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# CORBAN PARENT GUIDE

OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT, ALUMNI & PARENT RELATIONS



**CORBAN**  
UNIVERSITY









## OUR MISSION

To educate Christians who will make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ.







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**A NOTE FROM PRESIDENT NORD**





## **DEAR CORBAN PARENTS,**

Corban University is committed to your child's success, but that does not mean their experience here will be easy. I believe that challenges develop in our students the grit that is needed to navigate this culture and this world. What the world needs more of is solid, deep thinkers who are not only trained in the career field of their choice, but biblically equipped to live and share the gospel wherever they go.

The environment at Corban is structured to foster learning, growth, and the integration of scriptural truth in all aspects of life.

Jamie and I are parents of a Corban University alumna, so you can imagine we have experienced many of the same feelings you have about entrusting your daughter or son to our care. I want you to know that our staff, faculty, and coaches are all committed to your child's success and consider it a great privilege to walk alongside them through this new chapter in their lives.

May this handbook, specially created for you as parents, prove beneficial as you go through the transition of sending your child to college.

To Christ be all glory,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'S' followed by a cursive 'C' and 'N'.

*Dr. Sheldon C. Nord*  
*President*





## **GREETINGS PARENTS,**

We are excited to receive your children as students of Corban University. Any time our students find themselves outside the classroom (which amounts to 153 hours each week assuming a 15 hour course load), they are part of Student Life. Learning does not end at the classroom door, which is why our mission in Student Life is to foster student learning that results in meaningful growth.

To fulfill this mission, we seek to ensure our students have a strong sense of belonging. We want all our students to know they matter and have a place within our community. As their curiosity is piqued through interactions in the residence halls and various student programs, we hope they will deeply engage in the numerous opportunities available to them on campus and around Salem. This leads to a greater sense of ownership in their learning and increased interest in stewarding it well by giving back to their community.

We are thrilled and humbled to continue the relational development of your child as we live out our mission to educate Christians who will make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ.

Thank you for trusting us in this process and please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you in the coming months and years.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Nathan Geer'. The signature is fluid and stylized, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

*Nathan Geer  
Dean of Students*

## **WELCOME WARRIOR FAMILIES!**

It's an honor to have you join the Corban community as your student embarks on this college journey.

But it's not just their journey. The Office of Advancement, Alumni and Parent Relations is here to walk with you as your student transitions to all that college life brings. This phase of life can be both exciting and overwhelming for parents and families. Our office is available to you, providing answers or pointing you in the right direction for any of your interests or inquiries.

Taking part in campus events, volunteer opportunities, and connecting through social media can keep you informed and help build community here at Corban. In addition, this guide can be a valuable reference point as you begin to discover all that is available to help you and your student connect well at Corban.

Warm regards in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shirley Turner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

*Shirley Turner*  
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## **DEAR CORBAN PARENTS,**

Congratulations on being a Corban parent! I remember moving our son, Adrian, into Farrar Hall and the warm Warrior welcome he received on campus that day. We realized Adrian was going to have a great experience. What we didn't realize was just how great it was going to be for him.

After four years of listening to Adrian's experiences and attending campus activities, we saw firsthand Corban's commitment to making campus life a place where students could flourish. From staff, coaches, and faculty who genuinely cared for students and their education to friendships that will last a lifetime, we watched Adrian gain a valuable education and a desire to go make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ. When he graduated, he told us his Corban experience was the best four years of his life so far. That was a true testament to Corban University's commitment to academic excellence, Christ-centered education, and meaningful campus life.

You will continue to play an important role in your student's college experience because they are still listening to you. I encourage you to get involved whether you are near campus or in your own community. Your involvement will strengthen your relationship with the University and enrich your experience as a Corban parent.

As a member of the Board of Trustees, I am honored to welcome you as a member of the Corban community!

*Patti Garrido*

*Corban University Board of Trustees*







## **PARENTS: PARTNERS IN STUDENT SUCCESS**

At Corban University, we are committed to educating Christians to make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ. We view every experience, both in and out of the classroom, as an opportunity for your student to learn how to think critically, solve problems, and grow in Christ-like character.

Family members play an integral part in their student's success through their encouragement, prayer, and support. Some students don't have the family support to help them through times of transition and crisis. Here are two ways you can make a difference for those students:



**1. GIVE TO THE HOPE FUND.** The Hope Fund helps to bridge small gaps in students' financial needs for tuition, groceries, gas, and other critical situations. A small amount can make a world of difference and share hope with students in special circumstances of need. *(Use your phone's camera to scan this QR code and donate today.)*

**2. SEND CARE PACKAGES.** If you have a heart to encourage students, join our parent care package team! We will connect you with students who could benefit from an occasional care package. Contact [sturner@corban.edu](mailto:sturner@corban.edu) to get started.



## SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT

### **AT CORBAN UNIVERSITY, WE SEE PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN THEIR STUDENT'S SUCCESS IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:**

- Strive to understand the student experience, learning about the unique challenges and opportunities facing today's college students.
- Develop awareness of the support services available to students and encourage your student to identify their need and seek out assistance.
- Encourage your student to identify, define, and solve problems independently, and prayerfully support your student during times of challenge and uncertainty.
- Allow your student to: accept responsibility for their personal errors, examine their motivations, determine a solution, and establish a different action plan for the future.
- Understand your role as mentor to your student. Promote self-advocacy by empowering your student to make decisions independently.
- Know and understand your limitations to access student records, as delineated in Corban's FERPA policy (Family Education Rights Privacy Act).
- Be alert to signs of distress in your student (prolonged sadness, loneliness, stress, etc.) and discuss your concerns openly. Assist your student in developing a plan to address the problem. If it would be helpful, our Student Life staff members are available to talk through different options and resources for your student. If you are concerned about the immediate safety of your student, contact Campus Safety.



**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE**

Your son or daughter is probably so excited to be a college student that they haven’t given much thought to what it really means. Preparing ahead of time for some of the major differences can assist with the transition from high school to college.

	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
TIME/ SCHEDULE	Structured and sequential. Typically a daily routine that is stable and predictable.	Unstructured. Students are personally responsible for getting up, going to class, managing priorities, and going to bed at a reasonable hour.
TEACHER- STUDENT RELATIONSHIP	Significant contact as most classes meet 5 days per week. One-on-one relationships and casual meetings before and after class. Frequent homework reminders.	Most classes meet 1 to 3 times per week. Students are expected to meet with faculty during office hours. Work is often self-directed.
PARENT/ FAMILY INVOLVEMENT	Parents and guardians have access to and can monitor grades, assignments, and attendance. Parents contact teachers or counselors directly with concerns. Communication is open and information is freely shared.	Students must grant access to academic and financial information due to federal law. Professors and advisors cannot share information with family members about student progress or concerns without the student’s authorization.
COUNSELING/ ADVISING	Guidance counselors plot out the 4-year curriculum with the student. Parents may also be involved.	Students make appointments with academic advisors every semester and should be prepared prior to each meeting. It is up to the student to correctly map out their course of study, but advisors and support staff are available to help.

HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE	
Student freedom is usually dictated by scheduled activities and parental guidelines.	Students make their own choices about how to use their time. No curfews at Corban.	<b>FREEDOM</b>
Students may be able to earn good grades with minimal effort. The class work is evenly distributed throughout the semester. Students are given detailed instructions and support for major papers and projects.	Most classes meet 1 to 3 times per week. Students are expected to meet with faculty during office hours. Work is often self-directed.	<b>ACADEMICS</b>
Parents and guardians communicate directly with teachers and counselors. They can contact teachers or counselors directly with concerns. Communication is open and information is freely shared.	Students must learn to advocate for themselves by asking for help when they need it and taking advantage of university support services and resources. Parents are not able to make appointments on behalf of a student.	<b>ADVOCACY</b>



## MEASURING STUDENT SUCCESS

Congratulations, your child successfully completed high school and became a Corban student! With enthusiasm, and maybe a little trepidation, your son or daughter is beginning their college journey and expecting to have a “successful” college experience. As parents, we hope for the same thing, but wonder, “What makes for a successful college experience?”

Sometimes as parents it’s easy to view grades as being the sole indicator of success. While grades are often the most obvious gauge, focusing on straight A’s or other external measures of success can often limit further opportunities for growth.

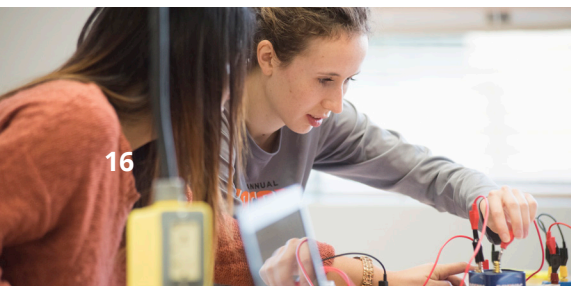
The truth is, in order for your student to succeed in college, they must be engaged fully in their spiritual, cognitive, emotional and relational development. What does that look like? Here are some indicators that your college student is taking steps toward success in their Corban career:

- **YOUR STUDENT IS ENGAGING IN STUDENT LIFE.**

Sometimes the hardest part of going to college is starting over finding and building a new social group. There are a lot of activities available to students everyday of the week, including outreach ministries and athletic events, to dorm and SGA parties. It takes effort, especially for more introverted students. But every college experience is enriched by some extra effort and the opportunities and self-discovery afforded by being involved.

- **YOUR STUDENT IS DEVELOPING CLOSE FRIENDS.**

It’s a process that takes time, but eventually your student will find one or two others with whom they can share their deepest thoughts. Often when a student says they’re homesick, what they mean is they’re “friends sick.” They miss the comfort of having a close relationship. If your student is still looking for that good friend,



remind them to be patient, but also suggest they keep reaching out and praying that God would bring them a close friend.

- **YOUR STUDENT IS MAKING MISTAKES.**

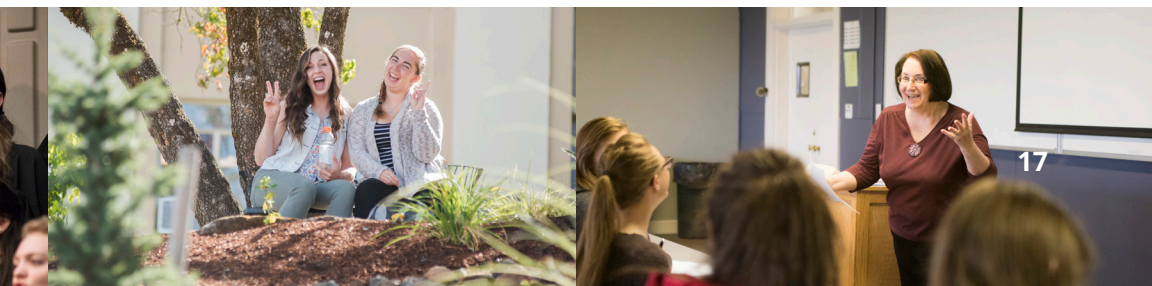
That means they are making decisions, and sometimes those decisions don't work out as planned. Maturity comes from evaluating options, making decisions, and living with and learning from the results of those decisions. The more decisions your student makes, the more opportunities they will have to learn and grow.

- **YOUR STUDENT IS SPEAKING WITH PROFESSORS OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.**

Professors at Corban love their students and invite them to engage with them outside the classroom. The successful student responds to those invitations and makes connections with their professors. At the very least, your student would benefit by visiting a professor during their office hours, even if it were just to make sure they are on track with the assignments. Chances are, that professor will delve further and ask your student how they are doing in their personal and spiritual life. These are opportunities a student shouldn't miss.

- **YOUR STUDENT IS SEEKING TO BE CHALLENGED.**

College shouldn't be a cakewalk. If it is, your student is not getting their money's worth. Students who push themselves are going to receive the most benefits intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually. The key is ensuring that your student has the support necessary to face those challenges and grow through them. Corban provides a variety of resources to support students, but they need to be matched by emotional support from home. When a student feels supported, both academically and emotionally, they are more likely to seek out challenges and gain the most from their college experience.



## STUDENT STRESS CALENDAR



College is an exciting time of growth and discovery, but with every season of growth, there are times of challenge. Here we lay out for you the typical stresses that students experience during their college years so that you can anticipate their needs and know how to pray for them.

**SEPTEMBER** • Homesickness • Students on medications may have trouble due to mismanagement of medications • International students sense confusion, vulnerability, and the lack of an advocate • Roommate differences and social adjustments • Feelings of inadequacy might develop

**OCTOBER** • Freshmen begin to realize that college life isn't as perfect as they thought • Overwhelmed by time management pressures • The novelty is gone; some question God's leading to Corban • New students may struggle with finding friends • Addictive behavior may start to surface

**NOVEMBER** • Economic anxiety surfaces • Academic pressure due to finals and class selection for the spring • Pressure over plans for Thanksgiving - for some, anxiety over being home • Depression and anxiety increase for those with a slower adjustment to college life • Questions begin over whether to come back second semester



**DECEMBER** • Increased stress as final exams approach • Extra-curricular time strain • Pre-Christmas depression for those who have difficult home lives • Financial strain because of Christmas gifts, traveling costs, etc.

**JANUARY** • Apprehension over returning to new relationships • Emotional stress due to family issues that surfaced over vacation • Renewed commitment to academics • Students may drop classes to help alleviate academic pressure • Start considering housing situation for next year

**FEBRUARY** • Couples begin to establish stronger ties (engagement) or experience weakening of established ones

**MARCH** • “Senioritis” sets in • Concern over how grades will end up • Decision and direction over summer jobs or ministry • Housing selection process can cause social anxiety and a fear of being excluded • Inability to make a vocational choice might cause anxiety • “Sophomore slump”: most have completed general studies—now what?

**APRIL** • Apprehension or sadness over leaving relationships established during the year • Seniors panic



We can be reached  
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days a week at:  
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(503) 510-6430

Messages checked  
regularly at:  
*Anonymous Tip Line*  
(971) 599-3686

## **DEAR CORBAN PARENTS,**

I want to let you know that we take your student's safety seriously. Our exceptional team of Campus Safety Officers are state certified through the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. They go through a rigorous application and training process to meet the unique needs of Corban University.

Corban is rated as one of the safest campuses in Oregon and the US, receiving a grade of A- from Niche.com.

In addition to regular campus patrol, our safety officers also provide the following services to students:

**EMERGENCY RESPONSE:** Students should call our 24/7 dispatch center right away in an emergency. Dispatch will send appropriate emergency

responders to their location.

**SAFETY ESCORTS:** While Corban enjoys a quiet and safe campus, we are happy to escort students to their car or dorm when the needed.

**FACILITY ACCESS:** If your student is locked out of their dorm, we can help get them inside. For safety reasons, students should be prepared to show ID to gain access.

**ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE:** We have the equipment to help with flat tires, dead batteries, and other minor service issues.

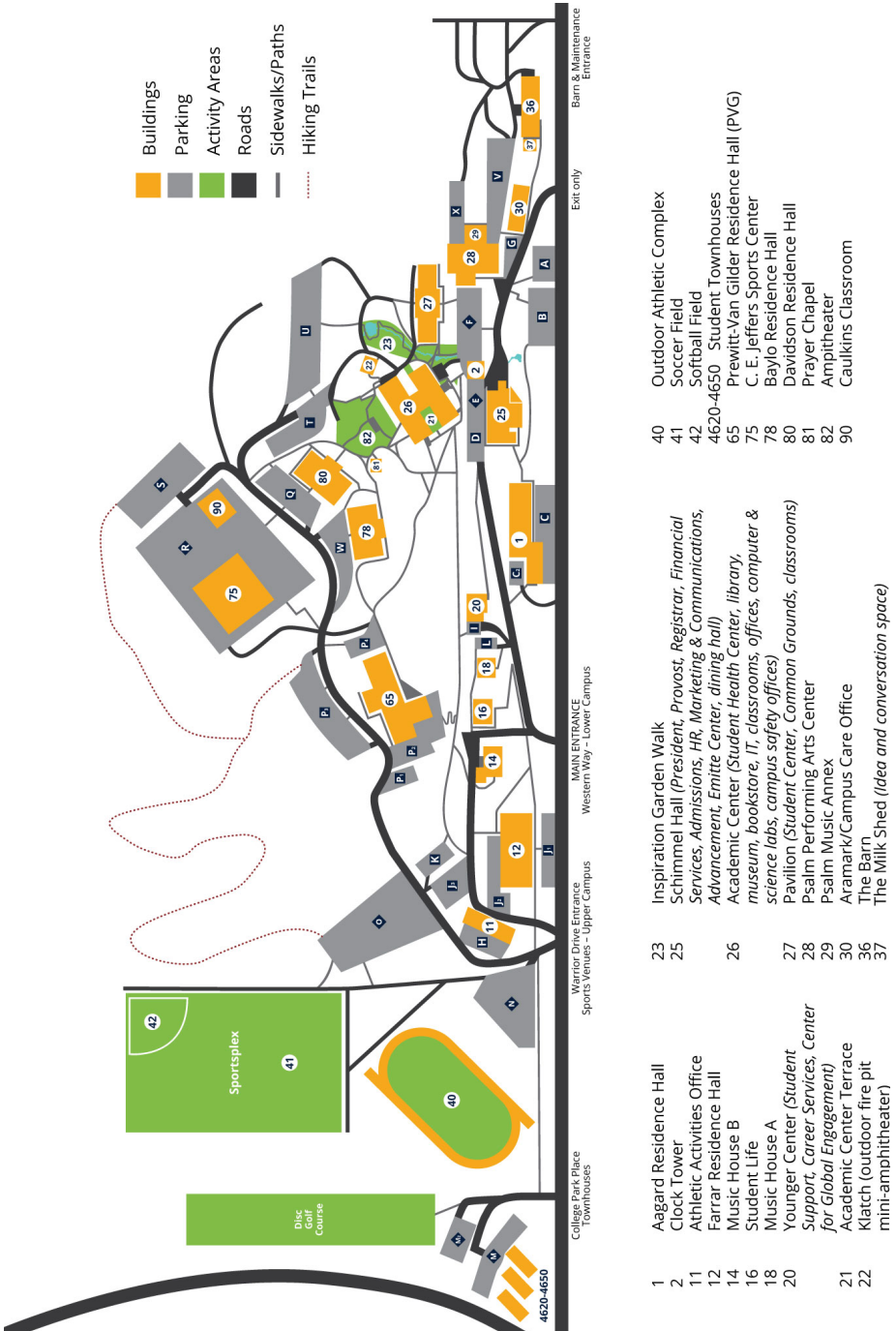
**INCIDENT DOCUMENTATION:** If a student needs to report a crime or accident, we can connect them to the proper department or agency to complete documentation requirements.

In the event of an emergency on campus, students will be notified via text, email, or phone. Students are automatically included on the distribution list, but for parents to be added, students must include this information on their emergency contact form at [alert.corban.edu](http://alert.corban.edu).

It is an honor to serve.

*Chief Michael Roth*

## CAMPUS MAP





## HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

### STAY CONNECTED

#### CONTACT LIST

Stay informed about what is happening at Corban. Scan this QR code to join our parent contact list.



#### CORBAN CONNECTION

Get Corban's bi-monthly newsletter via mail or email to keep up on campus news, student and alumni stories, upcoming events, and more! Use this QR code to sign up for the *Corban Connection*.



#### SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow Corban University on Facebook and Instagram!



Facebook: CorbanUniversity



Instagram: @corbanuniversity



### CAMPUS EVENTS

#### ATHLETICS

Cheer on our Corban Warrior athletes throughout every season! Check out the athletics website for up-to-date schedules of each sporting event. [www.corbanwarriors.com](http://www.corbanwarriors.com)

#### FALL SHOWCASE - Oct. 22, 2021

Enjoy the musical talent of Corban's choir, band, and orchestra as they use their gifts to glorify the Lord.

#### THEATRE ARTS PROGRAMS - Fall: Nov. 11-13 & 19-21, 2021; Spring: Mar. 10-12 & 18-20, 2022

Every Fall and Spring semester, Corban's Theatre Arts puts on a play featuring some of our incredibly talented students. This is a great time for family and friends to enjoy an evening of entertainment together!

#### CORBAN GIVING DAY - Nov. 30, 2021

As part of the global giving movement, Giving Tuesday, Corban invites you to participate in building our student scholarships through donations to the Corban Fund on Corban Giving Day.

#### CHRISTMAS AT CORBAN - Dec. 3-4, 2021

Come and celebrate the good news of our Savior's birth! You will be blessed by the musical gifts of our Corban student performing groups as we praise the Lord for the gift of His Son.

#### HYMN FEST - Feb. 11 & 12, 2022

Join us for this beloved Corban tradition and sing along with Corban's student choir as we worship the Lord together.

#### CORBAN SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON - Feb. 22, 2022

Please join us for the 2022 Scholarship Luncheon. This luncheon is a wonderful opportunity for students to share God's calling on their lives with the very people who are supporting them and for supporters and ministry partners to meet the beneficiaries of their gifts. To register, please visit [events.corban.edu/CSL](http://events.corban.edu/CSL).

#### GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST - Apr. 15, 2022

More information will be available online.

## FALL SEMESTER 2021

Residence halls open for new students	Aug. 21 (S)
Warrior Welcome	Aug. 21-24
Residence halls open for returning students	Aug. 23 (M)
Continuing student registration	Aug. 24 (T)
Instruction begins	Aug. 25 (W)
Close of course registration	Sept. 3 (F)
Study day (no classes)	Oct. 8 (F)
World Outreach Week	Sept. 27–Oct. 1
Last day to drop any course	Oct. 15 (F)
Early scheduling for Spring semester opens	Oct. 19 (T)
Last day to drop courses with prorated tuition	Oct. 26 (F)
Thanksgiving vacation	Nov. 24-26
Classes resume	Nov. 29 (M)
Last day of instruction	Dec. 3 (F)
Final exams	Dec. 6-10
Residence halls close at 2:00 p.m.	Dec. 10 (F)



## SPRING SEMESTER 2022

Residence halls open for all students	Jan. 10 (M)
Registration for all new students	Jan. 10 (M)
Orientation for new students	Jan. 10 (M)
Instruction begins	Jan. 12 (W)
Close of course registration	Jan. 21 (F)
Martin Luther King Day (no classes, Day of Service)	Jan. 17 (M)
President's Day (no classes)	Feb. 21 (M)
Last day to drop any course	Mar. 4 (F)
Assessment Day (required testing for all TUG students)	Mar. 16 (W)
Spring Break	Mar. 21-25
Classes resume	Mar. 28 (M)
Early scheduling for Fall semester opens	Apr. 5 (T)
Good Friday	Apr. 15 (F)
Last day of instruction	Apr. 29 (F)
Final exams	May 2-6
Commencement	May 7 (Sa)
Residence halls closed for all students	May 7 (Sa)

Excited about coffee and Christ-centered education? Join the club. Become a regular monthly supporter of the Corban Fund, and enjoy the membership benefits of Corban's Coffee Club:

- Custom handmade mug
- Corban Coffee Blend from Conversatio Coffee
- Making a difference for Jesus Christ by providing scholarships for Corban students

Scan the QR code below for information and how to join:



*[connect.corban.edu/coffee](https://connect.corban.edu/coffee)*









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