



**COLUMBIA**  
BIBLE COLLEGE

# GIFT CATALOGUE

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“AS YOU  
SENT ME  
INTO THE WORLD  
I HAVE  
SENT THEM  
INTO THE WORLD.”



## FROM THE PRESIDENT: “EVERY GIFT MAKES AN IMPACT”

Greetings from Columbia Bible College!

Our 2021-22 Academic year is well under way, and we are incredibly thankful for our students! While there have certainly been disruptions, we are in-person, engaging students and most of College life feels “normal.”

In the past we have been able to host various events to share what God is doing in the lives of students through Columbia, and to invite you to participate through financial giving and prayer. However public events are harder to plan these days, therefore, we are excited to introduce our first ever Columbia Gift Catalogue!

In the following pages you’ll find **5 major areas that are integral to student impact** at Columbia Bible College as well as many options to give:

- **Academics** – Where faith is applied to life through our focus on Practical Theology
- **Athletics** – Character and Christ-like development, on and off the court
- **Student Life** – Caring for each other as we grow in Christ
- **Operations** – We have found that as “boring” as utilities are, students learn better in the light!
- **Student Financial Aid** – Makes College more affordable for students.

You will also find student quotes of impact and transformation, along with some news-worthy items. I pray that you will be encouraged by the content and excited to support all that God is doing at Columbia... every gift makes an impact!

I encourage you to select an area that is important to you and to give!

May God grant us wisdom and courage as we follow Him,

Bryan Born, ThD  
President



LOOK FOR THIS ICON FOR WAYS  
YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT!



# ACADEMICS

// Equipping students to go out  
into the world

Columbia's approach to academics is distinctive within the world of higher education. On the one hand we look like many other schools – we offer a range of accredited certificate, diploma and degree programs that prepare students for the tasks and roles that may be on the horizon. On the other hand, we have an approach to teaching that is Christ-centred, biblically grounded, and oriented toward the life of discipleship. This is captured in our understanding of the term practical theology and it is central to everything we do at Columbia.

Gil Dueck, PhD  
Academic Dean

## CERTIFICATES



COLUMBIA ONE



EDUCATIONAL  
ASSISTANT



HEALTH CARE  
ASSISTANT



EMERGENCY  
RESCUE TECH.



QUEST

## DIPLOMAS & DEGREES



APPLIED  
LEADERSHIP



BIBLICAL  
STUDIES



COUNSELLING



INTERCULTURAL  
STUDIES



OUTDOOR  
LEADERSHIP



GENERAL  
STUDIES



SOCIAL  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP



WORSHIP  
ARTS



YOUTH  
WORK



# LIBRARY

The Library seeks to offer a space for students and members of the community to study, research for assignments and discuss projects with fellow students. It provides access to over 44,000 books and periodicals on site, plus over 118,000 eBooks and journals online, on topics that support all of Columbia's program majors. You should check us out!

Dorothy Gebert  
Library Director

## GIFT IDEAS:

Provide a lecture for 25 students - \$150

Fund a credit - \$365

Fund a journal subscription - \$100

Fund a book or two - \$25 each







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It has been such a blessing to be in a community where I feel comfortable to share and hear testimonies, life goals, personal struggles, and to be inspired and encouraged by one another. It has been an answered prayer to be in a community of God’s people and be inspired to grow in my faith.

**CARMELYN MACASAET**  
HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT CERT.T

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I originally came to CBC with the goal of spending intentional time getting to know God better. While getting to know God in my studies, I was surprised to find that my biggest area of growth came in awareness of who I am, and how I fit into God’s intentions for the world.

**JON WIEBE**  
BA IN WORSHIP ARTS



**YOUR SUPPORT IMPACTS STUDENTS!**





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“If I had to choose one favourite memory, it would be the many times I attended Vespers with my friends in my first year! Any opportunity to authentically worship God as a community – to come as you are – had such a powerful impact on my spiritual growth, encouraging vulnerability as a community of believers.”

**KATIE REMPEL**

DIP. IN SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP



# STUDENT LIFE

## WHERE ACADEMICS MEETS LIFE IN COMMUNITY

*Student Development keeps an ear to the ground and a finger on the pulse of student activity, needs, challenges, and opportunities. Through services such as Counselling, Athletics, Commuter Services, Resident Leadership development, and many others, the Student Development Department works to serve and support our students. We proactively work in partnership with other departments and student leaders to cultivate healthy community at CBC, while also responding to specific student concerns that arise throughout the year.*

*Karen Heidebrecht-Thiessen  
Dean of Students*

## GIFT IDEAS:

*Support a Resident Leader - \$1,000*

*Provide a counselling session - \$25*

*Provide leadership training support - \$50*

*Where needed most \_\_\_\_\_*



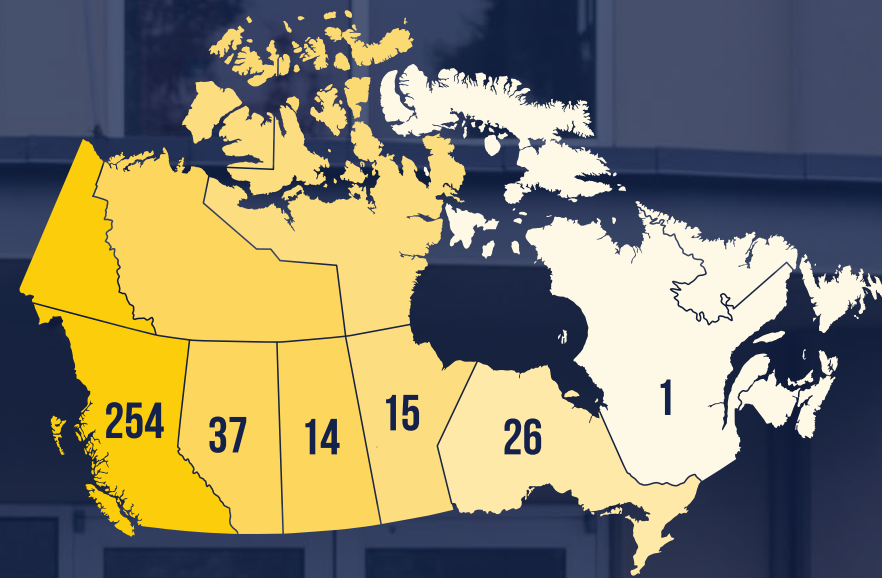




# FALL 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

7  
United States

6  
International



## TOP 10 DENOMINATIONS

Mennonite Brethren - 93  
Mennonite Church - 19  
Mennonite Other - 4  
Baptist - 72  
Independent/ Non Denom - 36  
Alliance - 36  
Pentecostal - 24  
Evangelical Free - 11  
Reformed - 15  
Catholic - 6

1936

Year Founded

360

Current Students

70

Faculty & Staff

4

Varsity Teams

201

Female Students

159

Male Students

194

Residents

149

Commuters

17

Offsite

## STUDENTS BY PROGRAM



BA Degree

48%  
172 TOTAL



Diploma

22%  
79 TOTAL



Certificate

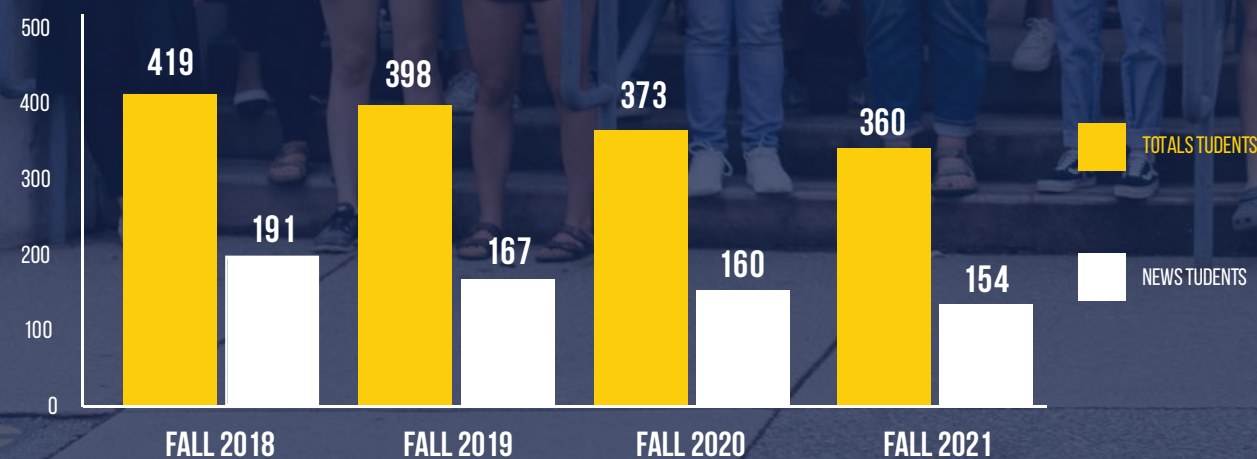
29%  
104 TOTAL



Undeclared

1%  
6 TOTAL

## STUDENT ENROLLMENT



## OUR PROGRAMS:



APPLIED  
LEADERSHIP  
33



BIBLICAL  
STUDIES  
47



COLUMBIA  
ONE  
34



COUNSELLING  
58



EDUCATIONAL  
ASSISTANT  
17



EMERGENCY  
RESCUE TECH.  
13



GENERAL  
STUDIES  
29



HEALTHCARE  
ASSISTANT  
0



INTERCULTURAL  
STUDIES  
24



OUTDOOR  
LEADERSHIP  
24



QUEST  
31



SOCIAL  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
16



WORSHIP  
ARTS  
13



YOUTH  
WORK  
28

\*STUDENTS ENROLLED IN PROGRAM AS A MAJOR OR MINOR



“My favourite memories have usually been either outside on the field playing spikeball or in the basement lounge playing pool, throwing birthday parties, or just goofing around with friends. These are my favourite memories because I am doing something that I love with people I love, and it usually involves plenty of laughter.”

Rianna S.



# OPERATIONS

RUNNING A COLLEGE TAKES RESOURCES...  
AND WE'VE FOUND THAT OUR STUDENTS DONT LEARN WELL IN THE DARK!

*As CFO I believe we have a responsibility to provide a safe, clean, and well-maintained campus for our students. It is important to understand the role that overhead costs play in supporting the positive results that come from the College's academic, student development and athletic programs. With a campus of our size, it takes resources to keep the buildings and grounds well maintained and in good running order... so that students can focus on what God has called them to. We also find students learn much better when the lights are on!*

Scott Henderson, CPA, CMA  
Chief Financial Officer

## GIFT IDEAS:

Support information Technology - \$500

Purchase a chair - \$120

Help fund our electric bill // Every gift helps - \$10-\$1,000

Dorm Maintenance and Upkeep - \$2,000

Where needed most \_\_\_\_\_





# BEARCAT ATHLETICS



*Bearcat Athletics exists to develop Christ-centred student athletes by helping them to grow in faith, character, leadership, athletic and academic ability. Bearcats also seek to make an immediate, positive contribution in their local communities, as well as in their future endeavors.*

*As the only Christian college in B.C. to compete at the collegiate sport level, we depend upon the support of generous donors like you! Your gift helps ensure we can support athletes who desire to grow in their faith, academic, and athletic pursuits.*

*Mike Teeter  
Director of Athletics*



**“The highlight of my time here has been being in leadership. I have been able to learn a lot through the adversity it has presented and I feel it’s making me better equipped for life.”**

**JACKSON ANDERSON, 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR, MEN’S VOLLEYBALL**

**“I chose CBC and Bearcat Athletics because I felt like it was time to take my faith more seriously.”**  
**CLIVE ADAMS, 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR, MEN’S BASKETBALL**



## GIFT IDEAS

*Sports equipment - \$50-150*

*Provide a jersey - \$150*

*Support a team - \$500-\$10,000*

*Women’s Volleyball*

*Men’s Volleyball*

*Women’s Basketball*

*Men’s Basketball*



**“I chose Bearcat Athletics because it gave me the opportunity to play post-secondary volleyball on a team that puts God and his people first.”**

**MARISSA TABERT, 2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR, WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL**

**“The more I spend time in Bearcat Athletics, the more I fall in love with the game and community.”**  
**CAILEY AYER, 3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR, WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**







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Columbia’s Financial Aid department has been very helpful for me; not only in understanding the process of paying for my education, but also in assisting me with paying for my education. This department has been nothing but helpful, friendly, and encouraging throughout my four years at Columbia.

**DARIAN ATWOOD**  
BA IN BIBLICAL STUDIES



# FINANCIAL AID

## EVERY STUDENT NEEDS SUPPORT

*The Financial Aid Department plays an integral role in the enrollment efforts at Columbia, serving as an information hub for students to make their post-secondary education a financial reality. Columbia strives to help students learn the skills needed to manage their finances and learn financial responsibility. Thanks to our generous donors and partnering churches, we have the privilege of supporting and assisting those with financial need so that they can be equipped for service. Every donation goes towards scholarships, bursaries, partner grants, and matching grants.*

*Chantelle Ramage  
Director of Financial Aid*

Students received  
Financial Aid **52%**

No Financial Aid **48%**



## GIFT IDEAS

### BURSARIES & FINANCIAL AID

*Provide financial aid to students in need - \$100 - \$5,000*

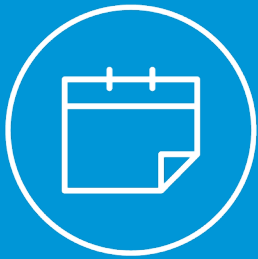
### SCHOLARSHIPS

*If you are interested in establishing a long-term scholarship, please contact Kurtis Kube ([Kurtis.Kube@columbiabc.edu](mailto:Kurtis.Kube@columbiabc.edu))*



# STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2024

## CORE ISSUES AND PRIORITIES



# NEWSWORTHY

### 1. RENEW COLUMBIA’S IDENTITY, MISSION AND CORE VALUES

A more coordinated approach to Columbia’s core vision is required – how does everything we do (e.g., academics, student life, athletics, academic support, counselling, student leadership) lead towards the fulfillment of our ultimate mission – encouraging the formation of resilient, Jesus-centered followers.

### 2. ENSURE QUALITY PROGRAMMING WITH A PRACTICAL THEOLOGY EMPHASIS

The reality of declining enrolment must be addressed immediately, and academic programs play a critical role in attracting students to Columbia. Practical theology, the integration of biblical faith with all aspects of life, lies at the core of Columbia’s educational mission. We are committed to preparing Jesus-centered followers for the church and world.

### 3. BUILD A STRONG, COMMITTED COLUMBIA TEAM

Staff and faculty serve at Columbia for a variety of reasons (purpose and fulfillment from the workplace, belonging, salary and benefits, theological fit). In order to build a strong Columbia for the future, we need to identify the next generation of Columbia leaders, and empower them for both current and future success.

### 4. AUDIT AND ADDRESS CURRENT ADMISSIONS AND PROMOTIONAL STRATEGIES

The challenges of connecting with potential new students were already obvious, but the restrictions on meeting in-person on account of the COVID-19 pandemic have made it even clearer that we must improve our efforts to engage potential students on-line, while also exploring new ways of gaining the attention of youth and young adults.

### 5. CREATE A CAMPUS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

Columbia is in serious need of updated facilities in order to meet the requirements of future generations of students. A new learning centre, chapel and men’s residence are the most pressing concerns.



### SUMMER CAMPS

The Athletics Department launched our Jr. Bearcats Kids Summer Camps this summer! We had over 250 campers and 20 staff participate in our Adventure and Multi-sport camps!

“I had a teary 11 year-old boy on the way home today because he loved his week at camp and is so sad it is over! He felt so loved and accepted.”



### RENOS

Over the course of summer 2021, renovations were completed on Columbia Hall, the primary male residence. New floors, bathrooms and windows helped give this 40 year old building a fresh new look!

Columbia Place gym floor also was updated to include our new Bearcat logo!



### NEW STAFF & FACULTY

We are thrilled to welcome over 10 new staff and faculty to our team this year!

**Mahima Jacob** (featured, top), *Counselling Faculty*

**Chris Clements** (featured, middle), *Youth Work Director*

**Dorothy Gebert**, *Library Director*

**Juliet Teeter** (featured, bottom), *Counselling Faculty*

**Elaine Binnema**, *Counselling Services Supervisor*

**Aften Thiessen**, *ICS Associate*



### INDIANA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

Columbia is partnering with Indiana Wesleyan University in delivering a dual-degree option for our students. They have created a Bridge Initiative that helps Bible College students use their courses toward the completion of online professional degrees. Columbia uses IWU’s online courses to complete a BA in Practical Theology and a BS in Business.





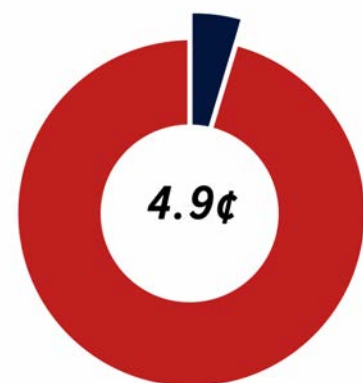
# FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

2020-2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

## A message from the Chief Financial Officer, Scott Henderson, CPA, CMA

As we are all aware, COVID-19 has brought about many disruptions to the lives of individuals and organizations alike. As a college, we did our best to try and create an environment on campus where students could experience campus life despite the health protocols brought on by the pandemic. I am pleased to report that Columbia Bible College had a favorable financial result amid the ongoing pandemic.

Throughout fiscal 2021 we were blessed and encouraged by the many faithful supporters of Columbia. We experienced a 38% increase in general donations, which made up for us having to cancel our two major fundraising events: The Columbia Open Golf Tournament and the Annual Fundraising Gala. These numbers highlight how much our supporters appreciate and believe in what we are trying to do at the College.



## THE COST OF FUNDRAISING

Of every dollar we spent on operations in 2021, just 4.9¢ was used for fundraising efforts. This includes costs for all our fundraising staff, marketing, printing and distribution costs for our mailings, fundraising events and online activities.



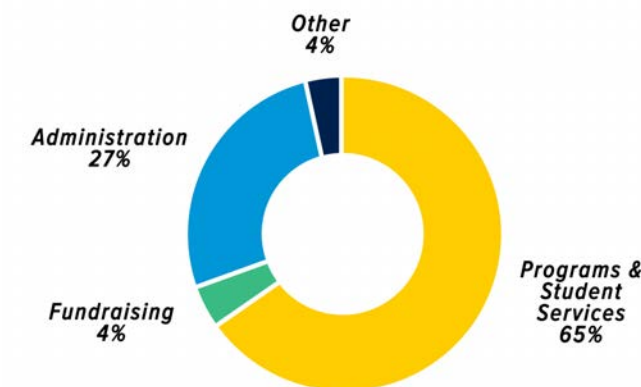
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## REVENUE SOURCES

The pandemic did have an impact on enrolment, resulting in a 9% decline in tuition and related revenues. This drop was more than offset by the money we received from the Canada Employment Wage Subsidy (CEWS). See note 15 to the financial statements.

In the last fiscal year our generous supporters, which include individuals, corporations, trusts, churches and our 2 partner conferences, accounted for 22 per cent of our total revenue



## HOW WE STEWARD OUR RESOURCES

As a Christian Charity, we take seriously our obligation of handling the finances entrusted to us with the highest degree of integrity. 65 cents from every dollar received goes towards student programs and services. 27 cents cover administrative costs, but 54% of administrative costs goes towards operating and maintaining the physical campus.

**"I feel so supported knowing that my school seeks to offer financial assistance and that there are so many generous donors out there."**

*Jennifer M.*



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Throughout my time at CBC I have gained a better understanding of the Bible and how to read and interpret it. Throughout my Social Entrepreneurship classes I have grasped a wide-ranging understanding of business and have been taught practical ways to apply this knowledge wherever I find myself in the future.

**JONAH THIESSEN**

DIP. SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP



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I saw how connected and intentional the athletic program was for developing not just athletes, but individuals with purpose. I can confidently say that this has now been my experience, and the more I spend time in Bearcat Athletics, the more I fall in love with the game and community.

**CAILEY AYER**

BA IN COUNSELLING







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# SHARE THE LOVE

***\$100 Refer-a-Student Bonus***

*Encourage your friends to attend Columbia! If a student enrolls because of you, you'll each receive a \$100 bonus as a thank-you gift.*

Learn how the bonus works at [COLUMBIABC.EDU/REFER-A-STUDENT](https://COLUMBIABC.EDU/REFER-A-STUDENT)