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Liberty University offers students the opportunity to earn scholarships through internships with Christian organizations, adding an extra dimension to its mission to train Champions for Christ.

Last summer, nine champions-in-training interned for six weeks at GO TELL youth camps in Georgia, Kentucky, Texas, and at Liberty University. The camps attract thousands of middle and high school students. With a focus on evangelism and discipleship, they offer popular Christian speakers, sports stars and bands.

Interns led break-out sessions with campers, counseled at nightly services, and aided in recreation, administration and outreach to local communities. They also had the option of going on a mission trip to Costa Rica.

“They were involved in pure ministry for six weeks; they weren’t sitting behind a desk all summer long,” said Rick Gage, founder of GO TELL and former Liberty football coach who earned his M.A.R. from Liberty Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ashley Skidmore, a junior government major, said the special time she spent with campers was the highlight.

“We got to share what God was doing in our lives with the campers, but the campers also impacted us, and so it just bounced off each other and fed and grew into something that was really great.”

Rachel Snyder, a senior Speech Communications major, remembers her life being changed as a young GO TELL camper. But working there this past summer stretched her spiritually.

“For the first time in a long time it clicked that it is not about me and what I want out of life. ... My relationship with Him is not about what He can give and do for me. But it is everything about Him and what I can give and do for Him.”

David Listor, a sophomore TV broadcast major, also grew spiritually, but at the same time learned valuable job skills. He worked on camp highlight videos, edited film sermons and operated the camera during services. He said the experience will open doors for his career, and he was glad he could learn these skills in a Christian environment.

Freshman Women’s Ministry major Claire Jones said she enjoyed investing in the teen’s lives and getting to share in their stories.

“I have such a heart for teens of the world and especially girls. This got me more prepared for my major,” Jones said. “Just being able to experience disciplining girls one on one revealed to me that that is where my heart and passion are.”

Liberty interns received another benefit: a scholarship for one semester’s tuition.

It’s all part of continuing the mission GO TELL shares with Liberty, Gage said.

“Over 20 years, GO TELL has been used to hatch out an army of men and ladies for full-time Christian ministry. ... They leave with a greater passion for Christ and a greater passion for the lost. If we can continue to send out an army every summer from our camps, then there’s been great accomplishment for the kingdom of God.”

For more information on GO TELL visit www.gotellministries.com.