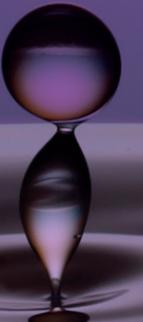


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Dedicated Service to God and Humanity

As our alumni serve, they create ripple effects in their homes, workplaces, communities, and beyond.



Each of these alumni—and many, many more—demonstrate CSP’s mission by serving God and humanity in their various vocations. By God’s blessing, we’ll continue to see generations of CSP alumni eager to answer the same call.

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Photos: Courtesy of interviewees



Dedicated Service through Education

Mainhia Moua, BA '17 currently works as a Learning Specialist at Minneapolis College of Arts and Design. Her day-to-day work entails assisting students who need literacy support and coaching student success programs. Moua’s passion to serve students stems from her own family experiences.

A member of the Hmong community, Moua grew up translating English to Hmong for her parents. She recalls: “I found words to be very powerful and an outlet for people to express their voices.”

Through her passion for education and language, Moua discovered what dedicated service to God and humanity means to her. “When we take time to think of others rather than ourselves, we see that everyone is worthy and deserving of love,

compassion, and opportunities, which is different from what the world teaches us.”

As she advances professionally, Moua fondly remembers her experiences at CSP. Being both the Vice President of Sigma Tau Delta, an English Honors Society, and a writing tutor during her time at Concordia, Moua’s education reinforced her interest in English. She also credits her professors’ encouragement for getting her to where she is today. Moua’s commitment to serving others is greater than any award or recognition.

Of the legacy she would like to leave, she says, “I want to leave a legacy not on material possessions that I own or big accomplishments that I achieve, but on the fact that I loved with all my heart, and that I tried my best.”



Dedicated Service through Servant Leadership

Jason Weber, MA '08 is currently the Associate Vice President of People and Values for the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Throughout his professional journey, Weber discovered the importance of servant leadership.

Apart from his work at Texas Tech, Weber consults with companies to create structures for them to effectively practice organizational values. He has developed servant leadership programs for a wide range of organizations, including correctional facilities. While the environments in which Weber works are often secular in nature, he has nevertheless found a biblical connection to servant leadership. Weber argues that our culture needs leaders who “serve with compassion and serve with grace.”

In addition to servant leadership, he has also observed the importance of relationships in the workplace. His advice to leaders: “Connect. Focus on the relationships. It’s through relationships and it’s through this process we can support our teams.”

Fruitful organizations require servant-driven leadership and quality support systems to thrive. Weber has experienced this truth firsthand. He credits CSP’s Criminal Justice Leadership MA program for giving him the tools he needs in his career. Weber states, “The program and course work weren’t just about how to be a leader in just corrections, but instead, it was about how to be a leader period—which can apply in all areas.”



Dedicated Service to the Hurting

Tim Hetzner, BA '78 is the President & CEO of Lutheran Church Charities (LCC), whose mission is to “share the mercy, compassion, presence and proclamation of Jesus Christ to those who are suffering and in need.” Some of their primary areas of service are the K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry, specially-trained Golden Retrievers that provide a calming presence for those who are sick, injured, or grieving; Hearts of Mercy & Compassion, which places hearts and crosses at scenes of tragedies; and disaster and crisis response.

For him, serving as Christ served comes through building relationships with people. Whether responding to a natural disaster, mass shooting, or local tragedy, Hetzner believes praying for people and serving them without judgement are his

calling. “You’ve got to understand and follow the method, manner, and ministry of Jesus Christ,” he said.

Hetzner vividly recalls serving in the aftermath of the horrific 2016 mass shooting at the Pulse Night Club in Orlando, Fla with the K-9 Comfort Dogs. There, they provided comfort, prayer, and support to the injured, families of members who were killed, and first responders. One of the people served in Orlando, Hetzner recounted, simply said, “thank you for being here as Christians.”

Throughout his ministry as a Lutheran school teacher, Director of Christian Education, and head of LCC, Hetzner has seen how God works through ordinary people as they serve.