

The Lowedown

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"Campus Crusade for Conferences"

Every time you turn around it seems like there's another conference we're attending. Our staff sometimes jokingly refer to our organization as Campus Crusade for **Conferences**.

So why are conferences so integral to what we do?

At our annual Winter Conference one of the speakers talked about the important role of conferences.

He said that other Christian traditions have created systems and structures for reflection and solitude. The monastery is a great example. We don't have monasteries much in the evangelical church these days, so we need to create opportunities where we can filter out all of the "noise" in life that so easily distracts us and hinder us from hearing the voice of the Lord.

Our Winter Conference was an opportunity for over 700 students to filter out the distractions of school and life and just listen to the Lord.

Our theme was "All in." God is "All in" for us. He spared nothing for us, not even His own

Son. As a result, we should be "All in" for Him, surrendering our lives to Him completely.

During the conference, I had the opportunity to meet with a student from Arizona State who has a mixed ethnic heritage.

Arizona State has more Native American students than just about any other campus in the U.S. and yet we have no organized outreach to the Native community on that campus.

Because this student had some Native heritage, I asked him if he had ever considered helping to start a Nations (Native American) ministry on his campus. He admitted to me that he had sensed the Lord speaking to Him about this but that he was somewhat resistant. I prayed for him and asked the Lord to clearly direct him and that he would be "all in" to follow the Lord in whatever He asked.

On the last night of the conference, students were invited to put into action the things we had been hearing at the conference.

Around the room were large sheets of paper,

representing different opportunities in which to pursue the Lord's leading.

One sheet represented the opportunity to start a ministry on campus reaching out to a specific ethnic cultural group. Earlier in the conference, we had talked about God's heart for all peoples and our desire to reach out to all cultural groups through our ethnic strategies.

During the singing and reflection time, scores of students left their chairs to sign their name on one of those sheets.

I saw the student with whom I had met make his way to one of the sheets in the room. Afterwards, I read what he wrote: "I'd like to help start a Nations ministry on my campus."

Yes, we have quite a few conferences that we run and attend. But each conference is an opportunity to see a student make commitment to pursue the Lord in a new way, taking a new step of faith.

Thanks for your partnership with us in helping students to make an "all in" commitment to our Lord and Savior.



Last month, over 400 students attended our annual Epic Winter Conference, making it the largest Epic conference ever.

Jacob and Caellin Douglas, former UC Davis students who now work with CCC at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo and help to give leadership to the Epic ministry there shared these highlights:

student from Oregon. "Susie" is Buddhist but with encouragement from her EPIC community she has decided to pursue the claims of Christ. How cool that EPIC has fostered a community that encourages seeking students to drive 16 hours to hear about Christ!

'Susie' had numerous conversations throughout the

conference and felt cared for and heard by her peers.

Also, a student from Cal Poly SLO committed his life to Christ at the conference. He was so enthusiastic that he wanted to share with the rest of our students. Our student leaders, Robbyn and Mark, gathered all 60 of us to hear Jayson share a little about his story and his decision to trust Christ. Jayson shared that he was so excited to learn how to pray, offering praise and petition to the Lord. That night a group of students stayed up with Jayson until 4:30 a.m. to pray! Wow! It gets me so excited."

Thanks for helping us reach students like Susie and Jayson!

Epic Conference Highs