

Dear Students,

Along with other Concordia staff, I have been working closely with Iona College to bring clarity around the news we shared last week. Iona College is well aware of the uncertainty and anxiety you may be feeling, and is committed to supporting our students in continuing their academic progress with as little disruption as possible.

Concordia and Iona will be holding a joint virtual town hall on Thursday, February 4, at 4:30 p.m. to speak to Concordia students and families and begin to answer questions. You received an email on Tuesday, February 2 with the zoom link.

In advance of the Town Hall, Iona College has shared the following information regarding admissions, tuition, contacts at Iona and more:

While Iona does not have all the same programs Concordia offers, Iona will be able to accept rising sophomore and junior students in good standing as transfers. For rising seniors, we will evaluate each transcript to help you determine the best path towards your degree. Concordia is currently working on its Teach Out Plan which will be submitted to New York State and Middle States for approval. Once the plan is approved, Concordia will reach out to rising seniors with details on next steps.

Iona is committed to providing personalized service to support Concordia students who wish to continue their studies and complete their degrees at Iona College. They have appointed professionals specifically dedicated to guiding Concordia students at each step along the way to make the transition as simple and seamless as possible.

Students pursuing graduate studies at Concordia can contact Iona graduate admissions directors to discuss options for applying their graduate credits to an Iona College degree. Education masters students may contact RoseDeline Martinez at rmartinez@iona.edu. Graduate business students may contact Katelyn Brunck Giordano at kbrunck@iona.edu.

Undergraduate students can follow the steps below to begin the process of transferring to Iona:

- Current Concordia students will need to submit a transfer application for admission for the Fall 2021 semester. There are two ways to apply for admission. Based on feedback from previous transfer students, many prefer submitting the [Iona Transfer Application](#) versus [The Common Application](#). However, either one is acceptable, and Iona has no preference. Additionally, to reduce unnecessary costs associated with applying, **Iona is waiving all application fees**. Students may use the fee waiver code: **#GoGaels!** Transcripts will be required, but SAT/ACT, essays and recommendations are NOT necessary.
- Upon receipt of your application for admission, Admissions Counselor DJ Arndt will contact you. DJ has been appointed as the counselor dedicated to serve Concordia students, and will provide personalized attention throughout the process to ensure a smooth admission process. If you have any questions about applying for admission, or what is required to be accepted, DJ would be happy to answer your questions. He can be reached at darndt@iona.edu.

- Iona is making every effort to allow you to continue your education at Iona. To this end, Iona has adjusted its non-athletic merit scholarship program to keep the tuition and fee amount similar to Concordia. The College is also offering Concordia students a generous on-campus residential grant.
- Here is a brief overview of the merit scholarship and residential grant adjustments for traditional undergraduate Concordia students enrolled on the Bronxville Campus:
 - Iona will match the non-athletic institutional aid offer for all students enrolled as an undergraduate at Concordia College Bronxville Campus during the spring 2021 semester who enroll full-time at Iona College.
 - Iona will award an additional grant called the Concordia College Transfer Student Scholarship to offset the impact of difference in tuition and fees.
 - For students choosing to live in Iona on-campus housing, an additional grant of \$1,500 annually (\$750 per semester) will be awarded.
 - To qualify for federal aid, students will be required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The 2021-2022 FAFSA is currently open. Iona College's school code for the FAFSA is 002737.
 - As long as students maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress and remain in good standing, institutional scholarships and grants will be renewable annually based on Iona College policies.
 - Iona College does not offer a Division II athletics program, so athletic aid will not apply, however Concordia student athletes may be eligible for other scholarship funds.
- A more detailed FAQ will be provided in the coming days and weeks.
- Once you have been admitted to Iona, DJ will introduce you to your dedicated student financial services counselor.
- Iona recognizes that you likely have several questions about your academic programs of study, degree completion, credit evaluations, and other inquiries for their academic advisors. Iona's individualized service has dedicated advisors to work with each Concordia student to keep you on task to graduate in the quickest timeframe possible. Upon your acceptance to Iona, your academic advisor will be assigned to you.

We know you will continue to identify new questions as you consider possible new plans for your educational future. Please don't hesitate to reach out anytime to questions@iona.edu or by calling Iona admissions at 914-633-2622. While they don't have every answer to every question just yet, they will continue to work to help you answer questions, support your transition and overcome these temporary hurdles.

I look forward to our time together at the Town Hall on Thursday.

Dr. Rachel Eells