

## Justin Bradley: giving back with basketball

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Summer 2011 was a season of opportunity for Guilford students. Some attended summer school, some had jobs, some volunteered, and some used the time off to refresh themselves for the next semester.

However, no one's summer was more life-changing and special than junior Justin Bradley's in southern Montana at the Crow Indian Reservation.

Last semester, Bradley took a Native American History course at Guilford and learned much about the struggles that Native Americans face daily.

Forced into reservations around the country, Native Americans have suffered from a low quality of life and high unemployment rate, and their situations have worsened by the recession.

However, many of the reservations are involved and dedicated to basketball, which led to a volunteering idea Bradley would take part in.

Bradley describes his experience as "very life-changing, very influential, exciting, and a unique opportunity for me."

This unique opportunity was afforded by the hard work of four college students.

David Dean reached out to Bradley, as the

two remained acquaintances from their time together on the Quaker basketball team during Dean's first year at Guilford.

Along with other team members, Dickinson College senior Christina Mullen and Georgetown University graduate Keith Belcher, they brought Empowerment Programs to more than 100 Crow children.

After organizing their group, fundraising, gathering the materials needed for the event, and scheduling dates for the camps, they finally made the dream a reality.

The children, ages 10 to 16, learned basic basketball skills, self-discipline, and mental toughness, and were thereby able to embrace their love of basketball with a renewed fervor. The program also helped children that are displaced gain a new direction.

The Crow population was a focus for Bradley and the group. They wanted to reach out and help them as they faced dire situations. The

unemployment rate of the Crow people is currently 90%, they have a life expectancy of fifty years old, and they are subject to poor educational and health care systems. Because of these issues, alcohol and drug dependency are high, thus resulting in the many displaced children. Finding something productive to focus on is hard for them. Basketball helps.

"There also happens to be an insane obsession with basketball," said Dean. "It serves as an outlet, especially for youth, to get away from the surrounding difficulty."

When asked what in particular touched him, Bradley replied, "Just seeing how happy and attentive the kids were ... they soon opened up and became more comfortable."

Although Bradley's story was largely unknown to the Guilford community, some students have been proud and inspired by him.

"When he would talk to me about (his Montana experience), it was very positive, and (he seemed like) he really enjoyed helping the kids and convinced me to start volunteering next year," said sophomore Ryan Phillips.

"I would definitely do it again ... I'm planning on doing it again next year," Bradley said.

Here's hoping for another inspiring experience, and hoping that more students follow Bradley's lead.



(above) Junior Justin Bradley's passion for basketball shows off and on the court, where he'll play point guard next season. (L) Unity Hoop campers pose for a shot on the Crow reservation.



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## Quaker athletics recap: 9/11 through 9/19

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### MEN'S SOCCER — 9/11

Guilford College comes back to beat visiting Berry College 2-1. The first half was all Berry as they managed an unassisted goal by David Shaw in the 35th minute, making the score 1-0.

The second half was different, as Guilford crawled back from the 1-0 deficit with two goals, in the 50th and 83rd minute respectively. The first goal, a one-footed touch over the keeper, was made by Freddy Gomez, assisted by junior teammate Ronnie Castellanos. The last goal, the winner, was made in the 83rd minute by Greg Carnovale.

### VOLLEYBALL — 9/13

Guilford loses 3-0 in a tough match at home versus Washington and Lee. Both teams were playing their first Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) game. The Generals improved to 9-0 with the win, with Lindsey Dee finishing with a game-high 10 kills on .389.

Mary Moody and Emma Gunn both led Guilford with five kills. Taylor Whitley also had 20 assists and seven digs. Moody and Taylor Phillips both had 11 digs in the loss.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER — 9/14

Guilford beats Greensboro College for their fourth straight win 3-1. First-year Hannah Schiltz scored the first two goals of the match. Although Greensboro attempted to come back with a goal in the 54th minute, the Quakers stifled any chances the Pride had, with one last goal in the 56th minute.

### MEN'S SOCCER — 9/14

Guilford falls to Emory and Henry on the road, 3-1, in their conference opener. Emory and Henry came out hot with two goals to start the match. Matthew Poling scored a goal, his first in his college career, in the 33rd minute to start a comeback for the Quakers, although they were unable to complete it as Emory and Henry scored a goal in the second half to

win the match.

### MEN'S SOCCER — 9/17

Guilford loses on the road to Covenant 2-1. The first half belonged to Covenant, with the Scots scoring the first two goals of the game, both by Ian Meredith.

The Quakers, who struggled to get a goal off the entire game, got on the board with their own goal in the 76th minute. The goal happened when the Scots were playing with 10 men, due to Covenant's Chris Pifer having been sent off in the 64th minute with a red card.

Although the Quakers tried to come back with a couple more shots at another goal, Scots goalie John Eger was able to stop them, finishing with eight saves. The Quakers' keeper, Michael MacVane, made four saves in his first start as goalie.

### VOLLEYBALL — 9/17/2011

Guilford College falls on the road to Virginia Wesleyan College 3-2. The Marlins were led by Kala Guy with a game-high 17 kills,

four aces, 11 digs, and a block. The Quakers' Mary Moody led the Quakers with 10 kills as well as 22 digs and Taylor Phillips led with 15 digs. Laura Kopald added nine digs and two aces. Emma Gunn had eight kills and a block. Malukah French had eight kills and six block assists.

### WOMEN'S SOCCER — 9/17

Guilford and Washington and Lee played to a scoreless draw in their conference opener.

The Generals had an advantage with 21 shots, as senior keeper Amy Baker made a career-high 13 saves. Guilford had its best chances to score in the first half, with a few attempts at undefeated shots, but were eventually stopped by Generals keeper Emily Leary, who had three saves in the match. Guilford had six shots in the match, with three of them on goal.

### FOOTBALL — 9/17

Guilford loses to the visiting Averett Cougars 35-21. The Cougars finished the first quarter with a 21-0 lead. The Quakers

then attempted a comeback with a touchdown in the fourth quarter. However, the Quakers' attempts were thwarted by the Cougar's tough defense. The Quakers played without 11 starters due to injuries.

### MEN'S SOCCER — 9/18

Guilford wins 3-0 on the road for their first recorded win over the Emory Eagles, and their first win after a two-match losing streak. Due to the play of senior Quaker keeper Peter Truitt, who had seven saves, both teams were scoreless in the first half. The second half was better as Freddy Gomez scored twice and Greg Carnovale scored once to seal the victory.

### VOLLEYBALL — 9/18

Guilford falls at Randolph-Macon 3-0. Mallory Carter led the Yellow Jackets with 11 kills, 12 digs, and three aces. Malukah French led the Quakers with six kills. Taylor Whitley had nine assists and four digs, and Taylor Phillips picked up 11 digs for the Quakers in the loss.