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Borland- Manske Center dedication brings Christ College and Music Department under one harmonious roof

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On Sat., Oct. 5, Concordia officially opened and dedicated its newest building. The Borland-Manske Center is the new home for Music, Worship and Theology programs. This opening is especially exciting as it allows for the Christ College School of Theology and Church Vocations to move from Beta and into the newest, state-of-the-art facilities, on campus.

The opening and dedication of the Borland-Manske Center welcomed home alumni and donors who have graciously given to support the new center. Dean of Christ College, Dr. Steven Mueller said, “I was thankful for the chance to thank our generous donors, see some of the people who helped support Christ College/Concordia University from the very beginning and to see so many alumni return to campus. The people were definitely the highlight.”

Associate Dean of Christ College, Rev. Dr. David Loy was also in attendance. He said one of the most inspirational moments for him was, “sharing information about Christ College's academic programs in Borland-Manske Center room 119, which is the Keithly classroom. One guest wanted a picture of herself with the name of the classroom in the background. I asked if she had a connection to the Keithlys, and it turned out that she was Mrs. Keithley! She and her husband donated the money to outfit the classroom. It was wonderful to meet someone who believes so strongly in Concordia and its mission that they would donate money for something like a classroom.”

The dedication also showcased the partnership of Christ College and the Music Department, which serves a great purpose on campus. Loy explained, “Lutheranism has long understood music to be an important partner with theology in the proclamation of the good news about Jesus Christ in public worship. Putting Christ College and music in one location right next to the CU Center emphasizes that partnership publicly and visually.” The union of Christ College and the Music Department is a great representation of Concordia’s Lutheran values and will continue to serve as an important feature of the campus.

Music played an important role in the dedication, with the Concordia Choir, Concordia Master Chorale and Concordia Sinfonietta starting off the day with the annual Fall Festival of Hymns. Mueller said, “The Festival of Hymns was a beautiful way to start the dedication events.”

Dr. Jeff Held, Assistant Dean in the School of Arts & Sciences, Director of Arts & Instrumental Activities and Conductor of the Concordia Wind Orchestra & Sinfonietta said, “In Lutheranism, music and theology are closely intertwined. Our building reflects that and the hymn festival put it into practice by incorporating the spoken word, penned by Christ College professors, hymn texts that proclaim the Gospel and beautiful music, mostly created by those from our community.”

The Christ College wing of the Borland-Manske Center comes with new classrooms and resources for all students and faculty to enjoy. Mueller said, “A helpful feature that is built in is video conferencing. All



PICTURED ABOVE: From left to right City of Irvine Mayor Pro Tem Anthony Kuo, Concordia’s President Kurt Krueger, Barbara Manske and Caryn and Mike Borland cut the ceremonial ribbon commemorating the official opening of the Borland-Manske Center.

of our graduate programs are available online. These spaces make it easier to bring remote students into the classroom.” Furthermore, the classrooms also provide resources that Christ College students will benefit from immensely. Loy said, “The new library in the Borland-Manske Center provides Christ College students with specialized works in theology and religion they can use for class projects. Its proximity to faculty means that they can easily engage in conversations with their instructors.”

Along with new, readily available resources in the Christ College wing, the building provides students with opportunities to further Christian conversation campus-wide. Loy said, “The Borland-Manske Center provides new, comfortable gathering places where faculty and students can gather to chat. Its open floor plan encourages interaction of Christ College faculty with students and one another.” With this open floor plan, it will be easy for students to interact with others and continue the Christian conversation throughout campus.

The Borland-Manske Center includes over 50 rooms designed

specifically for music-making and teaching, including the Charlie and Ling Zhang Orchestra Hall, the Caryn Borland ’85 Recording Suite, the Henley Piano Studio and a large choral rehearsal hall. Walters-Storyk Design Group did the acoustic design, including the recording studio, which was designed by the world's foremost designer of audio studios, John Storyk.

Professor Steve Young, Director of Commercial Music and Worship Bands, appreciates the possibilities the new spaces provide. “I dream of a program that attracts students, alumni and creative professionals from the music industry to collectively ‘go deep’ in their passion for studying music and how it impacts people's lives. Thanks to Mike and Caryn Borland, Chuck and Barbara Manske, and the 300+ donors to the Borland-Manske Center, we are seeing that become a reality right before our eyes!”

If you have not already, come check out Concordia’s newest building, the Borland-Manske Center, located behind the CU Center. The views, open seating and educational resources are something you do not want to miss!

Student performers shine at Borland- Manske Center dedication

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Nearly 800 people were in attendance for the Borland-Manske Center dedication Sat., Oct. 5. This event was not only monumental for the supporters of the university and the university itself, but also for Concordia’s student and faculty-led performing groups who graced the event with music.

The event created an opportunity for the Music Department not only to show off their wing of the new building, but also show their talents to donors and friends of Concordia who supported their growth as a department. “I thought [the event] went well. Everyone did a good job preparing on their own so that when we got to rehearsal, we were able to focus on the details, and you could really hear it. I'm going to credit that to all of our new practice rooms. It's very exciting to be a part of this performance, and I'm going to miss it when I graduate,”

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# Around-the-World® update: The “Emptiness” of India

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“God takes care of His poor people through us...Remain as empty as possible, so that God can fill you.”  
- Mother Teresa.

Feeling empty described nearly our whole team during our week in Kolkata, India. Empty intestines after diarrhea. Empty stomachs because we weren't hungry. Speechless while we sloshed through street water. Weary after our first few days in the Mother Teresa homes.

I came to India subconsciously hoping for change – some divine intervention. By the fifth day, my exhaustion had clouded that hope. I felt sick and sinful, with no motivation for three more days of service.

The sisters in Kolkata work like they are specially armed against that natural human response to poverty and illness. Some people come away from the

homes thinking the Missionaries of Charity are inherently better or holier than others; I do not think the sisters would agree. They have a very humble view of themselves. My teammate asked one of the older sisters what Mother Teresa was like. “Great,” she said. “But also simple, like all of us,” she continued. We asked another nun her name. “Just ‘sister,’” she said, and would only tell us her full name after some gentle pleading.

I reached a point that week where I knew it would hurt to serve again – and oddly enough, our team had just discussed Mother Teresa’s words, “Give until it hurts.” So I prayed for Christ to fill me with love that I did not have and joy I could not muster. I woke up the next morning with the most peace I felt the entire week.

When we stepped into the home that morning, the missionaries were singing, “When I was hungry, you gave me food/When I was thirsty, you gave me drink.” The end of that Scripture passage, “You did it for Me,” ran through my head all day. Old women’s

hands were Jesus’ hands when I rubbed lotion on them, their mouths was His mouth as I fed them, their pain was His pain as I helped lift them in and out of bed. But I understood, too, that my hands were Jesus’ hands, my mouth is His mouth, my discomfort and exhaustion and anxiety are something He had already carried. Every person, every task that day felt inexplicably and undeniably holy – because it was.

On our last service day, one of the sisters called us down to see a man they had just brought in off the street, ill and desperately in need of care. The sister smiled at us, almost eagerly. “That’s Jesus on the cross,” she said. “What we do for Him, we do for Jesus.”

And we do it empty.

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said Owen Duncan, senior in Concordia Sinfonietta and Concordia Choir.

Sophia Flores, sophomore in Concordia Choir (and Concordia Wind Ensemble) also was pleased with the outcome of the concert saying, “I am really impressed with how the concert ended up turning out. I find beauty in watching ensembles

individually prepare these pieces over the course of the semester and then come together and make music as one large ensemble.”

The dedication performances gave performers the experience to participate in multiple ensembles and stretch their skills. “Even though I am normally an instrumentalist, in this concert I performed as part of the Concordia Choir. Even though these groups incorporate different gifts, skills, and techniques,

Concordia’s ensembles are always so special because I always feel like I am part of an ensemble, but part of a family,” said Flores.

This event was not only auspicious for the students. Faculty made good use of the opportunity to share their faith and philosophies through the music. “It was a beautiful reflection on our faith that I was proud to be a part of. I am always so honored and happy to be a part of Concordia’s music life,” said Professor Michael Miller, Resident Performing Artist in Concordia Sinfonietta.

Though the Borland-Manske Center performance was certainly an unforgettable afternoon, this event is one of many that Concordia’s musical ensembles take part in. For a full list and calendar of upcoming performances visit <https://www.cui.edu/arts/music/events>.

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# Rising Hispanic and LatinX enrollment earns Concordia the title of “Hispanic-Serving Institute”

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This past September, Concordia reached a milestone that it has been striving towards for the past five years. A census conducted at the beginning of the fall semester revealed that twenty-five percent of undergraduate students identify as either Hispanic or LatinX. This percentage of undergraduate students officially designates Concordia as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI). The U.S. Department of Education defines an HSI as, “an eligible institution with at least twenty-five percent Hispanic or LatinX students, enabling the institution eligible for discretionary grants to; expand educational opportunities, improve the academic

attainment of Hispanic students and expand and enhance the academic offerings, program quality and institutional stability.” Lizz Mishreki, Concordia’s Director of Public Relations, who is also the Leader of First-Generation and Hispanic-Serving Initiative, stated that “when I first interviewed for my position nearly five years ago, nineteen percent of undergraduate students identified as Hispanic or LatinX without any initiative in place.” Mishreki explained that Concordia must remain in the required twenty-five percent threshold for two years; fifty percent of the student body must receive financial assistance and core expenses must fall within a certain range. With these thresholds in mind,

Concordia expects to start applying for HSI grants by 2022 or sooner. PBS news reported in 2018 that according to the Department of Education the proportion of graduating Hispanics from higher education within six years is ten percent lower than the proportion of white students and fourteen percent lower for those who graduate in four years. The main goal of an HSI is to bring more attention and awareness to the gaps between white and Hispanic students. The lingering disparity leaves LatinX and Hispanics victim to disadvantages in the workforce such as: low and middle-waged jobs, lower economic impact and the inability to progress as a thriving culture in the United States.

The Pew Research Center reported that in 2016, California had the largest population of LatinX and Hispanics in the country and this number continues to rise. Being designated as an HSI in California can have tremendous effects on those that live here. Mishreki also added that “students who are part of the WINGS and Jumpstart programs can expect expansions thanks to HSI funding.” Funding will also allow Concordia to establish new programs such as: first-generation scholars programs, a faculty mentor program and professional development for faculty. The HSI initiative aligns with The Great Commission of Concordia and is overseen by the Office of The Provost. From the administration offices, they

are forming a core working group of faculty and staff to identify a specific timeline and list of priorities. Concordia will be looking to improve on retention rates of LatinX and Hispanic students. It will focus on areas like commuting to school and financial aid. Concordia’s designation as an HSI enables its students eligibility for high-profile scholarships, summer internships and fellowships. Students can learn about scholarship awards and deadlines at [www.hacu.net](http://www.hacu.net) by the “students” tab. HSI designation is one of many landmark goals that Concordia has achieved in the past five years. With this being the first of many steps in the HSI, we can only expect for continued excellence.

## President’s Academic Showcase

JAKE RICCI,  
STAFF WRITER

Over \$5,000 is up for grabs during chapel on April 17, 2020, as Concordia hosts the 10th Annual President’s Academic Showcase. Sign-ups for this competition opened Oct. 8 and will close at midnight on Jan. 17.

According to Dr. Erin Nelson, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies and the Academic Showcase Coordinator, “In previous years, we have anywhere from 30 to 60 participants.” The President’s Academic Showcase is available to all students in varying degrees. According to [cui.edu](http://cui.edu), “The competition is interdisciplinary, drawing entries from Biology, English, Theology, Behavioral Sciences, Music, Theater, Education, Business, Communications, Psychology, Art, Chemistry, History, Anthropology, Linguistics, and Mathematics.” No matter your major, there is a place for you in this highly-respected competition. The Academic Showcase is a great experience and opportunity for top students. They get the opportunity to work one-on-one with a faculty mentor on a research project of their choice for the chance to take home the tier one first-place prize of \$1,500!

There are two tiers to the competition to keep the playing field fair. Tier one is composed of upperclassmen



PICTURED ABOVE: Winners of the 2019 President’s Academic Showcase pose with their awards last spring.

while tier two is made up of freshmen and sophomores. The competition has three parts including a maximum 25 page research paper, an academic poster displaying the results, and, if you are one of five finalists, a 20 minute oral presentation.

Not only will over \$5,000 be rewarded to student researchers but according to Nelson, “Any participant who is not a senior is eligible to attend the inter-collegiate conference next November.” The opportunity to compete at an inter-collegiate research conference is priceless, as there may be no better way to network and discuss your results with experts in your field of study. Dr. Nelson stated that the inter-collegiate conference is “another good experience to create contacts and practice your graduate school skills.”

If you have an area of study you are passionate about and have the ambition to write an exceptional research paper, do not hesitate to sign up

for the President’s Academic Showcase at <https://www.cui.edu/academicprograms/undergraduate/showcase>.

Do not pass on this chance to complete valuable research on a study of your choice with the chance to win some serious cash. For more information, visit <https://www.cui.edu/academicprograms/undergraduate/showcase> or contact Dr. Erin Nelson, Academic Showcase Coordinator at [showcase@cui.edu](mailto:showcase@cui.edu).

President's Academic Showcase Dates  
October 8 - January 17 (Midnight) Sign Up Window  
March 16 - Students submit papers  
April 2 - Poster Session, 11-1 p.m. Gym Breezeway  
April 7- Finalist Presentations, 10-12 p.m. DeNault  
April 17 - Winners announced during chapel

## ASCUI hosts “Theme Verse Week”

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“Theme Verse Week” is right around the corner – actually it’s next week! This year ASCUI’s President Isabelle Upchurch and Vice President Noah Eschmann prayerfully chose the theme verse for this year. It’s ASCUI’s mission during “Theme Verse Week” to not only explain the verse and why it was chosen but also give students real life applications. “Theme Verse Week” begins Mon., Oct. 21 and goes through Fri., Oct. 25.

This year’s verse is Ephesians 5: 8-9. “For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true.” Monday is a giveaway day! ASCUI will be outside the caf from 11 to 2 p.m with candy and a “Wheel of Fortune” prize wheel in hand. You will have the chance to receive a variety of items to remind you of this year’s theme verse. Tuesday is chock full of exciting activities starting at the CU Center at 10:30 a.m for Theme Verse Chapel. The ASCUI team will be explaining Ephesians 5:8-9 through worship, a message, video and more! Afterward, head on over to the SU Patio from 11 to 2 p.m for

a photo booth, popcorn and postcards to write to your friends who are studying abroad. We will have fun props for you to strike your most creative poses! Wednesday marks the first of two days for the Theme Verse Donut Wall. Guess what, it’s FREE! The donut wall will be placed somewhere on campus for you to find and grab a tasty treat. Did I mention it’s a Krispy Kreme donut? From 11 to 2 p.m on the SU Patio, ASCUI will have postcards, popcorn and a place for students to write to who illuminates their life through Christ. Thursday is, yet another, FREE Donut Wall day! If you missed your Krispy Kreme donut fix on Wednesday, you will get your chance today. Then, from 8 to 9 p.m on the patio, join us for a late night breakfast! The ASCUI team will be serving up fresh, delicious pancakes with orange juice along with hosting fun games and providing postcards to write for study abroad students. After you have had your fill of pancakes, get filled by the Lord at Shout! Friday, after chapel, the ASCUI team will be hosting a service project for students to participate in. Be on the SU Patio from 11 to 1 p.m to help out!



# Eagles of the Week

## 10- 16- 19 Eagle of the Week - Angel Aguirre

BEN ROSEHART,  
SPORTS INFORMATION  
DIRECTOR



Photo courtesy of Troy Makalena

Concordia junior Angel Aguirre helped lead the charge last Saturday at the Vanguard Invite, finishing in the top 20 among competing college athletes. After his latest superb showing, Aguirre has been named our Newport Rib Company Eagle of the Week for the week of Oct. 16.

A consistent top three finisher for the Eagles all season, the California HS alum led the way for the Green and Gold on Code Yellow Saturday by completing the

8k course at Irvine Regional Park in 25 minutes and 41 seconds. His effort helped the men's cross country team finish fourth out of 13 competing schools while the women placed third out of 13.

"I feel like this year the team has come together to train harder than we ever have before and we want to become even better through every race we compete at," explained Aguirre. "We also have a great coach that wants us

to become the best version of ourselves that we can be. It really does make me happy that we can all buckle down and prepare for challenges ahead together," he said.

"Angel has provided consistency this year at a high level being one of the top runners," said head coach Keegan Bloomfield. "Angel's been patient with himself but has also been striving to be a better student-

athlete and this year is showing that. We're hoping for him to be a top finisher at the PacWest Championships in two weeks," said Bloomfield.

In addition to excelling on the course, Aguirre was one of two student-athletes asked to share their experiences with alumni and donors at the 31st Annual Eagle Golf Classic dinner this past Monday. The fundraising event is a university tradition that helps brings the Eagle family together and was hosted again this year at the well-regarded Strawberry Farms Golf Club in Irvine. Aguirre and Concordia swimmer Emily Kivisto were the two honorees chosen to represent the school's current student-athletes and both shared about how their unique journeys have led them to Concordia at this point in their lives.

"Being able to speak at the

golf classic threw me off because I would have never expected to be chosen for something important like this," admitted Aguirre. "It really was an eye-opener for me to realize that my hard work is paying off and I'm starting to create an identity for myself outside of just running."

Aguirre and the Eagles will toe the line once again on Saturday, Oct. 26 at the PacWest Conference Championships in Fullerton, Calif. at Ted Craig Regional Park. It's a highly anticipated showcase and all the Eagles have their sights set on finishing the season with strong outings.

"I'm excited because I feel like I can contribute more this year than I have in the previous years," said Aguirre. "I'm hoping to come into the top five for the conference individually and help our team finish in the top two," said Aguirre.

## 10- 9- 19 Eagle of the Week - Patrik Zsiros



Photo courtesy of Troy Makalena

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Patrik Zsiros etched his name in the record books this weekend as he broke Spencer Hosch's record for career goals. The Newport Rib Company Eagle of the Week for the week of Oct. 9 passed Hosch when he scored with 2:59 left in the fourth quarter against McKendree. It was his fourth goal of the game and the 104th goal of his career. He continued to add to his newly established record, scoring six more times on the weekend to bring his career total to 110.

Zsiros knows what it takes to get to this point in his career and he knows it was not easy. Growing up in Hungary shaped the work ethic he carries with him today. "Will, hard-work and humility towards the sport," said Zsiros when asked about what aided in his success. "In Hungary there was a lot of competition and we had to work really hard to get exposure for opportunities," he continued.

Not only known for scoring goals, Zsiros enters the game at Santa Clara this Saturday ranked

second in career steals with 57, one behind current teammate Nick Walker who has 58. Both Zsiros and Walker broke the previous record of 49 which was held by Angels Rojas. Zsiros was very modest when asked how it felt to have his name in the Concordia water polo records books. "I was not expecting it, but it ended up happening so it is obviously a great feeling," said Zsiros.

Head coach Dreason Barry had nothing but praise for Zsiros when asked about his career success at Concordia. "Patrik is one of the most respectful and humble players I have ever coached," said Barry. He continued, "He is very passionate about water polo and his team. His great attitude towards working hard pushes everyone around him to be their best."

When asked why he chose Concordia, Zsiros could not help but mention Barry as one of the drawing factors. "I was connected with Concordia in the summer of 2016 through head coach Dreason Barry and assistant coach Bobby McDonald," said Zsiros. "I

wanted to play water polo in the United States and Concordia both represented a strong water polo team and prestigious academics."

Zsiros, a native of Budapest, Hungary, grew up in the pool. His club team came in second in the 2017 Hungarian U18 National Championship. A huge soccer fan, Zsiros follows Olympiacos out of the Super League Greece.

While life across the Atlantic is different, Zsiros is enjoying his time in the States. Like his teammate Marius Jakimcikas, Zsiros cannot seem to escape the water, even in his free time. "The freedom and that there are tons of opportunities for the people to live up to their full potential," said Zsiros when asked about what he enjoys about the United States. "In my free time I love to go to the ocean and spending time with my teammates," he said.

His career goal in life is to go pro and then ultimately start his own business. He is majoring in Finance and minoring in Economics so Zsiros knows how to balance multiple aspects of his life and stay calm under pressure.

## 10- 2- 19 Eagle of the Week - Riley Gill



Photo courtesy of Troy Makalena.

BEN ROSEHART,  
SPORTS INFORMATION  
DIRECTOR

An extremely versatile player for head coach Paula Weishoff, women's volleyball player Riley Gill, routinely makes an impact on the court on both offense and defense.

The Sage Creek High School product averaged 3.5 kills/set and 3.3 digs/set during Concordia's recent sweeps of Fresno Pacific and Biola. For her outstanding contributions, she has been chosen as the Newport Rib Company Eagle of the Week for the week of Oct. 2.

Gill placed three aces and added 10 kills and three block assists in the road win over the Sunbirds. She then posted her team-leading eighth double-double of the season with 11 kills and 10 digs in the Eagle's first victory over Biola in five years.

"I feel very comfortable on the court during these last few matches," admitted Gill. "Our team is definitely working as a unit extremely well and we have been connecting a lot more on the court after each point, win or lose. I feel that we have grown so much mentally as a team and it is clear that we have been a lot more confident as a team in these last few matches."

The Carlsbad, Calif. native entered October leading the Eagles in a ton of categories, including

total points and kills. In addition, Gill was leading in Concordia in points per set (3.41), kills per set (3.02) and digs per set (2.96).

The Eagles completed the month of September with only one home contest and rose to the occasion when playing away from the CU Arena. The green and gold won nine of their first 12 games away from Irvine and posted a 6-1 mark in neutral contests while competing in tournaments at UC San Diego and Point Loma.

"I feel that the team has grown a lot by playing early road games because it has created a challenge for us at the beginning with constantly traveling and having to balance that with schoolwork along with having to recover from trips very quickly before going onto the next trip," added Gill. "I feel this will make the rest of the season feel a lot easier, as we will have mostly home games towards the end."

From a league perspective, Gill has helped the Eagles navigate their way to a 3-2 record in the PacWest after their first five matches against conference opponents. She entered the first home match against Azusa Pacific first in the entire PacWest in kills.

"I know it is a matter of dialing in and focusing on the game plan," said Gill. "When we play as a unit, we play at our best."

For the full women's volleyball schedule, visit [cuieagles.com](http://cuieagles.com).



Men’s basketball look to fly even higher this season



PICTURED ABOVE: 2019-2020 men’s basketball. Photo courtesy of @concordiambb.

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STAFF WRITER

Concordia’s men’s basketball is hoping to keep their past momentum going as they enter into their fifth season in NCAA Division-II.

Last season, the Eagles put up an impressive 18-4 conference record which gave them a second place finish. They reached the NCAA D-II Tournament for the first time in school history by way of an at-large bid in the west regional bracket.

“Last year’s accomplishment was great because we had so much success in the NAIA but this is a whole different level altogether,” head coach Ken Ammann said. This will be Ammann’s 19th season in the program.

During the transition from NAIA to NCAA D-II, Concordia athletics went through a probationary period making teams ineligible from postseason tournaments. The probationary period

was a mandatory part of the transition from one conference to the other. In their first eligible year of post-season play, the 2017-2018 squad made it to the PacWest Tournament Semifinals.

“This year we want to continue to get better and win the Regional,” Ammann said. “It’s a high goal and only one team gets to do it in the whole West so we want to be that team.”

To continue the momentum, Ammann added seven players to this year’s roster to fill the holes graduated seniors such as Brian Chambers left. The 6’2” guard alum led last season’s team in points, assists, rebounds, steals and free-throw percentage.

“Brian brought a lot as did the other guys that left. We needed a lot of people to step up and replace what the guys left with their leadership and competitiveness,” Ammann said. “We got a lot of returners who are going to fulfill more of a leadership role,” he continued.

Concordia will look to seniors to step up and become

impactful players on the court this year.

Senior Robert Taylor shoots to take over as Concordia’s defensive go-to and help the team fly high. The 6’3” guard started all 34 games in the green and gold last season and followed Chambers with 139 rebounds and 59 steals.

Ammann will also look to senior guard Jamel White for offensive contributions. Last season he shot over 40% from the field and made a season-high 23 points in 35 minutes in a victory against Chaminade on March 8. That win advanced Concordia to their first ever PacWest Championship Game

“The seniors that are back are really looking into seeing if we can improve as a team,” Ammann said, continuing, “I’m sure they’re trying to have their best year yet.”

According to Ammann, this is the oldest and most experienced team that he has lead at Concordia. He hopes the greater collegiate level experience will help this year’s squad to more victories. This season’s roster features just three underclassmen — two true freshmen and one redshirt sophomore.

“The goal we have the most control over and focus on the most every year is trying to win a conference championship,” Ammann said.

Men’s basketball season tips off with an exhibition game Thurs. Oct., 24 at Masters College at 8 p.m. The Eagles will have an Orange County face-off in their home opener on Sat. Oct., 26 against Vanguard University starting at 7 p.m.

Softball Fundraiser:  
Evening with The Eagles



BROOKE JACKSON,  
SPORTS COLUMNIST

Softball is hosting a fundraiser called Evening with The Eagles on Friday, Nov. 1 at 6 p.m. This event will include a dinner, a silent auction and bingo.

This event is one of the two fundraisers that softball runs each year. The money raised goes towards supporting the softball program. “This money then gets dispersed into our funding for gear and field improvements,” said Lindsay Cerulle, one of softball’s graduate assistants.

Softball also has some big plans in the works. Cerulle said, “We are trying to build a new softball stadium so that has become my main focus.”

This event has been going on annually since 2012. “At the beginning there was a lot more

work to be done since they had to figure out how everything would fall together and now we just need to follow that template and get everything we need checked off the list,” said Cerulle. Even so, this event takes about two to three months to plan. The plan can be adjusted as donations come in.

“I look forward to experiencing this event for the first time and seeing all our hard work payoff, as well as seeing the girls’ friends, families and community come together to support us,” Cerulle said.

Tickets for the event sell fast. If you want to buy a ticket visit <https://www.cui.edu/en-us/giving/how-to-give/eagle-athletics-club> or contact any Eagle softball player! Make sure to get yours for \$25 and get to enjoy this event and support our softball program.

Eagles and Ducks: a winning combination

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It was a night full of celebrations as the Anaheim Ducks beat the Arizona Coyotes 2-1 in front of a sell-out crowd, including more than 200 Eagles and their families, for their season opener and Concordia Night on Thurs., Oct. 3.

This was the second time that the Sports Management Club and the Alumni and Family Relations Department have come together to sponsor this event, and this time, expectations were exceeded.

Eagles alumni Heather Chatwin, ’13, was grateful for the opportunity to attend with her son and husband. “We sat three rows from the glass. My son even got a pregame puck tossed to him. It was an awesome night and we all had fun,” Chatwin said. The Helpful Honda guys even paid for their parking.

The Ducks started the night by introducing the team and staff members, including Captain Ryan Getzlaf and this year’s 21st Duck, Lera Diederlein. Diederlein, a double above-knee amputee, will serve as a special inspiration



PICTURED ABOVE: Men’s lacrosse at Eagles night at the Anaheim Ducks game on Oct. 2. Photo courtesy of Michael E. Smith.

for the team this year. She was selected for her perseverance, character, courage and inspiration and was also named to this year’s U.S. Women’s Development Sled Hockey Team.

The Ducks got the scoring started late in the first period as forward Derek Grant capitalized on a rebound off of Coyotes goaltender Darcy Kuemper. After a great save by Ducks goaltender John Gibson, Grant collected the puck, skated it

into the Coyotes zone and passed it to linemate Devin Shore. Shore skated past the Coyotes defenders and took a shot right in front of the Coyotes net. While Kuemper was able to save the initial shot, Grant was able to collect the rebound and elevate the puck into the back of the net for the first goal of the season for Anaheim.

The first intermission kept the excitement going, as four members of Concordia’s men’s lacrosse team

walked onto the ice to participate in a puck shooting game. Hayden Greco, sophomore; Connor Reed, graduate student; Jacob Aho, senior; and Dominic Castro, senior, had to shoot a puck from one end of the ice into the net on the other side.

There were two players who did manage to shoot the puck into the net; Reed and Aho. “It was a very fun experience going on the ice for the intermission game and I was just happy to not embarrass myself in front of the entire crowd and make one of the shots,” recalled Reed. “Our whole team was able to attend the game, so it was an awesome experience to be able to enjoy some quality time with teammates.” For their success, Reed and Aho each received a signed puck from John Gibson.

Even though he did not make one of his three attempts, Castro said he had a blast. “I really appreciated the opportunity from the Ducks to give us such good seats and the opportunity to participate in the game,” he said.

The Ducks started the second period off strong until nine minutes in when Coyote’s forward

Derek Stepan scored, tying the game nearly halfway through the period. As the Ducks were executing a line change, the Coyotes took advantage, passing the puck up to the Ducks blue line from with-in their own zone. Clayton Keller received the pass and skated towards the Anaheim net, passed the puck to linemate Phil Kessel in front of the net, who passed it quickly to Stepan, who slapped the one-timer past Gibson.

The game-winning goal came late in the second, as defenseman Cam Fowler fired a shot with just over 30 seconds remaining in the period. Forward Carter Rowney passed the puck from below Arizona’s net to Fowler, who was able to skate around a defender and shoot through traffic to hit the top corner allowing the Ducks to take the lead back. The score held up through the third period, giving the Ducks the win to start off the season.

The Ducks carried their success into their next few games, earning a 5-2-0 record so far this season. The Ducks defeated the Carolina Hurricanes this past Wed. Oct. 16 by a score of 5-2.



# First Code Yellow event brings great success to Cross Country

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The first official Code Yellow event of the year took place this past Saturday at Irvine Regional Park where the men's and women's cross country teams competed in the Vanguard Invite.

The goal of Code Yellow events is to promote support and attendance for one major game for each sport per season. Students in attendance could get a free t-shirt, The Habit coupons and other fun giveaways.

This year's first Code Yellow event was a great success as the women's team finished third overall and the men finished fourth overall.

Some stand out runners from the women side in this meet included seniors Rosalba Cabrera, Bailey Wade and Anamauri



PICTURED ABOVE: Eagle supporters gather at Code Yellow event. Photo courtesy of @cuieagles.

Hernandez and freshman Jori Paradis. All four Lady Eagles finished in the top 25.

Cabrera, a Biology major, is a local from Whittier. She had a very

successful Code Yellow meet and said "It was such a lovely turn out, especially it being Code Yellow and having so many people out cheering us on." Hungry for more

success, Cabrera continued, "The season has been so great; we have been getting better each race and becoming closer and running more together each time. The best part of this season is that it is not over yet! We still have conference on Oct. 26 in Fullerton to continue our progress and finish the season even stronger!"

Sophomore David Brito and junior Angel Aguirre represented the men in the high rankings. Both finished in the top 25.

Aguirre, another Whittier native, is a Psychology major with a Sociology minor. Aguirre commented on the Code Yellow event and said "I think the turnout was great. We had a decent amount of people coming out to cheer us on for some parts of the race."

Brito, sophomore from Huntington Beach is majoring

in Biology. Commenting on the Code Yellow meet, he said, "I think it was a huge success for the team. One of the things we've discussed this season is running in packs and staying close to each other, and after looking at the results, we were definitely close to each other. There are still some adjustments to make, but overall it was a big step in the right direction." "It was really motivating to see our fellow Eagles come out early in the morning to cheer us on," concluded Brito.

The Eagles compete again at the PacWest Championships on Oct. 26 in hope of winning a PacWest title. The meet will be held at Ted Craig Regional Park in Fullerton, California. Be sure to check out [cuieagles.com](http://cuieagles.com) for any and all updates on men's and women's cross country.

## Women's basketball enters the season with grit and determination



PICTURED ABOVE: Mikaela Vanderklugt talks with head coach Christine Collins-Kiernan during a game last season. Photo courtesy of Troy Makalena.

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Coming off their 2018-2019 season, which included making it to the PacWest quarter finals, where the team lost to Hawaii

Pacific, women's basketball is eager to move further this year into post-season play.

Junior center, Michaela Vanderklugt is optimistic and determined. "We are going to be better than we were last

season," Vanderklugt stated. With no seniors on the team, the Eagles look to the juniors and underclassmen to continue to grow.

Returning four of the five starters from last season, Vanderklugt said "we have more experience as well as we are going to be able to score better." With four returners, the chemistry on the court will be noticeable.

Forward Kennedy Fulcher is also a returning upperclassman. Fulcher said, "It feels weird to be an upperclassman, I feel like freshman year was just yesterday. It is more responsibility, and you get to help newcomers learn what Concordia basketball is about." Giving a preview on this upcoming season Fulcher

stated, "We should be good this upcoming season. We only lost a few players so we have a really solid base of players returning and a great group of freshmen coming in."

Being a team captain sophomore, and junior year, Vanderklugt works hard on both offense and defense. She averaged 15.6 points a game and lead with 9 rebounds and averaged about 8 defensive rebounds. Not only is Vanderklugt outstanding on offense but also is able to reciprocate on the defensive side to help her team in any way that she can.

Being one of Concordia's standout players Vanderklugt stated, "it's nice being known as a 'star player' but I couldn't do

it without my teammates. They trust me when I have the ball in my hands. They create shots for me. My coaches are also very supportive and prepare me to be the best I can." No stranger to hard work and dedication, Vanderklugt said, "I spend time watching extra film and getting in the gym at night to get shots up. A lot of hard work goes into being the best."

Concordia's women's basketball starts off their season on Nov. 8. at the PacWest challenge tournament, in La Mirada. The Eagles home opener is Fri., Nov. 15 against Humboldt State at 5:30 p.m. in the gym. Come out to watch and support your Eagles take on the Jacks to kick off the 2019-2020 season.

## Men's water polo captures win over Santa Clara

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Sat., Oct. 12, marked victory for the men's water polo team as they took down the Santa Clara Broncos, winning a close game at Santa Clara. The Broncos put up an impressive fight, ultimately falling to the Eagles with a final score of 10 goals with the Eagles scoring 11 goals for the win. This win also marked a victory in the first Western Water Polo Association (WWPA) conference game for the Eagles.

Winning at any point in an athlete's career is exciting, however, this win was especially sweet for senior Messan Moore. "It felt great getting the win against Santa Clara because it was always an intense rivalry between them and us. It was also refreshing to get that win one last time in my senior season," said Moore.

Despite some absences due

to injury, the Eagles have still put on some strong showings this season. "I am impressed with how we are playing despite having a few injured players. We have had some close losses with University of California, Irvine (UCI) and University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB). I know if we play to our potential we can beat or have close games with everyone in our conference. We demonstrated that with our recent victory against Santa Clara," said head coach Dreason Barry.

"Staying consistent is our big focus moving forward. If we can do that then we have a good chance to do well at the end of the year. I think one of our biggest strengths this season has been our chemistry as a team. Our team is like a big family and it is a blast to be with the guys in and out of the pool," said senior Nick Walker.

With the recent win and some big conference games



PICTURED ABOVE: Freshman Nick Taylor looks to score in game against UCSD. Photo courtesy of Troy Makalena.

coming up, excitement for the rest of the season is building. "I'm looking forward to keeping our intensity as a team going throughout the rest of the season and hoping we will place well overall in our conference," said Moore.

"We are looking forward to

preparing our game plan against the competition that will be at the conference tournament, including Fresno Pacific and University of California Davis this weekend. This weekend will have a big impact on our conference ranking for the WWPA championship later

next month," added Barry.

Catch the Eagles in their next conference game as they take on the Fresno Pacific Sunbirds tomorrow, Sat., Oct. 19, at Fresno Pacific University. For all the water polo action visit [cuieagles.com](http://cuieagles.com).



# Spooky tunes made for fall fun

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Halloween is just around the corner and there is tons of great music out there to get people in the spooky spirit. Halloween festivities will be a great time and get people dancing with classics like 'Ghostbusters' or 'Thriller.' Halloween music is great to play while studying to make homework more fun or while driving to make drives more festive.

Good Halloween playlists should have a mixture of spooky tunes like 'Monster Mash' with some relevant music that is currently popular like Travis Scott. The music needs to be festive while keeping the audience entertained with current hits that are listened to year-round.

Halloween is a widely

celebrated holiday associated with candy, friends and fun. The enchanting yet eerie holiday is a favorite for many Concordia students who have strong opinions on which spooky song is the best for the annual holiday. Senior, Amy Thompson stated, "I love Halloween and how energetic the music is. My personal favorite is 'I Put A Spell On You' from the festive movie, 'Hocus Pocus.'" This song is sung by the three witches in the film and is a Halloween classic for all ages. It is a song that makes people want to dress up and celebrate. Thompson added that "the energy that exudes from the song makes me want to get up and dance every time I hear it."

Another senior, Rosemary Hernandez, also has a personal favorite when it comes to spooky tunes.

She said "I love 'This Is Halloween' from 'The Nightmare Before Christmas'; it is a song that gets me into the Halloween spirit." "The Nightmare Before Christmas" is a Halloween classic that is a must-see during the Halloween season. It is a mixture of fun and spooky that all ages can enjoy. Hernandez goes on to say that "I love the scene from the movie when the song plays and Jack Skellington emerges from the fog; it is so fun and spooky."

Spooky tunes can easily be found on YouTube, Spotify or Apple Music. Apple Music even has set playlists for those too busy to make their own. They also have playlists created based on age groups. The playlist titled 'Halloween Party' includes songs like 'Purple People Eater' and 'Mon-



ster Mash' while playlists like 'Kids Dance Party - Halloween Jams' includes similar songs with a kid twist on it. There is something for everyone!

Along with Halloween, Concordia students should also be excited about the Fall Festival, where many Halloween songs will be played for students to dance and have a great time. It will

be on Fri., Oct. 25. The festivities will begin at 6 p.m at the Student Union Patio. Be festive this spooky season, listen to some Halloween classics, watch some scary movies and head over to the Concordia Fall Festival!

For more information on Halloween music, check out Apple Music and their set playlists!

## 31 Nights of Halloween

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Attention all Halloween fanatics! You are in for a few tricks and treats this October as Freeform plays their 31 Nights of Halloween. All month long your favorite Halloween movies and shows, new and old will be played in light of all things spooky. This event has been traditionally known as 13 Nights of Halloween and just recently upgraded to 31 as an expansion to keep the Halloween spirit flowing throughout October.

Senior Grant Nutt took a look at the 31 Nights of Halloween schedule and said he is most excited to watch the classic movie, "Edward Scissorhands." This 1990 film was directed by Tim Burton and stars Johnny Depp as a frightening but friendly unfinished science creation. "My favorite thing about the movie is that he has scissors for hands. I always wanted to



be just like him as a kid. My mom would spray paint my hair black and crazy like Edward's and we would make scissor hands out of aluminum foil. I would pretend to cut my

sisters hair with them too, she hated it because she was scared of him but I thought it was funny," said Nutt. Nutt is not alone in his liking of this movie as it remains a popular classic

to this day. He added, "I'm considering dressing up as him this Halloween but who knows what I will end up doing. I will for sure watch the movie two or three times before October is over."

Senior swim captain Madeleine Dodge added her favorite film from the 31 Nights of Halloween to the mix and that is, "Hocus Pocus." This Disney classic from 1993 makes its way to the screen year after year and will be played on Freeform more than two dozen times throughout the entire month of October. Dodge said, "I love this movie because I never get tired of watching it! I always thought the witch played by Sarah Jessica Parker was so pretty for a witch, even though she comes across as the dumb one." This movie is known as a family favorite Halloween classic. Dodge added, "I can't wait to watch this movie along with a few others before October ends. It

will probably always be one of my favorites and is definitely one I'll watch with my future family one day."

Though the movie is not listed under Freeform's 31 Nights of Halloween, junior water polo player Dailynn Santoro is most excited to watch the movie "Twitches" in the spirit of Halloween. This 2005 Disney classic stars twin witches or "twitches" Tia and Tamera Mowry as they use magic to save their kingdom from the darkness. Santoro said, "I like it because it is spooky and gives me the chilly willy's, but it is not too scary. It was one of the first scary movies I saw growing up and I always wanted to be a good witch like them."

For those of you who would like to stay up to date with Freeform's 31 Nights of Halloween, the schedule can be found on the ABC 7 news website.

Tune in and stay spooky!



# Five frightfully fun and frugal things to do for Halloween

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While mid-semester break has come and gone, the fall festivities are still here with Halloween coming up. With five great events in Orange County, students and staff get to feel the frightful holiday cheer while also not breaking the bank during the “Halloweek.”

First, start the Halloween week off by celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of The OC Market Place on Oct., 26. According to the Orange County Market Place website, there will be a costume contest for the best 1960’s look alike, many games “from ages 1-100” to compete in and other fun events as well; however, the highlight is going to be a Micheal Jackson “Thriller” dance party. The event is free and is at the Orange County Market Place/OC Fair & Event Center in Costa Mesa.

Second, on Oct., 27, visit Huntington Beach’s Oktoberfest and watch weiner dogs dress up in costumes for a race. If the race is something that may not be interesting, the entire Oktoberfest event has other activities as well such as German

drinks and food, German music or other fun events. Tickets must be bought online at <https://www.oldworld.ws/oktoberfest-orange-county>. The prices do vary depending on what day and event people go to but the average price is \$20.

Third, check out the Haunted Walking Tour of Fullerton where people get to experience hot spots for paranormal activity in Fullerton. This event runs from Oct., 23-25 and Oct., 29-30. The tour is a mile and a half long and is a two and a half-hour walk through Fullerton talking about the paranormal history and activity of Fullerton. This walk includes going through some paranormal spots and possibly seeing some activity on the tour. Tickets cost between \$20-\$25 and can be found on the City of Fullerton’s webpage if you just type in Haunted walking tour. According to Aimee Anul, the Event Coordinator of these tours, the whole purpose of the tour is to highlight the rich history of Fullerton and to share stories to other people. It is up to people to believe in what they say or not.

Fourth, there is no better way to celebrate “Halloweek” than with

Halloween itself! The city of Huntington Beach invites anyone to come down to Main Street for trick or-treating, a costume contest, games, photo stations, and just an overall good time on Halloween night. The cost is free and it starts at 4 p.m in downtown Huntington Beach.

The fifth and final event that people can go to is Fri. Nov., 1 in Anaheim Town Square celebrating Dia de los Muertos. There will be face painters, Pan de Muertos bread decorating classes, a mariachi band and more. From 7-9 p.m, people also get to watch the movie “Coco” by Disney at sunset on a lawn. It is encouraged to bring your own seating. The entrance cost is free.

Whatever your spooky fix, there is something going on all days of “Halloweek.” Grab your friends and check out all of these frightfully fun events!

Happy Halloween!

# Artfully good Halloween costume ideas or DIY tips



SIERRA VENEGAS,  
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emoji is a cute idea because you can do it with a friend and dance all night long!” Garitty also said, “Pair a black shirt and black shorts to make up the clothing portion of this dancing girl emoji pair, while black card stock attached to headbands serves as bunny ears.” This costume can be simple but chic in all black for a house party with a DJ.

Mason Roth, senior, said, “One costume I have always wanted to be is Brawny Man because I thought it would be funny.” If you don’t know, Brawny Man is the man on paper towels wearing a red flannel. Walk around with a roll of paper towels and everyone at the party will instantly love you, especially if their drink spills. To match the Brawny man, wear a red plaid shirt and look as suave and handsome as possible.

There are plenty of other Halloween costumes that require minimal effort and still look great! From dressing as classy as the Bachelorette or keeping it old school and dressing as Rosie the Riveter to represent “girl power”, plenty of Halloween costumes are doable and creative. It just depends on what kind of look you are going for and how many parties you need to attend! Remember to have fun with it and do not stress!

For more information about DIY costume ideas visit [Pinterest.com](https://www.pinterest.com) and search away!

Are you struggling with your Halloween costume this year? Let’s be real, Halloween is just around the corner and your current costume is non-existent. Don’t you worry! Fellow college students have artfully good Halloween costume ideas and DIY tips for quick and easy costumes.

Sydney Sprinkle, sophomore, said “Last Halloween I just went through my closet and chose a brown dress and turned myself into a deer. I drew a little nose and made antlers out of a headband and twigs and everyone loved it.” This costume is perfect for all ages and you can turn a basic dress into a costume that everyone will fawn over (sorry, had to do it).

Emily Lawless, senior and Liberal Studies Major said, “When I was 16 I turned myself into a giant loofah! I used an old swimsuit and glued tulle all around so it puffed all cute and I looked like a loofah!” She also added, “I was able to sit in it comfortably and it even provided a little extra cushion, which is a plus!”

Amanda Garrity, Associate Lifestyle Editor for [GoodHousekeeping.com](https://www.goodhousekeeping.com), explained how being iPhone emojis is very popular this year and very easy to do as a DIY. Garrity said, “The dancing girl

# Podcast “Lore” makes Halloween listeners blood-thirsty for more

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As we creep closer to Halloween, the “Lore” podcast feeds its hungry listeners with a weekly special of more curious and dark tales of our history. “Lore,” which is written and produced by its creator Aaron Mahnke, is usually a bi-weekly podcast released on Mondays that dives into the darker side of history by analyzing the research of folktales and strange documented occurrences; if you enjoy hearing about real life mysteries, then “Lore” is perfect for you!

Through these true life scary stories, Mahnke’s research provides possible answers and examples to the world’s most puzzling and frequently asked question: are these ghosts and creatures actually real? “Lore” allows the listeners to decide



that answer for themselves; the podcast simply focuses on stating their case with documented records of these mysterious instances.

Mahnke does a fabulous job in painting these stories into motion, having the puzzle pieces of the strange and creepy instances coalesce in our minds. “Lore” even taps into the familiar stories that we are all accustomed to such as vampires, alien abductions, ghost ships and even bigfoot or

the chupacabra.

However, “Lore” does not limit their listeners to stories about folktales and monsters. Just like in Scooby-doo, “Lore” also finds the monsters in us. Mahnke provides a variety of topics that appeals to his audiences by also talking about serial killers, themes that motivate a person to act violently or strange diseases that consumed a person or a community.

“Lore” does not fail in

weaving us through the most interesting parts of our history. In one episode, “Lore” focused on all the documented reports of spontaneous human combustions dating from the 1600s to the 1950s and the possible answer to those incidents.

One episode explored the curse and the history of the oldest functioning clock in Prague that was known to bring famine and the plague whenever the clock stops working. Another discussed the origin story of the terrifying Robert the doll who was known for moving on his own and causing chaos to anyone who disrespects him. “Lore’s” creepy stories easily sends a shiver up their listeners’ spines as Mahnke reminds them how these strange incidents actually happened to real people.

Tune in to “Lore’s” podcast

as you bask in the Halloween season. The award-winning podcast can be found lurking in the shadows of Apple Podcast, Spotify, iHeartRadio, Google Play and so much more. Check out their website on [lorepodcast.com](https://www.lorepodcast.com) to also find their episodes as well as information about their 2019 Live tour and other podcasts that follow a similar theme. “Lore” can also be found on Amazon Prime as a television series where you can witness these scary stories come to life on your screen.

“Lore” is a fun way to learn more about our dark history with friends and family! (But do take note that some content may be too chilling for young children.) And if you are daring for more from these podcasts, try listening to them alone at night--guaranteed you won’t feel so alone after listening.