

Columbia's Mission is to equip people for a life of discipleship, ministry and leadership in service to the church and community.

Columbia Installs its 25th President!

With greetings, prayers, and blessings, Columbia installed Dr. J. Bryan Born officially into his presidential role March 10 on a stage very familiar to Bryan--his home church of Ross Road Community. According to the words of outgoing President Dr. Ron Penner, Bryan is the 25th President if one counts all the presidents of the predecessor schools (MBBI and Bethel) and is the 7th President of Columbia. Bryan addressed attendees with comments that could be easily summarized as "Faith in Columbia's Future" to borrow an allusion from the recent presidential inauguration south of the line. Few will forget the ministry team leading the hymn, "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand" which seems an appropriate musical rendition for what Bryan hopes both for his time as President and for Columbia's future.



Women's Volleyball Team at CCAA Nationals

After capturing silver in the PACWEST Volleyball Provincial Championships the WVB team was the first team in the history of Columbia to compete at the CCAA National tournament.

More exciting news from this season is that the team has started a new tradition of asking opponents to pray with them at the end of a match. Coach Duncan Harrison reports that, at the CCAA National tournament "we were able to pray with the team from Quebec in their own language thanks to Kianna Stearns, our own bilingual Bearcat. This opened a door for our women and coaches



to share with their athletes and coaches. As a result, many new friendships have been formed and communication lines have been opened with their program for possible future training plans."

Please pray for retention of our current athletes for next year and that we will be able to recruit character athletes similar to these young women for next season.



New Program led by Columbia Alumnus

David Warkentin has been appointed to lead Columbia's new one-year discipleship program. "Praxis" literally means ideas and beliefs which are enacted, practiced, and embodied in our everyday lives. For Christians, our "praxis" is the reality that the good news of Jesus is relevant in every situation, in every place, and for every person.

Praxis will lead students in addressing these urban realities through cultural engagement, Christian community, and urban mission both in the classroom and through practical experience. Partnering with churches and ministries in places like Vancouver and New York City, students will have a variety of experiences in the areas of social justice and urban ministry, living out the missional implications of Jesus' gospel in their own lives.

David says he can't wait to partner with students in living out the gospel in the city! For more information on Praxis, go to www.columbia.edu/praxis.



David Warkentin is a CBC alumnus ('05), with a degree from Regent College in the area of Christianity and Culture ('09). Prior to CBC, David was Community Impact Pastor for four years at Hyde Creek Community Church (Port Coquitlam, BC). He is married to Julie, and they have two kids, Landon and Laila.

HEMORRHAGING FAITH

Hemorrhaging Faith Seminar

James Penner and Rachael Harder presented some of the findings from their sociological study of young adults and the church. On March 5th nearly 150 pastors, youth workers, educators and students met in Columbia Place and spent the day processing the implications of the material and seeking ways to encourage a vibrant faith in the lives of young adults.

Some key ideas that emerged are: authentic relationships where faith experiences are discussed, mentoring relationships with older Christians, empowering biblical teaching that can be applied (brought to life), a willingness to engage the tough faith questions, and the necessity of an "active, lived faith". If we want to encourage young adults to stick with Christianity, then we must keep going farther and deeper in our own walk with God.

Columbia Calendar 2013

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| April 20 | CBC Commencement Exercises |
| June 6 | Annual Columbia Open Golf Tournament |
| July 2-15 | Anabaptist Heritage Tour with Gareth Brandt and Wilmer Martin. Register at tourmagination.com/registration |
| September 4 | First Day of classes — Fall semester |
| October 26 | Columbia's Annual Fall Fundraising Dinner |

Travelling Ministry Team (TMT)

The CBC Travelling Ministry Team is a small group of musicians committed to serving the community through their music. Led by Shar Warketin and comprised of both instrumentalists and vocalists, the TMT sings a variety

of music at events around campus and also participates in the worship services of supporting churches.

Not only do they minister through

musical gifts, the team also ministers in a practical hands-on manner. In March they helped in the opening of the *The Ledge Café & Art Gallery* founded by the The Rock Community Church, in Squamish, BC. Some of their duties included helping with food service, busing tables, cleaning washrooms and washing floors. Along with these practical aspects of service, team members had opportunity to sit with guests of the café and initiate conversation. Sunday morning the team led worship for the morning service.



Mission Team Costa Rica 2013

This year's Quest team partnered with a long time connection of Columbia, *Pura Vida Ministries* in Costa Rica. There the team supported the work of established missionaries working in Talamanca, a region with the largest population of indigenous people in the country. Students hiked into the jungle to work alongside a pastor, his family, and a local ministry team, to help start a church plant. As they worked, the team was impacted in countless ways.

David Hosie (pictured below) was gripped in his mind and heart by God's capacity to impact the world through the body of Christ. Before going to Costa Rica David was uncertain of his future plans but now he knows he wants to serve God and others in cross-cultural settings, and has enrolled in the Intercultural Studies Program at CBC for further training.



"I have learned that our Father is a missional God. Through our Costa Rica trip, God affirmed that He has given me a heart for various people groups around the world and I have now dedicated my life to serving Him wherever He would have me go".

David Hosie

Columbia Alumni

Rudy Baerg. Faculty Alumni

Rudy received a Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal, October 19, 2012 for exemplary service to the community. Rudy has been involved in the musical life of the City of Abbotsford since 1962, teaching music as well as conducting choirs and instrumental groups. As head of the music department of Columbia Bible College for 30 years, he performed concerts and oratorios for the community. Baerg was founding director of Valley Festival Singers and had the opportunity to work with many local singers and musicians over the course of 25 years.

Baerg represented the region as a charter member of the B.C. Choral Federation and for the past 19 years has been active on the Valley Concert Society board of directors. Baerg said he finds it rewarding to give amateur musicians opportunities to perform and to broaden the musical experiences of our community.

Article by Christina Toth, Abbotsford Mission Times, October 25, 2012

Michelle Medenblik 01-02 Christian Studies

"My year at Columbia changed my life forever, for the better! I am thankful for the faculty and staff who took the time to get to know me while I was there and always wanted to know how I was doing. God has truly gifted you all!" *I can do everything through him who gives me strength.* Philippians 4:13



Chia Ashton 98-02 BA in Youth Work

Chia has been the director of *Got Game Basketball* for the past twelve years. Its purpose is to teach young people how they can bring life to their school, community, and home. We are challenging young people in our community to choose things that will bring life instead of a life that consists of alcohol, drugs, gangs and ultimately death. We believe that if youth have coaches who care for them and are a consistent presence in their life that there will be lasting impact into our community".



Chia played basketball while attending CBC and realizes it was integral in his character development. He was able to learn discipline, time management skills, and teamwork. The professors helped Chia believe in his abilities as a student and a person.

Chia and Jeanie have been married for 12 years and along with their children Tyson (9), Jasmine (7), and Devon (5) have had the opportunity to serve in an orphanage in Colima, Mexico twice in the past four years and plan on serving in Colima again this summer.

Columbia Updates

Please pray for Columbia as we navigate the following employee transitions:

- Director of Communications and Marketing
- Director of Enrollment Management
- Director of Intercultural Studies
- Director of Praxis
- Administrative Assistant for Development
- Residence Director (female)
- Service Learning Associate