

Colorado and California—Spring Report #2



Three Colorado State University (CSU) students seemed quite frustrated as they approached our display. After visiting with me, asking questions about JFA's approach, and getting responses to their concerns, they left changed.

They said I had given them many points to ponder, and they admitted they were more opposed to abortion now that

they were better educated. All three remarked that **no one had ever graciously shared these truths with them.**

"This outreach was effective in helping me begin conversations about abortion. It helped me to step out of my comfort zone and become more bold in sharing my beliefs."

- Katelyn, high school volunteer in Colorado

I also reached some students who were firmly against abortion but lacked the motivation and skills to make a strong and lasting impact for justice. Let's pray these pro-life students choose to graciously engage their peers on the subject of abortion this summer and beyond.

CSU is a school we've visited many times. The campus location and diverse student body typically give us a great outreach experience. It's a campus where hundreds of people can engage in respectful dialogue at one time.

This year was no different. Although we had some protestors trying to squelch dialogue (one person even attempted to vandalize our display), our group of volunteers remained steadfast and graciously engaged the community. Students from Dayspring Christian Academy in Greeley (DCA) and Faith Christian Academy (FCA) in Arvada, Colorado, joined us for the outreach, and they came away strengthened for future conversations in everyday life. Before our outreach days, I helped with two of our seminars in Fort Collins, Colorado.



Part of our team trained students at FCA near Denver, Colorado.

At the end of April, several staff members flew to Fresno, California, to help Right to Life of Central California with their Fresno City College outreach.

During that stretch, I traveled to Southern California, along with my co-worker Catherine Wurts. We trained students from four different schools, including UC Santa Barbara, the campus where Catherine and I held an outreach with those same trainees. We will likely partner with all four schools again next year. **All told, our two teams trained 90 volunteers in California.**



One of the students I was able to encourage at CSU

This seminar taught me concise, effective ways to share my pro-life beliefs. Being able to practice the conversational techniques under the guidance of an experienced mentor was especially helpful." - Pauline, Fresno volunteer



While I was in the Santa Barbara area, several other JFA staff trained dedicated volunteers near Fresno, CA.



While in California, I joined several members of my family to watch my sister, Leonora, graduate with her Ph.D. from USC.

"I was grateful to learn how I can make a peaceful dialogue about abortion. The presenters made it an informative and interactive presentation." - Liz, Santa Barbara volunteer

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- Praise God for sustaining our staff this entire spring. Some of the travel was very challenging, but God was faithful to sustain us with energy, safety, gracious hosts, and positive results.
- We will train five new interns throughout the summer in speaking skills, outreach skills, and mentoring tactics. We will take them through outreach events here in Wichita, in Oklahoma, and also in Louisiana. Please pray for their energy because they will have a full schedule.
- We are hoping to train students from more schools in Colorado and California next year. Please pray for open doors and local leadership who will help propel our efforts in both states. We are already in communication with another school near Denver.

Defending human value together,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan Wagner".

Jonathan Wagner