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Left: Queens College group at a pizza party in December

Top: Aniska speaking at Fall Retreat



Right: Checking out the sirens and action from our apartment window

First Time for Everything

"I have never done anything like this before" shared Anika, a Queens College freshman, as she walked out onto the streets of Baltimore at Cru's winter conference.

Anika was pairing up with Ashley (a Cru staff member in NYC) to venture into the city, take surveys, and pray. God led them to spiritually open people. They entered a shop and started talking with Jenee, the owner. As they completed the survey with her, they learned that although Jenee had grown up in church, she felt distant from God.

After dialoguing, Anika shared the Gospel with Jenee, shared personal connections with her, and even ended by asking for her perspective. As Jenee looked up and began to share, she was in tears.

"How crazy is it that you came into my store today...me feeling distant from God and you sharing that message. I love my life...I have a great kid, a husband, and a store I love but sometimes you can have everything and still feel like you have nothing."

Abruptly, two customers walked in and Jenee rose to help them while also wiping away her tears. Anika handed her a Knowing God Personally booklet and then left.

That may have been the end of the conversation, but Anika wanted to go back inside. Anika and Ashley entered the store again, apologized for abrupt ending to the conversation, and offered to pray for Jenee.

Anika shared afterward how her pastor talks about people longing to know God, but it never really felt true until that moment, in a real encounter. What a great first encounter!

We are praying that just like Anika, other students that were trained and had great experiences initiating spiritual conversations will go back to their campus and continue it there.

Join us in praying for the **1238** students who attended, the **293** students who committed to go on a summer mission, the **129** students who committed to a year of full-time ministry, and the **54 students who trusted Christ for the first time!**

Prayer Requests:

- We saw a student accept Christ yesterday at Sarah Lawrence College - this is huge!! Pray that she will get involved and grow in this new faith.
- Pray that students will commit their summers to serve the Lord on mission trips and sign up soon.
- Pray for a smooth transition for our family and a healthy delivery as Brynn is set to arrive by C-section on Feb. 6!
- Pray that we would continue to make friends and get connected with others at our church, schools, and neighborhood. Also pray for boldness as we seek to have spiritual conversations.

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