

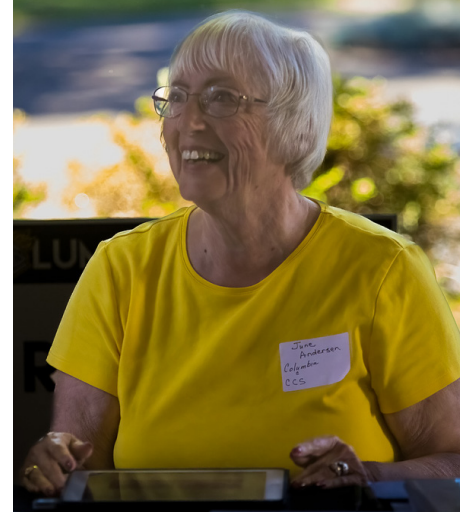


The KNIGHTLY NEWS

Columbia Christian School • PreK-12th Grade

July & August 2022

75th Anniversary Celebration



Important Dates:

September 16

Back to School BBQ

September 30

Picture Day

October 10

No School, Fall Break

October 14

Elementary Jog-A-Thon

October 27

Last Day of Quarter 1

A gathering of friends joined together on the Columbia campus on Saturday, August 6, to celebrate 75 years of Christian education. The guests, over 125 in total, included current and former students, employees, family, and other supporters of Columbia Christian School, Columbia Christian College, and Cascade College.

The special anniversary celebration was a time devoted to sharing memories, connecting with one another, and glorifying God. Highlights of the day included a welcome from Joel Davis, campus prayer walk, catered BBQ lunch, "Memories Uncut" led by Don Boderman, "The Campus of Today" led by Ami Vensel, and singing led by Kevin and Greg Woods.

Reflecting on the event, Development Director Mark Beekman shared, "Attendees reunited with classmates and friends from across the decades. In attendance was an alumn from the first graduating class of 1952! Stories were shared by Don Boderman, Keith Farris, Wayne Aus, and several others. It was such an honor to have everyone back on their campus."

EXPLORING EDUCATION OPTIONS

Do you know someone considering school choices for their children this fall? Some classes at Columbia Christian have waiting lists, while others still have open spots. Contact the office to learn more: 503-252-8577 or ccs@columbiachristian.com.



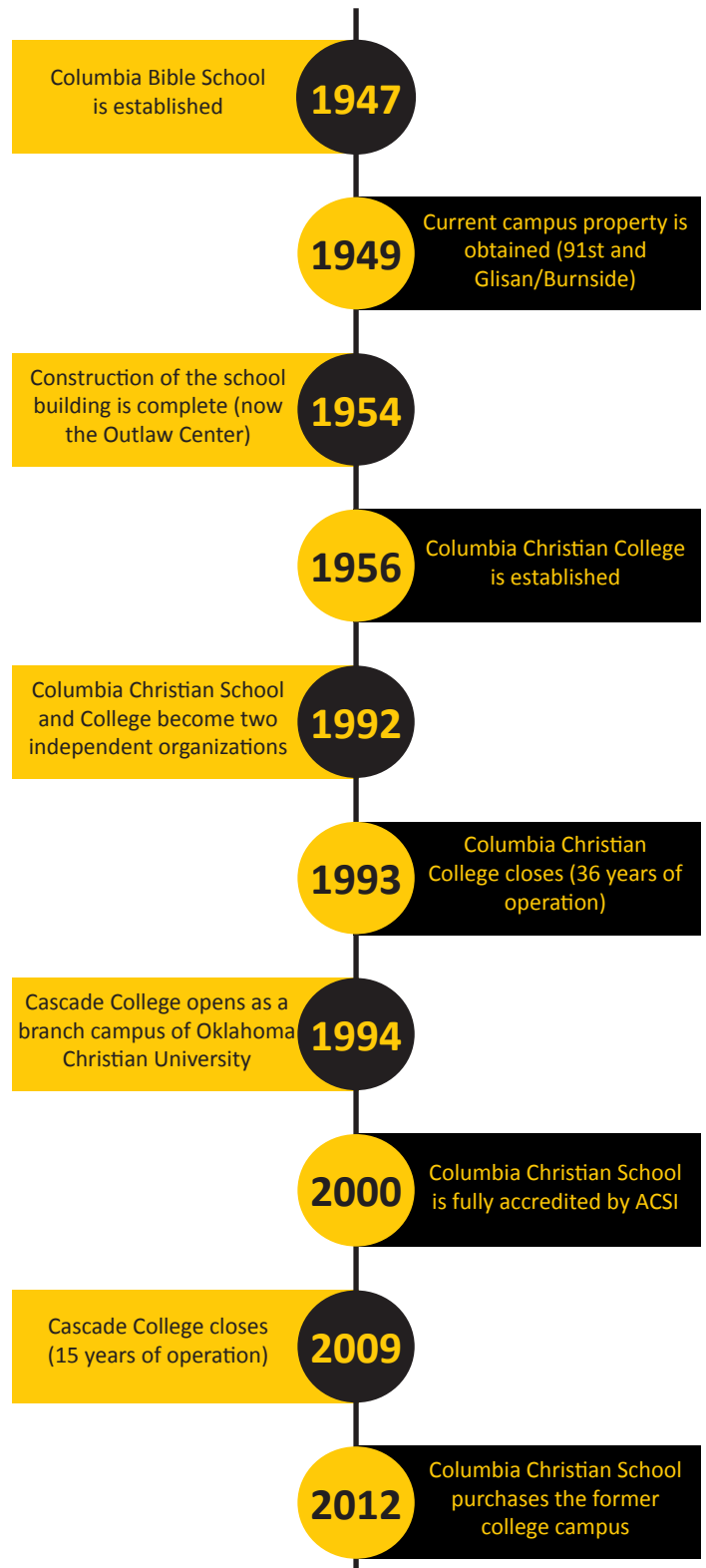
75th Anniversary Celebration (Cont.)

A lot can happen in 75 years. Over the decades, thousands of individuals and families have been blessed by the work and ministry of the Columbia campus. From every Bible-based lesson, song of worship, and prayer – to each footstep in the hallways, athletic competition in the gym or on the field, and meal in the various cafeteria locations, everything has been done for the glory of God and His Kingdom.

Tell us how YOU have been impacted by the school, the colleges, or the campus! Email your thoughts to alumni@columbiachristian.com.



75 Years of Columbia History



Welcome Principal Deborah Miller



Principal Deborah Miller

After several months of prayer, searching, and considering applicants, Columbia's administration was pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Deborah Miller as principal. Dr. Miller has worked in and with Christian schools since 1986, serving as a teacher from grade 5 to postgraduate programs, as an administrator and as an educational consultant. She helped found a Christian high school, founded and ran a college teacher education program, served as a school administrator, was a regional director for a major Christian association, and speaks nationally and internationally. Her passion is to inspire and equip Christian educators to fulfill their calling with excellence as a way to worship and glorify God and to help schools fulfill their missions – that students' lives might be transformed more fully into the image of God.

Dr. Miller attended George Fox University, where she served in ministry at the college and local church where she attended, and where she met her husband, Roger. Together they have served youth and young adults. Currently, they are members of Vancouver Church of God, where Dr. Miller serves on the mission action committee as well as on the prayer team and in the children's ministry. She has led and participated in over twenty mission trips and loves serving cross-culturally. This year, Roger and Deborah celebrate 39 years of marriage and have raised two children who are both active in ministry.

When asked about her new role, Deborah commented, "I'm very excited to join the Columbia Christian School community. I'm eager to get to know and serve the students, staff, and administration as they seek to fulfill the mission of CCS. The school has a strong legacy on which to continue to build toward great things to come and I'm honored to be a part of it!"

Sojourners Serving

While students are on summer break, and regular school activities await the coming fall semester, many projects and events are still occurring on Columbia's campus. Over the past 3 years, the Sojourners have consistently blessed Columbia with various maintenance work tasks. The Sojourners include retired men and women who travel in RVs to help small Church of Christ congregations and ministries.

Due to fuel costs, this past summer group was fewer in number, but they were even more determined to serve Columbia in the projects they tackled. Their accomplishments included painting many of the classrooms in the Outlaw Center and landscaping work around campus. One specific area of focus was the Nature Area behind the kindergarten and after-school program classrooms.

Through their work and ministry, the Sojourners bring a refreshing joy and light to campus each year. A big thanks goes to Don and Robin Hindsley, Pete and Pat Rawlings, and Bob and Wilma Farley for their work and dedication this summer. Their service to the Columbia community is greatly appreciated.



Summer Scrapbook



"Knight Quest", Columbia's 5-week elementary summer program, was loads of fun!



Columbia's campus and families hosted a group of 20 Japanese students for a 2-week program in August.



Many Columbia students participated in Camp Yamhill's selection of sponsored camps.



The Eastside and Oregon City Church of Christ youth groups hosted the final "Summer Nights" Youth Rally on Columbia's campus.



Sports team practices and camps kept many athletes busy throughout July and August.



Jordan Kent hosted his "Just Kids" athletic camp in July - utilizing Columbia's soccer field and the gym.



Families and friends joined the "Playground Play Date" in August - complete with treats and lots of sunshine.



A group of Columbia students joined other teens in improving a local transitional housing community as part of the annual Summer Service Week.

Davis Garden Update



The first week of August marked the completion of the Davis Garden, honoring retired Principal Joel Davis and his 34 years of service to God's work at Columbia Christian Schools. Michael Murphy, a local landscape architect, created a beautiful design complementing Mr. and Mrs. Davis's love for bird-watching and the tranquility of nature. The garden contains over 100 plants, shrubs, and trees which have already been visited by several different birds and wildlife.

Columbia wishes to thank the many volunteers who made this landmark possible by pulling weeds and sod, loading trailer, digging holes, installing sprinkler lines, planting plants, and spreading over 24 cubic yards of bark. Appreciation goes to Bart and Cheri Davis, Trudy Doyle, Leah Fletcher, Angela Poole, Natalie Bishop, Lynn Haney (and kids), Anthony Rauda, Roy Marler, Brenda Smith, David and Oliver Rude, The Goodin family, Anna Carter, Daniel and Noah Carver, Christy and Owen Barrett, and the many other Columbia family and friends who volunteered. Thank You!



Support the Davis Garden

Funds are still needed to cover expenses for the Davis Garden. The school welcomes your help!

Send your check to Davis Garden c/o Columbia Christian Schools or visit the website: www.columbiachristian.com – scroll down to "News and Announcements" and click on "Davis Garden".

A Note From Mr. Davis

I would like to thank the many who made it possible for the Davis Garden to become a reality. Carol and I, and all the Davis family, are very honored and humbled to have this garden on the Columbia campus. We appreciate the thoughtfulness and planning to provide the garden. If you helped plan, donate, plant, or volunteer in any way we want to say thank you. We hope that the garden is enjoyed by many who work or visit at the campus.



Vensel's Voice



President Ami Vensel

It was a good ol' fashioned family reunion! Friends and family from far and near came together for the Columbia Christian College, Cascade College, and Columbia Christian School Gathering. Great people. Good food. Fond memories. A time to **remember** 75 years of Christian education, to affirm the work God has done and is still doing on this campus. **Remember...**

We **remember** the past to envision the future. In the history of Christian education on this campus, each person and each gift has supported and funded a vision for the future. Our walk of faith and 'Cloud of Witnesses' – those who have sacrificed, served, and supported the work and ministry at 9101 East Burnside – is testimony to God's faithfulness. And, God is not finished!

Today Columbia is blessed to occupy the 13-acre campus – to serve and offer students and families in the Northwest a Christ-centered education. God's provision is spectacular as we reflect on the many ways He is blessing the work and ministry at Columbia Christian: highly supportive and engaged governing School Board, keeping a balanced budget, maintaining dual accreditation with ACSI and Cognia, honoring teachers with professional development and a salary scale that recognizes years of experience and certifications, a new gym floor, a new perimeter fence, a new HVAC system at the Outlaw Center (preschool-6th grade building), maintaining and resurfacing of all school parking lots, a new roof on the Vera Johnson Rehearsal Hall, and our newest addition of the beautiful Davis Garden.

Columbia has also been blessed to create partnerships within the community. We utilize some of our campus facilities: apartments, houses, offices, gym, and storage space to create income to support the mission and vision of the school. Partnerships with George Fox University offer college-concurrent classes for students and professional development training for teachers through the Summer Festival of Learning - Schooling by Design. Last spring, Columbia was awarded a new technology and equipment grant from the Murdock Foundation to provide an avenue of future growth within our academic programming and

to support 21st century teaching and learning. There is excitement and vibrancy for our future!

We **remember** our great cloud of witnesses; we **remember** our heritage, and we press on!

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart" (Hebrews 12:1-3).

There's something bittersweet about reunions. There is joy in being able to come back and see people, reconnecting with classmates and colleagues, sharing memories, funny stories, and reminiscing about the good ol' days. And yet, let us **remember...** "The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness. The Lord is my portion says my soul; therefore, I will hope in him!" (Lamentations 3:22-23)



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