

22nd

Graduation
Convocation

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CONCORDIA
University College of Alberta



Welcome and History

The Board of Regents, students, faculty, and staff of Concordia University College of Alberta extend a warm welcome to all who join us as we confer degrees upon members of our twenty-second graduating class. We celebrate the achievements of this graduating class and give thanks as they join the growing ranks of Concordia alumni who are serving others with the academic and leadership skills they have attained.

This Convocation marks the end of a year of accomplishments and new developments in the life of Concordia. Concordia continues to rank near the top in the category of smaller universities in the annual Globe and Mail "Report Card" survey, getting A+'s and A's in areas such as the quality of teaching, the faculty's interaction with students, and the quality of the overall university experience. This fall, Concordia will begin offering a Master of Arts degree in Biblical and Christian Studies, with areas of concentration in Old and New Testament Studies, and Christian Theology and History.

Concordia's role in the educational history of the province began in 1921, when the institution was founded to prepare young men for preaching and teaching ministries in the Lutheran church. In 1939, Concordia expanded to include women and to offer general courses of study and an accredited high school program. In 1967, Concordia began offering first-year university courses in affiliation with the University of Alberta. Today, Concordia offers three- and four-year Bachelor of Arts degrees, three- and four-year Bachelor of Science degrees, a four-year Bachelor of Management degree, a Bachelor of Education (After Degree), a Bachelor of Environmental Health (After Degree), a Master's degree in Information Systems Security Management, a Director of Parish Services Program and colloquy programs for the church, as well as extensive professional and continuing education programs.

Throughout its history, Concordia has remained grounded in the belief that the Christian faith gives purpose to life and that success depends upon spiritual maturity. Concordia fosters a Christian lifestyle on campus and encourages a dual commitment to academic excellence and religious vitality. An institution of Lutheran Church–Canada governed by an elected Board of Regents, Concordia has been shaped by the philosophy expressed in its motto: *Initium Sapientiae Timor Domini* – The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

We thank you for joining us in honoring today's graduates.

Academic Dress

Academic regalia dates back to the twelfth century. While originally it may have been worn as protection against the cold of unheated buildings, it has come to symbolize levels of academic scholarship with variations in sleeves and decorations representing degree levels, along with the regional preferences of individual universities. Those with doctoral-level degrees wear the distinct academic gown, hood, and cap of the institution from which they graduated.

Concordia's hoods are lined with blue and white. The color of the velvet edging indicates the academic discipline in which the degree has been earned. The color for arts is white, for management is drab, for science is gold, for education is blue, and for environmental health is salmon. The gold cord indicates a degree earned with distinction or with high distinction.

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President
Platform Party
Faculty
Representatives of Universities, Colleges and Seminaries
Board of Regents
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Dr. Richard Willie

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Member of Parliament, Edmonton Centre

Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence

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Dr. Rossitza Marinova

Dr. Neil Querengesser

Dr. Jonathan Strand

Dr. Mark Swanson

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The Presentation

The Vice-President Academic & Provost presents the candidates with these words:

"Dr. Krispin, I present the candidates for the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Management, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Education, and Bachelor of Environmental Health, and the candidates for the Master of Information Systems Security Management. These candidates have fulfilled all requirements prescribed by the faculty and have been recommended as worthy of their respective degrees."

The Admission

The President addresses the candidates in these words:

"By virtue of the authority given to me through the charter granted to Concordia University College of Alberta by the Government of Alberta, and as the Executive Officer of the Board of Regents, I confer upon you the degree of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Management, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Education, or Bachelor of Environmental Health, or the Master of Information Systems Security Management. I invest you with all the powers, rights and privileges pertaining to the degree to which you are entitled, and I charge you to use them for the glory of God and the honor of your country."

Degrees with Distinction and High Distinction (noted by * and ** in the following pages): Undergraduate students who complete their degree programs with a Grade Point Average of 3.5 to 3.69 are awarded degrees "With Distinction." Those who complete their degree programs with a Grade Point Average of 3.7 or higher are awarded degrees "With High Distinction." After-degree students who complete their programs with a Grade Point Average of 3.7 to 3.79 are awarded degrees "With Distinction." Those who complete their programs with a Grade Point Average of 3.8 or higher are awarded degrees "With High Distinction."

Certificate of Completion (noted by + in the following pages): With the support of the Alberta Association for Community Living, Concordia's Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Initiative provides students with developmental disabilities the opportunity to be involved in campus life and be included as audit students in a program of study.

The Twenty-Second Graduating Class

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Four-Year Degrees

Major

Arsenault, Ashley Nicole, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Bains, Rupinder Kaur, High Level, Alberta	Psychology
Baruzzini, Ardie-Lynn, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Beller, Kimberley Ann, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Psychology
** Bhambhani, Reshma, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Casselmann, Marcia Lynn, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Chau, Kenny Hung, Alix, Alberta	Psychology
** Chevalier, Thérèse Marie, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
* Cordwell, Terri Lee, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Psychology
* Cronin, Keely Marie Lynn, Wetaskiwin, Alberta	English
Dahlseide, Dani-Lyn, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Erickson, Budd Jesse, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Feraco, Diana Rosetta, Edmonton, Alberta	English
** Gelinis, Bethany Lee, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Gingera, Laura Kathryn, Innisfail, Alberta	Psychology
Granger, Brett Luanne, Calahoo, Alberta	Psychology
Grue, Chanda Fay Frances, Drayton Valley, Alberta	English
** Kapach, Mallory Hope, Abee, Alberta	Psychology
Lees, Sherri Anne, St. Albert, Alberta	Psychology
** Loepp, Mitchell Scott Garry, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
McNeil, Melissa Catherine Yvonne Marie, Weyburn, Saskatchewan	Religious Studies
** Moore, Vanda Faye, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Neumann, Ashley Erin, Spruce Grove, Alberta	Psychology
Pipke, Nicole Kadie-Marie, Spruce Grove, Alberta	Psychology
Rankin, Taylor Alisa, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
** Roller, Kaitlyn Dianne, Surrey, British Columbia	Religious Studies
Smith, Amanda Dianne, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Smith, Stephanie Nicole, Edmonton, Alberta	Music
Stuchlik, Jill Marie, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Szwender, Mark Antoni, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Tetz, Korinda Carolyn, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Thiessen, Adrienne Rae, St. Albert, Alberta	Psychology
Thyer, Samantha Joanne, Sylvan Lake, Alberta	Psychology
Tulloch, Ashley Lynn, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Usher, Stephanie Ida Rose, St. Albert, Alberta	Music
Visitew, Kristine Shannon, Spruce Grove, Alberta	Psychology
Waters, Amanda Jean, Calgary, Alberta	Psychology
* Zoeteman, Lindsay Nicole, Fort Macleod, Alberta	Psychology

Three-Year Degrees

Area of Concentration

Alfazema, Mazalari Khembo, St. Catharines, Ontario	Sociology
Arinaitwe, Mary, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Bagnall, Angela Michelle, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Baksa, Alice Elvina, Wildwood, Alberta	Psychology
Batke, Barry Allan, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Beatty, Jordan Douglas, Edmonton, Alberta	History
Beier, Kristal Rachelle, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Bellavance, Martine Helene, Lac Mégantic, Quebec	History
Blatz, Laural Jacqueline, Olds, Alberta	French
Blums, Tamarya Elizabeth, Prince Rupert, British Columbia	Sociology
* Bos, Melissa Jane, Edmonton, Alberta	Political Economy
Branton, Sarah Marie, Whitecourt, Alberta	Psychology
Brown, Regan Dwight, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Busch, Daniel Robert, Edmonton, Alberta	History
Carter, Michelle Catherine, Fredericton, New Brunswick	Psychology
Cech, Kelvin Veno, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Chalabi, Rima, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Cowley, Marina Dawn, Mayerthorpe, Alberta	Psychology
Cragg, Cecilia Anne Mary, Edmonton, Alberta	Religious Studies
Craven, Holly Christine, Fallis, Alberta	History
Cunha, Tania Lopes, Edmonton, Alberta	Religious Studies
Danderfer, Michael Henry, Devon, Alberta	Political Economy
Daubert, Christy Leanne, Ardrossan, Alberta	Music
Davies, Nathan John, Niagara Falls, Ontario	History
DeBlock, Rebecca Johanna, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
* Derhousoff, Rebecca Jane, Las Vegas, Nevada	Drama
Deria, Adam, Edmonton, Alberta	Political Economy
Doran, Karen Veronica, Edmonton, Alberta	French / Drama
Dowhaniuk, Jocelyn Anne, Spruce Grove, Alberta	Psychology
Duggal, Sumira, St. Albert, Alberta	Psychology
Duiker, Matthew Jeffrey, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Edy, Cara Dalene, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Elgert, Lindsey Kaye, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Ferzli, Gabriel, Edmonton, Alberta	History
Finch, Crystal Lynn, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Fleury, Jason Thomas, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Fraser Wallace, Shirley Ina, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
* Gaertner, Tammy Christina, Tisdale, Saskatchewan	Psychology
Galbraith, Jared William, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Gillett, Nichole Jessica, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Goldstone, Melissa Diane, Campbell River, British Columbia	History

Graesser, Paul Spencer, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Gruvoych, Anastasiya Feliksivna, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Guggenmos, Todd Gordon, Unity, Saskatchewan	Religious Studies
Hamilton Heimbeckner, Scott Joseph Wilson, Sylvan Lake, Alberta	English
Hansen, April Ellisse, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Psychology
Harasimov, Aleksandar, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Harris, Dayna Sarah, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Psychology
Haughian, Regan Dawn, Vernon, British Columbia	Drama
Hemming, Ashley Dawn, Drumheller, Alberta	English
** Herbold, Miriam Andrea, Edmonton, Alberta	Music
Herzog, Kathryn Marie, Edmonton, Alberta	History
Holman, Lindsay Maureen, St. Albert, Alberta	English
Holmes, Jennifer Jean, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Horne, Melissa Ann, Mundare, Alberta	English
Idikio, Alaye Onisoya, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Jagusinski, Tomasz Janusz, Edmonton, Alberta	History
Jelincic, Ljiljana, Spruce Grove, Alberta	History
Jensen, Ashley Joy, Bon Accord, Alberta	Psychology
** Joosten, Michael Adrian, Olds, Alberta	Philosophy
Khaira, Arshdeep, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Religious Studies
Khajuria, Ritu Bala, Edmonton, Alberta	English
King, Angel Dianna Donna, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Knelson, Lisa Ann, Frontier, Saskatchewan	Sociology
Kurth, Nolan Alexander, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
+ Lafond, Shane Lee, Edmonton, Alberta	
Lambrechts, Amy Nellena, St. Albert, Alberta	Psychology
Lee, Alexandra Meaghan, Edmonton, Alberta	English
Li, Matthew Man Kit, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Lowes, Danielle Marie, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Lukash, Kimberly Kae, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Macaulay, Chelsea Michelle, St. Albert, Alberta	English
* Maghera, Amy Ganga, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
Mahulo, Frankline Obare, Kisumu, Kenya	Psychology
Manchakowsky, Alison Katrina, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
Marples, Carlton Neville, Edmonton, Alberta	Sociology
McLaren, Jyening Camille, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology
* McPike, Patricia Anne, Davidson, Saskatchewan	Psychology / English
Mitchell, Keith William Campbell, Kelowna, British Columbia	Psychology
Mitchell, Paul Joseph, Edmonton, Alberta	Drama
Mol, Lisa Marie, Edmonton, Alberta	Music
Moore, Vincent Thomas, Dawson Creek, British Columbia	History
Nicholson, Ashley Ann, Edmonton, Alberta	Psychology

* Roth, Melanie Dawn	Leduc, Alberta
Semaka, Laryssa May	Edmonton, Alberta -
Shand, Kayla Brianne	Brooks, Alberta
Short, Jason Robert	Edmonton, Alberta -
Spurrell, Joshua Paul Wiseman	Edmonton, Alberta
** Sugiyama, Donovan Lee	Edmonton, Alberta -
Taborosi, Agota	Edmonton, Alberta
* Taylor, Charlene Elizabeth	Sherwood Park, Alberta -
Theuss, Leanne Hailey	Edmonton, Alberta
Tran, William	Edmonton, Alberta -
Tsenekos, Marianna	Edmonton, Alberta
Vaasjo, Jeffrey Brian	Edmonton, Alberta -
Yaduva, Thomas Rinaldo	Edmonton, Alberta
Van Ruskenveld, Curtis Craig	Morinville, Alberta -
Yander Helm, Kelsey Brent	Vancouver, British Columbia
* vanderHelm, Taylor James Theodorus	Edmonton, Alberta -
** Wagner, Tara Centaine	Edmonton, Alberta
Weibel, Bobbi Jo	Edmonton, Alberta -
Young, Conrad Russell	Hobbema, Alberta

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Four-Year Degrees	Major
** Adam, Dominique Claudia, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology
Chang, Chia-Ling, Kaohsiung, Taiwan	Biology -
Gillani, Alim, Kelowna, British Columbia	Biology
Hughes, Devin James, Edmonton, Alberta	Environmental Science -
Jahn, Chase Marshall Ernest, Fort McMurray, Alberta	Biology
Kinsman, Matthew Ross James, Winnipeg, Manitoba	Biology -
Kuznicki, Daniel Beaudry, Edmonton, Alberta	Chemistry
Milicevic, Cristina Ivana, Edmonton, Alberta	Chemistry -
Quick, Matthew Paul, Corner Brook, Newfoundland and Labrador	Chemistry
Scott, Candis Tammy, Castlegar, British Columbia	Biology -
Singh, Sukhvinder Kaur, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology
Tally, Tara Nicole, Morinville, Alberta	Chemistry -
Vierboom, Steven Britton, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Chemistry
Zechel, Jeremy Nicholas, St. Albert, Alberta	Biology -

Three-Year Degrees	Area of Concentration
Cherniwchan, Natasha Sara, Edmonton, Alberta	Chemistry
Clarke, Sharon Shevaun, Edmonton, Alberta	Mathematics -
* Delhon, Paul, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology
Der, Adam Michael, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology -
Drynan, Sean Garrett, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Mathematics
Gill, Karendeep Kaur, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology -
* Jermev, Jordan Micheal, Devon, Alberta	Biology
Johnson, Eric Jeffrey, Winnipeg, Manitoba	Environmental Science -
Kim, Grace Kyung, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology
Kruse, Jennifer Nicole Marie, Edmonton, Alberta	Chemistry -
Liaw, Natasha Ching, Edmonton, Alberta	Biology
Peters, Kevin Edward James, Sherwood Park, Alberta	Environmental Science -
Sansoha, Gagandeep Kaur, Edmonton, Alberta	Environmental Science
Sergenson, Megan, St. Albert, Alberta	Biology -

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (AFTER DEGREE)

Aberg, Laura Kathryn	Edmonton, Alberta
Aboudib, Shahira	Edmonton, Alberta -
Adam, Luke Aaron	Stony Plain, Alberta
Atwood, Odesa Ruth	Edmonton, Alberta -
* Barrett, Leanne Nicole	Edmonton, Alberta
Basarab, Lindsay Marie	High Prairie, Alberta -
Boelman, Menno	Westlock, Alberta
Borle, Amy Marie	Riviere Qui Barre, Alberta -
Burns, Fiona	Sussex, New Brunswick
Burton, Jennifer Nela	Edmonton, Alberta -
Charbonneau, Ashley Leanne	Edmonton, Alberta
Chute, Danielle Luise	Daysland, Alberta -
Cursiter, Evan James	Sherwood Park, Alberta
Dale, Dawn Marie	St. Paul, Alberta -
Enns, Jacqueline Dawn	Edmonton, Alberta
Farhat, Nicola Naim	Edmonton, Alberta -
Fidler, Darryl Edward	Edmonton, Alberta
Gamble, Michelle Marie	Penticton, British Columbia -
Gross, Alicia Destiny	Fort Vermilion, Alberta
Hancock, Janet Lee	Smoky Lake, Alberta -
Hawreliak, John Robert	Edmonton, Alberta
* Heisler, Sierra	Warburg, Alberta -
Henderson, Richard John	Berwyn, Alberta
Heslin, Megan Dawn	Tofield, Alberta -

The Participants

Marshals

Dr. Xin Chen
Dr. Rossitza Marinova
Dr. Sheri Dalton
Dr. Joanne Neal
Dr. Dale Lindskog
Dr. Neil Querengesser

Crucifer Todd Guggenmos

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Dr. Rossitza Marinova, Associate Professor of Mathematical & Computing Sciences
Dr. Martin Mueller, Chair, Board of Regents
Dr. Neil Querengesser, Professor of English
Dr. Jonathan Strand, Dean of Arts & Science (Acting)
Dr. Mark Swanson, Dean of Education
Dr. Marilyn Westbury, Dean of Professional Education
Dr. Richard Willie, Vice-President Academic & Provost

Convocation Speaker

Laurie Hawn, CD, MP
Member of Parliament, Edmonton Centre
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence

Governor General Silver Medallion Michael Joosten, BA 3-year (Philosophy)

Governor General Gold Medallion Donald Rhodes, MISSM

Special Awards

Christo et Ecclesiae Award: Rev. Dr. Ralph E. Mayan, Langley BC
Distinguished Service Award: Margaret Becker, Edmonton AB
Distinguished Alumni Award: Jean Greer McCarthy, Lethbridge AB
Judith C. Meier Excellence in Teaching Award: Dr. John Woollard

Organist Rev. Lorne Manweiler

Brass *Five of a Kind*

Wendy Grasdahl, *trumpet* • Eila Peterson, *trumpet* • Shamilla Ramnawaj, *horn*
Clarence Samuelson, *trombone* • Dave Wiley, *tuba*

Convocation Speaker

Laurie Hawn, CD, MP

Member of Parliament, Edmonton Centre
Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence

Laurie Hawn was born and raised in Winnipeg. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1964 and received his pilot wings and Queen's Commission in 1967. In thirty years in the Air Force, Laurie rose to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, held many senior staff positions, commanded a CF-18 Tactical Fighter Squadron and was the Wing Operations Officer at 4 Wing Cold Lake, overseeing the operation of six squadrons, 1800 personnel, multi-million dollar budgets, and multi-billion dollar assets.

Upon retirement in 1994, Laurie entered the financial services business and held senior supervisory positions in this highly regulated and demanding industry. He has also been very active in his community in a wide variety of ways.

Laurie was elected as the Member of Parliament for Edmonton Centre in January, 2006. In his first term, Laurie served on the Standing Committee on National Defence (SCOND), as well as the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security. He also chaired the Special Legislative Committee on Bill C-30, the Clean Air Act.

On October 10, 2007, Laurie was appointed Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence, the Honourable Peter MacKay. In that role Laurie assists Minister MacKay and forms a link between the Ministry and Parliament. He fills in when the Minister is out of the House, steers legislation through the parliamentary process and generally plays a larger role in the department. This has included four visits to our troops in Afghanistan.

Following a successful re-election in October, 2008, Laurie continues as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of National Defence and is the lead government MP on SCOND and the Special Committee on the Mission in Afghanistan.

Laurie has been married for 40 years to his wife, Judy; they have two children, Robb and Jennifer.

Christo et Ecclesiae Award

Rev. Dr. Ralph E. Mayan, Langley BC

Ralph Mayan was born in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, in 1944, the son of Pastor Ernest and Mary Mayan. His years of studying included the University of Alberta in Edmonton; Concordia College, Portland, Oregon; Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, where he earned his Master of Divinity. In May of 2002, Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Edmonton, Alberta awarded him an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Following graduation in 1971, Mayan accepted a call to serve a dual parish in his native Saskatchewan. He was pastor at Zion Lutheran, Yorkton, Saskatchewan and St. Paul Lutheran, Springside, Saskatchewan until 1978, when he accepted a call to Trinity Lutheran in Richmond, B.C. While serving in Richmond he was involved in cross-cultural ministry, working with two Chinese pastors to establish Lutheran congregations.

Mayan married Linda Miller in 1968 and together they have raised four children: Tamara (Dickhof), Rachele (New), Jonathan, and Benjamin. The Mayans have twelve grandchildren.

Throughout his thirty-four year ministry President Mayan has served the church-at-large in various positions. These include being a Circuit Counsellor, a member of district worship committees, district counsellor for the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Chair of the Board of Regents of Concordia Lutheran Seminary (1993-96), and a vice-president of the Synod.

The Rev. Dr. Ralph Mayan is president emeritus of Lutheran Church–Canada, having served His Lord and the church in the office of president for four terms, twelve years. His years of service in the office were marked by his call to the church to remain firm in her biblical and confessional foundation, bold in her witness and a genuine care and love for all people.

Dr. Mayan has also served for eight years as Chair of the International Lutheran Council, a world-wide association of confessional Lutheran churches. During the past year he has been Interim Mission Director for Lutheran Church–Canada, residing in Chinandega, Nicaragua, and working as a mentor and consultant with Synod's new partner church, Iglesia Luterana Sinodo de Nicaragua.

Distinguished Service Award

Margaret Becker, Edmonton AB

Concordia's Distinguished Service Award recognizes contributions to 'others' – to the Church, to Concordia, and/or to society in general. Margaret Becker is considered the epitome of someone whose life has been spent in service to others. She learned this as a child from the example of parents who read the Bible to her; taught her to pray, and inspired in her gifts of generosity and hospitality. And she also acquired it as a legacy from an extended family of Saskatchewan pioneers who have produced a long line of servants for the church and society.

Born Margaret Dressler in Churchbridge, Saskatchewan, in 1920, Margaret grew up on a farm in the Langenburg area, and at the age of thirteen had to assume adult responsibilities for some of her younger siblings when her father died. In 1939 she married Walter Becker and moved to a farm in the Stornoway area, where the couple began raising their own family. A couple of years of severe drought, and an offer of employment at Concordia College, which one of their daughters was already attending, brought the Becker family to Edmonton in 1961. Walter was hired for maintenance work, and Margaret as a dorm parent for the girls' residence.

Though the Concordia appointment was not of long duration, the Beckers continued to be available to students when they moved to their own home east of the campus. Some boarded with them over the summer, and others continued to visit and keep in touch with Margaret after they went off to other colleges and careers. Margaret maintained an interest in Concordia activities, including a long involvement with the Concordia Guild. The Beckers extended their generosity to the local community as well; their garden was a ready source of vegetables to whomever rang the doorbell, and Margaret brought bouquets of flowers in season to her church and to people she visited.

Margaret's gifts and talents have always been available to her church community. She has played the organ, taught Sunday School, visited the sick and lonely, and actively participated in women's groups and Bible studies. With her guitar ready at hand, she has been a song leader whenever needed, including at the retirement center where she now lives. Most of all, Margaret is known as a 'prayer warrior.' One of the highlights of her lifetime was a trip to the Holy Land in 2008 with her daughter, Margy.

Margaret's husband, Walter, and one daughter, Mavis, are deceased. There are three more Becker daughters—Donna, Johanna, and Margery; two sons—Wally and Daryl; 18 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. They are followers in the pathway of faith and service that Margaret (and Walter) mirrored for them.

Distinguished Alumni Award

Jean Greer McCarthy, Lethbridge AB

Jean Greer McCarthy was born on June 19, 1967 in Lethbridge, Alberta, to Wes and Kay Greer. She attended elementary and junior high schools in Lethbridge. While a young teen, Jean convinced her parents to attend a boarding school. Even at a young age, she believed she needed new experiences to help her develop and grow. She chose to attend Concordia College's high school.

She graduated from high school in 1985, and continued her education at Augustana University College, where she graduated in 1989. While at Concordia, Jean met Ross McCarthy, who in 1989 would become her husband and, later, her business partner. They have three sons: Craig (17), Campbell (15), and Brad (12).

Growing up in Lethbridge, her father ran Greer Homes, a small home builder in the southern Alberta city. She and her sisters helped clean up construction sites. When her father retired, Jean and husband Ross took over the business.

Her skill as a businesswoman has led to great success. But not content to rest on business success, she desires to see her community thrive. This is characterized with her work in the arts, and her leadership in supporting charitable causes in her home community of Lethbridge.

Jean Greer McCarthy has served in volunteer leadership on several non-profit boards and is currently President of the Canadian Home Builders Association - Lethbridge Region. She has received national attention for her charitable work, including support for the Canadian Cancer Society, and reading programs at Dr. Gerald B. Probe School. In conjunction with the YWCA, she created "Sisters in Success," a program which aims to mentor women in business by instilling in them a sense of confidence and professional appearance.

Jean Greer McCarthy has won numerous awards including the 2008 Canadian Home Builders Association "Volunteer of the Year Award," Home Design awards, and three times (2002, 2006, 2007) has been named to Profit Guide Magazine's Top 100 Canadian Women Business Owners.

Jean is also a professional musician with two full-length albums, including her latest release called "Blessings and Burdens."

Judith C. Meier Excellence in Teaching Award

Dr. John McK. R. Woollard, Professor of Chemistry

Dr. John Woollard is a graduate of New College, Oxford University in England. His interest in chemistry and a move to a specialization in science was triggered during his high school years at the City of London School by a very sharp and demanding chemistry teacher who had come there from Oxford. This influence and the fact that his father had supported Oxford in the university Boat Race led John to choose Oxford when asked where he would be applying for university. He spent six years there, receiving a BA (Hons) in Chemistry in 1970, followed by an MA and a DPhil in 1972.

John got involved with the Christian Union, a version of InterVarsity Fellowship, during his Oxford years, and through them developed an interest in teaching at an overseas university. Though his initial applications were rejected, a follow-up call to see if he might still be interested resulted in his move to Southern Africa and a position in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Botswana in 1973. The initial three-year contract grew to a total of sixteen years, to 1989, through a time of considerable change, development, and growth in the country and university.

John met his wife, Eleanore, during his sojourn in Botswana. A native of Steinbach, Manitoba, she worked as a volunteer lab technician for the Mennonite Central Committee, the development and aid agency of the Mennonite churches, and it was their marriage several years later that led to a move to Canada and a teaching fellowship for John at McMaster University from 1989-1991.

Acceptance of an offer from Concordia to teach organic chemistry and to develop the organic component of the chemistry degree program brought the Woollards to Edmonton in the summer of 1991. Held in highest esteem by the members of Concordia's Chemistry Department, John is described by them as a masterful chemistry lecturer and a wise and engaging colleague. John's colleagues note especially the Oxfordian tutorial influence as an important aspect of his teaching style. One-on-one mentorship and small group interaction feature prominently in John's senior-level organic chemistry classes in particular. Though classes that are purposely structured to allow for individual students to do different things means more work for John, he views this as a necessary part of a university's role in helping individuals make the transition from students into becoming colleagues upon their graduation. "No one else could have made me remotely interested in chemistry," one student commented.

John is a member of several professional societies, including the Canadian Institute for Chemistry (CIC), the International Society on Toxinology, and the Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation (CSCA). He is currently the faculty-elected member of Concordia's Board of Regents.

The National Anthem

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all thy sons command,
With glowing hearts we see thee rise,
The true north, strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada,
We stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee,
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

The Alma Mater

Far above Saskatchewan's waters,
With its waves of blue,
Stands our noble Alma Mater,
Glorious to view.

Lift the chorus, speed it onward
Loud her praises tell;
Hail to thee! Our Alma Mater,
Hail, Concordia, hail!

Common Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Concordia gratefully acknowledges Mr. Bert Van Essen
and Alberta Church Organs Ltd. for the loan of an Allen
Protégé C-3 organ.*

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