

2024

FALL COMMENCEMENT



CONCORDIA
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CHICAGO

Christ at the Center

IN MEMORY OF
FRANCIS X. GROSS



OUR MISSION

Steadfast in Jesus Christ as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, Concordia University Chicago promotes academic rigor in its liberal arts and professional programs; grounds students in objective truth, integrity, and excellence; and practices faithfulness to the Confessional teachings of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, as it forms students for vocations in church, family, and the world.

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CLASS OF 2024 FALL COMMENCEMENT

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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.

Commencement services are being livestreamed at CUChicago.edu/Live and will be available for on-demand viewing on the website.

Please silence all electronic devices.

In the unlikely event of an emergency, please take a moment to locate the exit nearest to you.

CLASS OF 2024

EdS/MASTER'S COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL

The audience shall remain seated during the procession.

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

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 the full list of EdS and Master's Candidates, please scan the QR Code to view online.

ALUMNI RESPONSE

Maren Clark, MS '24

Applied Health & Exercise Science

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 3 for music).

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES

Dr. Russell P. Dawn

University 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.



ALMA MATER



Hail to thee, our Al-ma Ma-ter! Hail to thee, Ma-roon and Gold!



Here we stand, thy sons and daugh-ters, Think-ing back to days of old:



Days of joy and hap-py meet-ings, Days of friend-ship and of love.



As we stand be-fore thy Pil-lars, Hail! Con-cor-dia! Hail!

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DOCTORAL/BACHELOR'S COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

PROCESSIONAL

The audience shall remain seated during the procession.

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

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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University President

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2024 GRADUATES



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For the full list of Doctoral Candidates and their Dissertations, please scan the QR Code to view online.

ALUMNI RESPONSE

Dr. Cassandra Montello, PhD '24

Teacher Leadership

Alyssa Kontopoulos, BS '24

Elementary Education

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WELCOME

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