

# CONVERSATIONS WITH

# CONCORDIA

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## TRANSFORMATION UNDER WAY

This past spring, Concordia University launched a physical transformation of its campus in northeast Portland that began with the dedication of a state-of-the-art Throw Center (where javelin, hammer, discus, and shot put are thrown) and the start of construction on the George R. White Library and Learning Center, a 74,000 square foot library and academic building. Over the coming months, the university will also begin constructing a new residence hall, break ground on an athletic complex for soccer and baseball, and renovate Hagen Campus Center into a student union for the 21st century.

These are exciting times at Concordia, and in an effort to keep you well informed about our progress and all that is happening on campus, you will receive this *Conversations with Concordia* four times per year. We hope that you will continue to be a part of our transformation, use Concordia as a community resource, and stop by campus often. Watch us grow at [www.cu-portland.edu/campaign](http://www.cu-portland.edu/campaign). ■

## COMING ATTRACTIONS

We invite you to be a part of our campus community and to attend one of our many cultural, athletic, and community events. Some upcoming events include:

- **22nd Annual Sam Johnson Scholarship Banquet**  
October 3
- **CU Hosts the adidas Cross Country High School Classic @ Fernhill Park**  
October 11
- **Basketball Fan Fest, Fun for the Family**  
October 24
- **Fall Bible Study Series Begins**  
October 7
- **CU Hosts the Northwest Wolf Conference**  
October 24 & 25
- **Preview Weekend for High School Seniors**  
November 14 & 15
- **AIDS Awareness Week Panel (Co-Sponsored by One Voice)**  
October 9
- **Women's Volleyball vs. Eastern Oregon University**  
October 24
- **Annual Christmas Chorale: A Service of Lessons and Carols**  
December 5 - 7

For full details on all of the events highlighted above, and for a complete listing of events, visit [www.cu-portland.edu/events](http://www.cu-portland.edu/events).



Alumni Basketball



George R. White Library and Learning Center



Annual Christmas Chorale



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## MURAL BRIGHTENS NEIGHBORHOOD CORNER AND NEW BOOKSTORE

A new mural stands at the corner of NE Ainsworth and 30th Streets, where the Concordia campus meets the community.

The mural was unveiled in August at the grand opening celebration for the new university bookstore, “The Bookmark” at the same location.

The mural, which took 18 months to complete from conception to finality, was created by Concordia University students under the direction of Larry Gross, chair of the art department, and Greg Lewis of Greg Lewis Studios and current adjunct faculty member in the art department. The students were supported in their work by community leaders Ken and Marta Thrasher, who donated the necessary funds to make the mural a reality, and the Regional Arts

& Culture Council, which was involved through their public art group.

The mural’s theme communicates integrity and community, and accentuates Concordia University’s expanding outreach into the north and northeast neighborhoods.

“The mural is symbolic of how powerful the relationship can be when the campus and the community come together to embrace their respective cultures and values,” said Concordia Executive Vice President, Gary Withers.

The Bookmark is a resource for both the campus and the community. The larger space offers text books, Concordia merchandise, gifts, cards, a coffee cart featuring Sisters Coffee Company (owned by Concordia alums), and more. ■



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