SGA NEWSLETTER

Student Government Association Email Newsletter

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Ready to make a difference at CUW? Join Student Government!

General Senate 9:30 PM on Mondays Pharmacy 026 E-mail sga@cuw.edu if interested.

Contact Us

Contact us with questions, suggestions, or concerns! E-mail them to sga@cuw.edu

We are here to serve you!

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SGA NEWS

by Yannik Gruner

After a successful fall semester that included pop out events featuring pizza, tacos, custard and Chick-Fil-A sandwiches, SGA has been diligently working on new projects to improve life for students on campus. Although Dancing Through the Decades will most likely not happen again due to COVID-19, look for other interesting and fun activities around campus! We have exciting new plans to make life around campus more fun even during a pandemic.

The biggest project we have coming up is to build a full-sized outdoor basketball court on campus. It will most likely be outside of Regents and give students the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful weather during fall and spring while spending valuable time with other students. New Vacuums for all dorms is another project that SGA is looking forward to. We understand that a lot of vacuums in buildings have not been changed for many years and, therefore, are starting to show signs of functional difficulties.

Our student affairs committee is also committed to purchasing ice machines for certain residence halls, so that students can enjoy fresh and cold drinks at all times. Lastly, SGA puts a great emphasis on transparency. In order to provide this transparency we will host webinars that will be available for all students. We also send out invitations to faculty and staff, which will give you the opportunity to ask any questions that you have about life on campus, academics, or anything else.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE SCHOOLS

by Meghan Wendling

School of Arts & Sciences

The School of Arts & Sciences has expanded this school year with the addition of three new majors: Bachelor of Science in Applied Computer Science, Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, and Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry. Many other majors are also being modified to include new required courses and a change in credit hours required. Students in the School of Arts & Sciences, like others, have had to adapt the way they complete many courses including labs and others that would typically not be social distanced.

School of Business

This school year, the School of Business has added a number of new majors and programs. Students are now offered a Bachelor of Science in Business Analytics and Organizational Performance and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Analytics and Change Management. There is also a new Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Human Resources and Strategic Leadership program. A Doctor of Business Administration degree is also available, with CUW being one of the only schools in the state to offer that option.

School of Education

The School of Education has been working on a lot of new and exciting things recently. While there are no new professors, three professors earned their doctorates in the past few months: Dr. Brad Alles, Dr. Jennifer Becker, and Dr. Jennifer Lindgren. There are also no new majors/minors, as the School of Education is trying to do away with minors and instead focus on the addition of concentrations. These require few hours than minors do, but they offer more flexibility for students. One such concentration is the Compassion Care concentration spearheaded by Dr. Nicole Muth that is aimed towards social/emotional learning focusing on trauma. A portion of this is dedicated to working with the campus comfort dogs, making CUW one of the only schools in the country with such a program. The Joshua Caleb program, under the direction of Dr. Brad Alles, is also being expanded to include students from freshman all the way up to seniors. This is a unique program in which Lutheran educators come back to inform the Lutheran education teaching candidates what to expect once they graduate, as they also have recently graduated. They compare what they learned during their own education to what they have learned after being teachers for a few years in order to further prepare the CUW teaching candidates.

School of Health Professions

The School of Health Professions launched a new Bachelor of Science in Public Health degree option last semester. Students in the School of Health Professions have had to adjust to a new way of learning, with some of their labs and clinical experiences being modified.

School of Nursing

Dr. Heather Vartanian joined the Concordia School of Nursing faculty this past fall as an associate professor, primarily working with graduate students. The School of Nursing also unveiled a new Master of Science in Nursing—Healthcare Informatics option. Coming in the fall of 2021, the Nurse Practitioner program will be offered as a doctoral degree in addition to the master's degree currently available. Dr. Sharon Chappy, Dean of the School of Nursing, has been pleased with the resilience of the nursing students as they have navigated through this difficult school year. Nursing students have adjusted many aspects of their schooling, as the ability to complete their clinicals has been greatly limited.

Q&A WITH ADMINISTRATORS

by Tanner Hill

Question:

Will we be changing our policies and procedures, and by that, are we loosening them this semester?

Answer:

The short of this question is in general we will continue to follow all of the same policies and procedures that we had in the fall, this includes our academic classes. Although we are seeing encouraging data in our community, the number of positive COVID-19 cases are down and vaccinations are being administered, we are still not out of the pandemic woods. Our entire community needs to continue being careful and respectful to others. We accomplish this by honestly completing your daily symptom tracker each day, contacting the health center if we feel ill which might include being tested. It includes wearing your mask, socially distancing including sitting four to a table in the cafeteria and staying home if you do not feel well.

This fall was a great success, thank you to everyone for our shared success. I am so proud to be connected to this community and know this spring will be an even greater success

Dr. Taylor | Vice President of Student Life

SURVEY

by Ryan Krueger

Help dictate what projects SGA pursues by answering this quick little survey!

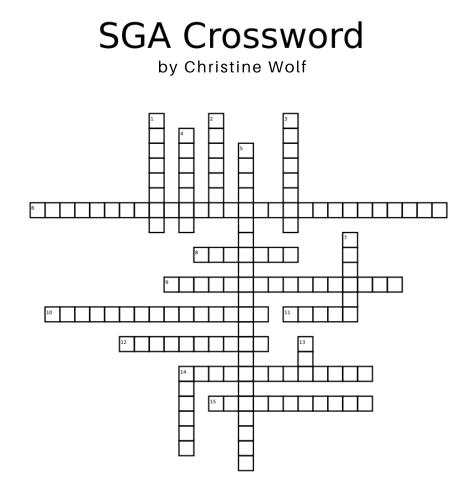
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UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

by Pandora Lorfeld

2/23 -@ 7PM College Republicans will be hosting a Zoom Call with Judge Shelley Grogan. Zoom link to come out at a later time. Email Megan Wangerin or Grant Fox for more information or if interested in joining.

E-mail ryan.krueger1@cuw.edu if you would like to be aded to this list in the future!



Down:

- 1. Concordia's sister school.
- 2. What is the last name of the Vice President?
- 3. What lake is Concordia's campus located right next to?
- 4. What county is Concordia located in?
- 5. Where should students go if they need peer tutoring for a class?
- 7. What weekday does SGA host their general senate meetings for anyone to attend?
- 13. How many schools does Concordia have?
- 14. What is the last name of the Director of Campus Safety?

Across:

- 6. What does "SGA" stand for?
- 8. What is the newest food location at Concordia (opened last year)?
- 9. Where is the SGA office located?
- 10. Who is Concordia's mascot?
- 11. Last name of Concordia's current president
- 12. Name of the hall where there is an ice rink which was provided by SGA
- 14. Name of the ghost that "haunts" Concordia and plays music on the organ in the middle of the night
- 15. How many years has President Ferry served as president?

Thanks for Reading!