



Ministry Update for the Browns  
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## LIFE OPTIONS

When can Virginia Tech and the University of Virginia, historic rivals in sports, academics and more, find common ground? At the Life Options conference! The conference is an opportunity for upper classmen to process how to honor the Lord with their future. Though Cru opportunities were presented, the primary objective of the conference was for students to get a Biblical perspective regarding the workforce, and had panels of marketplace professionals sharing their experience. This was the first time we had the opportunity to attend the conference and Jena took 11 students and three other staff with her! The conference also featured talks by 50 year Cru veteran Roger Hershey, whom the students all loved hearing from. Please pray that our students will continue to apply what they learned as they process what is next after they graduate.



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# GIRLS' NIGHT OUT

WITH MARIAN JORDAN ELLIS  
AUTHOR OF SEX AND THE CITY UNCOVERED

## WHEN

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 8:00 PM

## WHERE

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA  
NEWCOMB BALLROOM

# DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



Marian Jordan Ellis at UVA

After months of planning, preparing and most of all, praying, Girls Night Out came to the University of Virginia, where it was attended by 105 women!

Girls Night Out is an evangelistic outreach strategy hosted by Marian Jordan Ellis, six time author of books including Sex and the City Uncovered. Ellis shares her personal journey of faith, having emerged from a lifestyle similar to the character Carrie Bradshaw from the HBO TV show. Her outreach has had a profound impact on women at colleges and universities throughout the country as thousands of women have come to Christ through her ministry

The week leading up to GNO, our staff and students were diligent in promoting the event, handing out coffee with flyers, chocolate with flyers, and even roses with flyers. Even Samuel got in on the fun — he had a blast meeting UVA women, and handing out over 80 full-size candy bars and flyers!



Samuel doing outreach at UVA with students. Don't eat the flyer!

We first heard Marian speak ten years ago at a similar event at MIT when we were on staff in Boston, and had wanted to bring her to UVA, as the students are very similar in demeanor and mindset. Her story is a profound one that resonates with many women who are seeking love, acceptance and peace. She shared the story of the woman caught in adultery as an illustration of God's love for us. Many women in Newcomb Ballroom were visibly moved, and later when we read our comment cards we noted that **eight women** placed their faith in Christ that night and **one woman rededicated** herself to the Lord! One of the eight was a high school student and another was Toni, a student from the new Cru ministry at CVCC that drove an hour to come to the event! Toni will be joining 40 other students from her campus, UVA, and PVCC that are headed to the Big Break conference next week.



Jena and Toni, new sister in Christ from CVCC

## PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Praise God for our eight new sisters on Christ and one rededication! Pray they would agree to meet up for follow up and join a small group to get plugged in.
- Please pray for safety and for the Lord to bear fruit and encourage our students in our upcoming spring break mission trip.
- Please pray for Olivia's migraines and for wisdom for knowing the best course of action to take as they have caused her a lot of pain recently. Pray for total and complete healing.

"Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said.  
"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go and leave your life of sin." - John 8:10b-11  
With love,

Andrew, Jena, Logan and Samuel