

# 300 Students Trained!

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Despite unrelenting rain and frigid temperatures, Sarah joined 30 other Benedictine students to come to the University of Kansas (KU) on Wednesday to practice what they had learned in training on Tuesday. 60 students would come on Thursday and for them, unlike the Wednesday crowd, it wouldn't feel like they were discussing the personhood of the unborn while standing in a *refrigerator*

Wednesday would be the first of two days for Benedictine College (BC) students to engage KU students on behalf of unborn children, yet with gentleness

**"I was once frightened to discuss abortion, but now I am empowered. Justice for All has given me the tools and courage to fight for the truth."**

**-Benedictine Student**

and reverence (I Peter 3.15).

These BC students voluntarily attended 5 hours of pre-Exhibit training on Tuesday, drove over an hour from Atchison to Lawrence KS, and missed two days of classes, all to set out of their comfort zones to represent the *3,300 unborn children who are being killed every single day in this country.*

Those 70 were among the roughly **300** students we trained from Benedictine—making it our largest training ever—and attendance was voluntary!

## **Visual terrorism or life saving pictures?**

Tuesday I spoke to Bruce, a student at KU who stormed up to the Free Speech Board and furiously clutched the marker while sprawling his disgust over our senseless acts of visual terrorism on HIS campus and he felt we should all get real jobs and leave immediately. Get

the picture? I did, and I didn't want

to walk up to him and start a conversation. Determined to not give in to what was easy, I walked up to Bruce and engaged him about what he wrote. **What would you ask Bruce?**

**(See side 2 for what I said)**



Sign held by a protester at KU



I asked Bruce if he would change his mind about his desire for us to leave if our exhibit saved *just one life*. He was stopped in his tracks, an event I would soon see again later that day. He admitted

that it would, and after talking for quite awhile about the humanity of the unborn we shook hands, and Bruce left having changed his mind on abortion, now believing it to be a great injustice that needs to be stopped!

Still taking in the transformational process I just witnessed take place in Bruce, I saw two KU students staring at our exhibit panels in disbelief. I approached them and both told me that they were pro-choice until they saw what abortion really was, and now they could no longer support a position that did this.

### Changing hearts and saving lives

For some it's the pictures that do all the heavy lifting, and for many others they are on a journey, one that needs

**Approaching students I didn't know and confronting those with differing beliefs than I was a huge challenge for me, but I would do it again in a heartbeat. "**

**-Sarah, Benedictine University**

to be engaged at the mind, and that can only happen if we trust and rely upon God while also being prepared to make good clear arguments in love. All three elements must take place, and I believe all of us could become better ambassadors by working to improve in all three areas.

I want to help you and that's why, starting on the 29th of September, I'll be sending you information via email about how I hope to provide a toolbox that's valuable to you and challenges you to be a voice for the unborn. Will you be their voice?

*Matt Mackinlay*

Matt's highly suggested readings for the month of September:  
**Brave New Family—G.K Chesterton**  
**One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich—Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn**