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# Pioneering Women

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## Amanda Clark



One of the most visible Christian groups on the Texas Woman's University campus is CRU [Campus Crusade]. They are often seen on campus sharing their faith or inviting friends to small group Bible studies. But it was much different – and not very long ago.

Amanda Clark (*left*) is one of the student leaders for CRU. “When I came here as a freshman there didn't seem to be a lot of life on campus,” she explains. “People would go to their classes and then leave – get in and get out.

“God has changed some of these things; now there seems to be a new spirit and excitement. Two years ago our group was very small; in my sophomore year our numbers grew, and now we have a leadership team that is going to disciple others.

And the Christian faculty group has been so helpful! They have spoken at our weekly meetings and been such an encouragement.

“Girls are not only coming to know Christ -- now they want to give that away. As a result, some of the new students that we have met will be in a place where they can reach out to others. TWU has become a place of spiritual growth and multiplication.”

This summer, seven CRU students spent time on missions projects – six at locations in the U.S. and one in Ethiopia They brought their training and enthusiasm back to campus and joined other student leaders (*left*) in planning ways to reflect their faith.

They posed beneath TWU's statue of the “Pioneer Woman,” which symbolizes the heroism of those who battled heat, Indian attacks, hard-scrabble soil and even harder-headed husbands to settle Texas in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



## Vonette Zachary Bright

Amanda is not the only Christian leader to spring from TWU. Vonette Zachary was a home economics major from Coweta, Oklahoma. Engaged to businessman Bill Bright, she went out to California to “rid him of his religious fanaticism.”

There she met Dr. Henrietta Mears of Hollywood Presbyterian Church and became a Christian. She graduated from TWU in 1948. She and Bill did marry, and in 1951 they started Campus Crusade for Christ. (*Pictured at Arrowhead Springs.*)

She became a distinguished alumna of TWU in 1982.



## Bel Barrera Tucker



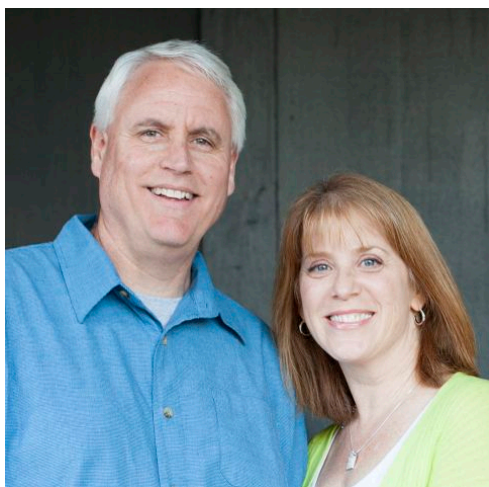
Bel and Karsten Tucker (*left*) live in the Texas hill country northwest of San Antonio. Karsten is a physician; Bel not only supervises four children, and volunteers at a counseling center; she also joins her husband in triathlons.

She was one of the Campus Crusade student leaders at TWU in the late 1980s: “I remember doing these early morning prayer meetings for our campus,” she said.

“We were believing God for a revival on our campus. We shared the gospel, invited young women to CRU meetings, had socials in our dorms and led Bible studies. I was in many Bible studies: Sarah Pogue and Bev Hester, another staff woman disciplined me.

“I am so thankful for what I learned during those years, and it is wonderful to see God answer the prayers of so many of us for our alma mater.”

## Julie Romano Levy



“I transferred to TWU my junior year,” says Julie Levy. Like Bel, she was a student there in the late 1980s. “I attended a Campus Crusade for Christ meeting and found a loving and caring community of fellow Christ followers.”

“I joined a Bible study and then – they taught me how to reach out to others—the thing I feared the most! Going on a summer project where I shared my faith every day was life changing. I met my husband Rick at a Crusade event my first week on campus, so that was a bit life changing, too.

“After I graduated, I was prepared to serve the Lord no matter where he placed me. I worked for print and ad agencies for 25 years, including owning an ad agency with Rick. Recently we joined the staff of CRU in Austin and use our design skills on both print and video projects.

“I have such fond memories of TWU and am glad through our graphic skills that we can assist Steve and Sarah in the outreaches they have both at TWU and UNT.”

*Thanks for making this possible!*

*--- Steve & Sarah*