

## The Weekly Huddle



Player Huddle Before Basketball Camp

#### Welcome Back!

Welcome back to The Weekly Huddle. In this weeks edition we would like to highlight Jenna Goulds for her epic story and how Fellowship of Christian Athletes helped her along her faith journey.

We will also learn about our very own Ashley Fages, the very women who walked with Jenna as she made her way through highschool and to the college world.

Keep flipping through the pages to read more!



Student Prayer Group



FCA leaders posing for a picture before Leadership Camp

#### **Weekly Events**

Each week coaches from around San Diego host sports specific and multi-sport huddles. Check the website to view a map of huddles near you! We hope to see you there!

#### **Upcoming Events**

FCA Skills Combine April 19

Coaches Time Out May 3

FCA Futures June 16-20 Camp

Surf Camp June 16-20 Surf Camp June 23-27 Surf Camp June 30-July 4

Sports Performance July 7-11 Camp

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### Lasting Impact-FCA forges bonds through Huddles



Jenna Gould-Northern Arizona University Student

Jenna Gould is one of many students who found herself in one of the lunch huddles hosted by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Gould grew up in a family with two older brothers and parents who showed her what it meant to serve. She would regularly attend the youth group at her church and has fond memories of tagging along with them as they served at their church.

In high school Jenna was shy and had bad anxiety which created some challenges in connecting with others. During that time, there was a change in leadership of the FCA huddle at her school. Ashley Fages, an Administrative Assistant for FCA took over the group. Fages began discipling at the Thursday meetings and would make herself available for one-on-one meetings throughout the week.

One of Gould's track teammates would go to the huddles every other Thursday.

On one of those days, she decided to go along with her friend and from the time she began going to the huddles, the group of students gradually grew.

"When I first started going to the huddles there were very few students. About 10 or less but as I got older, the group grew to around 20-30 students by senior year." said Gould. "I love Ashley, she helped me grow so much in my faith. We are still super close to this day. She always checks up on me and I can ask her anything." said Gould

Gould is currently a student at Northern Arizona University where she is studying business marketing and minoring in hotel and restaurant management. She is currently involved in young adult groups at a church near her campus and in the future Gould wants to pour back into FCA by volunteering.

"I always want to pour into FCA anyway that I can, I am unsure if I would step into a role like Ashley's, but I would volunteer for the FCA." said Gould about future plans to volunteer for FCA.

The San Diego chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) currently hosts 165 campus and discipleship huddles thought the year. These huddles are held by FCA staff, youth pastors, coaches, volunteers and athletes who have been empowered to lead through the program. One of those groups is held at Carlsbad Highschool where students are discipled through life and their faith.

FCA has lasting impact beyond sports camps and leagues associated to them. It's through meaningful discipleship that others want to give back and stay involved.

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#### Timeout for Truth

**Impact through Huddles** 



### **Ashley Fages**

San Diego Administrative Assistant

Ashley Fages is currently an administrative assistant for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and has been part of the organization for over five years and has made an impact through Huddles that are held all around San Diego County. She has found a passion for helping others.

#### How did you get involved with FCA?

I filled out half of an application in the past and I got a call out of the blue from Jordan (FCA San Diego Director). He must have remembered my application because he gave me a call, and I was like, this is super great. I became an area rep in Carlsbad before transitioning to admin.

## While you oversaw the Carlsbad area, what were some of your responsibilities?

I led multisport groups at Sage Creek Highschool and Valley Middle School. These groups were for any athlete on campus who wanted to be in a bible study. We would host a lunch huddle with a speaker, bible study questions and games.



San Diego County FCA Team

## What has been the biggest impact of leading huddles with FCA?

There were eight girls who were part of the group that I walked through high school with and was able to see them all the way through college. One of those girls did not grow up in church and was having a hard time when she went to college. We would talk a lot on the phone and when she would come home for the summer. We worked through what it meant to walk in the way of Jesus and now she's all in on the Lord. She's plugged in on campus and has found a church.

## How did you know that the FCA was the place that you wanted to work?

I was working at a corporate job and nothing was panning out, I wasn't enjoying and I always wanted to do something impactful. When I got the call from Jordan, I loved the idea. I grew up in a Christian home but wasn't discipled well and I wanted to step into that role even if it was to help even just a few girls.

# Since you have been at FCA have there been any professional athletes that have spoken at their events?

Tommy Edmund from the Dodgers has spoken at our lunch huddles and is a huge advocate of FCA. Tommy Edmunds father is also a coach that works with the FCA. In the past we have had Drew Brees speak at our Gala as well as a few local pro athletes.

Find your nearest Huddle at https://www.sandiegofca.org/huddles

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#### **About Us**

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is touching millions of lives...one heart at a time. Since 1954, FCA has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful platform of sport to reach every coach and every athlete with the transforming power of Jesus Christ. FCA focuses on serving local communities around the globe by engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to unite, inspire and change the world through the gospel.



Athletes sharing a Bible during an activity at an FCA camp.



FCA Coaches at PLNU Baseball Field Before Camp



Leader Demonstration at FCA Leadership Camp

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