

# GETTING CONNECTED TO COLLEGE MINISTRY

Our hope here at Wesley is that as students transition from high school, life at home, and the churches they've grown up in to a big college campus like the U of A, they will find a new place to CONNECT, GROW, and BEAR FRUIT in the body of Christ. That is why it is so important to us to nurture relationships with United Methodist churches and their youth groups across Arkansas and beyond.

Each spring, we invite local youth groups to encourage their high school juniors and seniors, and their parents to join us for Wesley's Tuesday night Dinner & Worship on Junior/Senior Night. Participating in our main event gives incoming students a taste of what college ministry has to offer them! Whether it's here with us at U of A Wesley, another ministry on campus, or perhaps a Wesley ministry at another college campus, we want every incoming college student to know there is a place to find Christian community in the next stage of their journey!

As we head towards the summer and prepare to receive new students into our ministry, we are eager to reach out to your incoming student and invite them to be a part of Wesley. Help us connect with the incoming U of A students in your life:

- Visit [uawesley.com/joinus](http://uawesley.com/joinus) to provide a student's contact information. We will reach out to them about summer events as well as our Welcome Weeks events in the fall!
- Meet us at orientation! Tell your student to come by the Religious Life table during orientation to let us know they're interested in Wesley!

- Watch for our Welcome Weeks events in our August newsletter. Pass our Welcome Weeks invite on to your student and encourage them to come check out Wesley!

Have a student that is interested in college ministry but not coming to the U of A? Reach out to Margo Leavitt, our Wesley Summer Intern, at [intern1@centraltolife.com](mailto:intern1@centraltolife.com), and we will be happy to connect them with the Wesley or United Methodist ministry on their college campus!

Read about the difference Wesley made this year for these U of A Freshmen:

**Margo Leavitt:** Wesley has been such an essential part of my transition into college. I started attending Wesley the summer before my freshman year and it helped me connect to wonderful people. I love that I always have a safe place to go with the Wesley House right on campus!

**Ryan Gant:** When I was coming to college, I was nervous about getting involved with a new church group, but Wesley has provided so many great opportunities for me to serve in my new community! Everyone here wants to help you get more involved with the ministry and grow in your personal faith.

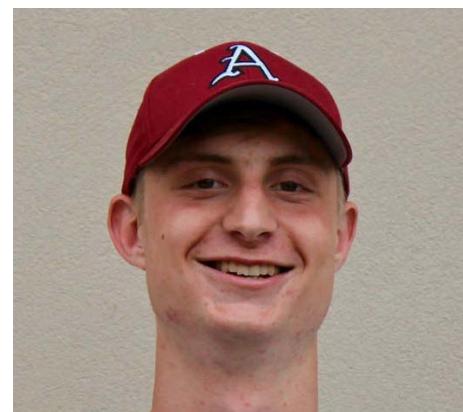
**Tim McMullen:** The biggest reason Wesley is so important to me is that I've met some of my best friends here. Before beginning the year, I prayed a lot about finding good friends, and God certainly provided.



**Margo Leavitt**



**Ryan Gant**



**Tim McMullen**