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CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY FACULTY & STAFF NEWSLETTER
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Greetings from Concordia University, Nebraska where we learn, serve and lead in the Good News that Jesus came that we "may have life and have it abundantly" John 10:10b (ESV).

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Regents meeting highlights

The Board of Regents of Concordia University, Nebraska held its regular quarterly meeting on Jan. 25, 2016. A summary of the board's actions is included at the end of this newsletter.

Honorary award recipients

The Board of Regents of Concordia University, Nebraska recently endorsed the recommendation of the Concordia faculty in naming the university's 2016 honorary award recipients. Those to be honored are:

DOCTOR OF LETTERS:	Dr. Frederick H. Schamber Murrysville, Pa.
DOCTOR OF LAWS:	Dr. David Hahn* Saratoga Springs, N.Y.
	Roland Temme Lincoln, Neb.
MASTER EDUCATOR:	John C. Bobzin Concordia, Mo.
CREST OF CHRIST AWARD:	Virginia Von Seggern Orchard, Neb.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD:	Lt. Col. Eric J. Teegerstrom Firth, Neb.

*Honor will be awarded at the 2016 ALSS Conference in March 2016.

CONCORDIA NEWS & EVENTS

Final February Birthdays Party
Only one more week to wait! On Friday, Feb. 12, Concordia faculty, staff and adjuncts can take their coffee break in TLEC 113 between 2:30 and 4:15 p.m. to celebrate with the delightful emeriti, retirees and faculty widows. Snacks, beverages and sparkling conversation will be available.

Latest news and event details
Check out what's happening at Concordia. Get more details regarding these news and events at **cune.edu/news**.

University Symphonic Band performs across Nebraska
The Concordia University, Nebraska University Symphonic Band will perform for the students, faculty and staff at its four Lutheran high school partner schools in Nebraska, as well as for the community in Seward, Nebraska, in mid-February. The concert at St. John Lutheran Church in Seward, Nebraska, is free and open to the public on Feb. 21, 2016, at 3 p.m.

Series on understanding Islam
Former devout Muslim and current devout Christian Dr. Mark Christian will present a series on understanding Islam each Tuesday through March 1, 2016, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Concordia. The remaining sessions will be in Weller Hall auditorium.

Marxhausen Gallery exhibits
Concordia is pleased to present a ceramic exhibition that will be on display at the Marxhausen Gallery of Art Jan. 11 through Feb. 18, 2016. The exhibit is titled "Support Structures: An Exhibition of Regional Ceramics" and will feature the work of nationally recognized artists Rain Harris, Forrest Gard and Tyler Lotz.

Concordia event calendar
Check out Concordia's event calendar at **cune.edu/events** for a complete listing of events happening on and around campus.

COMMUNITY EVENTS/EXTRAS

Bockelman exhibits paintings in St. Louis
The paintings of James Bockelman will be presented in a one-person exhibition at 1900 Park Creative in St. Louis from Feb. 5 through March 1. This exhibition will feature a selection of 20 oils on paper from his series "These Referents Register" that were made from 2014–2016. The opening reception for this show is Friday, Feb. 5.

On Saturday, Feb. 6, Bockelman will present a public lecture about his work in Memphis, Tennessee. This talk is hosted by Circuitous Succession, a commercial gallery that represents his work in Memphis.

Come hungry, go home happy!
The 2016 Alaska Mission Team will be hosting a fundraiser at Sam & Louie's Pizza (1519 W. Hwy 34, Seward; 402-643-3200) on Feb. 26 from 5 to 10 p.m. Carry-out and dine-in options are available. A portion of the profits will be donated to the team. We hope to see you there!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The following resources will be available in Connections each week for your reference.

Concordia University, Nebraska social media

Concordia University, Nebraska

- **www.facebook.com/ConcordiaNebraska**
- **www.twitter.com/CUNE**

Concordia Alumni

- **www.facebook.com/ConcordiaNebraskaAlumni**
- **www.twitter.com/CUNEAlumni**

Concordia Athletics

- **www.facebook.com/ConcordiaBulldogs**
- **www.twitter.com/CUNEbulldogs**

Concordia Career Services

- **www.facebook.com/CUNEcareers**
- **www.twitter.com/CUNEcareers**

Church resources

St. John Lutheran Church

- Website: **www.stjohnseward.org**
- Calendar: **http://stjohnseward.org/aboutstjohn/calendar**
- Facebook: **www.facebook.com/stjohnseward**

The Rock Lutheran Church

- Website: **www.therockseward.org**
- Calendar: **http://therockseward.org/calendar.html**
- Facebook: **www.facebook.com/therockseward**

Community resources

Visit the links below to see what's going on around the community:

- Seward County Independent: **www.sewardindependent.com**
- Seward Chamber of Commerce: **www.sewardne.com**
- Seward Memorial Library: **www.sewardlibrary.org**

Thrivent Financial

Thrivent Financial has provided more than $170 million through its Thrivent Choice® program to help congregations, educational institutions and other nonprofit organizations. Thrivent Choice lets you recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable funds go. Find out more about Thrivent Choice at these links:

- Thrivent Choice program details and eligibility:
  www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/program/index.html
- Thrivent Choice campaigns provide even more dollars toward your organization of choice:
  www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/campaigns/index.html

Chartwells newsletter

View "The Scoop" at **www.dineoncampus.com/concordia/show.cfm?cmd=newsletter**.

Board of Regents Highlights

The Board of Regents of Concordia University, Nebraska held its regular quarterly meeting on January 25, 2016. The following items highlight the board's actions.

- Under **Consent Agenda** the Board:
  - Approved the October 27, 2015 minutes, the December 17, 2015, the December 25, 2015 and the January 18, 2016 electronic vote minutes.
  - Received the unaudited, consolidated financial statements as of 12/31/15.
  - Received the Investment Committee report as of 12/31/15.
  - Received the FY2016 capital budget summary.
  - Extended divine calls to:
    - Dr. Anna Boriack, Core Faculty, College of Graduate Studies and Adult Education
    - Dr. Nancy Elwell, Dean, College of Education, Health and Human Services
  - Advanced in rank the following faculty:
    - **To Professor:**
      Dr. Matt Phillips
    - **To Associate Professor:**
      Rev. Dr. Dirk Reek
  - Designated a bequest in the amount of $260,000 from the estate of Emma G. Stoehr as a general use quasi endowment.
  - Appointed Rev. Rich Snow as the Board's member on the Executive Committee of Congregations for Concordia University, Nebraska (CCUNE).
  - Approved a CUS Line of Credit Request in the amount of $4.6M for FY17.
  - Received Administrative and Board Committee Reports and Meeting Summaries.

- Received the President's quarterly report.
- Under Board In-service: received a presentation from Kirby Klappenback regarding Title IX.
- Attended Chapel Worship.
- Engaged in a conversation with Dr. Russ Moulds regarding the Two Kingdoms Network during lunch.
- Under Board of Regent Committee Items:
  - Approved the 2016-17 Tuition, Fees, Room and Board.
  - Reviewed results of the Board's annual self-evaluation.
  - Received an update of the university's leadership succession plan from the president.
  - Accepted the Personnel Committee's report regarding the annual presidential evaluation.
  - Received a progress report of the Strategic Plan realignment from the president.
- Under Board of Regents' Matters, the Board:
  - Discussed a draft report from the LCMS 5-01A Task Force.
  - Reviewed the Lutheran Identity Standards.
  - Determined a set of questions for discussion with the CUS Board at the April 2016 Board on Board meeting.

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