

# DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



## Hope for the Future: New Leaders and Vision Dinner

May 2024

### The end of the semester serves as a great achievement for staff and students in Cru.

It is a time where we devote ourselves to the celebration of God's work not only in our personal lives (for our students, through intellectual pursuits; for staff, through seeing multiplication in discipleship), but in the life of the ministry of Lynchburg Cru as well. Through last one on one meetings, weekly meetings, Monday night dinners, and socials we are reminded that *"the boundary lines have fallen for [us] in pleasant places; [and that] surely [we] have a delightful inheritance (Psalm 16:6)."* This past month our celebrations culminated in two major events: Leadership Retreats and Vision Dinner.



**Leadership Retreats.** These are times when newly elected leaders, current leaders, and leaders who are moving on spend time evaluating the effectiveness of the Cru ministry on their campus context as well as plan for the future. At LU, we elected over twenty new leaders to serve next year and will have **30 total leaders in the fall!** This is an unprecedented number

of students who have been moved to serve, and we are so excited for how this could impact students for the gospel. Our time was spent planning for High School, Sweet Briar, Randolph, CVCC and LU weekly meetings. In addition, there was a lot of interest in our student leaders participating in missions. They are pushing for a Middle East spring break trip! We are exploring the possibility of sending 6 week long mission trips next year.

**Vision Dinner 2024.** Held at the historic Craddock Terry Hotel, we were blessed to host 125 souls at our annual celebration and fundraising dinner. Cru-lebrity Roger Hershey gave a message on seeing generations impacted for Christ and the efficacy of the Cru ministry. This dinner is a great occasion for us to not only thank ministry donors in person, but also to raise the funds necessary for ongoing ministry expenses throughout the year. We are so grateful for everyone who attended!



**Watch the Spring Break Recap video from our Vision Dinner here:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8Rc0VtQLZo>

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise God for our upcoming new leaders at LU and our other campuses.
- Thank you to all of you who attended and gave at our Vision Dinner! If you are still interested in giving, you may do so at [give.cru.org/1041562](https://give.cru.org/1041562)

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