

THE CCH UPDATE

SUMMER 2017

CHRISTIAN CAMPUS HOUSE AT TRINE UNIVERSITY

HUMANS VS. ZOMBIES

As the clock struck midnight on April 24, the humans across campus were on high alert, as word got around that five students, better known as "Patient Zeros", had been infected with a deadly virus. The zombie apocalypse had arrived at Trine University once again for the fifth annual game of Humans vs. Zombies.

For the 140 humans, the mission was simple: stay alive. Armed with balls of socks and loaded Nerf guns, the humans nervously embarked on each day, trying their best to avoid being tagged by the ever-growing clan of zombies. They walked to class, work, and meetings, peeking over their shoulders, strategizing alternate routes, and ready to fire their weapons to stun zombies at a moment's notice.

This year's game was the biggest yet, and the Humans vs. Zombies planning team, also known as the Moderators, did an awesome job of orchestrating the week and making the game a success. For the first time ever, students weren't the only ones to get in on the fun; Trine faculty and staff members were invited to participate as well. Over 30 staff and faculty assisted the Moderators by hiding weapons caches and cures in their offices, which humans had to solve riddles and clues to find. Two faculty members even played the game and won!

On April 28, the fifth and final day of the game, the "helicopter" (a CCH van) made its way around campus to rescue the remaining humans. The van was surrounded by the zombie horde, but the humans banded together to get to the chopper. With hearts pounding and Nerf bullets and socks flying, the humans fought their way to rescue, and 40 emerged from the chaos victorious. While we may not be safe from the zombie threat forever, I feel we can rest for now, at least until next year...

STAFF UPDATE : SHANNON BINGAMAN

Shannon is the newest member of our team, joining us in late April as the new Events Coordinator. She has started working closely with Pam Dick, being trained to host our various events.

When asked what she looks forward to she said, "*I love what CCH offers to the Trine students and the area churches. I want to be able to assist CCH in continuing to offer these high-quality events with the retirement of the current Events Coordinator. Event planning is something I enjoy doing, and I believe God has given me the ability and desire to be a part of what CCH is offering not only to the Trine students, but also to the area churches.*"

"I do not see this as a "position" to fill. I see the Events Coordinator as a ministry in and of itself. The events that CCH offers have wide and far reaching arms, and I want those arms to be arms that are reaching out to the community showing God's love and acceptance. I am looking forward to seeing how God works through CCH and the events that are offered first hand. I look forward to being a part of a ministry that is helping to raise up strong Christian men and women helping to make disciples as God has told us to do."

Shannon became familiar with campus ministry when her oldest son went off to college. *"It is through his experiences that I have seen the importance of campus ministry. I was and am very thankful that as we send our young adults off to college, they have a safe place to be able to continue to grow in their faith and are able to worship God with other young adults their age that are dealing with some of the same challenges they are dealing with. The campuses with strong campus houses are blessed to be able to have such an environment provided for their students."*

Shannon has been married to her husband Eric for 24 years. They came to Angola so he could serve as Pleasant View Church of Christ's Senior Minister. They have three children: Crosby is 20 years old and will be attending Trine University this fall as a transfer student, and their daughters Dannee Kay and Makinlee are 16 and 13, and will be attending Angola High and Middle School as a senior and 7th grader.



Check out our Zombies promo video on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KQWPN3vt94>



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THE JOURNEY LIVING AS ONE

Vision Casting is one of our favorite events of the year. It gives us an opportunity to come together as a family, talk about the great things God has done over the school year, and begin to look forward to the exciting things to come in the next. Students have the opportunity to take ownership of a vision for ministry together. They hang out in a small group time with their classmates and discuss how they can personally and corporately apply that vision, and then get the chance to sign up for a place to serve in ministry in the coming year.

Each year as we head into vision casting, our Rep Group talks about what has gone well in ministry, what we can improve upon, and what we need to focus on in the future. This year, that discussion led to the inception of our vision ***The Journey: Living as One***. Our student leaders saw a need to focus on community and investing in one another. There is a need to develop close and meaningful relationships in order to grow spiritually. This life and ministry are meant to be done in community, as a family, as one body, not alone. Thus, we want to live as one, shouldering each other's burdens, celebrating life's joys, and talking about how life is truly going with one another.

But we also don't want to get stuck there. The word journey implies movement. We want to be a family that grows in unity together for the purpose of reaching out to others. When we live in community, we can go together to reach out to those around us. We can stand beside one another in sharing our faith and loving people with the Gospel of Jesus. It is our ultimate goal that we will grow closer to each other and closer to God throughout this entire process, and expand the family along the way.

As we embrace this new vision, we are praying, studying and making it a priority to connect even throughout the summer. We hope to build momentum leading into the fall as we draw closer together as a family for the glory of God's Kingdom on campus.

If you would like to join us this summer, check out our website at cchtrine.org/journey



GRADUATE HIGHLIGHT

This year, we are so excited that Nicole Walters, ChE and an integral part of our ministry, was the recipient of the Robert B. Stewart Award. This distinguished award is handed out to the most outstanding student in the graduating class. As the winner of the R.B. Stewart award, she was asked to deliver a message to her fellow graduates.

Her message was perfect for all those in attendance as she spoke about the worth a person coming from being created by God, not being defined by a degree, accomplishments, or lack thereof. She spoke boldly about being a child of God, and that being where her identity, worth, and joy come from. While all these graduates will be moving on to the career world, she urged them not to forget by whom they are created and to treasure that above all else.

was truly amazing to have a student stand before her class and give testimony to who God is, and who she is today because of His work in her life. All that said, we are proud to congratulate Nicole on winning the Robert B. Stewart Award and praise God for the work he has done in her life through her time at Trine University!



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