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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Mid-semester grades were posted on Monday, October 22. Be sure to ask your student how they are doing. These grades serve as an estimate of their progress to this point. It is not too late for them to seek help from our PLUS Center through tutoring and study sessions. Students may access their grades on-line. The Registrar sent the instructions to them via email.

Upcoming Events
November 5 - 21 – Spring 2013 Registration
November 10 – Admissions Open House
November 21-23 – Thanksgiving Break
December 10-14 – Final Exams

KWC Announces Inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Class

OWENSBORO, Ky. (Oct. 9, 2012) – Kentucky Wesleyan College will induct seven All-Americans, two revered coaches, a NFL executive and a legendary broadcaster into the first Athletics Hall of Fame class, as announced by KWC President Dr. Craig Turner.

“With such a storied athletic history, the time is right to permanently honor the successes and accolades of these past student-athletes, coaches and staff from competition, the classroom, their professional lives and society with this new Athletics Hall of Fame,” Dr. Turner stated.

The members of the inaugural class are athletes Jill Burness Stowe (volleyball/basketball), Rod Drake (basketball), Melody Lesher Medley (tennis) Sam Smith (basketball), Ty Stauffer (soccer), Dallas Thornton (basketball) and George Tinsley (basketball); coaches Ray Harper (basketball) and Robert ‘Bullet’ Wilson (baseball, basketball, golf, tennis and director of athletics); plus longtime KWC mentor A.J. Smith (San Diego Chargers) and Voice of the Panthers for 52 years Joel Utley.

KWC Director of Athletics David Williams added, “This Hall of Fame creates a focal point for alumni, family, friends and current students, faculty and staff to celebrate our history of intercollegiate athletic competition which began in September, 1894 with baseball.”

The inductee’s profiles:
Jill Burness Stowe (1994-95) – First two-time Academic All-American in two separate sports in Division II – basketball and volleyball…two-time All-Great Lakes Valley Conference volleyball selection…holds career attack percentage at .363…two-time All-Great Lakes Valley Conference basketball selection…Great Lakes Valley Conference Basketball Newcomer of the Year…holds career scoring average record at 16.7 points and career rebounding average record at 9.8…1997 Rhodes Scholar candidate.

Kelly Coleman (1958-60) – Two-time All-American…jersey number 45 retired…third in career points with 2,077…finished third in the nation in scoring in 1960…sixth in career rebounds with 904…1960 All-NCAA Regional…holds season scoring record with 848 and average 30.3…sixth in career rebounds with 904…voted to KWC All-Century team by fans…drafted second round by New York Knicks.

Rod Drake (1981-84) – Two-time All-American…jersey number 10 retired…four-time All-Great Lakes Valley Conference selection…1984 NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team…two-time NCAA Regional Most Outstanding Player…second in career assists with 458…seventh in career points with 1,664…13th in career rebounds with 648…starter on two Final Four teams…voted to KWC All-Century team by fans.

Melody Lesher Medley (1979-83) – First Kentucky Wesleyan Academic All-American in any sport…1982 Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year…played No. 1 singles and doubles on the Panther’s first and only undefeated athletic team in history 1980…won the singles and doubles titles in the Kentucky Women’s Intercollegiate Conference three straight seasons 1979, 1980, 1981…played in first AIAW South Regional Championship tournament.

Sam Smith (1966-67) – Two-time All-American…1966 NCAA Championship Most Outstanding Player…1967 NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team…won 1966 NCAA Championships and finished third in 1967…collected 1,102 career points and 714 rebounds…two-time All-NCAA South Region Most Outstanding Player…voted to KWC All-Century team by fans…played professionally for five years in the American Basketball Association.


Dallas Thornton (1965-68) – Two-time All-American…two-time NCAA Champion…jersey number 22 retired…1968 U.S. Olympic Trials participant…two-time NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team honoree…holds career record for most consecutive starts with 112…fifth in career points with 1,929…seventh in rebounds with 903…voted to KWC All-Century team by fans…played professionally for five years.

George Tinsley (1966-69) – Two-time All-American…three-time NCAA Champion…jersey number 50 retired…two-time NCAA Championship All-Tournament Team honoree…1968 U.S. Olympic Trials participant…all-time leading rebounder with 1,115…fourth in career points with 2,014…fifth in starts with 113…voted to KWC All-Century team by fans…played professionally for five years in the American Basketball Association.

Ray Harper (1996-2005) - Produced six consecutive 30-win seasons and six trips to the NCAA Championship game…won two NCAA Championships 1999 and 2001 as a head coach and two as an assistant in 1987 and 1990…four-time National Coach of the

A.J. Smith (2004-present) – Long-time mentor to his alma mater Kentucky Wesleyan College, class of 1971…executive vice president and general manager of the NFL San Diego Chargers for the past 10 years…the winningest general manager in Charger history…2004 NFL Executive of the Year…2006 Top General Manager by Forbes Magazine…35-year career in pro football including three Super Bowl appearances.

Joel Utley (1961-present) – Voice of the Panthers for 52 years…called the play-by-play for 1,472 basketball games…has the distinction as the only broadcaster in the nation to call 12 NCAA Championship games including eight titles…ranks in the top five in longevity for college basketball radio broadcasters.

The first induction ceremony is scheduled for the weekend of Feb. 22-23, 2013.

2012 Homecoming Court

Prince
Chase Durrance
James Herzog
Joey Keelin
Jordan King
Luke Shelley
Denzel Thomas

Princess
Dea Brandon
Hannah Butcher
Hillary Lantrip
Brianna Outland
T’Essence Phelps
Ginny Weant
King
Cory Coble
Kaleb Enix
Travis Flener
Joey Kramer
Travis Long
Ben Lutz

Queen
CeCe Best
Courtney Chinn
Brittany Clark
Siera Crowe
Tina Kirk
Katelyn Stallings

King & Queen
Joey Kramer & Tina Kirk

Prince & Princess
Denzel Thomas & Dea Brandon

2012-13 Who's Who Recipients
Congratulations to the following juniors and seniors who have been selected by faculty and staff for inclusion in the 2012-13 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Students who have achieved a 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average with above average participation in co-curricular activities and community service were eligible.

Katie Armstrong
Ryan Barkley
Will Barnes
CeCe Best
Josephine Beyke
Katie Bowles
Dea Brandon
Courtney Chinn
Cory Coble
Siera Crowe
Tiera Crowe
Chase Durrance
Haris Dzaferbegovic
Callie Eaves
Josh Eaves
Sara Fleischmann
Alaina Gant
Lauren Goffinet
Matt Hanks
Patrick Hibbs
Christi Joiner
Tina Kirk
Joey Kramer
Devyn Lott
Jeff Martin
Madison McKinney
Kayla Meny
Kailyn Mitchell
Morgan Oakley
Taylor Owens
Kreig Oxley
Jordan Rickert
Meagan Sallee
Luke Shelley
Katelyn Stallings
Paige Troutman
Julie Vickers
Ginny Weant
Matt Wilson
Trisha Zivkovic

PRESS RELEASES
Kentucky Wesleyan College Hosts River City Festival of Films on November 3

Owensboro, Ky. (October 26, 2012) – Kentucky Wesleyan College will host the second annual River City Festival of Films on Saturday, November 3, from 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. in the Winchester Campus Community Center with P.J. Starks of Verite Cinema. The event will feature workshops with industry professionals, including actors, writers and producers, and the opportunity to discuss the craft with participating filmmakers. Film screenings are $4 each and $2 with student ID. All proceeds will go to News Beginnings, an Owensboro sexual assault support agency. The all-genre charity event will celebrate the art of independent films and the diverse mix of talented filmmakers in the region and beyond.

Assistant Professor of English Tamara Coy explains that hosting a film festival at an educational venue is a novel approach with only a few others in the United States each year. “As students pursue any vocation, having the opportunity to see the process in practice consolidates learning. I wanted my students to see that screenwriting and filmmaking is not just big-budget Hollywood and computer effects. It is about themes and tone and cinematography and having a passion about your dreams. P.J. and his many associates embody this love of filmmaking,” shared Coy, who teaches a KWC screenwriting class using the professional software, “Final Draft.”

Screenings include TV writer Lee Goldberg’s “Bumsicle,” which was filmed in Owensboro last spring and “The Windy Hollow Boys,” a documentary by Rick Miller. A total of 21 films will be screened, including short and feature-length films.

“We did an indie film series last fall at KWC with Professor Coy and appreciated the opportunity to interact with Wesleyan students,” said Starks. “I’m thrilled that we’re building on that experience. It will be a fun and educational event for the students and everyone who attends.”

See www.rivercityfestivaloffilms.com for more information.

Kentucky Wesleyan College Hosts Abel and Earle Violin/Piano Recital November 4
Owensboro, Ky. (October 25, 2012) - Alfred Abel, Visiting Artist in Violin at Kentucky Wesleyan College, will partner with pianist Diane Earle, Artist in Residence, for a duo recital Sunday, November 4, at 2 p.m. at the College’s Tapscott Chapel. The pair will perform music by Bach, Beethoven, Sarasate and Saint-Saens. They have performed many concerts in several states in their five-year partnership. The program is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow. For additional information, contact Earle at 270-852-3617.

Kentucky Wesleyan College Theatre Arts Program to Present “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”

Owensboro, Ky. (October 23, 2012) – The Kentucky Wesleyan College Theatre Arts Program will present William Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” on October 30 and 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Cannon Hall at the RiverPark Center. KWC student Shane Garde has composed original music for the production, and over 20 students are involved in the cast and crew. The play is conducted by Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts Laura Early. She is director of the Theatre Arts Program at the College. Tickets may be purchased at the RiverPark Box Office by phone at 270-687-2787 or online at riverparkcenter.com.

KWC students prepare preschoolers for theater

Kentucky Wesleyan College student athletes, from left, Luke Shelley, Zach Rahm and Rykan Jones, read from the children’s book, The Velveteen Rabbit, for head start students in Karen Payne’s class Thursday at East View Elementary School. Payne’s students will be seeing the Arts Teach Kids production of The Velveteen Rabbit on Thursday at the RiverPark Center. Photo by Gary Emord-Netzley, Messenger-Inquirer.

By Angela Oliver Messenger-Inquirer
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Though they're used to tackling and blocking on the field or pushing to the goal for points, a trio of Kentucky Wesleyan College student athletes aren't afraid to show their softer side.

Sophomore cornerback Rykan Jones, junior linebacker Zach Rahm and junior shooting guard Luke Shelley, faced a bright-eyed and expressive group of 3- and 4-year-olds at Eastview Elementary School Thursday morning as they prepared the children for the RiverPark Center's Arts Teach Kids production of "The Velveteen Rabbit."

"Kids are interesting, they get really excited, so I think they'll like the play," said Jones, an education major.

The students are part of Laura Early's children's theater class at KWC. The class partnered with the RiverPark Center's Arts Teach Kids program.

"It's been a fun experience," said Rahm, a communications major.

Enchantment Theatre Company will present the play on Nov. 1 for all Head Start Program students in Daviess County.

There are about 300 children in the county's Headstart program.

PNC Bank's "Grow Up Great" grant is funding the production and provided copies of "The Velveteen Rabbit" to each class.

"This will be the first theater experience for many of the preschoolers," said Kimberly Johnson, the development director at the RiverPark Center. "We thought it'd be useful to get them ready for what they'll see on stage."

The theater company provided a study guide for the play with suggested children's activities.

"We looked at the guide and decided to focus on the puppet and mask aspects in the play," Early said. "It was important to us to choose what we'd make so we could relay it to the kids correctly," said Shelley, a communications major.

The class of about 25 then made masks with paper plates and puppets with brown paper bags. During their visits to preschools throughout the week, they read the story, explained the puppets and masks and discussed theater etiquette with the children.

Johnson visited the schools with them.

"I've been most impressed to see the college students really engage the children," she said. "They really understand imagination and make it fun for the little ones."

She and Early said they'd like to continue the new Arts Teach Kids partnership for other productions. And though they aim for the preschoolers to learn the lessons, Early said, the college students learn, too.

"Of course they gain leadership and teaching skills, but I think they experience the joy of working with children and their love of play," she said. "They learn that you don't have to be in a certain building -- you can take a paper bag and a few materials and create theater anywhere."
KWC senior fulfills class requirement, gains friend

Kentucky Wesleyan College physical education major, Tim Steed, left, helps Gary Latham, a resident of the Wendell Foster Campus for Developmental Disabilities, with a stretching exercise Wednesday at 24 Hour Fitness at J.R. Miller Boulevard and Parrish Avenue. Steed helps Latham exercise for about an hour two days a week. Photo by Gary Emord-Netzley, Messenger-Inquirer.

By Suzi Bartholomy, Messenger-Inquirer
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Jim Payne is a matchmaker of sorts. Some of his matches are successful and some pairings don't last long.

Payne is volunteer coordinator for Wendell Foster Campus for Developmental Disabilities. He introduces volunteers to residents and then steps back. It's up to them if they want to be friends, Payne said.

When Tim Steed, a senior at Kentucky Wesleyan College, told Payne he wanted to volunteer at the center to complete his adapted physical education class, Payne asked him about his interests.

"Tim is a pitcher on the Wesleyan baseball team, and he said he likes to work out, and I had heard by the grapevine that one of our residents wanted to start going to a gym," Payne said.

"Jim met with me and explained what being a volunteer was all about," Steed said. "I had no experience with a disabled population."

"Where I'm from (Carmi, Ill.), we don't have the inclusion of all students in the schools," Steed said.

The physical education major said he has observed local schools and seen special ed students in physical education classes working with students without disabilities.

"It's great having everyone together," Steed said. "It really brings everyone closer. Students without disabilities communicate and work with students with disabilities."
Several weeks ago, Payne introduced Steed to campus resident Gary Latham, who has been wanting to work out at a gym off campus. On Wednesday, Steed was helping Latham with his workout. He first showed Latham stretching exercises and then he did them with him.

Latham will also work out on the bicycle for 15 minutes, Steed said.

"He's (Tim) my buddy," Latham said.

This appears to be a good match, Payne said. Latham is not demanding. Sometimes volunteers and residents don't hit it off. Residents are used to being waited on and their demands met. When they get into a friendship, they sometimes think it should go the same way, he said.

"Tim is different than most of our volunteers who have had a friend or family member with a disability," Payne said. "This is all new to Tim. From the times I've been around him and Gary, they are in tune."

Steed understands Latham's humor and Latham clearly likes him. Steed takes his new friend to the gym twice a week and he and his girlfriend have dropped in on Latham on weekends.

"Gary likes to work puzzles and watch 'Cops' on TV," Steed said.

When his class is finished, Steed said he plans to still visit Latham. "Gary and I have a good time together. He's become like family to me and I don't want to lose that."

After Steed graduates from KWC in the spring with a degree in physical education, he hopes to find a teaching job in Owensboro.

Sometimes graduates can't wait to leave, but Steed said Owensboro is what he's looking for.

"I come from a town of 4,500," Steed said. "For me, Owensboro has everything."

SALEM INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY TO JOIN THE GREAT MIDWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

INDIANAPOLIS – The Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC) has announced that Salem International University has been granted membership in the G-MAC, effective July 1, 2013.

Salem International, located in Salem, West Virginia, joins three other institutions from West Virginia that will join the G-MAC in the fall of 2013, bringing the anticipated membership in the G-MAC for the 2013-14 academic year to 10 full members. The Conference announced in August that, with the break-up of the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Alderson-Broaddus, Davis & Elkins, and Ohio Valley intend to join the Great Midwest Athletic Conference.
“The G-MAC is pleased to welcome Salem International to its membership,” said G-MAC Commissioner Tom Daeger. “Chancellor William Brooks, President John Luotto and Athletic Director Keith Bullion illustrated a commitment to cultivating their athletic department and developing their programs within the mission of the institution and the framework of the G-MAC. We look forward to assisting the institution as it continues to map the future of their athletics program.”

The recent addition of four new active NCAA Division II members will allow the G-MAC to satisfy the membership requirement for active conference status for 2013-14 as it continues to work through the Educational Assessment Program in 2012-13. The Conference, originally scheduled to move into 2013-14 with only five active members, now anticipates starting the year with at least ten total institutions, and at least eight active NCAA Division II members.

“It is our mission to create a model NCAA Division II athletic conference that will prove to be a valuable addition to the Division II membership and ensuring the minimum requirements for active membership is a top priority,” said Daeger. “Our recent additions have brought a renewed sense of energy to our membership in our efforts to develop our young Conference and the enthusiasm in which Salem International approached the Conference membership process is yet another boost to our membership as we forge ahead.”

Salem International, a private institution and currently an independent NCAA Division II member, was founded as Salem College in 1888. Regionally accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, Salem International enrolls 757 students placing it in the middle of the G-MAC in terms of enrollment.

Salem International University has a tradition of academic excellence and innovation. The beautiful 100-acre campus is nestled in the Appalachian mountains of West Virginia. The campus offers student housing and traditional campus clubs and activities.

SIU received its charter from the State of West Virginia in December 1888 and offered its first term of instruction beginning in April 1889. It was founded by members of the local community and the Seventh Day Baptist Church. Salem International University offers Associate, Bachelor and Graduate degrees in high demand fields including: Business, Education, Information Technology and Criminal Justice.

Salem International currently sponsors 11 intercollegiate sports, including men’s and women’s cross country, men’s and women’s basketball, baseball, softball, bowling, men’s and women’s water polo and men’s and women’s soccer.

“Salem International’s addition is the next step in our development and the G-MAC will continue to remain proactive in growing the membership to achieve the objective of providing a quality experience for all of its members,” said Daeger.
The Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC), which formed in October of 2011, was approved by the NCAA Division II Membership Committee in February of 2012 as a NCAA Division II member conference. The G-MAC, headquartered in the Indianapolis metro area, will sponsor 12 championships in 2012-13.

2nd Annual Panther Cup Results

Kentucky Wesleyan College students competed last week during Alumni Homecoming Week for the 2nd Annual Panther Cup, which paired each Greek fraternity with a sorority for various events.

Director of Student Life, Andrew Rash, organized the Panther Cup to continue a Greek tradition during homecoming week – a common practice among colleges throughout the country. “It’s something to get chapters involved and excited about homecoming,” he said. The week not only brought members of each sorority and fraternity together, but also fostered relationships between organizations.

Events included banner painting (the banners were hung at the entrance to Steele Stadium for the football game Saturday afternoon), Minerva painting, relay events, a canned food drive and attendance at the homecoming game.

Based on their overall score for all events, the Theta Omega/Sigma Phi Epsilon pairing took home the Cup this year. “I thought it went beyond amazing,” Rash said. “It exceeded my wildest expectations.”

The groups collected over 4,500 canned goods to donate to the Daniel Pitino Shelter in Owensboro. Greek members asked for donations, grabbed cans from their parents’ houses and bought many cans themselves. Rash said the Pitino Shelter was extremely thankful for the donation as their supplies were already running low heading into the busy fall and winter season at the Shelter.

“We plan to continue the Panther Cup competition each year,” Rash said about the competition.

Winners

Minerva Painting Competition
Theta Omega & Sigma Phi Epsilon

Banner Competition
Theta Omega & Sigma Phi Epsilon

Events Day Competition
Theta Omega & Sigma Phi Epsilon
KWC Cares Food Drive Competition
Kappa Delta & Sigma Nu

Homecoming Football Attendance Competition
Kappa Delta & Sigma Nu

Overall Winner
Theta Omega & Sigma Phi Epsilon

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN STUDENTS DONATE TO DANIEL PITINO SHELTER
Owensboro, Ky. (September 26, 2011) – Kentucky Wesleyan College Greek students celebrated the college's 60th year in Owensboro by creating a new Homecoming tradition, the Panther Cup, to benefit the community. The six campus Greek organizations competed to collect canned goods for the Daniel Pitino Shelter. Kappa Delta and Sigma Alpha Mu won, and a total of 3,000 cans will go to the shelter. “It’s a way to say ‘thank you’ to Owensboro for 60 years of support to our college,” said Student Life Director Andrew Rash.