

A MOVEMENT OF GRATITUDE

Thank-a-Prof



Thank-a-Prof provides students an easy way to honor the faculty that have had an impact in their lives through thank you notes. Delivering the notes not only gives you contact with faculty throughout many departments, but opens opportunities for life-giving conversations to take place.

Materials

- Purchase “Thank You” note cards and envelopes.
- Have writing pens available.
- A place where students can write their thoughts.
- Signage – Get a “Thank-A-Prof” banner (see Appendix A) or at least a table top sign.

Pick A Location

Be at places where students gather and have time to write thank you notes.

Following university protocols, we had a display table in the student union for a few days. In addition We offered candy to those who filled out the thank you cards.

We were also at Cru’s large group weekly gathering for a few weeks. Students were encouraged to write thank you cards before and after the meetings.

Student Instructions

Make sure that there are clear instructions in what can be written in the thank you notes. Some students need help in doing this so a sample card gives them some ideas.

Most importantly, make sure they write clearly the name of the professor and his office address on the outside of the cards so they can be delivered properly. Most universities have this information on a faculty directory. There are many names that repeat so having the department of the faculty member is also helpful.

Delivering To Profs

Since most faculty are not in their offices, try to find a time when many are. We developed a strategy of sorting the thank you notes by campus buildings and then went to each one to distribute them. If a professor was not in their office we gave it to the department secretary or put it in their designated mailbox.

We realized that many cards would only be placed in mailboxes, So I added a small note to explain the nature of the project and who was sponsoring it. I also included contact information about our organization.

Finishing

Give yourself realistic timelines for distribution.

Pray you can connect with faculty as you distribute the cards.

Take-A-Ways

This project is good and God-honoring. It is a great way to create an atmosphere of thanksgiving on campus. We personally enjoyed being able to represent Christ as the initiator of these good works to students and faculty. It is positive exposure to those who did not know of Cru or Faculty Commons.

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Take-A-Ways continued

It was not difficult to get students to write thank you notes but they did need help in knowing what to write. It took some time for people to do it. We used the Thank-A-Prof strategy for multiple weeks and it seemed to gain momentum over time.

Many students did not address their envelopes properly. Even though we had printed how-to instructions, there were still several who did not provide full information to deliver them. There were even a handful of notes undeliverable because of improper information. There were many more we had to find the information in the faculty directory to deliver. We also noted that many faculty did not have addresses because they were graduate assistants or new to the university.

In the note delivery process there was a point when it was not enjoyable and we wondered if it was really worth it. God quickly changed that by reminding us that we are ambassadors of His Kingdom to share Christ's love and light to those who do not know Him. It became a joy to go building to building finding offices to deliver thank you notes to professors from their students.

One exciting story from the Thank-a-prof campaign is a professor in the chemistry department who received many thank you notes. We did not get to meet him when we delivered the notes because he was not in his office. However, in his class the next day he thanked everyone who wrote notes and shared how much it encouraged him. The Thank-A-Prof campaign created a point of connection and we look forward to meeting with this professor next semester.

Thank You



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Sample Thank You Note card –You can buy thank you note cards or you can print your own. The sample above is the card we use. Pictured is the outside which folds in half to 4.25' x 5.5" – the inside (back of this artwork) is blank. We used plain A2 – announcement envelopes, you can also use Bar 5 1/2 – baronial envelopes, Both are 4 3/8 x 5 5/8 in size. On the front is the "Thank You" and on the back we have the Thank-A-Prof logo and us as sponsors. The QR Code is linked to our ministry website at NC State University.



Banner Flag –This is the design we used to have a banner made to use at our table in the student union where students would write their thank you notes.

This one is 1/10th the size of the printed flag.

The actual flag was 24" x 91" double sided. This is the artwork for both sides.



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Table Top Display –This is the design we used to have a 24" x 36" table top banner made



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Thank-A-Prof Logo –We used this two versions.