

## U.S. Senator Ben Sasse is Concordia College New York's 2019 Commencement Speaker

February 27, 2019, Bronxville, NY – Ben Sasse, U.S. Senator for Nebraska, will address the graduates at the commencement of Concordia College New York's 138<sup>th</sup> academic year. The commencement ceremony will be held on May 19, 2019, at 2 pm. An honorary Doctor of Humane Letters will be conferred upon Senator Sasse at the ceremony.

A prominent politician, respected academic and best-selling author, Senator Sasse was the president of Midland University (formerly Midland Lutheran College) in Fremont, Nebraska before he was elected to the United States Senate in 2014. He previously served as an assistant secretary in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

The native of Fremont, Nebraska holds a bachelor's degree in government from Harvard University; an MA in liberal studies from the Graduate Institute at St. John's College; and MA, M.Phil., and Ph.D. degrees in history from Yale University. He is the author of *The Vanishing American Adult* (2017) and *Them: Why We Hate Each Other - and How to Heal* (2018).

Dr. John A. Nunes, President of Concordia College New York said: "I am delighted that Concordia's graduates will have the opportunity to learn from, and be inspired by, Senator Ben Sasse. He is a man of deep faith and a scholar of extraordinary intellect, a gifted communicator and energetic advocate for civil discourse: all qualities we strive to instill in our students."