

"This summer has made me a more selfless person. I am more focused on fighting injustices in this world than on my own desires. I now see that I must stay involved in the pro-life movement for my entire life." - Taylor, Created Equal Intern

Summer kicked off with our *Justice Ride*. Students from across the nation converged on Columbus, OH for an intensive week of both training and hands-on experience in the work of saving lives.

In various Midwestern cities, our *Justice Riders* paired respectful dialogue with the ugly reality of abortion. Here are what a couple of passersby had to say to our team members:

- "This totally changed my mind. I don't think it should be legal. It's gruesome and disgusting." Joseph, Columbus, OH
- "I had an abortion when I was younger. It was the worst thing I ever did, and I regret it so much. Tell as many people the truth about abortion as possible today." Ally, Cleveland, OH



The Summer Justice Ride is preparation for lifelong service. We meet regularly throughout the week to prepare for action on the frontlines (left), but our work is not merely theoretical. Our Justice Riders receive on the ground experience creating conversation on public sidewalks (middle left), exposing abortion on busy overpasses (middle right), reaching out to those entering abortion facilities (right), and much more.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE INFORMED DIALOGUE ON ABORTION HAPPEN. YOUR GIFT OF ANY SIZE HELPS OUR TEAM RECRUIT, TRAIN, AND MENTOR STUDENTS WITH OUR *JUSTICE RIDES* AND FULL-TIME SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.

While many of the *Justice Riders* returned home at the end of the week, we recruited a core team to join us full-time for our summer internship program. What makes our internship unique is the combination of classroom, community, and field

experience. Having answers is important, but we need opportunities to use our skills of defense. Lone soldiers can do great work, but being part of a band creates synergy to do more. See comments from this year's class:

- "I've seen my relationship with Christ become stronger as I have been around a group of strong believers and as I've been seeking to serve Him in very direct ways." - Hannah
- "If you want to become an effective advocate for the preborn, this internship is one of the best ways to make you into a well-rounded, passionate, and versatile anti-abortion activist." - Isaac
- "I know so much more now of the pro-life position than I ever had before. I feel equipped to speak up and make the case. I know I can do this on my own." - Victoria



Another class of interns has graduated from our program! Pray for them as they discern their future in the movement.

## Purdue Debate and "Pornography" Controversy



Top: Seth and Dr. David Sanders respond to student questions during the Purdue debate. Watch online: <u>http://bit.ly/2qy4XoM</u>. Bottom: Megan Smith, Created Equal intern and Boilermakers For Life President, addresses those at the debate (left). Our team follows up the formal event with informal debate on campus the next day (right).

Many of our interns return to become full-time staff members of Created Equal. Others continue the work on their own campuses—such as veteran *Justice Rider* and intern Megan Smith. She recently wrote, "Created Equal equips students not only to do outreach with them but makes it attainable for students to take it back to their communities." That's exactly what she's doing at Purdue University.

In addition to leading outreach using victim photography at Purdue, this year Megan arranged a formal debate between Seth Drayer, our Director of Training, and Dr. David Sanders, Purdue Associate Professor of Biology.

In one of the more shocking moments of the debate, Sanders likened Created Equal's outreach to pornography: "What would you call the public display of a butt-naked body of a child? I would call it child pornography. Do they have their permission? Do they have the permission of the fetus? Obviously not."

Seth responded, "Pornography is designed for sexual stimulation. Photos of these babies who've been killed, photos of African-Americans lynched, photos of Holocaust victims those are not created to give sexual stimulation. They are pictures of reality."

Watch the debate and many other cutting-edge videos on our Youtube channel: <u>YouTube.com/CreatedEqualFilms.</u>

TAKE ACTION: SHARE CLIPS FROM THE DEBATE ONLINE. GO TO WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/CREATEDEQUALFILMS. CLICK ON OUR "FORMAL DEBATES" PLAYLIST. SHARE CLIPS ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER, AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA!

## **Moving Forward**

By Summer's end, our team had compiled a list of accomplishments both intimate and grand—from individuals choosing not to kill their babies outside of abortion facilities to passage of the Dismemberment Abortion Ban in the Ohio Senate.

Please continue to pray for our recent class of intern graduates as they discern their future. Some have already applied to return to our team full-time. Will you help?

OUR STAFF AND INTERNS RAISE THEIR OWN SUPPORT TO BE ON THE TEAM. WILL YOU HELP THEM? YOUR GIFT OF \$75, \$45, \$20, OR \$5 HELPS OUR STAFF MEMBERS WHO WANT TO CONTINUE IN FULL-TIME SERVICE.

Please pray for our team as we prepare for an exciting fall campaign. I can't wait to share details soon!

For those who can't speak,

Mark

Mark Harrington, National Director, Created Equal

P.S.— One passerby in Columbus told *Justice Rider* Tess, "I let my girlfriend get an abortion back in 1979 and it kills me everyday." We can bring hope to this culture!



Coming in next month's update: An inside look at our story of taking the JumboTron to a historic effort to close the last abortion facility in the state of Kentucky and the wild pro-abortion pushback we received.