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CougarTank Finds New Logo



Old to new CougarTank Logo

New logo by Morgan Potter

Written by Destiny Henschel

Morgan Potter, originally from Huntington Beach, California, is the 2020 CougarTank logo contest winner. Potter mentioned she was first introduced to 2D Design at her high school. The department really impacted the person she has become. Potter described how those experiences truly molded her into the woman she is today, where she described her high school, “set a good stepping stone for my interests in the arts.”

The unique thing about Potter is that she is not studying the arts. Instead, she uses it as an escape. In her free time, Potter enjoys partaking in artistic adventures where she is able to let her creativity run

wild. Currently, Potter is working towards her MBA with specializations in Sports Management and Digital Marketing. Through digital marketing, she still has the ability to access her creative side.

Potter's first degree came from Knox College, where she studied the sciences — Biology and Psychology. However, after trial and error, Potter wanted to continue her interests in the athletics field. Due to her previous experiences and love for sports, she decided to continue studying Sports Management. This way, Potter was able to connect her previous roots with her love for the arts. It is a win-win.

After a couple of years out of the arts, Potter craved a creative

opportunity. And that is when the Concordia College of Business sent out an email looking for an eager individual to create a brand new CougarTank logo. Potter mentioned how she has not been able to “create anything in a while,” so she mentioned “it was a good way to get myself back out there creatively.” Because the previous logo has been used for two years, the CUC College of Business decided it was time for a new one.

Being inspired to create a new design, Potter took into consideration the CougarTank competition needed “a new design that was more powerful, while still implementing the core values” of CUC.

Ferguson Art Gallery Presents Julie Sulzen



Art by Julie Sulzen

Photo by Casey Kuman

Written by Casey Kuman

The Ferguson Art Gallery, on October 13, presented 25 art pieces created by Julie Sulzen. She spoke and gave insight about her collection of art at 3pm. Julie went to Concordia University Chicago, she minored in sociology and majored in art. She is a Chicagoan, and all her art pieces she presented had a Chicagoland feel to them. She has displayed artwork in Chicago, the Milwaukee Art Festival, and Around the Coyote Festival. She

has had 30 shows since 2002. Julie also teaches art classes in her own home in Logan Square. She has a studio called Wold Airbrush Factory, which is located inside of her own house.



Sulzen discussing her work. Photo by Casey Kuman

She began creating her 25 art pieces in April until October. Her series is called Beyond Green Fences, and every piece focuses on how nature finds its own way to revitalize change in the natural world. She likes to use a sociological perspective behind her artwork. She is a studio painter and loves to take

photographs of certain images she sees in a particular moment. Once she takes a photo, she uses it as a reference for her paintings.

As she paints in her studio, she does not work on one piece at a time. She works on five paintings at a time and she writes a schedule of when she can complete her work.

Julie stated, “I love having deadlines, it keeps me on track, and I get my work done on time instead of holding off on my paintings.” Some paintings may take longer to complete than others depending on the type of paint or oil pastel she is using. Julie said she has a certain intuitive feeling when they look finished. Some artists have different techniques, but Julie said all her artwork comes from her feelings.



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Meet Jade Green



Jade Green in her new office in the Krefi Student Success Center. Photo by Mattie Rametta

Written by Mattie Rametta
Jade Green is the newest addition to our Academic Advising and Study Abroad team. Green is from Zion, Illinois, which is located about 50 miles from Chicago. Green studied at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) where she received both her bachelor's and master's degree. She received her bachelor's degree in 2016 with a degree in Spanish and Business Administration. After completing her undergraduate studies, Green took a year off to work in a corporate position at Anheuser-Busch. After working there for about a year, she returned to SIUE to pursue her master's degree in College Student Personnel Administration in 2017 and graduated in May 2019. She came to Concordia University Chicago (CUC) directly after graduating with her master's degree.

While this is Green's first Aca-

ademic Advising position, she did work with International Affairs at SIUE. Although her experience working with students one-on-one



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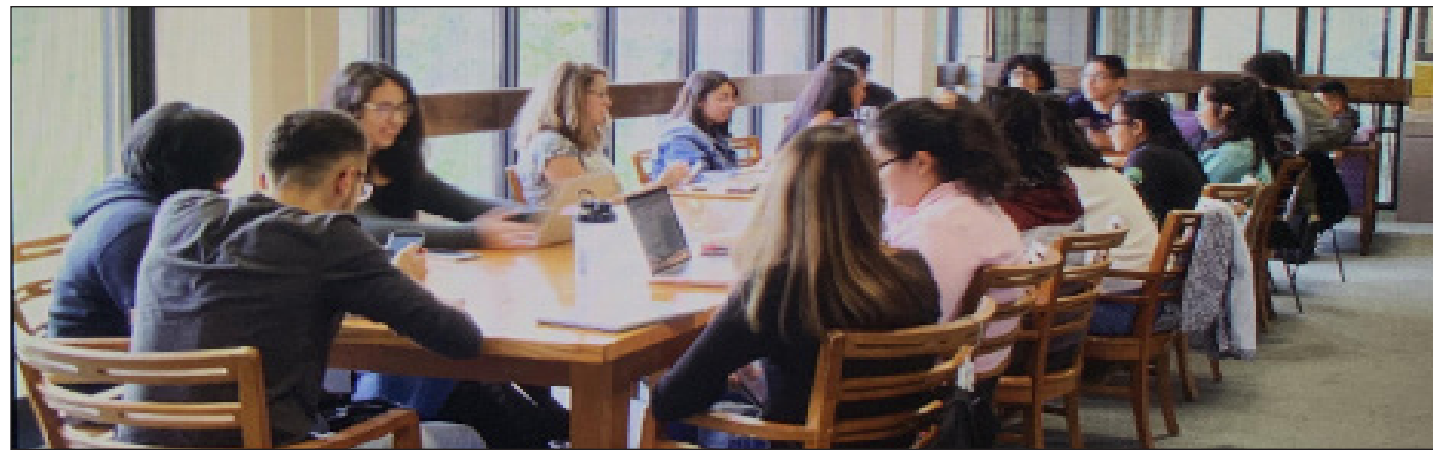
has just begun, she seems to be enjoying it very much. "I really love that piece of it," she stated.

Green studied abroad with CEA (Cultural Experiences Abroad) where she had the opportunity to travel to Costa Rica. After studying abroad herself, she worked with

CEA as an Alumni Ambassador where she promoted study abroad. As an Alumni Ambassador for CEA, Green marketed study abroad through the use of tabling, in class presentations, and study abroad fairs. Her focus there was to help students register for more information about the program and talk to students about her experience studying abroad.

Along with her love for her own study abroad experience, Green's main aspiration is to expand the study abroad opportunities at CUC. She is currently working with AIFS (American Institute for Foreign Study), an affiliate with CUC's study abroad program, on ways to encourage students to study abroad more often. She wants to encourage students that are underrepresented students to study abroad, as this was her topic of study for her higher education research study at SIUE.

When asked how she feels about her short time at CUC thus far, Green remarked, "I really like it. My faith is a big part of me, so that's one of the main reasons why I chose to come here [Concordia] because I knew it was faith based. So just working with some students that have the same faith as me motivates me as an individual to keep my faith strong and just learn more about the faith. And being a supporter of students of the faith." While she is still new in this profession, she is learning and growing. She is excited to begin this journey.



Latino/a Book Club's first meeting, Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019, in Klinck Memorial Library. Photo by Arius Gatson

New Club Comes to CUC

Written by Arius Gatson
Concordia University Chicago (CUC) is a place for learning, a place to create friends, and a place for students to get involved on campus. There are many clubs and activities on campus that students participate in. Whether it's CAB (Campus Activities Board), BSU (Black Student Union), The Spectator, LSU (Latino Student Union) or any other club, there is a wide variety of options students can pick and choose which clubs to join.

Recently, a new club has opened up on campus, that club is, the

Latino/a Book Club. This club represents the learning and logical thinking of Latino/a culture through poems, short stories, and open discussions. The club was started by Dr. Karen Cruz, who specializes in American Literature and is the Assistant Professor in the English department, and by CUC students, Diana Rodriguez and Viviana Mendoza, who are both co-presidents of the club. Co-president, Diana Rodriguez, mentioned, "We hope to gain more representation for students of color from this club. It's important that

they feel that they're represented in a space like CUC. We want this book club to be a space where anyone is welcome to join in order to learn about different cultures and what they each have to offer." The first meeting was held Thursday, October 3rd on the second level of Klinck Memorial Library. The club meets twice a semester, and the next meeting will be held on Friday, November 8th. If students, faculty, or staff have any questions, they can contact Diana Rodriguez at crf_rodrigdd@cuchicago.edu.

CAB Hosts Bingo

Written by Casey Kuman

On Tuesday, October 1st, the Campus Activity Board (CAB) hosted Bingo Night in the Cougar Den from 7 pm to 9 pm. There were several prizes that students could have won throughout this event. Such as a TV, Air Pods, two tickets to the Chicago Blackhawks game, two tickets to Fright Fest, portable speakers, T-shirts, water bottles, hats, etc.

This was an event that CUC students did not want to miss out on! One residential student named Caleb Martin stated, "I would love to win the Air Pods!" Some students that are juniors here at CUC such as Amber Zayed stated, "I really just want the T-shirts they're giving out."

Another student named Vanessa Vergara stated that she wanted to win the TV. Throughout Bingo Night, there were several students that joined in for some fun. Graduate students as well came to enjoy Bingo. One graduate student named Summer Zhu said that she also wanted to win the TV and Air Pods. The electronic devices were a big hit for the Bingo winners.

The Campus Activity Board hosts several exciting events for CUC students throughout the year. Make sure to check your emails for any other fun events planned for the rest of the semester! They will also be hosting Karaoke Night on October 8th in the Cougar Den from 7 pm to 9 pm this week, so come out and express your talents!



Matt Baron giving advice for students. The College of Business hosted its first guest speaker event on September 10th, 2019. Photo by Destiny Henschel

Concordia University Chicago's College of Business Hosts Matt Baron

Written by Destiny Henschel

On September 10th, 2019, Concordia University Chicago's (CUC) College of Business hosted its first guest speaker for the 2019-2020 academic year. Matt Baron, the founder of Inside Edge, inspired numerous CUC students and faculty members. Giving insights and examples, Baron shared his greatest advice for students with the future in business. With experience writing for the big ten football conference, reporting in the Chicago area, and being a freelance writer for public relations and media services, Baron spoke to CUC students for an hour regarding advice for improving communication.

Through his experiences, Baron told the audience how he "learned to pay the bills," on his own and how he learned to "own [his] own business." With years of experience under his belt, Baron told CUC students they have to network. After a member of the audience asked how to network, Baron told them about, "just talking to people." Basically, if there is something you want to achieve in life, go achieve it. Do not let the position or superior people scare you or make you timid, but rather be upfront and aggressive.

Money. Next in the service, Baron compared people to money and capital. Basically, if you have a good platform to network on, you are rich. He said, "when you reach out to people, have [sic] you built up capital, relationally." So if you are scared to branch out to network, don't be. Most people want to talk and they want to share their knowledge. If you want to build your network of people, Baron ensured the audience that "a

lot of little steps" will put you in the correct direction when you are starting out. Simply stated, it is not an overnight process.

During the final moments of the event, a guest had asked Baron to tell guests his four best tips for effective communication. The first tidbit of advice is to add value. In your everyday life and in your workplace, find a way to create a purpose for every task. When talking about your credibility in every instance, Baron encouraged the audience to "show, don't tell." Prove your life is purposeful.

The second tip was to practice active listening. Whether you are in an interview or talking to your peers, active listening can help you find new information that you wouldn't traditionally find in an interview setting. In listening, you actually achieve and learn more than you would when talking.

"Value ALL people" Baron mentioned was his third tip for effective communication. As humans, we all have different qualities that we can add to a conversation. Relating to his first tip of adding value to our own everyday lives, allow other people to add value to our lives.

Baron's final tip of the service was to "expand your comfort zone." He provided various examples through reading, listening to or performing music, writing poetry, performing science experiments, and many more. Becoming well rounded in many topics will make you a better conversationalist and communicator. In closing the service, Baron wanted students to stay in touch with himself and gave students his website <http://www.insideedgepr.com/>

CUC's Fall Thespian Pursuits

Written by Cassidy Stephenson

It's an action packed this fall semester for the Theater program at Concordia University Chicago (CUC). Rehearsals are under way for their next main stage production: "Eurydice", directed by Professor Stephanie Stroud. Performances also have been moved from Madison Street Theater to Bergmann Theater on campus. Besides the three main plays they have planned for this year that are directed by teachers, students are also given the opportunity to direct their own productions. For example CUC Junior, Caitlin Johnson, who is directing "Constellations", a one act play written by Nick Payne and published in 2001. Johnson held the auditions for the two person cast. Auditions were held on September 3rd, along with Stroud's Eurydice auditions. Callbacks were the next day.

When asked what "Constellations" was about, Johnson replied, "Constellations is a spellbinding exploration of love, science, quantum theory, and infinite possibilities for heartbreak or for hope."

"Constellation's" first performance was in London on January 19th, 2012 at the Royal Court Theatre. The cast at the time was Sally Hawkins and Rafe Spall. Constellations received a number of good reviews and continued their production at the Duke of York's Theatre at West End. The play even won an Evening Standard Theatre

Award. Nick Payne was 29 years old at the time, declaring him the youngest recipient of such an award. "Constellations" was also Jake Gyllenhaal's Broadway debut in 2015 with his co-star, Ruth Wilson, who was nominated for a Tony for her performance.

The two characters in this play are Marianne, who will be portrayed by Amanda Thieme, and Roland, who will be portrayed by Emil Clausing. Marianne is a physicist and Roland is a beekeeper that meet at a party. However, their love story is left a mystery as described by Johnson. "They go home together, or perhaps they don't. Maybe she breaks his heart, maybe he breaks hers."

Find out by going to a performance on October 21-22 at 7:30pm in the Bergmann Theater. Can't make it? Be sure to see a performance of "Eurydice" on November 15-17 and November 22-24. If you want to get involved in a production, audition for "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" on November 18th 6:30-9:30pm, directed by Professor Brian Fruits and music direction by Dr. Christian Hauser. The Theatre program also has multiple clubs on campus if you don't want to commit to one of the plays this season. For example, there is Improv on Mondays at 9pm and Decapolis Theatre Ministry on Mondays at 4pm. Be sure to email David.Knoell@cuchicago.edu if you're interested.



Tori Steel celebrating win.

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CUC Volleyball, Bumps, Sets, and Strikes a Win

Written by Arius Gatson

On Saturday, September 28th, Concordia University Chicago's women's volleyball team took on Alverno College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The cougars were ready to take on the Inferno and show them that they were ready to take the win for the night.

In set one, the Cougars showed the Inferno that they weren't going to let them take any wins. The Cougars blocked anything the Inferno threw at them. They refused to let Alverno College take the win. The first block of the game was done by, Julia Spitelli, whose position is middle blocker. Going back and forth, the Cougars take the win of 25-14 in the first set.

Set two was a different story compared to set one. Alverno College was not going to continue to let CUC defeat them. They came back harder than ever in the second set, but CUC still showed them that they were not the ones to play with. Although the Inferno came close to

defeating the Cougars, the Cougars still denied the Inferno's offensive attacks. Freshman, Tori Steele, who plays the right side position, defended the Cougars and led them to a 7-5 lead. The teams were playing back and forth scoring close to each other, but the Cougars took an extra point and giving them the lead against the Inferno with a score of 26-24 in set two.

Following set three, the Cougars had to show Alverno College they refused to lose. Although the Cougars started to fall behind, the Inferno still had to put up a fight against CUC's Cougars. Alverno took the lead with a 16-11, but the Cougars kept fighting their way to keep the score even. Junior, Jennifer Livesay, who's positioned as the outside hitter, aced the ball and led to tying the score 17-17. This gave the Cougars a run for the game. As the game progressed, the Cougars finished out the set with a score of 25-20.

Womens' Soccer Wins



Womens' Soccer celebrating win.

Photo Credit to CUC Athletics

Written by Destiny Henschel

Concordia University Chicago Women's Soccer team came into the new month with a new mindset. Throughout August and September, CUC Womens' Soccer team either tied or lost their first nine games. But with October starting, CUC Womens' Soccer team pulled out of their game with a 4-0 blow-out.

On Tuesday, October 1st, 2019, the CUC Cougars competed against the Rockford University Regents. The first half of the game gave the Cougars an immense amount of hope.

Their first goal, within five minutes of kickoff, was the result of a corner kick. After a celebration by the Cougars, CUC was quiet for fifteen minutes, with the ball being controlled back and forth between Rockford and CUC. Right before the twenty-minute mark, Gabriella Wagoner dribbled around the Rockford defense, shot and scored. Wagoner celebrated her first goal for the 2019 season. Another twenty minutes went by and the Cougars continued to compete

for the win. Minutes before half-time, the Cougars made their third goal, with the Regents still at zero goals. Meghan Vasseur, from the Cougars, passed the ball to Kate Sullivan, who shot and scored the third goal for CUC. Sullivan also celebrated her first goal of the season. Going into halftime, the Cougars were up 3-0.

Coming back into the second half, the Regents were eager to play harder and the Cougars were ready to keep playing. Minutes after the second half began, Cecilia Kochanek passed the ball to Samantha Wozniak, who scored the Cougars' fourth goal of the game. Wozniak also celebrated her first goal of the season. The rest of the game was balanced between CUC and Rockford, but ultimately, nobody scored.

The ending score was 4-0, giving the Cougars their first win of the season. The next game is Saturday, October 5th, 2019, at Lakeland University in Plymouth, Wisconsin. Kickoff is at 4:00 p.m. While the next home game is Wednesday, October 9th, 2019, at 3:00 p.m., against Alverno College.

Athlete Profile: Ryan Murray

Written by Destiny Henschel

Ryan Murray, one of Concordia University Chicago's (CUC) defensive linemen, intends to lead the CUC football team physically, emotionally, and intellectually this season. Murray, number 90, states that he wants his team to not only win a play-off game, and win conference, but Murray wants to achieve a 3.0 grade point average in the classroom. With a deep love for football, Murray is looking to achieve overall great success during the 2019-2020 academic year.

In valuing his team, Murray knows that "if something happens on or off the field, someone on my team is going to have my back." With an energetic but hard-working spirit, Murray uses difficulties from the past to fire his work ethic for each new season. Describing a CUC football player as "someone who works hard, fights through anything that gets thrown at them, and having a lot of heart," Murray

shows his constant dedication to the sport by continuing his 3rd collegiate football year. His teammates agree he has a great amount of dedication to football. On a more personal level, Murray describes his toughest moments taking place during the 2018 football season, where the team did not compete as well as they have in the past.

Currently, Murray strives to play in dedication to his high school coach, Coach Szudarski, who is going through difficult times of his own.

Recently, Szudarski was diagnosed with cancer and is currently going through chemotherapy procedures. Murray humbly states that "he is my inspiration" and "he is my why." With Szudarski continuing to coach, Murray continues to push through his difficult times to keep

playing his beloved game in Szudarski's honor.

Coming to CUC, Murray mentioned his gratitude for the location being close to his hometown, Joliet, Illinois. With his mom, dad,

and brother being his "biggest supporters," they are able to attend numerous games every season. Though they do run into many obstacles, Murray's family still manages to "come to any game." Murray ensures that he is "so glad I came [to CUC]."

However, as far as this upcoming season goes, Murray strives to configure "more of a team," where he believes "that would help us improve the most on the field, "Because we know we'll have each other's backs." With every player going through their own personal struggles, football creates

a family, where each player simply wants the best for one another. Playing since first grade, Murray found his true love and passion for football and knows his experiences will be with him forever.

For future players and incoming freshman, Murray advises everyone to "just stick through it, because we are all going to have tough times," but football has taught him valuable lessons for the future. Football taught him "how to work together as a team" and "how to fight through adversity," in order to achieve just about anything. Finally, football has taught him that the majority of "people think [football] builds character," but Murray "think it reveals it," in the way that each player has the audacity to decide what kind of teammate they want to be — the one that lifts people up, or the one that takes in the fame on their own. Murray wants to end with general support to all of the CUC student body by cheering them on, saying, "Go Cougars."



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