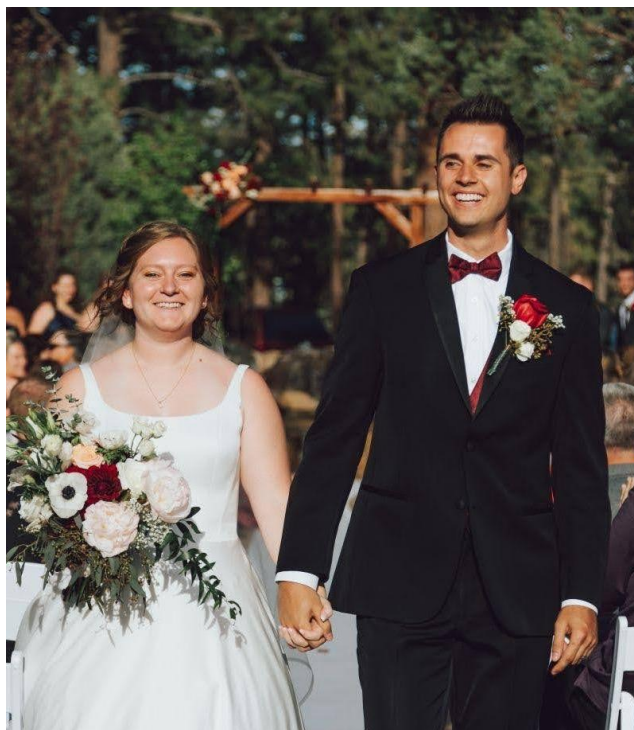


To our Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Grace Community Church,

I first want to express my thanks for your interest in our ministry to college students at New York University. In lieu of an opportunity to say hello in person, I would like to provide you some background to our family and calling, as well as expound some on the actual day-to-day work that my wife and I will be doing in the fall. We are always available for any further questions or conversations surrounding our work, so please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

My name is Joey Misiaszek, my wife Deborah and I have been married now for now just over a month (yes, you heard me right), and we are very excited to start our post-college careers together. We graduated in May from the University of Arizona with degrees in Architectural Engineering. Deborah, a brilliant and kindhearted woman by nature, moved to Tucson from Pinetop-Lakeside, Arizona four years ago to be a student at the U of A. I, on the other hand, am a Tucson native for the past 22 years (and would describe myself as more of a goofball than my wife). I remember first joining the Grace Community Church body in first grade. Since then, the family I have found at Grace Community, The Blender, Alpha groups, and summer Vacation Bible Schools has impacted my faith in Christ in ways that I will be eternally grateful for. This community taught me the compassion of Jesus and inspired me to take the great commission seriously, not as a burden but as a great joy. Deborah and I individually joined the Navigators student club at the University uncertain of exactly what they were beyond a group of Christians that appeared to be welcoming and deeply compassionate. It was there that I met my wife and gained close lifelong friends. Yet it was only over the past year that Deborah and I felt a tug from the Lord to consider working with students full-time in the name of sharing the Gospel.



Our commitment is for the next two school years, but we are not opposed to remaining on staff with Navs after our time with EDGE Corps (The evangelism, discipleship, growth, and experience team) is finished. That will, however, take prayerful consideration when the time rolls around. As I mentioned, our new office will be the campus of New York University (Go Violets!) and its hundreds of surrounding coffee shops, restaurants, parks, churches, etc. Where exactly we will live has yet to be determined, but it will likely be in a neighborhood near other Navs staff in Brooklyn, Queens, or Upper Manhattan. There are 12 other collegiate staff in New York

*But seek the welfare of the city where
I have sent you into exile, and pray to
the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare
you will find your welfare.*

Jeremiah 29:7

City and several others involved with other ministry focuses such as Navs 20s, City Ministries, and church partnerships. For the time being, college students are where our heart is focused, so that's where we will be. Naturally, in a ministry context like NYC, the different branches of Navigators interact quite a bit with each other and work coherently to collectively

live out the call of Jeremiah 29:7. Deborah and I are excited to be on a collegiate ministry team that also explores and serves the needs of the surrounding city outside of the campus.

But why New York City? Why not care for students on one of the dozens of other campuses that Navigators is connected to?

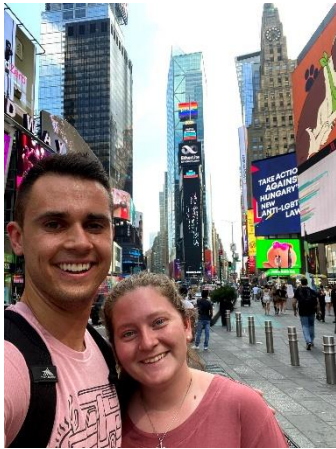
There is a truly tremendous battle for the hearts and minds of college students, particularly in areas where the volume of culture is as great as New York City. The Navigators values collegiate ministry very highly because of the transformational occurrences that inform young students on questions like “What is my purpose? Why do I matter? What do I want my life to be about?” Deborah and I have experienced asking these questions firsthand since we began our freshman year at U of A. We are fortunate to be able to speak specifically about times that God has used the Navigators community to display His grace to us and instill the truth of the Gospel into our everyday lives. Through experiencing one-on-one discipleship, we were encouraged for the first time to study the Bible, pray with hope and expectancy, and share our faith with those who do not know Jesus as their savior. Yet, this calling in our lives does not end with a college graduation. As staff on EDGE Corps, we will be able to engage full-time in relational discipleship, evangelistic movements around NYU campus, and personal study of scripture for our own growth and the growth of our marriage.

Deborah and I recognize that this transition will be a significant change for us and that our life experience in Tucson will look quite different from daily life in the city. We share three specific passions for the work of ministry at NYU. Primarily, the harvest on NYU’s campus is continually growing. In a student body of 52,000 students, depression, anxiety, religious hostility, and suicide are at all-time highs. What students without Christ bring to the table each day is a desire to “make their name great” in a culture that only offers a deceiving false hope and demands they give all of their energy towards being extraordinary. Students will go to whatever can relieve their burdens, much of which provides temporary and addictive relief. The Navigators staff have witnessed miraculous life change in students who developed a personal relationship with Jesus and are confident that God has beautiful plans to continually make His gospel known in the student body. Deborah and I would love nothing more than to approach the city with open hands and ask the Lord to use our ordinary lives for His plan. Secondly, I have had experience at the University of Arizona with engaging in discussions of Biblical sexuality, marriage, and gender identity. My heart breaks that the name of Jesus has been used to hurt and maim individuals in the LGBTQ+ community to a point of hostility towards Christianity. At NYU, over half of the men who join the Navigators ministry as students identify as LGBTQ+ or experience gender dysphoria. Thus, human sexuality is a prevalent conversation in relational discipleship and an area that we believe God wants to offer healing through spirit guided truth and continued compassion rather than condemnation through isolation.

Finally, Deborah and I have a heart for the picture painted in Revelation 7:9 of all nations, tribes, and tongues worshiping God together in unity. During our lives here on Earth, Deborah and I have a great desire to live among and minister to a city that is representative of all the countries, tribes, and languages of the Earth. Just over 50% of the households within the five boroughs of New York City do not even speak English as their first language, but rather as their second or third known language (and yet there are many who do not even know English at

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands.
Revelation 7:9

all). There are native tongues on every street corner and opportunities everywhere for countries to hear of the Gospel through ordinary students of New York City that have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to take the Light of Jesus to their homelands. That is our ultimate goal. Of those 50% of families mentioned, half of them speak Spanish as their first language. Deborah has been working to develop her Spanish further to serve the Latino nations with the Gospel as the Lord leads (I too would love to learn Spanish; I am just further behind the curve on that one). Our hope is to continually learn how the Gospel speaks to different nations and ideologies. We trust that our faithful God will lead us to live and work within that passion during our time on EDGE Corps.



In order for Deborah and I to transition into our new home in New York and begin work on campus before the start of the next school year, we are trusting the Lord to be fully funded by August 24th. We, like all navigator field staff, are supported entirely by individuals and churches who partner monthly with gifts between \$75-500 per month. **During EDGE Corps, we are praying that God would provide individual partners who give \$150 per month and church partners who give \$500 per month to our ministry. We ask our partners to pray continually for the work of the Spirit in our lives and the forward movement of the gospel into NYU's campus.** Depending upon financial situation, of course, we have had incredibly generous partners offer annual donations in lieu of a monthly gift. Information on how to partner with us, as well as links to other helpful Navigators information pages, are provided below.

If you feel compelled to let us share with you more information and answer any questions you may have, we are more than happy to meet in person or virtually. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you have done for me as a church! Please prayerfully consider being a part of the incredible work that God wants to do at New York University by joining our team. Additionally, please connect us to others within the congregation who would be encouraged by the mission of the Gospel spreading among college students and consider partnering with us.

Pray for the Gospel to reach every ear and the beauty of Christ to reach every heart at New York University! Our God is faithful and mighty to save those who trust in Him!

By Grace,

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Below are links that will connect you to our partnership page. If you would like a paper copy of our information card or pre-addressed envelopes which can be used to send a check, we can gladly provide those as well.

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Navigators Statement of Faith:

<https://www.navigators.org/about/statement-of-faith/>

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