



Ministry Update for the Browns  
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## DESTINO



The Lord moved deeply in the hearts of students at Radiate, and Claudia, a third year music student, felt the Lord tugging at her heart to get involved with Destino, Cru's ministry to students of Latino/Hispanic descent. In her own words:

"When I signed up to go [to Radiate], I had been praying a lot for God to use the time there to answer specific requests I had, namely what He wanted me to do this upcoming semester and summer. God convicted me of not reaching out to the Latino/Hispanic community that I'm so involved in. There are so many people seeking the Lord, and here I was knowing the Truth, yet not sharing the Gospel. And that's where Destino comes in."

Claudia's enthusiasm caught the attention of her fellow classmates, and we have just sent FIVE students to the Destino Winter Conference in San Antonio! Please pray that the Lord uses this experience to grow a love for the Latino community on grounds and a desire to bring His gospel in culturally relevant and meaningful ways.

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# DOWNTOWN WITH THE BROWNS



## RADIATE 2014

Praise the Lord for a life changing, spirit-filled Radiate Conference! 24 students from UVA attended this year, held in historic Washington D.C. The conference was an incredible time for our students to grow in deeper relationship with the Lord and with one another. There were many highlights for us, but here are the TOP FIVE:

### 1. Students worshipping in the New Year.

There were over 1,000 students at the conference and on New Year's Eve, staff and students celebrated with a massive dance party that evolved into a night of worship, where the students honored God as their first act of 2015.

### 2. Incredible speakers that challenged the faith of both staff and students alike.

One of the speakers is a personal favorite of ours. James White, was the keynote speaker at the 2007 Northeast Winter Conference where Jena surrendered her life to Christ, (Andrew also developed a friendship with him over the years as he was a frequent speaker at conferences we attended). Heather Holleman (Class of '97), a favorite speaker among UVA women, also spoke about making Jesus first in one's life in an entertaining and significant way.



### 3. Openness to evangelism.

All of our students were willing to go to GWU during the day of outreach to meet people and engage them in spiritual conversation.

### 4. International options for UVA students.

Through exposure to our seven international partnerships through the "World Café," a room dedicated to promoting summer missions and stint opportunities with Cru, several of our students made decisions to go overseas.

### 5. Signing the Pledge.

Matt Mikalatos, one of the conference speakers, challenged our students to pledge to go, do, give, and say anything the Lord wanted them to. Students had the option of signing a card and placing it on the stage. 750 students signed the pledge at the conference including 13 from UVA! Of those 750: 24 accepted Christ, 105 committed to spending a year on mission, and 220 committed to spending a summer.



What an incredible way to start off the new year and the new semester. We are so grateful for your investment into the lives of our students!

You can watch the talks from Radiate at [vimeo.com/channels/861692](https://vimeo.com/channels/861692)

## PRAY FOR THE BROWNS

- As the semester starts off with a bang, pray that we would be able to invest deeply into what the Lord is doing on grounds while stewarding well over our family, making it a top priority.
- Please pray for our presence at the upcoming activities fair and for us to be able to meet students hungry for the gospel.
- Please pray for our Kaleh (women's ministry) retreat on Jan 30th — for the women to bond and experience the Lord.

*Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.*

—Romans 4:7

Blessings to you in this New Year! - Andrew, Jena, Olivia, Logan and Samuel