

Concordia University



Concordia University Mission Statement:

Concordia is a Christian University preparing leaders for the transformation of society.

Athletic Department Mission:

Through athletic success student-athletes will develop the leadership skills and character traits to positively impact our society.

LEST Vision:

The Lutheran Elementary School Tournament is an event sponsored by the entire university. Through competition on their team or in their event, awareness, education, and involvement in LEST, participants in LEST will continue to personally develop in each of the core values (respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership, sportsmanship).

Champions of Character Award:

As part of LEST each participating school is invited to nominate one person from their school that best models and strives to live as a Champion of Character. The Champions of Character representative from each school must be a participant in LEST and a student in the sixth, seventh or eighth grade. As part of the LEST opening or closing ceremonies the LEST Champions of Character recipient will be given an award and recognized by Concordia University for their positive leadership. Nomination process includes:

- Selecting one male or one female from grades six through eight (process to be determined by each schools' faculty/LEST coordinator)
- Listing events/competitions the student is participating in
- Writing a 50 word description on how the student models the Champions of Character values in their life
- Submit materials nomination by January 15, 2007

Email the Champions of Character representative to Carrie Kosderka-Farrell at Concordia University: ckoderka@cu-portland.edu. Last year we had 12 schools participating in this program during the first year of the award. We hope to continue honoring and recognizing the positive leadership of the participants and perpetuate the value of competing for something higher than a victory.