

# CONCORDIA ACADEMY beams

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10 YEARS OF SERVING THROUGH VISION4LIFE

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

# HIGH CLARITY

It may surprise some to learn that I used to coach multiple sports both at CA and in my community's rec program. I was never a great coach but, for a time, I wanted to be. I read the books and attended my fair share of coaching clinics. Although I don't remember much from those books or clinics, there is one phrase that did stick with me: **"High clarity = high performance, Low clarity = low performance."** This may have stuck with me because I found it to be true not only in athletics but in all of life. Those with a clear sense of who they are and what they want, be it in sports or life in general, are usually high performers. Conversely, those who don't know who they are or what they really want are usually low performers.

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It could be easily argued that the mission of Concordia Academy is to instill in our students high clarity. High clarity as to who they really are as the beloved sons

and daughters of God. High clarity about their calling to impact this world with the unique gifts and opportunities they each have. High clarity regarding the hope, peace, and joy that is theirs in Christ, no matter what this world may throw at them. It is high clarity in these things that ultimately and truly results in high performance in life. Solomon says something similar when he writes, **"without a vision people perish, but blessed is he who knows and keeps the revelation of God" (Proverbs 29:18).**

This issue of *The Beams* highlights ways in which CA seeks to instill high clarity. This includes our Vision4Life program (the focus of our cover story), new Emerging Artists Curriculum (see pg. 15), and numerous other opportunities highlighted in our "Year In Review" and "Student Spotlight," including STEM, athletics, theology, and academics.

Of course, these pages also contain lots of pictures and smaller articles about life in general at CA during the last school year. It is perhaps in these little things—in the doing of life together as the family of God—that the greatest clarifying happens.



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# 2016

The 2016-2017 school year at CA was filled with

**LEARNING  
GROWTH  
AWARDS  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS  
LAUGHTER  
SERVICE  
MINISTRY**  
and  
**SO MUCH MORE**

Take a look **back** at a **year** of many blessings.

## YEAR review



### ASTRONAUT LANDS AT CA

**AUGUST 11** CA was thrilled to host the Minnesota Independent School Forum (MISF) STEM Education Conference. While hundreds of teachers from around the state were attending workshops, our principal, Rev. Dr. Timothy Berner, got to spend some time with astronaut Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper, a speaker at the event. Selected as an astronaut by NASA, she is a veteran of space flights on the space shuttle Atlantis in 2006 and the space shuttle Endeavour in 2008.

### SEEKING GUIDANCE

**AUGUST 26** CA was sad to say goodbye to Stephanie Lundorff (top right) after 13 years as teacher and guidance counselor. The next week, Kelly Mack (bottom right), a CA English teacher since 2005, was announced as CA's new Director of Academics and Guidance.



# YEAR« review



## THANKSGIVING FOR SERVICE

**OCTOBER 5** At their faculty meeting, CA staff said goodbye to friend and colleague Paul Neuman and prayed over him as he prepared for a new job opportunity. Paul faithfully served in CA's maintenance department for 10 Years.

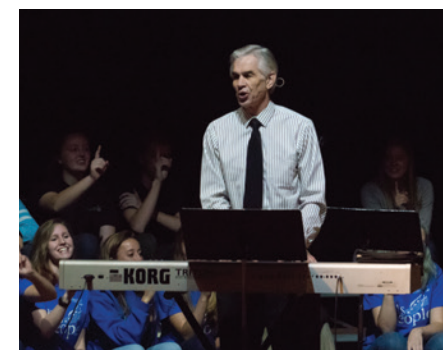


## #BEACONONASTICK

**AUGUST 25 - SEPTEMBER 5** During the Great Minnesota Get Together, CA students, alumni, parents, friends, and supporters showed their Beacon Pride by posting Minnesota State Fair photos on social media with the #beacononastick hashtag.

## OUT IN NATURE, CLOSER TO GOD

**OCTOBER 10** The Class of 2017 traveled to the Heartwood Conference & Retreat Center in Wisconsin for their Senior Retreat. Kayaking, sports, games, campfires, bonding, and worship were part of an incredible weekend of growing closer to one another and the Lord.



## GRANDPARENTS FILL OUR HEARTS AND BUILDING

**OCTOBER 10** CA was honored to welcome 200 grandparents into our building for Grandparents Day. They spent time worshipping with, praying over, and eating with their grandchildren. In addition, the grandparents enjoyed a special concert, a presentation about CA's Innovation Lab, a mini-tour of the building, and time to catch up with old friends. The smiles, hugs, and proud looks that filled the building helped make this one of the best days of the year!

## IN A BEACON STATE OF MIND FOR HOMECOMING

**SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 1** Whether it was special assemblies, a bonfire, dress up days, an elementary dodgeball tournament, a carnival, football, soccer, volleyball, or cross country, Beacons old and new were in a "Beacon State of Mind" for Homecoming 2016.



## PASTORS MAKE AN IMPACT

**NOVEMBER 3** At our annual Pastor Appreciation Day, students talked about the impact of pastors on their lives and prayed for them. After chapel, the pastors gathered for a meal and fellowship.



## MN VIKING ZACH LINE SEES GREEN

**OCTOBER 11** Beacon football players (including members of our BEAMS 7th and 8th grade team) welcomed a very special guest. Minnesota Viking Zach Line spent time with players and coaches, giving them a practice that was no doubt one of the highlights of their year!

## RAISING \$35,000 IS A LAUGHING MATTER

**OCTOBER 28** Our Comedy Cabaret was filled with laughter, music, and fun, raising over \$35,000 to support student scholarships at CA. Bob Stromberg, the co-author and an original star of the megahit theatrical comedy *Triple Espresso* (A Highly Caffeinated Comedy), was our featured guest. Musical entertainment was provided by Fools of Romance, featuring Dean & Jyl Dunavan, Todd & Kellie Stocker, Scott Stebbing, Dale Bjorkman & Beth Kothe, and Nate Sabin. Get more information about this year's Comedy Cabaret on October 28, featuring ComedySportz, at [ConcordiaAcademy.com/comedy](http://ConcordiaAcademy.com/comedy).



## ASSISTANT COACH OF THE YEAR

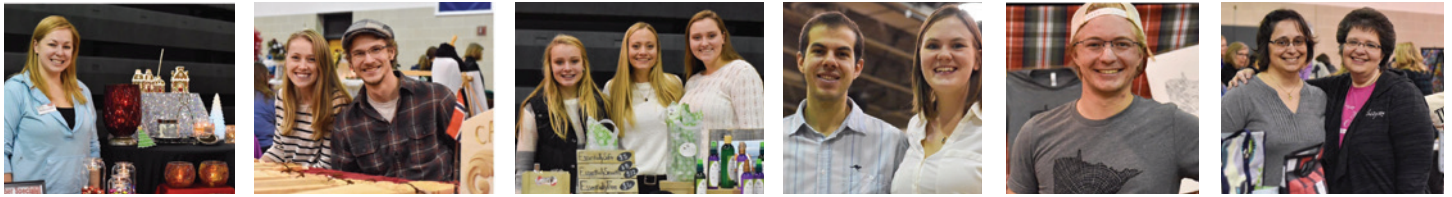
**NOVEMBER 9** Coach Mike Aumann was named Assistant Coach of the Year by the Minnesota Basketball Coaches Association. He has given 14 years of service to Beacons Boys Basketball.



## BEACONS VOLLEYBALL IS SECOND IN STATE FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

**NOVEMBER 10 - 12** For the second year in a row, the Concordia Academy Beacons finished the 2016 MN State Volleyball Tournament as second in state, wrapping up an amazing weekend of volleyball at the Xcel Energy Center! Congratulations to the Beacons on an outstanding season that filled us all with amazing amounts of Beacon Pride! Special congratulations to Erin Fallert ('17), Anika Neuman ('17) & Brooke Weichbrodt ('21), CA players who were named to the All-Tournament Team!





## CHRISTMAS COMES EARLY AT HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

**NOVEMBER 12** CA's First Holiday Craft Fair was a huge success! Our gym was packed with crafters, vendors, food, handmade candies, prize drawings, student ambassadors, and so much fun. Over 800 people came through our building, many of them alumni (including the vendors

pictured above)! Planners Kelsey Cocchiarella ('07), Mary Kramer, and Pam Kloetzke, are already hard at work on the 2017 CA Holiday Craft Fair, scheduled for November 11. Visit [ConcordiaAcademy.com/craftfair](http://ConcordiaAcademy.com/craftfair) for details.



## CHOIRS HIT THE ROAD FOR HOLIDAYS



**DECEMBER 9** CA's "His People" choir performed at the Annual Holiday Brunch at the Governor's Residence, and even got a picture with Gov. Mark Dayton.

**DECEMBER 21** Final Exams for Concert Choir took place at the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis.

## FACULTY GETS FROZEN

**DECEMBER 9** CA faculty and staff joined in the Mannequin Challenge craze, with a hysterical video that shows them motionless at a faculty meeting. Groups of students joined in with their own videos. View the faculty video and some of the best student videos at [youtube.com/concordiabeacons](http://youtube.com/concordiabeacons).



## FALL PLAY SOARS

**NOVEMBER 18-20** CA's fall play was *The Birds*, a Greek classic written by Aristophanes in 414 B.C. (and arranged for the stage by Walter Kerr).



## 1000 STUDENTS CELEBRATE NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK AT CA

**JANUARY 23** Over 1000 students from 10 area Lutheran elementary schools spent the day with CA students and teachers to celebrate the gift of Lutheran Schools at our annual National Lutheran Schools Week Celebration. The event included worship, mini-classes, service projects, and lots of fun.



## FINE ARTS HONORS

**JANUARY 27** Select fine arts students participated in the Tri-Metro Fine Arts Festival, which included art workshops, an honors choir (directed by Dr. David Mennicke of Concordia University, St. Paul) and an honors orchestra. Students from CA's Chorale were also asked to participate with Dr. Jeffrey Burkart in a worldwide video broadcast of the National Lutheran Schools Week Sing-Along.

## SNODAZE IS SNO FUN

**FEBRUARY 6-11** SnoDaze week included a medallion hunt, special assemblies, and SnoBall Dance. Theme dress-up days were also a big hit, including "Hero Day," where a group of students dressed up like Mr. Rick Kuhlman. Not a bad choice for a hero!



## ACTIVE RECESS OUTREACH

**FEBRUARY 9** Thanks to a grant from the SHIP (Statewide Health Improvement Partnership) program, Central Park Elementary School started an active recess program. After receiving training, six CA students spent their 6th block at Central Park helping the students be active.



## DRAMA GOES INTO THE WOODS

**MARCH 10 - 12** CA's theatre department brought to life Stephen Sondheim's and James Lapine's beloved Broadway musical *Into the Woods*. Interweaving numerous fairy tales, the musical played to packed houses and featured fantastic performances, beautiful costumes, and a breathtaking set. It was directed by Mrs. Sara Kampf Neel.



## MARTIN DICKE RETURNS

**MARCH 8** Dr. Martin Dicke, who was the CA choir director for 15 years, stopped by CA the night before flying to Papua New Guinea with his wife, Marie, to serve as a missionary for the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Current choir director Mrs. Rebecca Fritz asked him to meet with her choirs to talk about his missionary work. He shared a few CA memories, too!



## THE SHOW MUST GO ON

**MARCH 8** A power outage at CA didn't stop a tech rehearsal for *Into the Woods*, the spring musical. Strategically-placed car headlights helped the show go on through the windows in the Becken Conservatory (formerly known as the ITC)!

# YEAR in review

## SPRING BREAK & STATE SCIENCE

**MARCH 25-27** During spring break, senior CA STEM<sub>2</sub> students Cherie Huang, Maggie Lu, and Maggie Wang all presented projects at the Minnesota State Science Fair.



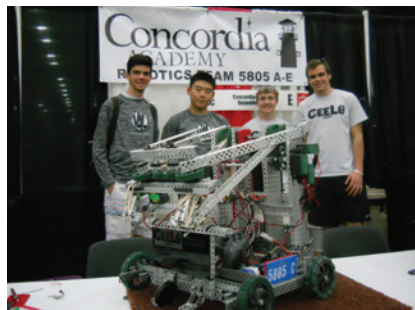
## CHOIR'S CLOSE ENCOUNTER

**MARCH 17-22** CA's spring choir tour to Atlanta was filled with plenty of highlights, including numerous concerts, opportunities for ministry, and lots of bonding time on the busses. However, one definite highlight was visiting a life-size ark at The Ark Encounter in Kentucky.



## WEIGHTLIFTING CHAMPIONS

**MARCH 14** Beacon athletes won the Tri-Metro Weightlifting Championship for the sixth year in a row. This is the ninth year of the annual competition, with CA winning seven of those years. We are proud of our Beacon Strength program and our high level of participation, with 50 CA women and men competing.



## ROBOTICS WORLDS

**APRIL 19-22** CA's "Team CeeLo" robotics students advanced from the Minnesota State VEX Robotics Tournament to the World Tournament in Louisville, KY, placing them in the top 500 (out of 10,000) teams in the world.

## BEREAN ORDER FINALS

**MAY 9** Ten Berean Order finalists competed in the culmination of our annual Biblical knowledge competition, which was broadcast via Facebook Live. Special congratulations to Cherie Huang, the winner for the second year in a row!



## THE WORLDS MOST DANGEROUS AUCTION SMASHES ATTENDANCE, FUNDRAISING RECORDS

**APRIL 8** A record-breaking 310 attendees raised more than \$83,000 for CA (another record) at The World's Most Dangerous Auction. Evening highlights included live and silent auctions, great food, the now-infamous "Dessert Dash," games, and entertainment by The Danger Committee, an incredible combination of juggling, knife throwing, thrills and hilarious comedy, featuring CA alumnus Jason LeMay ('86). Next year's auction is April 14.



### CAVENGERS ASSEMBLE

**MAY 23** CA students eagerly await the final chapel of the year, anxious to see what "masterpiece" the faculty has put together. This year's "CAvengers" film did not disappoint. You can marvel at it yourself on our YouTube page: <http://youtube.com/concordiabeacons>.

### CLASS OF 2017 BECOMES ALUMNI

**MAY 26** We said a fond farewell to the Class of 2017 at the commencement service, held at North Heights Lutheran Church in Arden Hills. Mr. Bob Wolf, CA's football coach and physical education and theology instructor, was the faculty speaker.



### SPRING SPORTS SUCCESS

**JUNE 1** After making it to State in 2016, Beacon softball made it to the conference finals, wrapping up a successful season with second place in the conference. Track and Field also had a great season finish, including athletes qualifying for the state tournament. Read about those accomplishments on pg. 17.

Since 2007, CA students have traveled over 4000 miles, completing more than 14,000 hours of service for dozens of organizations. In ten years, Vision4Life has become much more than an annual service event. It has emerged as a cornerstone of Beacon culture, impacting students and staff almost as much as those who are being served.

Below, CA faculty, students, alumni, and friends remember how Vision4Life began, where the program has gone, and how God has been at the center of it all.

# VISION4LIFE

## an oral history

by Chris Roth

*Although groups at Concordia Academy had completed a variety of service projects over the years, school-wide service opportunities had not been common. For the 2007-2008 school year, CA decided to change that.*

**Dean Dunavan, Theology Teacher and Vision4Life Coordinator:** "What [former CA teacher] Matt Stefan and I originally pitched was a week-long event, primarily focused on going out and serving in the community. We felt CA should be more intentional about this."

*It turned out that there would be a significant need for volunteers in 2007.*

**Dean Dunavan:** "In mid-August, Southern Minnesota got hammered with floods. So, CA's guys went to Stockton and the girls went and worked at Camp Omega."

**Tim Berner, Principal:** "Even though it meant costing us some money and giving up two full days

of academics, it was clear that God was calling us to do this."

**Dean Dunavan:** "I remember thinking, 'This is natural. It's obvious that we should do this.'"

**Courtney (Ensz) Thompson ('09):** "I loved

the intentionality of those days. It was a unique opportunity to serve alongside your friends and peers."

**Dean Dunavan:** "We just walked through towns, knocked on doors, and cleaned up junk. It was nasty, dirty, awesome work."

**Gary Fritz, Teacher:** "I remember being struck by the amount of devastation."

**Marilyn Mick, former Admissions Director:** "My son, Daniel ('09), told us about trying to clean out a farmer's creek bed where there was a picnic table in the branches of a tall tree. He was greatly helped by 200 boys cleaning it up."

**Gary Fritz:** "KARE 11 News even came down there and did a story on it. I was interviewed by Jana Shortal."

*The concept was more than just service work. Seminar days, featuring guest speakers, were always a part of the experience.*

**Bruce Urban, CA**

**Teacher:** "Mike Guzzardo of Teen Mania and Heather Flies of Wooddale Church were our first speakers."

**Megan Obermueller, Former CA Teacher:** "I've never forgotten Heather saying that we are given certain pastures to live in at

**It was nasty, dirty, awesome work.**

-Dean Dunavan



Top: Students move furniture washed out into farmland by flooding in Stockton, MN in 2007.



Middle: Rod Olson ('84) engages students in a team building activity during the male seminar day of Vision4Life 2017.



Bottom: Left to right: Miriam Nordquist ('14), Amelia Dunavan ('13), Kari Knudson ('14), and Alexis Fabian ('15).

certain periods of life, but we have the tendency to want to get to the other side of that fence. She talked about how she wanted to make sure she knew every single blade of her pasture—to explore it and enjoy it to the fullest before God called her to a different place or situation. Resting in, being challenged by, and living in the present to the fullest...I often think of her great reminder not to miss what is right here in front of us.”

*Bruce Urban has continued to find Vision4Life speakers each year.*

**Bruce Urban:** “I always look for people who are Spirit-filled and totally have a heart for speaking to youth. We’ve had Joel and Casey Johnson here twice talking about God as the ultimate matchmaker.”

**Sarah Arend (’17):**  
My freshman year, Bethany Freire [of Bethany Global University] talked about how words can cause lasting

damage. To demonstrate that, she asked girls to come up and say something mean about her, with each girl cutting off a chunk of Bethany’s hair as they spoke those mean words. That definitely made a lasting impression!”

**Tim Berner:** “A highlight last year was seeing the way that Coach Rod Olson (’84) connected with our male students. They were really impacted by his message to live by choice, not by change. Students talked about him for the rest of the year.”

**Rod Olson (’84), 2017 Vision4Life Speaker:** “What a blessing to come back to CA and be a small part of the Vision4Life program. It was an honor, and I am grateful for men like Bruce Urban, Steve Dickhudt, and Rick Kuhlman who have continued to grow boys into young men of God who can impact our world.”

*After the impact of the first year, it was clear that the service days should be an annual event. In 2008, they gained a name.*

**Dean Dunavan :** The name was a Marilyn Mick thing.”

**Marilyn Mick:** “Dean and Tim and others wanted to give them [students] new eyes to see needy people. I thought ‘Vision for Life’ might work and then thought that

‘Vision4Life08’ made sense—kind of a multiplication effect of what doubling efforts could produce in people’s lives.”

*Finding work sites that would be able to accommodate half the student body would be nearly impossible, so the model shifted to sending small groups of students to multiple sites.*

**Dean Dunavan:** “I love going to Minnesota Teen Challenge. One year, we were painting, working alongside some of the residents. I also love going to Trinity First Lutheran School, because you get to be with the kids. I’m always drawn to the relational aspect of it.”

**Diane Bisping, Resource Room Teacher:**

“While setting up to serve breakfast to the homeless at the Salvation Army, the girls were visibly anxious and uncertain what to

expect. A dilapidated piano, pushed back in the corner of the cafeteria, caught the eye of one of the students. Without prompting, she made her way over to the keys and a soothing, spirit-filled melody filled the place, making the unfamiliar familiar, and the unknown known. We quickly learned that music has the power to feed the souls of the hungry.”

**Connie Voss, Administrative Assistant:** “I think it was [retired CA teacher] Steve Dickhudt who named the 6:00 AM shift at the Salvation Army ‘The Breakfast Club!’”

**Bob Wolf, Teacher:** “After the morning at the Salvation Army in St. Paul, my guys spent the rest of the day moving furniture at Bridging in Bloomington. They worked long, and they worked hard.”

**Dean Dunavan:** “The biggest problem in setting up sites is that many assume kids don’t really have a work ethic. They think all they do is play video games and waste time. So they under-plan for our groups. Sometimes, these kids will go into a place super fired up and then have all their work done in an hour. One of the biggest struggles has been having enough work for our kind of teenage power to handle. I literally tell the work sites, ‘Make the kids sweat.’”

**Anika Neuman (’17):** “This past year we



Left: Mikaela Rekstad (’11), Elizabeth Eid (’10), Gretchen Rowenhorst (’09), Arianna Benson-Sutton (’10), Janelle Ohman (’10), and Sarah Cross (’09, clockwise from left) at a Habitat for Humanity home in Anoka in 2008.

Right: During Vision4Life 2016, Mitchell Zenda-Johnson (’18), Jack Schrachta (’18), and Eyob Neda (’18, left to right) work the “Breakfast Club” at the Salvation Army in St. Paul.

worked for Journey Home, helping clean up a house for a veteran with three daughters. We cleaned everything. After we were all done, he came in the house and expressed how grateful he was. It was awesome to see where the work we did was going and how blessed he felt.”

**Dean Dunavan:** “I remember walking into the huge storage space at Breaking Free, a home for rescued prostitutes in St. Paul. It was a total mess. There was no way we were going to be able to deal with it. Before we started, a former prostitute shared the story of her life and her daughter’s life and coming out of an awful situation. After we had worked past the end of the school day, a CA group that had finished their work at another site pulled up in the alley and asked, ‘Do you guys need any help?’ We still had to pull stuff out and take it to another location. The kids had been so taken by this woman’s story, they just wanted to keep helping. So the two groups ended up working until dinner time.”

*In 2010, Vision4Life was recognized with a “Promising Practices” award, receiving state recognition from Synergy & Leadership Exchange and national recognition from Character.org.*

**Tim Berner:** “We received the award specifically because Vision4Life successfully promotes character development. But we’re blessed that we’re working with kids who are already on fire for the Lord and eager to serve.”

*After being a fall event for a number of years, Vision4Life shifted to February starting with the 2012-2013 school year. It helped with balancing out academic days*



Left: In 2015, a Family Life Group works on a team building exercise during a seminar day.



Right: Kelsey Leistikow ('11, left) and Grace Thompson ('11) help build a home in 2010.

between semesters, but it also had some other advantages.

**Dean Dunavan:** "In fall, if kids were going to be outside mowing, or raking, or mulching, or weeding and it was raining, it made it difficult to do their work. In the wintertime, it's Minnesota, so you know it's going to be cold. At many of the places, everything is inside now."

*Volunteers, including parents, alumni, pastors, and friends of CA, are a key component to making Vision4Life work, especially since students are split up amongst multiple sites every year.*

**Dean Dunavan:**

"Getting volunteers has always been pretty smooth and awesome."

**Brian Kieser, Volunteer:** "Volunteering was a unique opportunity to serve with other men. After my experience last year, I plan on volunteering every year!"

*As Vision4Life has worked its way into CA's culture, it's also worked its way into CA's fashion. Now, students get a Vision4Life shirt each year.*

**Dean Dunavan:** "Matt Stefan designed what's become the iconic V4L logo."

*On any given day at CA, you'll probably see more students wearing Vision4Life shirts than any other CA clothing.*

**Erin Fallert ('17):** "Mr. Kuhlman is by far the best teacher I have ever had, so naturally some of my friends and I decided to dress up as him for 'Hero Day.' We wore his favorite outfit: a Vision4Life shirt, khakis, and moccasins."

*In 2014, CA started Family Life Groups*

*that regularly gather during the year. Then, in February, those groups serve together during Vision4Life.*

**Gary Fritz:** "There's a real value in building those groups up before they go out and serve."

**Eben Mundfrom ('18):** "Last year our Family Life Group was at GodTown, stocking a food shelf and handing out bread to homeless people. It definitely brought us closer together."

**Brian Kieser:** "A few of the young men working at our site left for a portion of the middle of the day to attend the funeral of a classmates' mother. When they rejoined our group in the afternoon, everyone wanted to know what their experiences were like, and I felt like everyone wanted to be there to support their classmate. That feeling of genuinely caring for others really stuck with me."

**Megan Obermueller:** The value of Family Life Groups and

Vision4Life was so profound that I've shared the concept with my school in Colorado."

**Rod Olson:** "CA's Vision4Life program is a model for high schools across the country to make a huge impact on young people's lives and their communities."

*One the last day of Vision4Life, students gather together for worship and then share and reflect on their experiences.*

**Dean Dunavan:** "Last year, we had an open mic, and we could have extended it by a couple of hours. The kids were just pouring out their hearts. It was one of the

greatest closers that I've ever experienced. The kids were totally involved in authentic, heart-postured worship."

**Gabrielle Nelsen ('18):** "It was powerful to see how everybody was engaged."

**Bob Wolf:** You're exhausted after the previous two days, so it's a great chance to refocus while getting spiritually charged."

*While Vision4Life is about serving others, for many students, the impact in their own lives is even greater.*

**Hannah Naefke ('09):** "To this day, my takeaway was that sometimes the best God has for us can come in an unassuming

package. We are to do His work and stay faithful through it."

**Dean Dunavan:** "There have been students who had a significant wall up with resistance to God and others. Then, after Vision4Life, we see their heart soften and hear them talk about how they drew closer to other students. Or a staff person. Or God. Every year I hear stories like that."

**Diane Bisping:** "Vision For Life is the great equalizer. Students who may struggle with academics can be seen rising to the occasion, surprising everyone with their ability. Those considered timid quickly become visible warriors. And those who have difficulty connecting are found to be the ones least uncomfortable with new encounters".

**Dean Dunavan:** "I think this is what we were created for. We are the most fulfilled when we try to behave like Christ, loving people, serving people, and serving God. It's huge, and it's awesome."

## Vision4Life...is a model for high schools across the country.

-Rod Olson

## The best God has for us can come in an unassuming package.

-Hannah Naefke



Left: Students lead worship on the 2015 Vision4Life wrap up day.

# Student Artists

# emerge

*New program shines the spotlight on student artists seeking to make a bright mark on the world.*



Concordia Academy's long tradition of excellence in the arts has taken a leap with the new Emerging Artist Curriculum (EAC), a place for students to develop talents in the visual and performing arts with a career emphasis.

The program began in the 2015-16 school year. Designed as a sort of arts version of CA's STEM<sub>2</sub> program, its goal is to prepare Christians to make their innovative mark on the world through fine arts.

Members of each EAC cohort take the equivalent of five years of fine arts credits, participate in at least one theatrical production, conduct books studies, and complete a research project. They also must complete a 40-hour summer internship.

For example, Elissa Boll ('17), who plans to pursue a graphic arts career, worked in the marketing department at Augsburg Fortress in Minneapolis. Elissa explained, "I was immersed in the day to day work of

art publications. I got to design company event posters, search for stock photos, sit in on meetings, and help out with projects throughout the office."

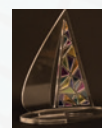
The culmination of the program is a capstone project of student work. The first EAC cohort staged a senior exhibit for a week in May in CA's new Becken Conservatory. "It was an amazing experience to publicly showcase my art," Rebecca Hed ('17) recalled. "Being able to see the positive reactions was very encouraging and rewarding as an artist." Students in the next cohort are focusing on visual art, vocal performance, and video production.

"With EAC, STEM<sub>2</sub>, our Innovation Lab, and over 90 college credits on campus, CA is uniquely positioned among Twin Cities Christian schools to offer advanced programs for motivated students," explained Rev. Dr. Timothy Berner, CA's principal. "I can't wait to see them make a difference as Christian leaders in the world."

Above, left: The first Emerging Artist Cohort (left to right): Rebecca Hed ('17), Tim Peterson ('17), and Elissa Boll ('17).

Above, right: A crowd explores the art at the opening night reception for the Emerging Artist Senior Exhibit.

"One of the most exciting things about the EAC Senior Exhibit was seeing the dramatically different approaches of the students," explained art teacher Mr. Chris Roth. "All three students exhibited work that was thought-provoking, unique, and inspiring. They set the bar high for future cohorts." The EAC Senior Exhibit included the following:



**"Better Because: A Visual Exhibit of Influential Life Figures"** showcased the teachers, mentors, and friends who have guided Elissa Boll artistically and contributed to shaping her character. It encompassed a wide range of materials and media, from digital photography to laser-cut acrylic.



**"The Art of Tape"** showcased Rebecca Hed's vision that duct tape can have another purpose besides fixing things. By folding, ripping, cutting, and layering the tape, Rebecca showed how duct tape can be used to create unique art pieces and fashion accessories.



**"00255: Blue Art Part I,"** by Tim Peterson, explored places, feelings, sounds, and experiences inspired by various shades of the color blue, manifesting those feelings into a fascinating combination of music and visual art.

# STUDENT NEWS

## ATHENA AWARD WINNER

*Erin Fallert honored as a top high school athlete*

The St. Paul area's top high school female athletes, including CA's Erin Fallert, ('17) were honored on April 19 at the St Paul Athena Award Luncheon. Erin was recognized along with the outstanding senior female athletes from each of 42 other area schools, based on excellence in individual sport participation and accomplishments in team sports.

Erin's high school athletic accomplishments included playing on two Twin Cities AA Volleyball Showcase All-Tournament teams, twice being named Star Tribune Athlete of the Week for volleyball, three All-Conference awards, three All-State awards, Academic All-State, twice being named to Minnesota AA

Volleyball All-Tournament teams, and earning an Academic All-State award. She earned a 4.08 GPA, was on honor roll for four years, and was a member of National Honor Society.

Erin will play volleyball for Concordia University, St. Paul starting this fall.



At the Athena Awards Luncheon, Erin Fallert was cheered on by her parents, Pam and Chris, both 1986 CA grads.

## ROBINSON IS STATE HIGH JUMP CHAMP

Beacon track and field athlete Arika Robinson ('18) was the 2017 Minnesota high jump champion. At the state meet in early June, she cleared 5'6" not only taking first place, but also breaking the existing CA record...which she had set earlier in the season.



## NEUMAN TOPS 1600 CAREER POINTS

This winter, Anika Neuman ('17) finished her Concordia Academy basketball career with an exceptional 1622 points. She was also selected to play in the Minnesota Coaches Association All-Star Game on April 8 at Carleton College.



## DEPARTMENTAL HONORS, PLUS ACADEMIC, ATHLETIC, & ARTS AWARDS

**Art** - Rebecca Hed  
**English** - Elissa Boll  
**Mathematics** - Nicholas Oelschlaeger  
**Music** - Tim Peterson  
**Physical Education** - Joel Gmach  
**Theology** - Yingyan Huang  
**Science** - Yingyan Huang  
**Social Studies** - Alyssa Moore  
**Spanish** - Regina Kyarsgaard  
**Best Actor** - Tim Peterson  
**Best Actress** - Sarah Arend  
**Service** - Zachary Geist

**Athletes of the Year**  
Anika Neuman  
Cooper Wood

**Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete**  
Erin Fallert  
Adam Maser  
**Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award**  
Zachary Geist  
Alyssa Moore  
**U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Award**  
Lillian Langevin  
Nicholas Oelschlaeger

**Salutatorian**  
Nicholas Oelschlaeger  
**Valedictorian**  
Adam Maser



Valedictorian Adam Maser, Principal Tim Berner, & Salutatorian Nick Oelschlaeger



Athletic Director Brian Brown with Athletes of the Year Cooper Wood and Anika Neuman.



# ATHLETICS CONFERENCE AWARDS

## ALL-CONFERENCE

### Baseball

Adam Maser ('17)

### Basketball

Anika Neuman ('17)  
Lydia Lecher ('19)

### Cross Country

Elissa Boll ('17)  
Barnabas Preble ('19)

### Dance

Maria Brand ('18)

### Football

**(1st Team All District)**  
Cooper Wood ('17)

### Golf

Caleb Landvik ('19)

### Soccer

Joel Comfort ('17)  
Hannah Lageson ('19)  
Nick Oelschlaeger ('17)

### Softball

Taylor Brunn ('19)  
Lydia Lecher ('19)  
Alyssa Moore ('17)

### Track

Erin Fallert ('17)  
Casey Hackett ('18)  
Eben Mundfrom ('18)  
Sally Paul ('17)  
Arika Robinson ('18)  
Rachel TerHaar ('18)  
Karl Vallin ('17)  
Cooper Wood ('17)

### Volleyball

Erin Fallert ('17)  
Anika Neuman ('17)  
Sarah McTaggart ('19)  
Rachel TerHaar ('18)

## ALL-CONFERENCE HONORABLE MENTION

### Baseball

Benjamin Reinhard ('20)  
Kyle Carey ('20)

### Basketball

Gavin Harbo ('18)  
Casey Hackett ('18)  
Alyssa Moore ('17)  
Sally Paul ('17)  
Barnabas Preble ('19)  
Ivane Tensaie ('21)

### Cross Country

Tim Peterson ('17)  
Meredith Thompson ('18)

### Dance

Reilly Potter ('17)  
Alyssa Johnson ('20)

### Football

**(1st Team All District)**  
Alex Moldenhauer ('17)  
Brandon Lively ('17)  
Jordan Osby ('17)  
Casey Hackett ('18)

### Golf

Tommy Hammons ('18)

### Soccer

Benjamin Boll ('19)  
Jonathan Boll ('18)  
Lillian Langevin ('17)  
Maddie Meloch ('20)

### Softball

Madelynn Harre ('19)  
Abby Migglar ('17)  
Sydney Pelzer ('21)

### Track

Azure Bailey ('19)  
Joel Gmach ('17)  
Sydney Hackett ('20)  
Alex Moldenhauer ('17)  
Anika Neuman ('17)  
Nick Oelschlaeger ('17)  
Barnabas Preble ('19)  
Charlie Tastad ('17)  
Meredith Thompson ('18)  
Paige Winterfeldt ('19)

### Volleyball

Taylor Brunn ('19)  
Brooke Weichbrodt ('21)

### Wrestling

Ethan Renstrom ('19)  
Michael Juelich ('18)

## POWER LIFTING CHAMPIONS

Isaiah Wilson ('19)  
Jake Salisbury ('19)  
Casey Hackett ('18)  
Elijah Rollerson ('18)  
Donovan Baker ('18)  
Joel Gmach ('17)  
Eben Mundfrom ('18)  
Deshanté Peterson ('18)  
Jordan Brennan ('19)  
Sydney Hackett ('20)  
Arika Robinson ('18)  
Lydia Lecher ('19)  
Elizabeth Ostendorf ('18)  
Taylor Brunn ('19)  
Erin Fallert ('17)  
Anika Neuman ('17)  
Sadaya Stowers ('20)  
Naomi Bunker ('19)

# STUDENT ART DISPLAYED IN WASHINGTON, DC

## *Lindsey Noyed & Rebecca Hed take top honors in Congressional Art Competition*

CA students were awarded first and second place in the Fourth District Congressional Art Competition.

Lindsey Noyed, ('18) took first place for her mixed media artwork entitled "Evermore and Evermore," which was also CA's 2016 Christmas Concert poster design. Rebecca Hed, ('17), finished in a tie for second place with her self portrait created with torn duct tape.

"The Fourth District has incredible artistic talent, and I am proud to help showcase it through the Congressional Art Competition," Congresswoman Betty McCollum said. "My office was wowed by

the quality of all of this year's submissions. Congratulations to Lindsey, to the runners-up, and to everyone who participated."

The winning entry is displayed as part of a national exhibit in the U.S. Capitol. In June, Lindsey was flown to Washington, DC for an opening reception for the first place winners from throughout the country. In addition, runners-up are displayed in Congresswoman McCollum's offices in Saint Paul and in Washington, D.C.

Both Lindsey and Rebecca are part of Concordia Academy's new Emerging Artist Curriculum.



Rebecca Hed ('17, left) and Lindsey Noyed ('18) with their second and first place Congressional Art Competition submissions.



Rebecca Hed and Congresswoman Betty McCollum at the Congressional Art Competition reception in Washington, DC.

## CA ARTISTS HONORED IN EXHIBITS

CA art students were honored in several exhibitions during 2017-18.

Eight CA art students showed work in Concordia University's High School Honors Exhibition. Awards were presented at a closing night reception, and Sarah Arend ('17) and Rebecca Hed ('17) tied for second place and Lindsey Noyed took first place. Sarah and Lindsey both also had work accepted into the Christian Art Festival at Cross View Lutheran Church in Edina. At the Section 4A Visual Arts Tournament in April, Lindsey Noyed ('18), Rebecca Hed ('17), Shirley Huang ('17), Maggie Wang ('17), Elissa Boll ('17), Cheri Huang ('17), and Elise Eisfelder ('18) all received Superior ratings. Rebecca and Maggie both advanced to the state exhibit in May.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## DESTINATION RIO

*Beacon alum Ben Goodrich competes on Team USA in Paralympics Judo.*



A Beacon shined bright as a part of the 2016 Olympics in Rio. Ben Goodrich ('11) competed in the Paralympics portion of the Olympic Games.

Ben, who wrestled through his four years at Concordia Academy, has been wrestling since he was ten years old. He was selected as Rookie of the Year his freshman year and Athlete of the Year his senior year, when he also received the U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Award. During his final wrestling season, he had a 35 and 3 record.

In 2011, Ben moved from wrestling to judo, starting his judo career in a physical education elective course at the University of Minnesota. He enjoyed the class, enrolled at the North Star Judo Club, and never looked back.

On April 10, 2016 Ben competed at nationals. He won the tournament with three straight wins. He then fought

the qualified number one athlete in the heavyweight division in a best two-out-of-three for the final determination as to who would take the spot on the Paralympics team. Ben secured that spot!

Ben then went on to train at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs and competed in the Rio 2016 Olympics in September. Ben fought hard in Rio, but came home far too early. "I wish I could have gone a little farther, but it was my first Paralympics experience. I'm newer to the sport, and I haven't been around as long as some of these other guys," he explained. "It was a good experience, but I hope to rebut in Tokyo in 2020 as an 100 kg competitor."

Congratulations to Ben and best wishes to him on all his future training!



Top of Page: Ben Goodrich at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs.

Left: In November, Ben Goodrich visited CA and caught up with Dean Dunavan (left) and Brian Brown, two of his former teachers.



# AN ATHLETIC LEGACY

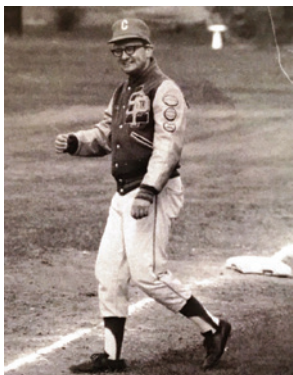
*CA inducts new members into the Athletic Hall of Fame*

During a special banquet at CA on September 17, 2016, six new members were inducted into the Concordia Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. The new inductees were Glenn Baumann (Coach), Steve Cobbs ('86), Dr. Jennifer Hale ('92), Mark Johnson ('73), Stephanie Johnson ('82), and Rod Olson ('84).

The inductees, their invited guests, and a number of previous inductees were all in attendance. Pastor Baumann, who was inducted posthumously, was honored by former players and 19 members of his family who were in attendance. Retired CA teacher and coach Tom Kuseske (CAS '64) was the emcee for the event, sharing personal memories of the inductees and allowing them to share their own personal stories of their time at CA and how it impacted each of their lives.

CA's Athletic Hall of Fame honors outstanding Beacon athletes from the last 125 years, with new members inducted in a special ceremony in the fall of each year. To view all the members and get details about nominating new inductees, visit [ConcordiaAcademy.com](http://ConcordiaAcademy.com).

Also, when visiting CA, be sure to view the Athletic Hall of Fame wall in the Main Gym!



Top of Page: New and previous Hall of Fame inductees at the 2016 banquet included (front row, left to right) Dr. Jennifer Hale ('92), Marc Paul ('89), Kim Duis ('89), Marc Monson ('75), Stephanie Johnson ('82), Mark Johnson ('73), (back row) Rod Olson ('84), Mike Aurich (Athletic Director), Steve Cobbs ('86), and Steve Dickhudt ('71).

Left: A classic photo of Pastor Glenn Baumann, circa 1967.



Above: Nineteen proud members of Pastor Baumann's family attended the Hall of Fame banquet.



Left: By popular demand, retired CA teacher and coach Tom Kuseske (CAS '64) was the host for the evening for the third year in a row.

# ALUMNI UPDATES

**HENRY "BERT" GODDARD ('68)** lives and works in Green Bay, WI. He would love to hear from his classmates. You can reach him at bear.obrien@wncy.com or find him on Facebook.

**DENNIS BURLINGAME ('70)** retired from the California Department of Public Health Licensing & Certifications in April 2015. He moved back to Iowa and lives on his wife's family acreage. Dennis is now working for Health Care Management Solutions and has been traveling for work visiting Nevada, New Jersey, Idaho, Georgia and Tennessee. He can be reached at b51rn94@yahoo.com.

**DAWN (ANDERSON) SPERRY ('73)** welcomed her fourth grandchild born August 21, 2015. Her name is Dakotah Lea and she joins her sister, Kniyah (2), brothers Pateyn (3) and Isaiah (11). Congratulations on continued blessings!

**CHRIS ('96) AND KRISTIN ('98) (MEYERSON) FINK** live in Como Park, MN with their daughter Georgia (2 years). Kristin teaches middle school and Chris is the co-owner of 651media, a video marketing company.



**Erica (Youngblood) ('98)** married Matt Davies September 18, 2016. They welcomed a baby boy in August 2016

and currently live in South St. Paul. Congratulations!

Congratulations to **ANDREW AURICH ('01)** as he was named football Assistant Head Coach and Offensive Line Coach for Princeton University for the 2016-2017 football season. Andrew is also a graduate of Princeton University, where he played football as an offensive lineman.

**JENNIFER (BOIKE) ARMERDING ('01)** and husband Jake welcomed their first child, Jude on October 10, 2015. Congratulations!

**JOSH ('01) AND HEATHER (LOVAASEN) PETERSON ('01)** welcomed a second son, Kyle Joshua, born August 18, 2015. Congratulations!



**ADINE MOMOH ('02)** has been welcomed into membership on The Hennepin County Bar Association's Executive Committee for the 2015-16 bar year that began July 1. Adine was elected

to the association's officer ranks as secretary, beginning a five-year leadership track that will have her serve as president for 2018-19. Adine is currently a trial attorney at Stinson Leonard Street LLP. Congratulations!

**BRAD HANSEN ('03)** received his Master of Arts Medical Sciences, with honors on May 15th, 2010 from Loyola University, Chicago. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree, Magna Cum Laude, May, 2015 from Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University Chicago. Brad is doing his residency at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, MN. Brad was married to Kellie Southerand in September 2014, and they reside in Woodbury.

**CHRISTINA (LARK) WOOD ('03)** and husband Derric welcomed their second son, Wyatt Ernest on June 13, 2016. They live in Lincoln, NE. Congratulations!



**RYAN GOODMANSON (05),** graduated from Rocky Vista School of Osteopathic Medicine and is now in his second year of residency at McLaren Macomb Hospital in Michigan, where he is a doctor in the orthopedic surgery residency program.

**ZACH GOODRICH ('08) AND CHELSEA AUMANN ('08)** were married February 15, 2015 at King of Kings Lutheran Church. Zach is a navigator with the

Jolly Rogers Squadron out of Oceana Naval Base in Virginia Beach. Pictured are Zach and Chelsea by the F/A-18 Super Hornet. Congratulations!



**DANIEL LEWIS ('08)** was ordained and installed as a pastor at Joy Lutheran Church in Cambridge, MN on January 15, 2017. Congratulations!



**SARAH (CHELSTROM) BARRETT ('09)** graduated from Bethel University with a bachelor degree in Biology in 2013. In 2016, she graduated from St. Catherine University and is currently a certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. She married Caleb Barrett on September 10, 2016.

**JOHN BURMEISTER ('10)** is teaching at Mount Vernon Christian School in Mount Vernon, WA. In addition, John is

is also serving as the school's athletic director.

**TARA (TOLZIEN)('11) AND SAM WIRTH ('11)** married January 16, 2016. They now live in Maplewood. Congratulations to another Beacon alumni couple!



**JOSHUA FALK ('12)** graduated from Wheaton College with a Bachelor of Science in Biology on May 8, 2016 and commissioned as a second lieutenant in the US Army on the same day. Branched as Medical Service Corps officer, Joshua will delay his first duty station to attend Optometry School. Congratulations, Joshua!

**ELISSA PHENEGER ('13)** was selected by the NCAA to serve a two-year term on the association's Division III National Student Athlete Advisory Committee. The national SAAC is a 23 member group comprised of student-athletes of both genders from a wide variety of sports representing 43 collegiate athletic conferences from across NCAA Division III. Elissa is the current North Central SAAC president and will now represent her fellow NCU athletes as well as those of the Upper Midwest Athletic (UMAC) and Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic (MIAC) conferences on the national

level. She was also chosen as UMAC All-Academic Leadership Award Winner. Congratulations, Elissa!



*KEEP US POSTED* about important events in your life! Go to [ConcordiaAcademy.com/alumni](http://ConcordiaAcademy.com/alumni) and click on "Keep in Touch."

## A NOTE FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR

### Hello Beacon Alumni!

Keep those updates coming – we love hearing about your families, careers, and milestones. It's easy to keep us in the loop. Just visit [ConcordiaAcademy.com/alumni](http://ConcordiaAcademy.com/alumni). Click on the "Keep in Touch" link and fill out our Alumni Update Form. We also have a Facebook group for alumni. Email me for more info!

If your class is due for a reunion and you aren't sure where to start, please contact me! I love helping alumni get a party started.

And don't forget: Once a Beacon, always a Beacon!

Lisa (Kuseske) Sell ('99)  
[lisa.sell@concordiaacademy.com](mailto:lisa.sell@concordiaacademy.com)



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 John Moore and Kathy Kroshus  
 Stacy Moran  
 Michael and Sara Mulso  
 Jim and Sue Nordby  
 Christine and David Ostendorf  
 Dan and Deb Piepho  
 Steve and Margit Potter  
 Tim and Dawn Rafferty  
 Christian and Karla Schiller  
 Bradley and Lisa Sell  
 Terril and Lisa Tolzien  
 Don and Molly Vomhof  
 Kevin and Connie Voss  
 Ken and Angy White  
 Ken and Gina Wood

**REMEMBER CA**

We have been blessed by individuals who have included CA in their estate planning. If you would like to remember the ministry of CA in this way, please contact Principal Tim Berner at 651-796-2677.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Homecoming**

Friday, September 29 | 5:30 pm (Carnival) & 7:00 pm (Football vs. St. Agnes)

**Grandparents Day**

Monday, October 9

**Comedy Cabaret**

Saturday, October 28 | 7:00 pm

**Fall Play**

November 17, 18, 19

**Christmas Concert**

Saturday, December 9 | 7:00 pm  
 Sunday, December 10 | 3:00 pm

**Vision4Life**

February 28 - March 2

**Spring Musical**

March 9 - 11

**19th Annual Dinner Auction**

Saturday, April 14 | 4:30 pm

**Spring Concert**

Thursday, May 10 | 7:30 pm

**Honors Convocation**

Tuesday, May 15 | 7:00 pm

**His People Concert**

Thursday, May 24 | 7:30 pm

**Graduation**

Friday, May 25 | 7:00 pm at North Heights, Arden Hills

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## CA FLASHBACK

*Looking back at a classic moment from the past 125 years*



For the 1966-67 school year at St. Paul Lutheran High School, almost half of the *Beacon Highlight* newspaper staff was new. That didn't stop them from producing four "big" quarterly issues and additional smaller monthly editions. Being on the newspaper staff meant more than just writing stories, taking photos, and doing layouts. To raise money for needed supplies, the staff ran the concessions stand at baseball games.