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Concordia Admitted into NCAA Membership Process

Cavaliers begin three-year process towards full membership into the NCAA Division II

PORTLAND, Ore. – The NCAA Division II Membership Committee has accepted the application of Concordia University-Portland to join the NCAA, paving the way for Concordia’s full-time membership in the Great Northwest Athletic Conference (GNAC).

Concordia will begin the three-year process this fall as one of five schools in the 2014-15 first-year candidacy class which was announced today by the NCAA. California State University San Marcos, Concordia University (Calif.), Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and Oklahoma Baptist University round out the five-member class of successful applicants.

The Cavaliers, who were approved for membership in the GNAC last fall pending the NCAA’s acceptance of Concordia’s application, will continue to compete in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC) during the 2014-15 season.

Concordia will begin competing in the GNAC in 2015-16, but will not be eligible for NCAA postseason play until the fall of 2017. The NCAA will continue to review each school during the candidacy process to determine if the institution should repeat any year of the process.

“Concordia is a quality institution with a proud history in athletics. We are extremely excited about its prospects as a full-time member of the GNAC,” said Brian Rogers, chancellor at University of Alaska Fairbanks and chair of the GNAC CEO Board.

Concordia joins 10 other institutions, which are located in five states and one Canadian province, as full-time members of the GNAC.

Other members include the University of Alaska Anchorage, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, Central Washington University, Montana State University Billings, Northwest Nazarene University (Idaho), Saint Martin’s University (Wash.), Seattle Pacific University (Wash.), Simon Fraser University (B.C.), Western Oregon University and Western Washington University.

In addition, the GNAC also includes five affiliate members including Azusa Pacific (football), Dixie State (football), Humboldt



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State (football), the University of Mary (men's soccer) and South Dakota Mines (football and men's soccer).

Azusa Pacific was one of eight schools granted full-time membership by the NCAA in today's announcement, bringing the total NCAA DII membership total to 300 institution.

"We are extremely pleased to learn of Concordia's acceptance into the NCAA, and extend our congratulations to President Chuck Schlimpert and the entire Concordia community," said GNAC commissioner Dave Haglund. "Concordia will be an excellent addition to the GNAC and Division II, and we look forward to incorporating them as a full-time member."

Concordia sponsors 15 of the GNAC's 16 officially recognized sports. The only sport in which it doesn't participate is football.

"This announcement will mark what will become one of the most defining moments for not only the athletics department, but for Concordia University as a whole," Schlimpert said. "We are thrilled to be making this next pivotal step towards full membership in the NCAA."

Concordia will compete in the GNAC in men's and women's soccer, volleyball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's indoor track and field, men's and women's outdoor track and field, men's and women's golf, softball, and baseball.

Concordia has had great athletic success at the NAIA level, capturing six consecutive CCC All-Sports trophies and earning 66 conference championships -- including at least one in each of their sports -- since 2000.

The Cavaliers have also placed inside the top 20 of the NAIA Directors' Cup standings for six straight seasons, finishing as high as ninth in 2008-09 and 2012-13.

"We are tremendously excited to officially join the GNAC and enter the NCAA membership process. This is an accomplishment that would not have been achieved without the outstanding work from our administration, coaches and staff," English said. "Not to be forgotten, this step would not have been possible without the decades of excellence from all of our past student-athletes. The culture of success they have built in competition and the classroom cannot be taken lightly as that foundation is what has enabled us to be in this position."



Concordia Quick Facts

Location • Portland, Ore.
Founded • 1905 (University, 1995)
Enrollment • 5,400
Nickname • Cavaliers
Colors • Navy & White
Varsity Teams • 15
Student-Athletes • 289 (2013-14)

Cavalier Quick Facts

- Members of the CCC since 1978, Concordia is one of nine original members of the CCC and will join former CCC members NNU and WOU in the GNAC.
- The Concordia athletic department has placed inside the top 20 of the NAIA Directors' Cup Standings for six straight seasons with an all-time best ninth-place finish in 2008-09 and again in 2012-13.
- Concordia has won seven of the eight possible CCC All-Sports Trophies, including six straight league championships (2009-14).
- Since 2000, Concordia has captured 66 CCC titles with at least one title coming in each sport the conference offers.
- The Concordia women's soccer team has won or shared 14 straight CCC championships while the men's soccer team has won or shared 10 of the last 12 titles. The women's team went 22-1-1 in 2014 while capturing its first NAIA National Championship.
- Combining for 14 championships, the CU men's and women's golf have never lost a CCC championship since its introduction to the conference for the 2007-08 season.
- The CU men's and women's track & field teams swept the CCC championships six straight years from 2007-2012. The women won the NAIA Outdoor National championship in 2011.
- Five current Concordia head coaches have reached 200 career victories: Dan Birkey (Men's Soccer, 350); Rob Vance (Baseball, 331); Grant Landy (Women's Soccer, 311); Brad Barbarick (Men's Basketball, 304); Carrie Kosderka-Farrell (Softball, 285).



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294 active members
 9 schools in provisional year
 8 schools in candidacy year two
 5 schools in candidacy year one
 50/50 percentage of public vs. private (active members only)

Enrollment at DII Active Members

Less than 2,499 enrolled students: 133 institutions (46%)
 2,500 - 7,499 enrolled students: 33 institutions (11%)
 7,500 - 14,999 enrolled students: 6 institutions (2%)

Undergraduate Enrollment

Men: 546,255
 Women: 708,108

Number of student-athletes

Men: 64,109
 Women: 44,961

Average number of student-athletes

Schools with football: 421 (265 men; 165 women)
 Schools without football: 264 (136 men; 128 women)

Average Division II Federal Graduate Rates (2003-2006)

Student-Body Federal Rate: 48%
 Student-Athlete Federal Rate: 54%

Numbers based from 2013-14 unless otherwise noted

Great Northwest Athletic Conference

•Men's Sports
 Baseball
 Basketball
 Cross Country
 Football
 Golf
 Soccer
 Track & Field (Indoor)
 Track & Field (Outdoor)

•Women's Sports
 Basketball
 Cross Country
 Golf
 Soccer
 Softball
 Track & Field (Indoor)
 Track & Field (Outdoor)
 Volleyball

Member schools shown on map:
 University of Alaska Fairbanks
 University of Alaska Anchorage
 Simon Fraser University
 Western Washington University
 Seattle Pacific University
 Saint Martin's University
 Western Oregon University
 Northwest Nazarene University
 Central Washington University
 Montana State University Billings

Quotes

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 Athletics Director, Concordia University

▷ NAIA DIRECTORS' CUP STANDINGS

Year	Place	Points
2013-14	20th	494
2012-13	9th	635.5
2011-12	10th	594.25
2010-11	14th	531
2009-10	13th	583
2008-09	9th	619.75
2007-08	26th	475
2006-07	18th	495
2005-06	30th	374.75
2004-05	66th	240.50
2003-04	66th	236
2002-03	59th	237
2001-02	94th	140
2000-01	65th	160
1999-00	135th	80
1998-99	131st	40
1997-98	--	--
1996-97	233rd	37



▷ CONCORDIA CCC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sport	Titles	Most Recent
Baseball	3	2013*
Basketball (Men's)	2	2002-03
Basketball (Women's)	2	2010-11
Cross Country (Men's)	1	2006
Cross Country (Women's)	1	2010
Golf (Men's)	7	2013-14
Golf (Women's)	7	2013-14
Soccer (Men's)	13	2012
Soccer (Women's)	17	2013
Softball	2	2013
Track & Field (Men's)	7	2012
Track & Field (Women's)	6	2012
Volleyball	4	2002

*NAIA West

▷ CONCORDIA HEAD COACHES

Name	Sport	Year
Brad Barbarick	Men's Basketball	21st
Dan Birkey	Men's Soccer	27th
Sean Kelly	Women's Basketball	1st
Isaac Frederick	Cross Country/Track & Field	3rd
Ronn Grove	Men's & Women's Golf	8th
Melanie Hambelton	Volleyball	6th
Carrie Kosderka-Farrell	Softball	12th
Grant Landy Women's	Soccer	18th
Rob Vance	Baseball	17th



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NAIA TEAM
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

2013 WOMEN'S SOCCER



2011 WOMEN'S
OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD



27 NAIA INDIVIDUAL
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS