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Shepherding Young Staff

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What are some of the issues that people in our nation are struggling with these days?

Loneliness? Fear? Meaninglessness? Anger? Relational and sexual brokenness? Truth?

These things are affecting many people in our culture, maybe even you! These challenges are very present on campuses as well. Which is why I was so encouraged last week as I heard from several young staff who are pressing into these challenges with students across the country as they serve with The Navigators EDGE Corps (edgecorps.org).

One great thing about being located at our Headquarters is an easy chance to connect with staff when they are here. I was able to shepherd a table of staff for one portion of their training week. Here's some of the EDGers experiences that they shared with me....



These EDGE Corps staff had two virtual staff summits in 2020 after joining staff with The Navigators and were so thrilled to finally have an in-person staff gathering.

- ➔ One discovered that the favorite part of his whole job is getting to spend intentional time with those who don't know Jesus.
- ➔ A California staff team who wasn't allowed on campus the entire academic year due to COVID restrictions got innovative and created a student instagram outreach team - which became very successful in connecting them to new freshman on campus.
- ➔ One spent a lot of time, energy, and prayer sharing the hope of the Gospel with a student who identifies as bisexual and has attempted suicide (and thus faced rejection from both her family and Christian friends).
- ➔ One taught a new believer how to share the gospel - and then proceeded to check in and find that this new believer had already shared their faith with multiple people.

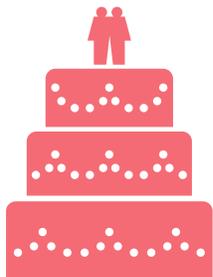
Would you please pray for our EDGers? They need courage and perseverance as they press in to these relationships with students, raise funds for next year, and walk with Jesus through their own struggles. Pray also for the Holy Spirit to fill me and my team as we lead our campus ministries through the transition out of the pandemic.

Thanks for investing in us as we help lead the Collegiate ministry!

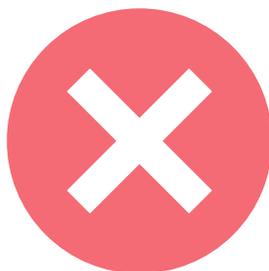
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Facing the Losses

Part of our job in shepherding these young staff was to help them process the losses of the last year. Here are some of the losses they shared about.



"My wedding."



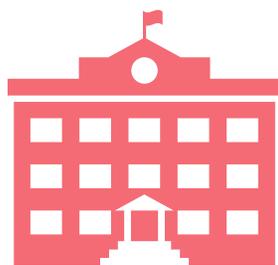
"I was not allowed on the grounds of my alma mater, where I longed to minister and bring blessing."



"Last year I had a great community of friends, church, and school. This year, I've been stuck at home all the time. It's a lonely place to be."



"I long to bring Jesus to international students but had no opportunity this year to do so."



"Other campuses have been open, allowing for in-person ministry, but mine hasn't been. All Zoom, all year."



"I wasn't able to see my family for over a year."

"What was the best part of your homeschool year?"



Noah
Subbing as a science teacher



Katie
Not having to rush out the door in the mornings!



Judson
*Ellie Bean
Josie Kate
Annie Girl
Sisters,
[where] are you?*



Ellie
More time to do what I want - like reading and art!



Josie
Having a rest time each afternoon



Annie
Going to preschool!