

New Student Outreach – September 2008

Pie Eating Contest! Beat the Heat! Book Bash 2008! These events served as the backdrop for New Student Outreach at Washington State University. A group of six student leaders accepted the challenge of welcoming members of the WSU freshman class to Pullman and InterVarsity with a host of events. Serving as an advisor to the WSU fellowship, Shawna and I (Adam) spent 24-hours with student leaders conveying vision and formulating strategy for outreach events to meet new students. Instead of us telling you what the students are learning, we'll let their words speak to you instead.



Shelly, student leader: *"The 24-hour retreat was a nice way to start the school year by focusing on God and what he wanted for the coming year. It helped me to view relationship building as part of my responsibility as a Christian. I am not that much of a "social person" but God convicted me to be very intentional about my relationships this year. By following Him in this, I was able to become good friends with several people in my dorm within the first week of school. God taught me to rely on Him for strength to do things that I think I normally cannot do."* (*Shelly is co-leading a GIG (Group Investigating God) in her dorm. Please pray for her as she leads scripture studies, spiritual movie discussions and provides a place for Christians to deepen and others to explore following Jesus. She is an emerging Christian leader!*)

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Faith, Student Leader: *"NSO was a fun experience, in which I was able to meet lots of new people, and find some great new friends who are looking for a place to learn about God. I think that our outreach events provided a way for people to become involved and have a great college experience where they are able to grow in their relationship with God. God taught me through these events that people in college are looking for someone to be a friend who **truly** cares and can really brighten up their lives."* (Faith reaches out in Stevens Hall at WSU).

Book Bash 2008!! Every semester a large portion of students from the African American Student Center are unable to purchase books until mid-way through the semester. We designed this event to meet new students as well as support them academically by hosting a WSU-themed, timed scavenger hunt with prizes to the Bookie, WSU's bookstore. Our winner "Whitley," a freshman, remarked that "Book Bash to me was a great way to actually get some of my books now. Because of Book Bash, I didn't have to wait to get my books. My mother was also really happy because that was an extra \$100 she didn't have to spend and I was able to buy some of my books now." Immediately following the event, "Whitley" commented that her mom was fervently praying for financial resources.

We've met hundreds of students over the past few weeks with the hope of providing avenues for meeting God. Please pray with us for these student leaders and the new connections we've made.

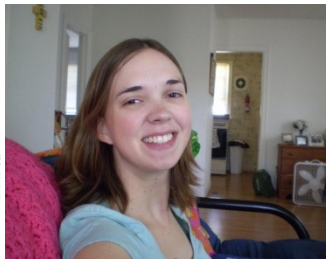
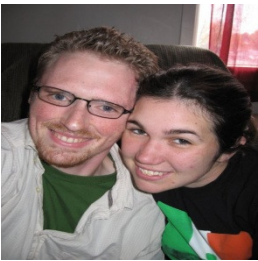


Pie-Eating Contest in Waller Hall

As an Area Director, I (Shawna) have the privilege of working with remarkably talented leaders. InterVarsity staff workers are some of the hardest working, multi-gifted people I know. A typical staff worker wears many hats: Public Relations, Marketing, Recruiter, Visionary, Strategist, Hospitality, Teaching, Leadership, Team-Building, Administrator, Pastor, Prayer Minister, Event Planner, Public Speaker, Worship leader... I am incredibly proud of our team, and invite you to join with me in the privilege of praying for each one by name.



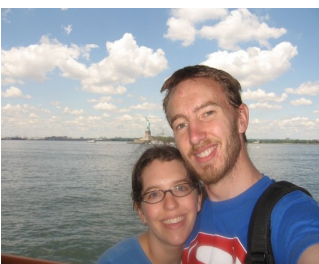
WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, WA: **Angela Rajnus** (team leader) and **Nick (& Haley) Brandenburg** (Intern)



UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, Moscow, ID: **Jeremiah Nealon** (team leader) & **Donan Nealon** (Greek Ministry Volunteer), **Sarah Beaujon** (Campus Staff Member), and **John (& Shyla) Paradis** (Intern).



EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, Cheney, WA: **Audrey Edgerton Johnson** (Campus Staff Member) & **Samuel Johnson**, Volunteer.



AREA SPECIALISTS: **Alex** (Fund Development Coach & Evangelism Champion) & **Mae Moore** (Art/Team Care)

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY, Pullman, WA: **Shawna** (Area Director) & **Adam Brown** (Black Campus Ministries)

Thank you for standing with us! *Shawna and Adam Brown*

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