

CORBAN CONNECTION

SUMMER 2024

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

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

St. Augustine had strong feelings about Christian education and discipleship. In his sermon for Pentecost in the year 412, Augustine enjoined his hearers to “Possess wholehearted love, be passionate for truth, and desire unity if you wish to live in the Holy Spirit.”

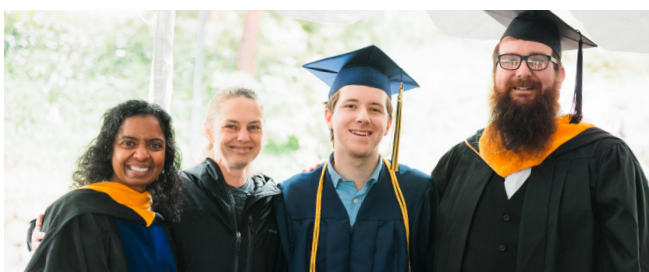
Love. Truth. Unity. Through the love of Christ for one another, the truth of God as our foundation, and the pursuit of unity in the bonds of the Spirit, we can see why these ideals still transform lives on Corban’s campus. The claims of love, truth, and unity are the fundamental channels through which healthy thinking flows, is nurtured, and blossoms into the sweet flower of personal growth through discipleship.

A primary distinctive of a Christian university—of Corban University—is that Christ is our foundation. Biblical and theological integration are hallmarks of our classrooms and campus culture. Discipleship in our community is a normal and natural by-product. Our work demonstrates faithfulness in making a difference globally for Jesus Christ. This is the legacy we leave.

I’m so thankful for you and your support of our community and God’s work in our midst!



John Mark Yeats, Ph.D.
President



CORBAN UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES THE CLASS OF 2024

While the Pacific Northwest weather did not deliver sunshine, the bright smiles on the faces of hundreds of new Corban graduates more than made up for the rain. On May 4, all of Corban University celebrated as the class of 2024 took definitive steps across the Psalm Center stage, and their first steps into the bright futures that God has in store for them.

In his first official graduation day as Corban University president, Dr. John Mark Yeats served as the keynote speaker for this year’s class, giving them a charge based on Paul’s words to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:12. Dr. Yeats encouraged the graduates to go into the world as benchmarks of excellence in all they do. “Every person we see needs to hear the hope and the promise that comes through the gospel of Jesus Christ,” he said. “As you go, lead out in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity. And in so doing, you will become the benchmark of excellence as you pursue God’s calling on your lives. Our mission as a school lives on through you, graduates. Go make your mark, not in your power, but as Christ works through you.”

In addition to Dr. Yeats’ charge, the ceremonies featured special invocations and prayers given to the new graduates by their Corban faculty, readings of Scripture, performances by the Corban Chamber Choir, a congregational singing of the hymn, “Yet Not I But Christ Through Me,” and an address given by this year’s student speaker and SGA President, Ethan Shepherd.

After prayers of dedication offered by Corban faculty, the new graduates were dismissed with a benediction given by Dr. Yeats. Tassels turned over, and smiles undimmed by misty skies, the class of 2024 recessed out into the moody Oregon weather to the sound of clocktower bells and the well-earned applause of their gathered friends and family.

“We finally did it,” said business graduate Kylie O’Rourke. “It’s a bit of a sigh of relief that all of our hard work at this stage has come to an end now and we get to take a moment to enjoy this day, but then also to enjoy real life and the real world where we get to start living for Christ in whatever comes next.”

DR. JOHN MARK YEATS INSTALLED AS 11TH UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT IN OFFICIAL INAUGURATION CEREMONY



Members of the Board pray over Dr. and Mrs. Yeats.

On May 1, Corban University celebrated the inauguration of its 11th president, Dr. John Mark Yeats. Dr. Yeats was officially named to the position on March 14 of 2023 and has served in an official capacity for the entirety of the 2023/24 academic year. The inauguration formally recognized Dr. Yeats’ leadership and vision for the future of the University.

The inauguration ceremony was held in the Psalm Center, welcoming in hundreds of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the University, including delegates from 10 other universities. The event featured performances by the Corban University Concert Choir, a keynote charge by President of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and former colleague of Dr. Yeats, Dr. Jason K. Allen, and a special benediction led by Dr. Yeats’ own father, Dr. John Yeats, Sr., executive director of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

“Dr. Yeats’ inauguration is truly a celebration of God’s provision for Corban University,” said Corban University Board Chair, Rod Hoff. “Dr. Yeats has quickly engaged with the Corban community, building strong relationships on campus and with its constituents across the country. His work to build a compelling strategic plan for the University is already creating momentum, and we are excited about Corban’s future under his leadership.”

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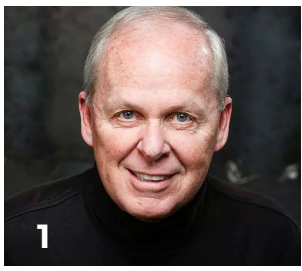
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ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

- 1. **Mike Sandusky, '69** | Kaufman, Texas
“I had two heart issues in 2023, resulting in a stent and a pacemaker defibrillator but still was able to finish my 18th published book, the second in the Speshnev series: ‘Speshnev Reap the Whirlwind Book II.’ It tells the true story of my friend’s patriarch in the Russian Revolution.”
- 2. **Terry Motte, '09** | Salem, Oregon
Serving as pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Salem, hospice chaplain, thanatologist, and grief counselor.

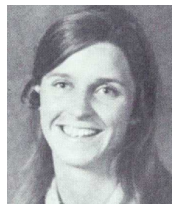
- 3. **Robert Lillo, '74** | Big Lake, Minnesota
“50th anniversary coming up with wife, Adrienne. Rob is still with Global Scholars and continues working with post-grad students in Nigeria. Adrienne’s early reader phonics books are being used in 100 schools there. We moved near our son and four grandkids in Big Lake, Minnesota in 2023.”
- 4. **Elijah Olson, '05** | Covington, Washington
“In June 2023, I completed my Master of Education in Library Media from Eastern Washington University. I am a Teacher-Librarian and Technology Integration Specialist in the Kent School District (Wash.) in my 10th year.”
- 5. **Robin (Robinson) Bohlin, '05** | Fort Worth, Texas
“I graduated from Corban in 2005 with a degree in Psychology: Family Studies. I have written a book, entitled ‘Generations: Passing on Your Spiritual Inheritance,’

- teachings for your family and your spiritual family. You can find it on Amazon.”
- 6. **Marc McNab** | Anchorage, Alaska
“Retirement isn’t as fun as I thought it would be. In the spring of 2022, I started volunteering at an organization in the neighborhood of my childhood: Chugiak Eagle River Historical Society. Such fun work!”

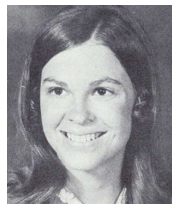
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GOLDEN GRADS REFLECT: HOW DID WBC PREPARE YOU TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR JESUS CHRIST?



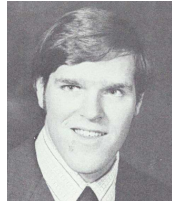
Pamela Nugent: “I learned to view all people through the lens of how God sees them. All are sinners who Jesus loves and died for. We had so many wonderful leaders as great examples of how to walk out the Christian faith. I will forever be grateful for them!”



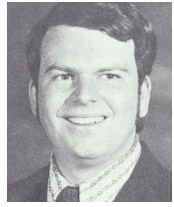
Juanita McKeeth: “I am eternally grateful for the professors who invested in me. Dr. Miller’s theology class opened my heart and mind to the big picture of God. I was able to witness to my neighbors, teach my children, children in Sunday School, and ladies in Bible studies, and counsel women and young people with confidence, faith, and love.”



Jackie Walters: “I realized that ‘Christian ministry’ isn’t only for those who become pastors or chaplains or Christian school educators. Christian ministry happens every time we as believers interact with those around us, when we follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit.”



Jordan “Corky” Lambert: “The foundation in God’s Word and His principles has been something I have applied across our church service, in work applications, and in relationships. It has been the basis for family and career decisions and growing, discipling, and educating our own children.”



Mike Patterson: “The integration of my faith into every part of my life was emphasized then, as it still is today. Additionally, I was taught HOW to learn, not just what to think, and that has served me well over the years.”



David Goetz: “The personal relationships with men like George Massey, our class advisor, Dr Brock, Nelson Zarfes, Vick Hubbard, Carl Hill, and Calvin Odell were life changing. Singing, speaking in public, learning to interact with all kinds of people and personalities really prepared me for my counseling career.”

CLASS OF 1974 GOLDEN GRAD REUNION HIGHLIGHTS ENDURING FRIENDSHIPS

The Western Baptist Bible College class of 1974 marked its 50-year reunion with an unforgettable Golden Grad Reunion, April 25-27, 2024, celebrating decades of enduring friendships and cherished memories. This special event saw a record-breaking attendance, with 29 alumni and their spouses, totaling 41 enthusiastic attendees. The weekend was filled with activities that renewed old connections and celebrated new ones. Alumni enjoyed shared meals, tours of the campus, a special time of worship and class recognition in chapel, and the Spring Showcase concert, presented by Corban’s choirs, band, and orchestra.

The reunion not only highlighted the strong bonds among the classmates but also their ongoing engagement with the University. The class of 1974’s commitment to maintaining lifelong friendships was evident, making this reunion a testament to their enduring fellowship and love for the Lord. The joyful, nostalgic gathering underscored the unique legacy of this class.

**CLASS OF 1975:
SAVE THE DATE!**

APRIL 24–26, 2025

Update your contact info and preferred class year so you can stay informed about your Golden Grad Reunion.



Jackie Walters and Esther Fields visit with Glen Nugent



Glen Nugent laughs with classmates



L-R: Bruce Sloan, Steve and Robin (Reames) Pynch, Dean Schmidt, Nancy (Werner) Tollenaar, Dave Goetz, Bunnie (Propp) Reed Schmidt, Corky Lambert, Patricia (Zielinski) Sutherland, Gary Posenjak, Glenna (Rust) Games, Mike and Kathy (Martyn) Patterson, Terry Williams, Nancy (Bradley) Goree, Ruth (Hanson) Woodard, Kirk and Juanita (Brumbaugh) McKeeth, Jim Woodard, Nora Singleton, Carol (Bradley) Mauer, Ken Lux, Pamela (Kari) and Glen Nugent, Martha (Babcock) Wilson, Jim and Bruce Fields. (not pictured: Janet Hunsucker)

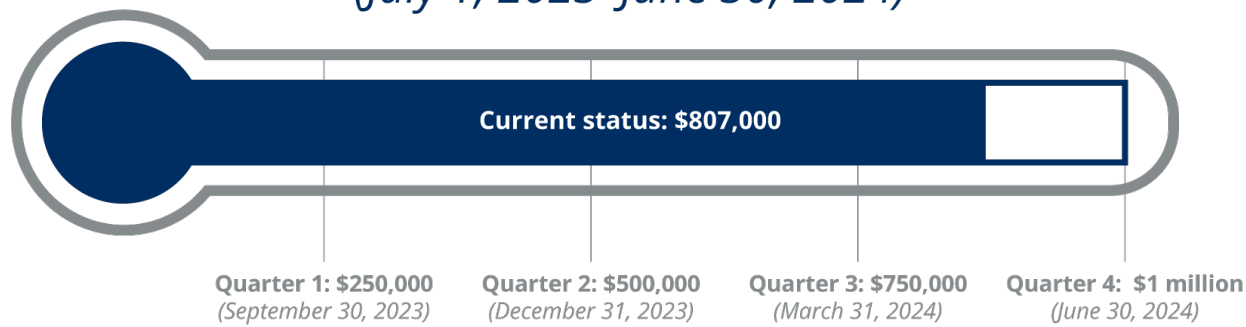


Nancy Tollenaar reminisces with Debbie and Dave Goetz

CORBAN FUND UPDATE

FY2024 GOAL: \$1 MILLION

(July 1, 2023–June 30, 2024)



YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Will you consider joining the ranks of donors and 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.

With only six weeks left in this fiscal year, your gift can help Corban reach the finish line, meeting 100% of our Corban Fund goal and helping to ensure the best care and experience possible for our students.

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PARENT PERSPECTIVE: CONSIDERING PRIVATE COLLEGE

By **Bart Cedillo, Membership Development Manager, MAPS Credit Union**

Choosing between public and private universities is a significant decision for high school graduates and their parents. Often, the perceived high cost of private colleges can deter families from considering them as viable options. However, as my son and I recently discovered while comparing college options, this is not always the case.

A prime example is Corban University. Nestled in the scenic heart of Oregon, Corban stands out not just for its picturesque campus but also for its surprisingly friendly price tag. Corban's tuition aligns closely with public institutions such as the University of Oregon and Oregon State University. This similarity in costs breaks down the common misconception that private universities are always more expensive than their public counterparts.

Also, it's important for prospective students and their families to explore all available financial resources. After accounting for scholarships and federal aid, the

remaining cost of attending a private university like Corban can be significantly reduced. This makes the prospect of a private education financially comparable to public universities.

Families should meticulously review financial aid packages and scholarship opportunities, not merely focusing on the initial tuition figures presented. The actual expense of attending college includes these financial aids, which can substantially lower the overall cost.

As you consider the educational path for the next four years, it's crucial to understand that the sticker price of a private university may not reflect the true cost of attendance. With thorough research and understanding of financial aid opportunities, private universities like Corban University can be as financially accessible as public universities.

I recently went through this same process of comparing schools with my son, and I'm proud to say that choosing Corban University was an easy decision. Go Warriors!

CORBAN ALUM ANDREW HOLBERT SERVES VETERANS AT COURTNEY PLACE



"For the longest time, I didn't really know what a 'veteran' truly was," says Andrew Holbert, a Corban alum and executive director of Courtney Place in Salem, Oregon. "It wasn't until I experienced my own struggles after getting out of the Marine Corps that I began to understand what that title meant."

Now, as the executive director of Courtney Place, a new affordable long-term housing complex for veterans complete with wrap-around services, Holbert has a chance to offer a critical set of solutions to veterans in the community. The recently-completed \$13 million project offers 34 full-time apartments at an affordable rate to veterans. Holbert is quick to point out that Courtney Place is not a short-term housing facility, but instead a permanent housing offering.

It was at Corban that Holbert first began to understand the challenges he would face as a veteran. "I'll never forget. It was in a Dr. Hills class. I pulled out some spiral notebooks and pens, and in the front row I saw this kid pull out a tablet, unravel a keyboard, and click that thing in there, and I just thought, 'I am so underprepared,'" he laughs. From that point, seeing the need to bridge the gap in his own lack of experience

reintegrating, Holbert went about creating Corban's first veteran support program. In Corban's community, where Holbert interacted closely with professors who saw him as more than another face in the crowd, he began to thrive.

With years of experience serving veterans in a variety of different roles from higher education to local and federal government, Holbert is looking back to his Corban days as a starting point for what he and his team hope to achieve at Courtney Place. "We want to engage our residents kind of in that 'Corban way,' on a personal level," he says. "We are trying to build community, because that's what most veterans feel like they have left behind, and they don't know how to get it back. In this place, we can bring community to them. We are more than housing. We want to change lives."

CORBAN ALUMNI TYSSEN AND NEWMAN BOOST STUDENT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH DONATION OF TANDEM MASS SPECTROMETER

Thanks to a generous donation by Corban alumni Mark Newman and Andy Tyssen, Corban University's science department is now in possession of a unique scientific instrument called a gas chromatography Tandem Mass Spectrometer. Newman is the president and founder of Precision Analytical, Inc., a research laboratory located in McMinnville, Oregon, that specializes in advanced comprehensive hormone testing. Newman brings expertise from the world of laboratory research, while co-owner and longtime friend, Andy Tyssen, serves as vice president, handling most of the financial aspects of the business.

"It's always fun to come back to Corban," says Tyssen. "The memories I have here are amazing. It's a privilege to be able to help the science program through this donation and interact with the students." During their donation visit, Tyssen and Newman were greeted by Professor of Chemistry, Dr.

Clinton Knaus, and a cohort of Corban students, all eager to receive what Knaus calls a vital instrument for research.

During their visit, Newman and Tyssen toured the science labs and interacted with Corban student researchers, hearing about their real-world research projects and presentations from the effects of sugar diets on hepatic gene expression to nanoparticle DNA tracing. Knaus and Newman are excited by the prospect for new and expanded research opportunities that the mass spectrometer will offer to undergraduate students.

"Instrumentation is the practical application of theory," Newman says. "A lot of students get lost in theory, but when you can take the theory and actually see it applied, that has the potential to change the trajectory of public health, and the trajectory of a student's interests and career path. Instrumentation moves things from just concepts in to something real."

For his partner, Tyssen, the visit was a reminder of how much more is at play beneath the surface of a college experience, especially one at Corban University. "You

forget how amazing this work is that Corban is doing in educating the next generation, not only in their disciplines, but in their values and walks with the Lord," he says. "There aren't many institutions in the country anymore that do that. It's such a blessing and so fun to be a part of it."



Tyssen and Newman explaining the mass spectrometer's function.

NO. 1 WARRIORS BEACH VOLLEYBALL TEAM CONCLUDES 2024 SEASON WITH THIRD-STRAIGHT NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SEMIFINAL APPEARANCE

For the third consecutive season, the No. 1-ranked Warriors made the cross-country trip to the NAIA National Championships, playing their hearts out on the national stage with their season ending in the national semifinal round. After falling behind 2-0 against No. 2-ranked Ottawa University-Arizona, the Warriors rallied to tie the match before eventually falling 3-2 in the play-to-decision final score.

OUAZ jumped out to a quick 2-0 advantage with sweeps in both the twos and fours. The Warriors battled back in the second flight of pairs, with redshirt sophomore Sydney Sanford and freshman Cammie Masanda never taking their feet off the gas pedal in 21-18 and 21-11 set scores, while redshirt junior Nicole Bantilan and sophomore Emmi Marks collected 21-18 and 22-20 results to knot the match at two pairs apiece. The final matchup of the top overall pairings would determine who would move on to the championship. After falling behind 20-16, junior Megan Dennis and freshman Emma Bischoff rattled off back-to-back points to pull back to a 20-19 deficit. However, Ottawa was able to complete the upset win on the next serve.

“This team put up a good fight today, but in the end, it wasn't enough to make up for early mistakes against a very experienced and disciplined OUAZ team,” stated head coach, Dan Stephens. “It's been a great season, and making the national semifinals on what some would call a 'rebuilding year' is a mighty big accomplishment that we can all be proud of.”



The team poses at the National Championship.



Emmi Marks and Nicole Bantilan celebrate a point scored.



Serve by Emma Bischoff.



Jessica McMillian attacks the ball.

ANNUAL GOLDEN WARRIOR AWARDS RECOGNIZES 14 OUTSTANDING RECIPIENTS



The men's wrestling team accepting their award for Game of the Year.

Male Newcomer of the Year: Braydon Lee, Track & Field/Cross Country

Braydon made Corban history as the Warriors' very first indoor track and field All-American. Braydon captured a fourth-place finish in the men's 800m race with a personal record time of 1:52.71.

Female Newcomer of the Year: Emma Bischoff, Women's Volleyball/Beach Volleyball

As a freshman, Emma has competed in the nationally ranked top pairing. During her indoor season, Emma collected 221 kills with 1.84 kills per set, and a kill percentage of .282, which was the fifth highest in the conference. Emma had a total of 119 blocks and received Honorable Mention All-Conference honors.

Fan of the Year (Posthumous): Don Leavitt

Despite a terminal cancer diagnosis, Don remained as committed as ever to cheering on the Corban volleyball and basketball programs, bringing his family to almost every contest this season, and even made an appearance during the January ice storm that forced so many others to shelter in place.

Breakthrough Athlete of the Year: Rylee Loewen, Women's Soccer

Rylee's attention to detail and hard work were evident in her stats, where she started 16 out of 18 games this season, battling for 1,209 total minutes.

Individual Performance of the Year: David Rubio at CCC Championships, Men's Wrestling

David avenged an earlier season loss to No. 3-ranked Kanaipono Tapia of Menlo College in the finals. He was 4-0 that weekend, outscoring his opponents 28-3

and only gave up three total escapes without a single offensive point being scored on him.

Comeback of the Year: Women's Volleyball at No. 17 Southern Oregon

The Warriors stormed back from a 2-1 set deficit against No. 17-ranked Southern Oregon University, winning their second-consecutive tiebreaker set to stay perfect in Cascade Collegiate Conference (CCC) play after a dominating fourth set and nail-biting final period. Corban took the match by final set scores of 15-25, 25-15, 18-25, 25-10, and 15-9.

Play of the Year: Rylee Troutman's Kick Save/Kill vs Warner Pacific, Women's Volleyball

Holding a 9-1 lead in the third set on their home court, outside hitter Rylee Troutman sloppily received the incoming serve, noticed setter Abby Guindy needing help on the attack, and proceeded to kick the ball up and over the net, where it hit the ribbon and fell on the Knights' side of the court for what was perhaps the most ridiculous kill out of the thousands in her career.

Game of the Year: Men's Wrestling vs No. 14 Southern Oregon

The men's wrestling team defeated the No. 14-ranked and storied program of Southern Oregon University for the first time in school history by a margin of 26-10 on Tim Hills Court. They won seven of the ten matches, with upset wins by sophomore Blake Runion, freshman Jesse Rubio, and freshman Isaiah Twait, who secured the match win with a fall in the second round.

Unsung Hero Award: Josiah Roth, Men's Basketball

Josiah is a fifth-year player for the men's basketball team, a senior captain, and spiritual leader for the team, leading by example. He was actively involved in FCA on campus and graduated with a 3.80 cumulative GPA, with both a bachelor's and master's degree in business.

Head Coach of the Year: Nolan Harris, Men's Wrestling

Nolan has shown what it means to be a true spiritual leader, a coach, and a Warrior who leads by example for his team. This season, under his guidance, the Warriors saw seven wrestlers qualify for the NAIA National

Championships, one CCC Champion, and an NAIA National Runner-Up. The team placed fourth in a stacked conference and 19th nationally, both new program best finishes.

Scholar-Athlete of the Year: Allyson Reid, Women's Volleyball

Allyson graduated with a 3.93 GPA as well as receiving Second Team All-Conference honors and setting the all-time career blocks record for Corban volleyball.

Team of the Year: Men's Cross Country

Led by head coach, Todd Bos, the men's cross country team finished the season in the NAIA top 25 (17th) and qualified for the national meet for the first time in program history. They are also the highest placing men's cross country team at the conference meet (fourth place) in school history and were honored with the Team Sportsmanship Award by conference coaches. Graduate student Robert Swoboda was the CCC Champion and placed fourth overall at the national championships to lead the Warriors in one of their most successful seasons in program history.

Ms. Corban: Rylee Troutman, Women's Volleyball

Troutman was named the back-to-back CCC Player of the Year, ranking sixth in the nation for total kills (550). She was the AVCA Northwest Region Player of the Year for the second-straight season, an NAIA First Team All-American, and Academic All-Conference selection. She finishes her college career second in total kills for the program with 1,727 all-time, third in career aces (169), and seventh in career digs (1,147). She's the only student-athlete in Corban history with at least 1,500 kills and 1,000 digs in a single career.

Mr. Corban: Robert Swoboda, Men's Cross Country

Robert was named the first CCC Individual Champion in program history to help lead the men's cross country program to their first team national championships qualification in program history. At the national meet, he finished fourth out of an extremely competitive field to set the new highest finish for a Warrior at nationals and was later named the NAIA Marathon National Champion after dominating the field at the California International Marathon.

PLAN A CAMPUS VISIT

Is your student considering Corban? Plan a campus visit this summer!

SUMMER CORBAN FRIDAY

• June 28

OREGON PRIVATE COLLEGE WEEK

• July 29–August 2

INDIVIDUAL CAMPUS VISIT

• Monday–Friday



CORBAN CAREER DAY EXPANDING IN 2024

What started as Mock Interview Day in 2014, an event that helped business students get real-world experience for job interviews, has turned into an essential component of career readiness and networking for the entire student body. The new University-wide Corban Career Day encompasses more majors, more employers, and more opportunities for Corban students.

Kelli Gassman, Assistant Professor of Business and newly-appointed Director of Career Services, was the initial creator of this event and continues to be the driving force behind its growth. Gassman describes Career Day as, “The bridge between the theory students learn in college and launching their professional lives.”

The 2024 Corban Career Day, to be held on November 20, will include a career fair, networking luncheon, and mock interviews. Corban alumni and community

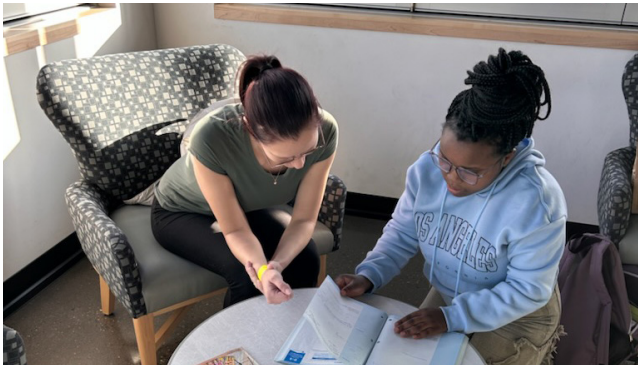
members have generously volunteered for this event over the last nine years, giving back to the University that launched their careers. “I like having an opportunity to give back to students in the same way that I was poured into 10 years ago,” says alum Travis Noble ('13), owner of Exitus Salem. “On my end, I get to hire some of these students.”

Austin Guzzon ('16), a recruiter at Salem Health, is excited by the event's expansion. “It's valuable for students to get to see what it is to engage with recruiters and business owners when it comes to real-world careers,” he says.

Scan the QR code to learn more about Career Day and sign up to participate!



CORBAN STUDENTS STEP UP TO TUTOR REFUGEE STUDENTS IN THE COMMUNITY



Kristina Reuel helps tutor a high school student.

“One day we were playing Uno and it occurred to me how funny it was to be sitting here with a group of Swahili-speaking students from Africa, all speaking in English, playing a game based on a Spanish word that they probably had never heard,” says Corban junior Jenny McKinnon.

Jenny is part of a group of Corban students who volunteer with local nonprofit Salem for Refugees, tutoring high school students from refugee families in the community. These student refugees come from a variety of different educational, ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds, many with the added difficulty of learning English as a second language. This tutoring service, run by Salem for Refugees and held at the Salem YMCA, offers refugee families vital

services to help alleviate educational disparities and difficulties often present in the relocation process.

When Dr. Annette Harrison, Professor of Intercultural Studies and herself a volunteer with Salem for Refugees, was first approached by the organization with this opportunity for Corban to be involved, she immediately saw it as a perfect fit for her students and vital to the University's mission. The opportunity not only to serve the community but also to engage with people from different cultural backgrounds, language groups, and beliefs is critical to her students' understanding of missional service. “From a missional perspective, offering hospitality and help and a welcoming disposition to people who come to our community is extremely important,” she says. “Our students are making an immediate difference in the lives of the high school students they are working with, and their families. It's an inroad to the gospel. You kind of have to earn a place in peoples' lives before your words about Christ are welcomed.”

It was in Dr. Harrison's class where Jenny McKinnon first came into contact with the idea. “I had been praying for God to show me something worthwhile that I could pour some of my time into and two days later, I heard about the opportunity,” McKinnon says. “Initially I was a little nervous and uncomfortable about the idea, but it did really feel like this was God's answer to the prayer I had been praying.”

Jenny and a group of around ten other Corban students began tutor training in February and shortly after started serving refugee high school students in the community, working with them on school assignments, practicing English, and taking moments to have fun and build relationships. “I know how hard high school can be,” says fellow tutor Naomi Whipps. “But I cannot imagine how difficult attending school in a new country while learning a new language and culture would be.”

Even though the initiative has only been around for a few months, Salem for Refugees has already deemed it a vital offering to the community they serve. Plans are in place to expand the program for next year, and more Corban students are waiting in the wings to fill those growing needs.

Whether it's practicing English, working on algebra assignments, or playing Uno, each week Corban students are able to meet with and minister to people from all over the world. “Sometimes I spend so much time on campus around the same people that I forget there are people in the community who I could be a light to,” says Acadia Coons. “The best part of this experience is creating relationships and seeing others grow. I love showing up and knowing the students' names and working alongside them. It's exciting to see their growth over the past few months, and I can't wait to keep serving them.”

TEN CORBAN STUDENTS PRESENT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AT NCUR CONFERENCE



Corban University's research team at the NCUR conference.

From April 8-10, ten students traveled down to Long Beach, California, to present research alongside 4,000 undergraduate researchers at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research, the nation's largest undergraduate research conference for the sciences.

Accompanied by four professors, these students gave presentations with topics ranging from examining differential effects of sugar diets on hepatic gene expression in female mice to leveraging encapsulated nanoparticle DNA to advance tracing technology.

“We have research going on in a lot of our different classes as well as outside of the classroom,” says

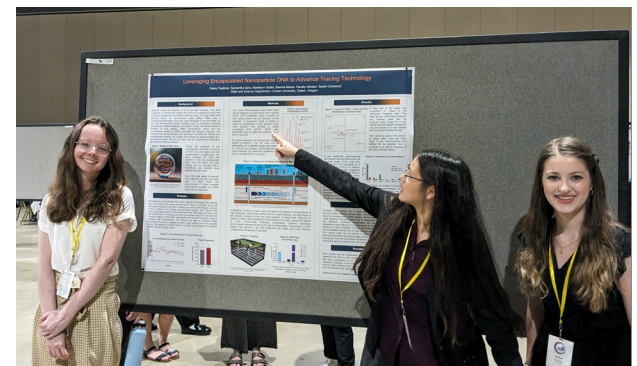
Associate Professor of Biology, Dr. Christina Cooper, who attended the conference alongside her students. “All of our faculty have at least one research project going on, so there are a lot of uncommon opportunities for our students to take advantage of. Ratio wise, we have more opportunities than you would get as an undergrad at a larger institution.”

The variety of hands-on research opportunities offered to Corban undergraduate students, guided by professors in a lab setting, sets the program apart. “The professors here do everything they can for us to succeed,” says senior Casey Faulkner. “This has been the best place to learn and be challenged. My professors have found opportunities for me that I never thought were possible.”

Faulkner and her team were able to present their research on the efficacy of the replacement of chemical-based tracers used in modern oil fields with cheaper, more environmentally friendly DNA-based tracers. “They are really bad for the environment and leaving harmful things in the ground,” Faulkner says. “These

DNA tracers that we are making aren't going to be reacting with the environment in the same way and are actually a lot cheaper. It was exciting to present with my friends by my side and professors that helped me all along the way.”

While Faulkner and her team are hopeful to see the expansion of their research and some of these proposed changes eventually being adopted by the oil industry, all of the students present were able to network with research teams and graduate schools,



Casey Faulkner, Samantha Dara, and Madelynn Satter prepare for a research presentation.

with many students being approached directly after their presentations.

“I feel like a proud parent,” says Cooper. “Our students presented so well, and it was clear how much they have grown. They know their research, are preparing excellently and independently, and they delivered their research so well.”

CORBAN STUDENTS SPEND SPRING BREAK BUILDING A CHURCH IN A MEXICO

It's become a yearly tradition when spring comes around. Students step away from their studies and head off campus, many to faraway and warmer places, but not for your typical spring break vacation. In fact, every year, many Corban students choose to give up their chance for rest and relaxation and instead give to communities across the globe through short-term mission trips.

This year, six Corban students in particular, Carlin Croff, Sarah Davis, Amber Davis, Lacy Cade, Olivia Cade, and Garrett Lemon, packed their bags for San Quintín, Mexico. During their week of service, the team partnered with Foothills Church in Stayton, Oregon, to help build a new church for a small community in San Quintín. They plastered walls, poured concrete, painted, assisted with electrical work, and played with the children in the local community.

"I loved the whole trip. It was a completely new experience for me as it was my first mission trip," says junior accounting major Lacy Cade. "The most impactful part of the trip was getting to go to the

first-ever church service held in the church building we helped to finish while we were there."

For senior English major, Carlin Croff, the trip helped to expand his view of the global church and church ministry. "It was humbling to experience being a minority in an environment that's foreign to me," he says. "I got to learn and practice some Spanish, but communication was definitely a fun and difficult adventure. I loved getting to see the difference between their church culture and mine. They really embody the phrase 'church family.'"

For all members of the team, a highlight was seeing the exuberance of the children in the community playing in and around their new church building. "It's just awesome to see that next generation growing up surrounded by the gospel," Croff says.

As more countries and cultures continue to open their doors to missions organizations post-COVID, Corban students will continue to step in and serve, giving of their time to spread the gospel and be the hands and feet of Jesus.

HOT OFF THE PRESS: NEW FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

Sweet Gothic

by Dr. Colette Tennant

The poems in "Sweet Gothic" weave together themes of adoption, motherhood, yearning, family, and teaching in an intricate pattern that might leave one quivering, as one reviewer attests.

As the title "Sweet Gothic" infers, the book is filled with binaries: light and dark, life and death, lost and found, known and unknown, music and silence. The poem "In Between" suggests we all live somewhere in the middle. This poetry collection negotiates that middle ground. Like her necklace-making ancestor celebrated in the last poem of the book, Tennant strings together these images and narratives in a way that celebrates the power of art and helps us find our place in the midst of the contradictions around us.



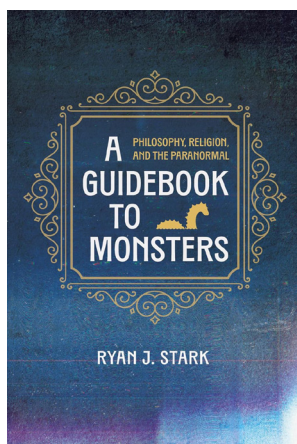
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A Guidebook to Monsters

by Dr. Ryan Stark

Ryan J. Stark surveys the classic monsters in great literature and film, television, the Bible, and, perhaps unexpectedly, the world in which we live.

Monsterdom is real, Stark observes, but often hidden beneath the concealment spell of modern secular thought. This guidebook aims to break that spell, and to confirm once more a world that brims with high strangeness, or what Christian philosophers have always called "reality."



The book appeals to those who study the paranormal dimensions of religion and horror, broadly imagined. The clergy will also find it helpful, as will players of monster-riddled video games.

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As this school year comes to a close, please pray for the following:

Pray for our graduating students as they leave Corban and begin new chapters in their lives, that they will seek God's will and strive to make a difference in the world for His glory.

Pray for our new students who are committing to attend Corban University, that God will prepare their way financially, physically, emotionally, and spiritually for a smooth transition into university life.

Pray for our faculty, staff, and students, that the summer will be a time of needed rest, rejuvenation, and enjoyment as we finish one year and look to the next.

EVENTS



THEATRE CAMP

July 22 – August 3, 2024

Open to students entering grades 4-12, this positive and fun training lets students express their creativity through theatre and build their appreciation for the creative arts. Scan the code to register by May 31 for early bird pricing.



YOUTH SPORTS CAMPS

Keep your kids active this summer, improving their athletic skills in a positive, Christ-centered environment! Choose from soccer, basketball, volleyball, and wrestling options for students of all ages and skill levels.

Scan the code for more information.



FAMILY WEEKEND

September 27-28, 2024

Save the date! Families of current students are invited to participate in college life and create memories at this fun-filled weekend on campus. More info to come!

AG SCIENCE DINNER: "SOWING THE SEEDS OF FAITHFULNESS"

October 22, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this annual event in support of Corban's agriculture science program. Dinner will be followed by a paddle-raise auction, dessert, and fellowship. Scan the QR code to sign up now.



20 & 10 YEAR REUNIONS

Make sure that Corban has your email so you don't miss info about your reunion.

- 20-Year: June 7-9, 2024
- 10-Year: June 21-23, 2024



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