

# CRU at UNC

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## Wrapping up the year

April in Chapel Hill is always a blur! Let me hit some of the highlights:

-in mid April we had 30 students join us for our annual Women's Retreat. This year we headed to Black Mountain. Our theme was "On Purpose." We talked about God's design for our lives and rooting our identity in Him not other things.

-at our last weekly meeting of the year we sent off our seniors. Such a hard part of staff life! But I'm excited to see how God will use this class after they leave Carolina. (I'm pictured, left, with Caitlin and Madison, two seniors I mentored this year)

-we had our first leadership meeting for those that want to lead with Cru next year. 25 students will be leading Bible studies, helping plan our weekly meetings, leading socials on campus and helping us connect with new students!

### Prayer requests

-Pray for **support raising** this summer. Pray God would connect me with people excited about what He is doing at UNC. Pray He would provide all I need to be able to hit the ground running in August when students return.

-Pray for our **student leaders**. Pray the Lord would work in and through them in big ways next year.

THANK YOU for your support! As we send another group of seniors out into the "real world" you are helping send them! You have impacted their lives by your investment in this ministry. I'm so grateful.

## Life update

After being part time on campus for the last 5 years, I've decided to go back to full time! With the kids getting older I'm finding that I have more hours I could give. Year after year I continue to see how significant the college years of a person's life really are. During the last discipleship meetings I had with each of the seniors I mentor I asked them, "How are you different today than when you got to UNC?" They shared that they made their faith their own. They found transformational, true community with other believers. They were stretched to really think about why they believe what they believe. They have grown in understanding who they are in Christ. The Lord has truly done a transforming work in each of these women these past 4 years. And I want to continue to be part of that life change full time on campus.

My role will look similar but I will essentially double my hours. I'll disciple more girls, be at all conferences and events, be able to be more involved with our staff team and will lead our servant team (more to come on that!) As I transition to full-time status, I will spend the summer raising additional support to cover my salary, insurance and additional ministry expenses. Please pray for that process! If you are interested in increasing your support or know of others that may be interested in hearing more about CRU at UNC please text or email me. So thankful for your partnership!