

# IMPACT INSIGHTS

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Edition #1

Welcome to the 1st Edition of the Concordia Educational Foundation's Impact Insights! We plan to provide updates regarding the Foundation quarterly through this newsletter.



Greetings to you and your families from the Concordia Educational Foundation! On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, we pray you had a blessed Christmas celebration and that 2025 is off to a fantastic start! In this first newsletter of 2025, we will share the new developments with Concordia Educational Foundation and the impact planning taking place for Concordia Lutheran High School.

The Concordia Educational Foundation was established in the late 1950's with very humble beginnings. A group of young professionals from the classes of 1948 & 1949 were at lunch one afternoon when a member of the group shared how their neighbor wanted to send their child to CLHS and lacked the funds needed to make that dream a reality. Out of gratitude for the impact our high school had made in their lives and wanting that for this child, the hat was passed and the ministry of CEF began.

The Concordia Educational Foundation was established to preserve and grow the Concordia Lutheran High School to ensure its continued support of the school's overall operations, individual programs and students' financial needs. Through God's grace and blessings, the foundation now manages assets in excess of \$22 million and has provided over \$462,000 in scholarship assistance this school year to 401 students at our high school.

As the gifts we are blessed with have grown exponentially since that hat was first passed in the late 1950's, the motivation to provide a legacy for future generations of Cadets has remained the same. The primary focus since then has been on providing scholarship assistance to students and families with demonstrated financial need with countless lives being impacted.

Over the course of this past year, the Board of Directors at Concordia Educational Foundation has been working closely with the leadership at CLHS as planning for a comprehensive campaign has progressed. This comprehensive campaign will encompass the annual giving to CLHS, a master campus improvement initiative, and legacy giving to CEF. This has led the CEF Board of Directors to commit to growing the general endowment portion of the portfolio to enhance the student and staff experience at CLHS through operational support over and above their annual scholarship contributions.

This new focus will require our community’s collective investment on how we steward the blessings of both the foundation and the high school. New ideas such as this require a steadfast commitment to new strategies and perspectives.

As we continue to serve our Lutheran community through 2025, one of these new strategies will be the recently launched website for the Concordia Educational Foundation, [www.cadetslegacy.org](http://www.cadetslegacy.org). This website will be used to promote the work the foundation does in supporting Concordia Lutheran High School as well as provide educational materials from planned giving professionals; financial planners, CPA’s, and estate attorneys.

In the meantime, please continue to keep us in your prayers and if you know of any family or friends who would like to take advantage of our continued offer of FREE estate coaching services we have through SFC Estate Coaching, please have them contact us.

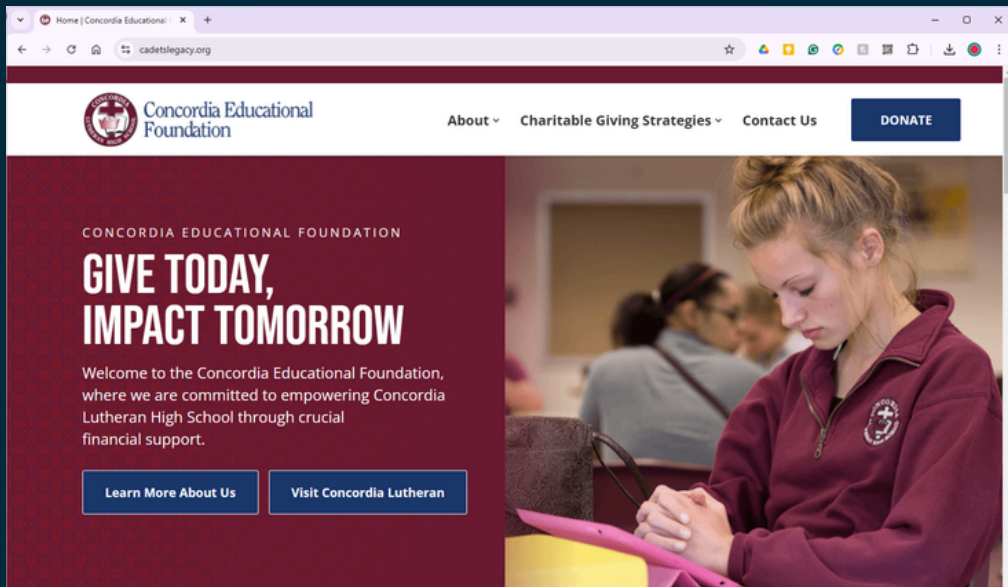
We greatly appreciate your faithful support and prayers as we strengthen the established work of the Concordia Educational Foundation in new and exciting ways. Don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions at the email addresses below!

God’s blessings,

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- Staff Contact Information
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- Upcoming Events
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## WWW.CADETSLEGACY.ORG



### FREE ESTATE COACHING

The Concordia Educational Foundation is offering FREE Estate Coaching with Craig Mellendorf of SFC Estate Coaching. You can register online for a virtual meeting via this link:

[Register](#)

We have partnered with several attorneys to help you finalize your will. Please reach out to Matt Konow at [mkonow@clhscadets.com](mailto:mkonow@clhscadets.com) or 260-203-4424 to connect with our valuable partners.



### ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEONS

November 6 & 7, 2024

Thanks to all those who attended our luncheons in November. We had a great turnout and made connections with our students. Endowed Scholarship holders, please mark your calendars for the 2025 Scholarship Luncheons on November 5th & 6th.

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SCHOLARSHIPS  
2024-2025

\$462,657

## A BOLD STEP

As mentioned previously in this newsletter, planning for a comprehensive campaign has been taking place over the course of the past two years. Meticulous planning and preparation from a wide range of stakeholders has focused on the capital needs of our high school. The Board of Directors and senior leadership at Concordia Lutheran High School will be receiving updated architectural design documents on Monday, January 27. The Board will then determine a course of action to recommend to the delegates. Please keep this process in your prayers as we look to God's continued blessings in providing Christ-centered educational excellence to our community.

