



Spring 2025 Semester so Far!

Hello Everyone!

I hope you all are doing well!

I just wanted to send out an update on how the spring semester of 2025 has been so far.

Back at the start of the New Year, we had a big conference in Minnesota called “Commissioned”. We took a couple of students with us. The conference was focused a lot around missions and the importance of missions and reaching different nations. There were a lot of missionaries from all over the world. Students and staff could talk and connect with them to learn more about what they are doing and what overseas missions looks like. Our students that came had a really great time! Partha got to connect with a lot of missionaries and has seemed to develop more of a heart for world missions. Matthew also came and it was a really formative time for him, I think. He later told me that the conference was really helpful for him, and after the conference he moved back to Boulder for a few months. He was an amazing part of the community during that time. I honestly wasn’t sure what to expect going into the conference, but it was a really good time, and I got to meet and talk to some other Chi Alpha staff and hear their stories, which was really fun. Our students really enjoyed the conference and roadtripping there with Andrew, Matthew and Partha was really amazing as well!

Shortly after returning to CO after Commissioned, we had a staff retreat before the school year to touch base as a staff after the Christmas break. We talked about the upcoming semester and planned some things out for the semester. It was also just a really great opportunity to all be together as a staff team, have fun together, and enjoy each other’s company.

After our staff retreat, we got back into the full swing of the semester. It was great to reconnect with students that we hadn’t seen over the break and hear about their time back home and their breaks. We also started our small group meetings back up. Partha and I are leading a small group together this semester. This semester, we decided to go through the book of John in our small groups and it has led to some really good discussions! It has been a lot of fun to dive deeper into the book of John with our small group and hear student’s thoughts on it. This has helped everyone gain a deeper understanding of what the Gospel of John is communicating and of who Jesus is, as we read through it together.



Partha and Matthew messing around at Commissioned.



Our staff team for the year! Left to right: Me, Andrew, Erik and Shiloh, Kellyn, Erika, and Christa.

I have also have had the opportunity to read the Bible with one of friends in my small group this semester, and we have been meeting once a week for lunch to read the through book of Job together. This has been a really amazing time and it has been awesome to get to know him more and to read through Job with him. We have had some great discussions and have definitely helped each other understand and appreciate the wisdom in Job more and more as we have gone through it together.

A big highlight for me this semester has been watching Matthew grow in his faith. Earlier this semester, he expressed a desire to go out on campus and pray for people as well as share his faith with others. So, I started going out on campus with him every week for a while during the semester. The first week we went out, we had a couple of awkward conversations with people. Each time we went out though, Matthew got more and more bold in praying for people and sharing his faith with the people that we would talk to. It was really awesome and encouraging to see.

One of the coolest things to see was when we did some outreach near campus in February called “Pancakes and Prayer”. This is where we make pancakes for people and offer to pray for them. Matthew was really bold and confident in sharing his faith his people. People would come up for some pancakes and Matthew would ask them if they knew the gospel, and then he would ask them if they wanted to know about the gospel; he would share it with them, as well as what Jesus has done in his life, then offer to pray for them. He got to have some really good conversations with people as a result and it was really awesome and inspiring to watch.

A couple of weeks ago was our spring break, and this year we decided to go to Moab, UT to serve at a pastor’s retreat there. The retreat was put on by a guy named Steve Lummer who has a ministry where he travels to different popular outdoor places and trails around the country and he makes tacos for the hikers, backpackers, and bikers. He has come to CU a couple of times and made tacos at our Tuesday night service. During the week of our spring break, he put on a retreat called Desert Fathers. The point of the retreat was to provide a space for pastors to come and disconnect for a while and spend some time in solitude praying and seeking the Lord - free from distractions. The goal was for the pastors to be restored, mentally, physically, and spiritually during this time and the retreat seemed like it did that for the pastors that were there.

During the retreat, a lot of what we did was help with preparing food, and we got to interact with the pastors and participate in some of their discussion which was really beneficial for us and our students that were on the trip. We also got to do some awesome hikes in Arches National Park with our students. It was breathtakingly beautiful there, and the landscape in and around Moab feels like another planet. God’s creation is truly spectacular. On the way back from Moab we stopped in Gunnison, CO for a couple of days to visit the Chi Alpha at the university there. This Chi Alpha was also started by former staff members that I knew at CSU. So, it was awesome to see them and catch up, as well as see how their ministry is doing, and talk with some of their students. It was really great trip with our students and everyone on the trip had a great time. It seemed like we all grew closer together, as well!



The team for the spring break trip! Left to right: Tommy, Luis, Me, Matthew, Erik, Shiloh, Kellyn, and Christa.



The nights in Moab were incredible!

Prayer Request

We have about a month left in the spring semester. So be praying that we can finish the semester strong as a ministry. Also some of us on the staff team are a little tired, so be praying for energy and motivation to finish the semester strong.

We have a lot of students going through our discipleship training class this year which is amazing! So, be praying that they will continue to get a lot out of the class as well, and that some of them will decide to be on leadership with us next year and lead a small group.

I and other members of our staff team have a fair amount of support raising to do this summer. So prayers that we would raise the support that we need to raise quickly, as well as for the discipline and motivation to put in the work that we need to in order to raise the rest of our budgets before the fall semester starts in August.

This has been a really awesome and fun semester, so far, with all of our students - and it has been rewarding to see them grow in their faith and walk with God. I am excited to see what the rest of the semester holds.

Thank you all so much for all the support you have shown me over the past several years of doing ministry. It really means a lot and I couldn’t do it without all of your prayers and support!

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