



*We exist to...  
engage college students with the gospel,  
develop disciples of Jesus Christ,  
and mobilize servant leaders for the church.*

## **Convention Council Report – September 2020**

### **Leadership Change**

Brad Schneeflock, Christian Challenge's State Director, resigned after five years of fruitful ministry and entrepreneurial leadership. He has entered the financial advisement arena working with a Christian firm in Scottsdale. Brad was the catalyst for significant transition in the structure and day-to-day ministry of Christian Challenge. He leaves behind a legacy of developing church partnerships to expand Baptist collegiate ministry in Arizona. I was chosen to succeed Brad and will continue to lead Challenge missionaries to pursue our Mission as stated at the top of this report. I will also work to see God's vision for Challenge realized - to work together "with local churches to advance God's Kingdom on every college campus in Arizona." In short, Brad might have left, but our mission and vision remain the same. I had been the local campus missionary at NAU since 1989 and, in addition, for the last five years, had worked with Brad to develop the structure and ministry for Challenge ministry statewide. Please pray for me that God would lead me by His Word and by His Spirit as I lead Challenge going forward.

### **A Transformed Life**

This is part of a letter that Challenge missionaries at the University of Arizona received from a student who graduated in May this year:

*"I have seen people who grew up in the church, and those who did not be transformed during their time in Christian Challenge. I entered college an incredibly timid, self-image oriented believer in God, afraid of life and herself, and I am now on the other side a (more) confident, truth-seeking follower of Jesus. I can share my faith with my friends. And, through a lot of support at Challenge, I survived probably the hardest struggles of self-reckoning I will have in my life. I look back on my four years and cry out of thankfulness; I am so grateful to God for keeping me at Challenge. I never, ever would have believed what could be done in my life in four short years, and I am excited to live out the rest of my life with God." - T.M. 7/2020*

### **Beginning the Fall Semester Under COVID**

By now Colleges and Universities in Arizona have started classes, but in various forms. Some campuses are only offering online classes while others are offering normal in-person classes. Still others are offering a hybrid mixture of online and in-person classes, all due to the COVID pandemic. Each campus environment brings its own set of personal interaction and gathering protocols. Our missionaries and students are busy navigating the odd and ever changing landscape.

Please pray for our 17 chapters:

- That they would find creative ways to connect with incoming freshmen both in person and virtually.
- That God would send them as workers into the harvest and that students and missionaries would have a multitude of opportunities to share the gospel.
- That God would continue to use Challenge, whether in person or electronically, to transform lives of college students. After all, today's college students are the future of our state our country and our churches!

Also, We are currently partnering with four local churches to begin ministry this semester on four new campuses - Scottsdale CC, Glendale CC North, Pima CC Desert Vista and Pima CC East. During the pandemic might seem like an unlikely time to begin ministry on a college campus, but we are expecting God to do amazing things!

Thank you for support of Christian Challenge!

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