

The Voice of the Golden Bears

Dan Flanagan Calls the Games Like He Sees

By Jake Loftus

When Golden Bear fans go online to live-stream a Concordia game or check out highlights from recent games on YouTube, the first thing fans would notice would be the distinctive voice calling the plays and reviewing the highlights. That voice belongs to Dan Flanagan, the voice of Concordia Golden Bears Sports. Flanagan has been the play-by-play guy for CU for the last six years, after looking around for an announcer gig. "I came back to the Twin Cities after school and decided that I would just contact all the schools in the area and see if they needed an announcer," said Flanagan. "I got a few jobs that way. Concordia didn't need anyone right away, but eventually they contacted me and it's worked out since."

Flanagan had wanted to be a sports announcer ever since he was a kid. "I loved watching sports growing up." Flanagan went on to say, "Unfortunately I also spent a lot of time watching from the bench when I was on a team as a kid so I knew from a pretty young age that playing them wasn't going to be my thing." However, Flanagan realized that he didn't have to be an athlete to be involved in sports, as he eventually gained the desire to become an announcer. "I used to sit up in my room with the sound down on the TV and pretend I was calling the game. I probably did that from about the time I was nine."

So naturally, once the time came for Flanagan to go to college he would go to learn broadcasting from the broadcast capitol of the world, New York, and ended up at Fordham graduating with a communications degree as well as working with their sports radio

program. Eventually, as mentioned earlier, Flanagan would eventually come to Concordia and be the play-by-play voice for Concordia sporting events, including volleyball, football, basketball, and soccer.

Like most people in their dream career, Flanagan approaches his work with as much preparation as possible.

Flanagan makes sure that he gets as much info on a team, player, or coach, so he can be prepared to know how a play is supposed to work and also know what certain players can bring to a game. "It's important to do the prep work beforehand. Get to know the roster, find relevant stats etc." He continues, "You also need to be able to adapt quickly once the game has started. I've found it is best not to over-prepare since you never know what will happen during a live event. You also need to be patient because it's a very competitive field and the job search can be frustrating at times. You have to be comfortable with hearing no from people."

Flanagan has been with Concordia for six years, and has seen nearly every home game from up close-and-personal for almost every sport team. Flanagan says that his favorite moments here were calling two of the volleyball national championship matches, including their record seventh title. For the upcoming basketball seasons, you will find him in the booth right next to the Concordia sideline, working alongside Zach Schuster and the student film crew at Stream Powered Productions. To close, Flanagan says that he loves calling games that have a large crowd and plenty of energy, so he encourages fans to come down and watch the games.



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