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Concordia-Chicago salutes distinguished alumni elected to public service

Katrina Thompson elected mayor of Broadview

In the April 4, 2017 election, the village of Broadview elected Concordia-Chicago alum Katrina Thompson as mayor, the first African American female to hold the office. Thompson graduated summa cum laude from Concordia University Chicago in 2006 with a bachelor of arts degree in organizational management through the Accelerated Degree Program. In addition to her BA from Concordia-Chicago, Katrina holds a master's degree in training and development from Roosevelt University.

Running on the Broadview People's Party slate, Thompson earned 44.86% of the votes cast, leading all other candidates by a wide margin. Candidate Thompson received the endorsements of Congressman Danny K. Davis, State Senator Kimberly Lightford,



Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin, and Cook County Recorder of Deeds Karen Yarbrough.

Thompson is executive director for the West Humboldt Park Development Council, where she is responsible for strategic planning, communication, fundraising, and organizational management.

In her home town of Broadview, Thompson is a current library trustee and previously served as executive director of its park district.

Michele Obaya elected River Grove trustee of finance

Michele Obaya was elected on April 4, 2017 to a four-year term as trustee for the Village of River Grove. Michele Obaya received her bachelor's degree in organizational management summa



cum laude in 2008 through Concordia University Chicago's Accelerated Degree Program.

Obaya's electoral win is a continuation of her service on the River Grove village board; she was appointed in 2015 to fill a vacancy. Obaya now serves as chair of the Finance and Economic Development Committee

and as a member of the Public Safety Committee. Previously, Obaya served for six years on the River Grove School District 85.5 Board of Education, after which she was hired as the village's director of recreation. She is also a founding member and current secretary of the River Grove School Education Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation that raises funds to enhance and supplement the regular educational programs offered to district students.

Obaya's service to her community has emerged seamlessly from her Concordia-Chicago organizational management degree thesis topic, which focused on the social and emotional wellbeing of the children of River Grove.