

Dear Alumni and Friends,

It's been wonderful to see our students return to campus for our 161st academic year. We are blessed to have a community like ours—one that deeply values the power of a Christ-centered education steeped in the Lutheran tradition. As alumni and friends of CUC, you have witnessed firsthand the impact this institution has on shaping future leaders who Stand Tall for truth, freedom, and vocation.

As we prepare for our annual Maroon & Gold gala later this month, we are reminded of the important role we all play in supporting our students. Join the entire CUC community on **Saturday, September 28th for our 8th annual Maroon & Gold**. The funds raised during this event directly support scholarships for our students, making it possible for them to experience the richness of a Concordia-Chicago education, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Whether you can make it to the gala or not, **we prayerfully invite you to [make a gift today](#) to Maroon & Gold**, either by sending a check in the enclosed envelope or by giving online by clicking below.

[Give Today](#)

With every gift, you are making a commitment to ensure that future generations can experience a Christ-centered education. Your faithfulness to Concordia is deeply appreciated, and we are grateful for your continued support.

Please share the following updates and stories with your friends and family, and follow our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages to see more ways you can stay connected.

In Christ,

Jeff Hynes
University Foundation President/CEO
Sr. Vice President University Advancement

Alumni Spotlight



Carlton Stedman, class of 1954

This year marks the **20th year of CUC Hall of fame inductions!** This month's spotlight alumnus is **Carlton Stedman BA '54**, who was a member of the **very first Hall of Fame Class**. Carl played on the Cougar baseball team (1950-52) and football team (1950, 1952-54). He led the football team in tackles his junior and senior years, and his baseball career was highlighted by pitching a three-hitter against the University of Chicago in a city tournament of Chicago colleges during his freshman year.

After Concordia, Carl began his career at Cleveland's Lutheran East High School where he was an assistant coach in football and basketball from 1958 to 1960. He moved on to take the head football coaching job at Luther South in Chicago. He took over an 0-9 team and, eight years later, *earned Coach of the Year honors for fielding a perfect 9-0 team.*

Carl offers these words of advice to current CUC athletes: *"Hold hands with God and ask for wisdom and strength especially when serious decisions must be made, and always remember Christ's admonition to love God and love your neighbor."*

Carl went on to receive his master's in health and physical education from Washington University, St. Louis, his MST in biological science from the University of Missouri, and his doctorate in education from Indiana University. After teaching as a professor there for 34 years, Carl served for 16 years as the dean for the college of education at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, TN where he has a conference room dedicated in his name. He also held professional positions at state and national levels including the President of the Teacher Education Council of State Colleges and Universities (TECSCU) in 1992 and Chairman of the national Government Relations Committee of the AACTE from 1990-1992.

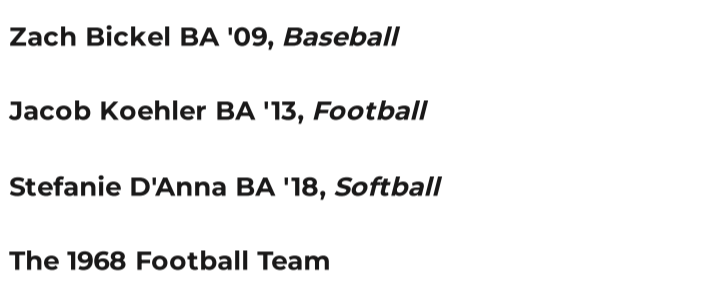
This past August, Carl and his wife Janet (Studtmann) - a Concordia alum from the class of '54 - celebrated their 70th Anniversary. Together, they raised five children and are now proud grandparents and great-grandparents.

Reflecting on his time at Concordia, Carl remarked, *"Concordia was a powerful factor in providing Janet and me both with significant faith-building information and faith-building experiences. I also found the woman of my dreams at Concordia, and 70 years later, I'm still thankful for that."*

Carl's career reflects the values he gained at Concordia, rooted in faith, family, and education. His achievements in both athletics and academics have left a lasting impact on the Concordia community!

We invite you to celebrate this year's Hall of Fame inductees at the 2024 ceremony! Click the link below for more details.

[Hall of Fame 2024](#)



ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

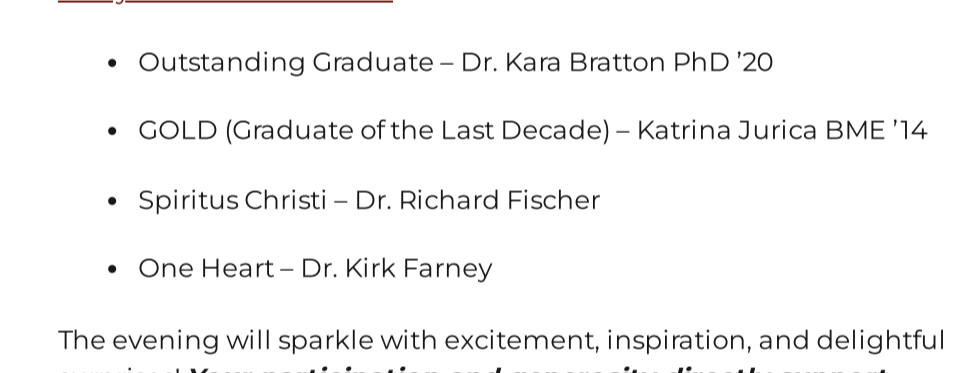
Hall of Fame 2024

Introducing the 2024-25 Athletic Hall of Fame Class!

- **Zach Bickel BA '09, Baseball**
- **Jacob Koehler BA '13, Football**
- **Stefanie D'Anna BA '18, Softball**
- **The 1968 Football Team**

Join us for the celebration on Homecoming **Saturday, October 12th in Geiseman Gymnasium!** The Reception begins at 6 p.m. with a banquet following at 7 p.m.

[Register](#)



Join us for Maroon & Gold 2024!

Register TODAY! The **Maroon & Gold: A Million Dreams** gala is **just 2 weeks away** at Eaglewood Resort in Itasca, IL! Join us for an amazing evening celebrating CUC award-winners and raising funds for scholarships!

[This year's award-winners:](#)

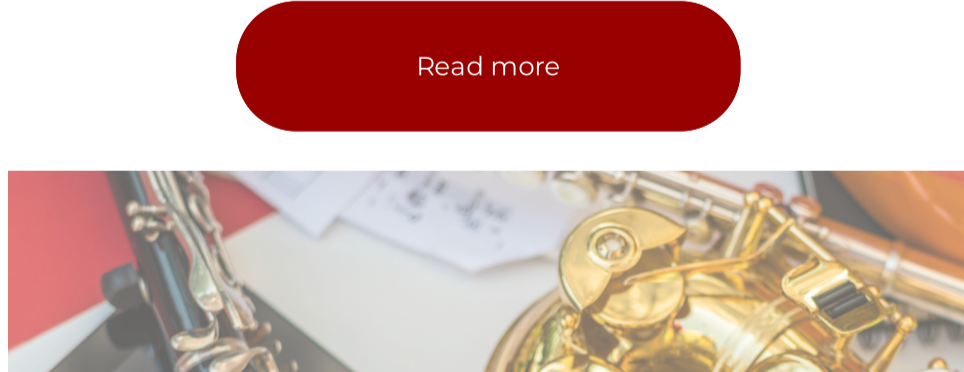
- Outstanding Graduate – Dr. Kara Bratton PhD '20
- GOLD (Graduate of the Last Decade) – Katrina Jurica BME '14
- Spiritus Christi – Dr. Richard Fischer
- One Heart – Dr. Kirk Farney

The evening will sparkle with excitement, inspiration, and delightful surprises! **Your participation and generosity directly support students' scholarships, helping students achieve their educational dreams and attend a Christ-centered university.**

We can't wait to see you there!

Register on/before [Monday, September 16](#) requested.

[Register today!](#)



University Band Concert

Join us for a night of beautiful music as the **University Band** performs their first concert of the academic year!

Save the Date: September 27 | 8pm

- Conducted by: **Dr. Richard Fischer**, The Fred and Jane Wittlinger Endowed Chair in Music Performance
- Commentary By: **Jean Harrison Bojes**, Alumna Class of 1984

Free parking and admission.

The University Band is an ensemble of approximately 70 players, open to Concordia-Chicago students, staff and faculty, and anyone in the Chicago metropolitan area, high school age and over.

[Read more](#)



Join the Pep Band for Homecoming!

Join the Pep Band on **Homecoming Saturday, October 12th!**

CUC alumni and friends are invited to join the pep band for homecoming! Arrive to CUC's campus at **10 am for rehearsal**, and be ready to perform during the **1 pm homecoming game kickoff**. No experience necessary but must bring your own instrument and be able to read music.

Interested? Email alumni@cuchicago.edu with your name, instrument, and t-shirt size.

Go, Cougars! 🎺🥁



Upcoming Events

Lectureship in Christianity, Humanities and Public Life - Dr. Yuval Levin

Join us for our Fall 2024 Lectureship in Christianity, Humanities and Public Life with keynote speaker, **Dr. Yuval Levin** - director of Social, Cultural, and Constitutional Studies at the American Enterprise Institute!

Date: Monday, September 16
Location: Christopher Center 200 on CUC's Campus

[Read more](#)

Maroon & Gold 2024

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Date: Saturday, September 28
Location: Eaglewood Resort - Itasca, IL

[Buy Tickets](#)

Homecoming Beer & Brats Tailgate for Alumni & Friends

Let's come together and "Stand Tall for CUC" for Homecoming 2024! Join us on campus to cheer on our Cougar athletes & tailgate before the football game.

Date: Saturday, October 12
Location: Concordia University Chicago

[Register](#)

Lectures in Church Music

Registration is open for the annual the Vi Messerli Memorial Lectures in Church Music.

Dates: October 20-22
Location: Geiseman Gymnasium

[Register](#)



Alumni Relations

