Five Days in Northeast Kansas

Training thousands to make abortion unthinkable for millions...

Our team gathered from all over the country a few weeks ago (September 8-12) to train students from Benedictine College in northeast Kansas and to conduct outreach with those students both at Benedictine and at the University of Kansas (KU).

This Impact Report gives you a glimpse of what our team accomplished during those five days. Please join us in praying for the students you see pictured here.

- Steve Wagner, Executive Director

...one person at a time

Sunday (Benedictine College): Kaitlyn Donihue speaks to 28 students (not all pictured) who attended the Sunday seminar. Ten returned on Monday night for advanced dialogue training.

Sunday (Benedictine College): Jeremy Gorr steps into the “blue box” as he helps students think through “who would be in and who would be out” if various explanations of equal rights were true.

Monday (Benedictine College): In our conversations during outreach at Benedictine, we encouraged students to join us for a workshop that evening at Benedictine and outreach later in the week at KU.

Monday (Benedictine College): 28 additional students attended an evening workshop.

Tuesday (Benedictine College): Jon Wagner (right) introduces a student to a new JFA exhibit called “Stronger than Abortion,” an experience of art, Scripture, and reflective prayer. To learn more or to book this exhibit, see its web page (www.jfaweb.org/stronger-than-abortion).
Start Your Own Conversations Using JFA’s Social Media Posts
www.jfaweb.org/start-the-conversation
Pray for Hearts to Be Softened so that Intellectual Arguments Can Do Their Work: Even as we train pro-life Christians to engage in dialogue using the best arguments and a habit of good listening, we realize that God changes the heart of a person to incline him to be open to the intellectual arguments we present. Pray for each person who watches ERI’s video (below), and please pray for the heart of each person impacted through our recent and upcoming events:

**September Events:** Trinity University (TX), Benedictine College (KS), University of Kansas (KS), University of Houston (TX), Pittsburg State (KS)

- Oct. 10-13: Seminars in Colorado
- Oct. 15, 21: Outreach at George Mason University in Virginia
- Oct. 27: Workshop in Michigan
- Oct. 31-Nov. 5: Various events in Oklahoma, including outreach at OU

See All Recent and Upcoming Events: [www.jfaweb.org/calendar](http://www.jfaweb.org/calendar)

**Featured Resource for Equipping Yourself:** Five years ago, JFA released a working paper to respond to the strongest versions of bodily rights arguments for abortion ([www.jfaweb.org/dfg](http://www.jfaweb.org/dfg)). Equal Rights Institute (ERI) recently released a video featuring one of the contributors to that paper, Timothy Brahm (former staff member of both JFA and ERI), which takes a different approach than our paper, one that we think is more helpful in some ways. It’s called, “Blood Donation and Bodily Rights Arguments.” Some of our staff members think it’s even better than our paper. In twelve minutes, Tim deftly responds to the most common challenges and gives you a framework that you can apply to all bodily rights arguments, including the most difficult versions. (Indeed, he also shares some reasons why our original paper may not be the most persuasive — helpful critique that we welcome!) JFA’s “It’s Her Body” series last year ([www.jfaweb.org/its-her-body](http://www.jfaweb.org/its-her-body)) set the appropriate context for any discussion of bodily rights. Pairing ERI’s video with “It’s Her Body” will give you a great primer on bodily rights, as well as a great conversation starter (see below).

Watch and Share ERI’s Video: [www.jfaweb.org/12-minutes-on-bodily-rights](http://www.jfaweb.org/12-minutes-on-bodily-rights)
Share the “It’s Her Body” Series: [www.jfaweb.org/its-her-body](http://www.jfaweb.org/its-her-body)

**Featured Conversation Starter:** We think sharing Tim’s video is a great way to start a conversation about abortion with a friend. Tim is fair to the opposing viewpoint, but his point is also hard-hitting. Note that some viewers might object to Tim’s use of the word “freakin” in a few places in this video. We suggest you watch it first and judge if it will be a good thing to share with a friend. In addition, since this is an intellectual approach to bodily rights arguments, you might find that sharing the “It’s Her Body” series described above would make for a good introduction.

Explore All Conversation Starters (Twitter): [www.twitter.com/7conversations](http://www.twitter.com/7conversations)

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**About the Loving Every Human Being with JFA Resource Bulletin**

Friends of JFA ask, “What can I do to love every human involved in unwanted pregnancy?” This resource bulletin offers some answers. Supporting JFA financially enables JFA’s trainers and volunteers to create conversations that kindle affection for unborn children and their parents, but beyond that, you can PRAY for conversations the JFA community is creating, PREPARE for conversations, and START conversations.