

FINDING FAITH

Religious groups let students share faith while giving to community

Guided by their diverse faiths, religious groups across the William & Mary campus each gathered according to their own unique beliefs. With over 30 religious groups, students could find a group that would cater to their particular beliefs.

Many groups not only shared their religion, but tried to teach others about the culture behind it. The Muslim Students Association brought a number of speakers to campus to talk about the challenges Islam faces in America. The Hindu Student Association also held the Diwali Festival, or the Festival of Lights, and Holi, a spring festival. "HSA allows me to meet people with similar and different backgrounds and allows me to discuss issues that usually do not come up in everyday conversation," junior Kishan Patel said. "It does not only cater to Hindus, but to all people with different faiths in order to discuss issues about religion and society."

Religious groups on campus also

found many different ways to practice their faith. The Christian fellowship group Greek Impact tried to bring spirituality to Greek students on campus. "[Greek Impact] offers a Christian community for Greeks on campus that is open and accepting to all members of the fraternity and sorority community," senior leader Adam Rosen said. "It gives Greeks the opportunity to join a Christian organization that understands and loves Greek Life with a non-judgmental standpoint." Members even joined other universities at Greek Conferences for religious worship and training.

Religious groups shared their beliefs with others on campus in many different ways. Whether it was teaching students about their religious background or sharing their love of God through dancing, singing or praying, students found ways to infuse their spiritual lives with their educational experience.

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Kristin Kiel, Kevin Lonabaugh, and Molly Fitzhugh of the Canterbury Association help prepare meals for Campus Kitchens. The Episcopalian group had members sign up for shifts to help provide meals to local food banks through the service group Campus Kitchens.

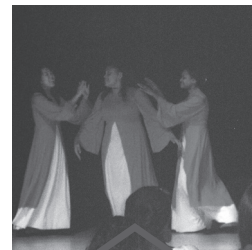
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Jamil Yusof and Hanif Yazdi say a prayer in memory of those lost in the Israel/Palestine conflict. The MSA and Hillel held an Interfaith Vigil in February in response to the recent conflicts.



Elizabeth Burroughs, Mary Kate Wise, Ruth Mann Adkins, Rebecca Mikulas Allred, and Genevieve Hunter meet in an Institute class. The Latter-day Saints Student Association held the class weekly during the year.



Members of Joyous Flow dance at the ACS Talent Show. Joyous Flow held the show during Family Weekend where they performed their praise dancing, a form of dance that glorified God through bodily expression.



Members of the Baptist Collegiate Ministries gather together before heading into the church. One of BCM's popular services was helping freshmen move into their dorms at the beginning of the year.

Brooke Lowman and Shelly Holder help carve a pumpkin during the Chi Alpha Ministry's fall beach retreat. The group held a retreat every semester to relax together with their Christian fellows.