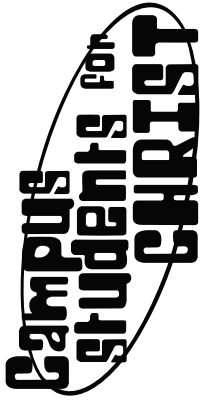


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My name is Dana Castillo Losada and I am a Spanish exchange student from the University of Alicante. I heard about Campus Students for Christ when searching on "Campus Ministries" on Western Illinois University's website. The reason why I chose Western, out of all the other university options I had, was due to having a place where I could be around people who followed Jesus and where I could strengthen my relationship with God.

During my time at CSC, I have been involved in the ELMS local retirement home, singing and spending time with the elderly, which was very needed as I was surrounded by people my age all of the time. Serving in the worship team was a great opportunity for me to realize that, after all the experience I may have, worship is not about me, it is primarily and most importantly about Jesus. I always looked forward to Wednesdays since Bible Study and Small Groups happened. Getting to open God's Word with other students, and asking questions in a safe environment was beneficial for my walk with Christ. The Luau Party,

Worship Concert, Homecoming, Kinder Mondays, and the Barn Party were awesome activities where I had the opportunity to get to know students and build friendships.



Dana Castillo - Spanish Exchange Student

My favorite part of CSC is the fellowship. As an international student, the anxiety of making friends in a totally new environment can be intimidating. However, I felt welcomed from the very beginning. I still remember my first Sunday here, where Emma asked what my name was and the girls were smiling and welcoming everyone who came to the service. Moreover, in the midst of college stress, CSC was a place where I could find encouragement.

CSC still continues to impact the lives of many students and I have had the privilege to be one of them. CSC will always hold a special place in my heart, and I truly believe God brought me here. I am really grateful to God for allowing me to enjoy the full American college experience with Him.

# FROM THE DIRECTOR

*Psalm 145:4-5 says, 4 'One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. 5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.'*

Today, as I write this letter just days before Thanksgiving, was a day exactly like this. As a staff we are beginning to take periodic reflection days to celebrate God's work, reflect on our successes and failures, and to pray and prepare for what God has for us. In my reflection, this is what I've seen.

I've seen students from all over the world, Nigeria, Nepal, Saudi Arabia, India, Bangladesh, and the U.S. connect through food, fellowship and faith. I have seen students give their lives to Christ in baptism. I have seen students mature through mission trips, leadership, and small groups. I have seen our staff grow together in Christ and in love.

I have seen a campus reopen with enthusiasm and at least some enrollment growth! There are so many exciting things that we have gotten to witness and be a part of. While those of us in campus ministry never get to see the whole, completed story of our students, we do get to plant, water, and nourish these precious lives while they are here. It is not without its challenges.

Our staff and student leaders are often tired. Our budget is often tight. Our days blur together. Yet God is so faithful and we trust Him when things are hard and we trust Him even when we cannot see the end.

# PICTURES FROM CSC



Students, Paw and Lily, help pull weeds and pick up trash during a mission trip to Home Sweet Home Ministries in Bloomington, IL, over Fall Break.



Sunday Night Dinners are provided by supporting churches and help to raise money for CSC mission trips.



Staff and students attended Fall Retreat in Springfield, IL. Former ETSU campus minister, Patrick Willis, spoke on Building Discipling Friendships.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal year is July 1-June 30

|               | As of 11-2-22 | Budgeted |
|---------------|---------------|----------|
| Church gifts: | \$17,648.75   | \$58,000 |
| Individual:   | \$17,386.30   | \$76,000 |
| Rent Income:  | \$21,671.16   | \$33,000 |
| Building Fund | \$1,635.06    |          |

**Spring Open House**  
**Saturday, April 22, 2023**  
**1pm-4pm**  
**1545 Riverview Drive**

Come for an afternoon of fun for the whole family!  
 Refreshments, inflatables, & games  
 with a short program and tour of CSC!

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