



Student Spotlight: Tanner Nickell

Tanner Nickell is a senior at the University of Northwestern majoring in Urban Studies. He was enrolled in both U4C and Mission Shift last year. He states, "Mission Shift is part of the curriculum for my major and what a joy it was! I switched to this major from Social Studies Education because I discovered a new found passion for being part of what's happening in our growing urban population in Minneapolis-St. Paul and worldwide." He heard about both programs from several good friends who attended them previously. During the first half of Mission Shift, he learned many principles that are incredibly necessary to begin to interact cross-culturally. He said that this happened through hearing from and discussing with people already in the mission field locally and abroad. During the second half he enjoyed learning about understanding how to work with various social issues that are largely prevalent in urban settings, but are present in cities of all sizes as well. His favorite assignment was the nonprofit project in which we had to come up with an idea for an organization that would help a particular people group in a particular way. He learned a lot by working on this project because it helped him to understand the challenges that people face in doing ministry and ways to overcome these challenges.