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Concordia's Baseball, Women's Cross Country, and Women's Basketball all are 2011-2012 ASC Champions. See pages 4-5 for full story.

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NEW YEAR, NEW RECORDS



It's been an exciting year for Concordia, with many record-setting moments for the history books. For those things, we are both proud and grateful. Your support has helped expand academic and athletic programs, inspire students and support our mission. The stories in this issue of CTX magazine and the included Donor Honor Roll attest to your belief in our students' present and future.

We continue to be blessed, and your support is crucial to our success. As you review our accomplishments in this publication, may you also share our pride in this outstanding university. I am thankful to our devoted alumni, parents, churches, foundations,

corporations and friends who support our mission of developing Christian leaders.

On behalf of everyone at Concordia University Texas, thank you for your philanthropy and generosity.

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Dr. Thomas E. Cedel
President

- Enrollment continues to increase at record rates. The spring 2012 enrollment was at 2,658, up more than 230% since the move to the northwest Austin location.
- The first class of nursing students graduated in April 2012. Since its inception just two years ago, the program has become one of the fastest growing majors at the University.
- The first MBA cohort will graduate in August 2012. Program growth is up 255% since its start in 2010.
- A new Concordia Center opened in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.
- Through the Service-Learning program, money was raised to build a fourth well in Africa with

Water 2 Thrive, and more than 100 volunteers were on site in Smithville supporting the *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* project after the Bastrop County fires in the fall of 2011.

- The Texas District Church Extension Fund (CEF) recently purchased what is known as Lot 1, a property adjacent to the main campus in Austin. The University plans to lease the space until a time when they can purchase the property outright. The 53 acres of buildable space will provide the University with additional opportunities for expansion. Possible plans for the 53 acres include athletic fields and support facilities such as a fitness center, locker rooms, office space, and classrooms.

CTX ATHLETICS EXPERIENCES HISTORIC SUCCESS

TORNADOS WIN 3 ASC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Concordia athletics has seen its fair share of success throughout the school's 86-year history, but none quite like the past academic year. Concordia had three teams earning the American Southwest Conference champion title during the 2011-2012 year, ranking second for most championship titles in a year among the 15 member institutions. Beginning with the baseball team's title run in 2011, which was the institution's first championship in any sport since 2002, the school has won four ASC titles in the last 13 months.

"We are so proud of our outstanding and dedicated student-athletes, Concordia has had a record-breaking year for most of our sports programs, which is great momentum moving forward."

Stan Bonewitz, Director of Athletics

The momentum likely started with the 2011 baseball team's title run. It continued during the fall season with the women's cross country team taking the conference title for the first time in school history, followed by women's basketball who not only earned their first conference title but went on to play in the NCAA regional tournament. Shortly after, the nationally-ranked baseball team took a second-straight conference title, earning the opportunity to host two rounds of post-season play at Tornado Field and an invitation to the NCAA regional tournament.

Other sports including men's and women's soccer recorded season-best records earlier in the year. And later, men's and women's golf and softball did as well.

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Concordia athletes aren't just gifted on the field. Student athletes continue to be recognized for their academic commitment as well, with a record-setting 71 students being named to the ASC Academic Honor Roll and two students named as Distinguished Scholar Athletes. The cumulative average GPA for Concordia student

CTX ATHLETICS INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Tommy Boggs & Assistants (Baseball)
2012 ASC West Division Coaching Staff of the Year

Tyler Grygar (Baseball)
2012 D3Baseball.com All-West Region Third Team

Scott Hays (Baseball)
2012 D3Baseball.com All-Region Third Team

Collin Janssen (Baseball)
2012 ASC Fred Jacoby Male Sportsmanship Athlete of the Year
2012 D3Baseball.com All-American Second Team
2012 ASC West Division Co-Player of the Year
2012 ASC West Division Sportsmanship Athlete of the Year
2012 D3Baseball.com All-West Region First Team

Matt McManemin (Baseball)
2012 ASC Championship Series Most Valuable Player

Rusty Rainbolt (W. Basketball)
2011-12 ASC West Division Coach of the Year

Kyle Rodriguez (Baseball)
2012 ASC West Division Freshman of the Year

Brent Schaeckel (Baseball)
2012 D3Baseball.com All-West Region Third Team

Taylor Schiefelbein (Softball)
NFCA National Player of the Week

Shamika Singleton (W. Basketball)
2011-12 D3Hoops.com All-South Region Third Team
2012 ASC Tournament Most Valuable Player

Ryan Ullmann (Baseball)
2012 D3Baseball.com All-Region Second Team

MEGAN WAGENAAR (Women's Track & Field)
2012 ASC SPORTSMANSHIP ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

ZACH COLLIER (Men's Golf)
2012 ASC DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

KAYLA BURCH (Women's Golf)
2012 ASC DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

*Concordia athletes accounted for four of a total 16 distinguished scholar athletes named by the ASC for the 2011-2012 year, the most of any school in the league.



photo by McCaslin Carson



photo by Tim Clark



photo by Meghan Ferrell

athletes was 3.12 for the year, another record.

Purple Out events throughout the year encouraged fans to attend games and wear purple. Media coverage was at an unofficial all-time high, and fans were able to follow their teams from anywhere thanks to live streaming of events. It was certainly a great year for Concordia, and looking forward to the fall season, there is much anticipation for continued success.

Details on spring sports can be found on pages 32-34.

Plan to join us for the 2012-2013 seasons. Tear out the back page of this magazine for a handy guide to fall sport schedules.

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THE

CONCORDIA MBA

First Cohort to Graduate in August 2012

by Jill Cloud



Dr. Elise Brazier calls on a student in the Concordia MBA program, which will graduate their first class in August of 2012.

Concordia will graduate its first MBA cohort on August 4 with 38 students from both the main campus and North Lamar Center.

During a time when Master of Business Administration (MBA) programs in the Austin area are seeing declining enrollment, Concordia University continues to see an increase in the number of students seeking to further their education and careers. Since its inception in 2010, the MBA program at Concordia has grown by 255%.

MBA students apply their course learning and professional experience and consult with local companies, including nonprofit organizations. Students work on creating strategic marketing plans, business plans, social media campaigns, doing research and other related project management initiatives for their prospective clients.

MBA program director, Dr. Elise Brazier,

attributes the growth to the type of program the University has developed.

“Our program appeals to people looking to make a difference in their community,” said Brazier. “They like that we’re doing something different. Our mission to develop Christian leaders, ethical leaders for the world, is evident in this program.”

“My future plans are to capitalize on the theme Concordia has instilled within me: developing Christian leaders,” said MBA student Kevin Overton-Hadnot.

Concordia University’s MBA program has helped shape many students’ plans as well as help them develop their own passions and a common understanding of the specific strategic steps needed to

launch an organization.

Students in the MBA program are divided into cohorts, or learning teams as part of their educational experience. Members of each cohort come from a wide variety of industries including government, technology and non profit.

“The learning teams sort of remind me of Proverbs 27:17, ‘As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another,’” Overton-Hadnot said, “Individual students in each team brought many different backgrounds and educational experiences to the table; therefore, each learning team served as accountability partners along the way.”

For more information on the Concordia MBA, please visit Concordia.edu/mba.

PURSUING THE FUTURE

Soon-to-be CTX MBA Grads are looking to lead



Kevin Overton-Hadnot is a member of the inaugural MBA cohort at Concordia and will be graduating this August. Overton-Hadnot cites Concordia’s commitment to training Christian leaders as a key selling point of the program.

Kevin Overton-Hadnot, a member of the inaugural MBA cohort, has been inspired by his experience and plans to start a foundation to help others.

Concordia prides itself on training Christian leaders who are passionate about making a difference in the world.

“In correlation with my Christian background, the program was designed to continue cultivating my learned ethics and experience to facilitate constructive open discussions,” Overton-Hadnot said. “This program was a great fit.”

Follow Kevin on Twitter @mistakevin

CONVERSATIONS WITH... SPEAKER SERIES

Spring 2012 *Conversations with... Speaker Series* connects the Concordia community to area business leaders

by Jill Cloud

This year, the *Speaker Series* “went to another level,” according to Don Christian, Dean of the College of Business. Sherron Watkins, former Vice President of Enron, and Steve Furbacher, former Chief Operating Officer of Dynegy Corporation, dialogued on the importance of ethics in leadership, no matter the size of the organization. During the next session, Dr. Tom Cedel, President of Concordia University Texas, discussed his experience with taking a small college on I-35 to a university that has an impact through out the region and state.

The series generated a certain excitement, not only for students and faculty on campus, but for the community of Austin as well. The *Speaker Series* gives students and faculty a chance to learn about leadership in many different situations. The caliber of the speakers rose this year and will continue to rise in the future.

The speakers for the fall series are still being finalized, but Christian says he believes students and faculty will have much to look forward to. The theme for next year is “vocation,” which will

elaborate on the idea that every calling is different for each individual.

“The *Speaker Series* is one of the best aspects of my job,” said Christian.

There will be much to look forward to in fall 2012. *Speaker Series* events take place the first Thursday of the month from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the University’s auditorium. The events are free and open to the public. Visitors are welcome to join the CTX community at 11:00 a.m. for a chapel service preceding the *Speaker Series* events.



Sherron Watkins, former Vice President of Enron, and Steve Furbacher, former Chief Operating Officer of Dynegy Corporation, discuss the importance of ethics in leadership.

The Conversations With...Speaker Series sponsored by Regions Bank provides students and staff of Concordia University Texas and the greater Austin community an opportunity to learn from a variety of professionals who model Christian leadership. Representing the worlds of commerce, non profits and education, participants will dialogue together on what it takes to lead and build an organization. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and engage the speakers in further discussion.

The Speaker Series is organized and arranged by Don Christian, Dean of the College of Business.

FALL 2012 SPEAKER SERIES

September 6

Bobby Jenkins, Owner & Manager
ABC Home & Commercial services

Earl Maxwell, CEO of St. David’s Foundation

September 27

Brad Hewitt, CEO Thrivent Financial

John Nunes, CEO Lutheran World Relief

Kurt Senseke, CEO Lutheran Social Services

Dick Moller, Executive Director Water to Thrive

December 6

A trio of major league pitchers including

Chad Qualls of the San Diego Padres

The Concordia MBA is designed to help students master core business concepts, analytical tools and leadership skills to build a better future. The program is also designed for professionals with a sincere desire to become leaders who will change the world around them.

“Overall, it has contributed to my career because I feel as though I have become a better leader who is more confident and more analytical,” said Overton-Hadnot. “[I hope] to continue finding and excelling in leadership roles at my church and workplace.”

Overton-Hadnot holds a current position as a Contract Manager for the Department of Family and Protective Services’ Prevention and Early Intervention Division. After August 2012, he will begin to work on starting a foundation that cultivates creative (Christian) leaders in the greater Austin area in addition to his current job role.

“A group of us (including two CTX MBA students who are in the cohorts behind me) will launch our foundation,” said Overton-Hadnot, “to ultimately continue Concordia’s mission, which is developing Christian leaders.”

2012 MARKS EXCITING MILESTONES FOR CONCORDIA



From Stags to Tornados, and high school to University, Concordia has a long history of excellence and progress. Much has changed since 1926 when Concordia began as a Lutheran high school. Since then, the institution has endured changes in name, academic status, mascot and even location. What hasn't changed is Concordia's commitment to developing Christian leaders, an idea that is more than the tagline used for marketing. It's truly what Concordia is known for.

"CTX students reach for and attain personal goals and offer an infusion of hope, clarity of purpose and focused direction to a society in need of revival," said Rick Rosenhagen, '82.

Rosenhagen is a graduate of the class of 1982, a class being honored this fall during Homecoming and Family Weekend, not only for a 30th reunion, but in celebration as the first graduates



Rick Rosenhagen '82"

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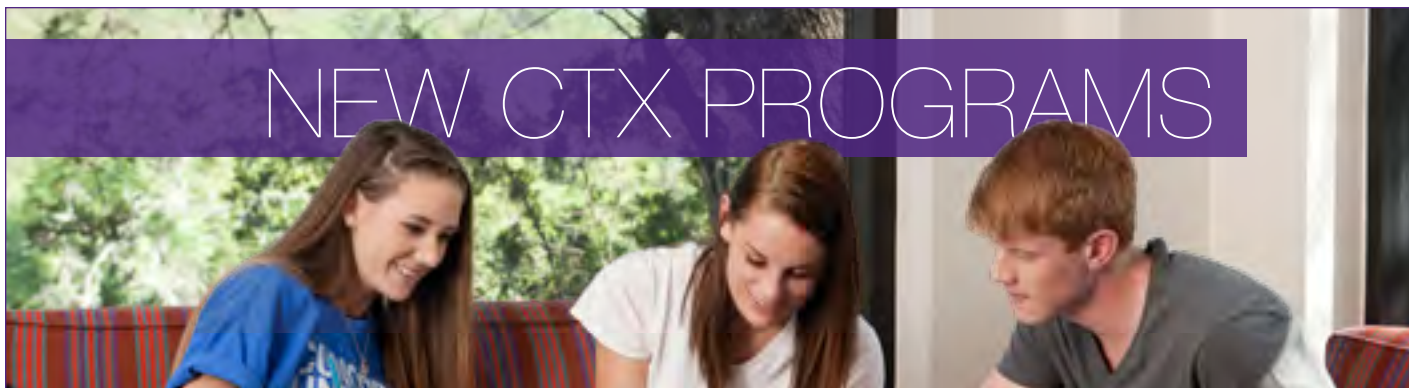
from Concordia's bachelor programs. It was 1980 when Concordia expanded to include four-year degrees and 1982 when it graduated its first class of bachelor degreed students.

Since then, the University has added masters programs in education and business, and enrollment has nearly quadrupled since moving to northwest Austin from a downtown location that had limited growth potential.

This issue of the CTX Magazine tells the stories of another exciting year for the University. Records were set for nearly all athletic teams, enrollment was at an all-time high, and once again, Concordia is experiencing historic 'firsts' as the College of Science graduated its first class of nurses in the spring and the College of Business graduates its first class of MBA students in August. Read on for these stories and more. And if you haven't been to campus in a while, we invite you to discover what we have to offer today. With five locations around Texas, we're probably closer than you imagined.

CTX HISTORY AT A GLANCE

1926	1951	1965	1969	1980	1982



The Common Experience Curriculum Launches During Fall 2013 With A Pilot Launch In Fall 2012

The Common Experience undergraduate study at Concordia University Texas is built around a transformational general education curriculum that invites students to explore the liberal arts and sciences. Students will experience the value of Christian leadership and this experience will help them discover their identity. Concordia will push to ask students: Who am I? Where am I headed? What am I called to be?

The Common Experience covers a breadth across liberal arts disciplines,

focuses on personal identity formation, incorporates experiential learning, reinforces foundational academic skills and the program is designed to be transfer-friendly. The Common Experience requires fewer hours than the current general education curriculum, allowing for more flexibility and student choice.

Concordia is committed to providing its students with college-level skills necessary for academic success, career advancement and life-long learning.

This fall Concordia will launch a pilot test of the Common Experience. There will be a total of 40 students involved in the pilot, which seeks to gather more information not only about how the program operates, but also to help educate advisers on how to best advise students who begin this program.

For more details on the Common Experience, please contact the Office of Admissions at 512-313-3000.

Concordia Launches Expanded Online Learning Opportunities

Concordia expanded its online learning options this summer with a Bring CTX Home campaign, targeting students who wish to advance their education through summer courses. Additionally, the first fully online degree program, a Master of Education in Differentiated Instruction, was launched.

“The Differentiated Instruction (D.I.) program is for educators teaching in inclusion classrooms,” Tammy Stewart, Vice Provost for Remote Operations said.

“This program delivers our Lutheran ethos in an online method that allows flexibility for educators to learn around their busy schedules.”

Concordia plans to introduce additional online offerings in the future including programs in business,

business administration, healthcare administration and human resource management.

“We’re looking to take what Concordia does best and replicate it in a virtual environment,” said Stewart. “It’s a fun time to work with all the colleges to see what make sense to take online.”

For more information about online courses, please visit online.concordia.edu.

Other New Programs include: Pre-Law, Political Science and the CTX Honors Program



Changed name to Concordia University at Austin (CUA) and joined the Concordia University System

1995

Launched nursing and MBA programs

2010

Launched fully online program for Master of Education in Differentiated Instruction

2012

Rebranded as Concordia University Texas (CTX) and moved locations from downtown to northwest Austin

2008

Will launch new Common Experience Curriculum for undergraduate programs

2013

DFW CENTER OPENS



Concordia opens new facility in Dallas-Fort Worth

After years of holding classes at St. Paul Lutheran School in Fort Worth, the DFW Center has moved into a new facility at the corner of Highway 360 and Carrier Parkway. The move accommodates the increased growth in programs and places the center in the heart of the Metroplex. Views from the Center include skylines of both Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas Stadium and Six Flags- Arlington.

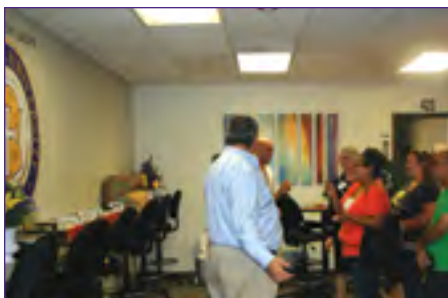
“We are excited to have a new home in the Dallas-Fort Worth area,” Tammy Stewart, Vice Provost for Remote Operations said.

“The center will serve students to create a culture of learning in a customer service model and provide a place for career fairs and other support services.”

The state-of-the-art center features four classrooms, common spaces, a computer lab and testing center. Cohorts for the M.Ed. will continue to meet at remote locations throughout the area, in addition to the new center.

An Open House was held Friday, June 1 for the community. Admissions counselors were on hand to assist with instant admission for qualifying students.

The DFW Center offers undergraduate Accelerated Degree Programs (ADP) in business, human resource management and healthcare administration as well as a Master of Education with several specialties. The Concordia MBA is coming soon.



Admissions counselor Mark Ammann gives a tour of the new facility.



Center dean Mary May talks to guests during the Open House.



The new Center features state-of-the-art computer labs.

STUDENT BLOGS

Adult students blog about their education experience for ADP and MBA programs.



Sunny Zunker is studying Business in the Accelerated Degree Program at Concordia University Texas. Upon receiving her undergraduate degree, she hopes to pursue her MBA in Leadership & Development, and aspires to lead change in business practices through strategic initiatives.

Read Sunny's blog:

www.concordia.edu/sunnysblog



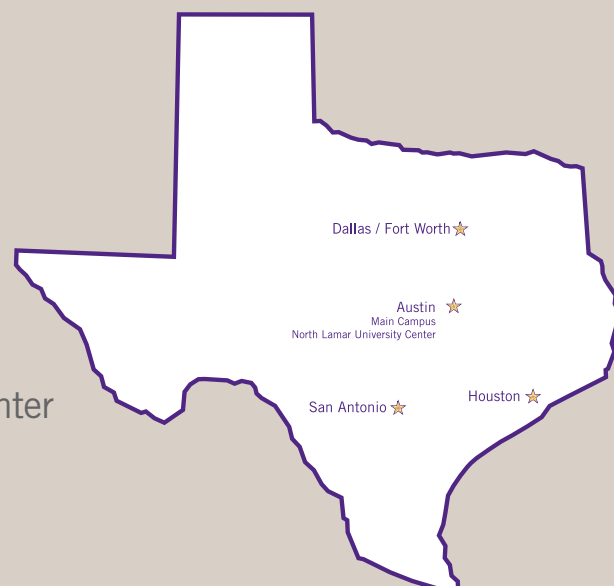
Amanda Keeter is a student in the Concordia MBA program and the Associate Director of Development at Children At Heart Foundation. Interested in taking her business skills to the next level within the nonprofit sector, with an emphasis on becoming an emerging leader, Amanda chose Concordia for her MBA.

Read Amanda's blog:

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BEN & I PLAY FOR PEACE

Concordia hosts Ben & I Play for Peace concert for second year more than \$14,000 raised for charities that benefit the injured and disabled

Concordia played host to the *Ben & I Play for Peace* benefit concert in April, a multi-city event aimed at raising money for disabled children in Iraq and wounded veterans. Classical musicians from Seattle to Sarasota joined forces along with music faculty from Concordia, philanthropist Ben Werdegar (for whom the concert is named) and special guest appearances from the guitar ensemble from McCallum High School's fine arts program in Austin and critically acclaimed guitarist and composer Benjamin Verdery from the Yale School of Music.

The event, in its second year, was the creative idea of Ben Werdegar and Dr. Kim Perlak, music adjunct at Concordia. The two met in 2010 during a guitar workshop in Maui, Hawaii. Werdegar, the 14-year-old guitar prodigy from San Francisco, California, has raised more than \$35,000 to provide wheelchairs to disabled and injured children in Iraq through CNN Hero and Texan Brad Blausler's organization, "Wheelchairs for Iraqi Kids." Since last year's concerts, Ben has become the largest single fundraiser for "Wheelchairs for Iraqi Kids."

This year's concert benefitted both Wheelchairs for Iraqi Kids and the Wounded Warrior Project.

This concert has become an annual project of Dr. Perlak's "American Popular Music History" courses at Concordia University Texas. As the students learn about the power of music to create positive change and express an American identity, they join with professional members of the community to do so in the present. Throughout the year, student teams organize sponsors to underwrite publicity costs, provide services to the concert, correspond with



Ben plays an original composition.

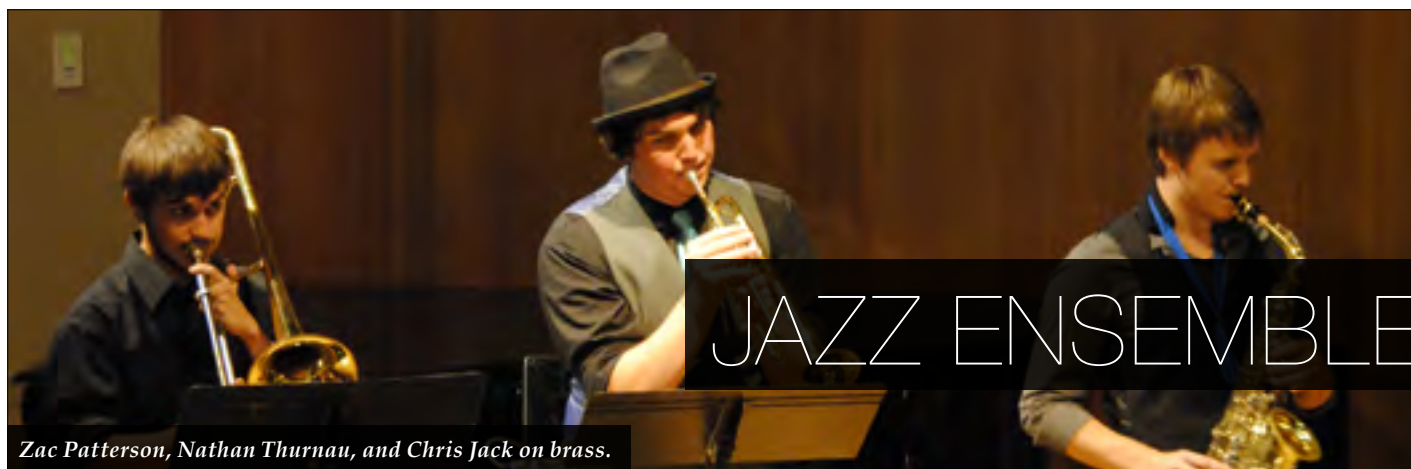
musicians and charity workers, and publicize the event. This project has facilitated relationships between traditional college students and veterans attending school on the GI Bill, and has sparked inspiration for other projects that combine work, talent, and service.

Ben and his story continue to inspire people. Recently, a local elementary school student who attended the concert challenged his classmates to raise money for Wheelchairs for Iraqi kids. During a two week period, the student raised \$800, bringing the total raised from this event to nearly \$15,000.

Plans are being discussed for *Ben & I Play for Peace 2013*. To read more about this event and how you can help, please visit www.benandisplayforpeace.com.



Ben Werdegar, Dr. Kim Perlak and Wheelchairs for Iraqi Kids founder, Brad Blausler



Zac Patterson, Nathan Thurnau, and Chris Jack on brass.

JAZZ ENSEMBLE

The Jazz Ensemble has exponentially grown over the past few years since Joshua Davies joined Concordia University Texas. They perform one concert a semester with music that consists of original jazz standards, jazz standards arranged by the members of the ensemble and Davies, and always one popular tune like “Sir Duke” by Stevie Wonder or “Ain’t No Sunshine” by Bill Withers. This encourages unique interpretation of varied genres of music by all involved.

Currently there are seven members of the ensemble (Drums, 2 Bass, Guitar, Trumpet, Trombone, Saxophone). The group is comprised of a few music majors, but mostly non-majors who just enjoy playing music.

Previously, not a single person had performed in a jazz setting before entering this group, so the focus is on style and the joy of learning the foundation together. The Jazz Ensemble is always looking for instrumentalists with any skill level to join and perform with the group. If there is one common emotion in the group, it is always to enjoy

learning and making music fun.

Members of the Jazz ensemble for this year are Christopher Jack- Saxophone, Nathan Thurnau- Trumpet, Zachary Patterson- Trombone, Rayce Blackford- Guitar, AJ Vega- Bass, Tanner Evans- Bass, and Karl Herrera- Drums.

Pieces for the April 17th concert included “Bb Blues” by Jamey Aebersold, “Satin Doll” by Duke Ellington, “Red Clay” by Freddie Hubbard, “Chameleon” by Herbie Hancock, and “Misty” by Stan Getz.



Students perform at Spring Jazz Ensemble.

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- \$66,000 - for upgraded technology
- \$350,000 - to develop the worship arts ministry program

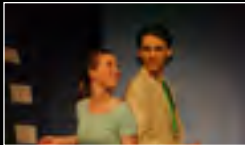


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ALL IN THE TIMING

A Series of Short Comedic Plays



Clockwise from top left: Sarah Hardister, Susan Pacey, Katelyn Norman, Meredith Brooks, Rachel Hunt, Amanda Herrera, Michael Vybiral, James Burke (guest actor), Christina Boudreaux, Hannah Baslee, and TJ Lockwood

The Concordia University Texas Theatre Program opened a production of *All in the Timing* on March 29 in the Black Box Theatre. Additional performances were held Friday, March 30 and Saturday, March 31.

A cast of ten students and guest artist James Burke performed playwright David Ives' collection of one-acts under the direction of Dr. Lisa Neely, who directed the sold out performances of *The Miracle Worker* and *The Importance of Being*

Earnest at Concordia. This season's last performance was sold out, with seats added to accommodate more audience members.

All in the Timing is a compilation of six witty and satiric short plays written by Ives between 1987 and 1993. Exploring topics ranging from romance to fine art, Ives uses wordplay, intellect, and even chimpanzees, in what *Time Magazine* hailed as "Theatre that aerobicizes the brain and tickles the heart. Ives is a mordant comic who has put

the play back in playwright." *All in the Timing* was an evening of pure entertainment as the cast brought to life Ives' clever and hilarious composition.

The Concordia University Texas cast featured students Hannah Baslee, Christina Boudreaux, Meredith Brooks, Sarah Hardister, Amanda Herrera, Rachel Hunt, TJ Lockwood, Katelyn Norman, Susan Pacey, and Michael Vybiral.



SPRING CONCERT

The Concordia University Choir performs at Bethany Lutheran Church.

On Sunday, April 1, at Bethany Lutheran Church the combined Concordia University Choir and Concordia Singers performed *Requiem*, by Maurice Durufle, and "Dona nobis pacem", by Ralph Vaughan Williams. These singers presented works filled with dramatic intensity and sublime peace along with a full orchestra and guest soloists. Both works were written around the context of the terrible world wars in the early

20th century, and both display an intensely personal and communal pathos of human emotion, from the terror of war and violence to the rest of peace eternal.

From Durufle's beautifully haunting chant-based melodies to Vaughan Williams' strident cries and stark portrayal of violence, both works are some of the most beloved in the modern choral canon.

FACULTY & STAFF NEWS



Stan Bonewitz was named the Director of Athletics in May. Bonewitz, who will also

continue in his role as the school's head men's basketball coach, accepted the position after serving on an interim basis for the past eight months and overseeing what has been, by far, the institution's best year in school history for athletics.

Under Bonewitz's leadership, Concordia won a school-record three American Southwest Conference championships in the sports of women's cross country, women's basketball and baseball during the 2011-12 academic year. Eight of the 12 varsity teams – men's and women's soccer, women's cross country, women's basketball, men's and women's track & field and men's and women's golf – experienced record seasons. Furthermore, the baseball team, ranked as high as fourth in the country during the season, traveled to the NCAA Division III regional tournament as a top seed contender. The Tornados' three ASC crowns this academic year ranked second among the 15 member institutions in the conference. You can read more about athletics success starting on page 32.



Dr. Curtis Giese has been named the "Interim Assistant New Testament Editor" for the

Concordia Commentary series editorial board. This scholarly series, published by Concordia Publishing House, is the largest Lutheran undertaking of a Bible commentary series ever. It includes international and U.S. Lutheran scholars as well as authors. Thus far, 21 volumes have appeared in print and it is Dr. Giese's task to be the first editor to read the New Testament commentaries as authors submit them and respond with comments. His other tasks will include editing the Romans 1-8 commentary which will appear in 2013.

Dr. Giese's own writings, commentary on 2 Peter and Jude, will appear in print in June 2012. This will be Concordia Publishing House's 22nd commentary to be printed in this series as two commentaries are produced per year. In addition to his commentary, Dr. Giese has submitted two articles for publication in *Concordia Pulpit Resources*, which is a journal that assists pastors in sermon preparation. These articles, "A sermon study on John 8:48-59" and

"A sermon study on Luke 7:1-10," will appear in the March 2013 edition.



Don Christian, Dean of the College of Business was invited to speak on a panel during the South by Southwest (SXSW) Interactive Festival in March. The roundtable discussion featured speakers from private and education sectors, dialoging on how technology is transforming the world and how the education system will need to react to develop new skills, curriculum and resources.

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John Cochran joined the campus police department as it expanded in May to include an additional full-time police officer. Cochran comes to Concordia from South Dakota. His responsibilities will include coordinating all front gate operations including traffic entry/exit control and guidance of visitors onto campus. Along with these responsibilities, John will interface regularly with students, employees, and visitors to provide guidance regarding Concordia University rules and regulations, including parking policies, incidents and general safety issues. When applicable, John will

work with the Director of Student Services to assist with enforcement of Concordia’s Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook.



Matt Powell, Director of Community Relations and Grants Manager for Concordia University Texas, was recently elected Mayor of Cedar Park, a position he assumed on May 24. Matt previously served on the Cedar Park City Council since 2006. Also a member of the second MBA cohort, Matt looks forward to graduation in December 2012. His role of mayor is a

part-time commitment, and Matt will continue in his respective positions at Concordia.



Phil Hohle, Professor of Communications, compiled research data that the Texas Forest Service and

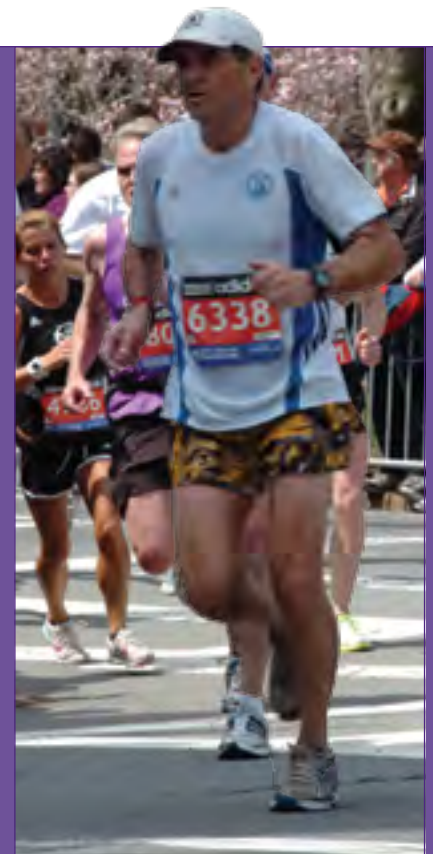
Texas Senate Subcommittee on Flooding & Evacuations plans to use in their efforts to improve external communications, particularly during ‘incidents’. Hohle compiled the data on social media use as backchannels for communicating emergency information during the Steiner Ranch fires of 2011.

CRAIG POTTS

Senior Programmer/Analyst and Marathon Runner

Sr. Programmer/Analyst Craig Potts is an avid runner who ran five marathons during the 2011-2012 academic year. Craig started running seriously in 2007 at the age of 52. Since then, he has run over 20 marathons and dozens of other races of varying distances. In the last six months, he ran marathons in New York City, Dallas, Boston,

Austin and Oklahoma City. As part of his training regime, Craig runs between 50 and 80 miles each week. Since January 1, 2012, he has logged over 1,000 miles. His favorite aspect of the sport is that it allows him to be social. His running buddies in Austin, Round Rock and Georgetown keep him going.



CTX WELCOMES NEW DEAN



Janet Whitson named new Dean of the College of Science

Janet Whitson has accepted the position as dean of the College of Science, starting in July. As dean, she will be responsible for managing the academic activities of the College and will report to the provost. Janet comes to the University from Concordia

University Nebraska where she served as associate professor in the Natural Sciences department and chair of the graduate council. She holds a B.A. from Concordia Teachers College in River Forest and a Ph.D. in psychobiology from the University of California at Irvine.

DR. KIM PERLAK RELEASES NEW CD

Dr. Kim Perlak, adjunct professor of American Music and guitar, released her latest album at the legendary Cactus Café in April: *Common Ground: New American Music*, a collection of songs written by various composers and arranged by Perlak to evoke a common ground among them.



The music on this recording is one of place. Each of these composers has found his voice in a combination of the grooves, lyricism, sensibilities, and techniques from the American and classical guitar traditions. Their unique and distinctive sounds have the ability

to tap into emotional and personal memory, and at the same time, reflect the broader American experience.

The album features a song by Benjamin Verdery from the Yale School of Music. Kim first played that piece at the Guitar Workshop in Maui, where she met Ben Werdegar for the first time and brainstormed the idea for what has become a multi-city fundraising

event, Ben & I Play for Peace. (See page 12 for details on that concert.)

CDs are available on Amazon, iTunes, and CD Baby.

The Trails at 620

Retail and dining options expand near campus

The Trails at 620 development, located across from Concordia University Texas opened recently and will include a variety of dining and entertainment opportunities for the community.

Flores Mexican restaurant, Whataburger and Schlotzsky's are open now.

Angel Donuts & Treats, Chicken Express and Freddy's Frozen Custard are expected to open in October. A family friendly sports bar and Galaxy Theatre, an upscale cinema and dinner theater, including surround sound and four-story screens will be opening soon.

This brings exciting opportunities for Concordia University and the local community!



FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Committed to supporting Christian Education

Since their founding in 1981, Faith Lutheran Church has been a strong supporter of Lutheran education. Faith recently celebrated their 30th Anniversary by inviting the Concordia University Choir to sing for the two celebratory services. A door offering was taken to show additional support from the congregation.

"We have considered it a privilege to partner with Concordia," Senior Pastor Walt Pohland said.

"They are a blessing to us."

Concordia has placed Director of Christian Education (DCE) interns at Faith Lutheran for a number of years now, enriching the congregation's mission and ministry. Currently, Carey Hoff and Aaron James are completing their year of internship with Faith. In addition, Jonathan Loesch, the Director of Child and Family Ministry, is teaching a DCE class on Concordia's campus.

Faith has also consistently given 1% of their annual budget to Concordia—an act of service that the LCMS district has encouraged. From their beginnings, Faith Lutheran has supported Concordia through its budget and has never wavered from that annual commitment.

"For me, personally, and for us, collectively, as a congregation, there have been many, many unique ties with Concordia throughout our thirty years of history," Associate

Pastor John Selle said. "I would heartily encourage and recommend more parishes in the Texas District to consider this exciting and fruitful mission outreach, as fewer and fewer are the number of schools across the country where the Gospel of Jesus Christ is boldly proclaimed by both staff and students alike."

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Faith Lutheran Church, Georgetown, is a consistent supporter of Concordia University.

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STUDENTS & COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

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STUDENTS

Find out what Concordia has to offer and connect with local business and church leaders in the community.

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STUDENT NEWS



Mark Harris, senior behavioral science and pre-seminary student, was honored at the February 9 Philanthropy Day luncheon by the Austin chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals as Outstanding Philanthropic Youth for his commitment to service in the Austin area and beyond.

Working as a student leader for the Service Learning program at Concordia, Mark inspired students to engage and spend volunteer time with elderly residents at the Summit Assisted Living center in northwest Austin. During his three years as a Service Learning leader, Mark led teams of students in building ramps for wheelchair bound individuals through the Texas Ramp Project, raised money for fresh water wells in Africa through Water to Thrive, provided food for the homeless through Mobile Loaves and Fishes, and completed many more projects in the community.

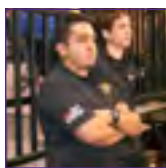
Personally, Mark has spent time in New Orleans helping people and churches rebuild after the hurricanes and assisting in leading an inner-city day camp for at-risk children.

Mark graduated in the spring with a Bachelor of Arts degree in behavioral science and will attend Concordia Seminary St. Louis in the fall.



Senior English major **Brian Roberts** was selected for the Edith and Alfred Leja English Award and honored at the spring awards banquet. Selected by the full-time English faculty each academic year, the recipient must have demonstrated high

levels of achievement in the Concordia English major and show promise as a future scholar of English. The award is named for Alfred E. Leja, who served as chair of Concordia's English program from 1952 to 1965. After he retired from teaching, he and his wife, Edith, decided to endow an award for outstanding English students at Concordia. The first award was bestowed in 1989. Dr. Leja's vision was to help Concordia grow more English professors. Brian will attend Texas State University in the fall, pursuing a Master of Arts in literature with a specialization in critical theory. He plans to pursue his Ph.D. and teach at the college level.

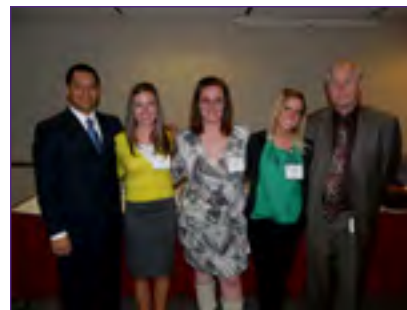


Junior kinesiology major **Jeff Rodriguez** landed an internship with the Texas Stars hockey team during the academic year with help from Assistant Professor Jason Shurley. Part of his responsibilities included administering treatment to athletes, first aid for injured players and assisting on the sidelines as needed. Upon graduation, Rodriguez hopes to pursue a full-time job with a sports team, at the high school, semi-pro or professional level.



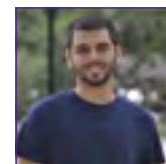
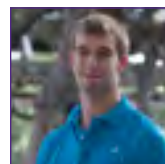
Jason Tuggle, MBA student and owner of 360 Press Solutions in Cedar Park recently ran the Spartan Race in Austin, a brutal obstacle race that includes more than 4 miles, 23 obstacles, fire and mud.

Running is a hobby for many at Concordia. A group of students and faculty ran the Austin Marathon in February including: communication professor Erik Green, political science professor Brent Burgess, admissions intern Jason Wallingsford, business student, Dale Lynn and political science student Ian Clemens.



Four communications students: **Jose Elizondo**, **Kelly Shingleton**, **Linnia Mary**, and **Alicia Holmes** participated in the National Marketing Competition sponsored by the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) in April. The goal? Share ways that LCEF can market to a younger audience to educate on who LCEF is and the services they offer. Other participating schools included Concordia University Chicago, Concordia University Irvine and Concordia University St. Paul. Concordia University Texas' team placed third in the competition. The team was sponsored by professors Ken Zawilinski and Phil Hohle (pictured). Hohle's video production company, Parabolic Media, produced a short recap of the competition. It can be viewed at <http://vimeo.com/40958512>.

In a survey conducted by a **transfer student task force** in the spring, those surveyed ranked Concordia between 4 and 5 on a scale from 1-5 with five as the highest, in regard to their overall satisfaction with Concordia since transferring.



Communication students **James Headrick** and **Ross Owens** participated in the Extreme Makeover: Home Edition project in Smithville in December and have been working on a documentary since that time. See page 25 for more details.

JUSTICE CONFERENCE

by Jolie Perez



Concordia Service Learning Leaders **Mark Harris, Jolie Perez, Kellye Koyn, Hannah Boeck, Tanner Evans and Katie Prince** traveled to Portland, Oregon in February for the 3rd Annual Justice Conference. This two-day event brought together a diverse group of notable speakers such as Walter Brueggemann, Francis Chan, Shane Claibourne, Miroslav Volf, and John Perkins. The different speakers approached the topic of justice from their various perspectives as theologians, pastors, activists, and community organizers. All of them echoed the theme that as Christians, they are called to do justice.

The expansion of the conference, which started in 2010 with only 1,000 participants, is indicative of the

increasing number of Christians who want to dialogue about what Justice Conference founder, Ken Wytsma, calls a theology of justice, the idea that “an understanding of God should compel love for others and engagement in justice.” This topic resonated strongly with the Concordia Texas Service-Learning leaders, who have been reading and discussing the book *Generous Justice* by Tim Keller during this academic year.

“The Service-Learning team was proud to be part of The Justice Conference,” senior Kellye Koyn said. “It was a weekend of speakers and discussions about social injustice and what it means to tackle those injustices as citizens of this earth, as well as our responsibility as Christians.”



Overall, the Service-Learning team took an incredible amount of information, thoughts, and ideas away from the Justice Conference that are still being processed and will definitely be put into use in their personal lives and within the Service-Learning program.

“Serving the disadvantaged isn’t something to do on weekends or when we have free time,” said senior Hannah Boeck. “It’s a command that the Lord gives us multiple times in His word.”

Members of the Concordia University Texas faculty and students **Samantha Stahl** (Political Science Major), **Espi Camacho** (Multidisciplinary Major), **Jonathan Brown** (Business Major), **Ian Clemens** (Political Science Major), and **José Elizondo** (Business Major) were invited to participate in the Model Organization of American States (MOAS) in the fall 2011 semester. MOAS is a simulation of the Organization of American States and reflects hemispheric concerns and allows university students an experiential learning opportunity in international relations. Groups of students from competing universities

represent one assigned country and draft resolutions for proposal at the competition. Dr. Debra Allen and Dr. Matthew Bloom, both history professors at Concordia, along with political science professor Dr. Brent Burgess, agreed to serve as advisors for students wishing to participate.

After learning that Concordia would represent Peru, the students and faculty advisors began working on committee assignments and writing resolutions. Dr. Bloom and four students attended a workshop at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette September 30 to October 1,

where they learned more about the topics for the resolutions and especially about parliamentary procedures.

The group traveled to San Antonio on November 3 and experienced tremendous success rate with all five resolutions passing, two of them unanimously. Samantha Stahl received an award for a well-written resolution.

For more information about MOAS, please visit www.stmarytx.edu/moas.

BASTROP: Rising from the Ashes

Concordia students [James Headrick](#), [David Reece](#) and [Ross Owens](#) have been working diligently on a documentary of the horrendous fires that destroyed much of Bastrop County, Texas that happened last December. They hope to premier the documentary in Bastrop around September 6, near the one year anniversary of the fires and later release the documentary online for the world to see.

The fires took 1,800 homes, 34,000 acres and two lives. The television show, *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* chose to rebuild one family's home in Smithville as well as the neighboring fire station. Concordia faculty and students signed up to volunteer; however there were only a limited number of slots on the list. Headrick and Owens were not able to make the list to volunteer but decided to make an impact in a different way. They were granted permission to make a short film of the involvement CTX had in the *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*.

"The original plan was to film for only

one day, but one day turned into two, then two days turned into three," Headrick said.

The footage of the film continued to grow and Reece joined the team to help. Headrick and Owens kept getting more involved, not only with the rebuilding of the town, but the stories that were buried under the ash. They all agreed that the time and effort they invested into this

documentary was well worth it.

"We want [to tell] the untold stories, the ones media didn't share," Headrick said. "The emotions we felt during the filming were hard to describe."

Upon arriving in Bastrop for the first day of filming, both men were awed by devastation. They saw many homes destroyed and the landscape of trees and



James Headrick filming on location in Bastrop.



Simple words of encouragement are a bright spot among the blackened forest.

forest was covered in ashes. During the shoot, they walked through the remains of what used to be a small neighborhood.

"There was not a single living thing in sight," Owens said, "These people have nothing."

They wanted to share the stories not only of survival, but of recovery and

restoration as well.

"The documentary will be kind of all over the place," Headrick said. "The plan is to include the history of the town, what happened the day of the fire and then the aftermath of the disaster."

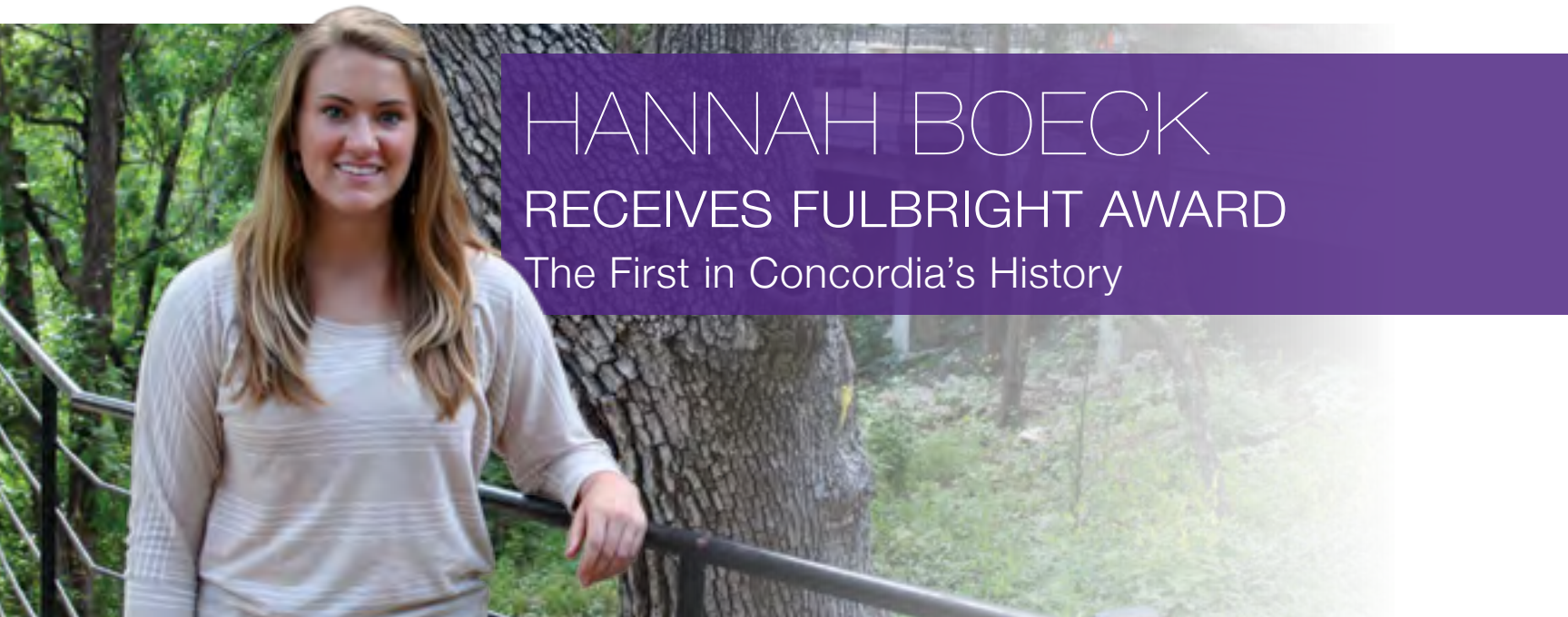
The filmmakers will portray the story of Bastrop not only from their lenses, but

from the lenses of those families who captured footage as well.

"We will pick families to 'represent' Bastrop as well as interview those who provided service during these tough times, such as fire fighters and police officers," Owens said. "There will also be a featured family as well."

"Efforts are still being made to help families who were impacted by the fires, but aid is slowing going away," Headrick said.

For more information on the documentary, and to find ways that you can help families in Bastrop, please visit :
bastrop-documentary.com



HANNAH BOECK RECEIVES FULBRIGHT AWARD The First in Concordia's History

History and English major, [Hannah Boeck](#), has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarship to Malaysia in the English Teaching Assistant program.

Boeck is one of over 1,700 U.S. citizens who will travel abroad in 2012 through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program and the first student in Concordia's 86-year history to receive the award.

"I have always wanted to travel abroad and teach English," said Boeck. "After studying abroad last semester (in Spain), I

became aware on a personal level of how many misconceptions and fears people can have of other cultures. My goal for my ten months in Malaysia is to learn all I can, become a part of the community there, and be a great representative of my own culture and country."

Boeck applied for the Fulbright scholarship while in Spain with support from her professor and mentor Dr. Debra Allen, history professor at Concordia, Fulbright Program Adviser and a two-time Fulbright award winner (as a student and professor). So it was fitting

that Hannah received notification of the award via email while sitting in Allen's class this semester.

"Hannah is an incredible student," said Allen. "She's an excellent service leader, and we are proud to have her represent Concordia in this way."

Following her April 28 graduation from Concordia, Boeck will work this summer as an intern at a local law firm. She has an interest in pursuing law school so that she can work to fight human trafficking.



ALUMNI NOTES

Peter Mead '87

Peter Mead attended Concordia in the 1980s and was a strong student leader on campus. He married Beronica Lessmann '89, who was a top volleyball player and student body president. Peter continued in his father's tradition and wrote for a Christian publishing company. Recently, he started his own company that produces Christian literature and Lenten devotionals.

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Jason Hobratschk '98

Jason Hobratschk '98 was awarded his doctorate from Florida State University less than two years after moving to Vero Beach, Florida from Munich, Germany. A Texas native, Hobratschk spent 10 months in Germany as a Fulbright scholar conducting research for his dissertation on music as a political tool under National Socialism.

Beyond his role as assistant director and chorister with the Vero Beach Choral Society (VBCS) Hobratschk serves as organist and choirmaster at Trinity Episcopal Church in Vero Beach.

Hobratschk previously directed a men's chorus at Portland State University, where he was awarded a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance and sang

in the internationally acclaimed PSU Chamber Choir. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Church Music – Conducting, Church Music – Organ and Environmental Science from Concordia University Texas.



Sherrah Holobaugh Behrens '00

James Richard was born on November 22, 2011, to Sherrah Holobaugh Behrens '00 and husband, Matt Behrens. James was 8 pounds 5 ounces and 20 inches long. Sherrah and her family are living in St. Louis, MO.

Meghan Butterfield '04



married Jason Sleezer (of Chicago, IL) on Jan. 7, 2012 in Chicago. Sarah Sheffield ('05) and Sally McBride ('02) were bridesmaids; David Butterfield ('00) and Jeremy Butterfield ('96) were ushers. Meghan is currently an Assistant Professor of Mathematics at Concordia

University Chicago and working on her PhD in Mathematics Education at Illinois Institute of Technology.

Sinclair Ender '09

Sinclair '09 and Emily Ender announce the birth of their daughter, Danielle Jeanne-Marie on 18 May 2012, she weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 19.25 inches long.



Former student Jessica Karbowski has a new book coming out June 26 through Amazon.com, *These Things I Know*, a collection of fiction and creative non-fiction by Pink Fish press. An English student of Susan Stayton, Jessica later transferred to the University of Texas where she received a B.A in English and M.A in English. Her later M.F.A. in creative writing was earned through Penn State University. Jessica gives much credit to Stayton for inspiring her to return to college.

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October 19-21, 2012

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 19

5 pm	Faculty / Staff Reception	Fieldhouse
6 - 9 pm	Kick-off BBQ & tailgate	Parking lot C
	Alumni Men & Women Basketball games	Fieldhouse

Saturday, October 20

8:30 am	Luth-A-Run 5K	Fieldhouse
9:00 am	Breakfast with the President (Alumni)	Building E
10:45 am	Alumni Association Meeting	D-160
	Meet and Greet with Dr. and Mrs. Cedel (Parents / Students)	Building E
12:00 pm	Lunch	Tornado Field
11-4:00 pm	Baseball Scrimmage	Tornado Field
5 pm	Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet	The OASIS on Lake Travis
7 pm	Mister Twister Competition	Black Box Theater

Sunday, October 21

10 am	Sunday Worship	Building A
11 am	Fellowship and Refreshments	Building A lobby

*Times are subject to change. See website for details.

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Concordia University Texas Athletics HALL OF FAME BANQUET



2012 Hall of Fame Inductees

- Mike Gardner Head Baseball Coach 2000-2009
- Melba Homer-Mitchell Volleyball 1986-1989
- Michael Childs Men's Basketball 1982-1985

Saturday, October 19, 2012

5:00 pm registration and sunset reception
6:00 pm dinner and program

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DR. ROGER BIRKMAN RECEIVES DOCTORATE



Dr. Roger Birkman with CTX President Dr. Tom Cedel, Birkman's Daughter Andrea and Provost Alan Runge

Concordia University Texas recognized Dr. Roger Birkman and presented him with an honorary doctorate during the spring 2012 commencement ceremony.

Birkman has impacted organizational culture in companies and organizations throughout the world. He is well known for creating

The Birkman Method, a leadership development and team-building tool steeped in research that is used to develop individuals and teams, as well as improve workplace performance.

In line with Concordia's mission to develop Christian leaders, Birkman has committed more than 60 years to sharing his method with the world. A one-time student at Concordia Lutheran College and the son of a Lutheran pastor, Birkman received

his Ph.D. in psychology from The University of Texas at Austin.

"We are proud to award Roger (Birkman) with an honorary doctorate from Concordia University Texas in recognition of his contribution to the field of organizational and leadership development, which we value so highly at this institution," Dr. Tom Cedel, president of Concordia University Texas, said.



Roger Birkman accepts an honorary doctorate in April.

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MIKE GARDNER

Former Head Baseball Coach to be Inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame



If baseball is the all-American sport, then Mike Gardner might be the poster boy. Baseball has been part of his life to nearly as long as he can remember. And this fall, the University will honor him for his dedication to the sport.

Gardner says he grew up in a time when traditions mattered. His family life was structured, and his parents were dedicated to enabling experiences that would shape him for the future.

“My dad got me involved in baseball,” said Gardner. “He was my coach. We did things that fathers and sons do together.”

Gardner followed in his dad’s footsteps, teaching his own sons about America’s past time, scouting for the Tampa Bay

Devil Rays, coaching at San Jacinto junior College and landing what he thought was his dream job, his first full-time coaching position at his alma mater, The University of Houston where he served as assistant coach for a number of years.

But circumstances called Gardner west, where he landed at Concordia in 1999. During his time here, he has worked as an assistant professor of kinesiology (where he remains today), as an athletic fund raiser in the development office and as the head baseball coach for 10 years, taking the team to the College World Series for the first time in 2002.

That’s an extremely proud moment for Gardner, but his greatest joy is in seeing his athletes be successful off the field.

“Seeing young men you coached, married, with good jobs... that’s rewarding,” Gardner said. “Knowing you played a part in helping them find their way, in building Christian leaders.”

Gardner turned over his coaching post to former major leaguer Tommy Boggs three years ago, but remains one of the team’s biggest supporters. Gardner is proud that Concordia coaches buy into their responsibility to develop the whole athlete, on and off the field. And it shows



Coach Gardner with the 2002 Baseball team at the 2009 Athletics Hall of Fame event.

in their academic success as current academic year athletes set records for academic awards in the American Southwest Conference (ASC). He's also sensitive to the fact that more fields are needed on campus so all Concordia athletes can experience home-field success. Currently, only volleyball, basketball and baseball have on-campus facilities.

"It's not that building programs and winning championships isn't important," Gardner said. "But we still need to get those fields built."

And current initiatives are underway to raise funds and build more facilities. Softball is a top fundraising priority with tentative plans to construct a field next

to the Tornado Field baseball stadium, viewed as one of the finest in all of college baseball.

"I'm having the most fun of my career," said Gardner, as he enters his 14th year at the University. "I believe in the mission."

And Concordia believes in Coach Gardner. They will celebrate his leadership in October when he is inducted into the Concordia Athletics Hall of Fame. Gardner is responsible for taking the only Division III team in the state of Texas to the College World Series, a distinction earned in 2002.



Coach Gardner at the 2008 opening day on Concordia's former campus



Built with funds from two donors, Tornado Field is viewed as one of the finest in college baseball



Gardner turned over his post as coach to Tommy Boggs, but is still a big supporter of the team

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RAINBOLT LED WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TO RECORD-BREAKING SEASON



Women's basketball won its first American Southwest Conference championship by defeating Louisiana College, 73-64, in Pineville, La. on Feb. 26, 2012 and finished the winter with a 23-5 record overall and an 18-3 record in league play. The Tornados never trailed in the game and ended the Wildcats' 40-game home court winning streak that dated back to the 2008-09 season. **Rusty Rainbolt** was named the ASC West Division Coach of the Year, while ASC Tournament MVP Shamika Singleton was an all-region selection and among a program-best six players to earn all-conference laurels. The squad became the first women's sport to qualify for the NCAA Tournament, received votes in the national polls for the first time ever, shattered school records for overall and conference victories and posted one of the highest team GPAs in the country.

MEN'S BASKETBALL RECORDED ITS THIRD STRAIGHT WINNING SEASON



The men's basketball team recorded its third straight winning campaign and fell a tiebreaker short of qualifying for the American Southwest Conference Tournament. **Josh Johnson** headlined a list of five Tornados who earned ASC postseason recognition, as he was honorably mentioned for All-ASC West Division accolades and made the all-defensive team. The team finished with a 13-12 ledger overall and an 11-10 mark in league action.

RECORD

CTX ATHLETICS POST MULTIPLE

SOFTBALL TEAM PRODUCED NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK



The softball team posted an 18-18 record overall and a 12-12 ledger in conference play to finish its spring season with a .500 winning percentage or better for the fifth straight year. The program produced eight players that received ASC West Division postseason recognition, led by first teamers Erin Duhon and **Taylor Schiefelbein**, and earned victories over two nationally-ranked opponents in #2 Texas-Tyler and #23 East Texas Baptist. Schiefelbein also became Concordia's second student-athlete in any sport to garner a national player of the week award for her efforts as the winning pitcher in the victories over Texas-Tyler and East Texas Baptist.

NATIONALLY-RANKED BASEBALL TEAM WON CONFERENCE TITLE AND EARNED A SPOT IN REGIONAL TOURNAMENT



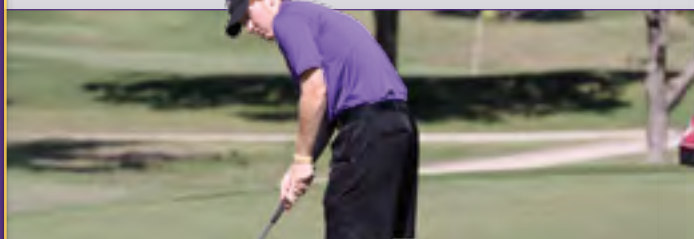
The baseball team, which was ranked as high as fourth in the country, won its second consecutive American Southwest Conference championship and qualified for the NCAA Tournament as the top seed in the West Region. The Tornados went 1-2 at the regional, posting a 6-3 over St. John's, and finished the season with a 37-11 overall record to go along with a 17-4 mark in conference play. The 37 victories were a school record in the program's NCAA Division III era. Twelve players garnered all-conference recognition and five were named all-region, while third-year mentor Tommy Boggs and his assistants were named ASC West Division Coaching Staff of the Year. **Collin Janssen** was the ASC West Division Co-Player of the Year and Sportsmanship Athlete of the Year.

WOMEN'S GOLF SETS NUMEROUS RECORDS FOR LOWEST TEAM SCORE AND CONFERENCE AWARDS



Women's golf utilized two freshmen and two sophomores to complete a record-breaking season for the second straight year, beginning on Sept. 13, 2011 when Blair Allen, **Kayla Burch**, Haley Keller and Taylor Menville combined to record the lowest team score in school history by 31 strokes at it first tournament. The Tornados, who placed a program-best fourth at the American Southwest Conference Championships, finished the spring with their lowest team season scoring average ever by more than 19 strokes, while Allen became the first player in school history to be named all-conference and ended the year with the lowest individual season scoring average in the program annals. Burch established record-breaking marks for lowest tournament score and lowest tournament score vs. par at the Lady Bulldog Fall Classic. At press time, the ASC announced Kayla Burch as Distinguished Scholar Athlete of the Year.

MEN'S GOLF MADE THIRD STRAIGHT APPEARANCE IN CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

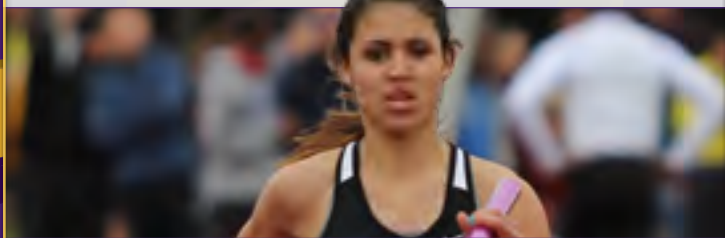


Paced by freshman **Jack Cersosimo**, the men's golf team recorded a sixth-place finish in its record-breaking third straight appearance at the American Southwest Conference Championships. Cersosimo, who became the first player in program history to win two invitationals, earned All-ASC First Team laurels by placing fourth at the conference championship event. He also set school records for lowest tournament score over three rounds, lowest tournament score over three rounds vs. par and lowest season scoring average. At press time, the ASC announced Zach Collier as Distinguished Scholar Athlete of the Year.

SEASONS

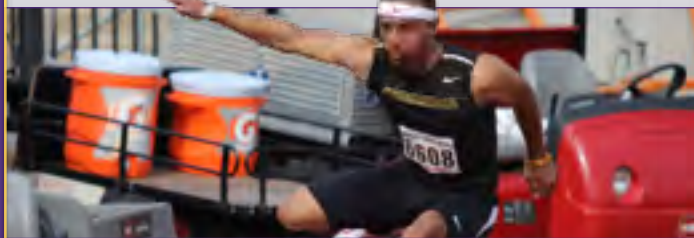
RECORDS IN 2011-2012 SEASON

WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD COMPLETE BEST SEASON IN PROGRAM HISTORY



The women's track & field team placed fourth with 58 points, which are both school records, at the American Southwest Conference Championships to complete its best season in the program's three-year history. The Tornados had two student-athletes – sophomores Megan Wagenaar and Alison Pringle – garner all-conference accolades for the first time ever. Wagenaar, who won the 800- and 1,500-meter runs, was also named the ASC Sportsmanship Athlete of the Year. Program standards were broken and rebroken in nine individual and three relay events, while **Desiree De Leon** and Sydney Getfield became the first two individuals to ever qualify for the prestigious Texas Relays.

MEN'S TRACK & FIELD MAKE HISTORY AT CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT



The men's track & field team registered its second straight fifth-place finish at the American Southwest Conference Championships with a record-breaking 58 points. Matt Ruhe was Concordia's top performer, eclipsing his own program bests in the 100- and 200-meter dash events to place fifth and third, respectively. In addition, Ruhe was joined by Marion Holiday and **Cedric Perry** as the third-year program's first-ever qualifiers for the prestigious Texas Relays. School records were established in six individual and two relay events.



ATHLETICS BANQUET

CTX Athletics Celebrates Best Year in School History at Annual Awards Banquet

CTX Athletics Major Awards winners take a quick picture at the Athletic Awards Banquet

Concordia University Texas athletes and staff members were honored at the Athletics Banquet on Wednesday, April 18 at the Concordia Field House. The event celebrated all of the achievements of what turned out to be, by far, the best year in school history for Concordia athletics.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Distinguished Student-Athlete:

Haley Phillips (Volleyball/Women's Cross Country)

Male Distinguished Scholar-Athlete of the Year:

Colin Butschek (Baseball)

Female Distinguished Scholar-Athlete of the Year:

Kevyn Jackson (Volleyball)

Male Athlete of the Year:

Mohamed Diallo (Men's Soccer)

Female Athlete of the Year:

Shamika Singleton (Women's Basketball)

Coach of the Year:

Rusty Rainbolt (Women's Basketball)

Male Tornado of Character:

Chase Michalak (Men's Soccer)

Female Tornado of Character:

Christen McLee (Women's Basketball)

Team of the Year:

Women's Basketball (Rusty Rainbolt, Lashanda Luckey, Christen McLee, Alex O'Neal, Shamika Singleton)

Game/Event of the Year:

Baseball Wins ASC Championship (Tommy Boggs, Colton Gommert, Scott Hays, Collin Janssen, Nick Kozole, Matt McManemin, Ryan Ullmann)

Department Moment of the Year:

First Special Olympics Texas Flag Football Competition (Matthew Chmura, Jason Wallingsford, Brandon Rohr, Larry Durand, Nadine Fabelle, Madi Hess, Bobby Jones, Madison Kramr, Christen McLee, Alex O'Neal, Brent Schaeckel, Ryan Ullmann)

STAFF AND FACULTY AWARDS

Staff Member of the Year:

Pat Fick (Can-Do Missions)

Faculty Member of the Year:

Larry Meissner (Professor of Biology)

STUDENT WORKER AWARDS

Game Management Student Worker of the Year:

Gerry Morrison (Baseball)

Sports Information Student Worker of the Year (Fall Semester):

Christina Smith (Softball)

Sports Information Student Worker of the Year (Spring Semester):

Taylor Pressley (Women's Soccer)

Athletic Training Student Worker of the Year:

Casey Wynne

Weight Room Student Worker of the Year:

Dylan Plantz (Men's Track & Field)



Fall 2012 Athletic Schedules



2012 WOMEN'S SOCCER SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Home/Away
9/1	Dallas	Home
9/4	Southwestern	Away
9/7	Our Lady of the Lake	Away
9/9	Huston-Tillotson	Home
9/14	Schreiner	Away
9/15	Texas Lutheran	Away
9/19	Trinity	?
9/22	East Texas Baptist	Home
9/23	Austin College	Home
9/28	LeTourneau	Away
9/29	Texas-Tyler	Away
10/5	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Away
10/12	Ozarks	Home
10/13	Texas-Dallas	Home
10/18	Louisiana College	Away
10/20	Mississippi College	Away
10/26	Howard Payne	Home
10/27	Hardin-Simmons	Home

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10/26	Howard Payne	Home
10/27	Hardin-Simmons	Home

2012 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/AWAY/NOT APPLICABLE
8/31	Concordia Wisconsin	Home
9/1	Concordia Ann Arbor	Home
9/1	Concordia Chicago	Home
9/7-8	Austin College Classic	Not Applicable
9/11	Texas Lutheran	Away
9/14	Southwestern	Not Applicable
9/14	UC-Santa Cruz	Not Applicable
9/15	California Lutheran	Not Applicable
9/15	Trinity	Away
9/18	Howard Payne	Away
9/21	Mary Hardin-Baylor	Home
9/22	Mississippi College	Home
9/22	Texas-Tyler	Home
9/25	Schreiner	Away
9/28	Sul Ross State	Home
9/29	Hardin-Simmons	Away
10/2	Howard Payne	Home
10/5	East Texas Baptist	Not Applicable
10/6	LeTourneau	Not Applicable
10/6	Texas-Dallas	Away
10/9	Texas Lutheran	Home
10/16	Hardin-Simmons	Home
10/18	Schreiner	Home
10/20	Sul Ross State	Away
10/26-27	Southwestern Halloween Tournament	Not Applicable

2012 CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET
9/1	at Texas State Invitational
9/8	at Texas Lutheran Open
9/22	at Texas Division III Championships (Trinity)
10/6	at Incarnate Word Invitational
10/13	Concordia Invitational (Cedar Park HS)
10/27	at American Southwest Conference Championships (Mississippi College)
11/10	NCAA South Regional Championship (Atlanta)

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DID YOU KNOW?

The baseball team's 7-2 victory over McMurry at Tornado Field on May 6, 2012 marked the first time in 10 years that a Concordia team won a conference championship at home, as the 2011 baseball team, 2011 women's cross country program and 2011-12 women's basketball squads all won their titles away from Austin over the host school.

CTX received the award for "Outstanding Service by a Civic/Service Organization" in 2011-12 from the Special Olympics Texas Area 13.



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