

CARP USA;s IGNITE and THRIVE Activities Inspire Students Across America

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Various chapters of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles ([CARP](#)) recently held a range of inspiring year-end student activities online. CARP, a national movement of students by students, was established in 1966 by the late Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

On May 13, CARP organizers from Chabot College in the Bay Area hosted the IGNITE program on Zoom, where participants discussed public service and how it affects them and the world.

"We talked about what kind of acts are considered service," said Chabot's CARP Activities Coordinator, J. Fujikake, "and how even little acts of service make an impact on others and ourselves."



Fujikake said the virtual program brought people together to cultivate new relationships and deepen

existing ones during a time when many people feel isolated during the pandemic. All California residents are currently [ordered](#) to stay home or at their place of residence, except for permitted work and errands, until June 15. However, CARP members suggested gestures like a handwritten letter, phone call, or care package as simple acts of service that can instantly brighten someone's day.

On the East Coast, the CARP DMV (DC-Maryland-Virginia) chapter heard powerful testimonies during the online THRIVE program on May 16. J. Bishop of CARP Los Angeles and A. Lazar of CARP DMV shared how they became involved in the campus organization and its transformational effect on their lives.



Since joining CARP, Bishop and Lazar have been dedicated to public service and creating a more peaceful world centered on God. Bishop, who received the Marriage Blessing with Yuka Miyagi, is part of the founding team of the Young Christian Leadership Conference ([YCLC](#)) which started in 2019. Lazar helped [spearhead](#) the new CARP chapter in Washington, D.C. in 2020. Both speakers emphasized developing a strong personal relationship with God to guide them on their journey.

In the Southwest, CARP members at Arizona State University (ASU) held their first community retreat online, focusing on "How to Attain Joy" and "The Principles of Creation." The group talked about what role God has played in their lives that brought them happiness; further developing their faith; and growing more confident in themselves and sharing their beliefs.

"This was the perfect opportunity to strengthen our faith by working through the relationships we have with different people during the pandemic," said R. Fukuzaki, who co-founded the CARP chapter at ASU in 2019. "We opened up about our personal growth and shared inspiring, motivational points with each other. It was a new experience for our CARP chapter overall; we had so many amazing victories and many participants enjoyed the event."

Nationwide, CARP creates programs, events, and activities designed to raise student leaders who engage in thoughtful and meaningful discussion while building deep, long-lasting relationships for peace and growth. CARP's founders, Rev. and Dr. Moon, envisioned young people educated in serving the world before serving themselves, their families and nations.

You can learn more about CARP and find a local chapter [here](#).



Who We Are

The **C**ollegiate **A**ssociation for the **R**esearch of **P**rinciples

also known as **CARP**, est. 1966



We are an organization of chapters on college campuses, created for students by students. We create programs, events, and activities promoting principles and raising leaders. Student leaders engage others in thoughtful and meaningful discussion as well as deep and long-lasting relationships for peace and growth.



We believe that the ideal is created within and practiced in daily habits. We study and research these ideals and principles taught by great role models and teachers in every field throughout history.

After study, we practice. Change doesn't happen overnight but rather incrementally through daily, consistent effort. That's what we practice. CARP offers a loving environment for students to encourage growth.

Local Chapters

Type of Chapter

Chapter Distribution

Type of College

Registered Chapters
Developing Chapters

Northeast Southeast
Midwest Southwest
West

Junior Colleges
Universities

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CARP was founded by the late **Rev. Sun Myung Moon** and his wife, **Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon**. Their vision for young people was that they would be educated in serving the world before serving themselves, their families, and their nations. The way they saw it, the passion that young people have is enough to move nations, and when young people commit to something, they are tenacious. Rev. and Dr. Moon hoped that CARP would provide the stimulation and environment these young people need to flourish not just intellectually and financially but, most importantly, in heart.

Rev. and Dr. Moon's teachings can be boiled down to **7 Unification Principles**:

We all come from the same common source, a **God of love**

We all ultimately want to experience **joy**

Each person is a **valuable** part of humanity

We have the **freedom to create** and manifest any possibility

We mature through pursuing **truth, beauty and goodness**

We can develop **genuine relationships** through sincere, selfless interaction

We **contribute to society** through mastery of our unique creativity



National CARP staff and the Board of Directors group photo from April 2018.

The **National CARP staff** and **Board of Directors** supports chapters and provides resources to help them on campus and in their student life. They connect the different chapters to a higher vision and promote cooperation between them.

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Education

College is focused on education of the mind, but CARP stands for education of the heart. How do we create true and lasting relationships? What is my purpose? How can religion and science contribute to a fuller life?

Whether it is in meetings, retreats, or social events, CARP strives to educate the hearts of young people and train them to become responsible and loving global citizens.



Culture

The current culture is about “me.” In CARP, one of our founding principles is “living for the sake of others.” It means to sacrifice for others to create a better world. It means interdependence and mutual prosperity.

In CARP, we strive to create a culture that treats each of its members like members of a family, with respect, love, and a push for growth.



Service

To learn and to be inspired is not enough to impact our campuses and societies. In CARP, we believe that practice substantiates the principles we value and teach.

CARP engages in service to our campus and our community, not only to train ourselves, but to better our environment and help the people around us.