



“Parents often confide in me ‘Who will be there to welcome and shape my child?’ ”
Rick Hove, National Director, Faculty Commons

Wherever I go, I meet Christian professors who care about students; conscientious, often overworked, who put Jesus first, yet are often the only Christian in their department. Students and colleagues notice their faith: sometimes by their words -- but most of all -- by their actions. You make it possible for us to minister to them as they minister to students. Here are a few highlights:



Knowing The Lines

In February Lori Kepner addressed legal questions from UNT and TWU Christian professors. She works with the General Counsel Office of Cru, and answered questions about the lines of what is legal inside and outside the classroom.

She helps professors understand appropriate ways to introduce themselves as Christians and have to have conversations about Jesus with interested students on a personal basis.



They Notice

In March Sam Matteson, a retired North Texas physics professor, talked about lessons from being chairman of three different departments during his career. He noticed that colleagues noticed his words most of all when he was treated unfairly by a top administrator.

“People may hear my words, but they really notice how I behave under pressure” he told them. “Will I show anger toward another person ...or will I build bridges by showing them grace as a Christ follower?”



Making The Time Count

Susan Siaw, psychology professor at Cal Poly Pomona, will be on campus this week talking about what matters most after more than 30 years in academia. “I have learned that weighing opportunities in terms of eternal values is key,” she says. “I tell students in my classes that I view one month on earth as a mere dot on the line of my eternal life. And because of the Christian faculty fellowship on our campus I know that I am not alone in taking a bold stand for Christ.”



MEET THE PROF

Paul Hartgrove manages this Faculty Commons website. It includes more than 500 professors from across the country – and Paul stays in touch with them.

On the website they tell of their worst subject in college, favorite coffee, their struggles, and how Christ has changed their lives. They invite students to enter into conversation with them about knowing Christ.

Who will shape the lives of the college students of today and tomorrow? Thankfully, there are a growing number of Christian professors who will. Please pray for them as they proclaim Him.