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> - Divas Brar (right, in left photo)

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4RStudents Financial Summary

TOTAL PLEDGED

\$1,378,104

**Total Collected** 

**Total Remaining** 

\$511,983

\$866,121







▲ Divas Brar, right, interned at Christ Church this summer, learning from staff members Donald Plummer (center) and Ed Garrett (left) in the Finance department. Meanwhile, at right, college students experience the power of Prayerfest in July.

### Life-changing Internship

Christ Church recently concluded the summer session of the Impact Internship Program, which featured 12 college students, and is a paid opportunity that prepares them to be future leaders in their chosen career paths. The program has served 16 students to date in 2018, and has even attracted international students from Kenya and India. An important goal of the 4RStudents Movement is to expand the internship program to serve even more students in the near future.

One young man's journey this summer highlights why our church-wide focus on students is so important. When Divas Brar, an international student from India, began his internship as an Accounts Payable Intern at Christ Church, he had no idea of the life-changing ministry that awaited him. Divas' story highlights how God is radically changing lives through the 4RStudents Movement.

As he searched for summer internships, Divas, a non-Christian, was intrigued by Christianity and embraced the thought of working for a place that serves its community. He was selected from a pool of 16 applicants and his acceptance of the Impact Internship opened the door to forever changing his heart.



## God Moves at 2018 VBS



It's been quite a summer for the Children's Ministry, as God's presence was strongly felt at Vacation Bible School in July. The event (shown above) was a major success with nearly 200 kids participating and 36 students making a first-time decision for Jesus! One of the many aims of the 4RStudents Movement is to reach even more kids at next year's VBS and allow God to work through us as we help children start with a strong foundation of faith in their walk with Christ. In addition to the powerful ministry that took place, over \$1,000 dollars were raised for iCare kits, which serve local children in need by blessing them with special birthday deliveries!

The Movement is also focused on making sure our content for children is more dynamic, engaging, and relevant to their needs. To that end, the Children's Ministry recently began teaching our youngest learners about worship. Kids were taught that worship is not just sitting and listening, but actively thinking about God and appreciating Him for who He is!

We'd love to hear from you. Email 4RStudents@ChristChurchUSA.org or call 973-783-1010 (ext. 270).



### QUEST

#### College: Life Changes for Intern CONTINUED

"God used Christ Church as an instrument to change my life, literally. I will always be grateful... for all the love I have gotten. Talking to Pastor Jack, Pastor Marco, Pastor Ryan has developed me so much, just normal conversations have made me think spiritually and taught me things and has cemented my faith in the Lord," said Divas, who studies Business Administration at Seton Hall. "I have a shuttle from Seton Hall for service and you will see me all the time."

It was not only an unforgettable 12 weeks for Divas, but for many Christ Church students who received ministry this summer from experiences like Vacation Bible School, Teen Worship Arts Camp, and Prayerfest. Christ Church is thankful for its members stepping up and working behind the scenes to make these events successful, and a special shout-out goes to the Young Adults Ministry for volunteering their time, energy, and talents to serve our students!

### Teen Arts Camp Debuts



▲ Students enjoyed expressing their creativity at the Teen Worship Arts Camp.

Our vision of having an exceptional and relevant Teen Ministry is dependent on the continued generosity of the Christ Church family and our combined commitment to see Christianity thrive in the next generation.

It is only through your giving that the debut of the Teen Worship Arts Camp, held at the West Campus on August 9 and 10, was made possible—and for that we are thankful!

The Teen Worship Arts Camp is designed for teens who have an interest in worship, music, graphic design, dancing, songwriting, and other creative expressions. The lasting impression for many in attendance came from Janae Motley, a high school senior who gave a powerful spoken-word personal story that profoundly resonated with her peers. The Teen Ministry felt that her experience was such a powerful example of Christ at work that they coordinated her sharing it with the entire congregation in September!

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