



# The Roe's Hatch

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Dear Partner,

Today's college students are under enormous pressure. I'm sure we could have said that 25 years ago when we first joined staff with Cru, and it would have been true. But here in 2019, it's just beyond comparison. For example, today:

- Anxiety disorders are the most common mental illness in the U.S., affecting 40 million adults, or 18.1% of the population each year.
- Eighty-five percent of college students reported they felt overwhelmed by everything they had to do within the past year.
- Anxiety is the top presenting concern among college students (41.6%). Depression is next (36.4%) and relationship problems (35.8%).
- The suicide rate among college students has increased over 200% since 1950. CBS News reported last October that 1 in 5 college students are so stressed they contemplate suicide.

These statistics are startling, yet we frequently sit down with students who are struggling with anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts and/or addictions. It's a growing part of our job. It used to be rare, like really once in a few years that we'd be called on to deal with these things, but now it's common place.

Last month at our Winter Conference, I (Bonnie) had the privilege of delivering a seminar on Anxiety and our Identity in Christ to a few hundred college students. One key tool we have as believers is to understand and live out who we are in Christ. Understanding these vital truths (some of which you can find on the other side of this sheet) can make all the difference in being emotionally, spiritually, and even physically healthy.



I've been meeting with "Hannah," a junior on one of our campuses. She grew up in inner city Milwaukee and had been exposed to way more than any 20-year-old (or anyone, for that matter) should be exposed to. I first met Hannah when she came to our Fall Getaway in October, having been raped at a party just the previous week. It has been incredible to see the transformation in her life as the Lord reveals His grace to her. She is taking a lot of

time to learn about who God is, what He has done for her through Christ, and the things that are true of her, even though she may not always feel it. She has struggled through a lot of guilt, shame and anxiety and even with suicidal thoughts. Yet God is setting her free as she learns to find her identity and her sense of worth in Him and Him alone. While taking some time to work on these deep issues, Hannah has been accepted to go on a stateside summer mission with Cru and is eager to share with others the deep and freeing truths she has found in the person of Jesus Christ. Please continue to pray for her growth and sanctification.

Scott and I are so grateful for your partnership,

*Bonnie Roe*



113 Southern Wisconsin students joined us at the Minneapolis Winter Conference.

Their hearts for God, His Word, and reaching the lost took big leaps forward.

They experienced a great day of sharing the gospel as we teamed up with local churches in the city. For many this was the first time they talked with a stranger about Jesus.

They were ready to return home and to campus with a new zeal. Several decided to take a risk to invest their summers on a summer mission.

Others said "Yes" to serving full-time after graduation for a year or more in countries in need of missionaries.

On the final night, the ballroom was filled with the sound of worship and prayer as we ushered in the New Year.

And then once again, in the early hours of 2019, Southern Wisconsin, dressed in Badger red, dazzled the crowd and won the cheer and dance competition.



# Would you join us in praying for some key events coming up?

*Scott and Bonnie Roe*



Weekly Meetings:

Tuesdays 7:30 pm UW-Whitewater Cru Live  
Thursdays 8:00 pm Madison Badger Cru

Feb 1-2

Winter Overnight:

*Training and community building*

Feb 7-14

Join the Story Outreach

*A week long emphasis of sharing testimonies online and in person as a means to introduce others to Jesus. See [JointheStory.net](http://JointheStory.net)*

Feb 22-23

Madison Men's Overnight

Feb 28

Collegiate Day of Prayer

*Learn more: [collegiatedayofprayer.org](http://collegiatedayofprayer.org)*

March 1-2

Madison Women's Overnight

March 2

Southern Wisconsin Cru Vision Dinner

*Raises resources for our campuses  
Join us if you can! [WisconsinCru.com](http://WisconsinCru.com)*

March 4-8

Special student-led outreaches in residence halls

March 7

"I Wanna lead"

*Key meeting to invite students to serve and lead with Cru next year*

March 15-23

*UW, MATC, Edgewood Spring Break  
Missions trips to NYC and Texas*

March 22-30

*UW-Whitewater Spring Break Trip to Texas*

April 5-6

A Common Call

*Faculty Commons conference to equip professors and graduate students to serve and witness on campus*