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# CRU



*Cru is a caring community passionate about connecting people to Jesus Christ*

I have been actively involved with Cru since my freshmen year of college. By my second semester, I was taking on some leadership roles, one of which was helping with the APP team. The APP team plans the activities that happen after Cru regular meetings Thursday nights. In the start of my sophomore year, I was a Bible study helper in one of the dorms and also worked on the promo team. Shortly after the start of the semester I took on the task of getting T-shirts printed. I worked with an upperclassmen student in Cru who made the design and also with the Stout Typographical Society which printed the shirts.

In the beginning of my junior year of college, I was still involved with the faculty and promo teams. I was heading up the shirt project again this year. I was the Vice President of Stout Cru this year also. The duties of VP include helping to lead leadership meetings and be a resource to other leaders. Near the end of my junior year, I have done training to transition into the president role for Stout Cru. I am looking forward to another awesome year.

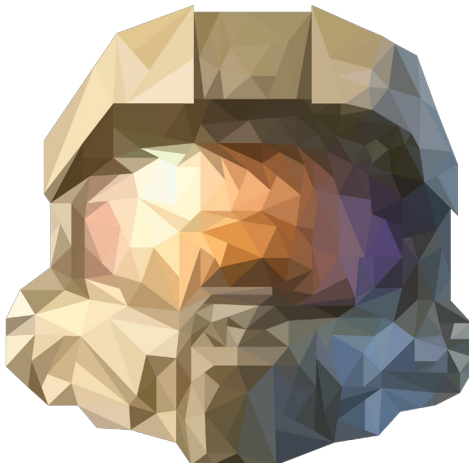


# HALO NIGHT



People from Cru host many different kinds of fun events. Sometimes you may just want to stop all the homework and take some time to relax. We like to do that too. Some people may do spur of the moment activities, others may plan them out a bit more. Either way, these are usually great times to get to know people better, or even get to know new people.

Every semester, there is a Halo Night set up and put on for all of the guys to come, hang out, and have some fun with others. Four Xboxes are hooked up and we play up to 16 players over Local Area Network (LAN). We play a wide variety of game modes including team death match, capture the flag, infected, and many unique user created game modes. The Halo Night is a great time to hang out with friends, destress, eat some pizza, and run around and shoot things.



# MEDORA



Last summer I traveled to Medora, North Dakota with Cru on a summer mission. Cru is an interdenominational Christian organization on college campuses around the world. There were 26 students and 8 staff that went to Medora last summer. We worked 40 hours a week with the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation and more than 20 hours a week with Cru. There were over 30 countries represented in the small town of Medora.

Our main goal in Medora was to build relationships with our coworkers and give them an opportunity to learn more about faith. Many of them may never have even heard accurate portrayals, if anything, of Christianity. We do not try to force our opinions on them but give them the chance to hear. Cru Summer Missions Tweeted that for the 2015 summer there were 183 teams plus 3,512 students that went on summer missions.

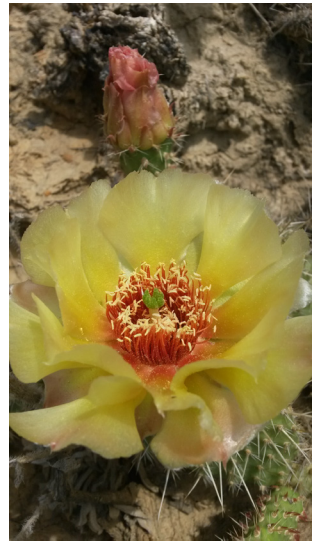
The staff was in Medora in the beginning weeks to help lead and guide us students; but, they were not there to stay. Part-way through the summer, the staff head out from Medora and we are then given roles to fulfill. My team was filled with people I have never met before, but they quickly became like family. I will never forget the friendships I made with these incredible people and I look forward to seeing them again one day.

The entrance to the South unit of the Theodore Roosevelt National Park is right next to Medora. I adventured multiple times out in the park's beautiful landscape. I found it fascinating to stand and watch the clouds cast their shadow across the land.

The picture of the bison and the calf is a picture I took while out in the Theodore Roosevelt National Park. There are not only bison but also prairie dogs, horses, elk, deer, and more! Medora is such a beautiful place and I hope to visit there again in the future.

The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation (TRMF) is where members of Cru worked during the summer. TRMF owns many businesses in Medora and is an awesome company to work for. TRMF operates restaurants, attractions, and lodging. Medora's largest attraction is the Medora Musical (operated by TRMF).

I worked at the Chuckwagon Buffet for the majority of the summer and then the Maltese Burger for the last two weeks of my time in Medora. At the "Chuck" I worked with people from all over the world. Some of the countries represented between these two restaurants consisted of Russia, The Czech Republic, Taiwan, Kazakhstan, South Africa, Ireland, Mexico, The Dominican Republic, The Philippines, and Bulgaria.



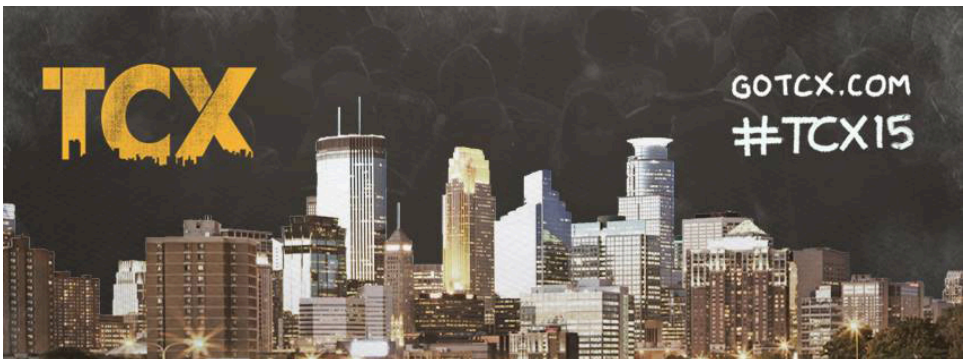
# TCX



Every winter around the U.S., Cru Winter Conferences connect college students to Jesus. Students experience meaningful worship, Christ-centered speakers, and outreach in the city, then bring back a renewed vision for mission to their campus.

TCX (Twin Cities eXperience) gathers students together from Cru's Upper Midwest five state region (Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin) for four days right after Christmas. We listen to awesome speakers and serve the community by delivering boxes of food to needy families. It's a great mid-point in our Christmas break to refocus on having Christ-like character and a heart for bringing the gospel to our families and our campus.

TCX has been an awesome experience for me to grow in my faith. I have gone two years now and have enjoyed going very much. During the conference, there is a time set aside to reconnect with people from your past summer mission, so I got to see many people from my team in Medora at this conference. I am looking forward to going to this conference again in the future.



# 5 HOPES OF HUMANITY



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APRIL 21, 2015 7 P.M.  
GREAT HALL MSC.

ATHEIST - BUDDHIST - CHRISTIAN - HINDU - MUSLIM

COME AND HEAR 5 PEOPLE'S STORIES OF HOW  
THEIR BELIEFS/NON-BELIEFS GIVE THEM HOPE.

**A** new leadership team formed in Stout Cru called the “faculty team,” and I joined that group. The faculty team put on an event called the 5 Hopes for Humanity which was a panelist discussion time with members of different faiths. Each panelist had a set amount of time to talk about what they believed in and then the audience could text in questions that would be answered after each panelist spoke. There were actually six speakers, not five, consisting of Christian, Muslim, Atheist, Buddhist, Hindu, and the New Age Movement backgrounds. This event was an awesome opportunity to discover more about different faiths and to hear more about what they believe.

# BIG BREAK



**B**ig Break is a series of week-long conferences held during spring break in the month of March, designed to offer training and experiences to equip participants to share the gospel during the week and upon returning to the college campus. It is hosted by the Campus Ministry of Cru.

Big-Break is Cru's spring break outreach to the college students who go down to Florida to party. It is a fun filled week with worship, speakers, and evangelism training! We spend four days of break doing outreach on the beaches using what we have learned to tell others about Jesus. The last day is a free day to celebrate God's work and soak in the sun.

This conference has been a great time to grow in my faith and learn more about God. I have formed good relationships with others and have become more confident in sharing my faith. This year was my second time going to Big Break. I am not sure what the future holds but maybe next year I will be heading down to Panama City Beach again. I have made some awesome memories going on these trips and strongly encourage others to go on Big Break in the future!







*A couple pictures from Big Break*



# CRU HEADQUARTERS

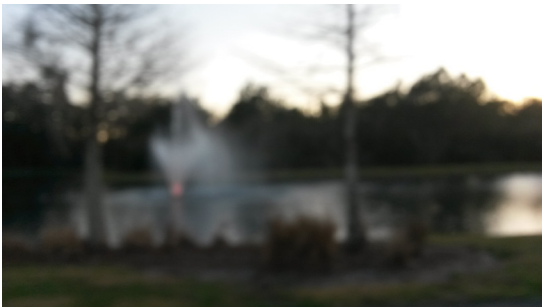


This February I had the unique opportunity to travel to the Headquarters of Cru which is in Orlando, Florida. Many students from across the U.S. were flown to the HQ to preview what goes on in the operations side of Cru. We were given a tour of the place and had an amazing experience learning more.

We were also given the opportunity to meet Steve and Judy Douglass (pictured on the following page) who have been leaders in Cru for many years. Steve is currently the president of Cru. I enjoyed hearing their stories and how they got to where they are now – their stories were really inspiring.

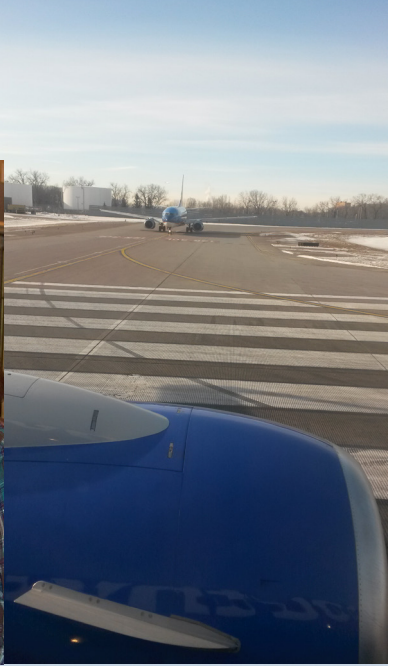
This summer, I will be going down to the HQ to do a summer mission there. I will be doing college ministries and working on the App team in the Digital Products and Services department. I am super excited to see how God will use me this summer and how he will use my skills to serve him. The summer mission starts

June 6th and lasts about nine weeks. I am looking forward to this awesome experience and am grateful for this opportunity.





*Here are some pictures from my trip to the Cru Headquarters*



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