

First Semester Update!

Hello Everyone!

I hope you had an amazing Christmas and New Year, and a great start to 2023, and that you all are doing well!

I just wanted to send out a quick update about the second half of the Fall 2022 semester at CU Boulder.

A few months ago, one of my roommates and I decided to attend CSU Chi Alpha's men's retreat. We travelled to Bear Lake in Utah and met a couple of old friends from CSU and road tripped all together. It was a lot of fun to see them and catch up with them on the way there and back. While we were there, we all had a really fun time and it was awesome to see and catch up with some old friends and small group members who I hadn't seen in a long time. It was definitely refreshing and a good reminder of what we are trying to build here at CU.



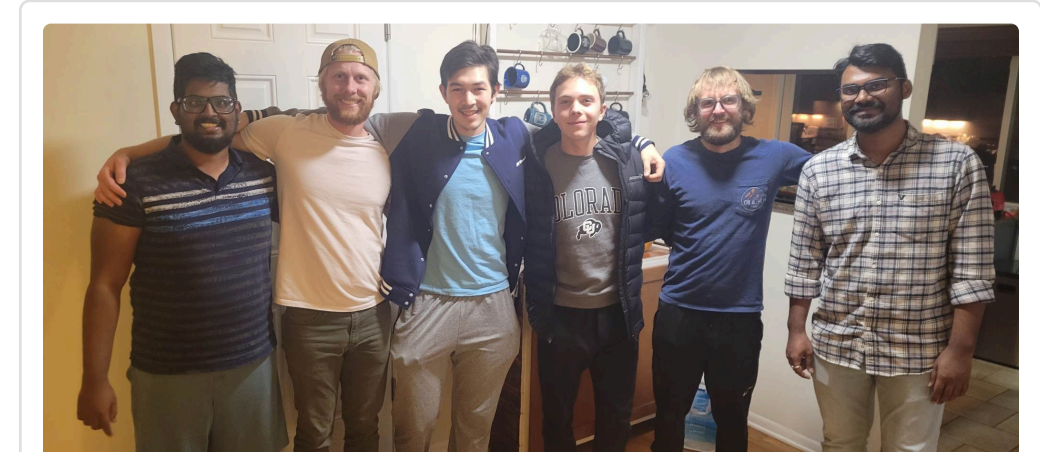
Photo from worship at men's retreat.



Duncan preaching fire at the men's retreat!

The speaker for the weekend was Duncan Chance who was on the original pioneering team for CSU and is currently the director of Chi Alpha at UNC in Greeley, CO. He talked a lot about the things that are necessary for Christian fellowship and he talked about calling and purpose. He pointed out that no matter what we do in life, we are first called to follow Jesus and make disciples wherever we are in life. It was a really good time and overall was just an awesome weekend of brotherhood and fellowship!

Throughout the semester, we have been doing small groups and they have gone well. We started off the semester doing co-ed small groups, which was fun. We had some really awesome conversations and discussion during this time. Then, when we had enough guys and girls coming regularly we decided to split off into separate guy's and girl's small groups. For the guy's small group, Erik led most of the time, and I helped out with support. The group was a lot of fun and we had a few guys that were very



Picture one of our small groups this semester. (From left to right: Nav, Erik, Caleb, Matthew, Me, and Partha.

faithful in attending each week. The discussions and hangouts that we had were all really good and a lot of fun.

The highlight for me from small group this semester was a dinner that we all had together toward the end of the semester. I really enjoyed this, because it was just an awesome evening of hanging out. After we had dinner, we just hung out together and were doing bottle flips for a while, and then we went and played some basketball on campus and were just genuinely enjoying each other's company. It was the first time that the small group started to feel like more than just a meeting. The small group started to feel like real a community and like brotherhood was forming between everyone! It was a cool glimpse into the potential that the group has and of what we are trying to do and grow here at CU.



Group photo of everyone at WYCO.

To end the semester, we had our annual staff retreat called WYCO. This is retreat we do at the end of every semester, and it is a gathering of all of the Chi Alpha staff from Wyoming and Colorado. This is always a nice time at the end of the semester and is a good time to rest and relax and to see and hangout with people that we have not seen in a while. It was also fun to see the Wyoming team, because we really only get to see them at WYCO each year so it was fun to catch up with them. This year was awesome, because we sent out a lot of teams to pioneer Chi Alphas at several different colleges across Colorado. These teams all came from CSU Chi Alpha at some point so it felt like a big family reunion and it was awesome to hear about all God is doing at each of those campuses.

We also did a white elephant gift exchange which was fun. We also took some time one night to pray for each other and to share things that have been hard about this last semester as well as things that we are excited about for the spring semester. It was an awesome and powerful time of prayer! Overall, it was an invigorating weekend of rest as well as catching up with old friends and

just enjoying each other's company.

So, this is what the second half of the Fall 2022 semester looked like for us at Chi Alpha - CU. I hope and pray that you all have had an amazing start to 2023 and that the rest of 2023 is amazing for you all. Thanks again for all your support. It really means a lot and I couldn't do it without you all!

Prayer Requests
We have a big retreat coming up on January 13-16 so be praying for God to move during this time, for God to be preparing the hearts of students that will be there, and for an awesome weekend of fellowship.
For the students that we have met this past semester, as they are back home over break. Pray that they will seek God more and more over the break and that God will speak something new to each of them.
I ask for your continued prayer that I would be able to raise my full budget for Boulder so that I can start to be on campus more than I have been able to be.
Be praying that the guys in our small group would continue to grow closer to God and to each other and start to develop more brotherhood and community with each other.

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