

The Lutheran College/University ... *Lutheran by Choice*

Quality Higher Education in a Christian Atmosphere



Concordia colleges and universities are not Lutheran by accident but by choice.

We recruit Lutherans who are talented faculty to teach in our Concordia University System institutions. We strive to maintain a critical mass of Lutheran students in each entry class. We want each campus to radiate a healthy, Christian atmosphere. We proclaim the Good News that through Jesus Christ we can find forgiveness of sin and eternal life.

Many institutions of higher education claim to develop character and ethical conduct in students. At our Concordias, faculty and students are engaged in a daily faith-life conversation and experience. According to a recent research report, Concordia students develop a strong set of values, leadership skills, Christian faith, commitment to community service and a sense of purpose in life. These daily experiences shape and imprint a perspective of sharing their faith and impacting lives in their communities.

Lutherans believe that all Christians are called by God to serve Him in the world by faithfully carrying out responsibilities related to any and all tasks. Any occupation that is not opposed

to God's Word can be an act of service to Him. Concordia colleges and universities prepare students not only for a job, but also to fulfill all of their callings in life. We focus on developing the whole person. We want our graduates to be good citizens, highly skilled, producing quality products and delivering superior service in their line of work.

Lutheran theology influences the education at Concordia colleges and universities, making it different than most higher education institutions. Lutherans believe, teach and confess that we are saved by faith in God's gift of salvation and not by good works or activity on our part; that we receive salvation as a free

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gift from a loving and gracious God and not because of any merit in us; and that the Scriptures are the sole rule and norm for Christian theology. Education within this framework builds moral and spiritual qualities in students who will serve in our churches and communities.

Graduates of Concordia colleges and universities consider faith and spiritual development as sources of focus and strength that enable individuals to reach beyond their own concerns to connect with and serve others. Study, faith and service are closely intertwined. Graduates repeatedly say that a strong set of values and a faith that fuels church and community involvement are elements that add up to a sense of purpose in life.

The mission of Concordia University System institutions is marked by transformation of people and communities — for service in the church and world. It is built on the foundation of the biblical message of salvation and footnoted by the highest levels of ethical conduct and a deep sense of building a better world.

We are Lutheran by heritage, in doctrine and with intention! Martin Luther said it well: "For the sake of the church we must have and maintain Christian schools."

Concordia University System



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.



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