

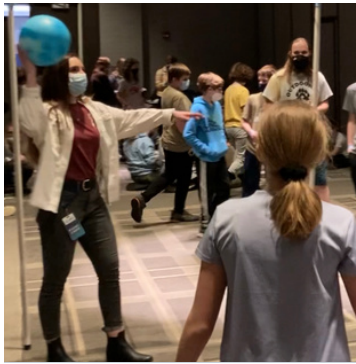


As I reflect on where we've gone, who we've met, and what we've been able to do through The Awaken Project since last fall, I marvel at the breadth of our journey so far, even with our operation still being relatively small and new. We concluded our fall in Olympia, Washington with a fantastic week of Bible school at Peace Lutheran Brethren Church, we've now completed our Quake season with events in Wichita, the Wisconsin Dells, Chicago, and Minneapolis, and we have been recruiting diligently to have a great group of students join us this fall.

We still have plenty of work ahead of us to see The Awaken Project's vision of a thriving gap year program and podcast network come to fruition, but we also are learning more and more that it is

God who is indeed carrying forth this vision and we are simply here to steward what we've been given from Him. We ultimately do not know where or in what direction TAP will be taken in the months and years to come. However, we know the faithfulness of Him who brings all good works to completion through His son, Jesus. We trust that TAP will continue to grow and flourish according to the hope and new life that we all have in Jesus; through it all, we are grateful and cling to this hope with joy and thanksgiving.

Steven Wagner,
Gap Year Director



† THE AWAKEN PROJECT *in action!*

At Quake events, we are given plenty of responsibility and are entrusted with the following tasks:

First and foremost, we are always expected to be engaging with students. Anytime that students are mingling around at Quake, we do all that we can to engage in high quality relational ministry with them. Within the realm of relational ministry, we help lead workshops at Quake. We have also helped lead Quake's food packaging workshop, which is a session dedicated to packaging disaster/hunger relief meals for both domestic and international needs. We average anywhere between 6,000 and 10,000 meals packaged per Quake!

When students are not present, we assist with some production set up; production consists of setting up stage lighting, pipe and drape, mounting speakers, and hauling cases/loading and unloading trailers. Before Quake season started, we built a 'Nine-Square In The Air' set that now travels with Quake rigs to each event. Nine-Square is a game that is similar to traditional Four-Square, except the ball is hit through PVC pipe in the air versus cement on the ground. And of course, we are always ready to help out with any additional duties as assigned :)

First Program Alumnus: *Courtney Corrente*

"All marketing purposes aside, when I say this program changed my life, I mean that whole-heartedly..."

When given the opportunity to briefly present The Awaken Project to all the youth leaders at the Wisconsin Dells Quake, this something I wanted share.

Through my new position as a marketing intern at Mount Carmel Ministries, I have also been given the privilege of helping with some of TAP's marketing efforts. Each time I have been able to share with a church-worker, volunteer, or student about this program, I cannot help but get excited. I love that I get to talk about how TAP helped me find community, develop my leadership skills, challenge my thinking, and grow in my faith.

Even though the year ended earlier than expected, I gained an invaluable amount knowledge, friendships, and memories that I will take with me for the rest of my life. And honestly, as I write this, I get emotional thinking of the various ways God showed up in my few months of the program.

To The Awaken Project...thank you for everything. ♡



Podcast Update: *Blake Wright*

I'm crazy excited to let you know that the PODCAST IS BACK! It's been about seven months since our last podcast episode was released but, now we are back!

During the in-between time, Steven and I have been focusing on the launch of our inaugural gap year program that kicked off last fall. As the year has progressed, we've learned that the program requires more of Steven's time and attention so, sadly Steven will no longer be on the show. However, this is great news because it means that the program is growing and God is working!

So how are we moving forward with the show? We have felt that this show is still incredibly important to us and our ministry. In fact, it's how our ministry started! With that being said, I'm going to host the show and we are going to be breaking it up into different seasons.

This season we are kicking off a young adults in leadership series. My hope is that this series would be an encouragement to listeners in various ways! I will be interviewing ten leaders from all over the U.S. and some of which are leaders who work in ministry, while others are not.

Each of us are leaders in one way or another and reality is that leadership looks differently for all of us. So, how do we discover what kind of leadership God has called us to in our current position/or season of life? And How do we maximize our specific leadership calling as we continue to grow and learn? I'd encourage you to listen in as these young adult leaders share about their experiences and maybe help you to answer some of these questions!

2022-2023 Gap Year Student



JOE GRIFFIN
SORRENTO, FLORIDA

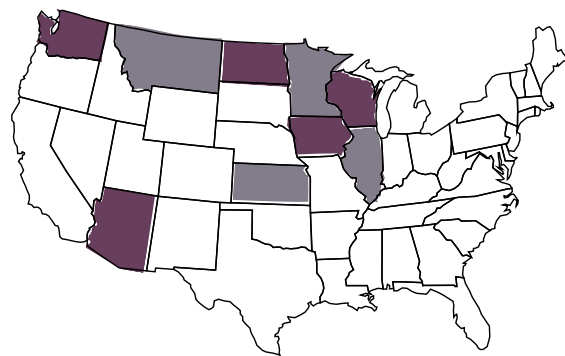
Let Us Celebrate...

Apply Today!

The application for The Awaken Project's 2022-2023 gap year program is open! If you know someone who may be interested in this life-changing experience, tell them to visit our website at www.TheAwakenProjectMN.com and apply today! For questions, please email Steven at Steven@TheAwakenProjectMN.com or call [847.848.4697](tel:847.848.4697).

Where has TAP been?

The Awaken Project has been to nine different states in the last four months studying the Word, practicing servant leadership, and making memories as a team.



Ecclesial Collective

The Ecclesial Collective is a community of people who have committed to supporting the ministry of The Awaken Project through monthly financial partnership. The Awaken Project depends on the generous donations of people like you in order to fulfill our mission as an organization. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting The Awaken Project financially to champion our gap year program and podcast ministries.

To find out more, scan the QR code below.

Prayer Requests

- For new students to be interested and enrolled in the upcoming gap year cohort.
- TAP to be financially supported according to the needs of the ministry.
- TAP Podcast to grow and engage in fruitful conversations across all interviews.
- The staff and volunteers of TAP, may their service be seen through a gospel lens and that they may daily take refuge in the cross of Christ.
- Steadfast joy to be ever present amongst the community of people associated with TAP

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