

# Concordia University Chicago





## Degree Programs and Areas of Study

WE TRY TO PROMPT OUR STUDENTS TO NOT JUST GRADUATE WITH A DEGREE, BUT WITH A SENSE OF SERVING OTHERS WITH THAT DEGREE.

—Debra Herman, Professor of Art

### UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

#### COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Applied Microscopy  
Art  
Biology (*BA or BS*)  
Chemistry (*BA or BS*)  
Christian Ministry  
Communication  
Computer Information Systems  
Criminal Justice  
Emergency Medical Service  
English  
Environmental Science  
Exercise Science  
Graphic Arts  
History  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Journalism  
Mathematics (*BA*)  
Mathematics – Actuarial Science Specialization  
Mathematics – Computer Science Specialization  
Mathematics – Natural Science Specialization  
Mathematics – Pure Math Specialization  
Media Arts Administration  
Music  
Music with a Business Emphasis  
Natural Science  
Natural Science: Pre-Occupational Therapy  
Nursing (*BSN*) – joint degree program with  
Resurrection University  
Philosophy  
Political Science  
Psychology

Social Work  
Sociology  
Spanish  
Sport and Fitness  
Theatre  
Theatre Administration  
Theological Languages  
Theology – Christian Studies  
Theology – Professional Studies  
Visual Arts Administration  
Women's and Gender Studies

#### COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Accounting (*BA or BS*)  
Business Communication  
Management (*BA or BS*)  
Management with a Media Arts Emphasis  
Management with a Music Emphasis  
Management with a Theatre Emphasis  
Management with a Visual Art Emphasis  
Marketing (*BA or BS*)  
Not-for-Profit/Church Management  
Sports Management

#### COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Director of Christian Education (DCE)  
Director of Christian Education Certification  
with Elementary Education Licensure  
Early Childhood Education  
Elementary Education  
Foreign Language – Spanish Language Education  
(grades K – 12)  
Music Education (grades K – 12)

Physical Education (grades K – 12)  
Secondary Education – English/Language Arts  
Secondary Education – Mathematics  
Secondary Education – Physical Education  
Secondary Education – Science: Biology  
Secondary Education – Science: Chemistry  
Secondary Education – Social Science: History  
Secondary Education – Visual Arts  
Special Education (age 3 – age 21)  
Visual Arts Education (grades K – 12)

#### Church Professional Programs

Lutheran Teacher Education  
Pre-Seminary  
Deaconess  
Director of Christian Education  
Director of Parish Music

#### Pre-Professional Studies

Pre-Dentistry  
Pre-Law  
Pre-Medicine  
Pre-Pharmacy  
Pre-Veterinary Medicine

### POST-BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATE PROGRAMS

For a complete listing of post-baccalaureate and graduate programs, refer to the University catalog available online at [CUChicago.edu](http://CUChicago.edu).





Learning  
that enriches  
Faith  
that uplifts  
Leadership  
that takes  
you places

## YOUR EDUCATION AT A COLLEGE OF DISTINCTION

You want your college experience to prepare you for a career and for life. We understand that. That's why at Concordia University Chicago learning, faith and leadership are interwoven. And it's why we focus on inspiring learning, faith and leadership that develop your potential and open doors to opportunity. CUC graduates make a difference in the world and in the lives of others. Distinctive academic programs are designed to meet students' diverse interests as well as the changing needs of the world in which we live, serve and work. You will have access to the countless resources of Chicago while you become part of a close-knit community firmly grounded in faith and shared values—a community where you'll be inspired, challenged and appreciated for your contributions. Student engagement, great teaching, vibrant community life and successful outcomes after graduation—it's all so rooted in the Concordia University Chicago experience that we've been recognized as a national College of Distinction.



# Inspiring learning that creates opportunity



**DENISSE RAMIREZ  
FORGHANI '07, MD**  
Chemistry and biology  
double major, CUC  
honors program,  
pediatric resident at  
Loma Linda University  
Children's Hospital in  
Loma Linda, California

## RIGOROUS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Denisse benefited from being part of the honors program and credits CUC faculty with thoroughly preparing her for the rigors of medical school—and with helping to hone her empathy skills. “I want to make my patients feel the way my professors made me feel,” says Denisse. “My professors’ care and attention left a lasting impression. They were amazing role models who really cared and listened to what I had to say and would help me in any way.”

Now a pediatric resident at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital in California, Denisse's research focus is inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) in children. Inspired by the experience of her younger sister, Denisse hopes to enhance understanding of the disease and improve the quality of life of children suffering from IBD. Denisse also plans to pursue a master's degree in public health focusing on maternal child medicine, examining how a mother's socioeconomic, health and educational status affects her children's health.

Learning at Concordia is dynamic. We incorporate real-world connections, close interaction with faculty and service learning activities that take advantage of the amazing resources of our Chicagoland location to benefit your learning experience. Our liberal arts-based program provides perspectives to develop your critical thinking and analytical skills—right from the start in your freshman year Noetic Experience courses and continuing throughout the coursework in your chosen area of study. Your learning experiences are shaped by faculty who are active in their professional communities and connected to resources and networks that benefit students. Concordia-Chicago faculty are highly committed to their role as teacher, mentor and advisor to each individual student.

“AT CONCORDIA, WE'RE VERY INTENTIONAL ABOUT TAKING THE CURRICULUM BEYOND THE CLASSROOM SO THERE'S AN EXPERIENTIAL COMPONENT. THERE'S ALSO A SERVICE LEARNING COMPONENT THAT TAKES STUDENTS OUT OF THE CLASSROOM AND INTO THE COMMUNITY.”

—Dr. Gary Wenzel, Professor of English

## CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO RECOGNIZED AS A COLLEGE OF DISTINCTION



What does it mean to attend a College of Distinction? At Concordia University Chicago, it means:

- Pursuing your education at a university nationally recognized by educators for excellence.
- Learning from CUC faculty who are strongly focused on you and your classmates, know you by name and create vibrant classrooms keeping you challenged and interested.
- Engaging in a wide range of innovative learning experiences: research, service learning, internships and hands-on programs that open up new ideas, new worlds and new opportunities for you.
- Growing as part of an active campus with many opportunities for personal development.
- Graduating from a university highly valued by graduate schools and employers for outstanding preparation, with our long track record of successful graduates.

The Colleges of Distinction program especially recognizes our faith-based environment that not only embraces learning through experience, but also actively supports students' educational, personal and professional growth. When you come to campus, you'll recognize it, too.



# Impacting change through service



## SERVICE COMMITMENT EARNS CUC NATIONAL RECOGNITION

*Concordia University Chicago has been named to the President's Higher*

*Education Community Service Honor Roll five times. This honor "highlights the role colleges and universities play in solving community problems and placing more students on a lifelong path of civic engagement by recognizing institutions that achieve meaningful, measurable outcomes in the communities they serve."*

Though service has always been a core part of the student experience at Concordia University Chicago, with the appointment of a full-time director of the program, the scope of service learning impacting each student's experience has expanded.

"Service learning is tied to the content of the class, and it helps students realize these issues aren't just topics in a textbook that they read and talk about in class," says Professor Alannah Ari Hernandez, director of academic service learning. "Students get to see firsthand up close. It makes the theoretical aspects they are learning in class more concrete."

We match our students' talents with community needs to potentially change and improve the lives of others. Here are just two ways CUC students are making an impact:

- Some Concordia students work as mentors in after-school mentoring sessions with Youth Outreach Services, serving Chicago's West Side and west suburban communities.
- Members of Concordia's non-partisan conservation organization met with local and state politicians and lobbied for the Electronic Products Recycling & Reuse Act, or E-Scrap bill, to set up a government-run recycling program for electronics that contain mercury, lead and other environmental toxins.



AT CUC I'M ABLE TO GET HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN WHAT I'M STUDYING TO HELP ME BE SUCCESSFUL. IT WAS SO REWARDING WORKING ON RELAY FOR LIFE FOR MY ORGANIZATIONAL AND TEAM COMMUNICATION CLASS, KNOWING THAT THE MONEY WE RAISED IS GOING TO HELP ANOTHER FAMILY JUST LIKE MINE. I THINK TO MYSELF, 'OH MY GOSH, I DID THAT!' IT'S JUST A GREAT FEELING.

—Maggie Gonzalez, communication major and art minor, from Chicago, Illinois





**YOMARA LAZARO**  
Social work and  
Spanish double  
major, from  
Chicago, Illinois

#### PERSONAL CONNECTIONS WITH STUDENTS AND PROFESSORS

Feeling a personal connection with other students was important to Yomara in deciding on a college. "I came to Concordia–Chicago for an individual visit, and the student ambassador who gave me a campus tour told me his personal stories about his experiences here," she says. "He helped me decide on CUC because I could see he's really happy here." Yomara's dream is to serve as a social worker with the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and she values the personal attention she receives from CUC professors in helping her reach her goal. "The professors spend time talking with us about our interests to help us find our path in social work and help us with internships. The close relationships with professors make you feel confident you'll do well."

# Recognized programs in arts a

In the College of Arts and Sciences, CUC offers a traditional academic program based in the liberal arts with more than 40 areas of study, ranging from English and graphic arts to pre-law and environmental science. A major in interdisciplinary studies gives students an opportunity to combine multiple areas of interest or talent. And pre-professional programs are designed to prepare students for successful entrance into and performance in professional programs in law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy or theology.

Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are encouraged to apply their learning and enhance knowledge and skills through internships, service learning and other field experiences for credit. These opportunities for cultivating expertise and skill, combined with a broad base of coursework, help develop crucial thinking and communication skills for future success.



**"IT'S EXCITING TO SEE YOUNG PEOPLE GROW IN KNOWLEDGE AND SEE THEM DEVELOP AS LEARNERS. I ALSO LIKE ACADEMIC RESEARCH, SO I'M OFTEN MARRYING THE TWO TOGETHER. THE ADVANTAGE FOR STUDENTS IS THAT IT KEEPS ME FRESH—I'M NOT DOING THE SAME THING ALL THE TIME."**

—The Rev. Dr. Andrew Steinmann, Distinguished Professor of Theology and Hebrew

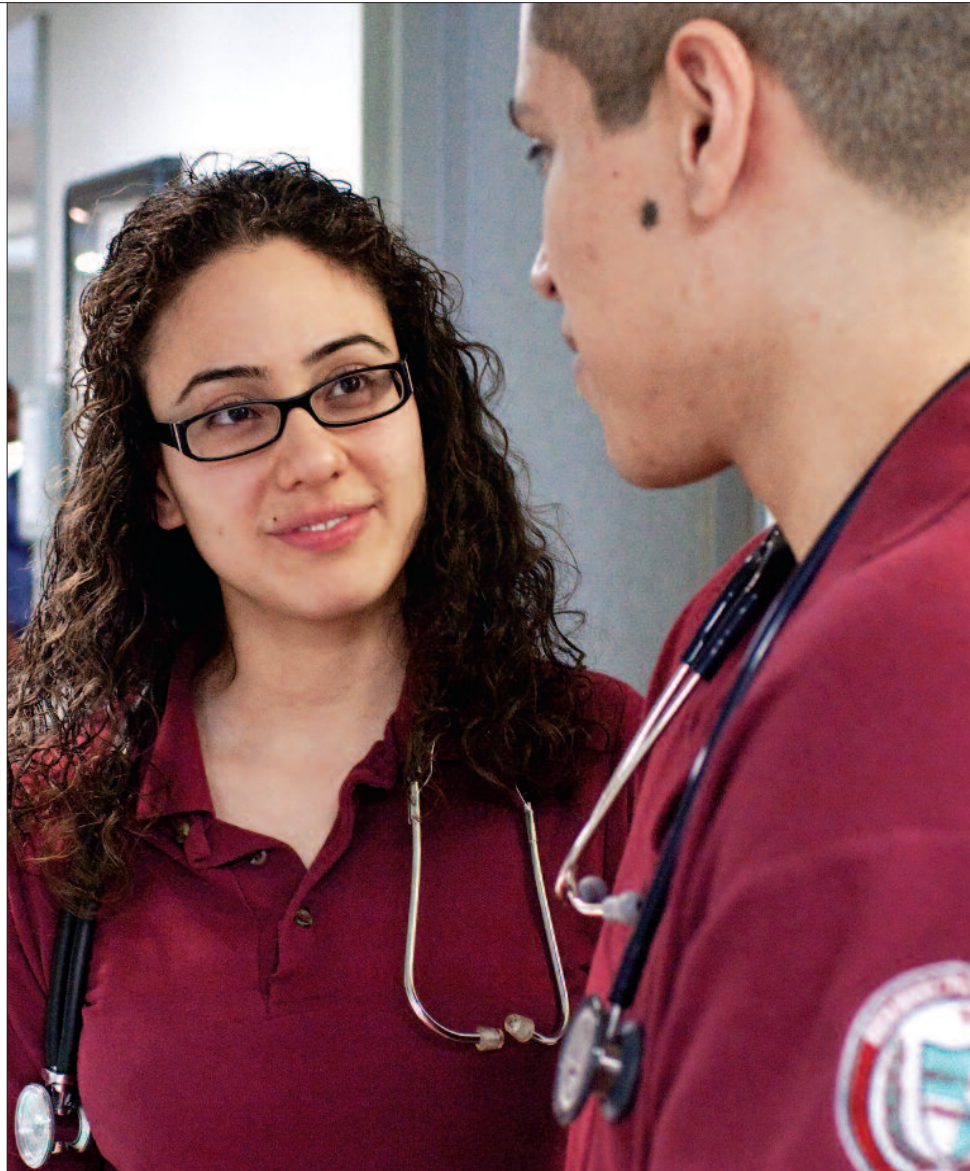


# nd sciences

## JOINT NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM

Concordia–Chicago's unique joint nursing degree program in partnership with Resurrection University allows you to earn a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) from two fully accredited institutions, while you enjoy the benefits of being a student at two nationally recognized universities. As a member of two campus communities, you have the opportunity to participate in campus activities and access student services and resources at Concordia and Resurrection University. You can even live in CUC's residence halls all four years, while taking courses at Resurrection University.

General education and science courses at CUC during your freshman and sophomore years help you build a solid foundation to move into specialized study. The remaining two years of the program take place at Resurrection University in Chicago, where nursing classes prepare you to meet the challenges of today's evolving health care environment. Students gain firsthand experience and knowledge in a wide range of areas, including pediatrics, community health, mental health, older adult nursing, pharmacology and more. A nursing degree from CUC and Resurrection University prepares you to help others, change lives and make a difference in a successful nursing career.



INSPIRING

LEARNING



# Learning that puts you in

## **MALIK ALANSARI '07**

Accounting, management and marketing majors, accountant at Bansley and Kiener, LLP in Chicago, Illinois

### **PROFESSORS WHO MENTOR AND GUIDE**

Concordia's smaller classes and collaborative atmosphere made for big opportunities for this driven professional, who also played baseball for Concordia and was a member of the Business Club. "Concordia prepared me to work with others in a collaborative way. In my experience, it seems like my colleagues who have come from larger universities have taken longer to acclimate to this work environment. Because of CUC, I was better prepared to work directly with people and small groups." After graduation, Malik went right to work at Bansley and Kiener, LLP, an accounting firm in Chicago. Even before his big opportunity came, Malik had already benefited from encouraging professors and real-world experience. "My accounting professor was great and always knew what needed to be done. She brought real experience into the classroom, which was priceless—and she helped me get a great internship!"



“DURING MY SUMMER INTERNSHIP WITH PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS, I WAS ABLE TO BRING TEXTBOOK LEARNING TO THE REAL EXPERIENCE. AND I LEARNED MANY THINGS NOT FOUND IN A TEXTBOOK.”

—Nan Yang '12, accounting major, from Beijing, China





# business

"THE BEAUTY OF BEING HERE AT CUC IS THAT OUR STUDENTS CAN GET ON THE 'L' AND GO INTO THE CITY TO DISCUSS A PROJECT THEY ARE WORKING ON WITH THE BUSINESS OWNER, FACE-TO-FACE. YOU COULDN'T HAVE THAT SAME EXPERIENCE AT A COLLEGE IN THE MIDDLE OF A RURAL AREA."

—Beth Dellegrazie, MBA, Assistant Professor of Marketing

Students in the College of Business have a wide variety of programs from which to choose. To meet the emerging needs of the business world, bachelor of arts degree offerings and bachelor of science degrees in management in several areas of emphasis have been expanded.

For a business student at Concordia, our Chicago-area location is a key advantage. Local business and nonprofit leaders come to campus regularly and create a large network of contacts at potential internship and employment sites for Concordia students. Business professors are often working in the field as they teach and bring those experiences and networks into the classroom. The faculty are also committed to integrating discussion and the study of ethics into each course, remaining focused on Concordia's faith-based mission.

## WE MEAN BUSINESS

*Students have a say in the curriculum development in the College of Business. A student with full voting rights serves on the Business Policies Committee, while another student attends departmental meetings and serves as an advisor to the department, offering fresh ideas for the curriculum.*

*The President's Business Leaders Networking program offers business students an opportunity to meet and to interact with Chicago-area business and community leaders.*



## The active student-led Business Club:

- Visited the Chicago Board of Trade.
- Attended the Direct Marketing Association's national trade show.
- Hosted the founder and president of Global Protocol, Inc. during an annual business etiquette dinner.
- Sponsored an event featuring a Chicago-based sports law and marketing expert who discussed his experience representing athletes, including former White Sox player Frank Thomas.

## LOOKING FOR A CAREER THAT INCORPORATES YOUR PASSION FOR MUSIC OR THEATRE OR ATHLETICS?

Consider one of CUC's business focus areas:

- Accounting (BA or BS)
- Business Communication
- Management (BA or BS)
- Management with a Media Arts Emphasis
- Management with a Music Emphasis
- Management with a Theatre Emphasis
- Management with a Visual Art Emphasis
- Marketing (BA or BS)
- Not-for-Profit/Church Management
- Sports Management

# Learning that develops competent educ

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO IS ACCREDITED BY THE COUNCIL FOR THE ACCREDITATION OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION (FORMERLY NCATE).



## CONCORDIA-CHICAGO EARNS RECOGNITION FOR TEACHING PROGRAMS

*Concordia University Chicago has been highly ranked—22nd among the institutions surveyed—on the 2013 College Database list of “Top U.S. Colleges and Universities for Teaching” in recognition of the University’s commitment to offering a wide range of teacher education program options.*

It’s not surprising that many students cite Concordia University Chicago’s education program as *the* reason they chose to attend. The University is recognized as an educational leader. So recognized is the CUC brand of teacher preparation that more than 3,000 existing teachers and school administrators in the Chicagoland area enroll in any given year for graduate education degrees.

One of our key strengths is our faculty, who are committed to keeping abreast of educational trends while maintaining a comprehensive program that prepares competent, confident and dedicated teachers at all levels. Most importantly, according to our students, professors share their classroom experiences and wisdom and work closely with each student to make sure he or she is completely prepared to succeed in the classroom.

The Early Childhood Education Center provides a state-of-the-art learning laboratory on campus for students to gain valuable experience using the best resources and education techniques available.



**JENNA BOGGS**  
Elementary  
education  
major, from  
South Beloit,  
Illinois

## VARIED EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

With hopes of teaching in a middle school language arts classroom after graduation, Jenna values the many opportunities CUC provides for hands-on field experiences in local schools—a benefit she has enjoyed since her first semester as a new freshman. “Because we’re in such a prime location in the Chicago area, there are so many field experience opportunities,” she says. “Students get a really diverse range of field experiences, which is so helpful in developing techniques and strategies that we’ll need in our own classrooms. The College of Education professors go out of their way to make sure we’re successful as students. The professors are so passionate about what they teach, it inspires me to want to provide that to the students I will teach one day.”



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EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Education

TEACHING



## OUR AWARD-WINNING STUDENTS AND ALUMNI




*Among the long list of education graduates are 13 CUC alumni in the teaching profession who have been recognized by the Golden Apple Foundation for outstanding teaching. In addition, eight CUC students have been designated as Golden Apple Scholars. These scholars are talented high school graduates who receive a scholarship and upon graduation from CUC teach for five years in an Illinois school of need.*

**"IN THE SMALLER CLASSES AT CUC YOU REALLY GET TO KNOW YOUR CLASSMATES AND YOUR PROFESSORS, AND THEY GET TO KNOW YOU. PROFESSORS CARE ABOUT YOU AND REALLY JUST WANT YOU TO DO WELL."**

—Bethany Jane Thaelke,  
elementary education (LTE) major,  
from St. Peters, Missouri



# Performing in harmony



Whether you want to pursue a professional career in music or simply continue to improve your skills, Concordia's music program will support your aspirations and personal passion for music. Music students benefit from Chicago's many venues filled with a variety of live performances, from classical and jazz to the latest Broadway musicals. CUC's location also provides for quality private lessons with faculty members who are highly sought-after teachers and performers in the Chicagoland area.

Music faculty are dedicated to providing a rich variety of opportunities for musical learning and performance in a Christian environment, while preparing you for the future. The most recently added ensemble is the Chamber Orchestra, which performs works from the orchestral tradition with two concerts annually, including a concerto competition.

Our well-respected choral and instrumental groups—Kapelle and Wind Symphony, respectively—travel and perform regularly in the U.S., and every four years they tour overseas to share their musical gifts and experience other cultures.

**IN THE SMALLER CLASSROOM SETTING AT CUC YOU HAVE BETTER ACCESS TO PROFESSORS, AND THERE ARE MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE IN PRACTICING MUSIC CONCEPTS.**

—Justin Knabach '12, music major (director of parish music program), serving as minister of music at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Sunset Hills, Missouri



**BECCA EIFERT**  
Music education  
(LTE) major and  
mathematics minor,  
from Austin, Texas

## LEARNING FOCUSED ON SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES

As a future music educator, Becca values the opportunities to learn from and personally connect with CUC's well-respected music faculty. "Dr. [Richard] Fischer is fantastic. You get the most out of his classes because you see his love of what he's teaching and that makes you love it as well. All of the music faculty members are phenomenal—I couldn't have asked for better." Becca also benefits from CUC's location. "Because of our proximity to Chicago with a variety of music opportunities so readily available, music performance is emphasized more in CUC's program. CUC also offers a lot of opportunities for professional development, such as internships with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra."



## MUSICAL GROUPS

Chamber Orchestra ■  
Cougar Band ■ Jazz Band  
■ Kapelle (touring) ■  
Laudate (women's choral ensemble) ■ Männerchor (men's choral ensemble) ■  
Résonanz (chapel band)  
■ Schola Cantorum (chapel choir) ■ University Band  
■ University Handbell Choirs ■ Wind Symphony (touring)



# Answering the call to serve



## **RYAN STREHLOW '13**

Director of Christian Education (DCE) major, from Brookfield, Wisconsin, serving as DCE at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Chugiak, Alaska

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR INDIVIDUAL GROWTH**

Ryan values the opportunities for personal growth he experienced as a CUC student. "There are two things I feel really proud of regarding my CUC experience—the advancement of my leadership experience and the progression of my faith. CUC definitely inspired my faith to grow, and it is growth that is completely necessary for the vocation I'm going into and also for my personal relationship with Christ. Through my campus job, classes, fieldwork and internship experiences, and all the different faith components at CUC, I learned to be a better Christian and really just be a leader for the Church."

*Church professional students share their Christian faith and make a positive difference in the lives of people of all ages and backgrounds, in a variety of urban and rural settings. Consider if you are Called to become part of this tradition of faithful service. Concordia University Chicago offers the following Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod church professional programs:*

- Deaconess
- Pre-Seminary
- Director of Parish Music
- Lutheran Teacher Education (LTE)
- Director of Christian Education (DCE)

*High-quality academic instruction and an array of internship and service possibilities in the Chicagoland area equip church professionals with the tools they need to be effective in their future ministries. You will become part of a community committed to the intellectual and spiritual growth of each member.*



# Connecting your education to world-class

## **JOSHIE EATON**

Sports management major,  
from Milwaukee, Wisconsin

### **PROFESSORS WITH REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE**

"I like that CUC is close to Chicago, which gives students networking opportunities with different organizations, sports teams and business people," says Joshie. "One of the biggest benefits of being a CUC student is the professors and their experiences, like Professor Tyler Jones who was an NBA D-League coach. We also go on field trips for our classes, to places like Toyota Park [soccer stadium]. The sports management field trips are very helpful because we get to meet with representatives of companies and get information about how we could work for them in the future."

## **CHICAGOLAND IS HOME TO MORE THAN 30 FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES.**

### **CHICAGO FIELD EXCURSIONS**

- Accounting students picked up valuable job tips at Deloitte & Touche.
- Students learned insider aspects of retail marketing and merchandising while visiting Whole Foods Market.
- Marketing students benefited from professional seminars at the annual Direct Marketing Association convention.
- Art students viewed the collections at the Art Institute and the Museum of Contemporary Art.
- Geography students immersed themselves in cultures while touring several Chicago neighborhoods (Ukrainian Village, Chinatown, Pilsen) and visiting cultural museums and authentic restaurants.
- Marketing students got a glimpse of real-world advertising while meeting with executives at Edelman global public relations firm.

### **RECENT INTERNSHIP SITES** ■ Allstate Insurance ■ Brookfield Zoo ■ Catholic Charities ■

Chicago area schools and school districts throughout Illinois ■ Chicago Symphony Orchestra  
 ■ Civil Justice Foundation ■ C-SPAN ■ ESPN ■ Fitness Formula Clubs ■ Kane County Cougars ■ LCMS schools and churches throughout the world ■ Lookingglass Theatre Company ■ Loyola University Medical Center ■ Lutheran Child and Family Services ■ National Institute on Drug Abuse ■ The Printing Store ■ The Reading Connection ■ Shedd Aquarium—Chicago ■ United States Holocaust Memorial Museum ■ U.S. Congressman's Office ■ Walt Disney World ■ WGN Television ■ WLIT "The Lite" 93.9 FM Radio





# opportunities



Not many colleges have a location quite like Concordia University Chicago's. Our safe, compact campus, with easy access to the country's third largest city, expands classroom boundaries in many ways. Professors take advantage of proximity to numerous cultural, historic, educational and business resources. Prominent artists, business leaders and experts visit campus for presentations and performances. Visitors have included:

- Dr. Min Basadur, recognized world leader in the field of applied creativity
- Illinois State Senator Don Harmon
- Gary Cuneen, founder and executive director of Seven Generations Ahead, an organization advocating for local solutions to global environmental problems
- Deborah Kapoor, Seattle-based artist specializing in encaustic paintings
- Makeba Kedem-DuBose, Chicago-based visual artist, jewelry designer, curator and art program director at Youth Service Project

Because of our ideal location, internship prospects are plentiful in business, education, health care and many more fields. In addition, our students benefit from access to research opportunities and professional conferences that help them network.



THERE ARE SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES ASSOCIATED WITH BEING IN PROXIMITY TO A LARGE URBAN AREA WITH AN ABUNDANCE OF CULTURAL, SOCIAL AND ACADEMIC RESOURCES. WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS CONTEXT IN WHICH TO EDUCATE STUDENTS TO MEET THE CURRENT AND EMERGING NEEDS IN THE WORLD IN WHICH THEY WILL LIVE AND WORK. CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO GRADUATES ARE WELL-PREPARED TO LEAD AND SERVE IN AN INCREASINGLY DIVERSE AND INTERCONNECTED WORLD.

—Dr. John Johnson, President Emeritus, Concordia University Chicago

# Faith that engages



**GEORDIE DENHOLM**  
Theatre major  
(pre-seminary) and  
history & theological  
languages minors,  
from Columbus,  
Indiana

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE AND GROW IN FAITH

For Geordie, making the decision to enroll at CUC was an easy one. "My whole family has gone to Concordia—my parents, sister, aunts, uncles and cousins—so I've known since about second grade that I wanted to come here," says Geordie, who values the close-knit campus community and opportunities to grow spiritually. "CUC inspires my faith, which is the biggest part of my life. There are so many opportunities to grow in your faith and let your faith shine. Each and every professor helps with that and is a part of that, from our theology professors to our theatre professors. Where you take your faith and how you apply it is inspired and cultivated by the CUC community as a whole and the environment here."

**"ONE THING I APPRECIATED ABOUT MY CONCORDIA EDUCATION WAS LEARNING TO HAVE MY FAITH LIFE BE IN HARMONY WITH THE REST OF MY LIFE. IT FITS TOGETHER WITH ALL YOUR LEARNING AND IS NOT SOMETHING SEPARATE."**

—Dr. Ronald F. Zernicke '70, Professor and Dean, School of Kinesiology; Professor, Biomedical Engineering; and Professor, Orthopaedic Surgery at University of Michigan

As a Christian institution in the Lutheran tradition, Concordia University Chicago cultivates within each of its students the ideals of a Christian life. Within a Christian framework, students seek greater meaning in their spiritual and work lives—discovering ways to serve the greater good and mature in their Christian faith.

Concordia's faith community reflects the Lutheran tradition and is welcoming of other Christian denominations as well. Opportunities for spiritual growth and faith development are an integral part of the Concordia experience.

Each student is encouraged to serve God and society in a way that makes use of his or her gifts and skills. Our Spiritual Life Team's efforts engage students and help them find ways to put their faith into action and discover how they can best serve.

FAITH

VALUES & VIRTUES

THEOLOGY



“THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THINGS YOU CAN ENGAGE IN HERE THAT CAN HELP YOU GROW IN FAITH—IN QUALITY AND DEPTH. YOU ALMOST HAVE TO STEP OVER THE SPIRITUAL LIFE HERE NOT TO BE TOUCHED BY IT.”

—The Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Leininger, Campus Pastor



### FAITH IN ACTION—SERVING LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

Service experiences of our students include helping at a local women's shelter, leading a youth retreat, teaching Sunday school and rebuilding homes along the Gulf Coast. Other CUC groups that included students, faculty and staff traveled to India and Hungary to serve communities by building houses with Habitat for Humanity. And other groups traveled to Guatemala City to lead a children's vacation Bible school program.

Concordia students benefit from organized spiritual events as well as spontaneous gatherings, like a late-night chat session with Pastor Leininger at the nearby Buffalo Wild Wings. One student explained, “He's always willing to stay up late, hang out and just listen.”



### SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND SPIRITUAL LIFE ACTIVITIES (*a sampling*)

Daily worship (Chapel), Sunday night Prayer and Praise ■ Résonanz (contemporary chapel band) ■ Decapolis Theatre Ministry (Christian drama ministry) ■ National and international service—mission trips and Christian response to global issues of injustice and human rights ■ Lock-ins, retreats and concerts for high school students through Concordia Youth Ministry

# Inspiring leadership that engages



Concordia–Chicago is big enough to offer lots of opportunities, but small enough that you have genuine access to those opportunities. Our campus community is just the right size for you to develop leadership skills and for involvement.

Clubs and organizations include athletics, academics, service, the environment, politics, religion and more. Leading or participating in a campus club or organization is a way students can serve the community and often have an impact beyond campus. Students involved in activities expand their networks of friends, enrich campus life and add valuable experiences and leadership positions to their résumés. Student leaders identify opportunities for their organization, set goals to accomplish their vision, and both inspire and lead others to join in achieving those goals.

**BECOMING A RESIDENT ASSISTANT ON CAMPUS WAS BIG FOR ME. AS A FRESHMAN I ALWAYS KEPT MY DOOR OPEN AND WANTED TO BE A RESOURCE FOR OTHER STUDENTS. SO I WAS REALLY EXCITED WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT I WAS ACCEPTED AS AN RA. I FEEL MY STRENGTH IS IN GETTING TO KNOW STUDENTS, LEARNING ABOUT THEIR DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS AND FINDING COMMON GROUND BETWEEN PEOPLE.**

—Daniel Mueller, graphic arts major and marketing and Spanish minors, from Elmwood Park, Illinois



**QUINTIN WILLIAMS '12**  
Sociology major,  
graduate student  
at Loyola University  
Chicago

## MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW LEADERSHIP SKILLS

For Quintin, building his leadership skills was just one of the positive outcomes of choosing to attend CUC. "Serving as president of the Sociology and Criminal Justice Club is something I was encouraged to step up and do, and I've learned a lot about leadership as a result," he says. "CUC has definitely drawn out some of my leadership abilities that I didn't know I had." Currently a graduate student in the sociology program at Loyola University Chicago, Quintin says his CUC experience has prepared him well for the next steps on his career path. "What I've learned at CUC in the field of sociology, in the jobs I've had on campus, the leadership positions I've been put into, the assignments I've had to complete that I didn't think I could do, the degree of difficulty of some of my classes—all of that collectively has prepared me for life after CUC. With that type of training I can embark on any journey."





*A scene from the Artists of Concordia Theatre performance of "Romeo and Juliet"*

**"YOUR COLLEGE YEARS ARE THE IDEAL TIME TO TRY NEW THINGS, DISCOVER NEW ABILITIES AND INTERESTS, EXPLORE CHICAGO, AND MEET PEOPLE WHO WILL BECOME YOUR LIFELONG FRIENDS."**

—Jennifer Bonarek, Director of Student Involvement and Leadership

### **CAMPUS CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

**(a sampling)** ■ Artists of Concordia Theatre ■ Black Student Union (BSU) ■ Business Club ■ Campus Activities Board ■ Colleges Against Cancer ■ Fellowship of Christian Athletes ■ Green Fee Committee ■ *Image* (visual arts club) ■ Improv Comedy Club ■ Kappa Delta Pi (education honorary) ■ *Kickin' Cougars* (swing dance club) ■ Latino Student Union (LSU) ■ *Pillars* (yearbook) ■ Ping-Pong Club ■ Psi Chi (psychology honorary) ■ Science Club ■ *The Spectator* (newspaper) ■ Student-Athlete Advisory Committee ■ Student-Led Campus Ministries ■ VOICE – student government ■ WCGR (radio & TV station)





# Leadership on the pla



## INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

### Men

Baseball  
Basketball  
Cross Country  
Football  
Soccer  
Tennis  
Track and Field

### Women

Basketball  
Cross Country  
Soccer  
Softball  
Tennis  
Track and Field  
Volleyball

### Club Sports

Volleyball (Men)

### Intramurals

Basketball  
Bowling  
Dodgeball  
Floor Hockey  
Kickball  
Soccer  
Softball  
Ultimate Frisbee  
Volleyball





# ying field

Athletics are an important part of campus life. Seven men's and seven women's intercollegiate teams compete at the NCAA Division III level, providing opportunities for students at different skill levels to participate.

Concordia is a member of the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference, along with 11 other private colleges and universities in Illinois and Wisconsin. School pride shines when the unofficial spirit squad—the Maroon Platoon—gathers to energize the crowd, especially at Cougar football and basketball games.

Whether you are pursuing personal fitness goals, playing on intramural teams or competing on intercollegiate teams, you benefit from recently expanded athletic facilities that include football and soccer FieldTurf playing surfaces, an all-weather track, ball fields, tennis courts, Geiseman gymnasium, a weight room and a fitness center, and the Human Performance Laboratory.



**PAT UGOLINI**  
Secondary  
education–history  
major, from  
Seneca, Illinois

## AN EDUCATION THAT'S AN INVESTMENT IN YOUR FUTURE

"The financial aid and scholarships provided by CUC were pretty outstanding, and that made it possible for me to enroll here," says Pat. "No other schools I was looking at compared to this." In addition to his studies preparing him for a teaching career, Pat is rounding out his college experience by being involved outside of the classroom, including serving as a resident assistant and football team captain, and participating in Fellowship of Christian Athletes. "Football has inspired me to be more of a leader. The coaching staff challenges everyone on the team, not only to work as hard as we can in football, but even more importantly they focus on developing good men. Being a part of the 2012 football team—finishing the regular season as conference champions with a perfect 10-0 record and making our first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III playoffs—is an experience I'll never forget."

## CONCORDIA INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT FEVER

The Cougar basketball teams compete each year in a friendly rivalry with teams from three other Concordia institutions—Wisconsin, Nebraska and Michigan—for the Concordia Invitational Tournament (CIT). Each team hosts the tournament every four years. The CIT is a treasured tradition and is the second longest running tournament in NCAA history.





# It's about your

Residence life at Concordia is dynamic, with 41 percent of traditional undergraduate students (67 percent of freshmen) living on campus. Campus life is about what happens outside of class, which often are the most memorable college experiences. Your roommates and hall neighbors quickly become like family as you all navigate through the ups and downs of college life.

All freshmen living on campus are part of the Freshman Residential Experience, living in community and taking part in special programming that helps support the transition from high school to college. Upperclassmen have opportunities to live in apartment-style housing adjacent to campus.

Residential Life sponsors over 200 programs each year for residential students, some focusing on practical subjects like health and wellness and others on having fun and volunteering. Faculty and staff assist in these programs when possible, providing yet another opportunity for interaction outside the classroom.

Students consider downtown Oak Park, easily within walking distance, an extension of the campus. Students shop at Gap or Old Navy and small boutiques, grab a latte at Caribou Coffee or Starbucks, or take in the latest movie at the Lake Theatre on a night they offer discounts to Concordia students.

And a 20-minute "L" train ride takes you to downtown Chicago—with plenty of opportunities to experience great music and theatre, eat out and shop.

**THE CAMPUS IS IN A RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOOD THAT'S SAFE AND SECURE, BUT IF YOU WANT TO GO SOMEWHERE REALLY BUSY, DOWNTOWN CHICAGO IS JUST A 20-MINUTE RIDE AWAY ON THE 'L.'**

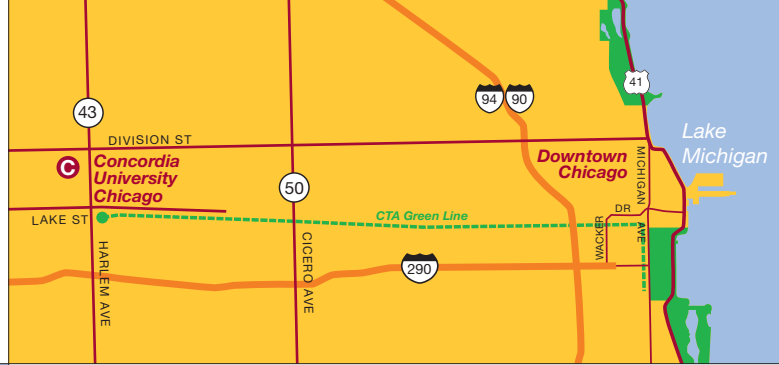
—Lorenda Kirby, elementary education (LTE) major, from Lincoln, Illinois



## **STUDENT LIFE IS NEVER DULL WITH THINGS LIKE:**

- Dodgeball with tennis balls in the dark
- David Jonathan Haunted House
- Spring formal
- Slip n' Slide
- Amazing Race: Chicago
- Mr. CUC
- Residence hall cookouts
- Lessons and Carols at Christmas
- Homecoming





## TOP REASONS TO HOP ON THE "L"

- Take advantage of a free admission day at the Museum of Science and Industry.
- Do some serious shopping along Michigan Avenue.
- Take in a discounted Chicago Symphony Orchestra performance.
- Take someone "out to the ball game" to watch the Cubs at Wrigley Field or the White Sox at U.S. Cellular Field.
- Ride the Ferris wheel on Navy Pier.
- Gaze at your reflection in "the Bean" in Millennium Park.
- Buy a famous "Chicago-style hot dog" (no ketchup!) from a street vendor.
- Volunteer at a soup kitchen or shelter.
- Listen to your choice of gospel, blues, jazz, etc.
- Attend free music festivals at Grant Park.
- Rent a pair of ice skates and skate at the rink in Millennium Park.
- Check out the Impressionists at the Art Institute.
- Get a bag of Garrett's famous cheddar/caramel popcorn mix (you'll never want another popcorn after trying this one).



MY INTERNSHIP AS A FINANCIAL ADVISOR IN DOWNTOWN CHICAGO WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. I ALSO LOVE SPENDING TIME IN THE CITY JUST FOR FUN—SHOPPING ON MICHIGAN AVENUE, GOING TO THE BEACH AND VISITING THE ART INSTITUTE.

—Allison Spiaser, marketing major and management & Spanish minors, from Crete, Illinois



# It's about your future

## The value of a Concordia University Chicago education

Your future is what we're all about. We're proud that 90 percent of our students are employed or enrolled in graduate programs in their fields within six months of graduation. We want to help you prepare for that first job and help you discover how you can make a living and make a difference. A Concordia education prepares you academically, intellectually, practically and ethically to find that meaningful career.

Our students benefit from our Chicago location, which connects them readily to "real-world" career opportunities. Internship experiences can be found in almost any field of study to enhance your knowledge, skills and résumé. Some of our students benefit from more than one internship experience in their field.



**MIKE KLINE '11**  
Marketing and math double major, promotions manager/account executive for Schaumburg Boomers

### INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCES THAT BROADEN CAREER CHOICE

For Mike, CUC's Chicago-area location—where students have access to a variety of internship possibilities—was one of the major benefits of attending the University. With hopes of going into sports statistical analysis as a profession, Mike approached the Kane County Cougars about a summer job his freshman year at CUC. That first contact led him to secure internships in the ticket office and in promotions/media relations—and ultimately led to a full-time job offer during his senior year. Mike worked out a schedule with his professors to finish his degree while starting full-time work with the Cougars. "My professors knew that sports jobs don't come along often and that I had worked hard—so they were awesome about working with me so I could do both." Since then, Mike has continued to gain professional experience through his work with other Chicago-area professional sports organizations, including the Chicago Slaughter and the Schaumburg Boomers.

## WHAT CAREER SERVICES CAN DO FOR YOU

*The Career Services staff serves students beginning their first year on campus—connecting them to major exploration exercises, career self-assessments, workshops, internship planning assistance, preparation for job interviews, support with résumé writing and career planning. Students can access the center's comprehensive online services 24/7.*





**AMBER DIAZ '12**, mathematics-computer science specialization major, serving as a Peace Corps volunteer teaching mathematics in Burkina Faso, West Africa

For Amber, becoming a leader on campus was an unexpected benefit of choosing to attend CUC—an experience which ultimately led her to where she is today, serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Burkina Faso, West Africa. “My leadership experiences helped me develop connections and lasting relationships with a wide variety of people on campus,” says Amber. “I have always been reserved and afraid of failing, but CUC gave me opportunities to be social and talk with people. I’ve become more open and confident, and I’m more comfortable talking with people and speaking up, even in unfamiliar situations.” Among Amber’s most rewarding servant leadership experiences at CUC was the opportunity to serve as a role model and mentor for local elementary school students. “I volunteered each year that students from CUC’s partner elementary school visited campus to promote college readiness. At the end of their visit you leave feeling good. The kids just make you smile and they’re so free-spirited. And all of their enthusiasm makes you want to do more.”

#### *A sampling of ...*

#### **Employers of Recent Graduates**

Advocate Fitness  
AthletiCo  
Brookfield Zoo  
Catholic Charities  
Chase Bank  
Chicago Cubs  
Chicago Park District  
Chicago Public Schools and school districts throughout the nation  
Chicago Tribune  
Concordia International School Shanghai  
Hewlett-Packard  
Kane County Cougars  
Kraft Foods  
LCMS schools and churches throughout the world  
Liberty Mutual Insurance  
Lurie Children’s Hospital  
Lutheran World Relief  
Lyric Opera of Chicago  
The McCrone Group  
Oak Park Public Library  
The Resurrection Project, Chicago  
Rush University Medical Center  
Teach for America  
University of Minnesota Medical School  
U.S. Congressman’s Office  
Young Life

#### **Graduate Schools Attended by Recent Graduates**

Adler School of Professional Psychology, Chicago  
Ball State University  
California State University, Fullerton  
The Chicago School of Professional Psychology  
Cleveland State University  
Columbia College Chicago  
Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines (Ontario, Canada)  
Concordia Seminaries  
DePaul University  
Illinois Institute of Technology  
Loyola University Chicago  
Northern Illinois University  
Rush University  
Saint Louis University  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago  
University of Cambridge (Cambridge, England)  
University of Chicago  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
University of Illinois at Chicago Medical School  
University of Maine School of Law  
University of Missouri–St. Louis  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee  
Washington University in St. Louis

# It's your decision

Concordia–Chicago offers high-quality education that's affordable. What do you get for your investment? Our size gives you access to resources and opportunities, along with professors who know and support you and your goals. Our location opens doors to boundless professional and cultural experiences. And our Christian and liberal arts foundation will give you a well-rounded education focused on faith and the values you intend to live by.

Your college education is an investment in your future. It's an investment worth making. All of our full-time undergraduate students—100 percent—receive some type of financial assistance. We continually look for ways to offer additional financial assistance to students. All incoming new students are considered for merit awards at the time of admission.

**"FINANCING A COLLEGE EDUCATION REQUIRES CAREFUL PLANNING, AND TODAY, MORE STUDENTS ARE TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN CONTRIBUTING THEIR RESOURCES. AT CONCORDIA, WE CONTINUALLY LOOK FOR WAYS THAT ENABLE US TO OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS TO NEW, DESERVING INCOMING STUDENTS. WE WANT EACH STUDENT TO REALIZE HIS OR HER DREAM OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION."**

—Evelyn Burdick, Senior Vice President for Enrollment

## AVERAGE FINANCIAL AID AWARD: \$23,300

### 100% OF OUR FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS RECEIVE SOME TYPE OF AID

*Taking the time to complete the FAFSA and apply for financial aid can pay off in the form of grants, scholarships, loans and on-campus employment opportunities. Visit [CUChicago.edu/afford](http://CUChicago.edu/afford) to find out about our:*

- *President's Honor Scholar Awards*
- *Music scholarships*

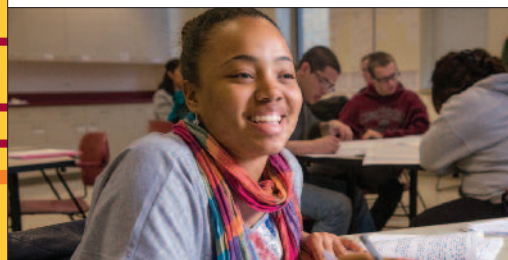
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# See for yourself



"I CHOSE CUC BECAUSE OF THE SMALL CAMPUS COMMUNITY, THE SMALL CLASS SIZES AND THE ONE-ON-ONE INTERACTIONS WITH PROFESSORS. I'VE NEVER BEEN HAPPIER WITH MY CHOICE. YOU'RE A NAME HERE, NOT A NUMBER."

—Angela Powers, mathematics–actuarial science major and accounting minor, from Palos Heights, Illinois

The best way to find out if Concordia is the place for you is to check us out online or in person. We recommend spending a day on campus to really get a sense of our students, our faculty and the energy of our campus. Though you can see and learn a lot online, nothing compares to being here in person—getting all your questions answered right away, familiarizing yourself with campus facilities and, most of all, getting the “feel” for Concordia’s campus. After all, when students do make their final college choices, many say “it just felt right” during their campus visit.

We welcome visitors almost any day to campus. Campus visit days are scheduled at several times throughout the year with programs that cover academics, campus life and financial aid. Or you can plan an individual visit day with an itinerary that meets your specific interests and schedule. Register online at [CUChicago.edu/visit](http://CUChicago.edu/visit) or call 708-209-3100 or 877-CUChicago (877-282-4422) to schedule your visit.

## YOUR VISIT ITINERARY COULD INCLUDE ...

- *Tour campus.*
- *Meet with a professor, conductor or coach.*
- *Sit in on class or a musical rehearsal.*
- *Eat at the Library Café, Charlie T's or Crossroads Dining Room.*
- *Cheer on our baseball team.*
- *Save time for downtown Oak Park to check out shopping and eating.*

## TO SET UP YOUR VISIT

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## APPLY YOURSELF!

Find out how CUC can inspire faith, learning and leadership that will change your life.

- 1) Complete our admission application online ([CUChicago.edu/apply](http://CUChicago.edu/apply))—it's free!
- 2) Submit additional information, such as transcripts and test scores.
- 3) Send in the FAFSA!

I WAS PRETTY DECIDED ON CUC EVEN BEFORE I FOUND OUT ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S HONOR SCHOLAR AWARD—I FOUND OUT ON MY BIRTHDAY!—BUT RECEIVING THE FULL-TUITION SCHOLARSHIP WAS DEFINITELY A BIG THING.

—Hannah Keseman, graphic arts major and marketing minor, from Freeburg, Illinois

# Facts About Concordia University Chicago—a College of Distinction



**History:** Concordia University Chicago was founded in 1864 as a college for teachers and today is a comprehensive university comprised of the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Business, the College of Education and the College of Graduate and Innovative Programs. CUC offers more than 100 areas of undergraduate, graduate and doctoral study in small classes taught by professors who are passionate about teaching and student success.

**Location and Campus:** 40 tree-lined acres, 10 miles west of downtown Chicago, in beautiful, upscale, suburban River Forest, Illinois.

**Mission:** Concordia University Chicago is a distinctive, comprehensive university of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod,

centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and based in the liberal arts. The University equips men and women to serve and lead with integrity, creativity, competence and compassion in a diverse, interconnected and increasingly urbanized church and world.

**Students:** Fall 2013 enrollment—1,604 undergraduates from more than 40 states and countries. Approximately 27 percent of undergraduate students are from states other than Illinois, with Midwestern states as well as Florida, California and Texas heavily represented—41 percent of traditional undergraduate students (67 percent of freshmen) live on campus. Graduate student enrollment—3,682. Total enrollment—5,286.

**Student-to-Faculty Ratio:** 17:1

**Average Class Size:** 17

**Athletics:** 14 intercollegiate teams competing in NCAA Division III; countless intramural competitions.

**Clubs and Organizations:** More than 45 student clubs and organizations, including religious, academic, athletic, service and others.

**Financial Assistance:** 100 percent of full-time undergraduate students receive some type of financial aid

based on need, merit, background and/or academic program.

**Facilities:** Highlights include the Christopher Center for Learning and Leadership, which houses the Early Childhood Education Center; five computer labs; Human Performance Laboratory; Klinck Memorial Library; and Ferguson Art Gallery.

## Accreditations:

- Higher Learning Commission (HLC)—Member, North Central Association
- Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (formerly NCATE)
- National Association of Schools of Music



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