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I have done pro-life work for the past 9 years, but have never experienced anything so great!!! The Justice for All training had an enormous impact on me, for the practical application of going to the KU campus and talking with those who's opinions differed from me.

I hoped I would learn how to better do that, and it definitely taught me many things. What I did not expect was how much the JFA training has helped me in my everyday life. I have had many great conversations since then, which the guidance of JFA has helped! This isn't just a class on how to talk someone out of pro-choice views, it's advice on how to talk about every topic you will come across in your daily life! I benefited much more than I ever hoped to! THANK YOU JFA!!!

At the University of Kansas (KU), I had an amazing day! One thing that really struck me, that I have never experienced with other pro-life organizations before. Every person I had a conversation with shook my hand and thanked me for talking to them before walking away. I was amazed. From talking to a girl who was indifferent to the matter, to discussing the issue with a man who firmly believed there was no moral truth, I was able to guide the conversation and relate to all of them! By starting conversations in a friendly manner, I never talked to a person who seemed to despise me. I felt a lot of respect being shown to me by even the people who believed the complete opposite extreme.

There was one boy who was particularly stuck on the issue that "it's just so small in those first weeks. There's nothing there but cells and it's only something with potential, it's not developed enough yet." After discussing it for about 10 minutes, he still wasn't getting it, so I tried to get to know him a little better. I asked what his major was and he told me it was English. I took the opportunity to try to explain it with something he could relate it to. I asked him if he'd written any big novels yet. He hadn't. I said that even though he hadn't done that, his teachers probably still see great potential in his writing by his little, seemingly insignificant writings.

He started getting what I was trying to say and defined his position saying, "But no, that's not relevant here because I'm not there yet, I could drop out of school, become and alcoholic, et. And I replied, "Yes, but do you have any less value as a human being because you have not lived up to your full potential yet. Does the fact that you are still in the beginning stages of writing make you any less valuable?"

He got it! It was a great moment seeing the eyes of realization and understanding in him!

Overall, I had an amazing experience putting my JFA training into use. I cannot wait to have the experience again! Thanks for ALL you've done already, and what you continue to work hard for!!! It's well appreciated by many lives!

God Bless,

Anna