they could drive. Formed in 2005, they grew up on Disney Channel. They also all starred in the movie series "Camp Rock" with Demi Lovato. They even earned a

Grammy nomination.

In 2013, thousands of fans' souls were crushed when the Jonas Brothers announced their split up over "creative differences." The three brothers went off to their separate ways. Joe started another band called DNCE, Nick wrote his own songs and albums, and Kevin got married and became a dad. After a long six years of fans "Burnin' Up"

for the day they will reunite, it finally happened, and they didn't come empty-handed, the Jonas Brothers already have a new hit song, called Sucker which currently has 76 million views on YouTube.

The band took a ride with James Corden for an episode of "Carpool Karaoke" on his show The Late Night Show with James Corden. On the joy ride around Los Angeles, Corden asked questions about how the band got back together and who was the reason why they called it quits. Interestingly, getting the band back together wasn't the plan in the first place. Nick, Joe, and Kevin were just working on a documentary about their lives and eventually fell into place. "When it ended, it wasn't the best," Nick said. "And then in that we started saying, there is a magic in

there that we'd like to feel again."

Nick went into details about how they needed therapy before they got the band back together. "We literally spent a year basically doing therapy, working through some things and figuring out what this chapter would look like," Nick said. "We've had to be really open and honest. There are things in the past that bothered us from time to time, even in our performances that we would do." During the Carpool Karaoke, Nick admitted to being the reason why they broke up, leaving the fans wanting to send an "S.O.S."

Joe said, "balancing Nick's sound, DNCE's sound and, to be truthful, Kevin bringing so much heart into this... it was really important to be able to blend the three and so,

we have probably 30, 40 songs recorded that we can't wait to release." The news led to the Jonas Brothers trending on Twitter. Erica Cogswell, sophomore, said, "I am excited to hear how they sound now that they live completely different lives. I'm sure their music is completely different too."

The Jonas Brothers reuniting sparked up old childhood memories of students all over campus. Vanessa Lopez, senior, said, "I thought I was dreaming when I saw the Jonas Brothers trending because I seriously didn't think they would ever get back together. I'm just glad my man, Nick, is finally claiming his spot in the middle, where he belongs."

So just "Hold On" because the Jonas Brothers are back and they're here to stay.

## Safety concerns as a college student

TARA HANSHAW  
STAFF WRITER

On March 10 at roughly 10 p.m., a local female college student at University of California Irvine was stabbed while walking her dog around a local student housing complex. The Campus Police, along with Irvine Police Department, investigated the crime while UC Irvine sent out multiple emails and texts alerting those on campus to shelter in place and to wait on a further alert that the campus was secure and safe before resuming their normal activities.

According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) 20 to 25 percent of college women and 15 percent of college men are victims of forced sex during their time in college. As students at Concordia, which neighbors UC Irvine, it

can be frightening to know of such a crime committed so close to home and may raise cause for concern about personal safety. Thus, it is important to be aware of the appropriate preventative measures and safety tips to avoid crimes like sexual assault, aggravated assault, robberies, and theft that happen daily on college campuses across the nation. "I worry about parking in a far and not well-lit parking lot if it gets past a certain time at night, and always call campus safety to bring me to my dorm," said a sophomore who asked to remain anonymous.

Some safety tips include: Be aware of your acquaintances and never be completely alone with someone you don't explicitly trust. Lock your doors to your vehicles and dorm/student housing rooms as theft and burglary are the third

leading crime on a college campus. Evaluate social situations in order to help reduce the risk of sexual assault and peer pressure. Riding or walking places with friends can help to reduce risk of being an individual target and can promote everyone's safety in the group as well. Do not be afraid to call the police even in a false alarm situation, it is better to be safe than sorry. Finally, consider setting social media accounts to private to help prevent unwanted individuals knowing your whereabouts.

If you, or someone you know, has been involved in an assault or crime, report it to your local police department as well as campus safety. Concordia Campus Safety is on call 24/7 at (949) 214-3000 or extension 3000 from an on campus phone. Their email is CampusSafety@cui.edu.

## Greek life or no life

JILLIAN DEL ARROYO  
STAFF WRITER

On January 12, a young University of California Irvine student, Noah Domingo, was found dead after an off campus celebration with a blood alcohol level of 0.331.

Domingo was a first-year biology major who wished to venture into the field of sports medicine. An involved individual, Domingo was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

This isn't the first time fraternities have been linked to excessive drinking with fatal consequences. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, about 1,825 college students between the ages of 18 and 24 die from alcohol-related unintentional injuries, including motor-vehicle crashes.

In an interview with CBS News, Domingo's father, Dale Domingo, blamed the fraternity and their rituals for the death of his son. "Noah was compelled to guzzle a so-called 'family

drink' to become part of his big brother's family," he said.

Along with binge drinking, there are other serious concerns and consequences that can follow the party scene including assault which effects around 696,000 students a year, as well as sexual assault or date-rape which effects around 97,000 students a year.

College is an opportunity to conquer academic challenges, grow as an individual and pave the way for the rest of life. Although it is a time to test some boundaries, an unacceptable number of young lives filled with immense potential are taken too soon.

To learn more about the risks of college drinking and the consequences visit [www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov](http://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov)

# International Women's Day

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Fri., March 8 was International Women's Day. As a part of Women's History Month, International Women's Day not only celebrates the success of women in society but also brings important topics such as gender equality to light. Why should we take a day specifically to celebrate women? Shouldn't we celebrate women every day?

"There are many things/people we can celebrate every day of the year, not just women," said Dr. Jennifer Cosgrove, Division of Psychology and Behavioral

Sciences Chair. Cosgrove has taught a class titled Women and Gender Issues at Concordia.

"I think that currently, as an international event, it is an opportunity for people around the world to celebrate the accomplishments of women in their countries and to focus on the special concerns and human rights issues of women," Cosgrove added. "In some countries the day is ignored, in others it is an opportunity to bring issues to light via demonstrations and other public events, in others it provides an opportunity to demonstrate pride in outstanding female citizens."

Dr. Marin Jacobson is the Department Chair Director of Music Education Associate Director of Choral and Vocal Activities. She also conducts the Donne Di Canto, Concordia's women's choir. "I have mixed feelings about days of emphasis in general because we ought to recognize excellence wherever and whenever we find it," Jacobson said. "However, days of emphasis may focus attention on the accomplishments of a marginalized group of people, and the factors that have limited visibility. As a result, perceptions may change and historically marginalized groups

may experience greater opportunities and recognition."

Originally called International Working Women's Day, International Women's Day was first celebrated in the United States in 1909, as a way to highlight inequality and oppression in the workplace. Over 100 years later, International Women's Day has grown to include not only working women but all women around the world. #Balanceforbetter was the theme of the 2019 International Women's Day, emphasizing the efforts for equality between men and women in society.

International Women's Day can be helpful in "celebrating the ways in which women have overcome adversity and demonstrated courage in the face of persecution, abuse, and lack of opportunities. And, for those whose lives have been filled with opportunities, International Women's Day may provide an opportunity to celebrate women's contributions to society," Jacobson concluded.

## Concordia students react to "Varsity Blues" admissions scandal

STAFF REPORT

Last week, in an operation dubbed "Varsity Blues," federal authorities announced that 50 people — including CEOs and high-profile celebrities — were implicated in an intricate scheme to secure college acceptances for their children by lying, cheating and bribing.

Alleged activities included paying SAT and ACT proctors to change answers on standardized tests, to faking learning disabilities, to positioning children as recruits for college sports they've never played.

The scandal has ignited intense discussion about parity, privilege and access. Concordia students shared their perspectives on the scandal and its broader implications in the competitive world of higher education:

"It's sad to realize kids who worked hard in school and as athletes to get to a certain level may have been pushed to the side because of people who did this."

- Heather Nonora, senior, Business Administration major

"It is hard to consider the parents as independent actors in this situation. Absolutely the students, parents, coaches were all cognizant of exactly what happened. As for the students [who have graduated] if they got in and passed their classes then I think absolutely they should be able to keep their degrees. Money may buy their way in but it is up to the student to work hard and keep the grades to stay in school."

- Acacia Ingram, senior

"I think it takes the integrity out of college sports and take spots away from potential athletes who earned that spot, but it is given to someone who is not a collegiate athlete who simply just has wealthy parents."

- Alex Zalasky, junior, Sports Management major

"I think it says everything has a dollar amount. I think academia is in an interesting place with this coming out. It shows that even those in situations of higher learning are still modeled after business with the intention not of service but profit."

-Robert Como, senior

"Elle Woods [character in "Legally Blonde"] didn't have to have her dad pay for her to get into Harvard, so you shouldn't either."

- Halle Vannatta, freshman, women's tennis team

"I think it was tough on the athletic teams and programs because it wasn't necessarily their fault. And it puts a negative light on how athletes get accepted into schools. But it's good in a sense because it makes the point that athletes must earn their way into school."

- Michaela Vanderklugt, sophomore, women's basketball team

## Town Hall with U.S. Congresswoman Katie Porter



PICTURED ABOVE: Congresswoman Katie Porter will speak at a Town Hall meeting on Concordia's campus on April 25.

STAFF REPORT

Welcome new 45th Congressional District representative, Katie Porter, to Concordia as she speaks with students, faculty and staff at a private town hall on campus Thurs., April 25 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Grimm Hall 302.

Porter has been a consumer protection attorney for nearly 20 years, and is a tenured professor at the UC Irvine School of Law. As a single working mom of three young children, Porter understands firsthand the challenges faced by working

families. She has supported proposals for expanded access on childcare and paid family medical leave.

A member of the Committee on Financial Services, Porter earned her undergraduate degree from Yale University, and graduated magna cum laude with her juris doctorate in 2001 from Harvard Law School.

Porter will provide opening remarks, followed by a Q&A session with Concordia attendees.

# “Antigone” meets modern day

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Running from Mar. 16 to Mar. 24, the Theatre Department showcased a modern rendition of Sophocles’ “Antigone.” Directed by Professor Tony Vezner, this ancient Greek tragedy as been reconstructed as a contemporary parable.

When audiences enter the black box for “Antigone” they will notice a raised stage laid with cracked ceramic tile. Sand covers the stage in its entirety. When the lights come up viewers are welcomed by a instantly powerful drama.

The third play in the Oedipus Rex trilogy, “Antigone” tells the story of the fallen King’s daughter who the play is named after. Taking on a modern day twist, the story follows Antigone (Mackenzie Weatherford) as she has returned home to find that her brothers have been murdered. Vowing to ensure



PICTURED ABOVE Left to right Antigone (Mackenzie Weatherford) and Creon (Xavier Daniels) confront each other on stage.

both her brothers are given a proper funeral, Antigone defies the law and Creon (Xavier Daniels) who has now taken the throne.

To make the story more contemporary audience, Creon is painted as a political leader and Antigone the rebellious outsider; while the rulers and

advisors surround each scene carrying smartphones and iPads. “I think having cast members use their phones during the show reminds us that the play is set in social media” said junior and cast member Tilford Clark II.

While the story is part of a trilogy, the show “stands on its

own as an excellent play,” read the playbill, adding, that the goal for the production “was to make it accessible and impactful to a modern audience that may not know the story.” The play achieved this and more.

The main cast includes: Antigone, played by Weatherford; Creon, played by Daniels; Ismene, played by Sandra Ladick; Haemon, played by Tilford Clark, and many more outstanding actors and actresses. “It’s going great,” Clark said, “I am truly enjoying my experience working with Vezner and I just use every show to try to improve.”

The text has been slightly updated to make the script relatable to today. Senior and cast member, Daniels explained “I’ve always personally believed that we should adapt older shows and make them modern. We keep trying to emphasize that things that occurred hundreds of years ago are still relevant to today,” adding, “the modern twist allows us to connect to a younger audience.”

Beyond the contemporary

changes, “Antigone” is filled with tense and loving relationships. As the play goes on we see Antigone navigate her way through love and loss; life and death. Though the protagonist is trying honor her brother’s death she is confronted by the villainous Creon who is bound to see otherwise. All the while, Creon’s advisors try their best to appease and counsel him.

This modern rendition is “Antigone” is about processing grief while trying to honor real world death. The play along with stage design ultimately brings great emotional impact to the stage, leaving audiences with the ghosts of family and memories lost.

While this is the last weekend of “Antigone” (with performances March 22 and 23 at 7:30 p.m. and March 24 at 2 p.m. in the Studio Theatre) theater enthusiasts can look forward to, “A Secret In The Wings” playing April 11-14. For more information contact Tony Vezner at [tony.vezner@cui.edu](mailto:tony.vezner@cui.edu) or go to [cui.edu/arts/theatre/events](http://cui.edu/arts/theatre/events).

## “Good Girls” gone bad

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First premiering on NBC in 2018, the dramedy “Good Girls” follows three suburban wives whose poor decisions has taken them on a criminal turn. With the full first season now on Netflix, online streamers can enjoy a fast paced show about desperate housewives who make it a habit to break all the rules.

At first glance, “Good Girls” seems like the kind of

The show begins by painting a picture of three women who are struggling to maintain their middle class status. Beth (Christina Hendricks) is on the verge of losing her husband and her house; Ruby, played by Retta, has a sick daughter and whose medication costs are rising and Annie (Mae Whitman) is in desperate need of cash for her rising legal fees.

In recognition of the common financial struggles, the trio joke about committing

As such, the group has no idea how to rob a store, much less how to do it without getting caught. Though they are able to fool the police for some time, the store manager figures out it was them early on and worse they find out the money actually belongs to crime lord Rio (Manny Montoya).

When Rio demands his money back these “Good Girls” are left in a panic. Either through fear or adrenaline the three decide to commit more crimes in the hopes of being done with the crime lord. However, every time the trio thinks they’ve tied off one loose end another comes undone.

Unlike other shows, it’s not panic that drives these women toward a life of crime, it is the possibility of actually being successful criminals. Because they are suburban moms, they don’t think the police, or their husbands for that matter, will ever expect these women of being so dubious.

The show takes on the task of creating paths forward for the group. With every episode characters create a fine line between supportive spouses and emotional manipulators. “Good Girls” is a wonderfully guilty pleasure with completely plausible plot twists and cliffhanger endings.

Find the full first season on Netflix and new episodes on NBC, Sundays at 10 p.m



PICTURED ABOVE: Retta, Christina Hendricks and Mae Whitman star in NBC’s “Good Girls” now on Netflix

show that belongs on Showtime or HBO. Featuring “Man Men” actress Christina Hendricks, “Parks and Recreation” Retta, and Mae Whitman, who some might remember from the movie “The Duff”; this all-star cast paints a cautionary tale of what happens when suburban mom’s get into the business of breaking the law.

crimes and robbing a grocery store to fix all their money troubles. The idea gets a good laugh until what starts off as a joke becomes reality. The trio decide to go through with their plan, setting off a sequence of events that continues through the show.

Desperate housewives make for horrible criminals.



PICTURED ABOVE: Youtube TV logo PC: google.com

## Is Tube TV for you?

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YouTube TV is a cheaper, friendlier version of cable that has been on the market for close to a year. Just \$40 dollars a month gets you 60 plus channels that are what you want. Not only are there large channels such as Fox and CNN, but also local news and sports. The concept has become more and more popular with college students.

“YouTube TV has saved me money and has allowed my roommates and I to enjoy the programs we like without paying extra,” said Elysia Brewer a senior.

Traditional cable has become increasingly expensive; more of a headache than a pleasure. “I have been paying \$200 dollars a month for cable and most of the channels I receive I do not watch” said Lea Marie who graduated last spring.

The exciting part of YouTube TV is it allows six people to use the account. So, like Netflix, where multiple people can use the account, so can YouTube TV. This allows for splitting a \$40-dollar bill six ways, which would be \$6.66 a month and a total of \$80 dollars a year. Compared to a cable bill of \$200 dollars a month, this is a steal.

YouTube TV is coming into a competitive market but is moving in the right direction. As of today, cable has most of the market but is being pushed out by more and more streaming services.

The goal, just like most things, is to save money while getting what you pay for. Most people want local news, popular channels and some specific programs they enjoy. YouTube TV provides what the consumer is asking for at a reasonable price.

For more information visit: <https://tv.youtube.com>