

2013 Spring Semester Recap



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Note: Thanks to my colleague Paul Kulas for creating this update and allowing me to share it with you! - Timothy Brahm

As you know, Justice For All's Training Program takes volunteers through two phases of training. Phase one is Seat Work, where participants learn by practicing how to use their knowledge wisely, to have the proper attitude. Phase two is Feet Work, where volunteers use their new skills to have productive conversations with those in our culture who have differing views on abortion.

Last spring we trained a total of 682 volunteers in Seat Work, and about 300 of them were able to participate in Feet Work. We asked these volunteers to reflect on their encounters and share their thoughts with us. I have selected a few of these for your encouragement.

We are training these volunteers to be better ambassadors for Christ and better leaders in the pro-life movement. As you read these stories, pray for each volunteer and the people they have touched. Pray also for those that we will train this summer and fall.

Thank you for partnering with me as we work to

University of Central Oklahoma

January 28, 2013

Knowing I have a deep passion for the unborn, I began to struggle with how to effectively communicate that passion. So it was with anticipation and, I'll admit, some trepidation that I signed up ... with JFA.

As I drove home from the campus, there were faces and conversations floating all about in my mind. I found myself thinking about the dialogue between myself and those with whom I had spoken... In fact, in the days since, I have found myself remembering particular faces and responses and praying that the Holy Spirit will speak to these individuals—that the seed that was planted will not die, but will germinate.

After participating with JFA, I view dialoguing about abortion differently than I did before. Realizing that I don't have to be the most eloquent speaker in the world, but knowing that I can effectively communicate through asking questions, listening, and finding common ground gives me great hope. -Raleah

Arizona State University

February 11-12, 2013

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The Memorial Union Stage provides a perfect platform for students at Arizona State University to interact with our staff around our small Exhibit.

When I got off work the morning of the outreach, I got into a conversation with my coworker about what I was going to do that day. Because I had been studying some of the materials from the seminar the night before, I had a copy of the exhibit with me, and I was able to share it with her. She talked about some of her friends who either have had abortions or who would be likely to, and how hard it can be to talk to them. I shared what I had learned with her, and gave her my copy of the exhibit so she could share it with her friends. I was also able to tell her about the assistance that our local crisis pregnancy center offers for post-abortive women.

I really appreciate the opportunity to participate in what Justice For All is doing. I would highly recommend the seminar and outreach to anyone looking to make a difference in the culture. **-Sarah**

University of California Santa Barbara

January 14-15, 2013

I was so glad for this opportunity to reach people in a very human way. It's so good to talk sincerely to people about what they think and why they think it. I want to know what the thoughts of other people are and to show them I'm interested. I think Christ did too, since in the temple in Jerusalem when he was a boy he sat among the elders "listening to them and asking them questions."

I learned a lot from Justice For All and hope to take what I've learned about abortion and about communicating effectively with others wherever I go, and I especially love that good communication skills are wonderful to cultivate for everyday life, with family, friends, and strangers, and when talking about any other controversial issue where truth should be one's object. -Stephanie

Georgia Institute of Technology

March 11-13, 2013

As the exhibit was coming down, a Chinese mother and her 7-year-old daughter came up to the exhibit. They came to the most graphic side. The woman asked, with confusion, "What is this?" I explained that it was images of abortion. I had to explain what abortion was to her and she couldn't believe that a person would do such a thing. She got teary and touched her sweet daughter.

Her daughter asked many questions. Her mom seemed okay with her seeing the images and me answering her questions, so I continued. By the end of our conversation, the little girl made a face and said, "I don't think those mommies should do that!" I was able to send a brochure home with [them]. I think their experience impacted them. -Ginny



I had conversations with Georgia Tech students while volunteers listened. We expect volunteers to listen first before they venture into their own conversations.

Wichita State University

April 15-16, 2013

I can't thank Justice for All enough. Outreach on Wichita State's campus gave me affirmation that saving babies full-time is worth it. It's amazing that in two days I can meet inspiring ambassadors for Christ and alter the way I dialogue about life issues. Can't wait to continue supporting JFA in their efforts! -Anthony



Volunteers tested their new skills during Feet Work at Wichita State University in April.

Colorado State University



A constant stream of guests came by our poll table to interact with us at CSU.

I felt my conversations were very productive. I had a four-hour discussion with three atheists! There was some definite noticeable change on the abortion issue, although we spent the majority of our time discussing religion. They said "We hate your signs (due to the graphic depictions), but we have to say that you guys out here (with JFA) are some of the most rational, reasonable and nice Christians we have ever met."

I felt it was a very productive discussion. I got the guy's email address, and we are hopefully going to keep in touch. I had multiple other conversations as well (as many as I could fit into the remaining hour) all of which got people thinking. The last conversation was with a Senior biology major who wants to go on to get his masters or PhD. It was truly incredible to see in a seven-minute conversation just how much he changed in his ideas regarding abortion. I don't know if he became [completely] anti-abortion, but he agreed that he would be intellectually contradictory (by his own statements and by the biology) to continue believing and saying that which he had said at the beginning of the conversation.

Overall I had a really great time and felt that it was productive in the realm of ideas and truth, and TRUTH, at the end of the day, is the territory of the High King of Heaven.

-Ryan Thomas

Paul Kulas (blue shirt, above and below) is mentoring a group of students. Paul's main claim to fame is his work as Justice For All's Director of Operations. He's only slightly less well-known for being a lethal board game player.

