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CHURCH MATCH

Haley's Story

Haley Petkau was in the middle of her business degree when she realized she wanted to attend Columbia Bible College. "I needed to change my lifestyle," shared Haley, "and take time to figure out who I am in the eyes of God and what that means for my life. I knew that I would benefit from having a supportive community of believers around me."

Haley approached her home church, Summerland Baptist, and communicated her desire to spend a year at Columbia. Pastor Larry Schram was delighted. Not only did he agree to write her reference for her application, he also arranged for Summerland Baptist to participate in Columbia's Church Match Bursary program to help fund Haley's education.

"I have known many Columbia students over the years," Pastor Larry explained, "and have seen great growth and maturity in all of their lives as a result of their time at CBC. The family of faith I am honoured to lead believes in the future of the church, so when we get a chance to invest in a new generation of leaders we do so."

Haley is now completing a certificate in biblical studies and loving it. She especially enjoys how her Columbia classes are challenging her to apply everything she is learning to her everyday life. Next year, she will pick up her business studies where she left off. But she plans to maintain ties with Columbia's close-knit, Christ-centered community, which has been a huge source of encouragement.

Another source of encouragement has been how her congregation helped make this year possible. "The knowledge that my church supported me in this way is so uplifting," says Haley. "My church in Summerland will always have a special place in my heart."

Pastor Larry is encouraged too. "I believe that the current generation of young leaders have incredible potential to be world changers. Decades ago other churches, pastors and schools invested in me – how can I do less?"

** Pictured above: Pastor Larry Schram and Haley Petkau from Summerland Baptist Church.*



CHURCH MATCH: HOW THE BURSARY WORKS

We are excited to partner with churches to support students!



Church
Donation

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Columbia Match
(up to \$1,000 per year)

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Student
Bursary Funding

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

- Churches from all denominations.
- Accepted and/or current full-time students with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHURCH MATCH PROGRAM

IF YOU'RE THE STUDENT

- 1 Give or send this info sheet to a leader in your church and ask them to consider participating in the church match program to help fund your Columbia Bible College education.
- 2 Submit the 'Student Application Form' at columbiabc.edu/ChurchMatchBursary
- 3 Columbia's Financial Aid Advisor will contact you with news about your award!

IF YOU'RE THE CHURCH

- 1 Prayerfully consider whether your church is able to say 'Yes' to this request, and if so, with how much funding.
(Columbia will match up to \$1000/year!)
- 2 Submit the 'Church Agreement' Form at Columbiabc.edu/ChurchMatchBursary
- 3 Columbia's Financial Aid Advisor will contact you to arrange payment details.

DETAILS:

MAY 1

Bursary applications open

NOVEMBER 15

Full-year or fall-semester only bursaries close

MARCH 15

Winter-semester only bursaries close

Church Match Bursaries are available on a first-come, first-served basis at: columbiabc.edu/ChurchMatch