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President Smith's First Day at CIU

Dr. Mark Smith, CIU's 7th president, a self-described "Bible-centered entrepreneur," is just getting started with his work at CIU. Dr. Smith has a passion for "preparing a new generation of ministers, missionaries, and ministering professionals for the day that we live in." To meet this goal, Smith says technology — namely, online learning — must be expanded.

[Read more about Dr. Smith Here >](#)

Dr. Smith's Inauguration will be held at Homecoming 2017. Join us to witness the historic occasion and learn more about Dr. Smith's heart and vision for CIU.

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First Softball Coach

The first women's softball coach in the history of CIU has a decade of NCAA coaching and playing experience. Coach Sara Allen comes to CIU from Montana State University Billings (NCAA II) where she served as assistant softball coach. She is "excited to start all the traditions and develop the culture that will characterize Rams softball."

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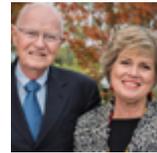
Muslim Worldviews

Field Guide: Christianity's message and witness is often not readily understood nor received by Muslims because of a clash of worldviews. A worldview is a set of assumptions about reality within a cultural context, a certain way of thinking regarding God, man, sin, the universe, and how it all fits together.

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"What I admired about him, was his incredible self-control and love for people and yieldedness to be all God wanted him to be, regardless of the cost."



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Leading with Story, Rick Sessoms ('80), offers unique solutions that will challenge and help understand this storycentric generation.



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Alumni Spotlight

Marcella Wilson graduated in 2011 with a Master of Arts in Pastoral Counseling. These days she owns and operates Marcella's Old Skool Cookies & Loaves in Columbia, SC. She delivers her products to over 60 businesses each



week, in addition to fulfilling call-in orders. "CIU grew me as a Christian. It changed my perspective of who I am, where I am, where I worship. It helped me to learn to see the world through the lens of Christ, and not my own."

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