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Brian & Malisa Ellis – Serving with Cru

Change Boston



Seynedhee and Malisa serving at Park Street Church's Home Ministry

The Senior Stories

When Seynedhee, Jacob, and Naysha started their college years with lockdowns. It was certainly not a normal freshman year. But now, as seniors, they're about to do the completely normal thing: Graduate and move out of their dorms and further away from the friends they've been doing life with during college.

Now they have just a few months left to have a chance to share one of the most important things in their life with these friends, namely: the good news about Jesus Christ.

"What if," we wondered with them at dinner a few weeks ago, "we could have a dinner where you could share your stories with your friends?"

With that little prompt, Seynedhee and the other seniors got to work dreaming. Now they're inviting their friends: "Hey I'm speaking on this panel next week for Cru, an organization I'm involved with. Would you come support me? I think you'd like it."

It was so fun to listen to Seynedhee, Jacob, and Naysha and the other seniors at that dinner dream about their friends and what it would be like if they had a chance to hear the gospel. One senior said, "I think the friends I have in mind have the same issues I did, especially cynicism." But another said, "Actually I'm glad this is a panel because my friends have already heard from me a ton, and their issues are totally different than mine. So I want them to hear from you." "I want my friends to have fun." "I want my friends to experience the joy I see in each of you."

The student team has put together 3 panel topics:

1. Identity: Vocations, Values, Sense of Self (Where did I find myself?)
2. Community: Friends, Family, Relationships (Where did I find others?)
3. Purpose: Faith, Next Steps, Learning Lessons (Where did I find God?)

Everyone brought their own gifts to the table: "I am not good up front, but I love greeting people." "I can make an invitation." "I love to play guitar – I could play before and after the panels."

It was such an encouraging night. And that was just the planning! Now we need your prayers for the actual event coming up on April 8.

Loving our adventurous Lord,

Brian & Malisa

Would you pray:

- Seniors as they plan the night (including Laney, Anea, Luke, Tim, Sam)
- Seniors as they invite their friends (including Clay, Emily, and Ysa)
- The Friends who don't know Jesus (yet)
- **Also, would you pray for us? Our second car just died beyond repair and with 3 kids and ministry across Boston, getting around with just one is a challenge. Would you pray we find someone who might be willing to sell/donate a used car that fits our family?**



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