

College Night!

July is a great month to highlight the work of the Church of the Nazarene in International Ministry, Bible Schools and Seminaries with your youth.

Host a college night. Decorate the room with posters and pennants from all kinds of colleges (especially your regional Nazarene college or university). Encourage adults and students to wear gear from their favorite school.

If you have the resources to serve a light meal, try to find old cafeteria trays and spray paint them with a little school spirit.

When the students arrive, begin with some fun mixer games or questions. Get them talking about the schools they are interested in, why they like those schools, and if they have applied to attend them. Ask them about obstacles that stand between them and college.

Get your students thinking about what their life would be like if they didn't have anything beyond a fourth grade education?

Play the video "Lamp" from Living Mission: Forgotten People. Discuss with your students the obstacles to education that children and teens in other parts of the world face.

Ask your students questions about the video. Do they take education for granted?

Talk about why it is important to have educational institutions on each region. Select a school on a world region different from your own. [Check out the school's Web site \(if it has one\)](#). Share with the students everything you have learned about the school. (If you have Internet access in the location where your youth meet, pull up the site on a computer, and let the students do the research.)

Many Nazarene universities have exchange programs with schools in other world regions, such as Africa Nazarene University or European Nazarene Bible College. Would your students consider spending a semester at one of these schools and getting to know another part of the world?

At the end of your college night, be sure to pray for the international school you chose to highlight. Students should feel encouraged to pursue their own future through education and should be inspired to help others do the same.

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Call the admissions office of your regional Nazarene school. Let them know you are hosting a college night. They might send you some free gear to decorate, give away, or inform your students!