

CIU Celebrates 90 Years

September 2013

Dear CIU alumni and friends,

An exciting school year lies ahead on the campus of Columbia International University as we celebrate our 90th anniversary. Anticipation lingers in the air — a sense that a new beginning — a decade of growth in the history of CIU begins now.



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I invite you to be a part of this excitement at our 90th anniversary homecoming celebration October 31-November 2. A diverse schedule of events will make this one of our most memorable homecoming celebrations.

Who served as president when you studied or worked at CIU? Reintroduce yourself to him at Homecoming 2013. Dr. Robertson McQuilkin, Dr. Johnny Miller and Dr. George Murray will join me for a special Chapel on October 31, as we share memories from our tenures as president.

Of course there will be opportunities to catch up with former classmates and to get acquainted with current students. And you can witness history as it happens when you cheer on the Rams in the first intercollegiate men's and women's basketball games ever played by CIU.

But the highlight of the weekend includes a banquet followed by a concert with two Grammy Award winners: Steven Curtis Chapman and CIU alumna Laura Story from the Class of 2003. You may have sung Laura's worship anthem "Indescribable" during Chapel or at your church. Or you may be more familiar with her recent song "Blessings" which won her the Grammy.

Get all the details on Homecoming 2013, including registration, at www.ciu.edu/alumni/HC13.

Our 90th anniversary year also brings an emphasis to a matter of great urgency. For nine decades CIU has equipped students to realize their career and ministry dreams as evidenced by 17,000 alumni serving in 150 countries.

But we haven't done it alone. Alumni, parents, students, faculty, staff, and friends have actively invested in the future of these students by providing a consistent source of funding over and above tuition. In fact, tuition only covers a portion of the cost of a biblical education. Generous alumni and friends provide the balance, making it possible for students to answer God's call on their lives.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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As we begin a new school year, I encourage you to become a financial partner by investing in the CIU Fund (formerly known as the annual fund). The CIU Fund impacts virtually everything on campus including:

- **Financial aid** for deserving students to attend their dream school
- **Faculty** who leave an indelible mark on student's lives
- **Areas of greatest need or emerging opportunities** that impact students.

Every gift matters because when you give, you join hundreds of other alumni and friends of CIU. It all adds up in a big way. So even if you only give a few dollars, you do your part to make a CIU education possible for students such as Anni and Zach:

"I love being at a school where I get to interact daily with other students who are passionate about knowing Christ and making Him known. There are so many gifted students at CIU and I have really enjoyed getting to know them and being both encouraged and challenged by their faith."

– Anni Jackson, Intercultural Studies

CIU is led by wonderful faculty and staff members who genuinely care about the students personally and want to see them impact the nations with the message of Christ. From our president to the custodial staff, they really make it their goal to serve the students so that they can know Him and make Him known. – Zach Kahrs, Bible Teaching

To Know Him and to Make Him Known. Sound familiar? It has been and continues to be the cornerstone of a CIU education.

Prayerfully consider participating in the CIU Fund. And because you can designate your contribution for financial aid, faculty, or unrestricted use, you'll be supporting what matters most to you.

I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming 2013. Be sure to say, "Hello" to me and my wife Debby and tell us about God's blessings in your life as He uses you for His glory.

Yours for His glory,



Bill Jones,
President

Enclosures



Anni Jackson



Zach Kahrs