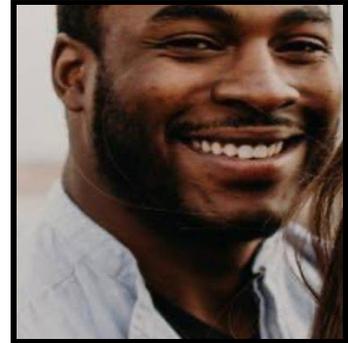


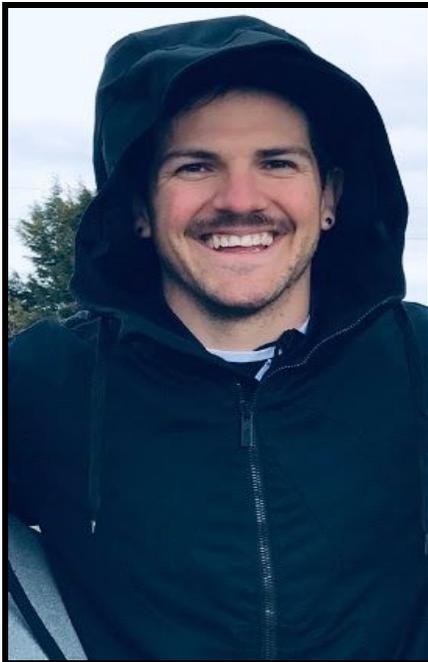
Concordia High School 2021 Track and Field Coaches

Mike Johnson (High School Head Coach)

Coach Mike Johnson assisted with Concordia's football team in the 2019 and 2020 season and is also a Pastor at Citylight Church with the Youth Ministry. Mike and his wife Morgan both enjoy serving and coaching students and young people. Mike is extremely competitive and played several sports in college: football, rugby and track & field. His goal for his athletes is to optimize them both physically but spiritually as well. Mike says, "If your students call you one day after practice to join me for a meal it is because I value their walk with Christ and want to check in and see how they are doing outside of just school and athletics".



Kent Mcrimmon (High School Sprints Coach)



Coach Kent is originally from Broomfield, CO. Ever since childhood he has been a fan of pretty much every sport. He has spent time playing basketball, hockey, soccer, football, baseball, and running track. While he dreamed of being a college basketball player, he discovered a little bit late that football and track were his prime sports. Kent played 4 years of football on scholarship at Doane University where he was a starter for two years and an Academic All-American for one year. His senior year he walked on to the track team where he found a great deal of success. He was part of a team that won the conference championship for consecutively for both indoor and outdoor track seasons. This same team also placed 3rd at Nationals for NAIA. Kent ran the 100, 200, 400 as well as the 4x100 and 4x400 relays. His 4x400 relay qualified for both indoor and outdoor nationals, where they placed 9th and 10th respectively. He is most proud of the 47.7 split he ran in the 4x400 at indoor nationals.

As a Coach Kent is still quite competitive, he enjoys being able to do the running workouts and push his athletes to get better. He is

driven to keep athletes focused on the task at hand so that they can reach their individual potential. While he finds enjoyment in seeing athletes compete at both a high and competitive level, he understands that there are more important things in life. After sports comes real life, and Kent strives to make sure that students realize this. A successful sports career isn't worth much if you don't learn how to be a good teammate and how to succeed in life. As a Seminary student, Kent also enjoys being able to integrate his faith with coaching. He enjoys being able to lead team prayers and support students with whatever they may be dealing with and deems it an honor and privilege to coach young people.

Brandy Smith (Throws Coach)

Brandy Smith (Echternach), has been married for 16 years to an extremely intelligent and highly witty husband, Mike Smith. She has worked at Douglas County Corrections for the last 20 years. This will be Brandy's 3rd year as Concordia's throws coach.



Brandy's Bio:

- ❑ She is an Omaha native and graduated from Bryan Senior High School.
- ❑ She qualified all 4 years during high school in discus and her senior year Championed in discus both as Class A 1st place and All-Class Gold Medal State champion.
- ❑ She also was shot put Class A Gold Medal winner her senior year.
- ❑ Brandy was honored to also receive an honor from Bryan High as their Senior 'Female Athlete of the Year.'
- ❑ She continued her education at USD and continued to compete in T&F and competed in Outdoor Nationals in the discus in '97 and '98 and placed 6th Nationally and was a 4-time All American.
- ❑ During her first year at Concordia as the throws coach, she had a state qualifier in shot put!

Brandy looks forward both to expanding the throws team, but also the ENTIRE T&F student athletes!!

Andy Jipp (Jr. High Head Sprints Coach)

Coach Jipp has been involved in track/cross country most of his life. He ran for Millard South High school and competed collegiately at Concordia University, NE. He also coached junior high track/cross country for about 10 years in WI, IN, and now here at Concordia for a few years. He loves running and enjoys developing Junior High runners into the best they can be.



His favorite running verse is Hebrews 12:1b-2a "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith".



Kim Jipp (Jr. High Head/Distance Coach)

Kim Jipp has been a runner her entire life. She was a 4 year State Qualifier (& medalist) in High School in the 400m and various relays. In college, she ran Cross Country and Track and was an Academic All-American, National Qualifier, and 800m All-American as well as All-American in various relays.

Later in life, Coach Jipp qualified for and ran in the Boston Marathon. She currently enjoys running short distances in the warmth of the sun with her husband, Andy and 3 wonderful children; Matthew (Junior), Faith (7th grade), and Joy (6th grade), who have all developed a love for running.

Kim coached Junior High Track/Cross Country for 10 years in WI and IN and coached High School track here at Concordia for 5 years. She looks forward to coaching Junior High Track again and developing a love for being active in these student athletes.