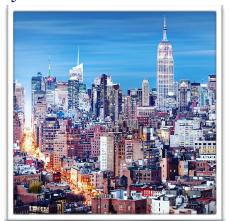
CRU at UNC

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Spring Break in New York was an incredible trip and the Lord was very sweet to our group to allow us to participate in some fun experiences. Our UNC group (8 students and 4 staff) joined 85 others from all over the country as we helped CRU staff in the city reach campuses all over the 5 boroughs. UNC got to spend time at NYU and Columbia. During the week we were there, students initiated almost 900 spiritual conversations, shared the gospel 250 times and 11 students we met came to a point of decision wanting to trust Jesus for the first time. Students we met will be followed up by the NYC staff and, prayerfully, connected to a body of believers.



Pray for the Smiths

- Pray for seniors to be sent into the next chapter well. Specifically that they would find godly community.
- Pray for NYC Cru staff and the campuses they work on.
- Pray for students still deciding how to use their summer, pray some would go on a summer mission. 2 from this NYC trip are considering going!
- Pray for our future student leaders to be **aligned** to the <u>mission and vision and values</u> of our movement on campus. We had around 100 students apply to lead with us next year which is so exciting!

Thank you for continuing to help cultivate a community of faith on the university here. We love that we get to do this with you!



Here are a few stories:

Stephanie, a junior from UNC, shared the gospel with a female who trusted Christ this week. While at Columbia University, Stephanie met an international, named Grazi, from Brazil. Grazi had a catholic background, but had never heard the gospel put the way Stephanie did before and was living a life of works to earn her status before God. Her family helps

acclimate new immigrants in NYC as they get settled. Grazi has a lot of influence in her community. She was definitely a person of peace and is now excited to learn and discuss her faith. Praise God for conversations like this during our time in NYC!

Stephanie also got to reconnect with her half-sister who lives in New Jersey. They haven't talked in 13 years and her sister is an atheist. They had a rich conversation and reconnected in a really significant way. "I never let anyone do this, but will you pray for me?" her sister asked. In April for the first time ever her half-sister is going to fly down to NC and reconnect with her extended family. While they were talking in a coffee shop, a photographer overheard some of their conversation and asked if she could take their picture and capture such a significant moment! (Picture to the right)

Praise God for being at work in and thru our time in the city.

