

Grace on Campus 2019-2020

Small Group Leader Blurbs: Women



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Hello, hello! My name is Amy Junus and I just graduated with my degree with PsychoBiology! You can catch me sipping on iced lattes, online window shopping, playing my violin and singing throwback songs, or simply living my pale-skinned life. I would love to get to know you more and talk about the crazy blessing that is life whether or not you're interested in joining my small group, so hit me up – like actually! My hope and prayer for small group this year is simply to grow our hearts towards deeply loving the Lord first, then genuinely loving each other! I plan to systematically go through the different doctrines of the gospel (theology proper, anthropology, hamartiology, soteriology, Christology, etc.) and strengthen the foundation on which faith stands to deepen our love to develop into gratefulness and humility. If that sounds at all interesting, please don't be afraid to reach out!



Ashlynn McGuff (3)
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Hello!! My name is Ashlynn and I'm a third year Physiological Science major with a minor in Spanish. I'm so stoked you are thinking about joining a small group! Here's some random facts about me: I absolutely LOVE the beach, coffee, naps, baseball, hiking and camping. I'm always down for a spontaneous adventure (pls hit me up for midnight ice-cream runs, day trips around LA and coffee literally any time). My prayer for small group is that we will learn to love and serve one another as we wage war against sin, are conformed to the image of Christ, and ultimately increase in our love for God. The current plan is to study 1 Peter and any other topics of interest- I'm open! Let me know if you are interested/just want to hang out:)



Catrina Velarde (3)
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Greetings friends!

My name is Cat and I'm a third year psychobiology major. I am so delighted that you are interested in joining a small group! My hope for small group is that we would grow in knowledge of and obedience to our dear Lord Jesus Christ through fellowship, prayer, and diligent study of God's Word. I hope that as we pursue Christlikeness and strive to bring all aspects of our lives under His lordship that our love and worship of God would be deepened. I hope to study a book in the Bible, possibly Romans (but still TBD)!

I love anything and everything sweet such as ice cream, chocolate, cream puffs and fluffy kittens! Whether interested or not-please do not hesitate to message me even if you just want to talk/hang out and eat ice cream and chocolate. I'd love to meet you and get to know you :)



Christine Pamplona (3)
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Hey, I'm Christine, and I'm a third-year bioengineering major with an interest in developing medical devices! I love my family, food with lots of garlic, Keith and Kristyn Getty, lions, singing/playing piano, Paul Washer sermons, and ridiculous memes. This year, my plan for small group is to deepen our understanding and love of the gospel by studying the book of Isaiah. I pray that together we would strain toward the mystery and magnificence of Jesus Christ, who accomplished our salvation through His death and resurrection. What better news do we have, that even in our wickedness, we have been offered forgiveness, eternal life, and reconciliation with God? My hope is that we would never cease to say, "I must have more of Christ!" in our time of reading, discussing, singing, praying, and fellowship. Hit me up if you'd like to chat—it would be an absolute joy to meet with you!



Claire Lee (3)
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Hi! I have tiny hands (4 left and 1 right) and a big desire for you to know, love, and follow Christ. I pray that the Lord would use small group to grow our love for Him and for one another as we study and apply the Word together, and pray for, counsel, rebuke, and encourage one another with Scripture day after day. The tentative plan is to study the book of Hebrews to cultivate a deeper understanding and worship of Jesus as Lord and Savior. I also want to study and pray through the Psalms so that our thinking, feeling, and praying would be shaped into worship by God's Word. Message me if you have questions or wanna chat!

(And if it means anything, I study history and enjoy walks and talks and tacooooos)



Cydney Vicentina (4)
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Why hello there, come here often? Me too! I'm Cydney, a graduating Communications and Statistics major (whoop!) and a full-time Christian (double-whoop!). I really hope you join a small group as it has been one of my best decisions. I aim to challenge you to learn more about God and therefore love obeying Him. It won't be easy but I know God will grow us through the trials we'll face. I don't have a specific book/topic yet but I'll consider what will be most helpful for everyone. To find me, look for the girl with blue hair or slide into my dm's :) You can generally catch me drinking boba, crafting, and waiting on Stranger Things 4. But, I'm down for almost anything. So, don't be shy and hmu to 1. get boba, 2. get out of the house, or 3. learn how amazing God (and small groups) are!



Ellie Kim (4)
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Hello! I'm hoping this year's small group will include (1) growing in love for Christ (2) reading a Christian book together (3) good food and even gooder friendship. Feel free to find me if you want to play sports, experiment with new recipes, explore LA, or anything else in between!



Erica Tien (4)
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Hello! I'm a 4th year business economics major and cognitive science minor. I love photography, petting cute dogs, and trying all the good food around LA (especially pie and boba lol). For small group this year, I'm thinking about going through one of the Old Testament prophets, so if that's something you're interested in let me know! This is flexible so if there's something else you'd like to go over this year I'd love to talk more. No matter what, I'm super excited to study Scripture together and to see how God will grow each of us in the coming year! Feel free to email me if you have any questions about small group, or if you just want to say hi and eat food or pet cute puppies- can't wait to meet you!



Grace Ye (4)
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Hello hello! Welcome to my blurb. I'm a fourth-year and I study economics and accounting, so I have to have hobbies so that people won't think I'm boring. I'm mainly into running, reading, and listening to music, and I'm trying to get into coffee-making and photography and maybe something else, so lmk if you have a cool hobby I can get in on. For small group, I'm mainly concerned about (1) growing a relationship with God by (2) studying the Bible and (3) figuring out what that means together. Anyway, enough about me! I wanna hear from you. Hit me up and we can hang!



Hayley Martinez (3)
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Hey there! Props to you for checking out small groups. I'm Hayley, a third-year CSE major, Shakespeare lover, professional chicken nugget connoisseur, part-time shower singer and full-time daughter of the King. Small groups are all about running the race towards Christ together, and I'm so excited to have the privilege of running alongside some of you this year. Although nothing is set in stone yet, I would love to dive into a specific book of Scripture to really unpack the power of God's infallible word and the practical effect it has on our lives. Prayer, convictions, and scripture memorization are other ideas I'm considering incorporating — but if there's something you'd like to focus on, I'd love to hear your suggestions! Hit me up if you're looking for good food recs, have sobbed over period dramas, or just want to chat.



Hope Shin (3)
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Hi there!
Interested in joining a small group?
You've come to the right place!

Hoping to make close friends?
And play board games on weekends?
Come through to 424 Veteran #two-o-five.
Do you like watching sunsets at the beach?
Let's go to Santa Monica/Venice for a scenic drive.
Want to bake cookies or learn to cook?
Are you interested in studying an OT book?
Me too :)
Whether you answered yes to one or a few
Come find me! I'd love to talk and get to know you.



Ivana Mai (3)
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What's up! I'm Ivana, a junior studying Civil & Environmental Engineering. True to my San Diegan roots, I'm a big fan of sunset hikes, home-grown produce, reading Psalms by the beach, and putting avocado and lime on everything.

This year I'm looking to explore life's sufferings, confusing questions, and (spoiler alert) enduring hope through the lenses of Hosea and 1 Peter. These plans are not set, and I can't promise any ability to give answers! However, my hope is that we will increase in our knowledge and love for the true God together, and learn how to live in this world as sinners experiencing His daily mercies. I pray that small group will be a place of real accountability, earnest love, and Christ-fueled delight! I'd love to talk & walk, cook fun recipes, jam out, go snack shopping, have a cheese picnic...anything! Contact me, maybe? :)



Ivanna Tang (4)
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Hi! I'm Ivanna, a fourth year physiological science major. I'm so glad that you're thinking about joining a small group. I don't have any solidified plans as to what we'll be studying through this year, so I'm open to ideas. Let me know if you want to talk or hangout. I hope that through this year of studying the Word and living life together, we can come to love Christ more.



Jen Yee Lim (4)
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Hello, my name is Jen and I will be entering my final year as a nursing major. I am so excited to see what God has in store for this upcoming year and would love to share it with you. I also enjoy grocery shopping, hiking and just being out in Mother Nature. Feel free to reach out to me if you like to hang out or chat about small group or a ride to Costco or have any questions about school, God, life and everything in between. :)



Jenny Cheng (3)
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Hi! I'm a third year physiological science major. I enjoy sunset walks, dancing, spontaneous food/ice cream trips, and learning more about our God.

My hope for small group is that we may focus our eyes on Christ to love Him and one another better. I pray that we will remind one another of the sweet grace we receive daily as we run the race together, grow in contentment and gratitude, and diligently familiarize ourselves with the Word. In small group, (right now) I plan to study James (very tentative haha, and maybe a Christian book) and think through some convictions together.

I would love to talk more about this--and anything else--with you, so please email me or come chat with me anytime!



Jenny Wang (4)
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Greetings! I am overjoyed that you are checking out GOC and small group! I am a fourth year, double majoring in Financial Actuarial Math and Statistics. Some of my interests include window shopping, doing blogilates, and eating Asian cuisine. This year for small group, I am planning to study a book of the Bible, but I have not decided which yet. I want small group to be a place where God will cultivate genuine love, true humility, and total surrender in us for Him, as we study and memorize His Word and pray for each other. Please message me if you are interested or just want to chat. Looking forward to meeting you!



Joyce Lee (4)
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Hello! I am a fourth-year political science major on a pre-law track! Thanks for checking out GOC and I hope you join one of our small groups. I have a variety of random hobbies which include playing volleyball, doing Pilates, watching baking competitions on Food Network, and eating junk food/dessert (then regretting it). For small group, I hope to study 1 Corinthians or a few Christian books, but things are still up in the air. Ultimately, I hope that we will grow to understand the importance and urgency of the gospel. Moreover, small group is a great place for accountability, while growing in knowledge of our Savior. Please hit me up if you are interested, want to talk, or simply hang! P.S I also provide snacks during small group (:



Madeline Ramirez (4)
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Yelloooow!! I'm Maddie, a 4th year Biology major and I just got married this summer! I am so excited you're looking into small groups and I know that in any group you join, God will surely grow and challenge you! Small group is a place where we'll grow closer together, encourage each other and challenge each other towards Christ-likeness and godly thinking (plus eat, laugh, joke, study, etc. together!). I want small group to best serve the girls within the group, so I am flexible with what we go through. With whatever we chose to learn and grow in, it is my prayer that we are intentional to apply it & live it through biblical thinking, as a God-fearing woman in this modern age! Definitely hmu if you are interested in small group/ hanging out with an ol' married lady! Or if you just want to talk, I am always down to chat, get ice cream, go plant shopping, or drive ya around!



Nancy Wu (3)
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Halooo, I'm Nancy! I am a Junior majoring in Design Media Arts and Cognitive Science—basically, I love exercising our God-given ability to create beautiful things and studying His marvelous design of the human mind for us.

I plan on studying a book of the bible together this year and will decide based on who joins. BUT I would much rather talk to you in person about what small group might look like and its purpose and also have the privilege of getting to learn more about you. So whether you've met me already or not, please do not hesitate to contact me (via email or fb) so we can talk!!

ALSO, I enjoy many bonding activities such as: long drives in my super cool minivan, thrifting, sharing the Gospel with strangers, indie concerts, watching war movies/crime shows, and potatoing around at home. If any of this sounds remotely interesting, hit me up (- :



Naomi Yung (4)
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HELLO. Passions other than Jesus include hot cheetos, fried chicken, Lay's salt and vinegar kettle chips, blueberry donuts, soccer/running around (but not running), good movies, and doing creative things.

I'm praying that this year's small group will be a sanctifying time of accountability, prayer, and cultivating a love for God through His Word. The plan for the year is flexible depending on who joins/what the people want, but tentatively I would like to read a book (options include a book on the conscience by Naselli & Crowley, "Don't Waste Your Life," and "Pilgrim's Progress" but open to suggestions) and then study an epistle. If you're interested in joining small group, feel free to contact me, and if you're not interested in joining a small group, feel free to contact me.



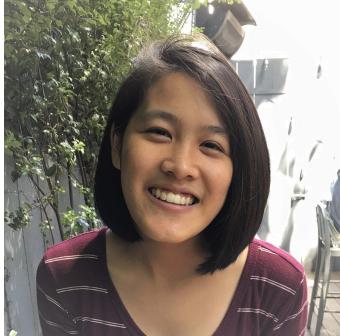
Nicole Higa (4)
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Hey guys!! I'm Nicole, and I'm a fourth-year environmental science major from Orange County! Some of my favorite things are ice cream, shopping for shoes, cooking, and making new friends. :) I'm super excited to lead a small group again! This year, my hope is that we would grow in our horizontal relationships (with each other as sisters-in-Christ) and in our vertical relationship (with Christ) by praying, studying a book of the Bible (Colossians maybe??), and living life together! If you would ever like to hang out over a bowl of ice cream, an apartment-cooked meal, or anything else, let me know and lets do it! Can't wait to get to know you!!



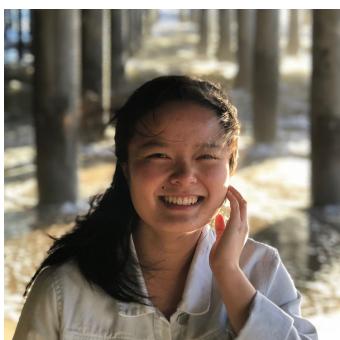
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Hi!! My name is Samantha, and I am a third year Physiological Science major hoping to become a physician assistant. I love playing and listening to music, anything Disney, watching K-dramas, and spending time with family and friends. I'm so glad you're checking out small groups! Small group is an amazing opportunity to not only study God's Word together, but to also grow in loving one another and to be held accountable in our pursuits of Christ. This year, I hope to focus on 1 Peter and/or a Christian book, but these plans are flexible! More importantly, I pray that we would support one another in striving to glorify God no matter what we study. Let me know if you're interested, and even if you're not planning to join, please come up and say hi :) I would love to get to know you and hang out!



Samantha Leong (4)
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Hey! I'm a fourth-year physiological sciences major who's still figuring out post-college plans. I enjoy singing, taking walks, going running, and practicing my handwriting. I'm not yet sure what we'll study in small group this year, but we will definitely memorize Scripture together! I hope that we'll help each other to treasure and believe God's Word wholeheartedly. Looking forward to getting to know you!



Shannon Tseng (4)
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Hey, hello, what's up.

Consider joining my small group if you'd like to 1) receive cat memes, 2) consume your weight in tacos, milk tea, and dino nuggets and/or 3) run the Christian race together with honesty, vulnerability, transparency, and grace (I mean God's grace, not graceful running because I can't run gracefully for more than 5 minutes lol).

Feel free to message/email me or find me at GOC/church if you wanna talk more about what small group will look like or if you just wanna hang! (○ㅅ○✿)



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God has granted us instruction on all things pertaining to life and godliness in His Word (2 Peter 1:3).

In my small group this year, the plan so far is to study three lives, in three books, towards (at least) three ends: Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, to behold the loveliness of the Savior and think deeply about the Gospel (1 Peter 1:12), Paul in the book of Acts, to be instructed in how to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which we have been called (Ephesians 4:1), and Christian in Pilgrim's Progress, to investigate the necessity of Christian perseverance (Romans 5: 3-5).

Here's a little about me: I love the Old Testament, missionary biographies, and adding to an endless list of "attempted hobbies". I am thinking about pursuing cross-cultural missions and am majoring in Statistics. Interested in any of the above? Come say hi!