



Ministry Update for the Browns
September 2016

PVCC LAUNCH

We held a carnival at PVCC and had a great time serving Chick-fil-a, snow cones, playing games, face painting and more! PVCC typically doesn't have large events so the students that came out were really excited. We also met students that didn't know there was a Christian group at PVCC so it was definitely a successful event!



We were also blessed to have 35 students at our first meeting, thanks to the efforts of the staff tirelessly following up contacts from tabling at the Activities Fair.



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LET'S BEGIN!

The Lord has done so many things the past few weeks that it is difficult to write all of them down! We have begun our year with the largest staff team we've ever had with 10 of us! We have 3 full-time staff, 6 staff interns and 1 part-time staff. We've all been working hard with 9 student events in the first 10 days. Here is a recap of some of the events:

We kicked off the new year with our staff team on August 14th with an overnight retreat in historic Staunton, VA. While we had a lot of fun together during our retreat, we were able to strategic plan a number of events and hash out what each of our roles would be for the upcoming year.

Later that week we held two cookouts for first year students on move-in days (Friday and Saturday) and we made a number of great connections with new students. They also walked away with something as we went through 1,600 Chick-Fil-A nuggets and 160 slices of pizza.



Two days later was the activity fair. This year we had TWO tables— one for Cru and one for Destrino. From the people at the fair, we received over 400 interested contacts! Our student small group leaders have been faithfully contacting all of these students and seen a number of those students come out to Cru events and get involved in small group bible studies. Please keep their efforts in your prayers!

Andrew was busy the rest of the week with prepping for a talk that he would give at our first Large Group meeting of the year. 140 students came out to the first meeting which was more than we've seen come to a first meeting in a number of years!



CRU CARNIVAL

A few years ago, we began the process of launching an annual Vision Dinner to generate operational support for our ministry. At our initial dreaming and brainstorming meeting, when asked about what we could dream would happen at UVA, one of our staff, Nicole, said she dreamed of having a bouncy house — it was a symbol in her mind for a fun atmosphere that would attract students to Cru. We are excited to say that this year her dream came true! This year we launched the first "Cru Carnival" — a welcome event with sno-cones, face painting, pie tossing and much, much more — including a bouncy house! We acquired 60 new contacts that evening and had an amazing time. Praise the Lord that He makes our dreams come true!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND PRAYERS FOR US. THESE THINGS WOULD NOT BE HAPPENING WITHOUT YOU!

PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Pray for our Fall Retreat! Pray many more students will register and that it would launch growth in their walks with the Lord.
- Pray for the continued growth of Cru at PVCC. That we would have student leaders that would own and lead the ministry well.
- Our staff Joel and Kristen are getting married next month! Pray that their wedding would be a blessed celebration of love.
- Pray for continued reception to the student contacts we follow up in hearing the gospel and more about Cru.

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. — Isaiah 43:19

With love,

Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel