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Hello CCE! Happy New Year! It's crazy to say that we are quickly moving towards 2025 sports camps, and we are so excited for what God is doing in and through UW! The behind-the-scenes work continues in full force at UW with curriculum editing, song motions, and plans for 2025. We have also completely revamped our website - [check it out!](#)

We'd also love for you to [meet our summer staff](#),
learn more about [why we do sports ministry](#),
and see [how Change 4 Change impacts our ministry!](#)

LOOKING FORWARD: 2025

21

CAMPS

11

STATES

8

SUMMER STAFF

HIRED

From the President's desk:

There are certain times of the year that people get excited about. Undoubtedly, my favorite time of the year is summer. A close second is January 1. What a great time to reflect on the past year and hopefully see some growth and progress. Then, look ahead to the new year and start setting goals for what you want to accomplish. It is so fun to look ahead and dream about what this year will hold.

I am excited about this upcoming year because Danielle and I are expecting our 4th child! The due date is March 31 and we couldn't be more excited. We always struggle to pick out the name, and that has been a hot topic around here. Brylee, Parker, and Raelyn have been helping with this, so we are in good hands.

This might sound obvious, but I always look forward to sports camps in June and July. We work for 10 months to get those 2 months put together. The best part of the summer is our training week. As a summer staff, that week was hard for me. A large crowd of new people, staying at host homes and the firehose of information that we get at training. Now that I am on this side of it, I love that week and everything that goes with it. There are so many pieces that so many people have played a part in and seeing them all come together is awesome! What a busy, stressfully beautiful week. We know that the summer staff are going out to spread the Gospel over the following weeks and that we get to prepare them as best we can for that task.

- Cory



[Meet our 2025 Summer Staff!](#)

[Kennedy Andrews](#)

Name: Kennedy Andrews

Age: 20

School: Colorado College

Major: Economics



What is your favorite ice cream?

Cookies and cream

What is your favorite way to spend downtime?

Watching Duck Dynasty/motivational videos

What sports have you played?

Basketball, Football, Track, Baseball...I currently play

Basketball

Where in the world would you most like to visit?

Dubai

What drew you to UW Sports Ministry?

God...I just stumbled upon it and it's a perfect mix of my favorite things and what I believe is part of my purpose from Christ...to use sports to lead people to Christ

What are you most looking forward to next summer?

Traveling and not only helping others but connecting and growing myself closer to Christ and to a different level

Sports Ministry Education Spotlight



Every ministry done in the name of Christianity needs to come from a deep sense of calling from God, understand its place in history, and derive its strategy from Scripture. UW Sports Ministry is clearly fulfilling these qualities.

Sense of Calling

From its inception in 1996 there was a "missionary" zeal for ministry that burned in the heart of everyone that has ever been called a UW Sports Ministry Missionary. It could be a desire to reach the lost, educate the young, build relationships through church growth, or a desire to make disciples, each person in UW staff has been able to attest to one or many of these callings on their life.

Place in History

Church History has many "ministries" that have been done in the name of Jesus that were for a specific moment in history. Medicine, Justice, Benevolence, or Spiritual Development to name a few. Sports ministry has been clearly visible since the mid-to-late 20th century. Sports ministry has found itself at a moment in the 21st century to be very viable to the churches when they understand the concept of discipleship and evangelism. UW Sports Ministry is strong in both concepts.



Scripture-Based Sports Curriculum

When Jesus told His disciples to go and "make disciples", the context was to do what He had just done with them. Spend time with them, teach them Scripture and its meaning, pray with them, live life with them and invigorate them to do the same to other humans that do not know Him. UW writes and publishes a Biblically sports oriented annual curriculum (8 of them). They train sports-oriented people to enter their world and play and teach and live out their faith. At each church, young disciples are built up in an ongoing environment spiritual development in the local church and its members.

Change 4 Change

UW Sports Ministry's Change 4 Change (C4C) program has been around since the early 2000s. C4C is an offering that UW takes at sports camp, and goes towards helping churches afford sports camp. We encourage children to bring in their change throughout the week of sports camp, and tell them that they are helping other children have the opportunity to go to sports camp and experience it just as they are. We will usually have some incentives for the kids such as a competition of boys against girls, or if they hit certain goals, the children's directors or pastors will get a pie in the face on Friday.

As a coach, this was an awesome part of camp for me, to watch the kids bring in their change and to see how excited they got as they put it in the cones at the registration table. Their reward is that they might get to throw a pie at the end of the week, but the real reward is where that money goes.



Most of the time, the kids or even the UW summer staff won't see where it goes directly. We know God can use a gift of any size to do miraculous things.

We are called to give and help support the church and its ministries, but God wants a cheerful giver. He wants us to get excited to be a part of the work that He is doing. It might just be dropping money in a box monthly or kids trying to get their coach pied on Friday, but you never know where that will end up and how God will use it. Every year kids get to go to camp because of others giving.

Want to host a Go the Distance
sports camp in 2025?

[Apply to host sports camp!](#)

Know a college-age student who
loves God, sports, and kids?

[Apply for Summer Staff!](#)

Pray with us!

Thanking God for:

- the energy and passion He gives us for this ministry
- having plans for every single part of this year, from churches to summer staff to campers - the things we know, the things we don't, and the things we never will know about!
- what He has already done through UW Sports Ministry and the lives He has touched through us

Asking God for:

- stamina, strength, wisdom, and grace as we rapidly head toward the summer!
- the churches and sports camps He has planned for this summer to join us!
- continuing to bring summer staff into our ministry!

Join us for [UW Global Prayer on Monday January 27th at 8pm EST on Zoom!](#) The community of UW is widespread, but we know the importance of coming together before God in prayer. We look forward to seeing you there!

UW Global Prayer

Our work at UW Sports Ministry is fueled by the generous prayers and financial support of ministry and missionary donors. We are incredibly thankful for and blessed by you!

Partner with us!



UW Staff from left to right: Tim Conrad (Founder and President Emeritus); Jen McCormick; Danielle Bradow; Cory Bradow (President)
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