

# Timely Transformation

Do you know anyone who hates interacting in social settings?

I mean someone who even struggles to order food on her own or to return clothes and library books.

**Chelsea Duncan, a senior at Pittsburg State University (PSU) in southeast Kansas, used to be that way.** Chelsea was incredibly shy and would have never dreamed of taking a strong stand among her peers, especially on a controversial topic.



JFA staff member Jacob Burow gives a short lecture during the Pittsburg State University (PSU) seminar this past fall.

Still, through God's amazing influence and her growing passion for justice, Chelsea began to develop a boldness for standing up for the weak and defenseless, particularly unborn humans.

**Chelsea approached me this fall with the desire to partner with JFA to help her student body understand more about the injustice of abortion AND to help her and her pro-life peers to graciously defend the unborn as they interact on campus and around their community.**

JFA put together a training project to empower them, including the *Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue* seminar and a campus outreach event.

The initiative and invitation from Chelsea were admirable, but the most significant thing Chelsea did



was to recruit 20 friends from school to join her. Chelsea wasn't just taking a stand herself; she was leading by example and multiplying her impact.

**Keep reading to learn about this event from Chelsea's perspective** and to see a few more photos from the event.

Chelsea (holding coffee) engages a PSU student in dialogue about abortion during our outreach event.

**JFA training and outreach was one of the most meaningful things I have done pertaining to pro-life work.** Before this event I had had very little experience. I had participated in the Life Chain, March for Life in D.C, and praying the rosary adjacent to what once was Tiller's abortion clinic in Wichita. **I have always been passionate about the pro-life movement but I had no idea how I could actually help and join in the fight to end abortion.** Praying and going on marches are wonderful things to do; however, I was hungry to do more. I am currently in my last semester at Pittsburg State University majoring in social work. If a few things had not occurred I may have never met or even heard of JFA. Thanks to a class assignment and a community member's connection, I was able to get in touch with JFA mentor Jon Wagner. **A few weeks of planning and a number of phone calls later, JFA was on my campus of PSU, ready to dive in.**



Chelsea (far left) and her mentor group, led by Paul Kulas (grey shirt facing camera), discuss ideas brought up in our *Abortion: From Debate to Dialogue* seminar. This was the first-ever JFA seminar at Pittsburg State University (PSU).

Training for the outreach was a success. I am proud of the students who joined in on what JFA calls "seat work." The following day was outreach time! This event happened to take place in the middle of October. Although this is not the warmest month, we could not have chosen a more perfect day. God

blessed us with sunshine and no precipitation. I had a mixture of emotions ranging from anxiousness to excitement. Once things got moving and the day progressed, I was more relaxed and comfortable to engage in conversation with others. I am extremely grateful that God sent the students and sent me the courage and right words to use when talking with individuals who came by the exhibit. Overall it was a successful day; a day filled with good conversation and hopefully some changed hearts and minds. **I feel as though I am called to work as a pro-life advocate. I want to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. I want to change the minds of those who are in favor of abortion. I want to save lives. I want all**



Chelsea engages in a practice dialogue at the seminar to prepare her for genuine pro-choice concerns and arguments on the PSU campus.

**babies to be wanted.** I want everyone to experience a birthday. Most importantly, I want justice for all. Thank you! — Chelsea Duncan

It's because of support and prayers from people like you that I am able to encourage and mentor people like Chelsea Duncan and her friends at PSU. Thank you!

Defending human value together,

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*It will take an eternity for the unborn to defend themselves.*