

### **David Gentner Receives Concordia College Highest Award**

**Mount Vernon, N.Y. (December 15, 2020)** – Wartburg’s President and CEO, Dr. David J. Gentner, recently received the 2020 Servant of Christ Award from Concordia College New York during their 2020 Parade of Graduates Commencement Ceremony. President Gentner’s award was given in appreciation for his efforts to provide quality care and housing to the oldest members of the community as well as for his partnership with the College.

Wartburg’s Chair Emeritus, Rev. Amandus J. Derr (Concordia class of ’69) nominated Dr. Gentner for this award which is given to those who exhibit Christian values in the world with previous recipients including: Oswald Hoffman, O.P. Kretzmann, Mark Heckler, Hawk Newsome, and Dr. Bruce Kintz.

The ceremony took place during a special Parade of Graduates Ceremony at the **Schoenfeld Campus Center at Concordia New York**. Due to the pandemic there were limited graduates, families, alumni, community members and special friends in attendance. “Dr. David J. Gentner, President of Wartburg, has this morning been named Servant of Christ by Concordia College. God’s plan for humanity is present in every act of caring. David, your gift for caring, and your decision to make caring your life’s vocation, give witness to Christ’s love every day,” said President John A. Nunes, Concordia College.

“While receiving this award is humbling, and much to live up to, it would be unthinkable without thanking the people who really should be honored. Foremost I would like to thank the Wartburg staff who, in the face of this COVID-19 pandemic, placed themselves on the frontlines day after day. On behalf of my family and friends, my deepest appreciation to President Nunes, the awards selection committee, and to those who attended as my guests,” said Dr. Gentner.

David J. Gentner, Ed.D. is the 10th President of Wartburg & Wartburg Foundation, located in Mount Vernon, NY. Dr. Gentner dedicated his career to the care and well-being of older adults, he is a licensed nursing home administrator in three states and is the recipient of numerous industry awards for personal integrity, leadership and innovation. His contribution to the field of research focuses on music, dementia, and quality of life in assisted living environments and he is a graduate of St. John Fisher College.

#### **About Wartburg**

Wartburg, located in Westchester County, NY, offers integrated, comprehensive senior residential and healthcare services. Unlike conventional retirement communities, Wartburg provides a wide range of services to both residents living on their beautiful 34-acre campus and people in their own homes. From independent, assisted living and award-winning nursing home care to inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation, home care and adult day care services, their continuing care approach has earned them a trusted reputation. Wartburg also provides caregiver support at every stage with an array of options to find the level of care that considers the whole family. Wartburg was named one of the "Best Nursing Homes in New York State" by *U.S. News & World Report* for the **9th** consecutive year in 2019.

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