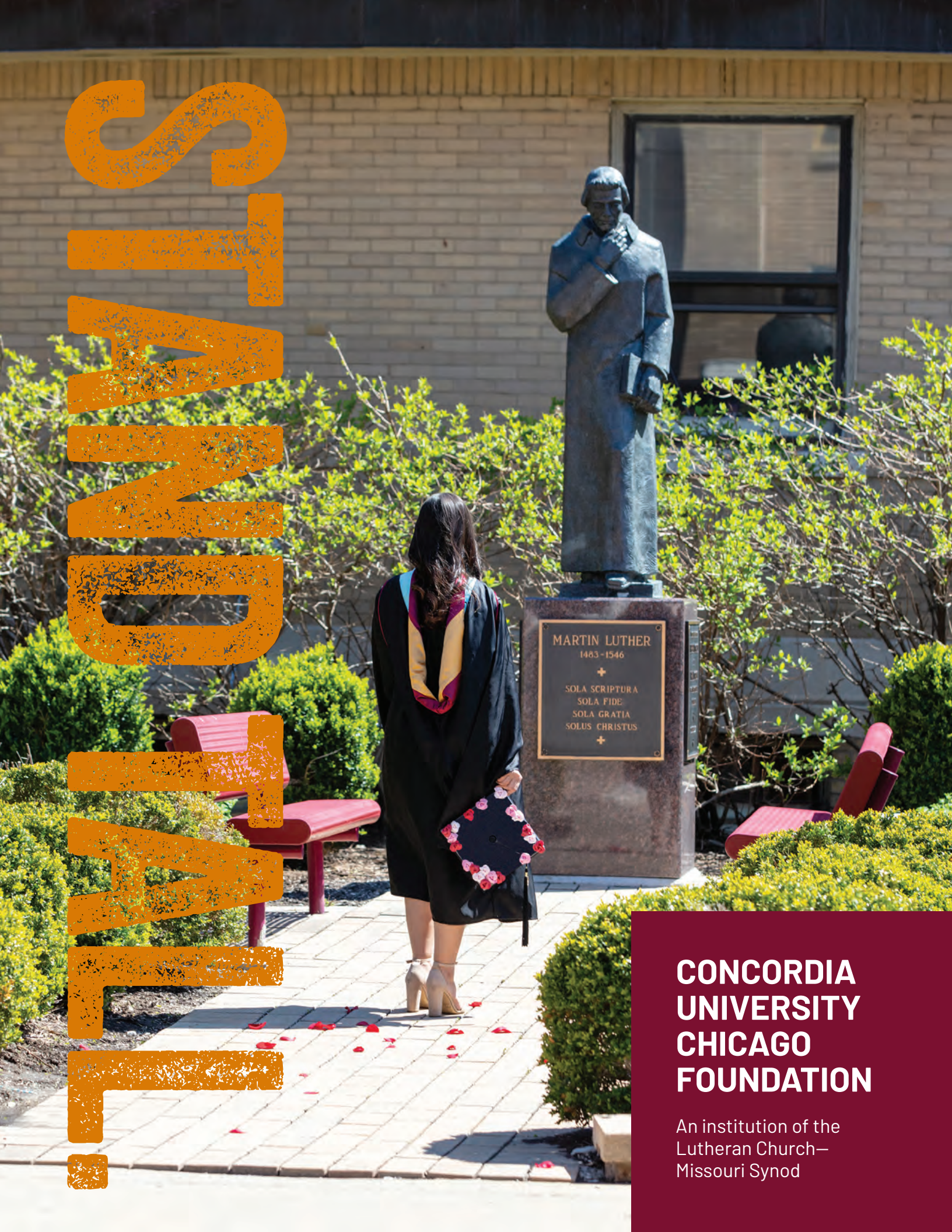


STUDENT



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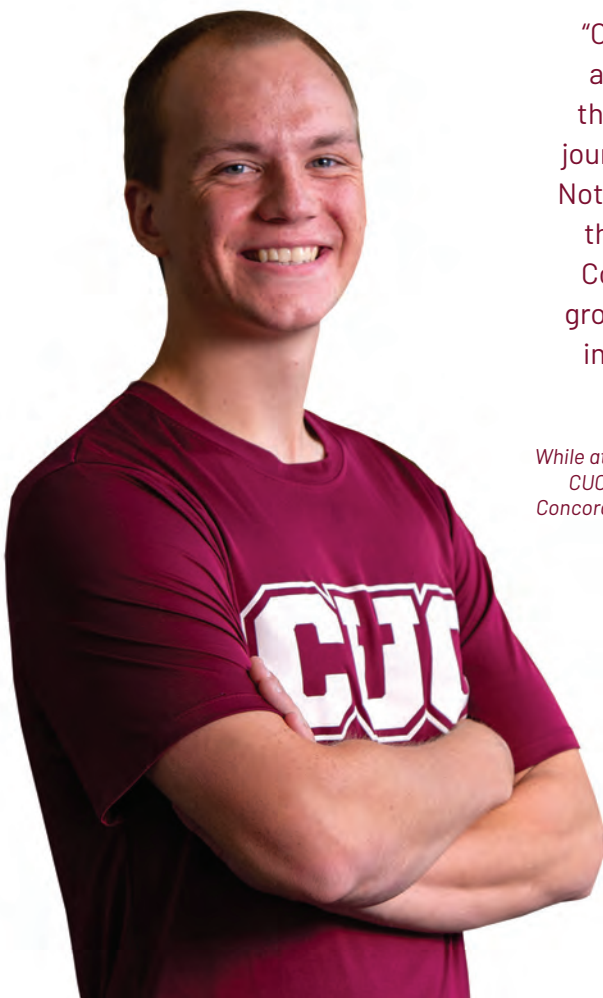
An institution of the
Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod

Formed to serve the needs of the Church & the world.

Since its humble beginnings, Concordia University Chicago has experienced over a century and a half of growth and expansion, paving the way for not only exceptional teacher education programs, but also an ever-widening curriculum addressing the needs of the Church and world.

We have grown into a comprehensive university with six distinct church work programs as well as undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degree programs across a wide variety of disciplines. Today, our alumni are teachers, caregivers, and musicians; counselors, pastors, and business leaders—unshakable pillars of strength and integrity who serve God's will by serving others.

For over 160 years, Concordia-Chicago has been preparing the next generation of leaders in the Faith. Our latest initiative, *Prepared to Serve: Church Professional Guarantee*, makes this Christ-centered education accessible for new church professional students by capping tuition and mandatory fees at \$5,000 annually. As one of the most affordable pathways in the Concordia University System, this program will allow students to share the gifts God gave them to answer His call to a life fulfilled by purpose and truth.



"One of the things I loved about CUC is how much they supported me on my journey to become a pastor. Not only did they provide the theology classes for me, Concordia also made the growing of my faith such an integral part of my life..."

Caleb Gustafson '23
While at CUC he was a Pre-Seminary student,
CUC's Campus Ministry President, and
Concordia-Chicago's Lincoln Laureate 22-23.

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CHURCH WORK PROGRAMS
INCLUDING THE ONLY COMPLETE
DEACONESS PROGRAM

14

DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

26

MASTER'S PROGRAMS



GOLDEN APPLE (EDUCATION)
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Christ at the Center

Throughout CUC's history there has been one constant: Christ has always been held at the center of everything it does. We don't shrink from our faith—we lead with it. We remain committed to our Lutheran faith, as well as to the classical heritage of robust academic inquiry and formation through the liberal arts.

Faith matters at CUC. It is woven throughout every aspect of student life, both inside the classroom and out. Through campus ministries, activities, and relationships with faculty, staff, and classmates, CUC students experience countless opportunities to grow in the faith as they live out the Word of God and discover their own unique calling.

Truth ~ Freedom ~ Vocation

Our enduring goal is to ensure a faithful and bold academic environment. We achieve this goal through our pillars of truth, freedom, and vocation. CUC forms students through the pursuit of truth. This quest engages them in both mind and life. They develop virtue. By that virtue they are equipped for their lives of freedom, governing themselves so they don't have to live under coercion. Finally, they're inspired to carry out their freedom through their vocations.

Through these pillars of truth, freedom, and vocation, CUC students are formed for lives of influence and service for the common good—for today and generations to come.

Our approach is intentional and interdisciplinary, providing a strong foundation in faith and personal formation through a challenging academic curriculum.





Integrity and Faith

At CUC, we stand tall in our Lutheran identity and timeless Christian mission of providing an education that's steeped in God's truth. All of our students are inspired, challenged, and appreciated for their contributions. We stand tall for their achievement, inspiring them to recognize and pursue their unique calling. Our programs nurture a deep sense of vocation—God's calling to each of us to serve one another and the common good.

Standing tall like this is not easy. It requires a strong heart; fortified by our pillars of truth, freedom, and vocation—all of which lie at the heart of who we are and what we strive to accomplish, providing nourishment to the entire CUC experience.

"My goal is to be a well-rounded student while majoring in Biology and minoring in Chemistry and Spanish. I aspire to go to medical school and become a pediatrician. I have always dreamed of becoming a doctor and helping children."

Michelle Medina '24

While at CUC, she was President of the Student Government Association, and served numerous campus organizations including Campus Activities Board, Latino Student Union, Student Engagement, Student Ambassador, and Residential Life.

UNIVERSITY DISTINCTIONS

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT PROGRAM DISTINCTIONS

- 2025 Best Regional University - Midwest
- 2025 Top Performers on Social Mobility - Regional Universities Midwest



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TOTAL ENROLLMENT*
UNDERGRADUATE AND
GRADUATE STUDENTS

*FALL 2024 DATA

57%

TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE
STUDENTS ARE 1ST GENERATION

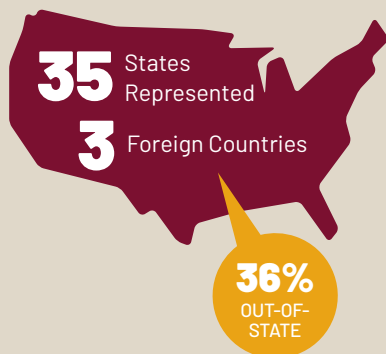
*FALL 2024 DATA

100%

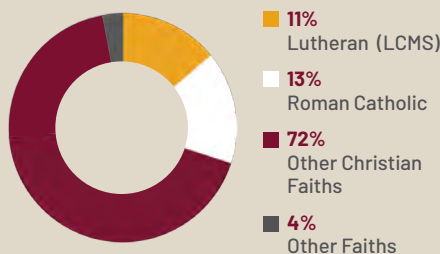
OF FULL-TIME TRADITIONAL
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID

TRADITIONAL UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

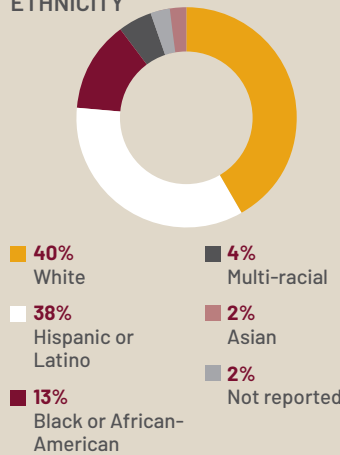
53% FEMALE **47%** MALE



RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION



ETHNICITY



50+

AREAS OF STUDY

POPULAR MAJORS: nursing; sports management & business; psychology; exercise science & fitness management; health science; early childhood education; criminal justice; computer science; business intelligence & analytics; accounting



NEW
BSN
degree!

BUILT TO SERVE STUDENTS

- The **Kreft Student Success Center** is a 9,000-sq. ft. student services hub for academic advising, international student services, residential life, the DePew Center for Vocation and Career Development, and the counseling center.
- The **CULearn Teaching and Learning Commons** is a centralized student support resource hub, providing free tutoring, writing and math assistance, study spaces, learning/ADA accommodations, and more. These services are available to students at all levels of study.

DESIGNATED
HISPANIC SERVING
INSTITUTION

90%

OF OUR PHILANTHROPY COMES
FROM ALUMNI & FRIENDS
OF THE UNIVERSITY

238

ENDOWMENTS
FOR STUDENT AID

147

ENDOWMENTS DESIGNATED
FOR CHURCH WORK STUDENTS
(LUTHERAN TEACHERS, MUSIC,
PRE-SEMINARY AND DEACONNESS)

The Foundation

The Concordia University Chicago Foundation and its Board's mission is to drive philanthropic support for the University, and to oversee the prudent administration and investment of donor gifts. As an institution, we are committed to transparency, accountability, and ethical interactions with our partners. You can be confident that your gifts are used judiciously to further the University's mission and educate students with excellence.

We support and transform the University by:

Partnering with you, alumni, friends, and investors to achieve a dynamic future.

Securing gifts and providing financial support to impact student success and experience.

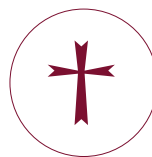
We are here to assure that CUC attracts and empowers faithful and talented students to take up enduring Christian values and principles.

Connecting a network of alumni.

Members of CUC's Alumni Association share their time, talents, and treasures to grow our alma mater. Students benefit through these contributions of service, mentoring, networking, and support.

Creating legacies.

We celebrate your life and the values you hold dear by assuring the gifts you entrust to us remain for future generations. We are the beneficiaries of the vision and support of philanthropists who came before us. It is now our time to uphold Martin Luther's words "For the sake of the Church, we must have and maintain Christian schools."



"I would like to express my gratitude for your financial support of my higher education. It means so much to me personally, knowing that I have your support along the path God is guiding for my future. From a young age, it has been my desire to enter into professional church work. The deaconess program has been the perfect way to pursue that goal, and I am loving it every step of the way."

Anika Slayton '25
Theology/Deaconess Program

We invite you to invest in CUC's mission by providing educational support and financial stability for years to come. Get involved with major initiatives designed to meet the diverse and evolving needs of today's students.

Our philanthropic priorities include:

- Growing nursing and health sciences initiatives
- Physical enhancements to the CUC campus guided by our Campus Master Plan
- Assuring generous support for legacy programs and new ones including the *Prepared to Serve: Church Professional Guarantee*, Honors Program, Classical Education, the Free Enterprise Center, and others
- Scholarships to assure as many students as possible can be strengthened by the CUC experience

For more information about current initiatives and how you can make a direct impact on Concordia-Chicago contact:

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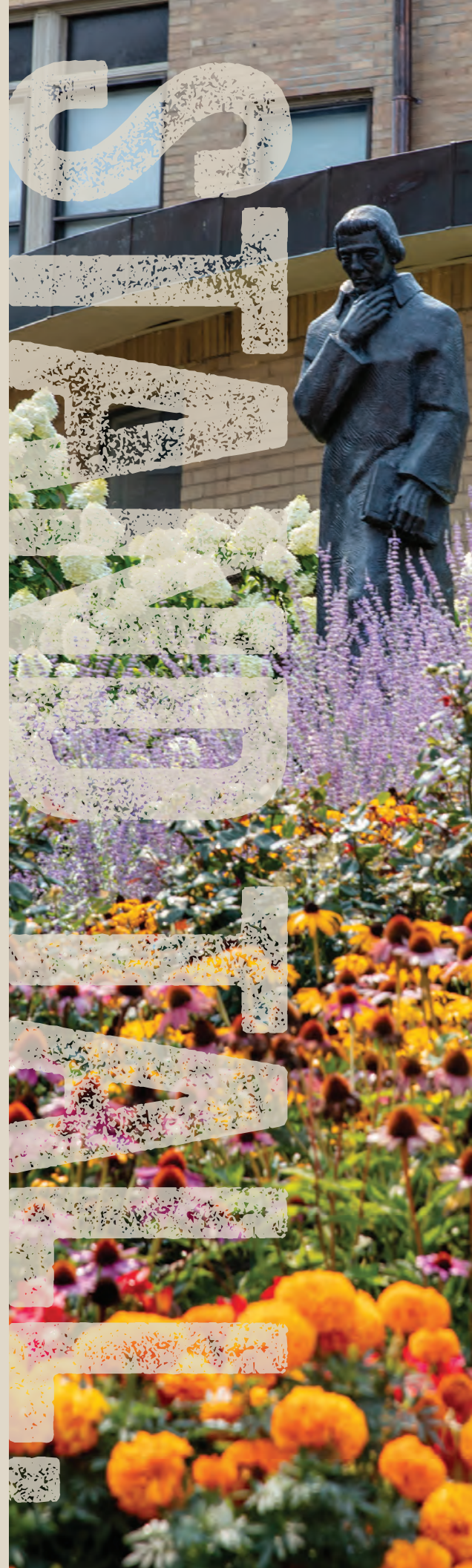
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Our Mission

Steadfast in Jesus Christ as revealed in the Holy Scriptures, Concordia University Chicago promotes academic rigor in its liberal arts and professional programs; grounds students in objective truth, integrity, and excellence; and practices faithfulness to the Confessional teachings of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, as it forms students for vocations in church, family, and the world.

Our Vision

Concordia University Chicago is a Christ-centered Lutheran university where truth, freedom, and vocation form students for lives of influence and service for the common good.

Our Core Values

As a Christian university of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we, at Concordia University Chicago, value:

- *Christian Faith*
The Christian faith is an integral part of our community.
- *The Individual*
As a member of God's creation, each person is unique and is blessed with inherent worth.
- *Excellence*
We strive for excellence in who we are and what we do.
- *Integrity*
Our community demonstrates the accord between our beliefs and practices.
- *Service*
Recognizing and addressing the needs of others is a response to God's love for us, and a reflection of God's love for them.



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CUC's "Christ at the Center" tagline authentically identifies our 160-year history of placing Christ at the center of everything we do.