

CORBAN FALL 2025 CONNECTION

CELEBRATING 90 YEARS

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

At the start of every academic year, our campus comes alive with students returning to campus. Our new, incoming class discovers just how long it takes to go from Aagard to Caulkins while upperclassmen warmly greet their peers they have missed all summer. As faculty and staff gather to pray for our students, we are reminded once again of God’s faithfulness.

As you read this edition of the *Corban Connection*, you will see incredible evidence of God’s favor on our University. From student mission trips to new programs being launched, from strong enrollment to the fiscal blessings provided by you, our partners, we see how God takes amazing stories and weaves them together for His glory!

We hope this edition is an encouragement to you. Despite the chaos in our broader culture, Corban continues to stand firm on the bedrock of the Word of God. It is His faithfulness that sees us through each new day.

Onward!

John Mark Yeats, Ph.D.
President



CORBAN’S NEWEST WARRIORS BEGIN THEIR JOURNEY

Warrior Welcome, the University’s annual orientation weekend, marked the perfect beginning to a new academic year. Laughter and worship music filtered through the trees of Corban’s hillside campus, parents flexed their move-in muscles, carrying boxes and blessings, minifridges and memories, and a weekend full of sunshine highlighted a growing enthusiasm for the University’s newest Warriors. Days filled with events—kick off and sunset worship, the ever-popular pancake feed, and even a late-night take over of Chick-fil-A—saw community come to life as new friends explored their academic home.

Warrior Welcome was punctuated by Convocation. Faculty filtered into the Psalm Center in full academic regalia and the Corban community came together for its first official time of worship as a new student body. Corban’s President, Dr. John Mark Yeats, shared a message focusing on the theme for the year, “Created by the Word of God” (Heb. 11:3). “This semester, we consider the majesty, glory, holiness, and creativity of our God, the One who spoke the universe into creation,” he said. “My prayer is that, by the end of this term, you will be a more thoughtful worshiper who sees the value in every person and begins to see how your calling, your major, can make a difference in the lives of others.”

As faculty processed neatly out of the Psalm Center, they lined the path leading to the Clock Tower, engaging in one final act of tradition. They cheered and applauded for each student as they took their first steps into the academic year, offering encouragement, prayer, and a knowing eye to all that God would hold in store for these new Warriors.



CORBAN WELCOMES LARGEST INCOMING CLASS IN FIVE YEARS

Corban University is celebrating its strongest enrollment in five years. While many colleges and universities across the country continue to struggle with post-pandemic decreases, Corban is experiencing steady momentum. This fall, the University welcomed its largest incoming class since 2020, continuing a pattern of steady growth, with many academic programs continuing trends of year-over-year growth.

New traditional undergraduate enrollment increased by more than 9%, highlighted by a 13% rise in first-time freshmen, making this year’s overall student population the largest the University has seen in three years. Graduate programs and online education also reflected this upward trajectory, with Corban’s online student population reaching a five-year high and graduate enrollment marking a three-year peak.

“These numbers tell a powerful story,” said Corban University President, Dr. John Mark Yeats. “Students are recognizing the value of a Christ-centered education that equips them

academically and spiritually to make a difference in the world. Corban’s mission continues to resonate in ways that are both deeply meaningful and broadly impactful.”

Students cite Corban’s supportive community, small class sizes, and opportunities for mentorship as reasons they choose the University. Whether studying on campus in Salem or pursuing flexible online degree options, students benefit from faculty who are dedicated to integrating faith and learning, preparing them for purposeful careers and lives of service.

With this steady enrollment growth, Corban is well-positioned for the future. The University continues to strengthen existing programs, explore new degree pathways, and expand both in-person and online learning opportunities. Looking ahead, Corban remains committed to its mission of educating Christians who will make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ.

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SPECIAL FOCUS: MISSIONS



1. **Kristi Ronea Ziemer, ‘92**
“Two quotes I remember well from professors are: ‘Lose your sense of smell and gain your sense of humor’ (Dr. Wright), and ‘Enjoy your weekend. Don’t play in the freeway!’ (Dr. Herb). I am truly grateful for the education I received. Married to Gerald Ziemer with four kids and two grandkids! Serving in Romania!”
2. **Dr. Jarred Hanley, ‘12**
“I am currently serving as a dentist in Prescott, Ariz. My wife, Kayli (Moser ‘14), and I also serve in the dental ministry non-profit organization known as Compassion Connect. We are seeing God move in mighty ways by serving the dental and spiritual needs of our community in Jesus’ name.”
3. **Bill & Cathy Wuth, ‘62**
“Cathy: 63 years as a Proverbs wife. Bill: 62 years in education—both Christian and secular. Ten years teaching missionary kids in Brazil. Sixty-seven years teaching Sunday School/Bible classes. Getting ready to travel the Highway of Holiness with our Lord in 2040—or earlier if He wishes.”
4. **Dwight West, ‘58**
“After teaching at WBBC 1963-78, I served with Baptist Mid-Missions teaching in a Bible college in the Caribbean 1978-2003. Now I’m retired, active in Faith Baptist Church, and have more time to pray for missionaries. I also do evangelism by tracts and personal contacts.”
5. **Cathy Lindley, ‘97**
“Todd (‘00) and Cathy (‘97) served in Papua New Guinea with Wycliffe Bible Translators for almost a decade. Cathy taught at an international school and Todd worked in management. Cathy is currently overseeing new staff orientation for Wycliffe and Todd is on staff at their home church in Sandy, Ore.”
6. **Jason & Sarah (Trahern) Sheets, ‘04**
“Our family will celebrate 10 years as church planting missionaries in Arequipa, Peru. The church has officially celebrated three and a half years as a local body and is now in the process of being led by Peruvians God used us to train and disciple. Please pray for local leaders, especially men, to be raised up!”
7. **Jerry & Lynda Neuman, ‘76 & ‘74**
“We recently completed 45 years with ABWE, 41 years in Brazil. We have served in church planting projects and seminary teaching in three states. Jerry helped

- begin a new Brazilian mission agency and served as Administrative Director for 13 years. We officially retired in 2024 but are still serving in Brazil.”
8. **Erin White, ‘08**
“I graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary with a ThM degree and recently started working with One Mission Society as their Regional Representative to the Pacific Northwest. I will be connecting with churches and individuals as well as representing them at missions conferences and schools, sharing opportunities to be involved in their work around the world.”
9. **Rick & Lisa Caynor, ‘92**
“Lisa and I served for 10 years in Thailand and now in Spain the last 8 years. We serve as Global Partnership Developers and Directors for the Live Global (ABWE) Team in Europe, North Africa and the Middle East.”
10. **Steve Everett, ‘05**
“Mendi (Pearson) and I lived in S. Brazil for 10 years as ABWE missionaries and directors of a retreat center. We came back to the USA in 2016 and now our ministry is to form teams from the NW and lead a mission team down in Brazil to help with Brazilian ministry workers. We are now associates with ABWE.”
11. **Roy Jones, ‘71**
“We retired in 2020 after almost 50 years in Spain with the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. My wife, Nancy, died in 2023, but I continue to serve as an elder in the church that we started in Torres de la Alameda in 2013. I’m thankful that I can still travel and visit family in the U.S. and Italy.”
12. **Prema Das Nagidi, ‘19**
“I am a missionary to the unreached people of India. I am married and have two children. Our vision is threefold: church, school, and hospital. Now we are in the first stage, planning for the second phase. We need young people for the mission that are praying. We have been facing personal opposition, yet God is with us.”
13. **Deanna Gardiner-Garcia, ‘63**
“My husband, Chuy, and I did a mission to Jordan where we worked with refugees from Iraq, Syria, and Yemen. We went into the refugee tents near the Syrian border and shared the love of Jesus with the people there. We met an Iraqi refugee who served as a translator for the US military during the Iraq war. He showed us a letter from ISIS saying they were aware that he was helping us and they were going to kill him, his wife, and his four children.

- Please join us in praying that Mr. Faris and his family will be able to leave Jordan soon since he is not allowed to work.”
14. **Eli Conlee, ‘10**
“I live in Bend, Ore., with my wife, Emily (Blaylock ‘10), and three kids. I am the director for Climbers for Christ, a national, volunteer-driven ministry that sees the rock-climbing community as their ‘nation’ to be reached with the hope of Jesus.”
15. **Curt & Bonnie (Rhodes) Jones, ‘77 & ‘75**
“We are serving with a mission organization, partnering with national church leaders to provide training for pastors and missionaries. We are also part of a member care team providing counseling for our missionaries.”
16. **Janarde Gossner, ‘75**
“See: wycliffe.org/partner/gossners
To update that info, we reviewed Hebrews and half of Romans, and consultant checked Luke and Revelation. The last two have now been typeset and are ready for printing. We hope to consultant check five epistles and Hebrews on our next trip in early 2026.”
17. **Mary Amesbury, ‘92**
“I have been serving with Baptist Mid-Missions for 33 years. This past spring I completed 25 years reaching the next generation with BMM’s Campus Bible Fellowship at Cleveland State University in Cleveland, Ohio.”
18. **Matthew Douglas, ‘85**
“After 30 years serving as Australian church planters, our ministry has shifted into ABWE’s construction division. We help missionaries and ministries with the buildings and maintenance they need to be able to serve out their calling. We live in and travel around the world from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.”
19. **Tim Hettinger, ‘99**
“In August 2024, I returned to Mission Aviation Fellowship. I serve at MAF doing IT work. I’ve been married to my wife, Melissa, for 17 years, and we have two kids (12 and 10 years in age).”

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Join us for an event or plan your own time to visit this academic year as we continue to celebrate Corban’s 90th year of equipping students for Kingdom work.

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We celebrate what God is doing around the globe and seek to join Him in that work. Last summer, Corban students and faculty served in Uganda, Thailand, Honduras, and Indonesia. We plan to again send teams of students and faculty to serve around the globe—including Honduras—in summer 2026.

For many students, these trips would not be possible without financial support. Would you prayerfully consider making a gift to help send students on a life-changing mission?

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AG SCIENCE DINNER & AUCTION 2025
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OCTOBER 20, 2025

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Dinner will be followed by a paddle-raise auction, dessert, and fellowship.

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CORBAN WELCOMES JEFF TRYKA AND RODGER PAGE TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Jeff Tryka

Corban University is proud to announce the appointment of Jeff Tryka and Rodger Page to its Board of Trustees. Both bring extensive professional experience, a deep commitment to faith, and dedication to advancing Corban’s mission of Christ-centered education.

Jeff Tryka is a longtime supporter of Corban, dating back to his years living in Portland and Seattle from 1999-2004. Though he returned to the Midwest, he has remained a loyal supporter for decades. A native of Chicago, he now resides in Elkhart, Indiana, where

he is active in First Baptist Church and various faith-based and charitable organizations.

Professionally, Jeff has focused on finance and investments. After earning an accounting degree from Bucknell University, he began his career on Wall Street before returning to the Midwest to earn an MBA from Indiana University. He most recently served as Managing Director in the Capital Markets Group of Lambert by LLYC before beginning a new role in August 2025 as an Assistant Professor of Finance at Saint Mary’s College in Notre Dame, Indiana. Outside of work, he enjoys cooking, volunteering, travel, and community theatre.

Rodger Page, a 1988 alumnus of Corban University, holds a Bachelor of Science in Business and an MBA in Organizational Leadership. Married to Valorie, who also attended Corban, the couple has three children and a granddaughter. For more than three decades, they have been active members of Grace Baptist Church in Redding, California. Rodger brings more than 35 years of healthcare leadership experience. He currently serves as NorthState Market President for CommonSpirit Health in California, overseeing four hospitals and numerous outpatient

services. In this role, he has driven strategic growth, service integration, and operational efficiency. Outside of work, Rodger enjoys family time, skiing, pickleball, football, and outdoor activities.

“Rodger’s business leadership experience and understanding of the medical field, along with Jeff’s experience in finance and higher education, will be helpful resources to the Board,” said Board Chair, Rod Hoff. “Both are strongly committed to Corban’s mission and core values and we look forward to their contributions as trustees.”

Corban University warmly welcomes Jeff Tryka and Rodger Page to the Board of Trustees and looks forward to their guidance in shaping the University’s future.



Rodger Page

ALL SEVENTEEN CORBAN VARSITY SPORTS QUALIFY FOR NAIA SCHOLAR TEAM STATUS

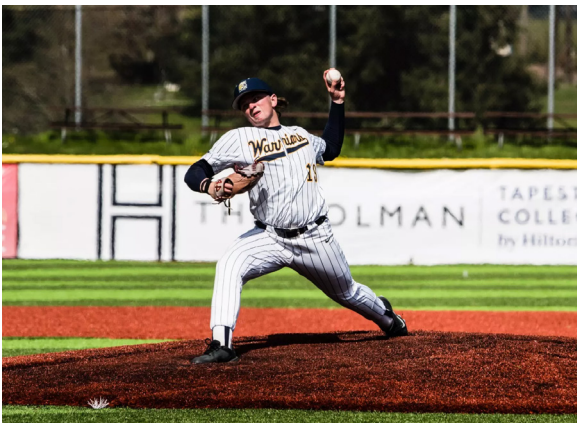
The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) has announced the 2024-25 National Awards Day recipients, including the NAIA Scholar Teams from the most recent academic school year. Corban University Athletics was, for a second consecutive year, a perfect 17-for-17 in varsity sports earning the recognition of NAIA Scholar Team, marking just the second time ever that 100% of the Warrior-sponsored programs have been selected to the prestigious academic title in a single year. In order to be eligible for the NAIA Scholar Team status, programs must maintain a team-wide cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale throughout the entire academic year.

“These student-athletes are getting it done both in the classroom and in competition,” shared the Warriors’ Director of Athletics, Bill Pilgeram. “We are so proud of the quality student-athletes our coaches have recruited and how hard they work throughout the entire Corban community.”

The Corban indoor women’s volleyball team led all Navy and Gold squads with a 3.70 cumulative GPA in 2024-25 while women’s cross country finished in second at 3.68 overall. Following indoor volleyball and women’s cross country was indoor/outdoor women’s track & field (3.59), women’s basketball (3.56), and women’s beach volleyball (3.52) to round out the top five GPAs within the Corban athletic department. Over 73% of Warrior athletes qualified for the Academic All-Conference requirements last year, the best mark in school history, and thus qualified the University for President’s Cup status from the CCC office once again.



The volleyball team strategizes in between sets



Tanner Boe deals from the mound



The women’s cross country team runs together



Jaycob Miller takes a shot on goal

LEADING FROM THE FRONT: COACH MENDEZONA'S CALL TO CHRISTIAN COACHING

If you’re looking for Corban’s new men’s basketball coach, Wayne Mendezona, odds are you’ll find him in the gym, planted in front of his team like the captain of a ship, a 45-pound plate held in both hands in place of a captain’s wheel. Where he goes, they go. When he rests, they rest. And when someone drops a plate, they pick it up and learn—how to be patient, to persevere, and to bear the weight. To the outsider, it may look miserable, but to Coach Mendezona, this is right where he’s dreamed of being since a call that came back in 1988.

His journey to Corban has been a series of calls—both literal and spiritual. The first impacted his life forever. “Salvation in Christ alone changed everything,” he says. “It changed my whole trajectory. My dream wasn’t so much to play Division I anymore—it was to play at a Christian college.” That led him to Judson Baptist College where he played for head coach Tim Collins, who later coached at Corban.

After playing overseas, Mendezona pursued ministry until Collins called, offering him a coaching role at Tennessee Temple University. “That’s where I began to learn how to coach,” he says. “We took a team that had won eight games the year before and finished with 27 wins, won a national Christian college championship, and repeated again the next year.”

Shortly after, in 1988, Mendezona felt what he considers to be God’s calling on his life. “I really got my call from the Lord to be a small college basketball coach at a Christian university,” he says. “It was a call to help athletes become godly men, good fathers, good husbands, good leaders, all to the glory of God.”

It took years for that calling to be fully realized—he worked overseas as the coach of the Bahrain national



team, he helmed NAIA programs to record win totals, postseason appearances, and program-defining successes. But those opportunities ended, in some cases painfully, leaving Mendezona with scars, doubts, and uncertainty over God’s calling on his life. “In those dark moments, all I could say to myself was, ‘It’s His timing. Be patient, persevere, bear the weight.’”

He pivoted from coaching to running Quick Handle, his gospel-integrated skills camps. “For someone who could never afford basketball camp growing up, I have probably now run just about as many camps as anyone in the world,” he laughs. “It’s all because of God’s grace. He wanted me to reach people with the gospel.” Yet even in Quick Handle’s success, the old calling tugged. Mendezona prayed for God to desensitize his gift of coaching. It was too painful.

Then Collins called again. “He asked if I knew that the Corban position had opened up,” Mendezona

recalls. “I told him I didn’t even follow the coaching circuit anymore. But he said, ‘I believe in my heart you are the right man for this job.’” In his interview, Mendezona offered only one statement: “I told them I believed this was a calling I had received from the Lord back in 1988. It was really only up to them to decide if I was the right man.” He was hired.

Now at the helm of Corban men’s basketball, as he leads from the front, lifting the same weight as his players, he hopes they will learn the same lessons that have carried him: patience, perseverance, and reliance on the Lord. And his players aren’t dropping plates anymore. “In all my years of coaching, I’ve never seen a team that seems more united,” he says. “We are creating strong warriors of God who are going to compete at the highest level, but more importantly who are going to be exceptional, Spirit-filled fathers and husbands, professionals and leaders, all to His glory.”

STUDENT LIFE AT CORBAN REIMAGINED FOR STUDENT GROWTH AND ENGAGEMENT

Corban University is stepping into a new season of student life with fresh leadership and renewed energy, designed to create more opportunities for engagement across campus. President John Mark Yeats shared his excitement for the transition: “This is an opportunity for us as an institution to embrace the incredible team God has already given us. It became clear to us that He has been shaping our future through individuals already here. That makes me incredibly excited about what’s ahead.”

At the heart of this restructuring, Dr. Mechelle Garrett has expanded her role as Vice President of Community Belonging and Student Success, continuing her focus on student well-being. Joining her leadership team are Tanni Swisher, newly appointed Dean of Students, and Jason Smarr, who will serve as Director of Student Life and Spiritual Formation. “I’m excited to help rejuvenate the student experience,” Smarr said. “My desire is to have consistent programming and discipleship opportunities each week that promote a sense of belonging for our

students. From our faculty, to our staff, to our students, so many on this campus desire to do life in Christ together.”

For Swisher, her unique care for student growth sits at the heart of her enthusiasm for this restructuring. “I am passionate about advocating for Corban’s student body to help them navigate academic, behavioral, personal, and spiritual challenges,” she said. “I want our students to experience the inescapable love of God and to continue building a community that fosters empathy, understanding, and a sense of belonging for all.”

Looking at the big picture, Dr. Yeats emphasized the purpose behind these changes and the opportunities they create for the entire campus community: “These changes are about giving students more opportunities to connect with each other and with Corban’s mission,” he said. “I’m excited to see how these leaders will help our community grow.”



Indonesia Team

CORBAN STUDENTS SPEND THEIR SUMMERS SERVING AROUND THE GLOBE

This summer, Corban students stepped into a wide range of ministry opportunities around the world, putting their faith into action through medical care, teaching, and evangelism. Joining each team was a media student, who captured stories and equipped local ministries with tools for communication.

Along the Thai-Burmese border, a team worked with refugees in the city of Mae Sot. Their time was spent preaching, leading Bible studies, teaching English, and putting on a VBS, all while being encouraged by the resilience of the local Burmese church.

For Corban student Hailey Hagerty, her experience serving Burmese refugees, who were living in the local

garbage dump in order to escape persecution, was truly eye opening. “Our team had never seen such an impoverished group of people,” she says. “I was expecting them to be very disheartened. However, many of the refugees expressed gratitude to be living in the dump because it meant they were safe from persecution. It was a stark reminder of the lasting joy that comes from Christ alone.”

Half a world away in Uganda, students immersed themselves in orphanage ministry, door-to-door evangelism, youth outreach, and medical clinics in the district of Mende. They also supported micro-financing initiatives that strengthened families and offered hope for sustainable futures.

One team served in Honduras, where students and professors joined local professionals through the ministry His Eyes. Their days were filled with medical and dental clinics in rural communities, as well as health education efforts that brought both care and dignity to people with limited access to resources.

Though the settings differed, the heartbeat of each trip remained the same: to share the love of Christ, to serve in humility, and to be mutually strengthened by the global body of believers. Together, these experiences embodied Corban’s mission to make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ.



Honduras Team



Thailand Team



Uganda Team

Q&A WITH NEW UNIVERSITY CHIEF OF STAFF DR. JACOB RAINWATER



Midwestern Seminary for my M.Div. Professors there encouraged me to keep going—I had an aptitude for teaching and studying. So I pursued my Ph.D. and then started teaching. When Dr. Yeats reached out and asked if we would be interested in coming to Oregon, I’ll be honest, it felt like he was asking us to come to the moon. But after lots of prayer and conversations with my wife, we felt God leading us here.

How did your journey into higher education unfold?

When I was 14, I felt called to ministry. While friends were into sports or music, I just wanted to be at church. I studied theology at the University of Mobile, then went to

And how’s “the moon” so far?

Extraterrestrial! People always said the Pacific Northwest was beautiful, but you can’t really grasp it until you’re here. Seeing Mt. Hood on a drive, or taking a trip to the coast—it still blows me away.

Have you come into contact with any Corban urban legends yet?

Yeah, we went down to the tunnels for a School of Ministry event. We sang in the tunnels—the acoustics were great, the comfort level was not. We sat on cardboard, and it was damp and gross. It felt less like Ninja Turtles and more like... ew. Still, it was cool being with students in that setting.

Any sports loyalties we should be aware of?

I grew up in Alabama, so football is life. I’m still mourning Nick Saban. When I moved to Kansas City, I got hooked—the Royals won the World Series that year, and the Chiefs were on the rise. So now I’m

all in on KC sports, even when the Royals lose 100 games a season.

In your role serving the Office of the President, how do you hope to make an impact?

As Chief of Staff, I see myself as the corner man—the guy in the corner making sure Dr. Yeats and the Cabinet have what they need to thrive. As a professor, I want students to see the Bible as one cohesive story that points to Jesus, not just a bunch of coffee mug verses. And on a lighter note, I want to raise the vibes. I’m a “vibe guy.” Me and Jason Smarr, we’re the vibe brothers.

What’s a piece of advice that has stuck with you?

A youth pastor once told me, “Where God guides, God provides.” That line has followed me through every move—from Alabama to Kansas City, from finishing my Ph.D. to coming here. God has consistently provided at just the right time. It’s something I now try to pass on to students.

CORBAN UNIVERSITY HONORED WITH TWO DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AWARDS



Corban University has been recognized with two prestigious awards from the Oregon Department of Corrections (DOC) for its impactful collaboration with Paid in Full Oregon. These accolades celebrate Corban’s commitment to providing higher education opportunities to adults in custody, fostering personal transformation and reintegration into society.

Corban and Paid in Full received the Volunteer Service Award, highlighting a unique commitment

to serving adults in custody as well as the larger community, as well as this year’s Director’s Award—one of the DOC’s highest honors and typically only awarded to DOC staff or institutions.

The DOC acknowledged Corban’s dedication to offering a Christ-centered education to adults in custody, highlighting the University’s role in equipping students with the tools necessary for successful reentry into the community. The partnership aims to break the cycle of recidivism by addressing the root causes of criminal behavior through education and spiritual growth.

Loren Calkins, Assistant Professor of Psychology at Corban University, emphasized the profound impact of the program, stating, “We are not just offering education; we are offering hope and a path to a transformed life.” This sentiment extends Corban’s mission to educate Christians who will make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ beyond prison walls and to those a second chance.

CORBAN LAUNCHES DOCTOR OF EDUCATION PROGRAM

Corban University is pleased to announce the launch of its new Doctor of Education (Ed.D.). The program began this fall with an inaugural cohort of five doctoral candidates.

Designed for educators, administrators, and organizational leaders, this three-year, 45-credit program combines academic rigor with biblical integration to equip professionals to lead with excellence and purpose.

“This addition reflects an intentional commitment on our part to provide a grounded, well-thought-out program with integrated faith components that can be utilized in various professional settings and leadership positions,” says Chair of the School of Education and Counseling, Dr. Jen Kleiber. “What excites me most about this program is the collaboration and relationship that is built between instructors and students through the online coursework. Our instructors are responsive and committed to being engaged in the learning process with their students.”

Delivered primarily online in a cohort model, the Ed.D. allows students to balance work, family, and

study while pursuing a terminal degree. The program includes one two-week residency at the end of the second year, providing a unique opportunity for face-to-face collaboration with faculty and peers.

Courses focus on theological reflection, leadership theory, and advanced research, preparing graduates for leadership roles in higher education, non-profit organizations, and public and private institutions.

Kleiber considers the program’s new and tailored courses to be a distinguishing strength. “Our course offerings work in real ways to connect the current realities of educational leadership with a biblical worldview,” she says. “This is not a token response on our part but a commitment to the mission of Corban University of educating Christians who will make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ.”

Students will benefit from instruction by experienced faculty and practitioners who bring both scholarly expertise and real-world leadership experience to the classroom. By integrating faith and practice, graduates will be prepared not only to advance in their careers but also to impact their communities and organizations for the cause of Christ.

EVENTS



Fall Session: October 25-November 15, 2025
Spring Session: February 21-March 14, 2026

K-8th graders will learn science concepts and perform science experiments...in a real science lab! Taught by Corban students, each session runs for four Saturdays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR CONFERENCE

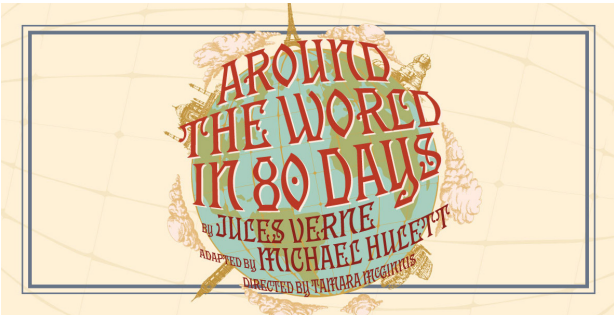
October 10, 2025

Join Christian educators from across the region for a one-day conference designed to encourage, empower, and equip. Featuring keynote speaker Dr. Mandy Vance, Corban alum and 23-24 Oregon Teacher of the Year.



October 17, 2025 | 7:00 p.m.

Join Corban University’s choirs, band, and orchestra for an evening of music from their fall repertoire. The concert is free and open to the public. Doors open for seating at 6:30 p.m.



November 13-23, 2025

Don’t miss Corban Theatre’s production of the classic Jules Verne adventure story as Phileas Fogg attempts to circumnavigate the world in exactly 80 days...in a time before planes and automobiles! Ticket sales begin Oct. 1.



CORBAN UNIVERSITY CAREER DAY

Nov. 19, 2025

Alumni and community members are invited to share your expertise and connect with potential interns and employees at this annual event for Corban students. Learn more about how you can participate:



BE A PRAYER WARRIOR



As we begin another school year, and look forward to all that God has in store for Corban and our students, please join us in praying for the following:

- Pray for our new students as they transition to college life and that every student finds friends and mentors to help them experience grace, belonging, and discipleship.
- Pray that our faculty will continue to teach with passion and purpose and that our staff will reflect Christ’s love in both word and action as they work with and for students.
- Pray for provision through donors—asking God to raise up the right individuals to partner with us in advancing Corban’s mission.
- Pray for Corban’s leadership to remain prayerfully attuned to God’s will for Corban University and that Corban, its students, and alumni would be lights in the darkness, living out our mission to make a difference in a world in deep need of truth, grace, and the love of God.



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