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Brian Loesel honored as LEA's 2021 Outstanding New Lutheran Secondary Educator

Brian Loesel was selected to receive Lutheran Education Association's 2021 Outstanding New Lutheran Secondary Educator Award. He teaches science courses at Concordia Lutheran High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He has experience in running summer camps and building theater sets at Lutheran high schools in Missouri and Colorado.

Mr. Loesel graduated from Missouri State University with a B.S. in exercise and movement science. He also graduated with a Masters in Education: Teaching and Learning from Concordia University Wisconsin. He was recognized as "Grad on the Go" in Concordia University's *The Concordian* magazine.

Brian finds joy working with students. He said, "As I work with teenagers, one of my main joys is developing relationships with students. Teenagers are in need of role models as they navigate through their changing lives. The world is shouting at these kids to follow it and gain popularity, power, and pleasure. Knowing firsthand that true joy only comes through a relationship with Christ, I look to use my relationship-building with students as a gateway to pointing them to Christ."

Teaching in a Lutheran high school is not without its challenges. Brian said, "The problem becomes when I overcommit and lose the ability to perform my first calling (teaching) well. Learning what I can and cannot take on is a challenge that I hope to learn as I continue in my career."

Brian's department chair and parent of one of his students supported his nomination, saying, "I met Brian when he applied to teach science at Concordia. I knew from that first phone interview that he had the potential to be a fantastic teacher. After collaborating with him as a fellow biology teacher and watching my son learn from his as his biology teacher, I can confidently state that Brian Loesel is an outstanding teacher."

Brian's personal mission statement is "Through science you can see more of who God is. This can be seen through the design of the human body, the processes of cellular respiration and photosynthesis, or the power of medicine. This is the reason I teach science. This is the reason I teach—to point students to Christ through my subject."

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