

Time to Pray!

Isn't it always time to pray, Danielle? Of course. But this time of year is probably the most strategic time to pray, for college ministry, at least. New students are pouring onto campus even as you read this. Perhaps you remember that time in your life, when you had left the influences and comforts of home to go explore the whole new world (social, experiential, and intellectual) of the college campus. For most students, what they experience in the first month of college will shape the rest of their college career. Wouldn't it be fantastic to see students experience *Jesus* in their first month of college, and to see *Him* shape the rest of their college career? *That's* why it's time to pray!

This letter is just a short update to let you know how you can be praying for the students and me as we head into the new year. Please use this letter as a resource to inform your prayer life, and also visit my website for other stories and more details (www.daniellebailey-ivcf.org).

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Coming Soon to a Staff Worker Near You...

*Beginning of
Sept.:*

NSO! I'll be on campus working side-by-side with the rest of the fellowship to reach out to new students until...

*Sometime
soon:*

"Norb": Our son is due on Sept. 14. I'll be off campus for at least 6 weeks of maternity leave.

NSO (New Student Outreach)

Our NSO events mark some of our most strategic and important outreach efforts of the year. Pray for **Patty**, our NSO coordinator, as she works hard to rally the fellowship members around our outreach efforts. Pray for our **CD Handout**, where we will distribute CD's with information about the fellowship to every freshman dorm room, accompanied by invitations to our **ice cream social**. Pray that many new students would attend the **ice cream social** to find out more about the fellowship and make new friends. Pray for the **club fair table**, where we will make most of our new contacts as interested students come and chat with us about who we are, what we do, and how they might fit. Especially pray for **excellent follow-up**. Pray that fellowship members are friendly, that they visit new students soon and often after making initial contact, and that new students would feel well-cared for and welcomed into the community.

Our First Few Fellowship Meetings

Students make decisions about whether or not they stay connected to a club or group on campus based on their first few experiences with the group. Pray that the experiences especially at our first few meetings would be really positive ones, that God would bless the **speakers** and give them His words for the students, that people would really enter into **worship** as a community, and **God would open students' hearts up to Himself** and give them a **deep desire to be in community with His body on campus**.

Freshmen Bible Study

All the new freshmen will be invited to be part of a small group, geared just for them and their new college experiences. Pray that **Janet and Patty**, the group's two leaders, would facilitate a **great study of God's Word**, and a comfortable place for **growth** and **friendship** to occur.

New Life

As many students will be descending on the college campus with huge life questions and a tremendous openness, pray that for many, this would be the time that they decide to **allow God to inform and direct their paths**, and that we would see **many new followers of Jesus this fall**.



I have a tremendous sense of anticipation for all that God is going to do this fall! Thank you for praying with me for His good work to be done!

- Danielle