



Ministry Update for the Browns  
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## #ADULTING



Our next Large Group series at UVA is called “#adulting,” an extremely popular concept among millennials. Adulting means to do “grown up” things and hold responsibilities such as, a 9-5 job, a mortgage/rent, a car payment, or anything else that makes one think of grown ups. Our series is meant to challenge our students to be adults as adulthood is depicted in Scripture. Jena kicked the series off with a talk on “Emotional Adulting,” and challenged our students to take responsibility for their feelings and leverage them to draw closer to God.

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# DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS

CRU WINTER CONFERENCE

# BALTIMORE

## WINTER CONFERENCE AND....WE'RE BACK!

The spring semester is back in full swing! Our family spent the new year at Cru Winter Conference in Baltimore with 40 students (and our ten person staff team) from UVA, PVCC, CVCC and Liberty. The conference was an incredible time of worship and commitment to the Lord. Our days were filled with powerful talks from gifted speakers, reunions with our Dominican Republic team from this summer, and different seminars covering everything from addiction to full time overseas missionary work.

Our favorite time of this conference is always the Pledge. This is a time set aside during the final new year's eve meeting where students can do business with God and consider whether or not they are willing to go, do, say or give anything for the sake of His kingdom. Usually a handful of our students will sign the Pledge, but this year we had 45 staff and students sign the pledge!!! Students can indicate if the Lord has impressed anything upon them that warrant steps of faith. Below are some of the highlights of their decisions:

- One student trusted Christ for the first time!
- 16 students want to go on a summer mission with Cru
- 9 students want to give a year of their life to the Lord on mission.

On the final night we had students get together to share about what they learned. It was exciting time to hear what God had done in their lives. I received an encouragement note that was likely the best I've ever received. Maggie, one of our PVCC leaders that went to the DR with us wrote:

*If it wasn't for God choosing to use you in Cville, I would be a very different person. So thank you, thank you, thank you for being obedient to that. You make such a big difference and are good at making people feel special."*

We are so grateful to the Lord for what He has done in the hearts of these students! If you would like to listen to some of the messages from the conference, visit: <https://vimeo.com/user10341600>

## PVCC CLUB FAIR

The Spring Club Fair was held last week and Cru staff and students had a great time connecting with people that approached our table. Ten of those showed up later that day for our first meeting! It was great to see so many new faces as well as many returning students. There were 40 in attendance so the semester is starting off well!



We have club fairs at UVA and CVCC next week so please be in prayer that we would connect with many interested students and have opportunities to share the gospel. Thank you for your prayers and support!

## PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

We have two upcoming women's events happening: Kaleb Retreat and Girls Night Out!

- **Kaleb** is Cru's women's ministry at UVA, PVCC and CVCC, and the retreat is an opportunity for our women to disengage from academics and plug into the Source of true joy and peace.

- **Girls Night Out** is a national evangelistic event that appeals to women in sororities. We are praying for 400 women to attend and that 80 will pray to receive Christ. Please pray that both events will communicate love and care to women through the Cru ministry!

*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.—Psalm 121:1*

Much love,  
Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel