

A B A C U S

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2014

STAINLESS STEEL

Abacus is a work of art that uses mathematics and the optics of light reflection as its medium. Based upon the ancient calculation tool, the patterns of the stainless spheres represent the dates of 24 of the most significant milestone events in the history of Oregon State University from 1858 to the opening of Austin Hall in 2014.

DATES

- 1858 Corvallis Academy formed
- 1859 Oregon becomes the 33rd state in the USA
- 1862 Morrill Act of 1862 creates "Land-Grant" colleges to focus on agriculture, science and engineering
- 1868 Corvallis College designated as the Agricultural College of Oregon. Renamed Corvallis State Agricultural College
- 1897 Corvallis State Agricultural College becomes Oregon Agricultural College
- 1908 School of Commerce established and John Andrew Bexell becomes first dean
- 1922 Dean Bexell opens Commerce Hall, later named Bexell Hall
- 1927 Oregon Agricultural College becomes Oregon State Agricultural College
- 1932 The School of Commerce merges with School of Business Administration at University of Oregon
- 1937 Oregon State Agricultural College becomes Oregon State College
- 1942 Division of Business and Industry restored in Corvallis by Oregon State Board of Higher Education
- 1947 Division of Business and Industry renamed School of Business and Technology
- 1960 Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business accredits School of Business and Technology
- 1961 Oregon State College renamed Oregon State University (OSU)
- 1965 OSU granted authority to offer the master of business administration degree
- 1983 School of Business and Technology renamed to College of Business
- 1985 Austin Family Business Program at Oregon State University is created
- 1987 College establishes Oregon's first international business exchange program
- 2004 The Austin Entrepreneurship Program at Weatherford Residential College is created
- 2006 OSU approves the college's transformation into a professional school
- 2007 Oregon State Board of Higher Education approves first degree beyond the general business degree.
- 2008 College of Business celebrates 100 years (i.e. Centennial Celebration)
- 2012 School of Design and Human Environment joins College of Business
- 2014 OSU's first capital campaign raises \$1 billion. Austin Hall opens and welcomes PhD students in business

How to Read the Abacus

The upper two beads each have a value of "5."

The lower five beads on each cable have a value of "1."

The beads that are placed near the center "reckoning bar" represent the number.

The four vertical rows of cables and beads represent from left to right:

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RECKONING BAR

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For example, the year 2014 is represented, like this:

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RECKONING BAR

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