

Columbia Academy...Our Foundation

Columbia Academy is a private institution of learning, independently governed by a Board of Directors and staffed by an Administration and faculty consisting of members of churches of Christ.

Our mission statement is as follows: *Columbia Academy is committed to serving its students so they master skills, knowledge and character appropriate for them and their future while becoming Christ-like in attitude and behavior.* Faith and learning are integrated throughout the curriculum with a focus on training the whole person: academically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually. Columbia Academy is committed to Biblical instruction through teaching and practice. As an institution of learning, the education we provide is grounded in core Christian values. Students have daily Bible classes as well as regular chapel services and devotionals. The Academy was established in 1979 by members of churches of Christ and has been closely affiliated with churches in this fellowship ever since.

We believe in God as the Father and Creator (Genesis 1:1) and in Jesus Christ as His resurrected Son (I Corinthians 15:3,4). We also believe in the Lordship of Christ (Philippians 2:11) and the work of the Holy Spirit (I Corinthians 6:19). Salvation comes by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8), and baptism by immersion produces forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). We believe the Bible to be the fully inspired Word of God (II Timothy 3:16) and our only creed.

In all we do, we aspire to be non-sectarian in character. Jesus prayed for the unity of all believers (John 17:21), and that is a goal we continue to pursue. We welcome all students to come grow with us. Columbia Academy creates a friendly and inclusive environment for students from a variety of religious, ethnic, social, cultural and geographical backgrounds.

Relationships are at the heart of our Christ-centered faith. As Christians, we strive to be guided in all our relationships by gentleness and respect (I Peter 3:16). Understanding that the road to eternal life is narrow and difficult (Matthew 7:14), we strive to focus on the greatest commands: loving God and loving others (Matthew 22:36ff).