

Have you ever tried to plan an event where a thousand people could show up and a thousand things could go wrong? Every year our Cru Community team puts on an event call *Night at the Oscars*. Students get dressed up, bring a date (if they are brave enough), and enjoy an elegant evening of watching short films that students in Cru have made themselves. But the real reasons we go through so much effort and logistics aren't just having fun.

One, all the proceeds from the night go to a charity. This year our choice was Feed My Starving Children. Two, we see this avenue of creativity as an act of worship to God. We want to give our students the opportunity to grow in the talents God has given them. Every year I'm very impressed by the quality and level of artwork. Lastly, we desire to use the event as a safe place where not-yet-Christians can witness a group of believers having fun and living out community. We strategically think through how we can weave snippets of the gospel into the night. I can't tell you how invaluable this kind of event is to the overall strategy of reaching the whole campus. Most college students want to SEE how the good news effects lives before they will seriously consider the claims of Christ.

Pray for those who experienced a new and greater community, that they would desire more. Since one of my roles on our staff team is coaching the Community team, I enjoyed seeing how God can use something like event planning to further His kingdom. I love that my job includes fun endeavors like this!

Preparing Well

Spring quarter is a busy and crucial time. Because the Cru movement is so large (praise God!), we must begin the process of putting new leaders in place for next year. **Pray for wisdom and direction in the process.** Also, pray that the Athletes in Action movement would see more student-athletes step up to become Ambassadors to their team and **leaders for the AIA movement.**

By His grace,

Matt



Left: with two of my disciples, Alex and Josh, at Night at the Oscars

Right: Cori is one of our community team leaders; she's gifted at leadership!



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I daily spend myself for God's kingdom by winning students to Christ, building them in their faith, and sending them as kingdom laborers.

"PRAYER IS THE GREATER WORK."

- wisdom about how the Community team can serve the Cru movement
- student leaders who are on board with evangelism & discipleship
- attendance at the AIA half-day retreat on Sunday, April 7th; teaching about servanthood

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