# TOGETHER WE MADE HISTORY

THE CAMPAIGN FOR CONCORDIA:

NEXT-GEN NOW





Thank you! Since its founding 50 years ago, Concordia has grown from a bold experiment into one of the world's top young universities — an institution defined by creativity, ambition and a deep sense of purpose.

The success of the Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen Now — our most ambitious fundraising effort to date — is proof of what we can achieve together. We raised our initial \$250-million goal to a record-setting \$350 million, and we couldn't have done it without you.

With the support of our generous donors and partners, we've expanded our impact, empowered more students and advanced research that meets society's most urgent needs.

As we close Concordia's 50th anniversary and our historic campaign, we also open a new chapter — one that builds on our momentum and reflects our shared belief in what's possible when we invest in the future.

Thank you for being part of our remarkable journey.

#### Graham Carr

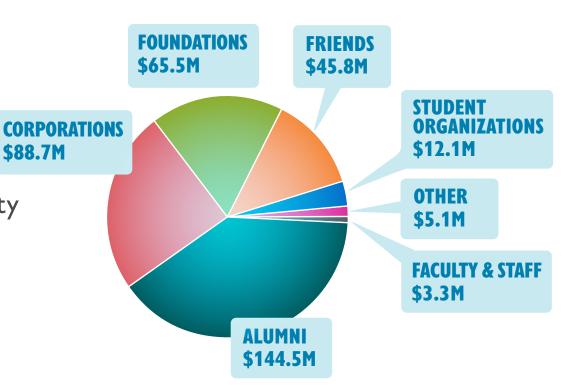
President and Vice-Chancellor

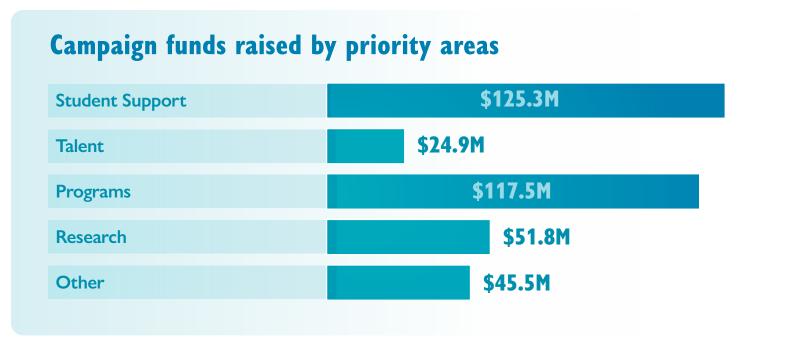
"THE SUCCESS OF THE
CAMPAIGN FOR CONCORDIA:
NEXT-GEN NOW IS PROOF
OF WHAT WE CAN ACHIEVE
TOGETHER."



# \$365M

raised through the generosity of 47,075 unique donors. This includes:





"IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO BE A STUDENT ATHLETE. WE REPRESENT CONCORDIA IN EVERY COMPETITION AND WE HOPE THAT WE MAKE OUR STINGERS COMMUNITY PROUD. WITHOUT OUR DONORS, TEAMS WOULD HAVE FEWER RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP US THRIVE. FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS, THANK YOU, STINGERS SUPPORTERS, FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND ENCOURAGEMENT!"

- Skye Robinson, fourth-year athlete





#### **FUELLING EXCELLENCE ON AND OFF THE FIELD**

Support for close to **400 Stingers student athletes** reached new heights throughout the Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen Now. **More than \$5.4 million** was raised to enhance programs and improve the student athlete experience. This unprecedented generosity reflects a recognition of the vital role played by varsity sports.

Recent years marked a golden era for the Stingers: The women's hockey team **captured national championships** in 2022 and 2024. Meanwhile, other teams have been competitive in their leagues. Individual Stingers have earned awards for athletic excellence, community leadership and academic achievement, while several coaches have received honours at both the provincial and national levels.

### **INVESTING IN TOMORROW'S LEADERS**

Scholarships and bursaries for all students have been a cornerstone of the Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen Now, empowering thousands to thrive academically and personally. Such awards help reduce financial barriers, recognize achievement and leadership, and allow students to focus on reaching their full potential — in the classroom, in the community and beyond.







"I WAS HONOURED TO RECEIVE
A SCHOLARSHIP THAT AFFIRMED
THE IMPACT OF MY COMMUNITY
INVOLVEMENT. TO THE DONORS WHO
MAKE OUR EDUCATION MORE ACCESSIBLE
AND ENRICHING — THANK YOU. YOU'RE
INVESTING NOT ONLY IN EDUCATION,
BUT IN FUTURE CHANGEMAKERS AND
COMMUNITY BUILDERS."

Kerwins St-Jean, Class of 2025,
 King Charles III Coronation Medal recipient

#### **NEXT-GEN VISION IN ACTION**

Throughout the Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen Now, **bold new initiatives** demonstrated the university's rising ambition and commitment to strategic priorities. Our announcements captured the momentum of the campaign and helped lay the groundwork for Concordia's next 50 years.

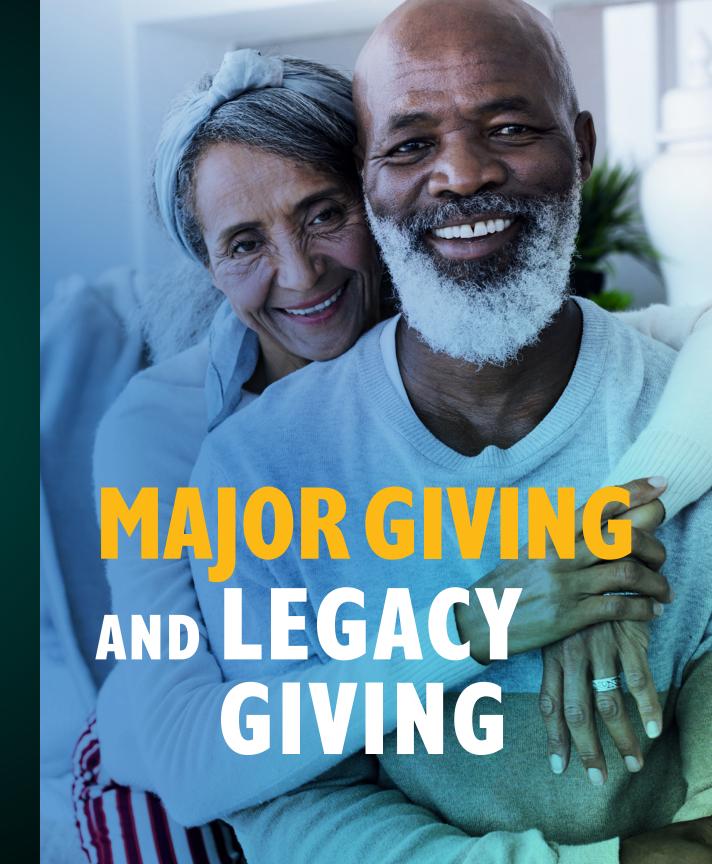






"I DEEPLY APPRECIATE ALL OF
THE DONORS WHO SUPPORT
CONCORDIA. EVERY AREA YOU
SUPPORT PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE
IN OUR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE.
PLEASE KNOW THAT YOUR IMPACT
IS FELT BY ME AND MY FELLOW
STUDENTS."

- Alexandra Chow, Class of 2025



#### **DRIVING SUCCESS FORWARD**

Exceptional generosity powered the success of the Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen Now. Major giving — donations of **\$25,000 or more** — formed a vital foundation, enabling the university to launch bold initiatives, enhance research and teaching, and create new opportunities for students across disciplines.





#### A LASTING LEGACY

Legacy giving — gifts made through a will or estate — played a crucial role in the success of the Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen Now. Through **bequests and other commitments**, donors ensured long-term support for students, research and innovation — leaving an enduring mark on our university's future.













#### STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY

Tens of thousands of donors made gifts of less than \$25,000 as part of our Annual Giving program, which encompasses recurring and annual donations ranging in size and purpose. Together, these contributions from alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students and friends added up to millions of dollars in collective impact and helped fund bursaries and scholarships, student programs and areas of greatest need across the university.





# A GROUNDSWELL OF GENEROSITY:

In 2021, a record 8,600 donors gave more than **\$615,000** to support the **Nadia Chaudhri Wingspan Award,** inspired by its namesake who walked our annual Shuffle fundraiser from her palliative care unit.

"THE CONCORDIA MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP I RECEIVED SERVES
AS A POTENT ENDORSEMENT OF
MY RESEARCH PROJECT AND A
SIGNAL THAT WHAT I AM DOING IS
IMPORTANT AND VALUED. THANK
YOU FOR YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT!"

Mike James Ross, graduate student,
 Class of 2028

# ENGAGING OUR GROWING GLOBAL ALUMNI NETWORK

Throughout the Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen Now, we have deepened connections with our worldwide alumni community of 270,000 — and counting — through inclusive programming tailored to a wide range of ages, interests and backgrounds. From class reunions and social gatherings to educational workshops and career development opportunities, our events reflect the dynamic spirit and diversity of our graduates.

# 130,000 UNIQUE ALUMNI ENGAGED

(via giving, volunteering, event attendance and other interactions)

concordia.ca/alumni

# 1.1 M TOTAL ENGAGEMENTS



**2,275** volunteers engaged

\* From campaign co-chairs and advisory board members to case competition and book fair volunteers

2,500+ alumni interviews published in English and French



\* 250 graduates profiled annually on average, with congratulatory letters from faculty deans and Concordia's President





# \* Annie Murphy





## SINCE THE LAUNCH OF THE CAMPAIGN FOR CONCORDIA: NEXT-GEN NOW

**1,261** events held, in person and online





53,000 unique event attendees

**37,000** unique alumni attendees

@ConcordiaAlumni followers

15K facebook

14K Linked in

7K O Instagram

Check out our event photos on Flickr!







"I CHOSE TO STUDY AT CONCORDIA

NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE

EXCEPTIONAL ENGINEERING

SCHOOL, BUT BECAUSE THE FACULTY

WAS NAMED AFTER GINA CODY,

A WOMAN WHO HAS INSPIRED ME.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE

DONORS WHO SUPPORT OUR

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES — YOUR

ASSISTANCE IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED!"

- Alexia Papapantelidi, Class of 2027





# **50 YEARS:** FOREVER FORWARD

Concordia's 50th anniversary provided a once-in-a-century opportunity to drive community engagement and student recruitment, and build donor momentum for the last stretch of the Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen Now.

The university's gold and garnet anniversary was led by University Advancement in partnership with University Communications Services. The enormous cross-functional commemoration included many signature projects from June 2024 to September 2025 that resulted in:

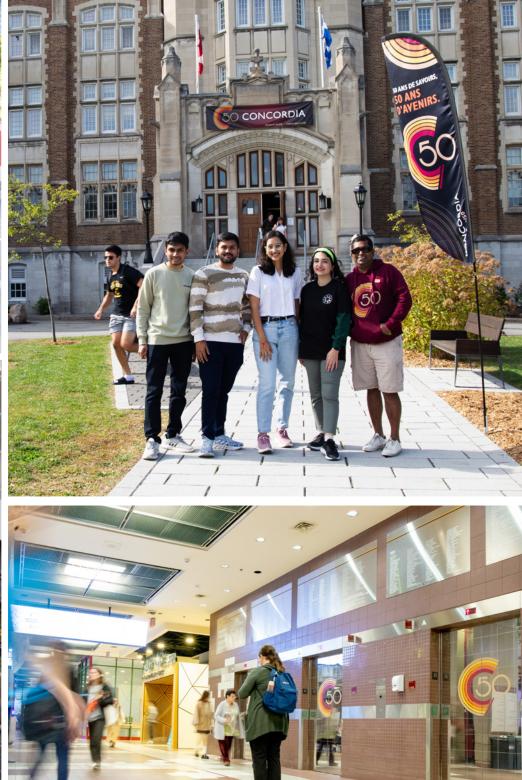
- 3M social-media impressions, 300 per cent growth from the previous year
- 1M+ views on all 50th-related videos
- 200M impressions from out-of-home campaign
- 20M impressions from campus and city signage
- 5.3M impressions from digital ad campaign
- 50 Great Concordian profiles published and celebrated, with 13,000 social-media and web impressions each
- Up to 278 per cent growth in social-media engagement and 6.5 per cent engagement rate

To learn more, visit concordia.ca/50











# A MESSAGE FROM PAUL CHESSER

The Campaign for Concordia: Next-Gen Now was never just about reaching a number. It was always about investing in the next generation of creators, changemakers and researchers — and doing so through a spirit of partnership.

Each gift, whether large or modest, played a role in helping us build a more innovative, inclusive and sustainable university.

To all our valued donors, thank you for believing in Concordia and for moving us forever forward.

**Paul Chesser**, BA 94, GrDip 97 Vice-President, University Advancement



















# GRATITUDE FROM THE CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRS

"WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE CHAMPIONED A
CAMPAIGN THAT REFLECTED THE PASSION,
GENEROSITY AND AMBITION OF THE CONCORDIA
COMMUNITY. TOGETHER, WE HELPED SHAPE A
BRIGHTER, BOLDER FUTURE — FOR OUR UNIVERSITY
AND OUR NEXT GENERATION."

– Gina Cody, MEng 81, PhD 89, Andrew Molson,Lino A. Saputo, BA 89





## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

- Discover what Concordia achieved first in Montreal, Quebec, Canada and the world: **concordia.ca/concordiafirsts**.
- Learn about our university's notable leaders, prominent researchers, entrepreneurs, artists, athletes and thinkers at **concordia.ca/greatconcordians**.

Share your #CUpride and #CUalumni stories via @ConcordiaAlumni



1455 De Maisonneuve Blvd. W., Montreal, Quebec H3G 1M8



