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***Catch up**

***Reflect and Celebrate what God has done this year**

***Give update for what the first 6 weeks are like in the fall (initial contact via IG or tabling, follow up, first small groups, ending in Fall Getaway, etc)**

***Vision: is there a story you or someone can share about the significance of the first 6 weeks.**

Important Dates: Compile your list of need to know dates (i.e. when freshman arrive, first day of classes, club fair, etc). Helpful to do this before Gear Up.

Fall Getaway: TBD, usually the first full weekend of OCT

Leadership Retreat: TBD, typically in August

Winter Conference: TBD

Spring Breaks: NOLA? Please, Jesus.

Gear Up: April 23, 2022

Freshman Arrival/Move In:

Start of classes:

Finals:

Recurring events: What are the events that are done every year? What will it take to get them done again? Write out all the events and the to do's for each one (see example below). At Gear Up write a name next to each task.

Ex: Kickoff BBQ- Thursday at 6:00pm before first Cru at 8:00

- Space reservation/location
- Grill
- Meat
- Condiments
- Plates
- Advertisement
- Set up
- Cooking
- Servers
- Clean up
- Etc.

Other questions you can ask:

-What will be the "front door" to our ministry?

-What do we want to see happen in and through our small groups?

-What's our team's plan for discipleship?

-What needs to happen over the summer to be ready to disciple students in the fall?

Important Tasks: What are the things that need to be taken care of to keep Cru running? These are likely separate from your recurring events. They are the tasks that might not be tied to one specific thing and therefore are in danger of slipping through the cracks.

- Room reservations
- Club registration
- Student Government requirements
- Budget submissions
- Tabling reservations
- Instagram, Social Media (Who and How)
- Etc.

New Ideas: This is the last thing you should do but it will be the first thing everyone wants to do. This is the time to dream big and then bring it back to focus. Think about landing on 1-2 new ideas, strategies, events that will propel the ministry towards its vision (think “how will this help us turn lost students into Christ centered laborers?”).

Step 1- State the vision “turn lost students into Christ centered laborers”

Step 2- Review the SWOT analysis

Step 3- Brainstorm ideas that will move you from reality to vision (note: don’t waste time discussing or fleshing out ideas. This is 10-30 sec explanations like “a meal once a month that we all bring a non-believing friend to with the hopes of building trusting relationships”)

Step 4- Open discussion about ideas (this is the time where people can state their case for an idea)

Step 5- Give people 3 votes for favorite ideas

Step 6- Narrow list to top 4-6 ideas

Step 7- Final discussion

Step 8- 2 votes per person

Step 9- Narrow list to 1-2 ideas

Step 10- Delegate “who is doing what when” for new ideas