



CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

CLASS OF 2024 SPRING COMMENCEMENT

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CLASS OF 2024

DOCTORAL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Friday, May 3 - 4 p.m.

FESTIVAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance March #4

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

The audience shall remain seated during the procession.

- The Marshals
- The Candidates for Doctoral Degree
- The Faculty of the University
- The Board of Regents of the University
- The University Chaplain
- The Deans of the Colleges
- The Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University
- The President of the University

WELCOME

Dr. Eli Hestermann

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer

INVOCATION

Rev. Simeon Raddatz, BA '13

University Chaplain

SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 3:15-16

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CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Russell P. Dawn

University President

Out of respect for each graduate, please hold your applause until the last graduate has processed across the stage.

2024 GRADUATES



For full list
of Doctoral
Candidates and their
Dissertations, please
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view online.

DOCTORAL ALUMNI RESPONSE

Dr. Marlena Little, EdD '24

Educational Leadership

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Emily Kober, BA '09

Senior Director of Alumni Relations

ALMA MATER

All Concordia-Chicago alumni are invited to stand to be recognized before the singing of the *Alma Mater* (see page 8 for music).

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

Dr. Russell P. DawnUniversity President

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Rev. Simeon Raddatz, BA '13 University Chaplain

DISMISSAL

Dr. Eli Hestermann

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer

RECESSIONAL

Following the recession, light refreshments will be served for graduates and their guests in the South Gym.



CLASS OF 2024

BACHELOR'S COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 4 - 10 a.m.

FESTIVAL PRELUDE

The Wind Symphony of Concordia University Chicago

- "March" from First Suite for Band Gustav Holst/ed. Colin Matthews
- "Swing the Mood" arr. Michael Sweeney
- "Ballad" (feat. Chris O'Hara, cornet)
 R. Christopher Teichler
- "Carnival of Venice" (feat. Chris O'Hara, cornet) Herbert L. Clarke
- "Gallop" from First Suite for Band Alfred Reed

PROCESSIONAL

The Sinfonians

Clifton Williams

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- The Marshals
- The Candidates for Bachelor's Degree
- The Faculty of the University
- The Board of Regents of the University
- The University Chaplain
- The Deans of the Colleges
- The Bachelor's Commencement Speaker
- The Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University
- The President of the University

WELCOME

Dr. Eli Hestermann

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer

INVOCATION

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University Chaplain

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COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Larry Bucshon, MD

Representative, U.S. Congress (R-IN-08)

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Dr. Russell P. Dawn

University President

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2024 GRADUATES



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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI RESPONSE

Lydia Smith, BS '24

Secondary Education, LTE

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Jorge Palacios, BS '19

Alumni Association Board of Directors

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RECESSIONAL

Sine Nomine

Ralph Vaughan Williams-Earl Rosenberg/arr. Bruce Houseknecht

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BACHELOR'S COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY SPEAKER

Dr. Larry Bucshon, MD

Representative, U.S. Congress (R-IN-08)



Since being elected to Congress in 2010, Dr. Bucshon has been a champion for advancing patient-centered health care reforms and a leader in fighting the opioid epidemic. Recognized as a leader on transportation

issues, he served on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee prior to his current assignment on the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Dr. Bucshon was born and raised in Kincaid, Illinois. Larry received his BA from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and his MD from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He completed a residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin and remained there to complete a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery. Larry served for almost a decadewith the United States Navy Reserve.

Prior to serving in Congress, Larry was a practicing physician and surgeon specializing in cardiothoracic surgery. His outstanding work and leadership in this field led to him being honored as the St. Mary's (St. Vincent) Medical Staff Physician of the Year in 2006. Larry also served as Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Medical Director of the open heart recovery intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital. He is board certified in cardiothoracic surgery by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery.

Larry and his wife Kathryn, who is also a physician and a practicing anesthesiologist, reside in Vanderburgh County, Indiana, and attend Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Evansville. They have four children.

CLASS OF 2024

MASTER'S COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Saturday, May 4 - 3 p.m.

FESTIVAL PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance March #4

Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

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- The Marshals
- The Candidates for Master's Degree and Education Specialist
- The Faculty of the University
- The Board of Regents of the University
- The University Chaplain
- The Deans of the Colleges
- Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer
- The President of the University

WELCOME

Dr. Eli Hestermann

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chief Academic Officer

INVOCATION

Rev. Simeon Raddatz, BA '13

University Chaplain

SCRIPTURE READING

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2024 GRADUATES



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MASTER'S ALUMNI RESPONSE

Maggie Lucas, MA '24

Curriculum & Instruction, Trauma & Resilience

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

Jorge Palacios, BS '19

Alumni Association Board of Directors

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University President

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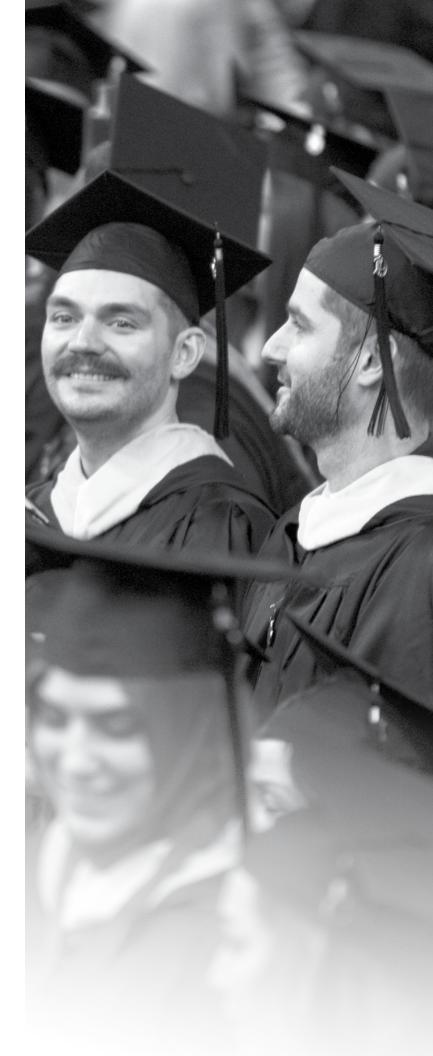
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RECESSIONAL

Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret

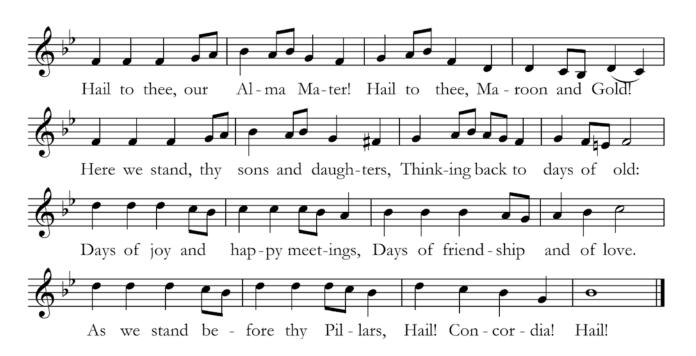
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THE ALMA MATER

Paul Manz, BS '41



CEREMONY PARTICIPANTS

Subject to change

SPEAKERS

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Educational Leadership

MASTER'S ALUMNI SPEAKER

Maggie Lucas, MA '24

Curriculum & Instruction, Trauma & Resilience

BACHELOR'S ALUMNI SPEAKER

Lydia Smith, BS '24

Secondary Education, LTE

CHAPLAIN

Rev. Simeon Raddatz, BA '13

University Chaplain

MUSICIANS

BACHELOR'S CEREMONY MUSICIANS

The Concordia University Wind

Symphony

Dr. Richard R. Fischer,

Conductor

The Fred and Jane Wittlinger Endowed Chair in Music

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Performance

Christina Ray, BA '23 and Lydia

Smith, BS '24

Alma Mater Vocalists

DOCTORAL & MASTER'S CEREMONY MUSICIANS

Greg Fudala, Trumpet
Matthew Lee, Trumpet
Renee Vogen, Horn
Stephanie Lebens, Trombone
Thomas Stark, Trombone
Sean Whitaker, Tuba

MARSHALS

Dr. Debra Arfsten

Dr. Denise Glasgow

Prof. Thomas Glasgow

Dr. Mary Goetting

Dr. Paul Sims

Dr. Peggy Snowden

Prof. Jared Stiek, MA '15

Dr. Anne Thies

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Dr. Erin Real

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GUEST GUIDELINES

HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS

- Food and beverage is not allowed inside Geiseman Gymnasium.
- Baby strollers and walkers must be parked in designated area when not in use to prevent blocking of aisles.
- Noisemakers are not permitted.
- For the safety of all guests, we ask that you please remain in your seat until the faculty and graduates have recessed out of the Gymnasium at the end of the ceremony.
- Immediately following the recessional, we kindly ask that graduates and their guests promptly clear the Gymnasium in order to begin preparation for the next ceremony.

PROCESSION GUIDELINES

- Please silence all electronic devices.
- Unauthorized guest presence is not permitted near the stage. Ushers will respectfully ask those not permitted in the area to return to their seats.
- Guest photography is only allowed from the seating area. Please do not stand in aisles. Flash and tripod photography is also not allowed in the Gymnasium.
- Photographers from Grad Images will take pictures of each graduate. Photos will be posted online and access codes will be emailed to graduates. For more information, please call 800-247-3435 or visit GradImages.com
- Balloons and signs are not permitted inside the Gymnasium. An usher will provide guests a ticket to check items before storing in a safe location until after the ceremony.

ACADEMIC TRADITIONS

THE ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The Mace: Today's academic procession traces its origin to universities of medieval Europe. The traditional mace formerly served a useful purpose as an instrument to disperse crowds of small boys and dogs that cluttered the line of march and to maintain order in unruly gatherings.

The mace evolved over time into a symbol of rulership associated with the pride of a nation's origin. Later it was adopted by universities as a symbol of the power of the academic pursuit of truth and wisdom. Carried during academic processions, the mace brings authority to ceremonial occasions symbolizing the unity of the collegiate community. The mace used today is a cross sculpted of cherry wood to represent the University's mission with the seal at its center to symbolize Christ at the core of Concordia-Chicago.

The Gonfalons: Once used to identify households, neighborhoods or districts in medieval times, these flags have held significant use in religious ceremonies throughout history. Today they bear the names and colors of the primary disciplines of each of the University's four colleges.

THE ACADEMIC REGALIA

The Gown: The flowing gown comes from the 12th century. While originally it may have been worn as protection against the cold of unheated buildings, today it has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it covers any dress of rank or social standing. Typically black for all degrees, the gown has pointed sleeves for bachelor's degrees, long closed sleeves with a slit at the arm or wrist for master's degrees, and full-bell, double sleeves for doctoral degrees. Bachelor's and master's degree gowns have no trimming. The gown for the doctoral degree is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves, in the color

distinctive of the faculty, institution or discipline to which the degree pertains. Some gowns for doctoral degrees are in a color distinctive to the degree-granting institution.

The Cap: When Roman law freed the slave, he won the privilege of wearing a cap. The academic cap is a sign of freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as square to symbolize the book. Doctoral caps may be four, six or eight-sided and are most often made of velvet. The color of the tassel for bachelor's degrees denotes the discipline. The tassel for the master's degree is black; the tassel for those holding a doctoral degree may be gold or the color corresponding to the hood.

The Hood: The hood is trimmed with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the background of the primary color of the college. The color of the facing of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining designates the university or college from which the degree was granted.

The colors associated with the different disciplines awarded at Concordia University Chicago are:

Business: Drab

Communication: Crimson Education: Light Blue Fine Arts: Brown

Law: Purple

Letters, Humanities: White

Music: Pink

Philosophy, Political Science: Dark Blue

Physical Education, Sports Leadership: Sage Green

Psychology: Gold Science: Golden Yellow

Social Work, Sociology: Citron

Theology: Scarlet

ABOUT CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

Concordia University Chicago, a university of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), traces its beginnings to 1864, when Addison Teachers Seminary was dedicated and classes were begun in a three-story building in Addison, IL. Designed to educate men to become Lutheran school teachers, the seminary was chartered by Zion Lutheran Church in Addison (now in Bensenville, IL).

Shortly after the turn of the previous century, the expanding seminary had outgrown its Addison campus, and on October 12, 1913 a new facility named Concordia Teachers College in the University's present River Forest location was dedicated before crowds of more than 30,000 people.

In 1938, Concordia became a coeducational institution and, in 1957, Concordia's first graduate program in education was established. By the early 1970s, the single-purpose institution expanded its mission of educating teachers and graduates for church professions by adding a liberal arts program.

To reflect its broadened range of programs, the institution's name was changed from Concordia Teachers College to Concordia College in 1979. As more graduate programs and liberal arts majors continued to be added, the college changed its name in 1990 to Concordia University. In 2006, the University officially became known as Concordia University Chicago, reinforcing the University's presence and programs in the greater Chicagoland area and providing recognition regionally, nationally and globally.

True to its heritage, Concordia-Chicago continues to be a leader in educating teachers both for the Church and for the world. Concordia-Chicago is among those private colleges in Illinois that graduate the largest number of educators annually. The University's College of Business, College of Education, College of Health, Science & Technology, and College of Theology, Arts &

Humanities offer concentrations in a wide variety of fields at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels. Professional learners also benefit from various accelerated degree offerings relevant to today's employment landscape.

For more than a decade, combined graduate and undergraduate enrollment has exceeded 5,000 students. The University now enrolls more than 1,000 doctoral students and more than 300 international students.

Since 2010, Concordia University Chicago has been named as a College of Distinction and a Christian College of Distinction in recognition of outstanding student engagement, teaching and academic excellence in undergraduate education. The University is now recognized as a Hispanic Serving Institution. In addition, a number of faculty members have been named Fulbright Scholars and taken part in the related international exchange. The prestigious Golden Apple Foundation has recognized more than 30 College of Education students as part of its scholars program, and 22 alumni have received Golden Apple Teacher Awards for their exemplary work in the classroom.

In 2019, Dr. Russell Dawn was installed as the institution's 12th president. Today, he leads the University under the primary tenets of truth, freedom and vocation. To date, more than 43,000 graduates form the long line of maroon and gold alumni. With deep roots in the LCMS, vocation, faith and service remain the foundation of a Concordia University Chicago education today.





CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO

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Chief Financial Officer

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Senior Vice President for University Advancement,

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Dean of Students

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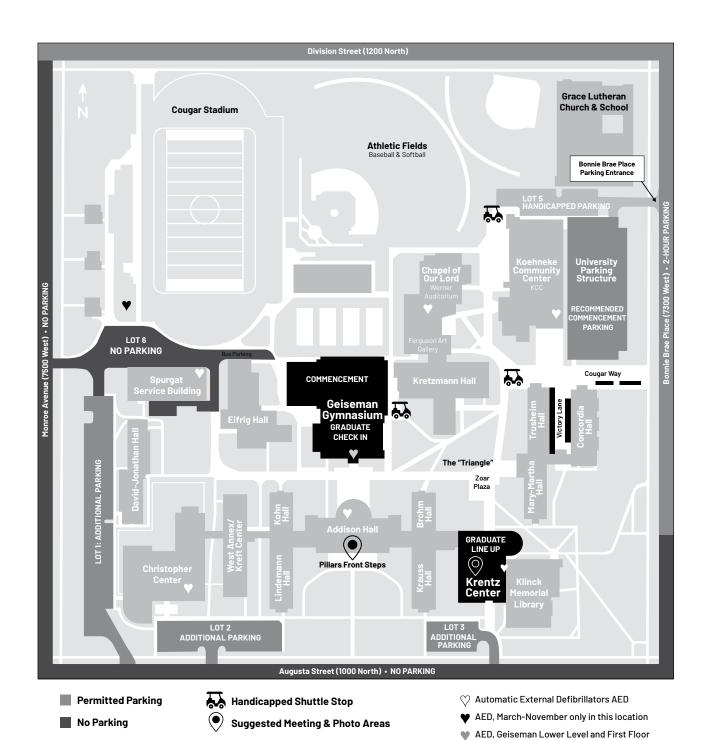
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