

He Makes Everything Beautiful In Its Time....

May 2009

Praises:

- ♦ We found an apartment in Albany! Praise God! Please pray for lots of hands and good weather for June 6th, A.K.A. moving day!
- ♦ Praise God for the salvation of Kathy at St. Rose (see story in middle of letter)
- ♦ Praise God, we had a great commissioning service and was able to celebrate the day with friends and family! Thank you for all your prayers and support!
- ♦ One of the students Ellen has been working with for only a few weeks at UAlbany has decided to spend her summer on a missions project!
- ♦ God has brought about unity amongst Christian groups on UAlbany and at RPI. We're looking forward to partnering in large group events in the future!
- ♦ We got to celebrate John's birthday with spending a couple hours at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts!

Prayer Requests:

- ♦ We will be heading to Colorado for New Staff Training in just about a month. Please pray for this transition, as we'll be packing up and into storage before leaving, living with family for a week, going to training, driving back, and lastly moving into our apartment before the fall semester begins!
- ♦ Pray for the students in the capital region that are taking bold steps of faith by going on a summer mission's project. (Sarah, Hannah, Holly, Justin, Jason, and Phil)
- ♦ Please pray for the Fall outreaches now, that Freshman would be drawn to them and to Jesus! (St. Rose, UAlbany, RPI, Sage at Albany, Siena, Hudson Valley Community College, and Columbia Greene Community College)
- ♦ Please pray for us to continue to give God glory by giving our first fruits of our time to Him and then to each other as a couple.
- ♦ Please pray specifically for us to embrace our challenges ahead! Lots of new things, including diving to Colorado and living in a dorm room together all summer!



Ecclesiastes 3:11

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Exciting Things Happening at The College of St. Rose!!!

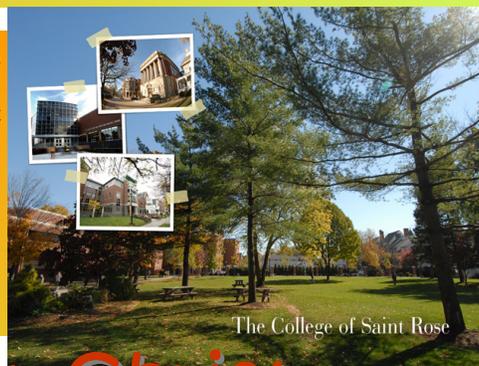
"I'm realizing, it's not enough to think you can *just* be a good person and HOPE people notice you love Jesus!" (This is what one student recently shared in the story below)

Just about 2 months ago I met a student named Natalie. This student is not only a beautiful, gifted Lady, but passionate about Jesus! And I can't sit with her on campus more than 20 minutes before someone walks by her and says "Hi." Natalie is a student who would say many of her friends know she loves Jesus or is a "Christian/religious person". Natalie has begun to learn an important truth about her walk with Jesus, she's come to realize that she can't **just** be a "good person" on Campus, she has to be able to share her story with others! I've loved being able to meet up with Natalie on Campus and I've enjoyed getting to know her. One afternoon Natalie asked a friend of hers to meet us in the lounge to participate in a Spiritual Survey. Using the Soularium tool (mentioned in our last newsletter— a tool using 50 images to get students to talk about their journey), the three of us were about to start, when another student walked up named Kathy. She ended up joining us and the conversations led to me sharing my testimony (I call it "my story") with the ladies. Later that week Natalie asked Kathy if she'd join us in a discussion of the Bible. The first day Natalie and I met alone. As we discussed 1 John, she realized she didn't have much of a story because she hadn't really received Christ's forgiveness in an area of her life involving her story! After doing so, TWO DAYS later, we met up with Kathy for our discussion of 1 John and Natalie was able to share briefly how God has forgiven her. That very day Kathy prayed to trust her life to Jesus! All using His Word and Natalie's willingness to share her story!

The College Of Saint Rose: Founded 1920 by Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet as a Roman Catholic college for women. In 1969 it became co-ed and then became an independent college sponsored by Sisters of Saint Joseph in 1970.

Statistics of the college today:

- About 5,300 students (about 1,800 in Class of 2009!)
- 80% of freshmen live on-campus
- Undergrads come from 11 countries and 19 states
- 14:1 Student to Faculty ratio with 55% of classes are under 20 people.
- Voted Top 70 Best Northern Universities by US News.



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