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## *Annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Outreach Event to Include Over 500 Locations*

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. – Students from Gardner-Webb University will join thousands of other youth on athletic fields across the nation on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. to share their Christian faith with fellow students during the 13th annual national Fellowship of Christian Athletes' Fields of Faith event. This rapidly-growing, interdenominational outreach event will be held at more than 500 locations throughout the nation, including at GWU's Lutz-Yelton Convocation Center.

While many Christian rallies are anchored to an entertainer or professional speaker, FCA's Fields of Faith is structured as a student-to-student ministry. Peers invite their own classmates and teammates to meet on their school's athletic field to hear fellow students share their testimonies, challenge them to read the Bible and to come to faith in Jesus Christ. Speakers at the GWU Fields of Faith event include head swim coach Mike Simpson, and student athletes Melan White (women's lacrosse), Rachel White (women's track and cross country), and Dewayne Wray (football).

The national growth of Fields of Faith has been remarkable. Since the beginning of Fields of Faith in 2004, more than a million people have joined the movement. In 2015 alone, more than 189,000 students gathered on 526 fields to participate in the event. Last year's series of events saw nearly 6,000 students make first-time faith commitments to follow Jesus Christ; 6,647 recommitted their life to Christ and 7,376 committed to reading the Bible daily.

More information about Fields of Faith is available at [FieldsofFaith.com](http://FieldsofFaith.com). To learn more about the GWU event, email [gcortese@gardner-webb.edu](mailto:gcortese@gardner-webb.edu).

*Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University's purpose is to advance the Kingdom of God through Christian higher education by preparing graduates for professional and personal success, instilling in them a deep commitment to service and leadership, and equipping them for well-rounded lives of lasting impact, Pro Deo et Humanitate (For God and Humanity).*