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## NEW SCHOOL MODEL LAUDED

Faubion-Concordia school  
 partnership a pathway to progress

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Dr. Jill Biden, the wife of former Vice President Joe Biden, said a new public and private partnership between Concordia University and Faubion Elementary is a shining example of making powerful changes in education that can lift an entire community.

The former Second Lady was the guest of honor and keynote speaker at Concordia's annual Gov. Victory Atiyeh Leadership in Education Awards. The 7th annual event celebrated Faubion and Concordia's new "3 to PhD" partnership. Biden toured the school before Saturday's ceremony.

Located at Northeast 29th and De-

kum, Faubion opened the school year in a new building next to the Concordia campus thanks to a voter-approved property tax levy by Portland Public Schools.

The three-story structure is not only a new home for the school but also a new model for education by promoting the health and wellbeing of all students and their families. The entire Concordia College of Education is embedded inside the school where they can work with their younger learners and gain valuable teaching experience.

Additional partnerships with Kaiser Permanente and Trillium Family

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Former Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden in Portland Saturday for Concordia University's 2018 Gov. Victory Atiyeh Leadership in Education Awards. In her keynote speech, Biden praised Portland educational leaders for instituting new public and private partnership between Concordia University and Faubion Elementary that serves as a shining example of making powerful changes in education that can lift an entire community.

Dr. Jill Biden and Concordia University doctorate student Gwen Thompson tour the new Faubion Elementary School at Northeast 29th and Dekum.

