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PRE-COMMENCEMENT MUSIC

Conducted by Dr. Richard Fischer, D.M.A, Guest Conductor, Doctor of Letters Recipient

Fanfare and Hymn: A Mighty Fortress
God of Our Fathers

Jay Bocook
Claude T. Smith

Conducted by Professor Robert D. Cody, M.M, Wind Symphony Conductor

Built on a Rock
Shining Like the Sun

Fred M. Hubbell
Keith Andrews

Shining Like the Sun is dedicated to the memory of Theodore Beck, the original composer of the SEWARD tune, an emeritus music professor and conductor.

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance

Edward Elgar, arr. James Ployhar

- Marshals of the Faculty
Candidates for Graduation
Faculty and Instructional Staff of the University
Regents of the University
Pastoral Leaders
University Registrar
Recipients of Honorary Degrees and Awards
Deans of the Colleges
Provosts of the University
Commencement Speaker
President of the University

INVOCATION

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Star-Spangled Banner

arr. Bill Moffit

HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory

Lutheran Service Book 850

Musical score for the hymn 'God of Grace and God of Glory' with lyrics and musical notation.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

The Rev. Ryan Matthias

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES AND AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

ANTHEM

The Morning Trumpet

arr. Michael Richardson

## RECOGNITION OF HONORARY DEGREES AND AWARDS

DOCTOR OF LAWS DEGREE

Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer

DOCTOR OF LETTERS DEGREE

Dr. Richard Fischer

MASTER EDUCATOR AWARD

David Burgdorf

CREST OF CHRIST AWARD

Marcile Brehmer

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Alex B. Russell Jr.

OUTSTANDING TEACHING AWARD

Dr. Raegan Skelton, Assistant Professor of Biology

## CHARGE TO GRADUATES AND CLOSING

### THE CONCORDIA TOWER SONG

W.E. Mueller and Theodore Beck  
University Chamber Choir

Dear old tow'r that shines above us,  
Dear hearts that catch the gleam;  
Tho' miles and years remove us,  
Of you we'll always dream.  
From Plum to Blue and yonder  
We rise Concordia's own,  
To praise as far we wander  
The good that on us shone.

*The audience is invited to join in singing on the repeat.*

## BENEDICTION

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. (LSB 805)

## RECESSIONAL

Attendees, please remain seated until all of the graduates have processed out. The recessional will conclude outside in the stadium area to the south of the building.

## POSTLUDE

*American Hymn Tune Sketches*

John Prescott

## OFFICIANTS

Bernard D. Bull, Ed.D., President

The Rev. Scott Bruick, Pastoral Leader, St. John Lutheran Church, School  
and Child Development Center

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Lisa Ashby, Ph.D., Associate Provost

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Health and Human Sciences

Sarah Jurchen, M.S., University Registrar

The Rev. Jonathan Bartels, Pastor, The Rock Lutheran Church

## FACULTY MARSHALS

Kristy Jurchen, Ph.D., Professor of Chemistry

Mark Meehl, Ph.D., Professor of Theology

The Rev. Jon Rusnak, M.Div, S.T.M, Assistant Professor of Theology

## DEPUTY MARSHALS

Marcus Gubanyi, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Beth Pester, Ph.D., Professor of Education

## MUSIC

UNIVERSITY WIND SYMPHONY

Robert D. Cody, M.M., Conductor

UNIVERSITY CHAMBER CHOIR

Kurt E. von Kampen, Ed.D., Conductor

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affiliated with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

## REV. DR. DALE MEYER

### DOCTOR OF LAWS

The Concordia University, Nebraska Doctor of Laws degree is conferred upon individuals who have distinguished themselves through prolonged superior service in their field of endeavor.

Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer is president emeritus and professor emeritus of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Meyer retired in 2020 after 15 years as seminary president. He first joined the faculty as a guest instructor, serving from 1979 to 1981. He then served as an assistant professor from 1981 to 1984. In 2001, he rejoined the faculty and served as professor of practical theology in addition to his role as president. He previously served as the Gregg H. Benidt Memorial Chair in Homiletics and Literature (2001-05). He served as the interim president (2004-05) and became the 10th president of Concordia Seminary in 2005.

After earning a master of divinity from Concordia Seminary, Meyer earned a master of arts and doctor of philosophy in classical languages from Washington University in St. Louis. He completed his bachelor of arts at Concordia Senior College in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He also is the recipient of an honorary doctor of divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne and an honorary doctor of laws from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

Meyer's first call was as pastor of St. Salvator Lutheran Church in Venedy, Illinois and St. Peter Lutheran Church in New Memphis, Illinois, (1974-81). After his tenure as a guest instructor at Concordia Seminary (1979-81), he served as an assistant professor, teaching classes in New Testament and homiletics and as the director of resident field education (1981-84). He went on to become senior pastor at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Collinsville, Illinois (1984-88).

Meyer was speaker of The Lutheran Hour radio program (1989 to 2001). Through 2003, he hosted the national television show On Main Street for



Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM). In 2001, LHM received two prestigious Emmy awards from the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS) St. Louis/Mid-America Chapter for two On Main Street episodes.

Meyer has served The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) and the church at-large over the years in several capacities. He served as third vice-president of the LCMS from 1995 to 1998. He was a charter board member of the Association of Lutheran Older Adults (ALOA), has served as an honorary director of God's Word to the Nations Bible Society and as a member of the Standing Committee on Pastoral Ministry for the LCMS. He was pastoral adviser for the Southern Illinois District of the International Lutheran Laymen's League and has served as first vice president, second vice president, secretary and circuit counselor of the LCMS Southern Illinois District. He served on the board of trustees of the American Bible Society from 2001 to 2013.

Meyer has written numerous sermons and columns for Lutheran Hour Ministries. He co-authored The Crosses of Lent, in-depth Bible studies of Matthew and Prophecy in the LifeLight series and authored "The Place of the Sermon in the Order of Service" in Liturgical Preaching for Concordia Publishing House. He has contributed to Issues in Christian Education, Concordia Pulpit Resources and the Concordia Journal. In 2014, Meyer wrote Timely Reflections: A Minute a Day with Dale Meyer, a

compilation of 365 daily devotions from his long-running online series, The Meyer Minute. In 2018, a new volume of his sermons, Word Alive!, was published. The volume includes 52 sermons, spanning decades of his ministry. Meyer has been speaking and preaching for 50 years. His areas of interest and study include 1 Peter, the church in a changing culture and the Sabbath applied to life today.

He lives in Collinsville, Illinois, with his wife, Diane. They have two grown daughters, Elizabeth (Darren) Pittman and Catharine (Charles) Bailey and five grandsons: Christian, Connor and Nicholas Pittman, and Andrew and Jacob Bailey.

In conferring this degree to Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, Concordia University, Nebraska praises God for those who use their gifts in dedicated service in their field. We are pleased to confer upon Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer the Doctor of Laws degree, honoris causa.

## DR. RICHARD FISCHER

### DOCTOR OF LETTERS

The Concordia University, Nebraska Doctor of Letters degree is conferred to people who have distinguished themselves through creative contributions to their field.

Dr. Richard Fischer, Distinguished Professor of Music and The Fred and Jane Wittlinger Endowed Chair for Music Performance, retired from Concordia University Chicago after serving for 51 1/2 years. He conducted the Wind Symphony and University Band and taught basic and advanced level conducting classes. He holds bachelor of music education and the master of music degrees from De Paul University, and a doctor of musical arts degree from Michigan State University where he studied under Eugene Corporon.

Fischer and the Wind Symphony have performed on 108 tours in almost every state (including Alaska), Canada, Europe, three tours to China and South Africa. The Wind Symphony has had the honor of performing at many music festivals and conferences including the College Band Directors National Association, the Illinois Music Educators Conference and numerous times at the Lutheran Education Association Conference. Having performed to multiple standing ovations as the Showcase Ensemble for the New York City Wind Band Festival at Carnegie Hall in 2014, the Wind Symphony was again honored to be invited as the Showcase Ensemble in 2019.

Under Fischer's direction, the Wind Symphony has commissioned, premiered and recorded numerous wind band compositions. They have recorded 16 compact discs (over 160 works) of sacred wind music that have been aired on NPR Radio, The Lutheran Hour, Moody Bible Network and many classical stations.

Fischer is in frequent demand as a speaker, guest conductor clinician and adjudicator in the United States, Canada, South Africa, Japan and Australia.



In 1994, he was named to the "A Team" of university professors by the Chicago Tribune. Fischer has been honored to be a guest conductor with his former Concordia student, Uichi Kajiyama, at the Nagoya University of Commerce and Business for their annual Christmas Concert in Downtown Nagoya since 2016. Since 2004 he has conducted the National Youth Gathering Wind Symphony. In May 2018, Fischer gave the keynote address at the national convention of the Association for Concert Bands in Buffalo, New York. In the fall of 2024, Fischer was presented Concordia Chicago's prestigious Spiritus Christi Award for his exceptional service to the church-at-large.

In his retirement, Fischer is an adjunct professor of music at Concordia Chicago, conducting the 70-member University Band (a community band he started in 1993 that includes many of his former students). He is also the French horn teacher. Currently, Fischer is writing a book called "Connecting the Head and the Heart - the Things that REALLY Matter in the Making of Music."

In conferring this degree to Dr. Richard Fischer, Concordia University, Nebraska praises God for those who have distinguished themselves through their creative contributions to their field. We are pleased to confer upon Dr. Richard Fischer the Doctor of Letters degree, honoris causa.

## DAVID BURGENDORF

### MASTER EDUCATOR AWARD

The Master Educator Award is presented to teachers, Directors of Christian Education, school administrators or deaconesses who have distinguished themselves through prolonged superior service in Lutheran educational ministry.

Born into Lutheransim, David Burgdorf's family is filled with lifelong Lutherans including four consecutive generations of pastors: his great grandfather, grandfather, father and brother. David '66 and his brother Dale '68 are both alumni of Concordia University, Nebraska. David attended Lutheran schools from kindergarten through college and began his 50-year career in education as a Lutheran high school teacher and finished as a Concordia University Irvine professor and administrator.

The many outstanding Lutheran educators in Burgdorf's life inspired him to attend Concordia University, Nebraska. He studied theology and earned a bachelor of arts degree in education from the university as well as a master of arts and certificate of advancement study degree from Northern Illinois University. He has completed additional graduate coursework at Loyola University of Chicago and at the University of La Verne.

After serving as a teacher at two Lutheran schools - St. Peter's in Arlington Heights, Illinois, and Luther North High School in Chicago - he became a public school teacher and administrator in Illinois. Later, he worked in school districts and county offices of education in Southern and Northern California. This included service in the counties of Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Santa Clara and Sonoma as a principal, chief business officer, chief human resource officer and superintendent of schools. He has published many articles and research papers in education and is a well-known teacher and presenter at educational events and forums. He has also served in leadership positions with a variety



of professional organizations and chaired the committee that created "Ed Join," the pre-eminent technological recruitment tool for educators seeking employment in the State of California.

After retirement from public school administration, Burgdorf served as professor and graduate school administrator at Concordia University Irvine, participated in international mission work in Haiti and the Lutheran International School Tokyo, and collaborated in providing creative approaches to urban ministry for young seminary students. He has traveled to more than 80 countries.

Burgdorf and his wife Teresa have three children: Lance, Noel and Shawn. For recreation, he twice competed in the Ironman World Triathlon Championship in Kona, Hawaii, as well as in numerous international long-distance triathlons, including a triathlon that required him to swim from Alcatraz Island to San Francisco. Active in their community, the Burgdorfs also conduct a weekly devotional group for couples.

In recognizing David Burgdorf as a master educator, Concordia University, Nebraska praises God for providing all who dedicate themselves to education. We are pleased to bestow upon David Burgdorf the Master Educator Award.

**MARCILE BREHMER**  
CREST OF CHRIST AWARD



The Concordia University, Nebraska Crest of Christ Award honors individuals who humbly share and demonstrate the love and grace of Jesus Christ in their lives while serving public ministries and the work of the church at large.

In January 2024, Marcile Brehmer retired after more than 53 years and seven months of service to Concordia University, Nebraska.

Brehmer began her work for the university shortly after finishing high school and has served as admissions secretary (1970-1973), admissions secretary and word processing center (1973-1976), word processing clerk secretary (1976-1981), assistant secretary to the registrar and word processing (1981-1984), development secretary and word processing (1984), data processing supervisor (1984-1989), and as operations manager of the computing center (1989-2010). From 2010 to 2024, she worked full-time as the computing services operations manager, then worked part time at the university until June 2024 as she transitioned out of her role and fully retired.

Following high school graduation, Brehmer said she originally intended to work at the university for just a few years and move on to other opportunities. She quickly discovered she had no desire to work elsewhere, and Concordia Nebraska became her second home.

Brehmer said her time at Concordia Nebraska connected her with Christ-centered people and allowed her to build priceless friendships. She said she was blessed to work with many who live their Christian faith daily and to serve students and their families from all over the world.

A long-time Seward resident, Brehmer is active with Seward's St. John Lutheran Church, serving on the church's worship board and altar guild. Many have commended her for her ever-present smile, faithful and diligent assistance with worship preparations, a

quiet and steady dedication to serve, and a humble yet willing determination to help however is needed.

In recognizing Marcile Brehmer with the Crest of Christ Award, Concordia University, Nebraska praises God for providing all who dedicate themselves to serving the public ministries and work of the church at large. We are pleased to bestow upon Marcile Brehmer the Crest of Christ Award.

**DR. ALEX B. RUSSELL JR.**  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD



The Concordia University, Nebraska Distinguished Service Award is given to individuals who have demonstrated the use of God's gifts in outstanding public service.

Dr. Alex B. Russell Jr. attended Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and has a bachelor of science in pre-medical studies from the University of Georgia in Athens. After earning his doctor of medicine degree from Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, he served three years of active duty in the United States Navy beginning with rotating internships at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. Subsequently, he served as a medical officer on the Ship-EAG 154 for experimental guided missiles and then as a general medical officer for the Marine Corps based in Albany, Georgia. Afterwards, he completed his residency with the Emory University Medical Program at Grady Memorial Hospital in Georgia, became a Fellow of American Academy of Pediatrics and established his private practice in Anchorage, Alaska, in 1971.

Russell earned his private pilot's license while in college and went on to achieve commercial and instrument instructor's certificates, float rating and DC3, DC6 and Lear Jet ratings. In 1975, he flew Lear Jets for Jet Alaska for one year, often on medivac flights as captain on one leg and as physician on the other leg. He was instrumental in establishing the Medivac Program in Alaska. After establishing his private practice in Alaska, he began flying as a volunteer for Missionary Aviation Repair Center (MARC), which provided transportation to and from native villages. This included countless trips taking native children in remote villages to Bible camps and transporting ill villagers to receive medical care.

He served as president of the MARC board for five years and as president of the Alaska Health Foundation for five years. In 1990, he received a letter from President George H. W. Bush

commending him for his heroic efforts in saving the lives of the victims of a float plane crash in Lake Illiamna. The story was later featured in a book entitled "Alaska's Heroes; A Call to Courage".

In 2017, Russell and his wife Judy received the Pioneer Award from the Soldotna Chamber of Commerce. In 2021, he received the Wright Brother's Master Pilot Award in recognition of 50 years of exemplary flight experience, distinguished professionalism and steadfast commitment to aviation safety. In 2024, he received the Patron Award from Central Peninsula Hospital.

Russell retired in 2025 at the age of 87. He was given a retirement party by the Central Peninsula Hospital and presented with a wooden plaque award reading "Dr. Alex Russell, World's Greatest Pediatrician," signed "Thank you, Your Kenai Peninsula Fan Club."

The Russells have two children: Temple Russell Christiansen and Patience Russell Obermann. Four of their grandsons have graduated from Concordia University, Nebraska: Collin Christiansen '16, Cameron Christiansen '17, Adam Christiansen '19 and Aaron Christiansen '22.

In recognizing Dr. Alex B. Russell Jr. with the Distinguished Service Award, Concordia University, Nebraska praises God for providing all who dedicate themselves to public service. We are pleased to bestow upon Dr. Alex B. Russell Jr. the Distinguished Service Award.

# College of Arts and Sciences

## BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

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| Lillian Eden Alwood      | Travis Ivan Green       | Alyssa Ann Marotz          | Aaron Duvall Spivey      |
| Lily AnnElizabeth Beck   | Elijah Newman           | Eliya Joy Mars^            | Tayley Elizabeth Streeks |
| Keegan Grace Beisel^***  | Spyder Grover           | Elizabeth M. Marsh         | Sadie Lynn Sunday        |
| Nora Avery Betts^***     | Kaylee Christine Hinton | Sydney R. McReynolds       | Ashlee LaRae Trujillo    |
| Simon Edward Blankenship | Molly Caroline Hjelm**  | Joshua Robert Meyer*       | Samantha Lynn Vojslavek  |
| Meredith Joy Boster*     | Josiah Horvath          | Brooklyn M. Minnig         | Harvey Preston Walter    |
| Austin Taylor Boucher    | Madeline Elizabeth      | Henry Moore                | Meghan Elizabeth Walter  |
| Easton I. Cooper^        | Hudson-Knowlton         | Dylan Ashley Parker^***    | Katelyn Beth Welker      |
| Alida Mae Crockett       | Allison Cleone Kelly    | Adah Joanne Pflughoeft^*** | Adam C. Widmann          |
| Dax Michael Davis        | Ethan Daniel Kirby      | Emilee Kay Price           | Faith Erin Williamson    |
| Jacob Timothy Deines     | Daniel C. Kuefner       | Zachary David Price        | Katie Lynn Wilson        |
| Josiah Glen Edwards      | Nathan Isaac Kurth      | Hunter Forrest Remington   | Abigail Ruth Yakimow*    |
| Alison Marie Galchutt**  | Rylee L. Ladd           | Andrew Roger Ring          |                          |
| Miriam R. Ganoung**      | Alana Sofia López Pagán | Avery Elizabeth Rothert^   |                          |
| Lars Josef Henry Gindler | Emily Lynn Loseke**     | Savannah Rae Shelburne     |                          |

## BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

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| Ava L. Bartels | Samuel Victor Matthias* | Hannah Katherine Schaefer** |
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## BACHELOR OF MUSIC DEGREE

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| Rachel Evelyn Brinkman^*** | Jacob Martin Huber    | Timothy E. Mars  | Isabella R. M. Woodburn |
| Samuel C. Dunbar           | Joshua Philip Jurchen | Logan G. Walgate |                         |

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

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| Deleesi Brynn Bartling | Hugo Fuentes Gomez    | Rylee L. Ladd           | Mayson Dale Ostermeyer** |
| Jonah Gabriel Carter   | Taryn Ayla Ganstrom** | Slade A. Leicht*        | Justin Harold Otten      |
| Sarah Anne Cluver      | Gabrielle G. Heiser   | Jack A. Martin          | Adrianna Grace Rodencal  |
| Autumn J. Deterding**  | Evan Thomas Hill      | Molli A. Martin         | Kayla Maye Svoboda       |
| Nora Marie Fingerlin*  | Makayla Jean Kirchner | Hayley Morgan Miles^*** | Tobi Anne Topp           |

\*with distinction \*\* with high distinction ^Luke Scholar

# College of Business and Technology

## BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

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| James E. Blumberg          | Camryn Gene Higer | Cole J. Price          | Brent Ward          |
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| Nathan D. Feusse           | Matthew Kruse     | Alexa Richert          |                     |
| Miarosa Peralta Gyllenswan | Bronx Lewis       | Carson Daniel Saathoff |                     |

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

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| Santiago Abadia          | Tyler N. Harre           | Madeline Grace Lewis   | Kyla Marie Schleusener^ |
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| Michael Peter Bedrosian* | Carter K. Johnson        | Ian M. Medeck          | Wyatt John Swanson      |
| Derek William Campbell   | Emma Elizabeth           | Paige Victoria Melohn* | Adam W. Van Cleave*     |
| Cole J. Coffey           | (VanTol) Kettelhake**    | Mariana Molano         | Jacob Dean Wagoner      |
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| Jacob R. Dowd            | Brooks Spencer Kissinger | Jake Nelms             | Grant S. Wells          |
| Ace Eckman               | Matthew Henry Koenig     | Jack Harold Nelson     | Aubrey Belle Wright     |
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| Mason John Fortney       | Trevor Dean KuncI        | Collin Douglas Reetz   | Thomas Arthur Zimmerman |
| Logan Domicic Fragomeni  | Taylor Lynn Larsen*      | Jacob Jeffrey Richmond |                         |
| Gage Everett Fries       | Peyton Linley Larson     | Brock Charles Rogers   |                         |
| Andrew Dean Fynaardt     | Eden Lehr                | Myles Cooper Sadd      |                         |

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

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| Gavin A. Buttshaw     | Hannah Rae Helmer      | Tyra Lynn Schardt    | Devin Zeigler |
| Bradley Levon Evans   | Harrison Austin Martin | Casey Alan Stegeman  |               |
| Holly Ann Gast        | Thomas Dom Park        | Cael Robert Washburn |               |
| Derek Michael Heckman | Peter Fredrick Ruhl    | Joshua Thomas York   |               |

## MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION DEGREE

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| Nikeshya Faye James | Allyn Komorowski | Dimitrinka Kostova Yancheff |
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# College of Education, Health and Human Sciences

## BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

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| Delaney Baker*               | Joseph Edward Follett    | Grant Michael Huss         | Josiah David Seabaugh     |
| Hannah Rene Beintema         | Jayden Elizabeth Foreman | Juliana E. Jones           | Dylan J. Smith            |
| Oliver Russell Penrod Benson | Molly Sue Frenzen**      | Hannah Paige Kile*         | Joel D. Smith             |
| Arabella Maria Blakeley      | Evan Gregg Fukuhara      | Emma K. Kirby              | Ernest William Snyder III |
| Evan S. Brott                | Cadence Elizabeth Fulfs  | Kayla Camille Korb         | Sierra Marie Springer     |
| HarleyJane Carter            | Dane Garner              | Luke David Lawrenz         | Jeremiah J. Vasquez       |
| David Harold Claridge**      | Kierstynn Rose Garner    | Joseph Lee McQueen         | Kadence C. Velde          |
| Autumn Ella Consier**        | Abigail Garrison**       | Francisco J. Mendez        | Adrian Mumo Wambua        |
| Emery Custer                 | Ella Jean Gilzean        | Josephine C. Noble         | Raleigh Patricia Watts    |
| Zackery Robert Day           | Alyson Nicole Gobin      | Yaire Ramona Ojeda-Galindo | Qwin M. Zabokrtsky        |
| Logan Scott DeCoste          | Mia L. Golka             | Pryce W. Ostermeier        |                           |
| Westley Graham Determan      | Brandon Alfredo Gonzalez | Cy C. Renney               |                           |

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

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| Savannah Rose Andrews      | Mya Rae Gawrych       | Patrick Q. Mars*        | Kristin Ann Vieselmeyer |
| Maxwell Lynn Bartels       | Kate Marie Griess     | Cameron Allan Pickens   | Gabrielle Kay-Kristine  |
| McKenzie L Bohlen          | Brittani Marie Gutz** | Hunter Jaymes Powers    | Wagner                  |
| Talisa Buhr                | Kelsie Ruth Heins     | Lily Diana Psencik      | Emma Grace Womboldt-    |
| Inigo Chavarria Bezunartea | Aaron Thomas Jendro   | Garrett Michael Reimche | Siemek                  |
| Seth Ryan Claybourne       | Jaeden Lee Jordahl    | Layton Rivas            | Qwin M. Zabokrtsky      |
| Liam Sean Fagan            | Spencer B. Kaufman    | Kya Scott               |                         |

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN EDUCATION DEGREE

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
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| Emily Claire Amisano  | Bethany Gebhardt**       | Emily Lynn Loseke***   | Hannah Katherine Schaefer* |
| LaCole Riann Anno     | Laci Kamryn Havlat       | Anna Christine Maxson  | Hannah J. Schauer          |
| Madison Marie Beachel | Trista Hemenway*         | Karlee Ann McClellan   | Lauryn Christine Stanley   |
| Caroline S. Beck      | Jesse Tyler Herndon      | Teagan Ray Meyer       | Kyle J. Sterup             |
| Kyra Joy Becker       | Kalynn Elizabeth Jeardoe | Carrie Ann Meyr*       | Meghan R. Strater          |
| Montgomery Ann Berner | Sydney Jean Jelinek      | Kiera L. Moes          | Bailey Elizabeth Suchy     |
| Emma Ruth Borgschatz  | Bryce Karlin             | Mayra Esther Molina    | Libby Dunn Troester**      |
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| Delaney Lynn Carlson  | Adeline Kirkegaard       | Anthony M. Nauman      | Hunter Lee Weimer          |
| Ernest Glenn Clausing | Anna Jo Klopfenstein     | Bryce J. Needham       | Matthew Allen Weismann     |
| Macully Jon Coffey    | Katee Capree Korte       | Brock Raymond Olson    | Brianna Marie Wing         |
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| Leah Autumn Fett*     | Ellie Anna Grace Lehr    | Grant Frederick Rohde  |                            |

## MASTER OF ARTS

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| Kylee Renee Borchers  | Bridget Johnston       | Ashlyn Wildman Novak       | Tiffany Victoria Szura |
| Kimberly Dawn Dixon   | Kendra Rae Kluck       | Elena Celeste Phahongchanh | Paige Kaitlynn Vavra   |
| Hannah Lee Haas       | Kayli Jo Konrad-Sauer  | Abigail Lynn Proudfoot     | Ashley Ann Vlasin      |
| Annah Kay Heck        | Jenna Leigh Lordemann  | Breanna Kay Romero         | Madison L. Woodard     |
| Anna Yawen Herl       | Jessika Ileana Morales | Jessica Spilker-Kinning    |                        |
| Brandie Hollingsworth | Emily Hunter Morris    | Jocelyn Suing              |                        |
| Mallory Ann Houdek    | Shaylie Helen Murphy   | Kimberly Synowiecki        |                        |

## MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

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| Sarah Marie Adams          | Sabrina Halice Fant      | Kenzie Grace Marie Lambert   | Jessica Anne Robbins        |
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| Kelly Ann Asbury           | Lindsey Mae Forsgren     | Ben Yiu Bun Lee              | Allison Ann Romero          |
| John Timothy Aylward       | Tara Jo Fouts            | Tammy Kay Lee                | Bailey Lynn Rosemann        |
| Bailly Ballard             | Amy Francisco            | Nichole Lentino              | Heather Lynn Russell        |
| Ryan Harrison Baney        | Emma Christine Francl    | Nicklaus Ludwig              | John Robert Salistean       |
| Shareka Monique Battle     | Abigail Leigh Fritch     | Amanda Luedders              | Rachel Marie Schnegelberger |
| Brooke Lynn Baugh          | Sydney James Fulton      | Scott Ayars Luedtke          | Kelsey Marie Schnoor        |
| Morgan Renee Beals         | Gretchen M. Garrison     | Erin Manthei                 | Michael Stephan Schumm      |
| Brittani Nicole Beegle     | Kendall Gill             | Matthew Eugene Markowski     | Sara Jo Anne Schwartz       |
| Danielle Joy Bench         | Lauren Gillingham        | Jamie Johanna Marquardt      | Matthew Edward Simpson      |
| Cassidy Lee Benjamin       | Katelyn Greene           | Amie Nicole Martin           | Megan Lea Sinks             |
| Angela Marie Borgmann      | Turner Riley Griffin     | Tammy Irene Mateljan         | Kierney Renee Skiles        |
| Ross R. Briggs             | Noah James Hale          | Jennifer McCarthy            | Elizabeth Ann Slavens       |
| Kathleen Noelle Brummels   | Jessica Ann Heiser       | Noah Reed McKeever           | Haleigh Sue Smith           |
| Cathy Sue Brunz            | Brooke Heyne             | Taya McMillen                | Katherine Marie Steinke     |
| Jerome William Burkhead    | Bailey Jo Hilfiker       | Jonathan Scott Mierau        | Gretchen S. Stottlemire     |
| Stephanie Jean Burson      | Kevin Laurel Hinds       | Tara LaVonne Mueller         | Shelby Lynn Studnicka       |
| Corrienne Grace Cain       | Brendan Joseph Hoffmann  | Judith Ann Musick            | Hannah Marie Swanson        |
| Aretha Nicole Cannon       | Lauren Marie Holmlund    | Sorrawan NaThalang           | Joshua Zane Taylor          |
| Felicia Maria Casher       | Aaron Chad Holtmeier     | Emily Minna Neujahr          | Lindsey Renee Tepy          |
| Lincoln B. Chamberlin      | Krista Grace Hovland     | Emily Elnora Niedfelt        | Shelita Thompson            |
| Morgyn Claire Christiansen | Sarah Jean Hubel         | Cortney Cay Novak            | Mataya Lynn Topil           |
| Alexandra Faith Coen       | Jill Messier Ibbotson    | Joann Irene Olsen            | Allison Troester            |
| Jennifer Sue Cole          | Shelby R. Jarzynka       | Becky June Olsen             | Emily Grace Trouba          |
| Josie Marie Coleman        | Andrew Wayne Jipp        | Brayden Olson                | Natalie Elizabeth Upchurch  |
| Shannon M. Conant          | Tiffany J. Johnson       | Miranda Otte                 | Stacy Kathleen Vancura      |
| Colleen Anne Cook          | Mariah Lynn Johnson      | Julie Marie Pate             | Amanda Beth Vaudt           |
| Krista Rae Culver          | Jonathan Karl Jones      | Cameron Jerald Pospisil      | Julia Ann Vogel             |
| Molly Jo Dembinski         | Shane M. Karst           | Tiffany Rachel Pracht        | Philip Andrew Vogel         |
| Deirdre May Dewald         | Rachel Elizabeth Keseman | Jared Lee Prevette           | Landon Erwin Walkenhorst    |
| Payton June Dubberke       | BobbieJo Andrea Koski    | Janessa Ann Prochaska        | Frank Emil Winter           |
| Suzanne Marie Dunkin       | Katherine Ann Krause     | Tracy Jo Pennington Pruitt   |                             |
| Tonie Gabrielle Ebbers     | Nicole Dianne Kueck      | Keri Leigh Rasby             |                             |
| Brittany Sue Epp           | Daniela Kueper           | Shelby Marie-Farrell Redding |                             |

## MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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| Megan Belt          | Chidinma Nnaji | Katelyn Nicole Sahatjian | Darien E. Semedo |
| Alexis Reann Holley |                |                          |                  |

## MASTER OF SCIENCE

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| Nicole Andrade       | Jason D. Jensen        | Odaly Medina            | Brooke Turek         |
| Nathan Bahe          | Tanner William Kuhn    | Jake Myers              | Mason Richard Vrbka  |
| Joel Ryan Baker      | Brennan Maxwell Lamson | Timothy Louis Oberdieck | Quinton James Walton |
| Kevin David Busch    | Dana Michael Long      | Kendra L. Placke        | Justin Young Bum Woo |
| Marc Anthony Delgado | Sarah Elizabeth Martin | Justin Schreiber        |                      |
| Aaron Jesus Gallegos | Jordan Kenneth McBride | Braedon Joseph Thompson |                      |

\*with distinction \*\* with high distinction ^Luke Scholar

# Church Work Professional Programs

## LUTHERAN TEACHER DIPLOMA

The Lutheran Teacher Diploma is awarded to graduates who intend to enter the teaching ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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| Rachel Sue Ada        | Leah Autumn Fett        | Alex Wayne Lorenz     | Hannah J. Schauer       |
| Emily Claire Amisano  | Ian David Fiala         | Emily Lynn Loseke     | Meghan R. Strater       |
| Caroline S. Beck      | Bethany Gebhardt        | Anna Christine Maxson | Logan G. Walgate        |
| Kyra Joy Becker       | Trista Hemenway         | Carrie Ann Meyr       | Hannah Elizabeth Weaver |
| Emma Ruth Borgschatz  | Joshua Philip Jurchen   | Mayra Esther Molina   | Isabella Marie Wolter   |
| Meredith Joy Boster^  | Hannah Faith Kruse      | Brock Raymond Olson   | Isabella R. M. Woodburn |
| Ernest Glenn Clausing | Megan Nichole Lange     | Kylyn Rose Robbins    |                         |
| Samuel C. Dunbar      | Alayna Allen Laughridge | Grant Frederick Rohde |                         |
| Hannah Rose Ethridge  | Ellie Anna Grace Lehr   | Paige Irene Roiger    |                         |

## DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The DCE Certificate for graduates are awarded to those who intend to enter the DCE ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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| Cadence Elizabeth Fulfs | Christina Grace Gronefeld | Luke David Lawrenz     |
| Ella Jean Gilzean       | Kayla Camille Korb        | Raleigh Patricia Watts |

## DIRECTOR OF PARISH MUSIC

The Director of Parish Music Diploma is awarded to graduates who intend to enter the music ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

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| Rachel Evelyn Brinkman^ | Jacob Martin Huber | Timothy E. Mars |
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## PRE-SEMINARY STUDIES

Concordia's pre-seminary program prepares students for admission to select seminaries where they intend to complete their training to serve the church as pastors.

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| Caleb Matthew Babisak | David Harold Claridge | Hunter Forrest Remington |
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## CLASSICAL LUTHERAN EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION

The Classical Lutheran Educator Certification grants students the qualification to become rostered church workers in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod through additional theology courses, a classical pedagogy class and a practicum at Trinity Academy on Concordia's campus.

Lars Josef Henry Gindler

## CHRISTIAN TEACHER DIPLOMA

The Christian Teacher Diploma is granted to students who intend to serve as teachers in Christian schools that are not associated with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Emily Ann Wood

## PRE-DEACONESS STUDIES

The pre-deaconess program prepares students for graduate education leading to certification as a deaconess.

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| Nora Avery Betts | Alison Marie Galchutt | Emma Elizabeth<br>(Van Tol) Kettelhake |
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## BACCALAUREATE DEGREES

Concordia Nebraska confers the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Science in Education degrees upon students who have completed at least 120 semester hours of valid credit and have fulfilled all other obligations.\*

## GRADUATE DEGREES

Concordia Nebraska grants the Master of Arts, Master of Business Administration, Master of Education, Master of Public Health and Master of Science degrees to individuals who have completed a program of graduate studies and fulfilled all other graduate requirements.\*

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## GRADUATION HONORS

Up to 10 percent of the undergraduate class are graduated "with High Distinction," and an additional 15 percent of the class are graduated "with Distinction." A student must have completed at least 64 credit hours at Concordia to qualify for graduation honors.

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic costume has its origin in the schools of the 12th and 13th centuries when universities were most often administered by faculty and staff associated with the church. Concordia is represented by the royal blue and white chevrons in the lining of the hood. The colored strip around the border of the hood indicates the academic area in which the degree was earned. Following are the colors and their corresponding academic areas:

|                   |                               |                    |                         |                      |                    |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Maize</b>      | Agriculture                   | <b>Brown</b>       | Fine Arts, Architecture | <b>Dark Blue</b>     | Philosophy         |
| <b>White</b>      | Arts, Letters, the Humanities | <b>Purple</b>      | Law                     | <b>Sage Green</b>    | Physical Education |
| <b>Drab</b>       | Commerce, Accountancy,        | <b>Lemon Green</b> | Library Science         | <b>Salmon Pink</b>   | Public Health      |
|                   | Business                      | <b>Green</b>       | Medicine                | <b>Golden Yellow</b> | Science            |
| <b>Copper</b>     | Economics                     | <b>Pink</b>        | Music                   | <b>Citron</b>        | Social Work        |
| <b>Light Blue</b> | Education                     | <b>Apricot</b>     | Nursing                 | <b>Scarlet</b>       | Theology           |

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