

Dear River Family,

Well the moment is happening. Your child is heading off to college. We are excited for them and for you. We want you to know The River Church and The River Staff are here to support your son/daughter in any way we can. One we can do that is through our **Adopt a College Kid**.

The purpose of the **Adopt a College Kid** is to support our kids as they head off to college. Statistics show that 75% of students will walk away from their faith in the first 60 days of going to college. Chap Clark and Kara Powell found in their research for "Sticky Faith" that by having 5 adults (not their parents) supporting those kids that the statistics improved greatly. Adopting parent volunteers will draw the name and information of a student starting their freshman year at college. They will get their name and contact information and a bit of information about them. Their most important job is to pray for this student. Secondly they can reach out to the student with just simple words of encouragement and support. Letting them know they are being prayed for and they are cheering them on. They may even send them care packages. Or if they live near the student, take them out for a cup of coffee and see how they are doing.

If you would like for your child to participate in this program please complete the attached form and a 4X6 picture of your student. Include their contact information and areas of interest maybe favorite snack foods. If you don't have their mailing information yet, just forward it when you do have it. Mail information to Katy Reich 113 Paseo de Suenos Redondo Beach CA 90277. Or bring the information to church on 8/19. Please have information to Katy Reich by 8/22. We will be drawing students on 8/26. For questions contact Katy Reich 310.850.8717 or Matt