

Campus Crusade for Christ at USC

Turning lost students into Christ centered laborers

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IT JUST KEEPS GETTING BETTER...

What a sweet season of ministry! Sometime you reach the end of the school year tired and worn out lamenting about a "hard but good" season of ministry. As I wrap up this semester and I begin to look back on what God did, all I can say is that it's been good...real good. After 7 years on staff with Campus Crusade there have been many highs and lows, many joys and disappointments, but this semester just leaves me wanting more. Here are some of the highlights.

Ministry takes off on the row...

Back in January God opened the door for me to lead a Bible study in the Lambda Chi house. Turns out it was just one of the many doors He was opening. Along with Lambda Chi He started Bible studies in the Sigma Chi, TKE, Beta, and SAE fraternities. Just this semester! Upperclassmen are stepping up to be spiritual leaders in their houses and freshmen are coming out of the woodwork to get involved. God is on the move!

Lambda Chi Bible Study

One of the questions I was asked the night of our first Bible study was, "Why would you want to lead a Bible study in a fraternity?" Fifteen weeks later I have my answer.

It's because of guys like David, Nick, and Lance who are learning what it means to be spiritual leaders. It's because of guys like Jake who came to understand that he can have confidence in approaching God because of Christ. And it's because of guys like Thomas who opened the door of their life to receive Jesus into their heart.

There is nothing more satisfying than seeing God change lives and transform young men more and more into the image of His son.



The ΛΧΑ guys - David, Lance, Me, Thomas, Gareth, and Stephen



Some of the students at our last Greek Life meeting

Monthly Greek Life Meeting

52 students came to our last Greek Life meeting of the year. 52...our largest yet! Talk about ending on a high note. What's even better is that over 20 of them were guys. This time last year we had about 4 men, but the word is getting out and students are discovering a community where they can walk with God and help others discover what it might be like to have a relationship with Christ.

Meetings included amazing special guests like USC alum David Wheeler, but some of the most impacting speakers were actually students who shared their testimony of what Christ has done in their life. This semester alone we've seen at least 4 greek students place their faith in Christ!

Recommendations

Books



Leading With A Limp

Dan Allender



Prince Caspian

C.S. Lewis

Music



Carney

Nothing Without You



Once

Music from the Motion Picture

Web Sites

www.USCCru.com

www.studentimpact.jp

www.pandora.com

www.panoramas.dk

Student Leaders



On Thursday night 55 students crowded Paul & Trina's living room. These students are the future of Cru leadership serving on our Leadership and Servant Teams. We've made some exciting changes to these teams this year to keep students focused on our mission and to keep younger students from burning out. Most exciting though is their enthusiasm and desire to see God change lives at USC.

Growing Community

After our leadership dinner we had a late night taking it to the Bruins in our 4th annual USC vs. UCLA broomball game. Enthusiastic staff like Paul Litwin have played a crucial role this year in growing momentum for our community events. This is such a blessing. If you want to impact a campus together, you need to enjoy sharing life together (i.e. Acts 2). Our heart is that in the years to come it would become more and more true that students want to be where Cru community is.



Seniors

No one will ever own our ministry and set the bar for the rest of our students like the seniors will. Each year we get to celebrate our seniors, the ways they have grown in the Lord, and the contributions they have made to the ministry by throwing a dessert for them. One of last year's graduating seniors Kim Gilmore came back and shared some advice while the seniors shared their memories and reflected on their time at USC. For me it was a special time as this is the first graduating class I've led since their freshman year.

Simple Pleasures

On March 19th I got to spend my birthday at Disneyland with friends. Last month I caught my friend's band Carney in concert their final three weeks in LA before going on tour. During our regional conference I got to play electric guitar in the worship band. Recently my computer crashed and God completely provided for a brand new one. For our final staff meeting we went to the park and just enjoyed each other. Praise God for simple pleasures!



So there it is... a sweet season of seeing God's hand and enjoying his presence. What a way to end the school year! I've got quite an exciting summer to look forward to, but for now I'm content to just step back and soak in the last 4 months. This week our staff team is heading to Yosemite to enjoy the Lord's creation and celebrate the end of the school year together. It's times of refreshment like these that get us ready for coming back to campus and doing it all over again, and come fall I'm trusting that God will only continue to grow the work that He has begun. Please join me in praying towards that end. Thank you again for your partnership in reaching USC!!!

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