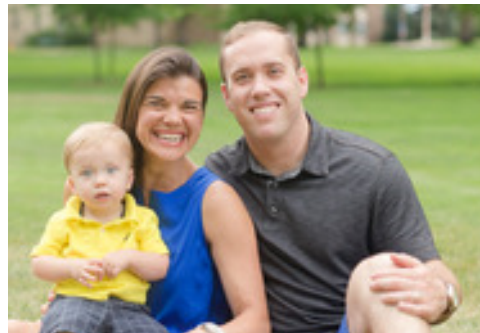




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## Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT)

Many great organizations or movements have a common thread: great leaders and leadership teams. We also see in the gospels how Jesus lived out leadership with a heart of serving. Spiritual leadership is a unique and privileged opportunity. As Jenny and I give leadership to the AIA movements around the city of Indianapolis, we are both excited and humbled for this opportunity! A major focus this year is building up our student leadership team at Butler through three distinct values. We believe they are critical.



Planning retreat with our student leadership team

**Belief** - As staff, and with our student leadership team, we want to lead with belief in others. Jesus was constantly speaking belief to His disciples, even when they often "got it wrong." He led with patience and belief, knowing the investment in them would reap the most fruit in the long run. Would you pray that we think and speak belief into one another? Also, pray against the enemy's plans to divide us and distract from kingdom building at Butler and beyond.

**Risk** - When the Holy Spirit prompts us to take steps of faith, there is always some element of risk built in. But our natural human tendency is to stay within what seems comfortable. Pray with us that we "get comfortable with being uncomfortable" as the Navy SEALs put it.

**Ownership** - When you truly own something, you have an investment in seeing it succeed and thrive. If you own a home, you know this well. We are praying that our student leaders would feel a true sense of ownership of the Butler AIA movement. They are insiders in the athletic department, so we lean on them heavily for how to reach their teammates with the gospel.

## Fall Kickoff BBQ!

This year we moved up our Butler Fall kickoff barbecue to the first day of classes on Wed 8/23. Planning for this event is always tricky because we don't know how many will show up. We planned for 30, and 90 showed up! What a sweet surprise to see God at work connecting us to over 20% of the athletes at Butler (total number about 440).

We cherish your prayers for the large group meetings on Wednesday nights, that it would be a vehicle through which we build authentic community and grow in real faith. Thanks for your partnership in ministry!



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