



*The Fifteenth
Graduation
Convocation*

*Saturday, May 11, 2002, 2:00pm
Northlands Agricom, Hall B
116 Avenue and 73 Street*

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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 and diplomas on members of the fifteenth graduating class.

This event concludes a year of new milestones and continued blessings in the development of our undergraduate degrees and our professional degree and diploma programs. We celebrate the achievements of this graduating class and give thanks as they join the growing number of Concordia alumni who are serving others with the academic and leadership skills they have attained.

Concordia's work in building leaders began in 1921, when the institution was founded by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to prepare young men for preaching and teaching ministries. 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 two-year bachelor of education degree, a bachelor of environmental health degree, an after-degree diploma in information systems security, a director of parish services program, and colloquy programs for the church, as well as extensive professional and continuing education programs. Concordia's Music offerings were expanded in 2002 when Alberta's Minister of Learning signed an order-in-council authorizing a four-year Bachelor of Arts in Music degree. Concordia High School continues to operate on the Highlands campus.

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. Concordia is owned and operated by Lutheran Church-Canada and governed by an elected Board of Regents. Our philosophy is best expressed in the Concordia 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

The **Academic Gown** 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.

The **Academic Cap** symbolizes the dignity and freedom of scholarship. The mortarboard (a square cap) represents a book. Tassel colors may vary according to the wearer's major area of study. Gold bullion tassels indicate doctor's degrees.

The **Academic Hood** varies both in size and color. The colors of the silk lining of the hood are the colors of the institution granting the degree. 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 science is gold, and for education is blue.

The **Gold Cord** indicates a degree earned with distinction or with high distinction.

The Order of the Processional

- Crucifer
- Candidates for Degrees and Diplomas
- Representatives of Universities, Colleges and Seminaries
- Board of Regents
- Faculty
- Officiants
- President

The Convocation Program

Processional	
Invocation	Rev. Dr. Garry L. Dombrosky
National Anthem	(page 17)
Welcome	Mr. Frank Kobie
Choir Anthem	<i>"Remember Thy Creator"</i> by Gordon and Larry Nickel
Introduction of Speaker	Mr. Frank Kobie
Convocation Address "Braving the New World"	The Honourable James S. Edwards, P.C.
Choir Anthem	<i>"Lo, God Is Here"</i> by Robin J. King
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Deborah R. Hemmerling Dr. Richard W. Kraemer Dr. Marco P. LoVerso Dr. Margaret M. McVea Dr. Neil W. Querengesser Dr. Richard A. Willie
Governor General Medallion	Dr. Richard W. Kraemer
Alma Mater	(page 17)
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The Presentation

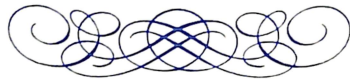
The Vice-President Academic presents the candidates with these words:

“Dr. Kraemer, I present the candidates for the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, and Bachelor of Education, and the candidates for the After-Degree Diploma in Environmental Health and in Information Systems Security. These candidates have fulfilled all requirements prescribed by the faculty and have been recommended as worthy of their respective degrees or diplomas.”

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 Science, or Bachelor of Education, or the After-Degree Diploma in Environmental Health or Information Systems Security. I invest you with all the powers, rights and privileges pertaining to the degree or diploma 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 (noted by * in the following pages): The notation “With Distinction” is inscribed on the permanent record of a candidate who obtains a grade point average between 7.50 and 8.49 in meeting the degree requirements of the program.

Degrees with High Distinction (noted by ** in the following pages): The notation “With High Distinction” is inscribed on the permanent record of a candidate who obtains a grade point average of 8.50 or higher in meeting the degree requirements of the program.

The Fifteenth Graduating Class

FACULTY OF ARTS

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Four-Year Degrees

	Major
* Allen, Jacquelyne Marie Edmonton AB	Psychology
Emmel, Tracey Lee Edmonton AB	Psychology
* Fontaine, Monica Regina Beaumont AB	Psychology
Foster, Jennifer Elizabeth St. Albert AB	Psychology
Gushuliak, Kara Dawn Sherwood Park AB	Psychology
* Heselton, Gabrielle Anne Edmonton AB	Psychology
* Huggatt, Tarra Rayné Edmonton AB	Psychology
Kutz, Susan Ruby Beaumont AB	Psychology
* Laycock, Peter William Lethbridge AB	Psychology
* Mackiw, Chandra Marie Edmonton AB	Psychology
Maharaj, Balraj Roshan Edmonton AB	English
Mair, Scott Anthony Gustav Edmonton AB	Psychology
** Murdoch, Lee Sherwood Park AB	Psychology
* Noormohamed, Zahara Hassanali Edmonton AB	Psychology
Schutta, Harleigh Tamara Edmonton AB	Psychology
* Steiger, Derek John Spruce Grove AB	Psychology
Warner, Sabrina Lee Edmonton AB	Psychology
Younglove, Damon Shayne Drumheller AB	Psychology

Three-Year Degrees

	Area of Concentration
Affolter, Aaron James Hans Edmonton AB	Sociology
* Allen, Monique Jacqueline Edmonton AB	Canadian Studies
Anderson, Natillie Margaret Whitecourt AB	Psychology
Anderson, Ryan Christian Edmonton AB	Religious Studies
Atkinson, Steven Lawrence St. Albert AB	Psychology
Baba, Zeina Edmonton AB	Sociology
Benjamin, Sean Jonathan Edmonton AB	Psychology
* Bennett, Amanda Sue Gibbons AB	Psychology
Borek, Katarzyna Elzbieta Edmonton AB	Sociology
* Brennan, Diane Marie Edmonton AB	English
Brennan, Nancy Marie Edmonton AB	Sociology
Cabral, Mario Steven Edmonton AB	Sociology
Campbell, Chantelle Nicole Beatrice Edmonton AB	English
Capozzi, Lina Diana Edmonton AB	Sociology
Carter, Kristen Joanne St. Albert AB	Psychology
Case, Katherine Marlene Busby AB	Music
Cicha, Malgorzata Gosia Teresa Lodz, Poland	Psychology
Clark, Alan Gilmore Sherwood Park AB	Music

Three-Year Degrees — Arts

Cramton, Amber Jacqueline Edmonton AB
 Cunningham, Gillian Alexandra Edmonton AB
 Dale, James Malcolm Edmonton AB
 Danforth, Erin Lea Edmonton AB
 Davidson, Jill Elizabeth Edmonton AB
 Derochie, Jennifer Joyce Edmonton AB
 Dhariwal, Tajinder Singh Edmonton AB
 Dixon, John Edward Samuel Ardrossan AB
 Domanico, Natasha Olga Edmonton AB
 Dys, Kimberley Joan Edmonton AB
 Eberhardt, Terra Lynn Vegreville AB
 Eggert, Rose Catherine Sherwood Park AB
 Estephan, Joseph Caesar Edmonton AB
 * Falls, Lynn Frances Alcomdale AB
 Ferguson, Jessica Lynn Edmonton AB
 Fischer, Alissa May Sherwood Park AB
 Fritsche, Erin Denise Winnipeg MB
 Frost, Scott Alexander Joseph Devon AB
 Gamboa, Oscar Pinheiro Edmonton AB
 Golding, Melanie Lynn Wainwright AB
 Griffith, Kirsten Rae St. Albert AB
 Hamar, Stacy Leah Lac La Biche AB
 Hanson, Daniel Walter Elk Point AB
 Hanson, Marlo Jean Inuvik NT
 Harrison, Paul Keith Edmonton AB
 Hart, Devon Rae Sherwood Park AB
 Helvert, Carmen Bernadette Edmonton AB
 Henderson, Susan Carol Edmonton AB
 Hoffman, Sarah Marjorie Edmonton AB
 Hojeij, Alli Kano, Nigeria
 Hsu, Ko Hsin Lisa Vancouver BC
 Hughes, Amy Suzanne Sherwood Park AB
 Hughes, Jessie Dawn Edmonton AB
 Jackson, Laura Elizabeth Edmonton AB
 Jalal, Samir Edmonton AB
 Jenvey, Leah Christina Langley BC
 * Johanson, Kara Dawn Sherwood Park AB
 Johnston, Alicia Lenora Sherwood Park AB
 Kallis, Celeste April Whitecourt AB
 Kato, Kristin Marilyn Edmonton AB
 Kerr, Carla Marie Edmonton AB
 Kerr, Kendra Anne Vegreville AB
 Klassen, Jonathan Francis Edmonton AB
 Klein, Timothy Andrew Edmonton AB
 Kleinmann, Rebecca Kim Bonnyville AB
 Knauft, Kimberly Rosanne Stony Plain AB

Area of Concentration

Sociology
 Religious Studies/History
 Psychology
 Music
 Sociology
 History
 Psychology
 Music
 Sociology
 Sociology
 Sociology
 English
 Sociology
 Psychology
 History
 Psychology
 Music
 Sociology
 Psychology
 English
 Psychology
 Political Economy
 English
 Political Economy
 Psychology
 History
 French
 Religious Studies
 Philosophy
 Psychology
 Psychology
 French
 Psychology
 Religious Studies
 English
 Psychology/Sociology
 English
 Psychology
 French
 Sociology
 Canadian Studies
 English
 Religious Studies
 French
 Psychology

Three-Year Degrees — Arts

* Krampol, Lothar Alexander Edmonton AB
 Lam, Woonson Christopher Edmonton AB
 Lawrence, Stacey Joan Cobourg ON
 Locke, Tate Nevis Wetaskiwin AB
 * Lougheed, Jennifer Allison Duncan BC
 MacPherson, Jennifer Mary Sherwood Park AB
 Markine, Sheri Marie Camrose AB
 Mazoleski, Lisa Joy Edmonton AB
 McDonald, Lindsey Amanda Edmonton AB
 * McGurk, Richard Karl Edmonton AB
 McKinnon, Kerri Christine Edmonton AB
 * McMaster, June Marie Fort Saskatchewan AB
 McMorrow, Jennifer Bernadette Busby AB
 Medeiros, Frank Soares Edmonton AB
 Mehl, Pamela Gail Spruce Grove AB
 Melnyk, Stephanie Jean High Prairie AB
 Messner, Darryl John Edmonton AB
 Mitchell, Christina May Edmonton AB
 * Mitzner, Diana Cynthia Medicine Hat AB
 Morin, Amanda Rose St. Albert AB
 Morin, Melody Elizabeth Edmonton AB
 Murphy, Melanie Sheila Yellowknife NT
 * Murphy, Nicole Lynne Lac La Biche AB
 * Nachtigall, Amy Virginia Edmonton AB
 Ng, Jennifer Wing-Cee Edmonton AB
 Nobre, Sara Bruno St. Albert AB
 * Nordine, Uriah Bryan Joseph Kelowna BC
 Nuspl, Michelle Charlaime Edmonton AB
 Pape, Shelly Joy Hudson Bay SK
 Pappas, Maria Edmonton AB
 * Pawliuk, Karen Marilee Sherwood Park AB
 Platzer, Lindsay Kathleen Edmonton AB
 Pope, Cynthia Lynne St. Albert AB
 Provenzano, Stefanie Edmonton AB
 Quigley, Laura Flynn St. Albert AB
 Quong, Christine Anne Edmonton AB
 Raimundo, Jennifer Leanne Edmonton AB
 Renn, David Michel Edmonton AB
 Ribeiro, Marisol Dias Edmonton AB
 Richman, Knighten Drayton Valley AB
 Rindero, Sara-Jane Marguerite St. Albert AB
 Robbins, Bonnie Lynne Edmonton AB
 Robinson, Sullivan Abboto Edmonton AB
 Runzer, Troy Richard Edmonton AB
 Saddleback, Lloyd Lorne Edmonton AB
 Schimpf, Shannon Lee Edmonton AB

Area of Concentration

History
 Philosophy
 English
 Sociology
 History
 Psychology
 History
 Music
 Sociology
 Religious Studies
 English
 English
 English
 Sociology
 History
 Music
 English
 Sociology
 Religious Studies
 Psychology
 Psychology
 Sociology
 Music
 Religious Studies
 Psychology
 English
 Music
 English
 Religious Studies
 History
 Psychology
 Sociology
 Psychology
 Sociology
 History
 Sociology
 Sociology
 Psychology
 French
 Psychology
 Psychology
 English
 Sociology
 English
 Psychology
 English



Three-Year Degrees — Arts

- Schmutz, Roxanne Nicole Edmonton AB
- * Schultz, Jason Robert Moose Jaw SK
- Schultz, Monica Annette Calgary AB
- Shelley, Krista Dawn Yarmouth NS
- Shewfelt, Daniela Stony Plain AB
- Sieben, Robin Kelly Sherwood Park AB
- Singh, Rasandeep Kaur Grande Prairie AB
- Smith, Angie Lee Edmonton AB
- Smyth, Kelsey Sharon Edmonton AB
- Snider, Meghan Joy Beaumont AB
- Souray, Shannon Shiloh Edmonton AB
- Stewart, Mandelle Marie Edmonton AB
- Stiver, Yvonne Donna St. Albert AB
- Stoter, Susan Joan Edmonton AB
- Taylor, Ceri Amanda Hinton AB
- Tran, Hoang Chan Edmonton AB
- Tymkow, Jennifer Lynn Edmonton AB
- Utri, Leia Louise Spruce Grove AB
- Valleau, Jeremiah Patrick St. Albert AB
- van Gunst, Eleanor Gail Edmonton AB
- * van Merkom, Helena Louise Edmonton AB
- Vansteenburg, Tammy Marie Fort Saskatchewan AB
- Venketraman, Christina Marie Edmonton AB
- Wemyss, Ian Reino James Quesnel BC
- Wilson, Douglas Alexander Moose Jaw SK
- Wingrave, Séan Francis Edmonton AB
- Yakemchuk, Lindsay Dawn Fort Saskatchewan AB
- * Zenko, John Patrick Edmonton AB

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Four-Year Degrees

- Gysbers, Jeannette Denise Vancouver BC
- Jacobsen, Stephen Michael Drumheller AB
- * Kube, Sarah Michelle Surrey BC
- Kuncewicz, Sylvia Maria Edmonton AB

Three-Year Degrees

- Agpaoa, Marivic Soriano Edmonton AB
- Antoniuk, Roslynn Rae Edmonton AB
- Arabi, Fala Kassem Edmonton AB
- Arlia, Jimmy Edmonton AB
- Beck, Catherine Anne Wainwright AB

Area of Concentration

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Religious Studies
- Sociology
- Sociology
- Canadian Studies
- Sociology
- History
- English/History
- Sociology
- English
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Sociology
- History
- Psychology
- History
- Psychology/Sociology
- Psychology
- Psychology/Sociology
- Sociology
- Psychology
- English
- Religious Studies
- English
- Political Economy
- Sociology

Major

- Environmental Science
- Environmental Science
- Chemistry
- Biology

Area of Concentration

- Mathematics
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Biology

Three-Year Degrees — Science

- Cabrera, Julio Sebastian Edmonton AB
- Casper, James Emsly Richardson St. Albert AB
- Daren, Shauna Marie Edmonton AB
- Darrah, Jennifer Lee Edmonton AB
- Duncan, Kyra Iris St. Albert AB
- Finnan, Brendan Patrick Edmonton AB
- Goin, Wade Ashley Millet AB
- Hamilton, Matthew John Camrose AB
- Markine, Scott Kristian Camrose AB
- * Mensch, Frederick Julian Edmonton AB
- Plante, Kristopher David Edmonton AB
- Roberts, Chad Roy Carvel AB
- Saran, Mandeep Edmonton AB
- * Schaff, Kendra Dawn Rimbey AB
- Seutter, Melissa Kristen Edmonton AB
- Sinn, Brian Albert Edmonton AB
- Toal, Tara Therese Edmonton AB
- Tuson, Robin Michelle Edmonton AB
- Wyllie, Sarah Lee-Ann Sherwood Park AB

Area of Concentration

- Chemistry
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Biology
- Biology
- Mathematics
- Biology
- Mathematics
- Mathematics
- Chemistry
- Chemistry
- Environmental Science
- Chemistry
- Biology
- Mathematics
- Biology
- Environmental Science

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

- * Adams, Leah Patricia Edmonton AB
- * Bangel, Karen Rachel Edmonton AB
- * Barnes, Rosemarie St. Albert AB
- * Bergevin, Diane Carol Edmonton AB
- * Bradley, Danyn Joelle Sherwood Park AB
- * Bricker, Paul William Ralph Killam AB
- * Bruinsma, Stacy Jean Edmonton AB
- Buchholtz, Anita Carmen Peace River AB
- Burke, Padraic Michael Gleichen AB
- Carruthers, Stacey Lee Sherwood Park AB
- Chromik, Denise Rae Edberg AB
- Coumont, Rob Douglas Spruce Grove AB
- Cox, Jerad Aaron Edmonton AB
- * Derksen, Linda Anne Edmonton AB
- * Ducommun, Michelle Lee Edmonton AB
- Eberhardt, Trina Nadine Vegreville AB
- Findlay, Colleen Bonnie St. Albert AB
- * Franko, Tamara Dawn Edmonton AB
- Froese, Kimberly Alison Sherwood Park AB
- * Gauthier, Lisa Michelle St. Albert AB
- * Goebel, Kimberly Danielle Leduc AB

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Bachelor of Education

Goodale, Michelle Lane	Edmonton AB
* Harmon, Nikki Gayle	Cold Lake AB
Harrison, Coreen Dawn	Barrhead AB
* Harychan, Carissa Antoinette	Edmonton AB
Heidt, Leanne Gail	Eckville AB
* Holt, Faye Kirstie	Edmonton AB
** Horrocks-Elkow, Kathryn Joanne	Edmonton AB
* Jalbert, Tammy Lynn	New Sarepta AB
James, Juan-Marie Andrea	Kitchener ON
Jancewicz, Daniel Sebastian	Edmonton AB
Jensen, Dana Lynne	Edmonton AB
Johnson, Gordon Bret	Sherwood Park AB
Kenyon, Trent Lyle	Barrhead AB
Kinsella, Jennifer Lynn	St. Albert AB
Kronwald, Cary	Dalkeith ON
* Kshyk, Clarice Dena	Edmonton AB
* Lange, Nadine Michelle	Leduc AB
Layton, Christopher West	Edmonton AB
Lobb, Richard Charles	Edmonton AB
MacLure, Penny Tenille	Wainwright AB
** Matheson, Kerri Lynn	Sherwood Park AB
Maychak, Marilyn Gail	Edmonton AB
Moberg, Larry Leonard	Innisfail AB
* O'Brien, Cheryl Deann	Dominion, Cape Breton NS
* Ociepka, Christine Ruth	Surrey BC
Reid, Meghan Lauren	Paradise Valley AB
* Reid, Tanya Dawn	New Glasgow NS
* Romaniuk, Patricia Ann	Edmonton AB
Rosselli, Antonio	Edmonton AB
* Rowe, Roberta Lynne	Sherwood Park AB
* Runzer, Troy Richard	Edmonton AB
* Schuelke, Lara Karen Nicole	Calgary AB
Simkin, Jillian Irene	Consort AB
Sinnen, Myron Reza	Coquitlam BC
Soldan, Tracy Lynn	Vegreville AB
* Timm, Heather Sophie	Edmonton AB
Weiss, Pamela Christine	Westlock AB
Wilson, Erin Lindsay Scott	Edmonton AB
* Woodrow, Joanna Beth	Edmonton AB
Yaremchuk, Sherri Anne	Edmonton AB
Ziprick, Hal Jason	Vegreville AB

FACULTY OF PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION**AFTER-DEGREE DIPLOMA IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

Denault, Pierre Gerard	Pembroke ON
Dharampaul, Subhendra Santoshan	Edmonton AB
Eskow, Carla Andrea	Edmonton AB
Fraser, Candace April	Edmonton AB
Hoffman, Sarah Jennifer	Edmonton AB
Hsu, Nga Ki Stephaine	Hong Kong
Komlenovic, Janja	Vares, Bosnia
McDaniel, Sharon Frances	Edmonton AB
Nanji, Zaheen Badur	Edmonton AB
Phan, Phi Huu	Edmonton AB
Rarog, Tatjana	Yellowknife NT
Rispler, Kathleen Anne	Edmonton AB
Sidhu, Sandeep Susan	Trail BC
Sihota, Simon Singh	Edmonton AB
Thepsouvanh, Tony Anored	Lethbridge AB
Watters, Douglas John	Edmonton AB

AFTER-DEGREE DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS SECURITY

Collicutt, Curtis Alexander	Edmonton AB
Gienow, Shane William	Edmonton AB
Gray, Thomas Lucas	Warburg AB
Mamos, Jakub	Edmonton AB
Melissaratos, Kahila Eugenia Agathangelos	Edmonton AB
Sustrik, Ian Alexander	Edmonton AB



*The Participants***Marshals**

Dr. Deborah R. Hemmerling
 Dr. Robert J. Jerrard
 Dr. Neil W. Querengesser
 Rev. Wayne J.H. Stuhlmiller

Crucifer

Jason Schultz

Officiants

Dr. Deborah R. Hemmerling, Assistant Professor of Biology and Environmental Science
 Mr. Frank Kobie, Chair, Board of Regents
 Dr. Richard W. Kraemer, President
 Dr. Marco P. LoVerso, Dean of Arts and Science (Acting)
 Dr. Margaret M. McVea, Dean of Education (Acting)
 Dr. Neil W. Querengesser, Professor of English
 Dr. Richard A. Willie, Vice-President Academic

Convocation Speaker

The Honourable James S. Edwards, P.C.
 Chair, Board of Governors, University of Alberta

Governor General's Academic Medal Recipient

Lee Murdoch

Special Awards

Christo et Ecclesiae Award Rev. Dr. Harold E. Ruf, Edmonton, AB
 Distinguished Service Award The Concordia Guild
 Distinguished Alumni Award Melvin G. Johnston, Ottawa ON

Concordia Concert Choir

Dr. W. John Hooper III, Director

Organist

Martha Feculak

Brassterisk*

Pat Huck, French Horn
 Mike Roberts, Trumpet
 Jean Runyon, Trumpet
 Peter Stevenson, Trombone
 Roman Wasarab, Tuba

The Convocation Speaker

The Honourable Jim Edwards has had a lifetime of public service. He was appointed Chair of the Board of Governors of the University of Alberta on March 20, 2002, following a highly successful four years as President and CEO of Economic Development Edmonton. EDE is the economic development and tourism corporation responsible for the Greater Edmonton Competitiveness Strategy, a collaborative effort among the region's 22 municipalities to develop the eight industry clusters in which Greater Edmonton has a continental or global competitive advantage. EDE also operates the Shaw Conference Centre and the Edmonton Research Park.

Born in Edmonton in 1936, Jim Edwards is a third-generation Edmontonian. A graduate in History from the University of Alberta, he had a 29-year career in broadcasting, rising to General Manager of CFRN Radio before entering the House of Commons as MP for Edmonton South in 1984. During his nine years in Parliament, Mr. Edwards served as Parliamentary Secretary to five ministers, chaired six standing committees, and was Co-Chair of the Special Joint Committee on the Constitutional Amendment Process. He was a candidate for the leadership of the national Progressive Conservative Party in 1993, and was appointed President of the Treasury Board that same year.

From 1994 to 1997, Mr. Edwards was in India as Vice-President of East-West Financial Services Ltd., developing a life insurance company. He has passed active management of EWI to his associates.

Jim Edwards has served as director or chairman of over two dozen community, cultural, church, and business organizations. Last year he was named the Charles Allard Chair in Business by Grant MacEwan College. He was awarded an Honourary Diploma in Business Development by NAIT in 2000, and a Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International in 2002.

Jim Edwards is no stranger to Concordia. Three members of his family have studied here, including his son, John, who is currently enrolled. In 2000, as President of EDE, he supported Concordia's work at Expo 2000 in Hannover, Germany.



The Christo et Ecclesiae Award

Harold E. (Harry) Ruf was born on October 12, 1934 in Stornoway, Saskatchewan, where he received his elementary and junior high education. In 1950 he enrolled at Concordia College for high school matriculation and junior college education, which he completed in 1955. Called to the holy ministry, he graduated from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri in 1960.

Harry's service in parish ministry began with a vicarage year in 1958-59 at Zion/Immanuel congregations in Cloverdale, BC. He then moved to a three-point mission in Quesnel, Williams Lake, and One Hundred Mile House, BC. During the five years he was there (1960-65), he established religious study classes at various sawmills in the bush country, organized Williams Lake and Quesnel as congregations and built new churches in both towns, while One Hundred Mile House remained a preaching point. In 1965 Harry accepted a call to the Moosomin/Broadview parish in eastern Saskatchewan, and followed this with a move to Grace Lutheran congregation in Regina, which he pastored from 1967-1978. Harry's last years in the parish were served at Hope Lutheran in Port Coquitlam from 1978-1986, where a new church was built in 1980.

In 1986 Harry moved into full-time administration in the Alberta-British Columbia District as Executive Assistant-Mission Services. In 1988 he was elected District President, and retired from that position in June, 2000. During his years in ministry, Harry served the broader church in various capacities – circuit counsellor, mission planning, campus ministry, pastoral advisor, board member, and fundraiser. At the synodical level, he served on the Board of Directors for Lutheran Church-Canada from 1984-1988 and on the Board for Directors for Canadian Lutheran World Relief from 1986-1996. He was a member of Concordia's Board of Regents from 1978-2000.

Harry is married to Ruth (nee Kroll); they have two children, Brenda (Gary Horton) and Mark (Michelle), and four grandchildren. Harry and Ruth live in retirement in Edmonton.

The Distinguished Service Award

The Concordia Guild has demonstrated a spirit of service to the Concordia community since the founding of the institution in 1921, and the caring attention of its members is evident throughout the campus. The Guild is part of what has always made Concordia more than an institution of learning – it is a community, a family, and the Guild has played an important role in creating this atmosphere on campus.

For over 80 years, the Concordia Guild, with strong leadership through presidents such as Hilda Schoepp, Hertha Klann, and Sylvia Klarenbach, has demonstrated a commitment to meeting the needs of students in both the university and the high school, enhancing the appearance and facilities of the campus, promoting Concordia throughout Lutheran Church-Canada, and providing financial support. To students living in residence, the ladies of the Guild have added a touch of mothering away from home, providing everything from laundry service to birthday cakes. The Guild has beautified the university campus with plants and decorations, and has contributed to the music program by providing funds for the purchase of musical instruments. Concordia has also been blessed by the Guild's positive promotion of the institution within the Church, enlisting the help of Lutheran women from across Canada to unite congregations in the celebration of special events such as "Shower Day," when friends of Concordia would gather to shower the College with gifts – a tradition that was carried on for over thirty years. The Guild has also established scholarships for students at the university and the high school.

The Guild's dedication to the Concordia community was recognized with the naming of Guild Hall on April 19, 1959, which stands today as a symbol of all they have contributed.

The Concordia Guild has been a force for good at Concordia from its beginnings, and it has built a legacy of loving service to our community. The Distinguished Service Award is a tribute to the spirit, style, and dedication that the Guild has come to represent in following Christ's example of ministry through service. The award is accepted on behalf of the Guild by its President, Sylvia Klarenbach.



The Distinguished Alumni Award

Melvin G. (Mel) Johnston was born on July 15, 1933 to Albert and Margaret Johnston, farmers in the Wilkie/Leipzig district of Saskatchewan. The eldest of five children, Mel was baptized in St. Johns Lutheran Church in Leipzig in August, 1933 and confirmed in Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Edmonton in 1949.

Mel attended school from 1939-1948 at Bellview Plains Public School in Wilkie. In the fall of 1948, he enrolled at Concordia College and received his high school diploma in July of 1952. At Concordia, Mel was active in extra-curricular activities such as student and dormitory council, Aurora, Yearbook, and the canteen.

In May 1952, Mel made a career decision to join the RCMP. He was engaged in the Force in 1952 and graduated from the Police Academy in Regina in 1953. He served until 1980, retiring with the rank of Staff/Sergeant. During his career, he was awarded the "Long Service and Good Conduct Medal" and the "Bronze Clasp." He was stationed in various areas of Ontario, involved in enforcement of criminal and security matters. From 1980 to 1983 he was President and General Manager of a major condominium corporation. In 1983 he was called to bring forth his previous experience to the new Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) and retired from there in 1994, after 39 years of service for the Canadian Federal Government.

Mel was married in 1957, and from this former marriage two children were born, a son, David, and a daughter, Cheryl. Mel's present wife, Monique, has three children, and they now have an extended family of five children and eight grandchildren. Both he and his wife are members and supporters of Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Ottawa.

Besides church activities, Mel is a member of the RCMP Veterans Association and CSIS Pillar Society. He also enjoys reading, cooking, and fishing with the grandchildren.

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!

The Concordia Hymn

Concordia, thank God for thee;
Your witness strong and true
To burdened souls has brought release
Thro' God's great love, His pow'r and peace
In the Cross of Christ, His only Son.

Concordia, we sing to thee,
College of Christ our Lord;
We stand as one beneath the Word,
And will not rest till all have heard
That Christ, the promised Lord, has come.

Arise and build, Concordia!
God speed thee to thy task,
To lift the Cross into the sky,
That all may live and need not die;
O Lord, help us thy love to share.

For wisdom, strength and pow'r of mind
We thank their Source, our God.
Praise to the Father and the Son
And to the Spirit, Three in One,
From all who fear and love the Lord.

The Concordia Hymn was composed by Professor Emeritus Gordon Hafso. The words for stanzas 1-3 were adapted by Professor Hafso with the permission of Marge Wold, who provided the lyrics. Stanza 4, a doxology, was written in 1992 by Dr. Ronald W. Jones, former Vice-President Student Services.

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