

the top ten

top 10 ideas for getting started

1. Pray! Pray! Pray!

Prayer needs to be the foundation stone of your work. A building is only as good as the foundation that supports the structure. The foundation of a productive ministry is laid through prayer. Claim a promise from God's Word for this ministry. It is God who causes the growth in a person's life or in a ministry.

2. Team Up!

Jesus sent out the 70- two by two. Solomon tells us that "two are better than one for they have a good return for their labor" (Eccl. 4:9-10). Put together a team that shares your vision. A clear mission and vision will help to attract the right students and others to team up with you to launch a Nav ministry.

3. Connect!

We can do more "together" than we can do by ourselves! The task is too great to do it alone. Let's connect and trust God together to reach students for Christ and to multiply laborers. Seasoned Navigator staff can coach you and provide resources that can help you start a Navigator ministry on your campus. Phone us at 1-888-NAVS-555.

4. Be Real and Reach Out!

Be real and genuine; don't play games. People can tell if you are sincere. Each person on your team can be used of God in student's lives! God desires you to be salt and light on your campus. Purposely get to know at least five non-Christian students, begin praying for them and God will do great things.

5. Casting the Net!

Your team can survey hundreds of students to find those who are interested in spiritual things. Quick, 30-sec. surveys on the campus mall, in the dinner line and in the dorms are an easy way to find new contacts. Call us for samples and ideas!

6. Raise the Flag!

Raising the flag declares "we are here and we claim this place for our sovereign!" You want to claim your campus for Christ! Raise the flag, let students know you are there. Putting up posters, handing out fliers, advertising events in your campus paper are great ways to get new people to an activity. Contact us for ideas and resources.

7. Register!

Becoming an officially recognized student group on campus will allow your team to use campus facilities and maybe even apply for funds. We can help with sample constitutions and charters you can adapt for your campus.

8. Link Up!

Invite students in your ministry to attend Navigator student retreats or conferences in your region. The summer brings training projects and missions trips they can take part in. Link your students with other Navigator campus ministries. It will encourage and stimulate both groups! We can help you to link up.

9. Bring in the Calvary!

You will need reinforcements. Involve your Christian friends from your church and in the community. Ask them to commit to praying for your ministry and to host activities at their homes from time to time. Students love home atmospheres.

10. Relate!

Make every attempt to maintain the unity of the faith. Good relations with other solid Christian groups on campus is a must. Seek to establish good communication with other groups and never recruit your leaders from another campus ministry.

