“Going to college” is a first step in making a personal decision on what you want to do with the rest of your life . . . and who you want to help to get a right start on that journey!

Recent research indicates parents want their child(ren) to graduate with:
- solid career preparation
- strong values
- commitment to community
- strong faith
- sense of purpose in life.

Employers value graduates with:
- communication skills
- motivation/initiative
- leadership and teamwork skills.

That raises the question: “Why a Lutheran college/university?” Recent research carefully compared the college experience of graduates from all types of institutions. Lutheran colleges were far more effective than large public institutions:
- at actively involving students in the classroom
- at creating interaction with faculty
- at integrating learning with service experiences
- at developing confidence to be a leader
- at integrating faith and values into daily life.

Lutheran colleges/universities emphasize the importance of a good balance between academics and social and personal development, integrating these values in daily lives and careers with ability to:
- be free to consider the moral and ethical sides of decisions
- raise a family
- contribute to the community
- promote racial equality and social justice.

Graduates of Lutheran colleges/universities consider active learning, residential communities, teaching faculty who challenge and advise/mentor students, shared experiences and friendships, and a campus ethos that promotes strong community values as most important. They say they benefited from small classes, personal interaction with professors and students who shared their interests and faith.

Faith and spiritual development are sources of focus and strength, enabling individuals to reach beyond their own concerns to connect with and serve others. At Lutheran colleges/universities study, faith, and service are closely intertwined. Graduates report that a strong set of values and a faith that fuels church and community involvement are the elements that add up to a sense of purpose in life.

“Going to college” is a big decision . . .

“choosing the right college/university” will make a difference for a lifetime!
Statement of Mission and Purpose—Concordia University System

Concordia University System builds national identity, enables cooperative endeavors, and enhances the strength of the colleges and universities of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod as they engage students of diverse ages and cultures in quality, Christ-centered, value-oriented Lutheran higher education for lives of service to church and community.

Goals
- To transmit Lutheran values more effectively
- To provide enhanced quality education to college students
- To attain efficiencies in operation of the campuses
- To capitalize the schools and system

General Facts/Information
- Enrollment: 29,597
  (Church Vocations: 1,654)
- Faculty: 1,545
- Majors: 160 undergraduate; 60 graduate
- Financial Aid: $100 million ($19 million church vocations)
- Consolidated Budgets: $365 million

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