



Help Your Students Make the College Leap

Imagine thousands of missionaries entering a mission field with the resolve and the skills to make an eternal impact. This is the potential scenario on one of the greatest mission fields in the world—the university campus.

Each year, millions of youth enter one of the most significant transition times in their lives—the transition to college. This fall, literally hundreds of thousands of Christian students graduating from high school will choose to attend a public university or secular private institution.

Studies by Youth Transitions Network youthtransitionnetwork.org reveal 93 percent of these incoming freshmen will never hear the name of a single campus ministry. If current trends continue, many of these students will arrive on their campus unprepared for what they are about to face and unaware of available support systems.

The biggest challenge for freshmen is just that—the first year of college. Students are now on their own, responsible for meals, finances, schedule—it can be overwhelming. Dr. Gary Collins likens this transition to culture shock. "Students feel the stress of these changes. Stress dulls our

memory, weakens our bodies, stirs up our emotions and reduces efficiency." Students need our help to succeed through this dynamic time of life.

A vital key to students' success is having transitional mentors. As a church your role in this can far extend the reach of traditional Sunday school by finding key ways to partner with the youth leader to train mentors to take an active role in students lives even before graduation happens. Chi Alpha's "Transitions" program provides resources that train individuals to come alongside students. It helps mentors understand the unique challenges facing students and how to effectively support and encourage them through the process. Simply keeping a connection with these young adults may make all the difference in getting them through this time with their faith intact.

The level of investment we make in our children will determine the health of the Church in years to come. Chi Alpha is committed to helping the local church guide their youth into adulthood. Join us in this worthy task! 💡

CHI ALPHA CAMPUS MINISTRIES is a Christian campus ministry founded in 1953 and is presently on over 200 campuses throughout the U.S. and around the world. For more info on Chi Alpha and the "Transitions" program visit chialpha.com.

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