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

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.

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

Recognition of anniversaries of service
On Monday, Jan. 25, Concordia colleagues who are celebrating an anniversary of service to Concordia and to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will be recognized in chapel. Please join us in chapel worship and for a reception afterward in Weller Hall lobby.

We thank and praise God for these dedicated servants for their service. Please join me in congratulating them!

(Lists of those being recognized are on the next page.)
Service to Concordia University, Nebraska

45 years
Marcile Brehmer

30 years
Dr. Andy Langewisch
Lois Mannigel

25 years
Linda Janousek (Chartwells)
Prof. Lynn Soloway
John Townsend (Aramark)

20 years
Dr. Mark Blanke
Lana Eiting
Pete Kenow
Dr. Brent Royuk

15 years
Jeremy Geidel
Dr. Joe Herl
Sue Jensen
Bill Schranz

Service to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

60 years
Marvin Plamann
Prof. Robert Pflieger*

55 years
Dr. Jerry Pfabe*
Rev. Dr. Orville Walz*

50 years
Dr. Eunice Goldgrabe*
Courtney Meyer

45 years
Dr. Don Sylwester*

40 years
Dr. Russell Moulds
Dr. Mira Wiegmann*

35 years
Dr. Jenny Mueller-Roebke

10 years
Dr. Jen Janousek
Dr. John Jurchen
Dr. Kristy Jurchen
Kathy Rippstein
Dr. Thad Warren
Vance Winter

5 years
Sara Endorf (Chartwells)
Jane Furtwangler (Chartwells)
Prof. Heidi Gubanyi
Prof. Tim Heidorn
Corby Osten
Joan Payzant
Dr. Bob Smallfoot
Angie Wassenmiller
Brad Woodruff

*Emeritus Faculty

Brian L. Friedrich
President
Study abroad opportunities
According to Open Doors—an annual international and U.S. student mobility report sponsored by the U.S. Department of State—the number of U.S. undergraduate students studying abroad has grown substantially over the past several years, yet only 10% of those who graduate will have studied abroad during their college experience. Through study abroad, U.S. students gain critical experiences and perspectives that enhance their skills for today’s globalized workforce and their future potential as global problem solvers.

Please encourage your students and advisees to consider semester or summer experiences abroad!

A number of resources are available to help students (and faculty and staff) investigate study abroad opportunities, such as on-campus study abroad representative visits; resource room in the GO! Center; meetings to look at program options that fit students’ programs of study, finances, time available, etc.; and access to special scholarships to help make study abroad more affordable. Facebook.com/CUNEGlobalOpportunities provides access to stories, photos and programs abroad.

The week of Jan. 26 will offer a number of great options available for students (and faculty):

Tuesday, Jan. 26
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Study abroad representative available in Janzow upper level
Paula from Spanish Studies Abroad will be available to share about their programs—lots of great options for education, language and all types of majors.

Wednesday, Jan. 27
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Study abroad representative available in TLEC Mainstreet
5 p.m. to 7 p.m.: Study abroad representative available in Janzow dining hall
Megan from ISA will be available to share about study abroad, internships abroad and service-learning abroad options.

Thursday, Jan. 28
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Study abroad representative available in Janzow upper level
Heidi from CISabroad will be available to share about study abroad and internship abroad options.

And, remember that anytime:
Students can contact me (Julie Johnston Hermann) for more details on program specific abroad options. Faculty and staff are encouraged to contact me for details and resources on how to put together a custom short-term study experience with seasoned program providers.

Let me know if you would like someone to pop into one of your classes for a few minutes to promote opportunities abroad.

Thanks!
Julie Johnston Hermann

Special showing of “The First Rosa” on Jan. 26
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has produced and is ready to release “The First Rosa,” a movie that will enlighten the church to Rosa J. Young’s remarkable history, initiate and invoke the vocation of new professional church workers and inspire the establishment of new Rosa J. Young Academies.

You are cordially invited to attend a special showing of “The First Rosa” on Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. in Concordia’s TLEC auditorium on campus. Tickets are complimentary, but seating is limited, so please arrive early to get your seat.
You are also invited to join other attendees after the showing for a special reception in honor of the release of “The First Rosa.”

Born to an ordinary life in an ordinary town in rural Alabama, Rosa J. Young was anything but ordinary. With a passion for helping others, educating children and sharing the Gospel, Rosa accomplished extraordinary things for her community and the kingdom of God. She was instrumental in founding and promoting 30 Lutheran elementary schools and 35 Lutheran congregations in Alabama’s “Black Belt.” Her legacy is unparalleled as an educator, confessor and church planter for Christ and His church.

For more information, check out lcms.org/thefirstrosa.

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

**Guest musician**
Vocal artist Andrew White, a visiting musician from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, will perform at Concordia University, Nebraska Jan. 23, 2016, at 7 p.m. The performance will be held in the Recital Hall of the Music Center on campus. The event is free, and the public is invited to attend.

**Five-week series on understanding Islam**
Former devout Muslim and current devout Christian Dr. Mark Christian will present a five-week series on understanding Islam each Tuesday between Feb. 2 and March 1, 2016, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Concordia. The first session will be in the Thom Leadership Education Center auditorium, and the additional four 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.

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS/EXTRAS**

**Not an ordinary travelogue**
Seward Memorial Library will host a travelogue featuring beautiful Greece and Athens on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 2 p.m. Brady and Jill Johnson and Rich and Sue Bollwitt will share stories and pictures of their adventures. Both couples experienced some unique situations. They will give tips on how to be prepared for emergencies in a foreign country. Refreshments will be served, and everyone is welcome to this one-hour program.

*Additional resources are available on the next page.*
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](http://www.facebook.com/ConcordiaNebraska)
- [www.twitter.com/CUNE](http://www.twitter.com/CUNE)

Concordia Alumni
- [www.facebook.com/ConcordiaNebraskaAlumni](http://www.facebook.com/ConcordiaNebraskaAlumni)
- [www.twitter.com/CUNEAlumni](http://www.twitter.com/CUNEAlumni)

Concordia Athletics
- [www.facebook.com/ConcordiaBulldogs](http://www.facebook.com/ConcordiaBulldogs)
- [www.twitter.com/CUNEbulldogs](http://www.twitter.com/CUNEbulldogs)

Concordia Career Services
- [www.facebook.com/CUNEcareers](http://www.facebook.com/CUNEcareers)
- [www.twitter.com/CUNEcareers](http://www.twitter.com/CUNEcareers)

**Church resources**
St. John Lutheran Church
- Website: [www.stjohnseward.org](http://www.stjohnseward.org)
- Calendar: [http://stjohnseward.org/aboutstjohn/calendar](http://stjohnseward.org/aboutstjohn/calendar)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/stjohnseward](http://www.facebook.com/stjohnseward)

The Rock Lutheran Church
- Website: [www.therockseward.org](http://www.therockseward.org)
- Calendar: [http://therockseward.org/calendar.html](http://therockseward.org/calendar.html)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/therockseward](http://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](http://www.sewardindependent.com)
- Seward Chamber of Commerce: [www.sewardne.com](http://www.sewardne.com)
- Seward Memorial Library: [www.sewardlibrary.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.thrivent.com/thriventchoice/campaigns/index.html)

**Chartwells newsletter**