



A Different Kind of Spring Break—Part 1

South Padre Island, Cancun, and Miami Beach. Those are the typical Spring Break locations. So why did four Wheaton College students and three volunteers from Florida choose Atlanta, Georgia as their destination? Why did they choose to study hard, drive far, sleep little, and risk ridicule? The reason: They desired to help us reach people with the truth.

Holly Meath (see below), Voice For Life (VFL) club leader at Wheaton College, led three friends on a trip that would change each of their lives and help transform many others' lives. Sam, James, Collette, and Holly drove from Wheaton College (Chicago) to Atlanta and arrived the night before our seminar, designed to prepare volunteers for our Georgia Tech outreach event. As the facilitator for the seminar they attended in Woodstock, Georgia, I saw them grow as loving pro-life students and leaders firsthand.



Three other volunteers, Emmy, Aislyn, and Virginia, traveled to Atlanta from Florida instead of hitting a trendy Spring Break location or staying near the beach down in the Sunshine State. They joined us for that same Woodstock seminar and prepared themselves to dive into three days of discussion, frustration, joy, hope, and changed hearts at Georgia Tech.

All seven of these volunteers were proactive in applying the lessons learned in the seminar during our campus outreach. They impacted one person at a time through gracious discussions on the topics of abortion, human value, and faith.

Next month, I will share reflections from several of these volunteers and other stories from Georgia Tech.

Introducing Holly Meath! She'll be a one-year intern starting this summer.

I met Holly Meath when I visited Wheaton college a few years back to help with a Voice For Life (VFL) event that my sister Joanna organized. At the time, Holly was already a club member, but over the last few years she has flourished in her pro-life convictions and has taken the VFL club in a admirable direction. Her club is active around Wheaton's campus and those that participated in our events in Georgia are only a few of the club's dedicated members. One highlight is that VFL has been instrumental in helping bring several outspoken pro-life speakers in for campus-wide chapels.



Holly in a conversation with a student at the University of Georgia during her first JFA outreach in 2011

Holly has also decided that, after graduating this spring, she will join JFA as an intern and stay for a whole year to serve.

She recently said in her support letter, "I want to devote my first year out of college to helping thousands of people

rethink their views on abortion... Ever since I was a child just beginning to grasp the terrible facts about abortion, I felt that God was placing this issue strongly on my heart. That sense of calling hasn't gone away—it's grown through high school and especially throughout college, where my opportunities to serve have blossomed through the Wheaton College pro-life club."

Defending human value together,
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