

CONVOCATION AT WINTHROP UNIVERSITY



Abigayle [redacted]
Curating Conversation. Fostering Craft. This organization has changed my life.
#fridayartsproject
— with Kirk Irwin at Winthrop University



For the last three years we have had a table for Friday Arts Project at Winthrop University's Convocation. This is the opening day for students—both new and returning—for the Fall semester. Convocation is an opportunity for student organizations to market themselves, as well as off-campus organizations, like us. When Friday Arts Project began—as a student organization—back in 2006, they participated in this event for several years until many of the leaders graduated.

Last year a student named Abigayle found our table, took a survey, received a sketch book, and began connecting with our events on and off campus. Throughout the year she grew in her relationship with God, and grew to become a leader for FriArts on campus. This year she returned to “work” our table, talk to students, and hand out surveys and sketch books. In the course of the few hours our table was open, she snapped a photo and posted this line on Facebook, “...this organization has changed my life.”

Within an hour of seeing that online, a former WU student (who was involved 9 years ago with FriArts)—now graduated, married, a father, and living and working in Rock Hill—posted an old photo and a statement about his experiences. Having those two things shared within hours of each other on a day when we were reaching out to students—offering the Beauty of the Gospel—made our hearts soar!

Be encouraged that your prayers and support affect lives. We are trusting God to impact more Abigayles and Jays this year and for many years to come. ■

Blessings—

Sarah and Kirk

PLEASE PRAY:

- » *That God would work in the hearts of the students that we continue to interact with after meeting them at Convocation. Also, that God would bear fruit in the lives of the artists & art students we've been working with.*
- » *For our personal financial support. Pray for favor and many new supporters.*
- » *For our spiritual health—that our marriage and relationship with God will continue to grow.*
- » *Kirk has been approved to be ordained as an “evangelist” for the prebytery. Now he needs to take a test. Pray for favor as he tackles the necessary content to get ordination.*
- » *Sarah has recently had some of her art work shown in shows and galleries. Praise God! Continue to pray for her art production—painting—and more opportunities to ministry through these efforts.*

UPDATES:

- » *God may have taken care of our car need. We will know more by the end of this Fall. Stay tuned.*

- ★ For more information about us and our ministry, visit our website: www.birdandkey.com or check out our Friday Arts Project Facebook page or website: www.fridayartsproject.org
- ★ If you would like to partner with us in ministry, visit our giving page on Cru's website: www.give.cru.org/0402593

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