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JOBY GAINES

Hometown: Collierville, Tennessee

University: University of Tennessee

Field of Study: Industrial and Systems Engineering with a minor in Engineering Entrepreneurship

Employment: COSILoveYou

More about Joby: In my time at the University of Tennessee, I was a member of BYX, where I was able to serve in multiple leadership roles. I was in the Industrial and Systems Engineering Honors Society (Alpha Pi Mu), Professional Sales Forum, and I am a certified associate project manager (CAPM). I served in the preschool ministry at my church in Knoxville (Fellowship Middlebrook). I also volunteered and worked at a summer camp for disabled individuals in Memphis for multiple summers.

Interests: Playing guitar, music, weightlifting, sports, outdoor recreation, going on adventures, intentional conversations, and dancing like a maniac.



KORINNE HAWK

Hometown: Brevard, North Carolina

University: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Field of Study: Psychology and Human Development, and Family Studies

Employment: Education for a Lifetime

More about Korinne: At UNC, I was a WyldLife leader at a local middle school. I served on the hospitality committee with the North Carolina Study Center, whose mission is to cultivate Christian life and thought at UNC and was also a designer for a campus journal. During the latter half of my time at UNC, I became dedicated to spending time in community in safe ways as much as possible by playing any game/sport that can be played outside.

Interests: Pickleball, hiking, reading, cooking, good coffee, painting, and being outside.

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JULIA LUKENS

Hometown: Huntersville, North Carolina

University: Appalachian State University

Field of Study: Healthcare Management

Employment: Family Life Services

More about Julia: While in college, I spent a lot of time outdoors, exploring with friends on different hikes or swimming holes. During the winter months, I love to ski, and year-round I love to bike! I have a big heart for community. I led a community group with RUF (Reformed University Fellowship) while in college and had a blast getting to know people from different walks of life and doing life together! You can usually find me on the greenway, getting coffee with a friend, spending time with my little friends (nannying), or taking a nap.

Interests: Hiking, skiing, biking, and running to a podcast—basically doing anything outside that is adventurous and with good company! Also, I love to share a meal with friends or have a game night.



RACHEL MILLER

Hometown: Maryville, Tennessee

University: East Tennessee State University

Field of Study: Sport and Recreation Management

Employment: First Pres Young Adult Ministry

More about Rachel: During my time in college, I had the opportunity to be a Young Life leader for high school girls. The community I have in Young Life is some of the most Christ-centered I've ever had. Because of this, I have found a love for working at Young Life camps; I especially enjoy working with the ropes team and operating a variety of ropes courses! You can almost always catch me doing something outside such as hiking, walking, running, sleeping, or really anything.

Interests: Hiking, running, wasting time at coffee shops, climbing, and spending time with family and friends.



JACOB NOYES

Hometown: Santa Barbara, California

University: Westmont College

Field of Study: Communication Studies

Employment: iHeartMedia, Inc.

More about Jacob: I grew up in a family that always valued adventure, the Lord, and making wherever we were at the time feel like home. While I moved over 14 times, I would consider home at the moment to be Santa Barbara where my family and I spent the last five years and where I attended Westmont. Over the summers, I worked a number of jobs, including being a counselor at Yosemite Sierra Summer Camp and being a raft guide at Noah's Ark White Water Rafting Company in Buena Vista Colorado. I was involved in my school with our activity council, swing dancing and adventure clubs, and several Bible studies. I was similarly involved in various churches with youth groups, young adult groups, and internships with youth ministry and men's ministry.

Interests: Skiing, surfing, climbing, backpacking, road tripping, sunrises and sunsets, good friends, and deep talks.



DYLAN THOMAS

Hometown: Brentwood, Tennessee

University: University of Tennessee

Field of Study: Business

Employment: Alliance Builders

More about Dylan: In my four years at Tennessee, I found an incredible community in my Christian fraternity Beta Upsilon Chi. There I created lifelong friendships, pursued my faith with other college men, and had the opportunity to serve in many leadership roles. I was involved in my local church leading high school students and I enjoyed the highs and lows of UT sports. Whenever I wasn't in school, (and sometimes when I was) I took off with friends to go skiing all across the country.

Interests: Traveling, skiing, the outdoors, sports, woodworking, and time with friends.

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ELLIE TIDWELL

Hometown: Knoxville, Tennessee

University: University of Tennessee

Field of Study: Communication Studies

Employment: Sweetwater Flower Market

More about Ellie: During my time at Tennessee, I was involved with leading Young Life for deaf high school students. During the summers, I either worked at Young Life camps or served as a media and content creator for Pine Cove City. I love all things outdoors and am always ready to try new activities. I love finding little slices of heaven right here on earth! Fun fact: if I were a kitchen appliance, I would be a KitchenAid mixer (ask me why).

Interests: Skiing, reading, sitting at coffee shops for absurdly long times, silver jewelry, and flowers.



CAROLINE VICKERY

Hometown: Augusta, Georgia

University: Furman University

Field of Study: Earth and Environmental Sciences

Employment: Furman Post-Baccalaureate Research Fellow

More about Caroline: At Furman, I served in our campus chapter of EcoReps, which conducts student education for sustainability across campus, and was a leader in RUF (Reformed University Fellowship). Growing up, I spent my summers with family in western Montana and fell in love with environmental science while exploring the majesty of God's Creation in the Rocky Mountains. I am excited to experience all the beauty and community Colorado has to offer while the Lord continues to shape my environmental career.

Interests: Hiking, traveling (especially via road trips), climbing, writing letters, knitting, and eating pancakes.



DREW WILK

Hometown: East Lansing, Michigan

University: Indiana Wesleyan University

Field of Study: Finance and Marketing

Employment: Crossfire Ministries

More about Drew: I have always loved traveling and exploring new places. I enjoy anything outdoors and discovering more about God's creation. During college, I was involved in intramural sports, both playing and officiating for four years. I served on leadership teams for my youth group and other Christian clubs in high school. I am excited to have the opportunity to live in, and serve in, the Colorado Springs community.

Interests: Being outdoors, skiing, sports, and traveling.

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