Dear Friends,

When it comes to community engagement, we believe in starting in the place where you are. For Concordia University, the focus starts near our downtown Portland campus where we began building bridges with local community partners and neighbors, and we can change lives. Students come to Concordia with the potential to become great leaders and with a heart for serving others. We help them become servant leaders through rigorous academics and service learning in the Lutheran liberal arts tradition.

What’s next? Working in collaborative partnerships with our neighborhood pre-K to 8 Faubion School, Portland Public Schools, Trillium Family Services, and other community partners, we are embarking on an ambitious, long-term commitment to ensure safer, healthier and more educated communities: “3 to PhD.” Join us!

Charles E. Schlimpert, Ph.D.
President, Concordia University
"3 to PhD launches a new approach to creating safer, healthier, and more educated communities. By leveraging public-private partnerships between higher ed, pre-K-12 and community partners, 3 to PhD delivers transformational change to improve outcomes for our children."

Gary Withers, Executive Vice President of External Affairs

LATEST OUTCOMES!

Concordia has issued nearly 3,000 free community library cards, providing access to Concordia’s George R. White Library & Learning Center.

Faubion students have jumped nearly two reading levels in three months of weekly literacy tutoring by Concordia Teacher Corps volunteers.

Faubion students have gained entry into advanced math after the first year of a math tutoring program by faculty and students called “LanchPad.” It was funded by a grant from United Way.

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3 to PhD vision and planning is underway. Find out how you can help!

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