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CORBAN PARENT & FAMILY GUIDE

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OUR MISSION

To educate
Christians who
will make a
difference
in the world for
Jesus Christ.



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A NOTE FROM INTERIM PRESIDENT CORNMAN



Dear Corban Parents,

It hasn't been that many years since my wife and I dropped off our children as they entered college. Believe me when I say that I understand what an emotional and exhausting time this can be!

Undoubtedly, you have questions. Will my student be successful? Will they find good friends and valuable mentors? Will they experience challenges that stretch them and help when they need support? Will they find the rigorous preparation they need to live a life of purpose and meaning? Will they grow and be strengthened in their relationship with Jesus Christ? Can I count on Corban for the strong Christian worldview I want for my young adult?

Please know this: Everything we do at Corban is meant to provide an affirmative answer to these questions. Our faculty, staff, and coaches are wholeheartedly committed to your student's learning, growth, and integration of faith, life, and learning.

Parents, we can't do it alone. We need your prayer support for your student, and for us as we serve them. Whether your young adult is well-grounded in their faith or a new Christian, we will meet them where they are and seek to move them forward in their relationship with Christ. We'll encourage each student to find a good local church where they can look beyond the same-age friends of their dorm and find a place of worship, challenge, and service.

As you'll see from this handbook, there's a strong network of campus leaders who stand ready to make this a great year for your son or daughter. I look forward to meeting you and your student, and to seeing how God works in their life in the year ahead!

In His Grace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas H.L. Cornman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" being the most prominent.

Thomas H.L. Cornman, Ph.D.
Interim President

MEET THE CABINET



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Vice President for
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A NOTE FROM THE VP FOR STUDENT LIFE & DEAN OF STUDENTS



Greetings Parents,

The arrival of students in August is always the highlight of the academic year. We have spent the past number of months planning, preparing, and praying for the year ahead and for your student to have the best possible college experience.

The Student Life department is here to serve students. After all, the word student is in the departmental name. As a Student Life staff, each one of us is committed to providing the most dynamic collegiate experience for your student and doing so under as directed by our university mission – *to educate students who will make a difference in the world for Jesus Christ*. First and foremost, we want students to graduate from Corban as more deeply committed Christ-follower than upon their arrival, or, as the Apostle Paul says in Romans 12:2, be transformed by the renewing of their mind.

To help your student get the most of their Corban experience, we want them to be involved. Encourage them to attend events and to spend time with other students in residence hall lounges or the coffee shop and to get involved in various clubs and organizations. One of the most significant contributors to a student's success in college is positive relationship with others, so encourage your student to get involved in events and activities on campus. Student Life will do a variety of events throughout the year. Encourage your student to attend events and get to know other students.

The Student Life staff want the best for your student. As questions or concerns arise this coming year, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Student Life team. Our staff is here to support and care for students, and we can be your first point of contact.

We could not be more excited to have your student at Corban, and we commit to helping them develop and grow in their relationship with Christ.

Kind regards,

Brian Jaworski, Ph.D.

Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students

MEET CORBAN



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Eugene oversees student programming and activities and can help your student more deeply connect with Student Life areas.



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Steve helps connect students with jobs and internships, as well as providing resume and interview support.



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Questions about scholarships, grants, loans, or FAFSA? Talk to the Financial Aid team!



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Housing and meal plan questions? Conner oversees our Residence Life staff and can answer any questions related to the residential experience.



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REBECCA DRIVER

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Elected by her peers, Rebecca represents the student body as liaison between students and University administration.



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Janet provides academic support services, including tutoring, study skills, disability accommodations, and more.



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Campus Safety helps ensure a safe campus for students with patrols, emergency response services, and safety escorts.

Please note that FERPA regulations limit the information we are able to share with parents. We recommend using this list to point your student in the right direction for assistance.

TRANSITIONING YOUR STUDENT

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

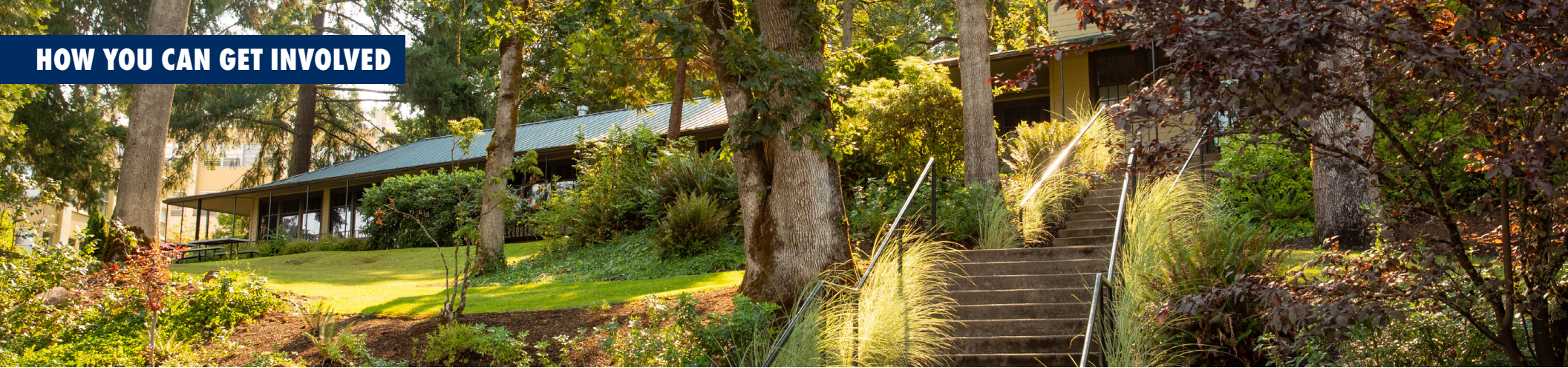
Your son or daughter is probably so excited to be a college student that they haven't given much thought to what it really means. Preparing ahead of time for some of the major differences can assist with the transition from high school to college.



	HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE
TIME/ SCHEDULE	Structured and sequential. Typically a daily routine that is stable and predictable.	Unstructured. Students are personally responsible for getting up, going to class, managing priorities, and going to bed at a reasonable hour.
TEACHER- STUDENT RELATIONSHIP	Significant contact as most classes meet 5 days per week. One-on-one relationships and casual meetings before and after class. Frequent homework reminders.	Most classes meet 1 to 3 times per week. Students are expected to meet with faculty during office hours. Work is often self-directed.
PARENT/ FAMILY INVOLVEMENT	Parents and guardians have access to and can monitor grades, assignments, and attendance. Parents contact teachers or counselors directly with concerns. Communication is open and information is freely shared.	Students must grant access to academic and financial information due to federal law. Professors and advisors cannot share information with family members about student progress or concerns without the student's authorization.
COUNSELING/ ADVISING	Guidance counselors plot out the 4-year curriculum with the student. Parents may also be involved.	Students make appointments with academic advisors every semester and should be prepared prior to each meeting. It is up to the student to correctly map out their course of study, but advisors and support staff are available to help.

HIGH SCHOOL	COLLEGE	
Student freedom is usually dictated by scheduled activities and parental guidelines.	Students make their own choices about how to use their time. No curfews at Corban.	FREEDOM
Students may be able to earn good grades with minimal effort. The class work is evenly distributed throughout the semester. Students are given detailed instructions and support for major papers and projects.	Students must be actively engaged in their education. Students will have pre-class readings (a lot of reading). They should expect to study at least two hours for every hour in class. Student success services are available anytime to assist students with their academic success.	ACADEMICS
Parents and guardians communicate directly with teachers and counselors. They can contact teachers or counselors directly with concerns. Communication is open and information is freely shared.	Students must learn to advocate for themselves by asking for help when they need it and taking advantage of university support services and resources. Parents are not able to make appointments on behalf of a student.	ADVOCACY

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED



Welcome Warrior Families!

Take advantage of the following ways to stay informed, get connected, and support students.

STAY INFORMED

- **Join the Parents & Family Email List:** Scan this QR code to receive our parents and family emails and to stay informed of opportunities to get involved.
- **Subscribe to the *Corban Connection* newsletter:** Use this QR code to sign up for the *Corban Connection* newsletter.



GET CONNECTED

- **Connect via social media:** Follow Corban University on Facebook and Instagram!
 - Facebook: *CorbanUniversity*
Facebook Group: *Corban Parents*
 - Instagram: *@corbanuniversity*
- **Be a Praying Parent:** Join our weekly Zoom group to pray for students throughout the year. Sign up for the Parents and Family email list to receive more information.

SUPPORT STUDENTS

- **Send a care package:** Care packages will be assembled and delivered on site each October and February. Send encouragement to a student, whether your own or another. Sign up for the Parents and Family email list for more information.
- **Support students via the Hope Fund:** The Hope Fund helps to bridge small gaps in students' financial needs for groceries, gas, and other critical situations. Scan the QR code to give hope today.



- **Join the Corban Coffee Club:** Excited about Christ-centered education? Join the club! Scan the QR code to learn more or visit www.connect.corban.edu/coffee.



Warm regards in Christ,



Shirley Turner

Shirley Turner
Director of Alumni & Parent Relations

TRAVELING ALONG ON YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL JOURNEY

Students will experience many new things during these college years. They will grow from a teenager to a competent young professional. Much of this growth will come from their classroom learning. How can you travel along and be a part of your child's educational journey? Below are some helpful tips for learning to journey along with your student.

FOCUS ON THE WHY: Figuring out all that goes with living away from home and creating a new identity can take a lot of energy the first semester. Of course, we all desire a healthy, holistic experience, but gentle reminders that focus on the purpose of the student's education are important conversations. Remind your student the reasons why they chose Corban and why they chose their selected major. And remind your student that the reason for college attendance is academics.

START CONVERSATIONS: Regularly schedule phone calls, FaceTime, Zoom, etc. During these conversations ask discussion-based questions:

- What is your hardest class right now? What makes it challenging?
- What's the most interesting thing you have learned so far?
- Who is your favorite professor? Which professor would you like to have coffee with and learn more about them?
- Have you found any study groups or study partners?
- What is your easiest class?
- What kind of rhythm do you have for work, study, hanging out, etc.?
- Are you using the Student Support services?

And if your student responds with an all-or-nothing answer like "I love this class," try to help your student understand what is great about the course. Is it the content? Teaching style? Time of day? Our college students are balancing so many new things for the first time and helping them think through priorities can give them handles to organize their time.



ENCOURAGE CONNECTION: Encourage them to meet face-to-face with people. A significant contributor to a student's ability to succeed in college is good relationships with others. Encourage them to attend campus activities and to get involved in student groups and organizations that correspond with their area of interest. The first days of college are hard and filled with much adjustment. Encourage them to lean into the new experience and get to know other people. The more they invest in their student experience the more they will get out of Corban.

SUPPORTING YOUR STUDENT



Your student's success is important to us, and we offer resources to support their physical, mental, academic, and spiritual wellbeing. As a parent, you can support your student in their college experience by encouraging them to utilize the resources we offer to ensure they thrive at Corban.

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

Staffed by Santiam Hospital, the Student Health Center offers FREE, on-campus medical care:

- Illness diagnosis
- Treatment for minor injuries and illnesses
- Sports screening
- Routine medical care

Note: Costs for prescribed medications, lab testing, and imaging are not covered.

CAMPUS SAFETY

We take your student's safety seriously, and our Campus Safety officers go through a rigorous training process and provide services such as:

- Regular Campus Patrol
- Emergency Response, 24/7
- Safety Escorts
- Dorm & Facility Access
- Roadside Assistance
- Crime & Accident Reporting

Corban is rated as the safest campus in Oregon and top 10 safest in the U.S., according to SafeatLast.com.

EMERGENCY ALERTS

In the event of an emergency on campus, students will be notified via text, email, or phone. Parents can also receive these alerts by signing up at alert.corban.edu.

CORBAN COUNSELING CENTER

Our on-campus counselors provide free mental health counseling to help students work through difficult situations, adjust to college life, and experience personal growth. Appointments can be made by emailing counseling@corban.edu.

TUTORING

Emphasize to your student that tutoring isn't just for students who are struggling. Tutoring is for everyone... and it's free! In your conversations, remind your student that tutoring:

- Improves student understanding of the material.
- Helps improve the student's grades.
- Helps students stay on track to complete assignments.
- Boosts their confidence in their learning abilities.

Urge your student to use our face-to-face, group, or online tutoring and writing lab to supplement their classroom instruction.

ACADEMIC COACHING

There will be times, especially in the beginning, when your student will find that they need additional assistance adjusting to the demands of college academics. An academic coach can help your student:

- Manage their time
- Create a reading and study schedule
- Get organized
- Expand their coping skills
- Assist in other areas to prime them for success

CAREER SERVICES

Our Career Services office provides services designed to assist your student while in school and preparing for life after graduation.

- Assistance in choosing a major
- Help finding an internship or job
- Help discovering your student's unique interests, values, and abilities
- Help with résumé writing, interview skills, and networking

STUDENT STRESS CALENDAR

College is an exciting time of growth and discovery, but with every season of growth, there are times of challenge. Here we lay out for you the typical stresses that students experience during their college years so that you can anticipate their needs and know how to pray for them.



SEPTEMBER

Homesickness • Students on medications may have trouble due to mismanagement of medications • International students sense confusion, vulnerability, and the lack of an advocate • Roommate differences and social adjustments • Feelings of inadequacy might develop

OCTOBER

Freshmen begin to realize that college life isn't as perfect as they thought • Overwhelmed by time management pressures • The novelty is gone; some question God's leading to Corban • New students may struggle with finding friends • Addictive behavior may start to surface

NOVEMBER

Economic anxiety surfaces • Academic pressure due to finals and class selection for the spring • Pressure over plans for Thanksgiving - for some, anxiety over being home • Depression and anxiety increase for those with a slower adjustment to college life • Questions begin over whether to come back second semester

DECEMBER

Increased stress as final exams approach • Extra-curricular time strain • Pre-Christmas depression for those who have difficult home lives • Financial strain because of Christmas gifts, traveling costs, etc.

JANUARY

Apprehension over returning to new relationships • Emotional stress due to family issues that surfaced over vacation • Renewed commitment to academics • Students may drop classes to help alleviate academic pressure • Start considering housing situation for next year

FEBRUARY

Couples begin to establish stronger ties (engagement) or experience weakening of established ones

MARCH

"Senioritis" sets in • Concern over how grades will end up • Decision and direction over summer jobs or ministry • Housing selection process can cause social anxiety and a fear of being excluded • Inability to make a vocational choice might cause anxiety • "Sophomore slump": most have completed general studies—now what?

FEBRUARY

Apprehension or sadness over leaving relationships established during the year • Seniors panic

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL SEMESTER 2022

Residence halls open for new students	Aug. 27 (Sa)
Warrior Welcome	Aug. 27-30
Continuing student registration	Aug. 30 (T)
Instruction begins	Aug. 31 (W)
Close of course registration	Sept. 9 (F)
World Outreach Week	Sept. 26–30
Study day (no classes)	Oct. 7 (F)
Last day to drop any course	Oct. 14 (F)
Early scheduling for Spring semester opens	Oct. 25 (T)
Last day to withdraw from school with prorated tuition	Oct. 28 (F)
Thanksgiving vacation	Nov. 23-25
Classes resume	Nov. 28 (M)
Last day of instruction	Dec. 9 (F)
Final exams	Dec. 12–16
Residence halls close at 2:00 p.m.	Dec. 16 (F)

SPRING SEMESTER 2023

Residence halls open for all students	Jan. 9 (M)
Registration for all new students	Jan. 10 (T)
Orientation for new students	Jan. 10 (T)
Instruction begins	Jan. 11 (W)
Martin Luther King Day (no classes, Day of Service)	Jan. 16 (M)
Close of course registration	Jan. 20 (F)
President’s Day (no classes)	Feb. 20 (M)
Last day to drop any course	Mar. 3 (F)
Spring Break	Mar. 27–31
Classes resume	Apr. 3 (M)
Early scheduling for Fall semester opens	Apr. 4 (T)
Good Friday (no classes)	Apr. 7 (F)
Last day of instruction	Apr. 28 (F)
Final exams	May 1–5
Commencement	May 6 (Sa)
Residence halls closed for all students	May 6 (Sa)

Check out our events calendar for athletics schedules, music events, theatre productions, and other campus happenings at corban.edu/events or scan the QR code.





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