

Christian Albano – MS 2000 Secondary Education, PhD 2006 Pharmaceutical Science, MBA 2007 Business Administration, Former NDSU Employee

Dr. Christian Albano, 47, of West Fargo, ND, died Friday, December 8, 2017, at Sanford Hospital in Fargo.

Preceded in death by beloved grandparents: Brigid and Felicisima and a sister: Lily. Survived by wife: Hope; children: Ella Faith, Truman, and Tyger; sister: Vivienne (Jeff); nephews: Matthew and Ryan; brother: Allen (Len); parents: Felix and Leticia.

Funeral: 11 a.m. Friday, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, West Fargo.

Visitation: 4 to 8 p.m. with a Prayer Service at 5 p.m. and a 7 p.m. Time of Sharing, Thursday, December 14, 2017, at West Funeral Home in West Fargo. Visitation will continue at the church an hour prior on Friday.

On December 8, NDSU and Concordia University lost a beloved faculty member – Dr. Christian Albano. Christian is survived by his wife Hope, and three children, Ella, Tyger and Truman. Christian was a Professor at Concordia University, Wisconsin, School of Pharmacy. He also held a similar faculty position (2008-12) at the North Dakota State University (NDSU) in Fargo, North Dakota. At each institution, Christian distinguished himself in teaching, service and research.

He graduated in 1994 with a B.S. degree in Kinesiology, and completed an M.S. (2000) and Ph.D. (2005) degree in pharmaceutical sciences, and a M.B.A (2007) degree from NDSU. In 2009, he completed the M.P.H. degree in Public Health from the University of Minnesota. Christian held academic positions at both private and public institutions. At NDSU from 2008 to 2012, he taught several public health and pharmacy courses. Christian readily shared his expertise and combined with his fun-loving approach to teaching made him a beloved instructor.

Christian was a leader in public health at the local, university, and national level. For example, at the university level, he served as a key faculty member who worked to develop the North Dakota Masters of Public Health Program (MPH) program. At Concordia University Wisconsin (CUW), he was instrumental in the development of the proposed collaborative Pharm.D./MPH program between CUW and Concordia University Nebraska. Additionally, Christian served as national chair of the Public Health Special Interest Group of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) where he inspired development of the pharmacist's role in public health and policy initiatives (e.g., tobacco cessation). Christian also networked very effectively both at Concordia and at other universities for his service projects. Christian has worked on a start-up company with other leaders at Concordia to develop a medication synchronization program. His startup company, Medsync-Rx, had recently won the top prize at the Concordia Medication Management Accelerator (CMMA) Pitch Event in November 2017. Christian published major manuscripts at NDSU and Concordia. Throughout his career, Christian made a concerted effort to connect his research along with his teaching, mentoring students and service efforts to serve the public health needs at the local, state and federal levels.

Christian was a person of character and a leader with excellent communication skills. He got things accomplished while maintaining positive relationships. He accomplished a lot in his short life and provides an inspiration to student pharmacists and future public health professionals.

Christian made a difference in public health in both Wisconsin and North Dakota. While his life was cut short, Christian Albano will be remembered as a colleague and friend who was generous and giving to help others. His dedication to the education of health care students was truly praiseworthy.

Sincerely,

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