



Ministry Update for the Browns
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DESTINO!

This semester marks our launching of Destino, Cru's ministry celebrating Latin culture under the sovereignty of God. Two students — Claudia and Belen — went to a Destino conference last January and caught the vision of seeing Latino students changing the world for Christ.

During our activities fair Belen, Claudia and Jena advertised Destino and later that evening, held an interest meeting where they served a dozen students dinner and shared the mission of Destino with those in attendance, inviting them to attend Cru's Large Group meeting and a Destino specific Bible study meeting on Monday nights in one of the elite lawn rooms. In addition, there were about fifty other students who expressed interest for Destino that they are following up with.



Belen, Claudia and Jena at the Activities Fair

Please pray that many students would come and be excited about Destino and get plugged into the ministry!

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DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



MEET OUR NEW TEAM!

This month marks the beginning of an historic event — the University of Virginia has produced FOUR interns with the Cru ministry (with three on grounds and one overseas in East Asia). Our new team of seven kicked off the beginning of the semester with team bonding, planning, preparing and praying for the advancement of the gospel on grounds at Mr. Jefferson's University. Following this barrage of activity, we held our Leadership Retreat, where we prepared our student leaders to receive the incoming class of 3,707 new students. This is the largest student class in recent history, representing 77 different countries! Following the Leadership Retreat, our students and staff held cookouts with free food during the first two nights of first year move-in. We gave out 1,200 Chick-fil-a nuggets along with sandwiches, chips and drinks. More importantly, we made great connections with hundreds of students. A few days later our students represented Cru at UVA at the University's Activities Fair, where hundreds of student groups introduced themselves to the students that came through, who are looking for ways to get involved and connected to a community. Here is a great story of God's provision and hospitality from one of our fourth year student leaders, Bethany:



"This year Andrew came to us with the big goal of Facebook messaging every first-year in the Class of 2019 to invite them to cookouts we were having. I'll be honest, I was skeptical at first thinking it might not be the most effective way to connect with people. But getting off of an international summer mission, I remembered God has an intricate plan for each person and we never know how their story will start. So off I went to begin. One girl in particular, Brittany, responded saying she looked at our website and that she

was a Christian. She noted that I have on my profile that I know American Sign Language. She then told me that she is Deaf and that her main modes of communication were ASL and written English. The way I see it, God led me to take ASL as a first-year, grew my knowledge and understanding of it, just so I could be someone Brittany could talk to and welcome her in the name of Jesus. Brittany came out to our cookout and though my ASL is quite rusty, conversation flowed as well as can be expected. Thankfully, Leah also knows some ASL so I was not alone talking to her. Together, Leah and I got to welcome Brittany to UVA in her first language and encourage her in that way. I'm excited to have made a Deaf friend and can't wait to watch her experience first-year through her unique lens."



PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- Please pray for the 500 contacts (a record amount) we have — that we would not let any fall through the cracks, and give everyone that wants to an opportunity to hear the gospel and be involved in Cru. Pray also for our launch of Cru at Piedmont CC.
- Please pray for the interns to establish their respective ministries with the students under their care!
- Pray for our upcoming Fall Retreat — that our students would invite well and we would see 125 in attendance!
- Join us in praising the Lord for the safe arrival of baby Rider Teichman!

...be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. — 2 Timothy 2:2

Love, Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel