

HIGHLIGHTS 2011-12

Concordia University, Nebraska was blessed with many successes throughout the 2011-12 academic year. The following list includes a few of the many accomplishments by our students, faculty and staff.

Students

Evan Balleweg, Justin Groth and Mark Anschutz worked together to create three large, mosaic sculptures for the prayer garden of St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church in Omaha.

Katie Bergt, Taylor Friedel, Marcus Gubanyi, Daniel Klinge, Jacob Krings, Josiah Krings, Matt Olson, Cory Prelerson and Matthew Schranz participated at the AMC North Central North America Regional Programming Contest sponsored by IBM.

Chelsey Creedon was accepted into the doctor of physical therapy program at Concordia University, Wisconsin.

Kristin Easler was accepted into the illustration graduate program at the Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, Ga.

Kellie Fegter, Mia Pauluhn, Nicole Mapes, Daniel Margritz, Megan Schmidt, Christina Tomka, Ashlea Vaudt and Ashley Willoughby were selected as the first inductees into the Health and Human Performance's Phi Epsilon Kappa honor society.

Andrea Gaide and Samantha Karnes attended a national Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) Summit in New York City.

Kelsey Gebauer was accepted to the U.S. Army physical therapy program at Baylor University.

Michaela Gierke attended *Transportation YOU*, a joint initiative of WTS International and the U.S. Department of Transportation, where she gave a speech and met the secretary of transportation.

Maggie Hein and Brad Pohlmann were accepted into pharmacy school at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Sarah Heins was selected as an integrated communications intern at the Midwest Dairy Association in Overland Park, Kan.

Elizabeth Kelly won second place in an essay competition sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange for an essay she wrote about a semester she spent in Seville, Spain.

Daniel Klinge was accepted into the U.S. Navy's Nuclear Propulsion Officer Program.

Aaron Kortze, Sarah Schultz, Connie Kettner, Kathleen Bergt, James Clause and Peter Klinge presented an organ recital at Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Lincoln.

Aaron Kortze was accepted into the graduate music program at the University of Notre Dame.

Louisa Mehl and Rebecca Monnier were selected as fellows by the Lutheran Malaria Initiative and will travel to Africa this summer.

Kaylie Mellema and Jessica Wagner will have photographs featured in Nikon USA's publication Best of College and High School Photography 2012.

Anna Meyer participated in the Campus Crusade for Christ San Diego Summer Project.

Tabitha Opheim was accepted into the New England College of Optometry.

Andrew Rogers was accepted into the doctorate of chemistry program at University of California, Berkeley.

Nate Sindt was accepted into the doctorate for biological chemistry program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Rebecca Walker was accepted into the architecture graduate program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. She also won a design competition sponsored by *Dwell* magazine and the green cleaning products company method.

Luke Wohlgenuth received third place at the 2011 Nebraska State National Association of Teachers of Singing student auditions.

Numerous students completed their student teaching at international locations, including Concordia International School in Shanghai and Lutheran schools in Queensland, Australia.

37 students have been named NAIA Scholar-Athletes as of early spring. Concordia University, Nebraska continues to hold the record for most NAIA Scholar-Athletes of all time.

9 students and two relay teams from men's indoor track attained NAIA All-American status for their athletic performances through early spring.

Faculty

Bradley Baurain, instructor in Concordia's master of education program and Ph.D. candidate at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, was awarded the University of Nebraska's prestigious Presidential Graduate Fellowship.

Dr. Jeffrey Blesch, professor of music, was a featured performer and composer on American Public Media's *Pipedreams*. His recent publications include an original hymn tune for "Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying" and a hymn concerto on "Voices Raised to You We Offer." Blesch was also a featured presenter at the annual Vi Messerli Lectures in Church Music at Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, Ill. His hymn concerto on "Voices Raised to You We Offer" is included in the 2012 Concordia Publishing House catalog. The hymn concerto was commissioned for the Eighth Lutheran Hymn festival and premiered at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas, Texas, with a festival choir from Dallas-Fort Worth Lutheran churches, the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas and brass players for the Dallas Symphony.

James Bockelman, professor of art, collaborated with professor emeritus William Wolfram to create a mural titled "Regeneration." The mural, which is a reconfiguration of one of Wolfram's former works, now hangs in on the main floor of the Thom Leadership Education Center on campus.

Seth Boggs, art instructor and digital lab manager, was selected to design the logo for the 2013 National Youth Gathering.

Dr. Ronald Bork, dean of the College of Education, was accepted as a member of the National Board of Examiners for the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

Dr. Matthew Buns, assistant professor of health and human performance, published "Coaching Youngsters: The 4 Guiding Principles of Motor Development" in *Techniques*, the official publication of the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.