

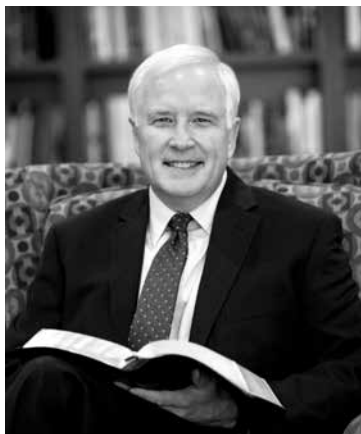


COLORADO CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

COMMENCEMENT

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



May 8, 2021

Dear CCU Graduates,

Congratulations! Today we are celebrating one of the most significant achievements of your life — graduation from Colorado Christian University. You've studied hard and God has blessed your efforts. This is a very, very important milestone for you and your family.

On behalf of the trustees, faculty, and staff of CCU, I want to express our admiration for all you have achieved. We are honored to have been a part of your experience at CCU and we wish God's richest blessings for you in the future. We look forward with enthusiasm to hearing of your future achievements.

Before you go, let me offer a few words of parting advice:

- Take some time right now to think about how you want to invest the next five to ten years of your life. Don't drift. Prayerfully, set specific goals. It's been said that if you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time.
- Be a servant with what you know. Knowledge and degrees can make you proud — don't let them. Instead, be thankful for the opportunity you've had and use it to serve others.
- Keep learning. As Mark Twain said, "Most men die at 27, we just bury them at 72." Don't let your education stop with your graduation today. Remember — leaders are readers.
- Strive for excellence in everything you do. Work hard, give back, choose your friends wisely, and stay close to your family forever.
- Most importantly, love and honor Jesus Christ and walk as closely with Him as you can. Be courageous and faithful (Proverbs 3:1-8).
- Please stay in touch with CCU!

Well done, graduates! We are proud of you.

Yours in His Service,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don Sweeting". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donald W. Sweeting, Ph.D.
President
Colorado Christian University



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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Jerry B. Jenkins, HD '07

Author, Member of the Board of Trustees



Jerry B. Jenkins, former Vice President for Publishing and currently writer-at-large for the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, is the author of almost 200 books, including over 62,000,000 copies of the best-selling *Left Behind* series.

The former editor of *Moody Magazine*, Jenkins' writing has appeared in *Time*, *Reader's Digest*, *Parade*, *Guideposts*, and

dozens of Christian periodicals. He and *Left Behind* coauthor Tim LaHaye were profiled in a 2004 *Newsweek Magazine* cover story entitled "The New Prophets of Revelation."

Jenkins speaks widely, primarily on writing, and is also a sought-after humorist — he wrote the nationally syndicated sports comic strip, *Gil Thorp*, from 1996-2004. His nonfiction books include as-told-to biographies with Hank Aaron, Brett Butler, Bill Gaither, Orel Hershisier, Luis Palau, Walter Payton, Nolan Ryan, and Sammy Tippit among many others. The Hershisier and Ryan books reached the *New York Times* best-seller list along

with *Just as I Am*, the memoirs of Billy Graham. Beginning in 1993, Jenkins spent 13 months assisting Graham with his autobiography. He considers their time spent together as the privilege of a lifetime.

Jenkins owns Jenkins Entertainment, a filmmaking company in Los Angeles that produced the critically-acclaimed movie "Hometown Legend," based on Jenkins' book of the same name. "Hometown Legend" was listed as one of the Top 10 family films of 2002 by Good News Communication's MOVIEGUIDE. Jenkins also owns the Christian Writers Guild, a nearly 2,000-member worldwide organization aimed at training tomorrow's professional Christian writers at a variety of ages.

Colorado Christian University awarded Jenkins the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters in May 2007. Jenkins also chairs the Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing program and developed the curriculum, which is offered through the College of Adult and Graduate Studies. He has been a member of the CCU Board of Trustees since 2018.

He and his wife, Dianna, live in Colorado and have three grown sons and three grandchildren.

COLLEGE OF ADULT AND GRADUATE STUDIES

2021 CEREMONY

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

NINE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING



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LAKEWOOD, COLORADO

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Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Eric Hogue
Vice President of Advancement

Processional March

Denver Brass Quintet
“Pomp and Circumstance”
by Sir Edward Elgar

Marshals

Mr. David Bechtold
Dean of Student Services
College of Adult and Graduate Studies

Mr. Brady Young
Student Retention Specialist
College of Adult and Graduate Studies

National Anthem †

Denver Brass Quintet
“The Star-Spangled Banner”
by Francis Scott Key

Introductory Remarks

Dr. Donald W. Sweeting
President

*Invocation**

Mr. Tim McTavish '10
Chair, Board of Trustees

Student Address

Jeanna Coursey
School of Business and Technology

Presentation of Honors

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† Ladies and gentlemen, please stand. Gentlemen, remove your caps.

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Jerry B. Jenkins, HD '07
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Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Donald W. Sweeting
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Presentation of Doctoral Degree Candidates

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Presentation of Master Degree Candidates

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Presentation of Associate and Bachelor Degree Candidates

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Induction of Candidates into the Alumni Association

Mr. Terry J. Nutall '15, '19
School of Biblical and Theological Studies
School of Business and Technology

Closing Comments

Dr. Donald W. Sweeting
President

Dedicatory Prayer and Benediction*

Dr. Biff Gore
Member, Board of Trustees

Recessional

Denver Brass Quintet
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
by Ludwig van Beethoven

* *Gentlemen, please remove your caps.*

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Doctor of Nursing Practice

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Dissertation: Nurse Leader Rounding and the Impact on Patient Satisfaction in a Community Hospital

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BSN, California State University, Long Beach

Dissertation: Compassionate Care – Affectively Putting the Heart Back into Nursing

Jennifer Lisa Heisser
MSN, University of Phoenix
BSN, University of Phoenix

Dissertation: The Effect of a High-Fidelity Mock Code Simulation on the Self-Confidence and Anxiety of New Graduate Nurses

Tammie Lynn Huddle
MSN, University of Northern Colorado
BSN, Metropolitan State University

Dissertation: Implementing a Resiliency Toolkit to Reduce Burnout in Medical-Surgical Nurses

Cheryl Ann King
MSN, University of Colorado, Boulder
BSN, University of Colorado, Boulder

Dissertation: Community Support for Women with Opioid Use Disorder and their Newborns: A Toolkit to Support Breastfeeding

Jeehyun Yoon Lim
MSN, Colorado Christian University
BSN, Soonchunhyang University of South Korea

Dissertation: The Effect of Telehealth Management on Hemoglobin A1C Levels in Multi-Ethnic Patients with Type II Diabetes

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¹ University Honors ² Cum Laude ³ Magna Cum Laude ⁴ Summa Cum Laude ⁵ Graduate Honors

Laude, University, and Graduate honors published here are based on the student's cumulative GPA at the time of printing. Final honors designations will be posted on transcripts and diplomas and may be subject to change based on the student's final cumulative GPA.

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Processional March

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“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”
by Ludwig van Beethoven, melody from Ninth Symphony
text by Henry van Dyke, arranged by Taras Nahirniak

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University Symphonic Band and University Choir
“The Star-Spangled Banner”
by Francis Scott Key
arranged by Russell Robinson

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University Symphonic Band and University Choir
"God of our Fathers"
by George W. Warren
lyrics by Donald C. Roberts with additional verses
by Jennifer Stafford, Assistant Professor and Director
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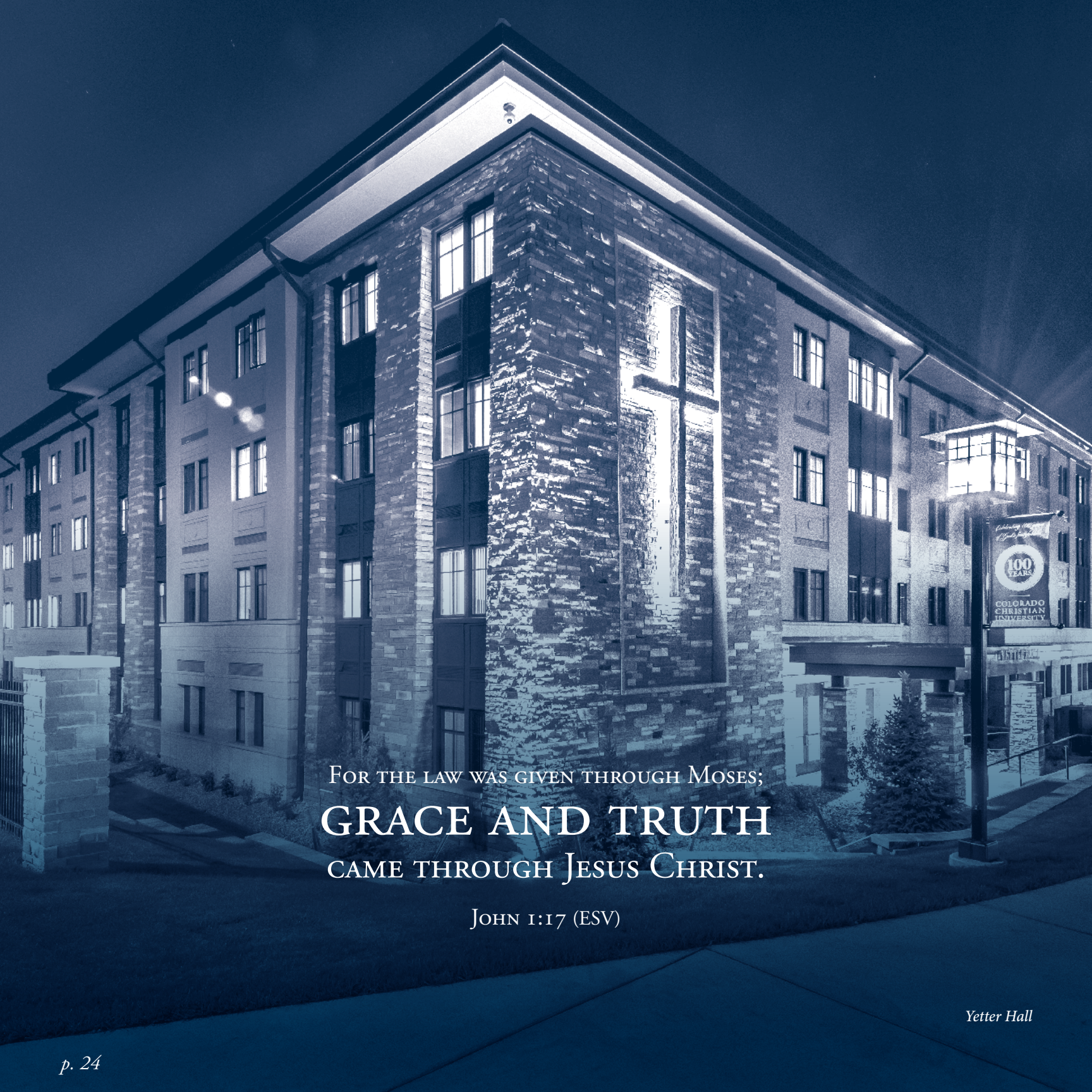
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GRACE AND TRUTH
CAME THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

JOHN 1:17 (ESV)

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UNIVERSITY HONORS

GRADUATE HONORS

Candidates for the master's degree wearing a gold medallion with blue ribbon have earned Graduate with High Distinction Honors. These students have achieved a 3.9-4.0 cumulative grade point average and have completed 30 or more semester hours of graduate credit while attending Colorado Christian University.

LAUDE HONORS

Candidates for the bachelor's degree wearing the white honor cord have earned the honor of *cum laude* (with honor), holding a 3.5-3.69 cumulative grade point average. Those wearing the silver honor cord have earned the honor of *magna cum laude* (with high honor), holding a 3.7-3.89 cumulative grade point average. Finally, those wearing the gold honor cord have earned the honor of *summa cum laude* (with highest honor), holding a 3.9-4.0 cumulative grade point average. Students receiving these distinctions have attended CCU for at least 60 semester hours.

UNIVERSITY HONORS

Candidates for a bachelor's degree wearing a mauve honor cord have earned University Honors. These students have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher and have completed a maximum of 59 semester hours while attending Colorado Christian University.

UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES RECOGNITION

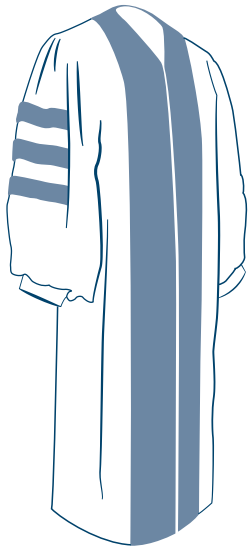
Candidates who have served or who are currently serving in any of the five branches of the United States Armed Forces (including National Guard or Reserves) are entitled to wear a red, white, and blue recognition cord.

HONOR SOCIETIES

Candidates wearing the following honor distinctions are part of one or more of the following honor societies:

- ***Alpha Sigma Lambda:***
a society honoring adult undergraduate students – white stoles imprinted in gold and burgundy with the ASL script and shield
- ***Chi Alpha Sigma:***
a national athletic honor society – black and yellow cords
- ***Chi Sigma Iota:***
an international honor society for professional counselors – a double strand of royal blue and white cords
- ***Kappa Delta Pi:***
a national honor society in education – purple and green cords
- ***Lambda Pi Eta:***
an international honor society in communication – red and white cords
- ***Omicron Delta Kappa:***
national leadership honor society – white stoles embroidered with a gold key and Greek letters OΔK
- ***Pi Kappa Lambda:***
a national music honor society – gold and white cords
- ***Pi Lambda Theta:***
an educational honor society – gold cords
- ***Sigma Tau Delta:***
an international English honor society – red and black cords
- ***Sigma Theta Tau:***
an international honor society in nursing – purple and white cords
- ***Sigma Zeta:***
a national science and mathematics honor society – gold ribbon with gold and blue ΣΖ medallion

ACADEMIC REGALIA



University officers, faculty members, and graduating students wear gowns, mortarboards, hoods, tams, and tassels that are traditional at the world's oldest universities.

Academic regalia dates back to European universities in the Middle Ages, when hoods and gowns were required for warmth in unheated buildings. In American universities of the late 19th century, these medieval costumes were revived to lend color to academic functions, with gowns of master's and doctorate degrees distinct from each other and from bachelor's degrees. Gowns are normally black, although some universities have designed their own to bear the color of the institution.

The master's gown has pointed sleeves slit at the elbows; the doctor's gown has wide lapels of velvet, either black or the color of the scholar's academic specialization. The hood drapes over the components of the academic costume. The master's hood is pointed; the doctor's hood is bell-shaped. The color of the border of the hood indicates the scholar's major field of study; the lining color or colors identify the institution that conferred the wearer's degree. The customary head covering is the Oxford cap or mortarboard, with a tassel of gold metallic threads.

Academic specializations present in the Commencement ceremony today are indicated by the following colors:

- Arts, Letters, and Humanities – White
- Business – Drab
- Communication – Crimson
- Counseling and Guidance – Light Blue
- Criminal Justice – Navy Blue
- Cyber Security – Golden Yellow
- Divinity – Scarlet
- Economics – Copper
- Education – Light Blue
- Fine Arts – Brown
- Law – Purple
- Library Science – Lemon
- Mathematics – Gold
- Music – Pink
- Nursing – Apricot
- Philosophy – Dark Blue
- Physical Science – Sage Green
- Physics – Gold
- Political Science – Dark Blue
- Psychology – Gold
- Public Administration – Peacock Blue
- Science – Golden Yellow
- Social Science – Citron
- Theology – Scarlet

TRADITIONS OF CCU

UNIVERSITY SEAL



The Colorado Christian University seal depicts our institution's core identity. The Word of God in the center is placed upon the Cross of Christ, which is laid upon the Shield of Faith. This Shield of Faith is surrounded by three Greek words which are translated "grace and truth," the University motto. The outer rings surrounding the Word, the Cross, and the Shield contain two elements:

the year 1914, when our oldest parent institution was founded, and our name, Colorado Christian University. The uppermost word on the seal is "Christian," which in one word captures all that we strive to be through God's power working in us.

UNIVERSITY MEDALLION



The University medallion is worn by the president at Commencement and other academic ceremonies as part of his academic regalia, symbolizing the authority and responsibilities incumbent with the office. The brass medallion is of simple, linked construction, with the University seal forming the medallion. Linking the brass chain above the seal is an ornament inscribed with the Latin words, *ad fontes*, which occurs in the Latin Vulgate of Psalm 42, translated as "back to the sources," — a reference

to our cornerstone and the original cornerstone of the Western university, Jesus Christ, *for He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.*

UNIVERSITY HYMN

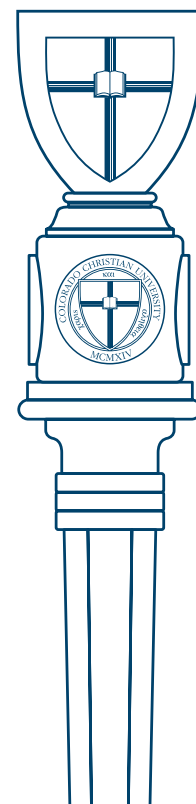
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" is the official hymn of Colorado Christian University. This jubilant melody, composed by Ludwig van Beethoven for his Ninth Symphony, together with the text by Henry van Dyke, is one of the most celebratory worship hymns in the church. The 2006 Commencement Ceremony marked the premiere performance of this setting for Wind Ensemble and Choir, commissioned especially for CCU and written by Taras Nahirniak, respected educator and composer.

UNIVERSITY MACE

The Colorado Christian University mace is a ceremonial staff used as a symbol of the authority granted to the University to issue degrees. As an academic symbol, the mace dates back to 16th century England when, in 1589, Queen Elizabeth I presented a replica of her own royal mace to the University of Oxford to be used in all ceremonies to represent the royal presence and the authority granted to the University to issue degrees under the royal insignia.

Since that time, it has become customary for European and American colleges and universities to use ceremonial maces during academic exercises. The CCU mace is seen only at Convocation, Commencement, and honorary degree ceremonies. Protocol for using the mace requires that it be carried into the ceremony by the chief academic officer or another person selected for special recognition. During the ceremony, the mace is placed in a stand on the platform to indicate the ceremony is in formal session. At the conclusion, the mace is carried out to mark the completion of the ceremony.

The Colorado Christian University mace is carved from Colorado cherry wood and adorned with the University colors of gold and blue. The triangular head-piece is inlaid with a gold and blue rendering of the University shield. Below, each of the four sides carries a finely wrought engraving of the University seal. The wooden staff is bound at the intervals with nine gold rings inscribed with the names of the heritage institutions of Colorado Christian University, dating back to the founding of Denver Bible Institute in 1914.



ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

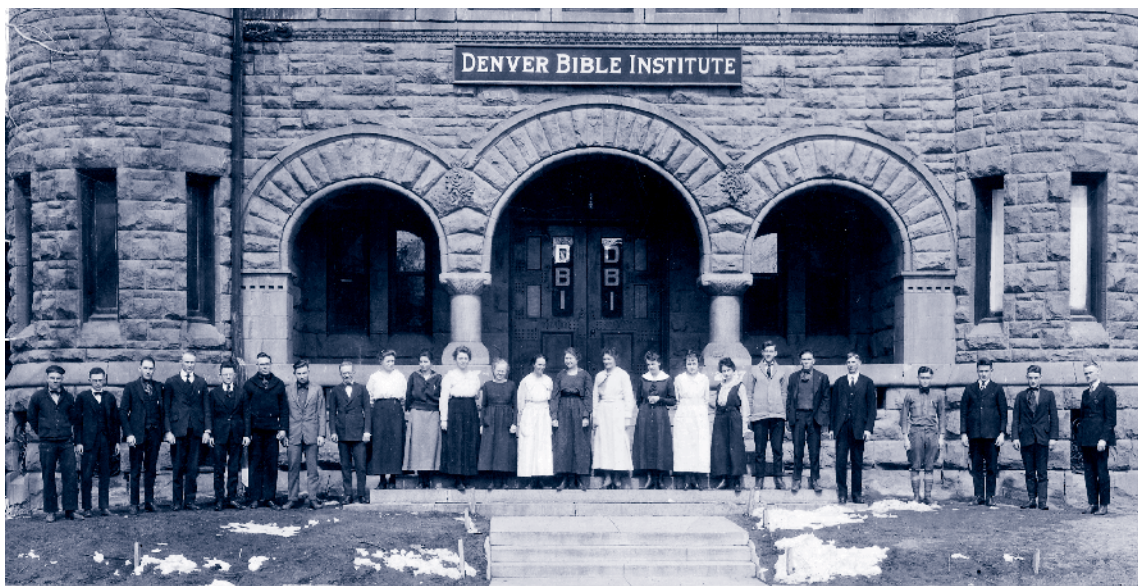


Colorado Christian University is located in Lakewood, Colorado, a suburb of Denver. Founded in 1914, CCU is the flagship Christian university in the Rocky Mountain region. A leader in higher education, the University is consistently ranked in the top 2 percent of colleges nationwide for its core curriculum by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni.

CCU offers undergraduate and graduate degrees for traditional and adult students through its College of Undergraduate Studies and College of Adult and Graduate Studies. More than 8,500 students attend the University on the main campus, in regional centers throughout Colorado, and online. CCU is an NCAA Division II university in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference (RMAC).

Colorado Christian University is regionally accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. The University is also a member of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities, the Council of Independent Colleges, and the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities.

UNIVERSITY HISTORY



In 1914, Denver Bible Institute was founded on two principles: grace and truth. The first classes were comprised of only two students and one teacher, but from those modest beginnings, Colorado Christian University was born.

In 1945, Denver Bible Institute became Denver Bible College, a four-year college with three academic schools: the College of Liberal Arts, the Theological School, and the Bible Institute. Four years later, the school was renamed Rockmont College — around the same time that Western Bible Institute was founded.

It wasn't until the 1980s that significant change occurred again. The two schools merged in 1985, forming Colorado Christian College. By 1989, however, the need for a flagship Christian institution in Colorado was evident. Colorado Baptist University joined Colorado Christian College to form the institution we know today.

As of fall 2020, there were over 20,000 living alumni spread throughout all 50 states and several countries — scholars dedicated to integrating high-level academics with timeless faith. Throughout our history, Colorado Christian University has seen God's hand orchestrating each step in the journey and we look toward the future with great anticipation for where He will lead us as the journey continues.

UNIVERSITY DISTINCTIVES

MISSION

Christ-centered higher education transforming students to impact the world with grace and truth.

Colorado Christian University cultivates knowledge and love of God in a Christ-centered community of learners and scholars, with an enduring commitment to the integration of exemplary academics, spiritual formation, and engagement with the world. We envision graduates who think critically and creatively, lead with high ethical and professional standards, embody the character and compassion of Jesus Christ, treasure the gospel, and who thereby are prepared to impact the world in their callings.

Christ-centered community

Our community of interdependent students, faculty, and staff seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ, who is present in Spirit and speaks in Scripture, in order to advance God's purposes in the lives of every member.

Exemplary academics

Our undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral curriculum integrates faith and learning in a scholarly environment that fosters critical and creative thinking, academic excellence, and professional competence.

Spiritual formation

Our academic and student development programs cultivate a deep and enduring faith that affirms the authority of Scripture and embraces Christ as the authentic center of life.

Engagement with the world

Our students experience and engage the world in ways that prepare leaders to serve and transform their professions, churches, and communities.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Colorado Christian University unites with the broad, historic evangelical faith rather than affiliating with any specific denomination. In this commitment, the University embraces the following declarations of the National Association of Evangelicals:

- We believe the Bible to be the inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.
- We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.
- We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful people, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
- We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

These declarations do not comprise all that individual Christians may consider important elements of faith; rather, they establish the essential framework within which members of the University both unite in shared beliefs and explore differences.

UNIVERSITY DISTINCTIVES

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Colorado Christian University's Strategic Priorities were adopted by the CCU Board of Trustees to serve as a guiding compass for the University. They direct the implementation of CCU's long-established mission and provide context for our first priority — an enduring commitment to Jesus Christ and His kingdom. The Strategic Priorities provide a point of convergence for every member of the CCU community and for every aspect of life at CCU, from how we teach and learn in the classroom to how we live with and serve others.

Colorado Christian University shall:

- Honor Christ and share the love of Christ on campus and around the world
- Teach students to trust the Bible, live holy lives, and be evangelists
- Be a magnet for outstanding students and prepare them for positions of significant leadership in the church, business, government, and professions by offering an excellent education in strategic disciplines
- Teach students how to learn
- Teach students how to think for themselves
- Teach students how to speak and write clearly and effectively
- Give students significant opportunities to serve our Lord while they are at CCU and to help them develop a lifetime habit of such service
- Impact our culture in support of traditional family values, sanctity of life, compassion for the poor, Biblical view of human nature, limited government, personal freedom, free markets, natural law, original intent of the Constitution, and Western civilization
- Be seekers of truth
- Debunk “spent ideas” and those who traffic in them
- Ask God to multiply our time and ability to the glory of His great name
- Be a servant of the Church
- Become a great university

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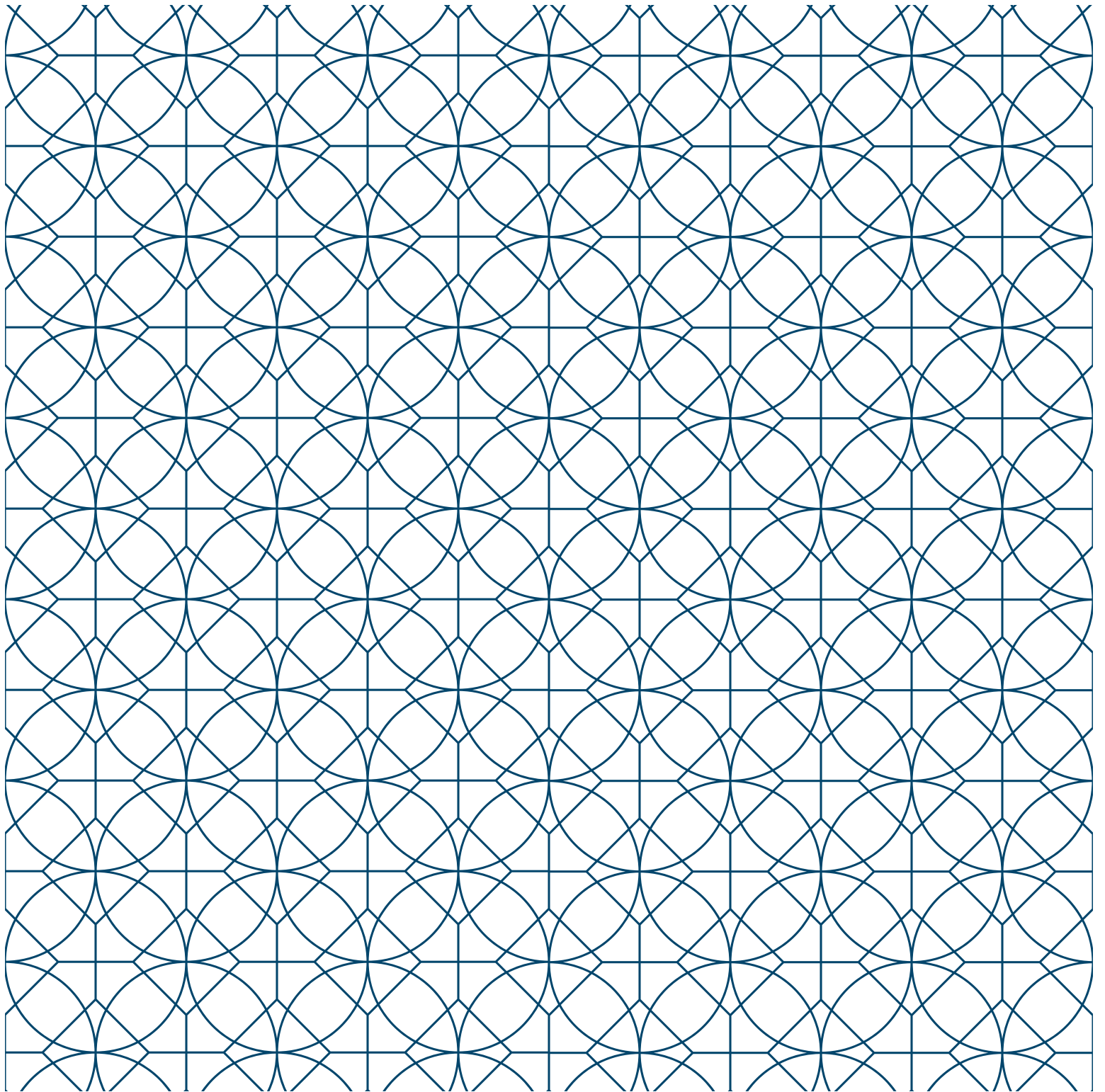
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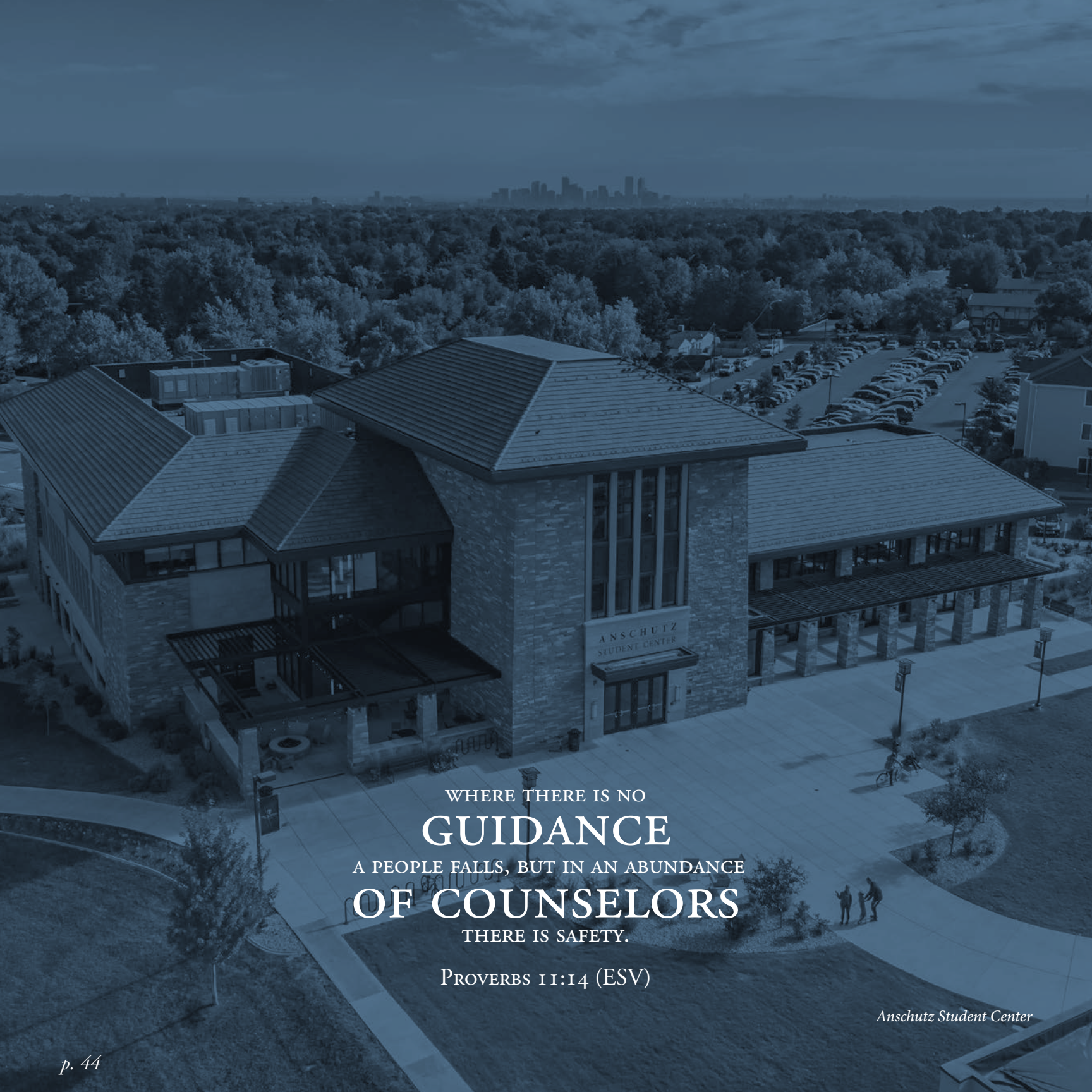
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