

Our three children have all attended private, Christian universities, and we have found that Corban excels amongst its peers. It's been a wonderful place for our two sons to learn academically, be mentored, make godly friends, grow in their personal faith and mature into responsible young adults ready to serve Christ in the world.

Corban has been generous with financial awards, making it possible for our sons to attend. We were surprised to find that, with scholarships, there was not much difference in cost from a public university. The biggest plus for us was knowing that our sons' faith would be built up rather than undermined during college.

We have found the administration accessible and open to hearing from us, and have seen evidence of them taking our thoughts and concerns to heart. I know we would not have the same face-to-face experience at a large university. We have been invited to informational events regarding Corban's future plans and are excited about things on the horizon.

Each fall, we attend Corban Parent Weekends where we sit in on classes and meet with professors. Having attended large, secular universities ourselves, we are amazed at Corban's small class sizes and professors closely in-touch with their students. Professors are readily available by just stopping by their offices. Professors recognize us, and even remember our names from year to year!

Classes begin with prayer. Once during our visit, instruction was momentarily interrupted by a professor to show concern for a student going through a tough time. This professor knew his students well and was aware enough to notice the need and compassionate enough to respond.

We also saw how professors infused their Christian faith into their teaching. In a science lab on infectious diseases, the professor asked the students to consider and discuss how, as health professionals, God would want them to compassionately treat patients with diseases contracted through ungodly lifestyles—a real-life application. Wow! So different from our own secular college experience!

As a science major, our oldest son, Scott, ultimately turned down a campus with more impressive laboratory facilities and chose Corban because he saw how the Corban professors believe in the authority of Scripture as the basis for all things in life, including academics and science. Corban stands apart from almost all Christian universities in this aspect, we were surprised to learn.

Scott graduated from Corban in 2012 and now attends WSU Veterinary School. He is an enthusiastic alumnus and would recommend Corban in a heartbeat. Our most insecure child, his first year away from home was a bit challenging, but he liked being at Corban and the awesome

RAs in the dorm gave him support. He made many good Christian friends (including his awesome, godly wife) and was mentored by several professors, some of whom even visited our home and attended his wedding. Scott and his wife are sold-out Corban alumni.

Our youngest son, Craig, is a current Corban student, a health science major, cross-country runner and orchestral musician. We let him make up his own mind on a choice of university even though we were “sold” on Corban ourselves. So we visited other Christian universities, some of which had more impressive laboratory facilities, medical research opportunities, and sports complexes. But prayerful consideration led him to Corban.

Now a sophomore, Craig appreciates his godly coaches who have helped him see his running as a ministry, and he is developing leadership skills. The team exhibits a high degree of sportsmanship and are a positive witness for Christ to other teams. His coaches and the music directors have allowed him to continue his love of music by joining in with the orchestra when he is able. He enjoys his professors and classes, is involved in campus activities, and has made many awesome Christian friends. Craig loves life at Corban.

We're thankful for Corban and the positive influence it has had in preparing our sons for their futures. We encourage you to consider Corban—and join your student for a visit to campus. You'll love meeting the professors and staff.

- Shelly and Steve Boekenooen