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Our Valor staff who serve across the USA and around the World

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An Exciting New Scope

I (Tyler) met Peter at the first Cru weekly meeting 3 years ago and immediately I could tell he was a natural leader. He was in the Army ROTC program at CSU and brought his friend Nate (who was also a cadet, but in Air Force ROTC) to our bible study every week. Peter and Nate lived out their faith in front of their friends in the dorms and alongside their fellow ROTC cadets. Over the course of the year, their available time began to shrink as they took on more responsibilities and said yes to exciting opportunities in ROTC. In fact, that following fall both Nate and Peter stepped away from Cru in order to pursue other ministries and opportunities with their time. It was sad for me, but Peter & I would still meet up somewhat regularly over the course of that year.

During our last time together that spring, Peter excitedly shared that he was challenged to step into leadership with Valor! Valor is a ministry of Cru that specifically reaches and prepares ROTC students to walk with Jesus during active duty and for the rest of their lives. If you remember, Shannon has been working with Valor for the past 2 years, leading in Operations for Valor across the US... and she started the same semester that Peter joined leadership with Valor at Colorado State.

This past year, I got to watch Peter lead his fellow cadets towards Christ. As I watched him reach a subsection of campus that our traditional Cru ministries have typically struggled to reach, it encouraged and challenged me. There is such a desperate need for men and women to pour into ROTC Students, to equip them to be spiritually resilient in active duty, and to help them place their hope, faith, and identity in Christ alone. Watching Peter lead and seeing the significant need stirred something in me.

It was students like Peter who got me excited to start working with Valor myself, and as of this June, I officially transitioned over to Cru's ministry aimed at reaching ROTC students for Christ. This doesn't change much about my ministry except that it will create a pin point focus on ROTC students, and it will greatly increase my scope! Now I will not only be at CSU, but will also reach the lost, coach students leaders, and resource ministries at more than 20 schools all along the front range... from as far north as the University of Wyoming to as far south as Colorado State University in Pueblo. I'm thrilled to work more closely with Shannon and to get to disciple Peter again during his Senior year as he leads the Valor ministry at CSU for a 2nd year!



No matter where your HS Grad is attending College, we can help!

College Bound

We can't hold large group weekly meetings. We can't host the typical pizza feed to gather new freshmen. We can't invite students to play soccer on the IM fields.

There are a lot of things changing about how we will do ministry this fall, but the one thing that could make the biggest difference is something you can do!

Every year students graduate from church youth groups and worry about how they'll find a faith community in college.

College Bound was created to help incoming students find a ministry well before they ever step foot on campus... and you can help!

Simply text or email

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to every graduating HS senior/parent or youth pastor you know! If they fill out the form, Cru will get them plugged in to a ministry no matter where they're going!



Peter (right) and Luke (left) man the cannon at the CSU game. Luke is the previous student leader who challenged Peter to Valor leadership.



- Praise God with me for the opportunity to influence our future military men and women for Christ! Pray they would follow Him in college and influence others for him long after!
- Pray for Peter as he leads his fellow Cadets at CSU this fall. (as well as all the Valor leaders in Colorado and Wyoming) Pray for wisdom in how to lead in the unique circumstances of COVID and it's accompanying restrictions, and for creativity to come out of this complexity.
- Pray for incoming freshmen to find faith communities and feel connected, especially now.