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Students Blaise Shields, Jordan Sprueill and Madelaine Clayton chat outside the renovated Fisher Building.

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Hangin' Out With the Media

One day I reported to work at 4 a.m. Not a whole lot happening on the CIU campus at that hour. Which made me look suspicious as I pulled into the boulevard and had my pick of parking spaces. That's when I got the text message: "We're on our way."

Local TV reporter Jenna Cisneros of WIS and her videographer Dustin Martin just left downtown to meet me for "Sunrise," one of those early morning local news shows that features a reporter live on location promoting an event scheduled for later in the day. That event would be the ceremonial ground breaking of the William H. Jones Global Business & IT Center at the entrance to the CIU campus.

I got a kick out of having the big high-tech TV truck parked at the campus entrance for the next couple of hours. As Jenna looked over her scripts, Dustin set up the camera and the lighting — a challenging task given the sunrise that early May morning was over a couple hours away.

Folks at home may not realize it, but there is a lot of "downtime" during a live TV production. Jenna's reports were only a couple minutes long on the half hour so we had time to sit in that fancy TV truck and chat about her home state of Florida. Dustin captured my attention sharing dramatic archived photos of big news stories he recently covered.

These are fun people to hang out with at such an hour.

Then there's Jeff Wilkinson the reporter from the local newspaper The State. He is very interested in how the Global Business & IT Center is a catalyst for CIU's desire to improve the business climate along Monticello Road, the gateway to CIU. (See pages 19 and 35.)



The WIS TV Sunrise crew reports live from the entrance of CIU

Jeff hopped in a car one day with me, CIU President Mark Smith and Vice President Keith Marion for a tour of Monticello Road properties CIU has purchased for improvement. Jeff is an energetic veteran reporter who has embraced new technology — newspapers that include video on their websites. While Jeff pointed his iPad at the windshield, he recorded video of the tour as Dr. Smith narrated from the back seat.

More fun hanging out with the media.

Yeah, sometimes we may get frustrated with the media. But I'm blessed that on occasion I get to just hang out with them. Hey, it's part of my job!

Bob Holmes
CIU Today
Editor-in-Chief



Bob Holmes, Editor-in-Chief

Fall Brings Dramatic Increase in Students

CIU enrollment up over 15 percent

The fall enrollment numbers are in and Columbia International University is blessed with an increasing number of students to be educated from a biblical worldview to impact the nations with the message of Christ. Total enrollment at CIU now stands at over 1,200 students, a dramatic increase of over 15 percent from last Fall.

The growth comes from all levels of education: undergraduate, graduate and seminary, including online education. Enrollment for traditional residential undergraduate students has increased by over nine percent.

CIU President Dr. Mark Smith is especially pleased that the average ACT and SAT scores along with the high school GPA (grade point average) of the freshman class are consistent with the averages of the previous freshman classes.

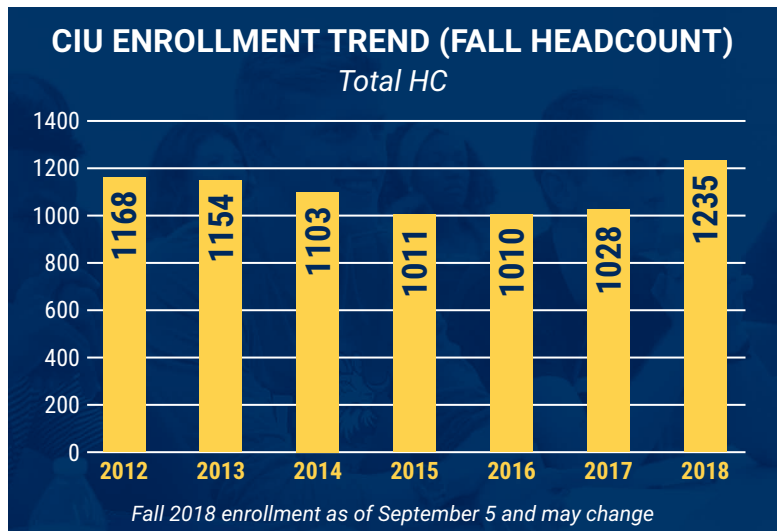
“We have not lowered the character and academic quality of students attracted to CIU,” Smith said. “Our enrollment criteria and standards remain the same.”

Meanwhile, graduate and seminary enrollment is up by almost 12 percent compared to the Fall 2017 numbers. Similarly, CIU’s online student enrollment has increased by 26 percent when compared to the Fall 2017 enrollment.

CIU Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing, Silvia Lucaschi-Decker attributes the increases to robust marketing campaigns, a well-trained and dedicated admissions team eager to follow up with prospective students and an overall creative and adaptable mindset espoused by both staff and faculty.



▲ Welcome to CIU! New student Sarah Giancana and family are greeted on Move-In Day at CIU.



“We have not lowered the character and academic quality of students attracted to CIU.”

– President Mark A. Smith

Of special note is the large increase in dual enrollment students.

Last school year there were six high school students enrolled in CIU. This school year there are 60, many of them coming from Ben Lippen School, CIU’s Pre-K to 12th grade Christian school.

Ben Lippen has seen its own dramatic increase in day student enrollment, up 15 percent over last school year. Of particular note is the St. Andrews Road Elementary School location growing from 62 students two years ago to 122 students today.

The increase of students has created quite a buzz across the CIU/Ben Lippen campus. As CIU freshman Camille Cruz was unpacking her suitcase on move-in day, she expressed her enthusiasm for her home away from home.

“I’m excited about starting a new phase of my life and being in a community of people who are after God’s own heart,” Cruz said. ■



Dr. John Maxwell

Dr. John Maxwell Draws Enthusiastic Audience to CIU

Over 1,000 people came to the Columbia International University campus to hear Dr. John Maxwell's Leadership Forum in Shortess Chapel. Maxwell is a #1 New York Times bestselling author, coach, and speaker who has sold more than 26 million books in 50 languages.

"My name is John, and I'm your friend," is how Maxwell introduced himself at the April 25 event.

"You are either adding value to people on a daily basis, and they can hardly wait to be around you, or you are subtracting and pulling value out of people."

– Dr. John Maxwell

"Value people – everybody," Maxwell emphasized before reciting the first part of John 3:16 with the audience.

"For God so loved the world," rang out with Maxwell emphasizing THE WORLD. "Be Jesus-like. Add value to people," he said. ■

Describing himself as not a "motivational speaker," but a "motivational teacher," the audience reacted with audible "Ahhs" and "Ohhs" when Maxwell hit on various truths about life and leadership.

While Maxwell touched on many topics using humor and personal experiences, he delivered a strong focus on being intentional in relationships saying that "either you are a plus in your relationships or you are a minus."

"You are either adding value to people on a daily basis, and they can hardly wait to be around you, or you are subtracting and pulling value out of people," Maxwell added.

Dr. Andre Rogers Named Special Assistant to the President

Columbia International University professor of Church Ministry, Dr. Andre Rogers has an additional role outside the classroom. CIU President Dr. Mark Smith has named Rogers special assistant to the president to "advise him on important matters."



Dr. Andre Rogers

"In my time at CIU I have come to respect Dr. Rogers and feel his wisdom and guidance will be a great asset to me and to CIU as we move forward," Smith said.

Rogers has been associated with CIU for over two decades. He earned his bachelor's degree and Doctor of Ministry degree from CIU. He joined the faculty of CIU's Seminary & School of Ministry (Columbia Biblical Seminary) in 2010 after teaching Pastoral Ministries in the undergraduate division. In addition, Rogers serves as pastor of Concord Fellowship Baptist Church in Columbia. ■

Dr. David Osterlund Farewell

CIU bid Godspeed to a longtime professor late last spring. Music Professor Dr. David Osterlund retired after nearly 40 years of service as a full-time and then part-time instructor.



Dr. David Osterlund

He also was the first director of the CIU Prison Initiative, taking on the task in 2007 after "retiring" from teaching. The Prison Initiative is a two-year, Associate of Arts degree program housed in the Kirkland Correctional Institution that prepares inmates for ministry within South Carolina's prison system.

"The most passionate and emotional thing I did was perhaps the Prison Initiative," Osterlund said at a farewell reception. ■

Who is Ben Lippens? (He's a police officer who lives in Dallas)

About 15 years ago, a man in Dallas got an email from someone who searched his name online and got him confused with CIU's Pre-K to 12th grade Christian school, Ben Lippen. The man's name is Ben Lippens (with an "s").

Ben Lippens is a former youth pastor turned police officer who has recorded Christian hip-hop records. After the explosion of the internet, Ben Lippens (the man) began following Ben Lippen (the school) on social media. He recently wrote to Ben Lippen School and requested a shirt from a recent recruitment campaign titled, "Who is Ben Lippen?"

"I wore the shirt and it gained a lot of comments from my friends who thought I had made it myself," Lippens told CIU Today. "I had to explain to them that it was a school in South Carolina and that it wasn't named after me. But, if they don't believe me I'm not going to argue with them."



Mr. Ben Lippens of Dallas.



For the record, Ben Lippen is a Scottish phrase that means, "Mountain of Trust." The school took on the name at its original home in the mountains of Asheville, North Carolina in 1940. The school moved to the CIU campus in Columbia in 1988. ■

CIU Alumni Couple Brew the Best Coffee in South Carolina

Food & Wine magazine has named Indah Coffee the best coffee in South Carolina. The coffee is brewed and sold by CIU alumni couple Nick ('07) and Stefanie ('06) Hauser at their coffee shop in the trendy Cottontown neighborhood of Columbia.

The honor came in March when Food & Wine published "The Best Coffee in Every State."

Indah "is doing great work for the local coffee cred," the magazine said.

"We are honored to be chosen for this and humbled to be named with the other coffee talent our state has to offer," the Hausers said in a statement.

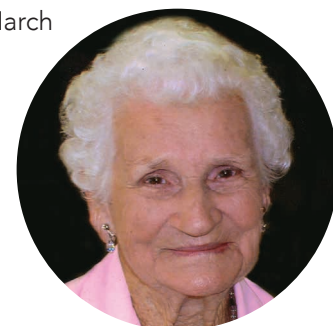
The Indah Coffee shop has been in business for a little over a year, but the Hausers originally sold their coffee at a weekly farmer's market in downtown Columbia. Nick, a Specialty Coffee Association of America certified roaster, is the lead roaster for the business and has been roasting for close to eight years. ■



Nick and Stefanie Hauser

At 107, CIU's Oldest Living Alumnus Promoted to Glory

It was just last March that Columbia International University President Dr. Mark Smith and his wife Debbie paid a visit to CIU's oldest living alumnus, Ottie Roberson, celebrating her 107th birthday. She was spry and very happy to receive the Smiths and other visitors from the CIU Alumni Office. Five months later, Dr. Smith had the honor of officiating at a celebration of Ottie's life. Ottie was promoted to glory on Aug. 15 in West Columbia, South Carolina.



Ottie Roberson

Ottie and her husband Bob attended CIU in the 1930s when it was known as Columbia Bible College. She remembered the emergence of radio in her early life and later the advent of television. She recalled when airplanes first took to the air. Her earliest memories were of travel by foot, or horse-drawn buggies and wagons, and then the first automobiles.

Her children remember her as funny, kind, loving, godly and full of spunk. She had a great love for camping and going to the ocean. She was a very dedicated and godly woman who loved her Lord and was passionate about sharing the gospel.

Ottie is survived by four children, eight grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, eight great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great grandchild on the way. ■

(See more "In Memoriam" on page 34.)



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WHAT DO OUR STUDENTS SAY ABOUT CIU?

By Dr. James Lanpher
Columbia International University Provost

As part of what we do at CIU every year to measure how well we are doing and where we can improve, we give several surveys. One of the most important surveys that our students complete is the Noel-Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory. Not only does this survey give us important information about how students feel about CIU, but it also allows us to compare ourselves to other four-year private colleges and universities from around the country.

I'd like to share some of the results from our most recent administration of the survey in April 2018.

Out of 47 questions where students rated specific aspects of their CIU experience, they rated CIU above average on 41 of them.

Here are just some of the areas where CIU rated above average (the number of + signs indicate how far above average students rated CIU):

- The campus is safe and secure for all students
- Administrators are available to hear student concerns
- Students are made to feel welcome here (++)
- Living conditions in the residence halls are comfortable (++)
- The quality of instruction I receive in most of my classes is excellent (+++)
- The campus staff are caring and helpful (+++)
- Tuition paid is a worthwhile investment (+++)
- Faculty are fair and unbiased in their treatment of individual students (+++)
- Security staff respond quickly to calls for assistance (+++).



"BECAUSE OF CIU'S FAITHFULNESS TO TRAIN YOUNG ADULTS IN GOD'S WORD, I FEEL PREPARED TO ENGAGE AND EQUIP STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES WITH THE LIFE-CHANGING GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST."

– Drew Clemmons



Noel-Levitz then groups the questions into nine overall areas. CIU students rated CIU as average in one area (Campus Services) but above average in each of the other eight. **In fact, the area in which CIU students rated CIU the highest as compared to other colleges was “Safety and Security.”** The other areas in which CIU students rated CIU above average were Student Centeredness, Academic Advising Effectiveness, Instructional Effectiveness, Campus Climate, Registration Effectiveness, Recruitment and F.A. Effectiveness, and Campus Life.

The survey also asks students two overarching questions related to their CIU experience. The first asks them about their overall satisfaction. On this question 76% of CIU students said they were satisfied or very satisfied with CIU. This compares to an average of 58% at other schools. The second question asks whether the student would enroll at CIU again. On this question 79% of students said they probably or definitely would. This compares to an average of 60% at other schools.

It’s always good to hear directly from students as well. Jordan Sprueill, CIU student-athlete, has this to say about her experience at CIU: “Since becoming a student at CIU, I have felt safe and welcomed. It is important for me to find a school that would equip me with an excellent education as well as lead me in living out a wholesome Christian life. My professors, coaches, and staff have made a tremendous effort to ensure that CIU remains the school that I fell in love with. Working in the president’s office has taught me how to strive for excellence in all that I do. As a student on campus, I feel confident and well prepared to step out into the work force on my own. I feel proud to call CIU my university. It feels like home away from home. My faith has stretched the farthest it has ever been due to the compassion of CIU staff and the hard work that everyone pours into this campus. This university has taught me the beautiful gift of service and I plan to live as a servant in all that I do.”

Of course, CIU can always improve, even in areas where students rate us above average, but it is good to know that students express a high level of confidence in the education they receive at CIU and in the atmosphere they find on campus. ■

“SINCE BECOMING A STUDENT AT CIU, I HAVE FELT SAFE AND WELCOMED.”

– Jordan Sprueill



Ministering to “the Foreigner Residing Among You”

CIU Student Refugee Ministry in Columbia

*By Jairo de Oliveira
CIU Graduate Student*

In August 2016 I moved to Columbia, South Carolina, with my family (wife and son) to study at Columbia International University. Few months after our arrival we got an invitation to visit the Arsenal Hill Presbyterian Church. The church had a new pastor, Rev. Robert Turner. Due to his previous ministry experience in Turkey with Iranian and Iraqi refugees, Rev. Turner decided to embrace the refugees in Columbia and invited us to join hands in the ministry.

The church started the refugee ministry on October 30, 2016, embracing 29 Syrians from 4 different families. Later, Iraqi and Congolese refugees were added to the group, raising the number of refugees to over 40 people.

The main service the church provides is free ESL (English as a Second Language) classes, covering cycles of six to nine weeks. The classes are on Sunday afternoons and serve men, women, boys (middle school and high school), girls (middle school and high school), and children (elementary and nursery).

Jairo and Vania de Oliveira with their son Mateus. The family is from Brazil, reaching out to refugees from around the world who have come to Columbia, South Carolina.



Our church is in the process of revitalization. As such, we only have 35 active members (the number of refugees we serve is higher than the number of church members). We know the task is much bigger than the resources we have, and as we look around us, we often feel like the disciples before the need of the great multitude: "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish" (Matthew 14:17).

The establishment of partnerships has been a key aspect of the work, not only providing volunteers, but also a skilled workforce. Currently, most of our volunteers are students and staff from Columbia International University and University of South Carolina.

As a refugee ministry, we have been vigilant to create a welcoming environment for our international friends. One crucial step in this regard was to adopt guidelines and training to help the volunteers to be sensitive to essential aspects of the cultures involved in the relationship with the refugees.



Teaching English to refugees

At Arsenal Hill Presbyterian Church, we are expressing love for our international friends in different forms, such as respect, admiration, and recognition of their dignity and value as people created in the image of God. I had the opportunity to conduct interviews with some of the refugees in order to evaluate the services we are providing. Some of

them told me that they are receiving more love from the Christians than from any other community in Columbia.

Though we are small, as a church we feel God is using our lives to show love, plant seeds of hope, and provide access to the Good News to people who are having the opportunity to hear the gospel for the first time in their lives.

Our refugee ministry has focused on practical ways to meet the needs of refugees as they make lots of effort to rebuild their lives in our midst. In addition to teaching English, we help with translation, explain aspects of the local culture, and introduce our new neighbors to life in our city. We provide transportation, make appointments, tutor, and help to connect to other community resources. In all of these practical ways we try to serve, we are building friendships. And, as we do so, we have opportunities to present the gospel.

At the refugee ministry, my wife and I have been serving as ESL teachers. We are originally from Brazil and speak Portuguese as our mother tongue. Therefore, we are foreigners serving among foreigners. I have been telling my American friends that if we, as international students, can embrace and serve the refugees in America, I am sure there is something they can do as well. And we are supposed to do something because, regarding to the foreigner residing among us, the Almighty did not give us an option, but a mandate: "The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself" (Leviticus 19:34).

"I have been telling my American friends that if we, as international students, can embrace and serve the refugees in America, I am sure there is something they can do as well."

Jairo de Oliveira holds a Master of Arts in Muslim Studies from CIU and is currently enrolled in CIU's Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), and the Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies. His wife Vania is also enrolled in the M.A. in TEFL program. Jairo served as a missionary among displaced people in various countries in Africa before coming to study in the United States. ■

1923



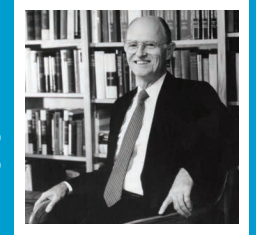
Robert C. McQuilkin

1953



G. Allen Fleece

1968



J. Robertson McQuilkin

INFLUEN

by Six of CIU's Seven Presidents

It's pretty amazing to think about it. Three Columbia International University employees have been under the watch care of six of the seven presidents in CIU's nearly 100 year history: Presidents G. Allen Fleece, Robertson McQuilkin, Johnny Miller, George Murray, Bill Jones, and Mark Smith. In the spring of 2018 the three employees reminisced at the retirement farewell for one of them – Joyce Hack. Here are their reflections in a Q&A with CIU Today.



Don Jones ('70)

Human Resources Director

Beginning as a student under CIU's second president Dr. G. Allen Fleece, Don Jones has also been either a student or employee under the other five presidents, including a classmate of George Murray under whom he would later serve as Human Resources director when Murray became president.



Joyce Hack ('69)

Retired Administrative Assistant to the Faculty Seminary & School of Ministry

Joyce Hack was a student under Presidents G. Allen Fleece and Robertson McQuilkin, and served as a staff member under the other presidents.



Dr. Igou Hodges ('67)

Professor of Systematic Theology

Dr. Igou Hodges was a student under President G. Allen Fleece and a faculty member under the leadership of the other presidents.

Not too many people can say they have been associated with most of the presidents of their university. When you consider that unique distinction about you, what are your thoughts?

JONES: It has been a remarkable privilege and blessing for me to be a part of this great Kingdom ministry all these years. I find it a high honor that the Lord in His mercy has enabled me to serve on staff with five of the presidents and to learn from these great men. Each of the presidents has had a unique and wonderful impact on my life and service at CIU.

HACK: I'm grateful for CIU and the influence it has had on my life. I often think about what a blessing it has been to be at CIU while our children were at Ben Lippen. Not every parent gets to know their children's teachers as well as I knew them.

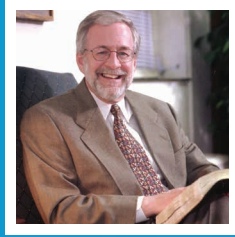
HODGES: It has been interesting to observe how God uses the strengths and gifts of the various men (including their own sometimes idiosyncratic convictions) to maintain CIU and to propel it forward and how God compensated for the weaknesses of the various presidents, showing how He in His power uses earthen vessels for His own glory.

1991



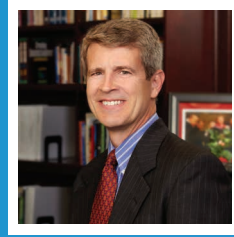
Johnny V. Miller

2000



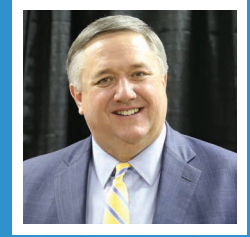
George W. Murray

2007



William H. Jones

2017



Mark A. Smith

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Did one of the presidents have a particular influence on you?

JONES: It is hard to pick one above another, but if I did, I would have to say Johnny Miller. He helped me to see my gifting and potential in a way that I had not earlier in my life and career.

HACK: Dr. McQuilkin because I was here when he came and we kept a fairly close relationship for all his life. He even gave the dedication at our wedding!! (Joyce is married to CIU alumnus Ernie Hack.)

HODGES: Though no single president has had more influenced on me than another, it has been interesting seeing how God used the different personalities and backgrounds in maintaining CIU and bringing adjustments and improvements through slow processes.



Don Jones, Joyce Hack, Dr. Igou Hodges

What are some of your fondest memories of CIU over all these years?

JONES: Having Vice President Bob Kallgren as my supervisor for more than two decades. Hardly a day passes that I do not think about him and miss him. He was a godly man filled with wisdom, grace and gentleness. Bob had a major impact on the direction of CIU by guiding in clarification of purpose, articulation of philosophy, implementation of policy and evaluation of product.

HACK: People (students, faculty and staff), chapels, special faculty when I was a student, skit night when the classes competed, dinner each day with my special friend (Ernie) who has been with me the past 48 years, traveling to Maine and back two different summers with a ministry team, so much and all so special. I actually appreciated the rules – learning to think about others with my actions (living in community), learning to discipline myself in certain areas. Good times all over the place!!

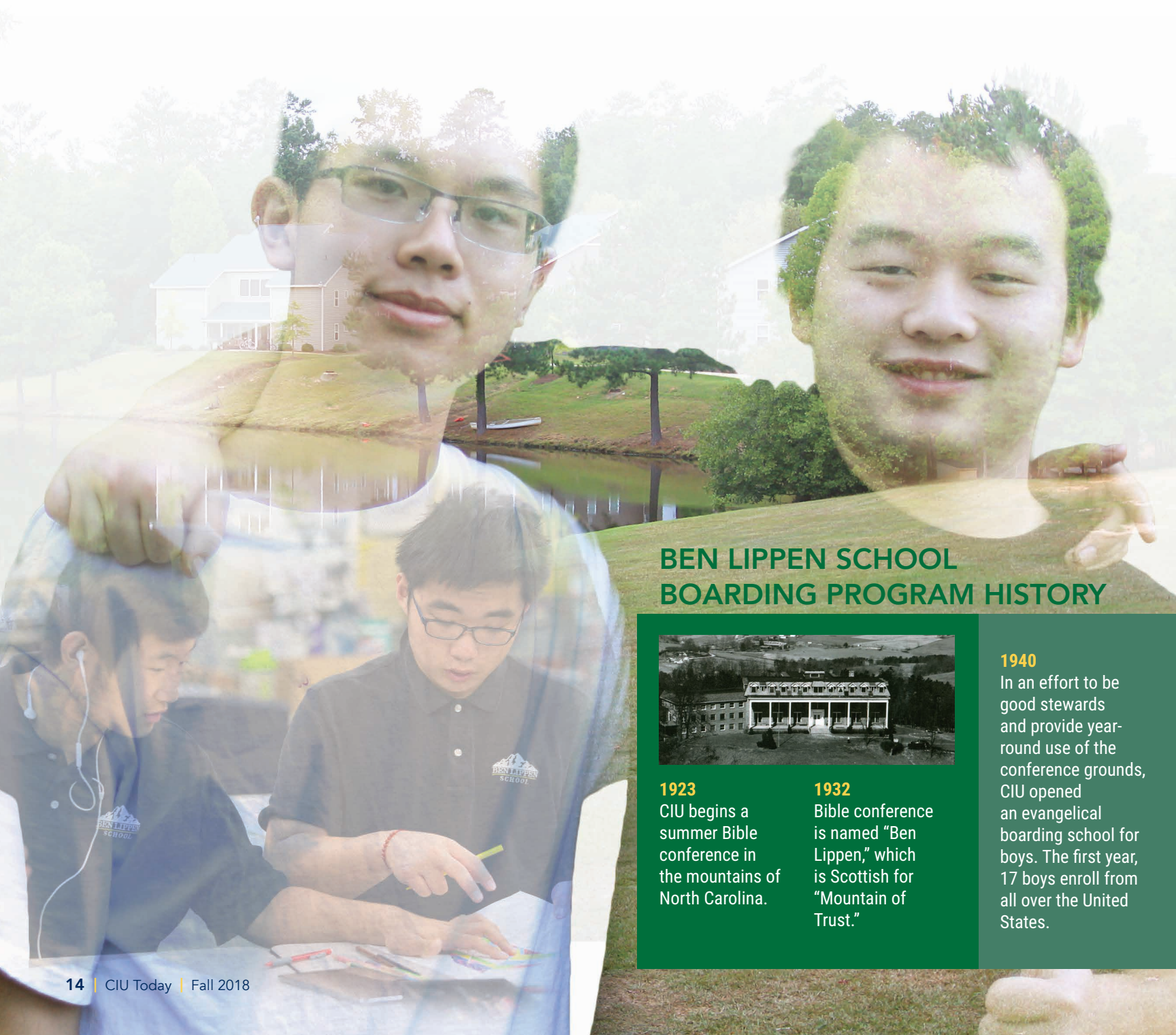
HODGES: One of my fondest memories of CIU was during my first two years as a student when we had to attend part of the chapel times in prayer groups for items such as Christian service. In those groups the older male students were very transparent about what they were going through and their prayer needs (unusual for those in the Victorious Christian Life movement), which was very encouraging to me. It was also a unique experience seeing one whom I had ministered to in a youth Bible study (thinking nothing was really happening) actually come to CIU as a student years later and seek me out. ■

THE WORLD COMES TO BEN LIPPEN HIGH SCHOOL



Boarding Program Offers a Quality Education and the Gospel

BY BEN LIPPEN SCHOOL STAFF



BEN LIPPEN SCHOOL BOARDING PROGRAM HISTORY



1923
CIU begins a summer Bible conference in the mountains of North Carolina.

1932
Bible conference is named "Ben Lippen," which is Scottish for "Mountain of Trust."

1940
In an effort to be good stewards and provide year-round use of the conference grounds, CIU opened an evangelical boarding school for boys. The first year, 17 boys enroll from all over the United States.

Ben Lippen School's Boarding Program is home to 80 students from all over the world. Rather than the typical dorm life found in traditional boarding schools, Ben Lippen's program creates a family atmosphere with contemporary-style homes on the CIU/Ben Lippen campus. Up to 14 students live in the six residences, supervised by caring house parents who are trained to balance love, encouragement and discipline.

The boarding students attend classes alongside American day students, providing an enriching cross-cultural experience for all while greatly enhancing the English skills of the internationals. Boarding this year are boys and girls from China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Japan, Taiwan and Vietnam.

Jimmy Lin from Shanghai, China, was a boarding student at Ben Lippen from 2011-2014.

"The Boarding Program was like a home for me," Lin said. "Every house parent and supporting staff member was always very friendly. My house parents Marty and Beverly Gilpatrick treated me like their own son and taught me a lot of skills that I needed to succeed."

And the Gilpatricks have fond memories of Lin.

"We love him. He has a servant's heart and is always willing to help where he is able." said Beverly Gilpatrick. "He is probably one of the smartest young men we've ever known but remains humble, trustworthy and thoughtful."

Boarding Program Director Steve Sark says international students typically come to Ben Lippen because their families have determined that a private education in the United States will help their child gain admission to an American university and pursue the career of their choice. He notes the majority of the international students are not Christians nor do they come from Christian homes.

"It is our purpose to share the gospel with them effectively and lovingly during their time at Ben Lippen," Sark said. "By God's grace and through the consistent efforts of classmates, teachers, house parents, local families and churches, all of our students are exposed to the gospel and we see some international students make professions of faith in Christ each year."

Jimmy Lin was one of those students.



Jimmy Lin

"I think I would definitely not have come to know the Lord if I didn't attend Ben Lippen," said Lin. "With all the love faculty and staff showed me, I experienced the Lord and His love which helps me today to share gospel and love other people."

After Lin graduated from Ben Lippen, he earned a double major in Math and Math Education from the University of Georgia, as well as an instructional technology certificate. He is currently enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania studying for a master's degree in Learning Science and Technology.

During the spring of 2015, he returned to Ben Lippen for a weeklong internship, teaching courses alongside math instructor Linda Hodges.

"I loved that week and remember that week deeply in my heart," Lin said. "I enjoy teaching math and I enjoyed teaching Ben Lippen students."

Lin says that he dreams about coming back to Ben Lippen to teach.

His experiences in the boarding program are a driving factor for wanting to return.

"The Boarding Program is very important at Ben Lippen because it brings culture and diversity to the school which helps the day students to see the world without limitations," Lin said. "It was, is, and will be a mission field for all Christian students, faculty and staff." ■

"It is our purpose to share the gospel with them effectively and lovingly during their time at Ben Lippen."

-BOARDING PROGRAM DIRECTOR STEVE SARK

1952
Ben Lippen becomes coeducational.



'50s-1980
Word of Ben Lippen spreads. Nearly half of the students were from families in full-time Christian service or serving internationally on the mission field.

DEC. 1980
A chimney malfunction leads to a fire that destroys the iconic Conference Inn and disrupts daily instruction.



1988
Years of rebuilding efforts fail to reach fruition and Ben Lippen opens in Columbia with 243 day and boarding students in grades 7-12.

EARLY 90s
Boarding enrollment was boosted by an English as a Second Language program which attracted international students from a variety of religious backgrounds.



'90s-TODAY
Over the years, countless international students have gone on to be major influencers in their home country or field of work with the boarding program adding diversity that greatly enriches the entire Ben Lippen community.

CIU Campus Expansion and Renovations A FIRM FOUNDATION

FOR HIS GLORY

At Columbia International University, new buildings are about more than bricks and mortar or shiny steel and new technology. It's about building on the firm foundation of CIU's mission-driven history, core values and motto: "To Know Him and to Make Him Known."

While rooted in the past, CIU is advancing into the 21st century with new academic programs and the most cost-effective and advanced learning and living environments for our students. New world challenges demand new preparation. CIU will be ready.

The following pages represent what has been a very active summer at CIU with hard-working crews braving the South Carolina heat and humidity to move forward on every one of these projects. That has generated an excitement and buzz on campus among current and prospective CIU and Ben Lippen students, as well as the community.

We invite you to join us in the excitement and experience all that's new at CIU during Homecoming 2018, Nov. 2-3, as we appreciate the past and anticipate the future.



SHORTESS CHAPEL

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The heart of campus, after 60 years of incredible teaching and worship experiences - Shortess Chapel has been updated with improved lighting, new video and audio technology and pleasing aesthetics. Getting ready for the next 60 years!

\$1 MILLION GOAL ▼

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An eye-popping redesign of the student center and cafeteria will create roomy, restful and attractive spaces for fellowship and refreshment. In addition, an eatery with all-day hours is planned and a campus store operated by Tree of Life Bookstores has already opened.

\$2.5 MILLION GOAL ▼



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The Fisher Building is the center of learning for students. It has been equipped with modern technology, elevators for the disabled and energy efficient heating/cooling, which will enhance the learning experience for students.

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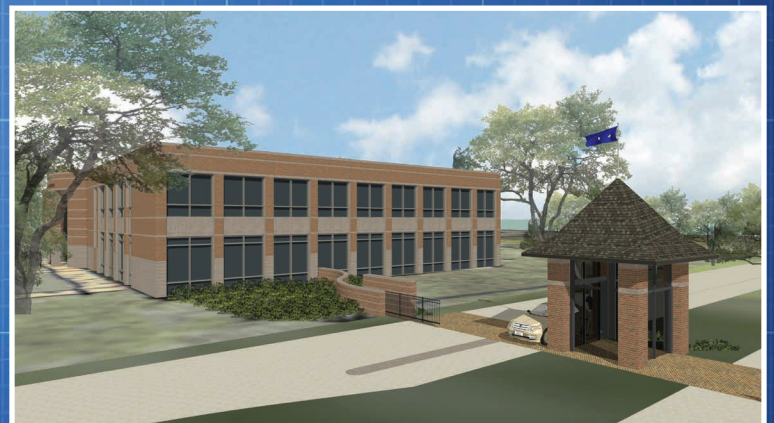
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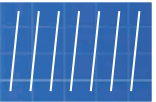
BEN LIPPEN SCHOOL

A FIRM FOUNDATION AT BEN LIPPEN SCHOOL

Ben Lippen Upper School students will experience the latest in 21st century learning in eight new classrooms featuring a STEM innovation lab and a state-of-the-art chemistry lab, a new art gallery, expanded teacher collaboration space, and enhanced security features.

\$4 MILLION GOAL ▼

\$3 Million Committed



(\$1 million remaining need)

MONTICELLO ROAD CORRIDOR

A FIRM FOUNDATION IN OUR COMMUNITY

Fulfilling a dream that started 60 years ago with the move to the Monticello Road campus, CIU is revitalizing the gateway corridor from I-20 to the campus. Teaming up with neighborhood churches, community groups, county and state officials, CIU is spearheading a process to bring life and hope to this neglected area. (See page 35 for more.)



Before



After



"Every time I set foot on the CIU campus, I am flooded with memories of how God used my years as a student there to deepen my walk with Jesus and equip me for fruitful ministry."

I genuinely love the place and look forward to this new season of expansion and renovation knowing that the board of trustees remains fully committed to seeing all that happens on campus is true to our historic core values of biblical authority, prayer & faith, victorious Christian living, world evangelization and evangelical unity."

– Pastor Doug Rutt ('86)
Chairman, CIU Board of Trustees

Financial partners have made these projects possible, but opportunities remain. For the latest on these exciting projects call (803) 807-5500 or visit ciu.edu/future.

CIU Alumnus Leads International School

CIU Ph.D. program helped prepare for role as executive director

Jim Cianca has completed a year as executive director of Alliance Academy International (AAI) in Quito, Ecuador and credits his studies for a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership, (for him a hybrid of online and on campus) as helping him along the way. The 2016 graduate says that it was CIU Education faculty such as Dr. Brian Simmons who made a big difference because Simmons “has encountered almost everything I am encountering as head of a school,” Cianca said. “We Skype regularly, and his wisdom and insight are invaluable.”

Cianca describes Alliance Academy International as “a wonderful community of mission-minded people” where he is “honored to lead a team of about 160 faculty and staff who are committed to fulfilling the mission.” Cianca shares more about his work and the CIU Ph.D. in Educational Leadership in this Q&A:

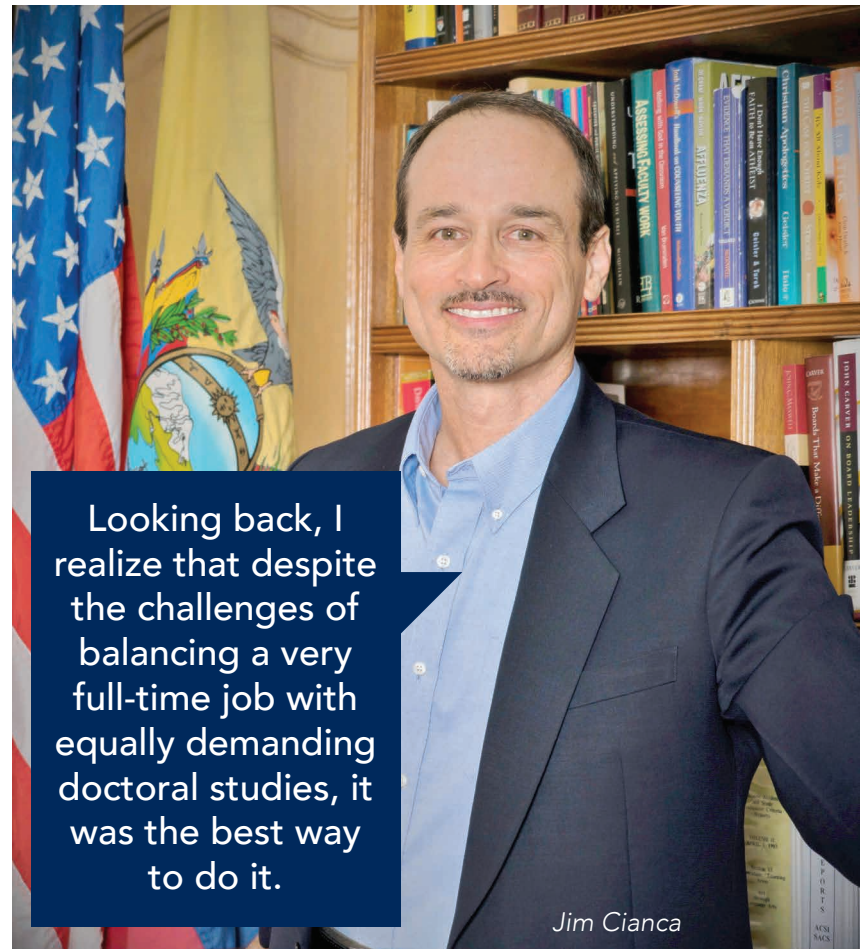
Describe your work and the mission of Alliance Academy International.

For over 75 of its nearly 90-year history, Alliance Academy was a missionary kid school. But the world has changed. Like many former MK schools, AAI has morphed into an international school, and we have over 30 nationalities represented, with a large representation from Latin America and Asia.

The three words “Eternity, Excellence, and Community” represent our mission -- we have a reputation for being one of the best schools in Ecuador, built on a commitment to integrate a biblical worldview. We have many families who are not Christian, but send their children to AAI for the high-quality, English-immersion, U.S.-style education. However, with all our faculty being committed believers, we have opportunities every day to reach these families for Christ. Alliance Academy used to offer missionary support, but now we are the mission field itself.

How has the CIU Ph.D. in Educational Leadership assisted you in your role as director of Alliance Academy International?

Faculty care, finances, strategic planning, curriculum development, managing change and navigating crises – everything having to do with running an organization – it’s what I deal with all day long, and it’s exactly what I studied for my Ph.D. As I was studying and thinking deliberately about how to be an effective educational leader I was practicing what I was learning. Looking back, I realize that despite the challenges of balancing a very full-time job with equally demanding doctoral studies, it was the best way to do it.



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In addition, I built incredible relationships with like-minded colleagues. I have former classmates who are heads of school, principals, consultants, curriculum development experts, advancement professionals, and more. If I had gone through a secular program, it just wouldn’t have been the same.

What was the topic of your doctoral dissertation?

Social media has woven itself into the fabric of our lives, and that’s truer in the lives of our teenagers than almost anywhere else. So, I wanted to figure out how Christian schools were responding to this phenomenon. I conducted a nationwide, empirical study on the Presence and Origins of Social Media Policies in Accredited K-12 Christian Schools. It was a fascinating experience. Some preconceived notions were challenged. For instance, would you have guessed that the older heads of school were no more likely to implement restrictive social media policies than younger ones? Would you have thought that most Christian schools have supportive policies, not restrictive ones? Would you have thought that most Christian schools support social media use in the classroom, and don’t outright forbid faculty to engage students through it. I learned a lot and contributed to the body of knowledge on the subject. It was a very challenging experience, but an incredibly satisfying one.

Interested in a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership?
Call (800) 777-2227, ext. 5024. ■

New Full-Tuition Scholarship Awarded to French Evangelist

The first recipient of a new Columbia International University full-tuition scholarship is a French evangelist and church planter who is equipping church leaders in Europe, Africa and Asia. Raphael Anzenberger ('05) was named the Billy Graham Lausanne Scholar for 2018 after the scholarship was established in partnership with the Lausanne Younger Leaders Network last spring.



▲ Raphael Anzenberger talks with the media about the influence of Billy Graham on the day of Graham's death.

"We believe in the vision and work of the Lausanne Movement, which was first initiated by the Rev. Billy Graham," said Dr. Ed Smither, dean of the CIU College of Intercultural Studies and was instrumental in establishing the partnership. "Their work, including the vision to equip younger global church leaders, resonates with CIU's core value of world evangelization."

Anzenberger is pursuing a Ph.D. in Intercultural Studies and has been connected with the Lausanne Younger Leader's Network for many years.

"We look for a global church leader with a proven track record of affirming the authority of Scripture and a passion to make Christ known among the nations," said Smither. "We also look for someone with the academic abilities to complete one of our graduate or doctoral programs."

Anzenberger, who also holds Doctor of Ministry and Master of Divinity degrees from CIU, calls it an honor to be the first recipient of the Billy Graham Lausanne Scholarship.

"CIU, Billy Graham and Lausanne have been part of my life since my early years of ministry," said Anzenberger, who is also a former CIU Missionary-in-Residence.

Anzenberger lives in Nice, France and oversees the French-speaking world at Ravi Zacharias International Ministries. His Ph.D. research explores national strategies for evangelism and church planting saturation.

The Billy Graham Lausanne Scholarship Program will award a CIU full-tuition scholarship each year for the next three years. Students enrolled in a graduate online program offered in the colleges of Intercultural Studies, Education or Columbia Biblical Seminary are eligible to apply for the scholarship. ■

Exciting New Program Trains for Disaster Relief

When a disaster strikes, who will be on the scene to assist those in need? How about a team of students from Columbia International University?

The new Disaster Relief and Management program at CIU develops the knowledge and skills necessary to respond to natural disasters and crises while demonstrating Christian compassion, service and witness. It is offered as a concentration within the International Community Development (ICD) major and as a minor.

The program was developed by ICD Program Director Michelle Raven who says the goal is to communicate the love of Christ.

"We get the privilege of being the hands and feet of God during times of tragedy and despair," Raven said. "We often get to share the gospel through words, pray with and for those affected by disaster, and help them recover in tangible ways."

Meanwhile, a CIU Rapid Response Club has already formed and is learning to assist in short-term relief efforts under the guidance of the South Carolina Baptist Convention Disaster Relief Office. In February, the team assisted in a flood rebuilding effort in Marion County, South Carolina still reeling from the damage caused by Hurricane Matthew in 2016.



"The students served with excellence completing two major projects; a house floor project and a tear-down for a facility that will eventually house ministry teams that come to work in the area," Raven said. "We are off to a great start!"

More information on the Disaster Relief Management program is available at (800) 777-2227. ■



CIU Rapid Response Club in action in Marion County, South Carolina.

ATHLETICS



CIU Approved as Member of NAIA

Columbia International University is now a member of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The announcement from the NAIA comes after the CIU Athletics Department completed a year-long process for NAIA membership as well as membership in the Appalachian Athletic Conference (AAC).

Membership criteria includes financial stability, sports sponsorship, accreditation, and a commitment to character-driven athletics. Enrollment numbers, graduation percentages, retention rates, and overall athletics budgets are also taken into consideration.

"This is a banner day for CIU Athletics," said CIU Athletics Director James Whitaker. "We're thrilled to be a part of the NAIA and AAC. This is the next step for CIU as we continue to grow in athletics and as an institution."

CIU currently offers 11 intercollegiate sports: men's and women's basketball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's track and field, women's volleyball, women's softball and men's golf. Plans are underway to add baseball in the 2019-20 school year. ■



KIM ABBOTT

She Made CIU Athletics History; Kim Abbott is Back as Assistant A.D.

CIU's first athletics director Kim Abbott has returned as assistant athletics director. Abbott served as athletics director from 2010-2016 building the program from the ground up. She stepped away from CIU in December 2016 to care for her elderly parents.

In her new role, Abbott will serve as senior women's administrator, Title IX coordinator, and will oversee the Moore Fitness Center. ■



Ben Lippen's Samari Van Horn pushes toward the finish line at the state championships.

Ben Lippen School Excels in Athletics in 2017-18

Congratulations to the Ben Lippen School Falcons for a great year in sports with the Boys Cross Country team and the Competition Cheerleading squad winning state championships.

In addition, the Falcons were state runner up in Boys Swimming, setting three state records. The Boys Track & Field team was state runner-up which included a state record in the 4x100 meter relay. The baseball team was also a state runner-up.

A number of individual state championships were achieved in Swimming, Boys Track & Field, Girls Track & Field and Wrestling.

A total of 72 percent of the senior class was involved in athletics with 13 seniors to continue their sports career in college. Also this year, Ben Lippen added a Sporting Clay team. ■



Ben Lippen Competition Cheerleader Ali Carnaggio receives her championship ring

New Head Basketball Coach is former Clemson/Ohio State Standout

By Mitch Strauser, Sports Information Director

Former Clemson University and Ohio State basketball standout Tony Stockman is the new CIU men's head basketball coach.

Stockman comes to the Rams from Ohio Christian University (OCU) where he coached for six seasons. While at OCU, Stockman won NCCAA D2 National Championships in 2013 and 2014 and named National Coach of the Year in 2015.

As a player at Clemson from 2000-2002, Stockman was the top freshman in the ACC with a scoring average of 12.0. In his second season at Clemson, he was the leading sophomore scorer in ACC play. Stockman transferred to Ohio State University in 2002 where he averaged 13.6 points per game to lead the Buckeyes in scoring as a junior. After college, he played professional basketball overseas for seven years.

CIU Today asked Stockman what to expect from him at CIU.



"The best way I can integrate my faith into coaching is by being salt and the light."

– Coach Tony Stockman



What is your approach to coaching?

My approach to coaching is to control what you can control, and that is attitude and effort. Our focus to detail is important as well. Culture is a word you hear in team sports a lot and it is very important in having a successful team. As a coach I want to have a culture where my players play together and play hard, hold each other accountable and accept coaching.



How do you integrate faith into your coaching?

Faith is a huge part of our lives and we need to live out our faith every day. The best way I can integrate my faith into coaching is by being salt and the light. How I interact with the players, referees, my coworkers, and other teams should be an example of my relationship with God.

Also studying the Word together gives the guys a way to talk about their faith while challenging each other in their seasons of life.



How do you connect with your players off the court?

A big part is to serve others together. We want to volunteer where we can find needs in our community and assist as a team. That helps us get to know each other while doing what God put us here to do. We also will have team-building events, anything from cookouts to laser tag or bowling. Just being able to relax and have fun with each other.



What did you learn from your experience at Clemson?

What I learned the most was the competitiveness of college basketball no matter the level as well as the business side of basketball. As a Division I athlete so much went into our preparation for the game. From those experiences, I gleaned a high level of dedication, consistency, and just knowing the craft of basketball better. If you bring dedication and consistency to what you do, you will be successful. ■



Residence Life Director Ethan Young chats outside his office in Memorial Residence Hall with student leaders (left to right) Jordan Spruelli, Christian Kah, Andrew McNeill and Hannah Wegren

A Recipe for Residence Life Director: One Part Shepherd, One Part Cook Columbia Biblical Seminary Graduate Ethan Young Now on the Job

By Bob Holmes

If freshmen at CIU ever get a little homesick for a homemade meal, they could stop by the apartment of new Residence Life Director Ethan Young ('18). He loves to cook. But then, his recipes may not be like mom used to make.

"The one that we have made I don't know how many times — and it is fantastic — is a Northern Thai soup called Khao Soi," Young begins in a dreamy voice listing from memory some of the ingredients: coconut milk, yellow curry paste, turmeric, cilantro and garlic.

"It's just one of those foods you eat and with every sip you are like — 'Oh, this is so good,'" Young continued as he seemed to relive the dining experience in his mind.

Young would like to share his passion for food with all the freshmen. But more importantly, freshmen getting their first "taste" of college life, as well as upper classmen, will benefit from Young's other passions for shepherding and administration.

"I love ministry. I love serving the Lord's people," said the 39-year-old former administrative pastor and church elder. "This position seemed like an excellent fit. There is a need for administrative competence, yet the purpose of that is to facilitate relational ministry."

Young, who grew up a "missionary kid," will "shepherd" student leaders; 14 RAs and 14 community life coordinators who will then minister to the rest of the student body.

"I love ministry. I love serving the Lord's people. This position seemed like an excellent fit."
– Ethan Young

"That's what excited me about this role," Young said. "It is a very good fit for what I enjoy doing."

Young has been at CIU for the last three years working on his Master of Divinity degree at Columbia Biblical Seminary, graduating last April. Studying on campus and living in the on-campus Pine View Apartments, has given him the opportunity to interact with undergraduate students he'll be shepherding.



Ethan Young says his wife and children will be involved in ministry to the students. He is pictured with his wife Amy, son Daniel, and daughter Zoe. (Photo provided)

"From the 18-23 year olds I expect various levels of spiritual maturity," Young explained. "Some of them may have just accepted Christ over the summer. Some are further along in their walk with the Lord. We're all knuckleheads in some way, shape or form at that age. We're still figuring things out. We're still growing. This is a fun context to grow in."

Young adds that his ministry will include his wife Amy and his son and daughter; six-year-old Daniel and four-year-old Zoe.

"We asked the Lord to direct us to a ministry opportunity that our

whole family could participate in, and I see that will clearly be the case," Young said. "Certainly Amy will have the opportunity to minister to the young ladies — they've already connected with her. I think our kids will have opportunity to hang out and be a little brother and sister to the students."

But getting everyone in the Youngs' apartment for his Thai soup specialty may be a challenge.

"I'm hoping (student leadership) will invite some of the folks on their hall to come once in a while. But we may have to find a bigger venue!" ■



▲ CIU seminary student Kyle Lambertson takes the oath of office from CIU Chaplaincy Professor Dr. Mike Langston.

CIU Chaplaincy Student Commissioned on Campus

A time-honored military tradition was observed on the Columbia International University campus on June 12. For the first time in memory, a CIU student was publicly commissioned into the military during a brief ceremony in the lobby of the G. Allen Fleece Library.

Columbia Biblical Seminary student Kyle Lambertson is now an ensign in the Navy after taking the oath of office from CIU Chaplain Ministries Professor Dr. Mike Langston, a retired Navy chaplain. Lambertson, who is enrolled in the Master of Divinity in Chaplaincy program, also has the goal of being a Navy chaplain.

A small group of family, friends and CIU faculty and staff were on hand to support Lambertson as he solemnly swore to "support and defend the Constitution of the United States." ■


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ATHEIST IN ASIA MEETS JESUS IN IRELAND COMES TO STUDY AT CIU



The Story of Jennifer Wan

By Josh Chapman

Jennifer Wan's story is one of God reaching out to someone who wasn't even aware He existed. Raised in an atheistic family, her parents sent her to study at Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology in Ireland. There she was invited to church. Although she initially refused the invitation, she eventually consented to attend a service. Her English was not very good at the time so she couldn't understand the preaching, or words they sang, yet she experienced great peace and even cried during the worship.

Over time, she received a Chinese Bible from a woman in the congregation, and began to listen to sermons in Chinese. One sermon especially spoke to her to the point that she wanted a relationship with Jesus Christ. She then persistently sought to be baptized, but realized she had much to learn about what it truly means to be a follower of Christ. God orchestrated things so that Jennifer also earned her master's degree in Ireland leading to an internship with the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) and later a job in TV broadcasting in China.

After working five years as a reporter she sensed God calling her to ministry instead. She applied to a Christian college, but was repeatedly blocked from enrollment. Jennifer admits this was highly frustrating and determined if God did not make a way, she would continue in her broadcasting career.

CIU had not been on Jennifer's radar at all, yet several people in her life recommended it to her. Subsequently, she applied to CIU and the process went flawlessly. She says, "God opened the doors wide open for me; I got everything settled in one month!" God's provision was evident in the donor scholarship process. Without this assistance she would not have been able to afford to study at CIU. In reflecting on her journey, Jennifer notes, "God is such a faithful God. He has led me step by step."

God has placed a burden on Jennifer's heart for Muslims and Syrian refugees. She currently works with a local church's Syrian refugee ministry. While not entirely sure what her future holds, she says "I know I will follow God's guidance; wherever He sends me, I will follow." ■

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Discuss Your Planned Giving with Keith Marion

Moderate Means Turns to Massive Impact

“At this time I am leaving all of my money and possessions to your college. My son graduated from your college ... he was happy there and learned the Bible well. I want lives changed all over the world because of Jesus Christ and feel your college is doing this with the graduates you put across the world.”
 –Kay

This desire was scripted in a handwritten note received by CIU nearly 20 years after the loss of Kay’s son.

Kay’s son attended CIU, then called Columbia Bible College (CBC), but fell away from the Lord and lived a reckless life. Yet, a few years later, he was drawn back to the Lord and his life was changed by the residual impact of the teachings he learned at CBC. About two years after his return to the Lord, he passed away as a result of some of his former choices.

Kay, a dog groomer, was a person of simple means. Early in her life she had acquired a bit of land that she sold for a good profit when a highway was being built. Kay preserved that money by investing in annuities and continued to live modestly. When her lawn care provider suggested she let him cut more than once a month, she protested because she wanted to leave enough money to help “those kids at the Bible college.”


Kay readily shared with friends her deep desire to help CIU students. Her ultimate goal, in her life of saving and giving, was that the life-change that happened in her son would happen in other CIU students and that the gospel would be spread around the world. Kay planned thoughtfully so that her temporal means would outlive her and make an eternal impact for God’s work.


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CIU Alumnus Leaves Mark on CIU Residence Life

David Blanchard ('09) has a new ministry



David Blanchard calls it “a door that was barely cracked” until God pushed it open. After serving for three years as CIU director of residence life, Blanchard and his wife Melva have answered God’s call to move on to a new ministry. David will be the associate director of student learning and living for Impact 360 Fellows in Georgia, an organization that David calls, “close to my heart.” He had ministered at Impact 360 in Brazil before coming to CIU. As CIU residence life director, he initiated The House Collective integrating freshmen with upperclassmen in residence halls or “Houses” named for Latin virtues.

CIU Today asked Blanchard to reflect on the past and describe the future.

■ WHAT WAS YOUR VISION FOR THE HOUSE COLLECTIVE AND WHERE DO YOU SEE IT NOW?

One thing that came up when I started working at CIU was that we needed to make some structural changes. With space allocation we had more freshmen and incoming students than would really fit in the freshmen buildings and we also felt that we were losing potential for upperclassmen to pour into new students.

The House Collective is a way to integrate freshmen with upperclassmen and bring a cultural piece into the mix, developing campus culture, fostering relationships and building momentum for activity and excitement. So it seemed like the right fit for the season, and it was fun to watch that evolve.

■ FAVORITE MEMORY:

I’ve enjoyed seeing students take ownership of the House Collective and bring their own ideas into it. Sometimes I heard about a new tradition that a house started that I didn’t even know about. To see they own it and will move forward excites me.

■ WHAT WILL YOU MISS THE MOST?

The time I’ve had getting to know students, walking with them, and learning from them – that’s been really meaningful, and I think that has been the best part of my job. When a student opens up their life to me and tells me where they’re coming from, and what the Lord has done in them, and some of the hard things they’ve experienced, I really treasure that. It has been a real honor to share in that, and be part of what the Lord is doing in their story.

■ ANY WISDOM YOU’D LIKE TO IMPART TO STUDENTS?

Something I told the Res Life team a lot that I think I would share with the student body as a whole, is be careful not to confuse the impressive with the important. Sometimes I think things that are more visible are things that seem impressive to us. But those are actually not the most important things that we could be spending our time on.

■ WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT FOR THE FUTURE?

I’m really excited for this season for our family – we just had a baby boy over the summer. As for CIU, I’m excited about new Residence Life Director Ethan Young because I think he’s uniquely gifted to take Residence Life toward the next things, particularly in terms of process and systems – things that his brain is wired for that mine is not. So I think he’s absolutely the right guy for the job for this next season. (See page 24.)

David and Melva Blanchard with their son Josiah

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–David Blanchard



Columbia International University

Prayer Tower

Music Through the Ages >

A map of the Columbia International University campus. The map shows several buildings and streets. A red location pin is placed on the map. A white callout box with a blue background and a white musical note icon is positioned over the map. The text "Music Through the Ages" is written in black, followed by a right-pointing chevron. The map also shows a red location pin for "Shortess Chapel" and another for "Rossi Student Center".

Shortess Chapel

Class Reunions >

A map of the Columbia International University campus. The map shows several buildings and streets. A red location pin is placed on the map. A white callout box with a purple background and a white icon of three smiling faces is positioned over the map. The text "Class Reunions" is written in black, followed by a right-pointing chevron. The map also shows a red location pin for "Shortess Chapel" and another for "Rossi Student Center".

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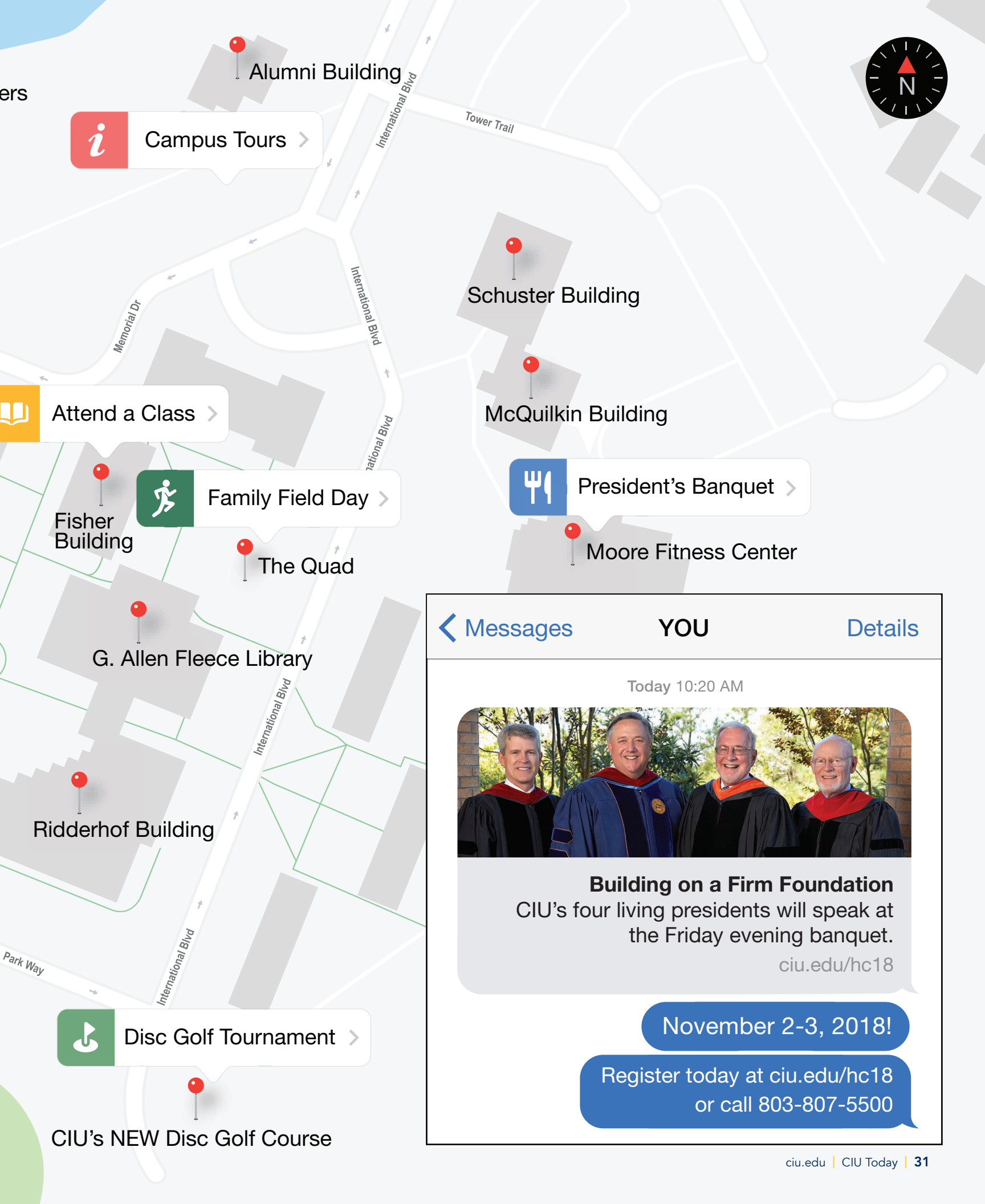
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RECENT ALUMNI

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Recent alumni are impacting the nations with the message of Christ as they fulfill their professional callings in ministry, missions and the marketplace. The following alumni represent thousands of others who are glorifying God around the world. Read about them at ciu.edu/RaRa.



Abeneazer Urga ('14) & Jessica Udall ('12)

After graduating from CIU, Abeneazer and Jessica ministered among East African Muslim refugees in Portland, Maine for year, and since have been teaching at the Evangelical Theological College (ETC) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. They have authored several books and continue to write on theology, biblical studies, missions, and cross-cultural ministry. Abeneazer is also pursuing a Ph.D. in Biblical Studies. Jessie is working in the Communications Department of their mission agency and writing on how to welcome immigrants at lovingthestrangerblog.com.



Kelly Helms ('11)

Kelly helps direct the iEDGE program with Navigators. iEDGE is a two-year gap program for recent college graduates, providing training and opportunity that connects them with Navigators' long-term partners overseas. She is responsible for recruiting, vetting, shepherding, training care assessment, and mobilizing the teams. Kelly's husband, Joel, passed away suddenly in 2016. She has a two-and-a-half-year-old son named Gabe.



Charles "Red" Caraway ('10) & Adam Green ('14)

Charles and Adam are graduates of the CIU Prison Initiative program. Though still incarcerated, both men prayerfully and courageously volunteered to be transferred to the Alabama Department of Corrections last spring to assist in the start of a program similar to the CIU Prison Initiative administrated by Birmingham Theological Seminary. Their efforts have in-part led to the salvation of over 10,000 inmates in the South Carolina Department of Corrections since 2007.



Daniel Stevanus ('09)

Daniel serves as a middle school youth pastor at Mt. Horeb United Methodist Church in Lexington, South Carolina. After graduating from CIU, he served as a middle school youth pastor in Long Island, New York before moving back to South Carolina. He is a gifted teacher, preacher, and recently became cancer free after being diagnosed in 2016. Daniel also serves on CIU's Recent Alumni Committee.



Brandon Mason ('09)

After graduating from CIU, Brandon began serving at Milton Hershey School (MHS) in Hershey, Pennsylvania. MHS is a cost-free, private, coeducation home serving more than 2,000 students from low-income families. Brandon's first five years at MHS were in the Transitional Living Program teaching 15 to 20 high school males independent living skills. He was promoted in 2014 to the position of senior division home-life administrator. Today Brandon is responsible for overseeing eight student homes, 20 house parents and over 100 students in grades 9-11. ■



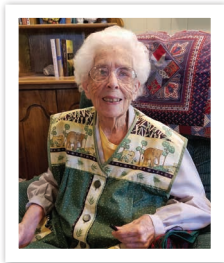
Caleb Hankin ('14)

Since graduating, Caleb has worked at Freedom Christian Academy in Fayetteville, North Carolina as a third grade teacher, and serves as a mentor/supervisor with Child Evangelism Fellowship during the summer. Caleb has been recognized for fostering an environment in his classroom that encourages kids to grow academically and spiritually. He openly leads his students to Christ and encourages them in their walk with the Lord.

Is there someone you would like to nominate? Contact the Alumni Office at (803) 807-5500 or alumni@ciu.edu

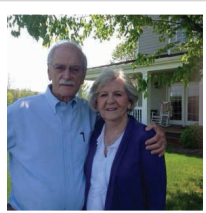
ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Anne Blackburn Fryga ('42) at 97 years "young," continues to make pew dolls that are distributed to children around the world as a tool for evangelism. 4annef@gmail.com



Wilma Kornack ('56) retired from elementary school teaching and now resides in senior living. She teaches a Bible study at Shipley Manor. pwkornack@aol.com

James ('58) and Peggy Fry Perry ('58) celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on June 9. They met as students at Columbia Bible College in 1955. pacafour@bellsouth.net



Don ('59) and Joan Gregory ('59) served as TEAM missionaries in New Guinea, then Dan taught at Grace University in Nebraska. Don passed away in 2016. tuangreg@aol.com

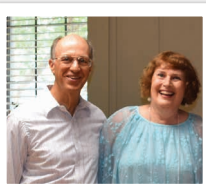
Claire Petrie ('59) Smith and her late husband Gene ('60) served with Faith Children's Homes, North Africa Mission in Tunisia, and Source of Light Ministries International in Madison, Georgia. Several members of their family attended CIU: **Neal ('91), Eileen Smith Atkinson ('85);** her triplet sons: **Daniel, Stephen and Jonathan Atkinson ('13); Whitney Atkinson ('18); David Atkinson (current student). Beth Smith Silver and husband Greg** are former CIU employees. Clairsmith84@gmail.com

Anne Estes Wenger ('61) After serving in Costa Rica and Mexico with Central American Mission, Anne and Jim returned to CIU where he taught at CIU then served with Campus Crusade for Christ. Jim passed away in 2011. Anne now ministers to internationals. awen63@gmail.com



Barbara Lister ('64) served with the North Africa Mission until 1980 then returned home to work as a nurse. **Margie Hiestand (CBC '58)** lives with her. They both volunteer with the International Friendship Program at Purdue. barbl.34@comcast.net

Raymond Ashmore ('71) is director of Imparting Life Ministries and social media pastor of several ministry groups, including an international church fellowship. He and his wife Susan live in Fort Mill, South Carolina. impartinglife@gmail.com



Ed ('73) and Margaret Maehmann retired from French Camp Academy in Mississippi after 35 years. They served as dorm parents while Ed also taught English, math and Bible classes. Margaret was on the air at French Camp Academy's radio station WFCA for many years.

Laura Livingston ('76) is the resource development officer for Oasis International providing discipleship material for the church in Africa. lauraclivingston@gmail.com



Samson ('78) and Leah ('77) Obwa have been teaching Sunday school for over 20 years. Leah is a counselor and disciples widows in the Kibera slums in Nairobi. They are relocating to their home village in western Kenya to start door-to-door evangelism combined with discipleship classes. samsonobwa45@gmail.com

Walter Poole ('83) and his family have been missionaries in Cambodia since 2003. They planted a church in Phnom Penh reaching the Khmer people, and have had many outreaches to other nationalities from around the world. wpoole03@yahoo.com

Randolph McCarter ('84) became lead pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Staunton, Virginia in 2017 after serving 22 years in Suffolk, Virginia. smccarter2159@gmail.com

David Cromeenes ('89) will retire from Active Duty Military in the Army in January 2019, with 20 years of Active Duty, and six years of Army Reserve Service. droycro@gmail.com

Lynn Kuitems ('89) is the director of Child Evangelism Fellowship in South Jersey, looking for volunteers and churches to reach the 8,000 young people ages 4 to 14 in Salem County. packingqueen@yahoo.com

Rich ('90) and Judy (former staff) Heath serve in discipleship and leadership development at their church, Bay Area Community Church, in Annapolis, Maryland. rnjheath@gmail.com



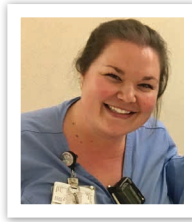
Vernon ('92) and Janell Sensenig ('92) Salter are on The Navigators Pastoral Care Team in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Janell also serves staff through mentoring, administrative leadership, and directing new staff interviews. Vernon serves at Army Space Command with the Army Reserves and will soon finish his master's degree in counseling. spangnavs@gmail.com

Vance Brown ('93) is the leader and facilitator of the men's group at Word of Life International Church in Springfield, Virginia, offering a safe environment, fostering accountability and fidelity, and promoting spiritual maturity for men. vbrelisa@gmail.com

Laurie Elmore Thompson ('97) is a contemporary music singer who has ministered overseas in Moldova, France and Russia and has performed throughout the East Coast of the United States. www.lauriethompsonministries.com

Leonardo and Wendy Middleton ('07) Chico celebrated eight years in New York City connecting with international students and immigrants through the ministry of their house church. Teaching English conversation groups led to Discovery Bible Studies where many of the internationals studied the Bible for the first time. ashtab@hotmail.com

Rebecca Settembrini ('08) is volunteering as a Registered Nurse with Mercy Ships in Guinea, West Africa until June 2019. She is a ward nurse in the Mercy Ship hospital. bekabrini@gmail.com

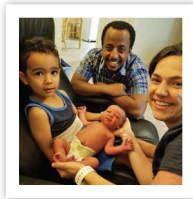


Betsy Killins ('09) is the global missions director at Island Community Church in Memphis, Tennessee and serves on the global team for a local discipleship ministry called Downline Ministries focusing on caring for, discipling, and training people and teams to serve the Lord cross-culturally. bjkillins@gmail.com

Mark Paul ('09) is in the Philadelphia area ministering at a local church as a choir member and is seeking to become involved in another choral group for community outreach. markjohnpaul@protonmail.com

Sarah Nixon ('10) accepted a job teaching high school history at Charlotte Christian School in Charlotte, North Carolina. sarah.nixon@gmail.com

Abeneazer Urga ('14) and Jessie Udall ('12/'13) welcomed Sophia into their family in June 2018 joining brother, Daniel. jessie.udall@gmail.com

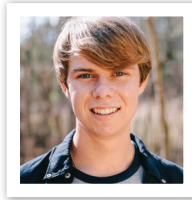


Sharon Gabler ('15) married Michael Luc on July 21, 2018. Congratulations! nasuligirl@gmail.com



Taylor ('16) and Elisabeth Cochrane (former staff) Hollingsworth welcomed Ezra Blaze into their family June 2018 joining Banner and Ellia. Taylor.hollingsworth@mailbox.ciu.edu

Mark Gossage ('18) serves with Impact 360 developing students in the mission of cultivating leaders who follow Jesus. mark@markgossage.org



Daisuke ('18) and Hiromu ('01) Tsuchida and daughters Honoka and Mifumi welcomed Aoi into their family in March. They are looking forward to serving with the Japanese Christian Fellowship Network in the United States. withh@hotmail.co.jp

Michael James (former faculty) is working alongside The French Evangelical Seminary to establish a new French Library and Research Center with state-of-the-art media technology, imperative to meet the huge need for training leaders in the French-speaking world. www.flte.fr ■

In Memoriam

Sam Ziady Moore ('54)

Sam Moore, a distinguished Columbia International University alumnus and a leader in Bible publishing passed away on June 1, 2018. He was 88 years old.

When Moore arrived in the United States in 1950 to attend Columbia Bible College, he paid for his schooling by selling Bibles door to door. Moore later recruited other students who needed to work their way through college. This was so successful that in 1961 he founded Royal Publishing, a Bible-publishing venture. By 1969, Moore purchased Thomas Nelson Publishing which soon became the world's largest Bible publisher and a leader in religious book publishing.

It was through Moore's generosity that CIU's Moore Fitness Center was dedicated in 2007, opening the way for CIU to compete in intercollegiate athletics by 2012.

Ottie Houser Roberson ('32) – August 2018 (See page 6.)

Ralph "Zig" Boroughs ('41) – September 2017

Katherine Phillips Long ('43) – August 2018

Sam Shepperson ('44) – May 2018

Edith Donnell Frye ('47) – May 2018

Mildred "Millie" Buckley ('48) – June 2018

Esther Hodge Jenkins ('50) – December 2017

Glenn Davenport ('51) – June 2017

Joel Gerhardt ('51) – January 2018

Nona McClure Platillero ('51) – February 2018

Ella Lindvall ('52) – February 2018

Ruth Wagner ('52) – June 2017

June Cam Haupt ('53) – March 2018

Carolyn Adaire Morse ('54) – March 2018

Peggy Parker ('54) – February 2017

Lillian Moore ('55) – December 2017

Dot Shepperson ('55) – April 2018

Lorraine Waite ('55) – February 2018

Marjorie Pifer ('56) – July 2018

Betty Edwards ('57) – May 2018

Donald K. Rhine ('57) – April 2018

Margaret Watterson ('57) – January 2018

Jerri Mershon ('58) – May 2018

Gene Smith ('60) – October 2017

Kenneth Reddington ('63) – March 2018

Anne Sterrett ('64) – July 2018

John Calhoun ('65) – June 2018

Gerald Sterrett ('65) – May 2018

Lynn E. Archer ('66) – June 2018

Thomas Eckblad ('68) – July 2018

James G. Eggimann ('68) – March 2018

Clifford Gross ('68) – September 2018

James "Jim" Wine ('68) – March 2018

Jerry Matson ('71) – May 2018

Duncan Haase ('72) – May 2016

Richard Hammond ('72) – July 2018

Steven Parrish ('73) – April 2018

Benny Hillard ('75) – June 2018

James "Phil" Moore ('75) – June 2017

Sue Schnarr ('78) – May 2018

Michael Hein ('88) – March 2018

Amelia McNeilly ('08) – July 2018

Baron O'Neal ('13) – June 2018

James Prescott ('14) – August 2018

Ursula Hunt (Former staff) – May 2018

J. Richard "Dick" Metzler – April 2018

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Monticello Road Ministry - God's Calling to Serve Locally and Globally

A new emphasis on serving our community has prompted Columbia International University to purchase properties along Monticello Road, the gateway to the CIU campus. That has initiated a few questions from folks who ask, "Why Monticello Road?" It simply comes down to this. As we take Christ to the nations, we must first start here at home. And home is 7435 Monticello Road.

When I first arrived at CIU, I noticed the Monticello Road corridor had fallen into disrepair and needed renewal. I met with community leaders and pastors to discuss how we "seize the moment" for upgrades, but more importantly, for ministry. As we met, God helped us dream. We also met with the mayor and other local and state officials, putting together a plan to beautify the corridor and begin new neighborhood ministries.

We envision a vibrant Monticello Road that will be attractive from the I-20 interchange to the CIU campus while providing badly needed services for the area. We're here to help. This is about loving and lifting our neighbors.

Jesus said His disciples are "the light of the world" and added:

Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
(Matthew 5:16)

So here is the plan to "shine our light":

1. Churches have asked for CIU interns who will minister to youth.
2. Basketball camps are being established for neighborhood youth.
3. Safety and security plans include a possible sheriff's department substation on recently purchased CIU property.
4. CIU is purchasing junkyards and closed, run-down structures providing opportunity for business majors and other students to learn "revitalizing missions" before going overseas to do the same.
5. In May, we broke ground on the William H. Jones Global Business & IT Center at the CIU entrance. One of the purposes of the Center is to provide a corporate training room for Columbia area business professionals to act as a catalyst for business development. That is especially needed along the Monticello Road corridor, and provides opportunity for CIU students to advance their skills before doing international work.

CIU has already invested in six Monticello Road properties and negotiating for two others. Not only do we have local support for our efforts, this summer I led a CIU delegation to Washington, D.C. seeking federal economic development grant assistance for the area. Our plans have the backing of Columbia area U.S. House Representatives James Clyburn and Joe Wilson, as well as South Carolina Senators Lindsey Graham and Tim Scott.

Of particular interest to the legislators is providing upgraded broadband infrastructure to the CIU neighborhood, new business development assistance, and skills training. The Business & IT Center, scheduled for completion in 2019, will be designed to assist in these areas. This is for our students AND our neighbors — anything to attract them to Jesus.

Additionally, we continue to shine our light into other nations. Our Korntal, Germany campus, the European School of Culture and Theology, has had the unique opportunity of sharing the gospel in word and deed by helping Middle East refugees pouring in to Europe. So, while in Washington, CIU began seeking a federal grant to assist the Korntal campus with their efforts and help the refugees become a stabilizing force among other refugee populations in Europe and their home countries.

A street sign at the CIU Columbia campus entrance designates the intersection of International Boulevard and Monticello Road. We're taking Christ to the nations. But that task begins at home. Let's work and pray together. The community is excited. Will you join us?



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