

CORBAN WINTER 2022 CONNECTION

EDUCATING CHRISTIANS WHO WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD FOR JESUS CHRIST.


NOTE FROM THE INTERIM PRESIDENT

Your generosity is transforming lives. I wish you could join us in chapel here at Corban. Worshipping with our dear students, listening to solid teaching from God’s Word, and seeing them mentored by caring faculty and staff all stir my heart in genuine praise to the Lord. What a privilege!

As most of our students depart for the Christmas holiday, some will face obstacles in being able to travel, while others will encounter challenges in the homes to which they return. Some will need to stay on campus; they especially need our support. If you remember your own experience at Corban as a student or as the parent or grandparent of one, it’s likely that these images bring back a flood of memories.

We regularly speak of our university mission, to educate Christians who will make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ, but do you realize that you are part of that? Your faithful prayers and generous donations allow us to educate and nurture our on-campus and online students and make a gospel-focused impact through our strategic global partnerships. God is using you to make this possible!

With heartfelt thanks,



Thomas H.L. Cornman, Ph.D.
Interim President



Corban students Mateo Peña, Krista Gilson, and Declan Ritter share a laugh on campus.

GROWING THROUGH SUPPORT: MATEO PEÑA

Corban sophomore, Mateo Peña, was born in Guatemala at the height of one of the most violent and destabilizing military coups in the country’s history. “I do not think I would be alive today had my mother kept me in Guatemala,” he says.

His road to America was that of a refugee. And yet, as his parents fled to the States, Mateo had to be left behind. It would be nine months before they could go back to Guatemala to rescue their baby boy.

Even before his first memories, this experience marked Mateo’s life, and he considers it pivotal to his story and his future. “If I had stayed in Guatemala, there was absolutely no chance that I would be going to college, let alone surviving past the age of two years old,” he says. “To be where I am at today, I know that it is one hundred percent God’s work in my life.”

At Corban, Mateo has found a community that is committed to hearing his story, building him up, and equipping him for future service. Whether walking around campus, living in the dorms, or engaging in one-on-one conversations with his professors, Mateo is thriving at Corban. “If I try to find a logical explanation for it, it just doesn’t make sense. How do I go from living in a war-torn third world country to going to one of the best Christian colleges in

America?” he says. “At Corban, everyone knows my name, and it all feels genuine. I’ve never experienced that anywhere else.”

As a ministry major and student in Corban’s KAIROS program (a five-year, accelerated combined bachelor’s and master’s program), Mateo is already learning how to use his story to share the gospel. “Here, professors don’t just give you the answer to ‘why’ you should be doing ministry, but they show us how,” he says. “The ministry program is phenomenal. The professors genuinely care about you, which you don’t see everywhere. My professors know me and my story on a personal level. We get to sit down and have coffee together and enter into fellowship as brothers and sisters in Christ.”

After graduating, Mateo hopes to enlist in the military with the goal of becoming an army chaplain, serving those who have witnessed the same sort of violence and destabilization that he was born into. “There’s a lot of hurt and brokenness in the armed forces,” he says. “A lot of them have seen things that no one should ever have to see. I feel that Corban is equipping me to make a difference and shine a light to those who are hurting, to bring them hope and a reason to live.”

PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH UPDATE



Valerie Webb

Hello from the Presidential Search Committee. I want to take a moment to update you on the search process. In early October, our consultant, Jim Barnes (RPA Inc.), was on campus and met with over 100 people to gain insight into Corban and what type of president we need in this season. Since that time, the search committee has worked with Jim to put together a profile of both Corban University, and the type of candidate we are looking for. (You can access the profile at: www.corban.edu/presidential-search.) As of November 3, the search was officially launched

into the world...and now we wait...but we know God is at work!

How can you be part of this important search? First, please pray! Pray for Jim, our search consultant, and pray for our search committee, that God would give us wisdom and discernment. Also remember to pray for the next president, that they will be sensitive to God’s call to Corban. Second, if you have a nomination you would like to submit, you can email Jim directly at james.barnes@indwes.edu.

Thank you for your continued support and care for Corban.



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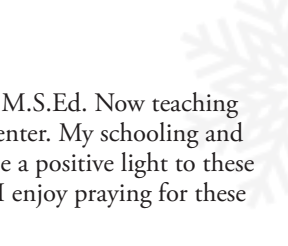
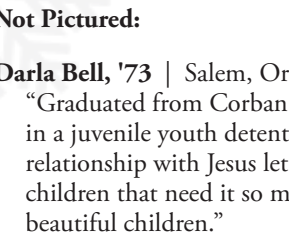
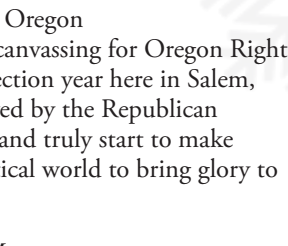
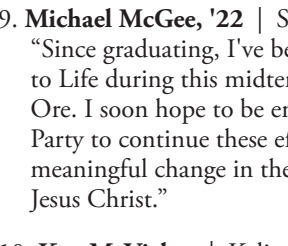
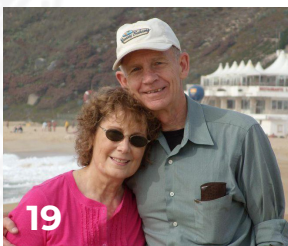
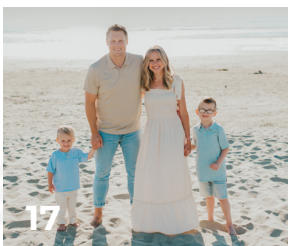
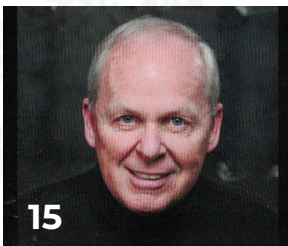
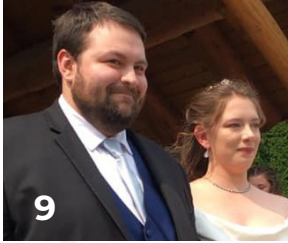
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- Gabby Baughman Northrop, '19** | Salem, Oregon
“I recently passed all the necessary licenses to become a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial. I have also accepted an ambassador position through Salem Chamber of Commerce to be on their Emerging Leadership board. My husband, who is a baseball alum, teaches at Crosshill Christian School.”
- Ben Bryson, '93** | Lahaina, Hawaii
“I retired from pastoring at Court Street Christian Church in Salem, Ore., after 26 years. We moved to Maui in 2017 where I am working at Montage Kapalua Bay and Sharon ('91) is a professional organizer. We love the Aloha life!”
- Noel Daniels, '07** | Yreka, California
Noel was ordained to the Holy Diaconate of the Orthodox Church in America on February 6, 2022, by His Grace, Bishop Daniel. The ordination took place at Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Church in Ashland, Ore. He and his wife, Linda (Madison, '05), have four children, and live in Yreka, Calif.
- Melissa Garner, '91** | Salem, Oregon
“After 25 years in IT, I am now the Business Operations Manager for Oregon Department of Education. I supervise project managers, facilities, a new operational excellence team, and capital construction for Oregon School for the Deaf. God’s given me a great team to pastor.”
- Doug Higby, '84** | Livermore, California
“I retired after a 35-year career at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory as a facility manager. My wife and I entered the world of foster care in 2020 and have three littles in our care. We have adopted two and are on that path for the third one.”
- Michael C. Hubbard, '12** | Salem, Oregon
“Retired as a psychotherapist at Oregon State Hospital, Sex Offender Treatment Program. First book, *Clan Band*, history of Clan Macleay Pipe Band and bagpipers, published in 2021. Working on two more books, including a children's book and a historical-based non-fiction. Working farm in S. Salem.”
- Oscar R. Huskey III, '67** | Cleveland, Tennessee
“Elaine and I are retired from Accelerated Christian Education after 35 years of ministry and having pastored in California and Wyoming after graduation from Seminary in Newhall, Calif. God gave us two sons, five grandkids, and one great-grandson.”
- Pamela Konstant, '84** | France
“God has blessed me so much these last few years. I’m serving as a missionary to France. I help pastor a church struggling without a pastor and work in camp ministries. I love seeing God’s hand at work!”

- Michael McGee, '22** | Salem, Oregon
“Since graduating, I’ve begun canvassing for Oregon Right to Life during this midterm election year here in Salem, Ore. I soon hope to be employed by the Republican Party to continue these efforts and truly start to make meaningful change in the political world to bring glory to Jesus Christ.”
- Ken McVicker** | Kalispell, Montana
“I retired from BNSF Railway in Topeka, Kan., after 30 years of service and moved back to Kalispell, Mont. My wife, Kristi, and I love being back in northwest Montana near Glacier National Park and all of the outdoor opportunities that are available.”
- Nathan Ohta, '02** | Reno, Nevada
Nathan and his wife, Michele, recently celebrated their 12th anniversary and are raising their four children (ages 9, 7, 4, 1) in Reno, Nev., where Nathan coaches softball for the University of Nevada.
- Emily & Johnathan Partridge, '16** | Salem, Oregon
Emily (Abbey, '16) and Johnathan Partridge ('16) welcomed their first child, Malcolm Hawthorne Partridge, on November 26, 2021, at Salem Hospital.
- Karen Pease, '95, '05** | Tacoma, Washington
“Our family just transitioned from 14 years on pastoral staff to Regional Director with Perspectives, overseeing classes in Wash., Ore., Idaho, Mont., and Alaska. We also coordinate Better English in Tacoma, a ministry to internationals locally and globally through English classes and Discovery Bible Studies.”
- Victoria Poisel, '19** | Ione, Washington
“After graduation in 2019, I had the opportunity to teach English at a Christian private school for 2 years. That experience taught me the true meaning of flexibility and endurance. I currently teach 6-12th social studies in a small district where I get to make a difference every day.”
- Larry Michael Sandusky, '69** | Kaufman, Texas
His latest book is out, *Speshnev*, the true story of an American family whose patriarch helped start the Russian Revolution. The family fled Russia in 1922. Available at all online booksellers under author Michael Sandusky.
- Christine Warren, '22** | Salem, Oregon
“Nickolas Nelson ('22) and I got engaged this past month. We are both Corban alumni and are expecting to get married July of 2023.”
- Trevor Winsor, '11** | Damascus, Oregon
“I graduated with a Master of Arts in Ministry & Leadership from Western Seminary.”
- Erik L. Wood, '77, '94** | Turner, Oregon
“Still at Faith Baptist in Salem after 50 years, but after retiring from secular work, now part of the pastoral staff. Just finished taking an adult Sunday School class through the book of Acts again. The first time was in 1972-73 as a sophomore with professors Cal Odell and Dwight West in the class.”
- Bill, '62, & Cathy Wuth** | Canton, Georgia
“Graduated WBBC in 1962. More college for Bill (M.S. and M.Ed.) while Cathy worked. Missionary teacher in Brazil 1967-1976. Bill taught until 2003; Cathy paid off home loan working. Sunday School teaching from then until present. More teaching (homeschool). Short termers in Portugal. Next stop, heaven.”
- Kaleena Yoder, '22** | Clarkson, Washington
“I have begun working at Tri-State Memorial Hospital in the accounting department. I got connected with my old church and have been helping the new youth pastor implement music into our middle and high school groups.”

Not Pictured:

- Darla Bell, '73** | Salem, Oregon
“Graduated from Corban with M.S.Ed. Now teaching in a juvenile youth detention center. My schooling and relationship with Jesus let me be a positive light to these children that need it so much. I enjoy praying for these beautiful children.”
- Michelle Cramer, '08 & '12** | Spokane, Washington
“Our family has partnered with ABWE to be missionaries to Nicaragua! We are currently raising support to go there long term. Our ministry focus is discipling young adults and equipping leaders to help strengthen the local church. You can read more at www.campcramer.wordpress.com.”
- Craig Johnson, '12** | Monmouth, Oregon
“I am currently employed as a Library Assistant at the Monmouth Public Library.”
- Kristine Johnson, '02** | Renton, Washington
Kristy has been working at Cedar Crest Academy in Bellevue, Wash., as the Preprimary Office Administrator for the last 3 years. This school year, she was promoted to the Preprimary Director and will begin earning her Early Childhood Education certification.
- Merrilee Knaus** | Coweta, Oklahoma
“Moved from Utah to Oklahoma a year ago, August 6th. Celebrated 51st wedding anniversary on Aug. 29 with Bill, my college sweetheart. I took my real estate license exam and passed it with flying colors here in Oklahoma. I went back into real estate. Praising God for every day I have here on earth.”
- Georgia Jean Rogers, '73** | Lacey, Washington
“My husband, David Rogers ('75), and I moved to Lacey, Wash., from Seattle in 2015. We wanted to be closer to our granddaughter. In 2017, David went home to be with his Lord and Savior. I attend Lacey Bible Church where I am involved in their children's ministry. I am also active with CEF.”
- Tabitha Ann Marie Royce, '00** | Moore, Oklahoma
“In September 2020, I was diagnosed with ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease. Two years later, I'm now in the end stage of the disease. I'm fully paralyzed, ventilator dependent, and use a computer with my eyes to communicate. I am looking forward to heaven and can't wait to reunite with everyone.”
- Judith Ann Schaub** | Bellingham, Washington
“My life in Washington includes condo living in a vibrant community, my daughter and her family, which now includes 6-year-old Decker (great-grandson), serving as pianist for the Bellingham Covenant Church worship team, and being a water colorist.”
- Joshua P. Tracy, '12** | St. Mary's, Georgia
“I shifted career focus to education back in 2018. I completed a second master's degree in teaching, while using my Corban MBA to contribute to systems development at the school and district level. I plan on moving into school administration within the next 5-7 years as I gain more experience.”
- Michelle Vollmuller** | Washougal, Washington
“I am teaching 2nd grade at a wonderful, small Christian school.”



Take some time to let us know the special things that have been happening in your life! Scan the QR code to submit your major life updates.

ALLEVIATE TAX BURDEN WITH CHARITABLE GIVING OPTIONS

We are privileged to share Corban's mission to educate Christians who will make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ with friends and alumni of the University. We see God working in the lives of students as they study, fellowship, and grow in a supportive, challenging, and biblically-focused setting. You can participate in this mission in many ways, including through planned giving. Here are a few ways you can maximize your impact and reduce your tax liability before the end of the calendar year:

Appreciated Assets: Have you considered selling an asset, but capital gains are a huge deterrent? Corban partners with The Giving Crowd to serve our donors and help eliminate taxes through charitable giving.

Appreciated Securities: If you have experienced gains in the financial markets, consider donating

appreciated securities to the University to avoid paying capital gains taxes.

IRA Required Minimum Distributions: Don't miss this option! If you are age 70½ or older, consider making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) from your IRA. With this option, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to Corban University without having to pay income taxes on the money.

Annuities and Trusts: If you are interested in a guaranteed income stream and taking advantage of high interest rates, consider a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust.

Donor-Advised Fund (DAF): If you would like to make a gift and receive an immediate tax benefit,

and then decide what programs to support, consider setting up a DAF.

Biblically-focused, Christian education at Corban can make a difference. It is during these formative college years that students begin to discover and formulate the kinds of professionals, community members, and people they will become. And your generosity can make all the difference.

If you have questions on the tax-efficient ways to contribute to Corban's mission, please contact Darrel White at Corban at dwhite@corban.edu or (503) 508-2870. To reach Corban's giving page, scan the QR code.



AGRICULTURE SCIENCE DINNER RAISES VITAL SUPPORT FOR INAUGURAL CLASS OF AG SCIENCE STUDENTS

On Thursday, October 20, Corban University hosted its first Agriculture Science Dinner, a time to celebrate and learn more about Corban's new agriculture science program, the first Christian program of its kind on the west coast.

The event was hosted at Quiet Meadows Farm, owned and operated by Board of Trustees member, Karen Avenelis, and her husband, Tom—both of whom serve on Corban's Agriculture Advisory Council. A long list of supportive companies such as Pratum Co-Op, John Holmlund Nursery LLC, Go Seed, Kuenzi & Company LLC, Lake Labish Farms LLC, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Smucker Mfg/ Visionworks Cameras, Valley Agronomics, Wilbur Ellis, and Wilco partnered with the University to sponsor the event.

Attendees enjoyed dinner while being able to meet and chat with students from Corban's inaugural ag science class. The highlight was the many student testimonies. Students like Lodi Halverson provided unique insight into how their experience at Corban has begun to transform their futures and shape them for service.

“Before coming here, I was surrounded by a lot of people who didn't necessarily have the same beliefs as me, and that was something that took a toll on my spiritual health,” he says. “But now, being at Corban, I am on the polar opposite side of that scale. In Romans chapter 12, Paul tells us, ‘Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.’ It has been incredible for me to be able to have small conversations with new, like-minded people, to be able to give life advice to kids who need it, and to go to chapel three times a week. The entire experience at Corban has helped me grow quickly and is something I am thankful for.”

While gifts from the event are still flowing in, on the night of the event alone, individual donors and businesses came together to support Corban's agriculture science students with gifts in excess of \$20,000.

If you would like to learn more about this exciting new program, scan this QR code.



Ag science students Daniel Chey and Lodi Halverson mingle with guests at the event.



Ag Senior Development Officer, Scott Sherman, and guests.



GIVE THE GIFT OF COFFEE AND JOIN A SPECIAL CAUSE THIS CHRISTMAS

Give a gift that truly keeps on giving. This holiday season, you can purchase 1 lb. bags of our custom Corban Coffee blend as a special holiday gift. A portion of all proceeds go to support our students through the Corban Fund.

This blend was lovingly crafted by alumni coffee roasters, Timm and Lori Taff, Conversatio Coffee Roasters. Scan the QR code below to purchase your gift today.

And it's not too late to receive the exclusive and NEW Corban Coffee Club mug and Corban Coffee blend by becoming a member today. Join our growing community of monthly donors, united by their love of all things coffee and Corban. All giving from Corban Coffee Club members goes directly to the Corban Fund, making the dream of an affordable, biblically-focused education possible for more students.

Become a member of the Corban Coffee Club, or give the gift of coffee today, by scanning this QR code.



CORBAN FUND UPDATE



The importance of the Corban Fund can't be overstated. Will you consider joining the ranks of donors, and take advantage of the opportunity to make an impact on students—giving where it's needed most? This unrestricted fund helps bridge the gap where tuition dollars cease and supports nearly every student through educational grants and other student programming. The Corban Fund's annual goal is \$1,119,000 with a fiscal year time frame of July 1, 2022–June 30, 2023. **As we reach the midway point of our fiscal year, your year-end gifts will push us toward the midway point of our fiscal year goal. Your prayers and financial partnership truly make a difference!**





Senior biology major Sarah Yamaguchi leads 2nd and 3rd graders through an activity at Science Saturdays.

SCIENCE SATURDAYS OFFER A WINNING MIXTURE

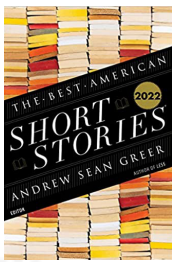
This past semester, the Corban Science Department has been cooking up some exciting new experiments. The result? Science Saturdays brought new energy to Corban’s campus as kids from kindergarten up through fifth grade flexed their scientist muscles under the guidance of Corban’s undergraduate students.

“I started Science Saturdays as a new way for Corban to connect with our community,” says Associate Professor of Biology, Dr. Christina Cooper. “It’s beneficial for everyone: elementary-aged children get additional opportunities to engage with science beyond what they do in school, and our undergraduates get an opportunity to use what they are learning in the classroom setting, and everyone has fun!”

For four consecutive Saturdays in the fall, young aspiring scientists got to work hands-on with current and future professionals, learning about everything from plant growth to solar systems.

“The fourth and fifth graders have been amazing,” says Corban freshman, Tiana Williams. “I love working with them, and we are able to discuss some seriously thought-provoking questions. I would definitely recommend it for kids who are very interested in science and how things work!”

If you missed out, don’t worry. The next round of Science Saturdays will be February 25-March 18. Scan the QR code to register your aspiring scientist today!

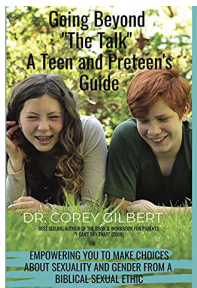


“SOON THE LIGHT” — GINA OCHSNER

Corban Associate Professor of English and Writer in Residence Gina Ochsner's new short story, “Soon the Light,” has the prestigious honor of being featured in this year’s edition of *Best American Short Stories*.

Set in 1930s Astoria, Oregon, the tale revolves around two middle-aged Finnish siblings, each secretly longing for a family of their own, and the mysterious child they find tangled in their fishing nets. As strange events occur throughout the town, they begin to wonder if the child was left for a reason.

Scan the QR code for more info.



GOING BEYOND “THE TALK” — DR. COREY GILBERT

Corban Professor of Counseling and Psychology Corey Gilbert's new book lends a vital voice to the crucial but often overlooked discussion of teen sexuality and gender from a biblical sexual ethic.

This guide is written specifically to help teens navigate complex issues and learn to make wise decisions founded on a biblical worldview. Each chapter concludes with thoughtful, future-shaping questions.

Scan the QR code for more info.



EVENTS



CHRISTMAS AT CORBAN

On December 10 at 2:30p.m. and 7:30p.m. in the Psalm Center, the Corban Music Department invites the community for a special seasonal showcase of sacred music. Additionally, a Christmas tree lighting will take place at 5:00p.m., just outside the Psalm Center.

Christmas at Corban is free to the public and will feature performances by the University's choral, band, and orchestral groups.

Financial support of the arts at Corban is appreciated. For more information, or to make a donation, scan this QR code.



HYMN FESTIVAL 2023

On Friday, February 17, at 7:30p.m., and on Saturday, February 18, at 2:00p.m., the Corban University Music Department will host Hymn Fest, a time for the community to join with Corban’s music ensembles to worship through prayer, the reading of psalms, and the singing of hymns. The event will be held on campus, in the Psalm Center, and is free and open to the public.

Your donation makes a difference. An offering will be taken during the program, or you can scan this QR code to give today.



WARRIOR ATHLETICS TEAMS CLOSE OUT DOMINANT FALL SEASONS



This fall sports season, Corban's athletic programs experienced remarkable success on the field and court, highlighted by the volleyball team's top-5

NAIA ranking to finish the regular season. The Warriors raked in the hardware with freshman, Makayla Roginski, being named CCC Freshman of the Year, and sophomore outside hitter, Rylee Troutman, crowned as the CCC Player of the Year after leading the conference in kills.

On the soccer pitch, both the men's and women's teams completed incredible winning seasons, finishing 16-3-1 and 11-4-3 respectively. On the men's side, graduate student goalkeeper, Quinn McCallion, was voted CCC Defensive Player of the Year after setting the NAIA record for single-season shutouts at 14.

With winter and spring seasons now in full swing, come to campus and cheer on your Warriors as they compete on the court, diamond, mat, and brand-new track.



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Do you have something you would like to see featured in an upcoming issue? Let us know by email at advancement@corban.edu, or by mail.