

Abbey's Newsletter



First Month in Gainesville!

Hello!!

I have officially lived in Gainesville for over a month and I have had such an amazing time so far! I was welcomed into the ministry by all of the students with open arms and excited for the new year with new staff!



A student that I have already grown a close relationship with is my co-bible study leader **MEG**. Meg has been such a sweet and easy student to get to know well. She has truly welcomed me in and even told me that she had been specifically praying for a "super cool new EDGEer" like me. Meg is currently a junior who has been a part of the Navigators since her freshman year. One thing that I have learned about her is that she was very close to the senior girls last year who are now graduated. Since they've graduated, she's been adjusting to a somewhat new ministry with new freshmen and upperclassmen. *She is currently someone I am praying about discipling* because I have been able to spend more time with her naturally as a co-leader and as we grow in our own walks with God.

Fall Launch Week

THE GOSPEL WAS SHARED ALMOST 300 TIMES

During my first week of work, I was able to get to know the other staffers well through prepping for Fall Launch. The UF staff includes Nick Curcio (Director of UF Navs), Hilda Ng + Joshua Martin (2nd year staffers), and lastly Brooks Vanderhoff + Tyler Williams (both 1st year staffers with me).

Fall Launch happens during the first week of school and consists of staff and student leaders sharing the gospel through surveying (which was shared to almost 300 peoples) at a table each day and sharing about our events we have going on for the week! The most memorable event was our Yard Games & Gelati event which ended up having **over 200 people show up**. I got to connect with a good amount of freshmen ladies who

actually ended up joining my bible study. One specific girl that I would love prayer for is Melody, a girl I shared the Gospel with during this first week. She has no background knowledge of Christianity, but when sharing the Gospel to her she was very open and interested, even said it brought her chills when hearing about Jesus. *Can you pray with me that her curiosity continues and God introduces more believers into her life to share about Him?*

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YARD GAMES & GELATI
FALL LAUNCH WEEK

Bible Study and Nav Fresh

LOVE TO LEAD FRESHMEN LADIES

This year I get the privilege of leading the freshmen women bible study. So far we have had a total of **9 consistent girls** in our study and it has been such a fun and sweet time beginning to know them.

One fun piece of bible study we like to do for all freshmen during the fall semester is called Nav Fresh! Nav Fresh is usually about half an hour before our separate bible studies where we do a fun game with all the freshmen guys and girls to get them more connected with one another. My favorite Nav Fresh has to be the "Bob Ross Paint Night with a Twist." This was an exciting night because they all worked together and even with a little twist of watching the video in 2x speed, they all had such a crazy fun time making a masterpiece of art!

For our freshmen, we are going through the Foundations study which goes through the foundational aspects of our faith. These ladies have a great knowledge and understanding of God and His word and love discussing about it in study. Something I would love prayer in is for continued discussion and *vulnerability in this study*. I want to continue to create an environment that helps these ladies feel comfortable enough to share about their own personal relationships with God and to be open and real with how life is going for them, especially considering the new transition of college, moving, and finding new friends/community.



Thank you so much for investing in me and the ministry at the University of Florida! I'm excited to continue to update you about events to come!

-abbey



BOB ROSS PAINT NIGHT



Prayer Requests:

- Discernment and clarity on discipling Meg and what that would look like
- Melody to continue to be curious about the Gospel (along with others who heard the Gospel during that first week)
- My bible study girls begin to be open and vulnerable; remember their identity in Christ not school
- **Continued funding as I look toward reaching my goal before the end of the semester; specifically prayers for people who are willing to financially support me and the ministry at UF**