



# CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST AT BROWN UNIVERSITY

TURNING LOST STUDENTS INTO CHRIST-CENTERED LABORERS  
FOR A LIFETIME

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## Life of Revolution

By Kat Sheppard '09

I had no idea that my life would forever change over the course of an October weekend in the Berkshire Mountains. The 2008 fall retreat I was attending was aptly titled "Revolution" and it was then and there that I committed my life to Jesus. I was full of emotion that autumn weekend; for it was the first time I fully understood why Christ died for me, a sinner.

I was also introduced to the idea of a 'calling' at this retreat – that I could use my God-given gifts and passions for His glory. As a senior studying art history and visual art I had believed that my career options were limited. However, I was overwhelmed with excitement and thankfulness upon hearing that I could use my love for and skills in the arts to further God's Kingdom. I saw an internship with Campus Crusade for Christ as something full of purpose and potential.

God has been blessing me abundantly since I've started working with Campus Crusade for Christ in August. I joined the Operations Team in Boston as the regional photographer with a vision of capturing our ministries in action. For the

past several months I've photographed various outreaches and conferences across New England and New York. These images add a vital visual element to our ministry to better convey to the world what we do in Campus Crusade. Additionally, I've been blessed to have some campus time every week as I lead a lifegroup of six freshmen women at MIT.

Overall, the Lord has revealed to me that my work has fulfilled a great need in this region. Fellow coworkers in the Operations Team and at MIT have repeatedly told me that I am "an answer to prayer." I couldn't be more humbled that God would use my photographs and leadership in such a way.

*Colossians 3:23 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

When I applied, I considered this internship to be a two-year commitment. I am looking forward to what the Lord has in

store for me come the 2010-2011 academic year, but I am sometimes troubled with questions regarding what I will do afterwards. Fortunately, this internship has not only taught me how to work for Campus Crusade, but has trained me for living a Christian life wholly dedicated to the Lord. I have learned so much about myself, my purpose and my faith through this experience. My only concern now is that I lead a life that glorifies our God and King.

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## Giving the Gift of Forgiveness

By Julia Kim '12

Students, professors, and other community members gathered at Brown University for the Veritas Forum on Monday, February 8, 2010. The Veritas Forum is a forum held at universities across the nation designed to explore the real meaning of *veritas* – Latin for *truth* – by asking hard questions about life. At Brown, it was organized by collaboration among Christian students from all different campus ministries, and led by our staff member Jarrod Lynn.



Above: Professor Volf  
Below: Students listening intently

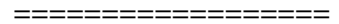


The forum at Brown began with a short talk on the impossibility of forgiveness without Christ by the guest speaker, Miraslov Volf, the director of Yale's Center for Faith and Culture. Following the talk, Volf led a question and answer session. "He did an amazing job in encouraging conversation...and fostering dialogue," said Ralanda Nelson '12. It was "truly a forum," she added.

After the forum, different fellowship groups organized follow-up with non-Christian students who attended the event to encourage further spiritual discussion. The follow-up which consists of small group discussions over a span of three weeks has the "power to be used as a tool for evangelism," Nelson said.

Two weeks prior, Christian students from different fellowships and backgrounds

united together in praise and prayer for the event. Father Bodah, the associate university chaplain, gave a compelling talk on the importance of unity. Afterwards, the students spent time in prayer for themselves, each other, the campus, and specific individuals who they desired to see reconciled to the abundant forgiveness that Christ offers. Students were "on fire," Nelson said.



Keep up-to-date with the Veritas Forum by visiting their website: [www.veritas.org/brown](http://www.veritas.org/brown). ■



## Faith, Sports & Beyond

By Jimmy Tull '08

My involvement in Athletes in Action while at Brown has really helped me in my life beyond graduation. A huge take away from my time at Brown was the concept that everything I do can be used as a form of worship to God. This was something that I was exposed to during AIA summer camps and through Bible studies and discussions at Brown.

I first learned to turn my sport into a form of worship. This significantly impacted my

football career at Brown. After graduating and moving on from Brown, I realized that I could take that from my sport, and apply it to everything in my life. I'm currently teaching history and religion at a high school in Virginia, as well as coaching football and wrestling. The idea of worshiping God through all my actions changes the way I approach teaching and coaching. My goal is to help students not only realize their potential as people, but as God's people. I hope to inspire them to find God in their everyday lives.

I'm also very involved with the Christian fellowship at the school, and lead a sophomore Bible study. My involvement with Athletes in Action while at Brown gave me a greater confidence in my faith and taught me to be bold in communicating that faith with others. These all come into play in strengthening my role in this Bible study.

My time at Brown also gave me a wonderful community of friends that continue to be a strong spiritual support group. I consider my involvement with AIA at Brown to be one the best decisions that I have made in my life. ■

**Senior Student Spotlight:  
Gina Sato '10**

My experience at Brown has consisted not only of a pursuit of academic excellence but also a process of spiritual growth that has enabled me to take ownership of my faith. Through College Hill for Christ I have found a community of peers, mentors, and friends that inspire me to become a better Christian, a better person, and a better soldier for God.

Coming to college meant that no one could tell me how to live my life and I had to take charge. I had to choose to live according to a higher calling. In this way, CHC didn't *tell* me how to become a good Christian. CHC *inspired* me to become the best Christian I could be by providing a community that helped me feel and experience God's grace on a daily basis. Seeing



Jimmy Tull - pictured in the center, surrounded by friends at his last Brown football game - can be contacted at [jtnolimit67@gmail.com](mailto:jtnolimit67@gmail.com) as he continues seeking to live a life of worship.

students interested in evangelism and outreach, as well as those that made great efforts in nurturing and seeing to the needs of the Christian community, really inspired me to actively seek God but more importantly, motivated me to reach out to those around me, believers and non-believers alike, and help them find greater meaning and purpose in their lives.



From different events hosted by CHC I got to know all different types of Christians: some were born into Christian families, others had come to Christ only recently, while others were still unsure of their commitment to Christ. Through these diverse relationships, I was truly able to learn about God, myself, and what I can do as a Christian. CHC brings together an eclectic group of people from all backgrounds that would have never thought twice of each other. Together, they create an energy that has turned the world upside down for many members of the Brown community.

Being part of such a passionate, motivated, and powerful community has truly inspired me to work harder, not just in my studies, but as a Christian, and help others on the path to Christ.

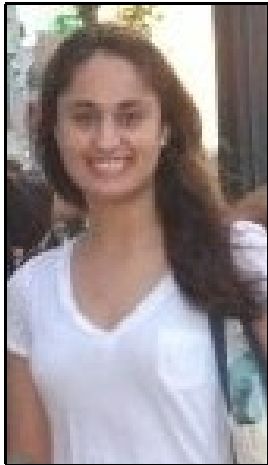
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**Stay updated with us online!**

**Check out Brown's CHC/AIA Alumni group on Facebook:**

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Providence-RI/Brown-CHC-AIA-Alumni/170933698333?ref=ts>



Over the summer, Lorenna Ellis will be preparing for her second year of her internship

Before heading over to the campus dance during commencement/reunion weekend, join us at the **CHC/AIA Alumni Reception** for drinks and light fare at the Judson House (168 Lloyd Ave) on Friday, May 28, 2010 from 4:30-6:30pm.

Email [CHC@brown.edu](mailto:CHC@brown.edu) for details.

**Praises!**

- ◆ Katelyn Thanas will be joining our northeast team in the near future.
- ◆ Veritas coming to Brown!

**Athletes in Action**

- ◆ New student-athletes keep showing up every week at our Thursday night gathering where the Gospel is unpacked.
- ◆ Susie has started two ladies' discipleship groups – apart from the weekly women's LifeGroup.

**College Hill for Christ**

- ◆ Individual students have taken the initiative to reach out to the campus through creative projects.
- ◆ Students having fruitful spiritual conversations with not-yet believers and seeing evidence of fertile soil.
- ◆ A student accepted Christ and is being discipled.
- ◆ Seeing underclassmen being willing to step into positions of leadership.



This summer, Brodie Herb is taking a restful sabbatical.

Jarrood, Susie & Josiah Lynn will be in NYC for the Tribeca summer project and preparing for the arrival of baby #2!



**Prayer Requests:**

- ◆ Renewed emphasis on prayer to strengthen us as a community and ignite our passion for God.
- ◆ Our students traveling to FL for Big Break: that God would open our hearts and minds to focus on God, that we would see people give their lives to Christ, and that He would use us mightily in the one week period.
- ◆ Lorenna Ellis' recovery from back surgery.

**Athletes in Action**

- ◆ 10 athletes to attend [www.UltimateTrainingCamp.com](http://www.UltimateTrainingCamp.com).
- ◆ 10 students to join a <http://gosummerproject.com>

**College Hill for Christ**

- ◆ God to raise up new students to join the leadership team, as all but one will graduate this year.
- ◆ God to use our campus wide Easter egg outreach on April 5<sup>th</sup> to stir up conversations about Jesus and grace.