Purposes of the Council

The Alumni Council upholds the mission of Concordia University, St. Paul by working with alumni and in partnership with the Office of Alumni Relations to sponsor and plan events and activities which strengthen relationships between alumni and between alumni and the University.

Responsibilities

The basic responsibilities of Alumni Council members are as follows:

- Actively participate in three pre-scheduled full council meetings and any supplemental committee or planning meetings as approved by the Executive Committee.
- Continually evaluate alumni programs, suggesting new ideas and means of improvement. Evaluate the functioning of the Alumni Council in a similar fashion.
- Represent Concordia University, St. Paul in a positive and enthusiastic way at meetings, events and in your community.
- Support Concordia financially on an annual basis.
- Attend university events as possible, encouraging uninvolved alumni/friends to accompany you.
- Assist in the recruitment of alumni volunteers.
- Serve on at least one committee related to a primary interest.
- Engage in communication between council meetings via phone, email, Concordia Ave, or through Concordia's Alumni Facebook page or LinkedIn groups.

For More Information

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Committee Descriptions

Alumni Programs and Services: Develop activities to attract alumni to homecoming and related alumni events. Increase participation of campus clubs and organizations and recognize students who have made contributions to the CSP community. Be involved and engaged with current students and Student Alumni Council (StAC) as well as helping shape and create campus traditions.

Connections: Strengthen the connection between alumni, current students, Student Alumni Council (StAC), the church and other parties associated with Concordia University, St Paul. Work with the Office of Alumni Relations to connect and engage current and future alumni through various communication efforts including the Alumni website, homecoming planning, collecting information for class notes, generating news stories and working on the CSP Alumni Facebook site. Recognize outstanding alumni who exemplify the leadership inspired by a Concordia education. Recognize companies/churches that support their employees and members by providing scholarships or other assistance. Serve as liaison to the Office of Church Relations as a partner to identify and connect with various alumni and alumni leaders at churches.

Development: Encourage increased participation from all class years to the Annual Fund to ensure long-term sustainability and facilitate the achievement of the university’s goals. Work to create, plan and implement the Alumni Scholarship program to allow us to recognize heritage students who have made significant contributions to the university and their community. Encourage alumni members outside the council to be aware of and contribute to the scholarship fund and/or the university at large. Partner with the Office of Development to be a resource for contacting alumni.

Concordia Mission

The mission of Concordia University, St. Paul, a university of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, is to prepare students for thoughtful and informed living, for dedicated service to God and humanity, and for the enlightened care of God’s creation, all within the context of the Christian Gospel.
Application for Nomination

Name (including maiden, if applicable): ________________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________________________________________

Preferred Phone(s): _________________________________________________________________________________

Preferred Email: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Employer: _________________________________________________________________________________________

Title: _____________________________________________________________________________________________

Did you graduate from CSP: [ ] Yes [ ] No Years Attended: ________________________________________________

Major Field(s): ____________________________________________________________________________________

Education beyond Concordia: _________________________________________________________________________

While you were at Concordia, what co-curricular activities were you involved in?
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Church, organization, school, or community service in which you're involved:
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Why are you interested in serving on the Alumni Council?
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The Alumni Council has three standing committees that council members are expected to be involved in: Alumni Programs and Services, Connections and Development. Job descriptions for these councils are on reverse side. Please rank your interest in each committee (1, 2 and 3) so that we can match you with your skills and interests.

[ ] Alumni Programs and Services [ ] Connections [ ] Development

In light of your other commitments, do you feel confident you have time to commit to being an active Alumni Council member?
[ ] Yes [ ] No

I understand that the Alumni Council is a two-year commitment. I will attend all pre-scheduled meetings throughout the year and any committees I serve —unless unavoidable conflicts prevent my doing so.

Signed ___________________________ Date: __________________

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