

The Advantages of a Gap-Year Program

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He may have stated it best when the founder of the mega-popular Passion Conferences, Louie Giglio, succinctly addressed the advantages of a gap-year program: *“I can’t think of anything better between high school and college than to set aside time to discover God, explore the world, and fine-tune your vision for the rest of your life.”*

But Giglio wasn’t just talking about “any” gap-year program. He was talking about IMPACT 360—the 9-month residential experience that brings 35 students together from across the nation for a life-changing experience in beautiful Pine Mountain, Georgia.

“IMPACT 360 combines great teaching with practical experience”, Giglio continued, “and prepares you for your role in God’s amazing story.”

Founders John and Trudy Cathy (Chick-fil-A) White saw a glaring need for godly leadership among the next generation of Christians. That’s why they created IMPACT 360—to prepare a place where high school graduates could gather to anchor their sure foundation and Biblical worldview before taking the next big step on life’s journey.

IMPACT 360 students are immersed in a faith-based education that counters the negative influences of today’s culture, equipping them to withstand the peer-pressure to conform to the world. In every way, IMPACT 360 succeeds at its mission to fill, equip and launch motivated leaders to impact our culture and world for the glory of Christ.

A safe, loving, close-knit environment enables IMPACT 360 students to grow comfortable interacting with other students from various backgrounds and cultures, and with the highly esteemed professors and professionals who teach them. This additional year of maturity helps IMPACT 360 graduates step into similar relationships at the college level much quicker, therefore allowing them to focus on their academics sooner, and graduate from college in less time. (Currently, on average, nationally, it takes 45% of college students *six years* to graduate from college; only 37% graduate in four years.)

IMPACT 360 students earn 15 hours of college credit while studying under the guidance of seasoned mentor-professors, such as Dr. J.P. Moreland, Truett Cathy, and Dr. William Lane Craig. Each week consists of four days of classes, small groups, volunteer service outings, leadership development, discussion groups, one-on-one mentoring, and recreation.

But IMPACT 360 students do *so much more* during their gap year, like Orientation at WinShape Wilderness in Rome, Georgia; monthly leadership training at Chick-fil-A headquarters in Atlanta; service learning projects throughout the community; life and spiritual formation; and a one-month international experience for every student.

Take a closer look at IMPACT 360 and we think you'll agree with Louie Giglio when he says, *"I can't think of anything better between high school and college..."*

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