



## When God Creates Insider Access...



Kayla Konwent (KK) has been part of the AIA ministry in different ways at University of Wisconsin for 6 years! She has an amazing story of God at work in her life, teaching her to trust Him with all her heart. He has also used her platform of being outstanding in her sport to create inroads for her to lead UW athletes and share His love in unique ways!

KK came to faith trusting Jesus as her Savior as a freshman Badger on the softball team. Her willingness to give the Lord access to her life and create a greenhouse for growth through her intentionality & humility have been incredible! Her transformation has been exponential and it brings God so much glory how she follows where He leads. She has trusted Him through a roller coaster of significant injuries that she thought were ending her career, served as a student leader in AIA, followed His lead to join our staff team in a part-time role, and then followed Him as He unexpectedly opened a door for her to compete again! Through this platform as an impact player (she has been an All-American & Big Ten Player of the Year) she has built trust and connection with teammates & coaches so that she was able to disciple many ladies from her team, lead team Bible studies, and has helped us coordinate campus outreaches that give many people opportunities to hear about how much God loves them and wants a relationship with them. She shared in a social media post about what the Lord has been teaching her.

***"You don't have to keep striving. He showed me my worth/ value as a person does not come from my performance on the field. When I accepted this truth, I started to experience freedom & joy in playing the game. Through the highs and lows Jesus' love for me remains. We don't have to earn His love, He gives it to us freely.***

***Regardless of what others may say or think we must cling to what Jesus says is true of us. That you are loved, you are enough, you are worthy, you are significant, you are forgiven, the list goes on and on. My walk-up song this year is a reminder of these truths and helps me stay rooted in who Christ says I am. The song is My Jesus, by Anne Wilson... 'He makes a way where there ain't no way, Rises up from an empty grave, Ain't no sinner that He can't save, Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus. His love is strong, and His grace is free; And the good news is I know that He can do for you what He's done for me. Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus and let my Jesus save your life!'"***

KK does a really great job of recognizing the platform and voice God has given her to speak into the lives of many witnesses! Please keep her in your prayers as she glorifies the Lord in many ways and follows His lead.



## Praise Prayers :

- Athletes who are eager to let God move in their lives and transform their hearts.
- For athletes & coaches who are learning to listen and follow His lead.
- For favor & serving opportunities that can only come from the Lord to build trust with people He is connecting us with.

## Trusting God for:

- Opportunities to be present among players & coaches. Presence is a place where trust and connection is built.
- for a growing spiritual hunger in the athletes and coaches we work with on campus

**Summers On Campus:** Over the years we have been serving on staff with AIA, the way that summers look have changed a lot for athletes and coaches. More than ever before, a growing number of student athletes are still in town and available because their coaches now prefer that they do their summer



workouts and training as a team and with their regular strength & conditioning coaches. Often times they are taking summer classes so that they can afford to take lighter class loads in their competing season. This means more opportunities to connect and build relationships, because while they are busy, it's still a different pace and reality than during the school year. It's been a great way to trust God to launch some new Bible studies, meet incoming freshmen, and also increase trust with coaches who are new to campus.



Another place God has been moving this summer is through athletes who got to attend Ultimate Training Camp in the Twin Cities. Please pray for them as they are now returning to their teams with new resources & perspectives in their spiritual tool belts and learning to use those to compete as a way to worship and be rooted in their identity in Christ. They are coming back to campus different than they left! Praise God! Please pray for the seeds that were planted to take root and bear fruit that impacts those that are witnessing their lives and competition (teammates, coaches, family, fans, etc).



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**THANK YOU** for partnering with us as we trust God to see Christ followers on **every** team, in **every** sport, and in **every** nation!

Kyle, Jayne,  
AJ, Leisel, George & Simon

