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Grant allows Columbia Christian to give iPad to every High School Student

Portland, OR (August 20, 2018) –Columbia Christian’s high school students will each get an iPad, beginning this year, funded by a \$25,000 grant from the Cox Foundation.

As part of its Strategic Plan to upgrade academic outcomes, Columbia is adding up-to-date technology and curriculum materials, a more robust achievement testing program, and enhanced teacher training for using data to improve instruction and for the integration of biblical worldview.

The purchase of iPads for each high school student at Columbia Christian will provide a sustainable platform to improve Columbia’s academic program. The use of iPads in daily instruction will provide a cost-effective means to improve textbook and curriculum resources while supporting digital learning classroom instruction, online courses, and college credit classes.

Funding for the Strategic Plan initiatives must come from grants and fundraising due to Columbia’s commitment to affordable tuition for average income families.

“We are deeply grateful to the Cox Foundation for sharing in our vision for Columbia. In order to move forward, we must invest in the areas that will have the biggest impact on the lives of our students,” President Marquita Moss said.

“We knew that we couldn’t support our commitment to promote academic excellence and more robust faculty training in data use and Christian worldview with tuition dollars,” she explained. “The administration has spent many hours in prayer over these initiatives. This grant from the Cox Foundation is one of many answers to our prayers this summer.”

In the first year of implementation the following electronic materials will be purchased:

- Math textbooks for Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and College Algebra
- Chemistry textbooks
- Anatomy resources
- Literature resources for AP English Literature
- Resources to support AP US History

A future goal is to transition the middle school program (grades 6-8) to use iPads in class activities. During the transition, middle school students will continue to receive traditional textbooks and be able to use Chromebooks in class. Some of the iMac work stations in the high school building will be moved into MS classrooms to support the transition to Apple platforms. A small number of iPads will be provided as resources to the MS teachers.

“Answers to prayer like this have kept Columbia Christian alive and well for more than 70 years,” Principal Ami Vensel said. “Stories of blessings and stories of life changes have been the hallmark of Columbia for many decades. We lift up our hearts in praise to God.”

About Columbia Christian

Columbia Christian School, known as Columbia Christian, is a private Christian school located in Portland, Oregon. Columbia Christian School seeks to provide a Christ-centered education focused on excellence in faith, character, and academics to students in PreK through 12th grade. With full accreditation from Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (through AdvancED) and Association of Christian Schools International, Columbia Christian Schools provides a strong academic environment as well as a community that nurtures students spiritually and socially. The school is affiliated with the Churches of Christ and is run by an independent Board of Directors.