



Parent Newsletter

Happy February! Our students are experiencing a relatively mild winter with only a few days of extremely cold temperatures. Students have adapted well and are nearing the completion of their first month of the new semester and are well into exams and term papers. Several have expressed how much they are already looking forward to Spring Break!

We recently took our annual ski trip to Perfect North. This event, along with our monthly Midnight Movies at Malco theater, continue to be our most requested student activities. This week we began our 3 night KW Idol competition which will continue through February 24. The Spring 2015 semester is off to a great start!!

President's List – 4.0 GPA

Each semester, President Bart Darrell recognizes students who earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average by naming them to the Presidents List. Congratulations to these 67 students for their achievement!

Shelbi Anderson – Henderson, KY
Seth Applegate – Shelbyville, IL
Jordan Barlow – Owensboro, KY
Samantha Brett – Owensboro, KY
Chelsea Brothers – Indianapolis, IN
Octavia Brown – Beaver Dam, KY
Amber Bryant – Owensboro, KY
Justin Bush – Philpot, KY
Dylan Byrd – Louisville, KY
Matthew Chestnut – Carbondale, IL
Leslie Chinn – Owensboro, KY
Kelsey Croft – Owensboro, KY
Emily Davis – Owensboro, KY
Madison Dayberry – Morganfield, KY
Kathryn Dishion – Lexington, KY
Codie Drake – Grand Ledge, MI
Aaron Eaves – Powderly, KY
Edward Echols – Roosevelt, NY
Taylor Elliott – Owensboro, KY
Eli Ellis – Calhoun, KY
Elizabeth Fakunle – Louisville, KY
Brittini Fitter – Arnold, MO
Thomas Free – Livermore, KY

Courtney Gibson – Owensboro, KY
Megan Grace – Greenville, KY
Danielle Hadler – Medina, OH
Matthew Hickingbotham - ENGLAND
Ashlea Holt – Princeton, KY
Crystal Hopkins – White Plains, NY
Hannah Hudnall – Russellville, KY
Armel Kitenge – CONGO
Paige Kramer – Owensboro, KY
Heather Lacy – Reed, KY
Heather Logsdon – Falls of Rough, KY
Victoria McCaskey – Madisonville, KY
Allie McCreery – Smiths Grove, KY
Michaela Melton – Central City, KY
Robin Miller – Owensboro, KY
Rhiannon Moore – Waynesville, MO
Michael Mosby – Hawesville, KY
Brittany Murphy – Owensboro, KY
Sydney O’Hearn – Owensboro, KY
Kaci Ovelgoenner – Troy, IL
Anna Owens – Rockport, IN
Daphne Parker – Hanson, KY
Nathan Payne – Beaver Dam, KY

Shelby Phillips – Wheatcroft, KY
Jonathan Poland – Owensboro, KY
Eyan Pope – Clarksville, TN
Regina Powers – Owensboro, KY
Hannah Priest – Owensboro, KY
Addie Reimbold – Ft. Wayne, IN
Haley Replogle – Frankfort, KY
Josalyn Ress – Tell City, IN
Archie Rowe – Owensboro, KY
Travis Rowland – Owensboro, KY
Tyler Shewmaker – Corydon, IN

Shane Snell – Beaver Dam, KY
Elissa Starheim – Owensboro, KY
Kaitlyn Steward – Uniontown, KY
Hikeem Stewart – Seattle, WA
Morgan Switalla – Munster, IN
Cornelia Thomas – Memphis, TN
JeanAnne Wagner – Owensboro, KY
Anna Walker – Owensboro, KY
Jennifer Walker-Crawford – Warsaw, IN
Branden Webb – Owensboro, KY

[Congratulations to Fall 2014 Dean's List!](#)

Our Academic Dean, Dr. Paula Dehn, and the entire KWC community celebrate high achieving students each semester by awarding Dean's List status to full-time students who achieve a 3.5 or higher GPA.

Congrats to the 188 following students who achieved Dean's List status for Fall 2014!

Linda Albrecht – Indianapolis, IN
Shelbi Anderson – Henderson, KY
Stuart Angus – Midway, KY
Seth Applegate – Shelbyville, IL
Ruth Ballenger – Springfield, IL
Nathan Ballinger – Vincennes, IN
Tyler Banken – Corydon, KY
Allyson Banks – Louisville, KY
Jordan Barlow – Owensboro, KY
Kimberly Basinger – Henderson, KY
David Baxter – Graham, KY
Lauren Beard – Henderson, KY
Luis Becerra – SPAIN
Victoria Beeler – Palmetto, FL
Katie Bell – Owensboro, KY
Nick Bell – Kennesaw, GA
Allison Bolin – Owensboro, KY
Bailey Boone – Owensboro, KY
Kyla Brassell – Chino, CA
Samantha Brett – Owensboro, KY
Ryan Brewer – Owensboro, KY
Sarah Brock – Owensboro, KY
Chelsea Brothers – Indianapolis, IN
Brittany Brown – Hartford, KY
Octavia Brown – Beaver Dam, KY
Amber Bryant – Owensboro, KY
JoCarol Bunch – Owensboro, KY

Lauren Burling – Utica, KY
Kaley Burnette – Bowling Green, KY
Justin Bush – Philpot, KY
Dylan Byrd – Louisville, KY
Austin Byrum – Crofton, KY
Cody Chaffin – Bowling Green, KY
Matthew Chestnut – Carbondale, IL
Leslie Chinn – Owensboro, KY
Johnathan Clark – Killbuck, OH
Jessica Collins – Richland, IN
Lauren Connor – Owensboro, KY
Haley Cook – Noblesville, IN
Megan Cook – Owensboro, KY
McKay Cooper – Owensboro, KY
Caitlin Crabtree – Utica, KY
Kristina Crewse – Calhoun, KY
Kelsey Croft – Owensboro, KY
Ashley Crooke – Henderson, KY
Keleigh Cross – Owensboro, KY
Celia Culbertson – Hartford, KY
Emily Cummings – Henderson, KY
Juanita Daugherty – Owensboro, KY
Emily Davis – Owensboro, KY
Madison Dayberry – Morganfield, KY
Daniel Deno – Owensboro, KY
Kate Dishion – Lexington, KY
Erin Dorn – Kettering, OH

Codie Drake – Grand Ledge, MI
Isabelle Eades – Philpot, KY
Aaron Eaves – Powderly, KY
Edward Echols – Roosevelt, NY
Taylor Elliott – Owensboro, KY
Eli Ellis – Calhoun, KY
Callie Emerson – Almo, KY
Morgan Exum – Goldsboro, NC
Elizabeth Fakunle – Louisville, KY
Sydni Fazenbaker – Madisonville, KY
Logan Ferguson – Owensboro, KY
Brittni Fitter – Arnold, MO
Sara Fleischmann – Henderson, KY
Jalen Forrest – New Albany, IN
Thomas Free – Livermore, KY
Shalana Friend – Owensboro, KY
Emily Galloway – Owensboro, KY
Zachary Galloway – Owensboro, KY
Jordanne Gambill – Clarksville, OH
Arielle Geary – Fordsville, KY
Courtney Gibson – Owensboro, KY
Courtney Gildea – Cincinnati, OH
Makayla Gish – Bremen, KY
Elizabeth Gordon – Owensboro, KY
Megan Grace – Greenville, KY
Danielle Hadler – Medina, OH
Lynda Hall – Hawesville, KY
Brandon Harper – Morganfield, KY
Michael Hellmueller – Louisville, KY
Sarah-Nell Hibbs – Owensboro, KY
Matthew Hickingbotham - ENGLAND
Sam Holder – Vanceburg, KY
Ashlea Holt – Princeton, KY
Crystal Hopkins – White Plains, NY
Jessie Howard – Owensboro, KY
Blair Hu – CHINA
Hannah Hudnall – Russellville, KY
Kelsey Humphries – Hopkinsville, KY
Sarah Hunt – Henderson, KY
Tyler Jacobs – Leitchfield, KY
Dylan Jeffery – Zebulon, GA
Jennifer Jeffries – Garfield, KY
Zachary Johnson – Island, KY
Colin Jones – Owensboro, KY
Jill Jones – Owensboro, KY
Jordan Key – Owensboro, KY

Jack Kiely – Evansville, IN
Armel Kitenge - CONGO
Heather Knight – Rockport, IN
Paige Kramer – Owensboro, KY
Heather Lacy – Reed, KY
Cornelius Langston – Louisville, KY
Courtney Lasley – Brandenburg, KY
Aryanne Leishman – Owensboro, KY
Christian List – Owensboro, KY
Courtney Lockwood – Indianapolis, IN
Heather Logsdon – Falls of Rough, KY
Michael Malone – Louisville, KY
Jacob Marcum – LaGrange, KY
Peniel Mboma – CONGO
Victoria McCaskey – Madisonville, KY
Allie McCreery – Smiths Grove, KY
Lane McHatton – Calhoun, KY
Michaela Melton – Central City, KY
Jesse Miller – Philpot, KY
Robin Miller – Owensboro, KY
Rhiannon Moore – Waynesville, MO
Kimberly Morris – Owensboro, KY
Michael Mosby – Hawesville, KY
Hannah Mull – Bethalto, IL
Brittany Murphy – Owensboro, KY
Katie Newton – Reynolds Station, KY
Marque Northington – Louisville, KY
Christian Oakley – Nebo, KY
Sydney O’Hearn – Owensboro, KY
Dwight Ottman – Owensboro, KY
Kaci Ovelgoenner – Troy, IL
Matthew Owen – Utica, KY
Anna Owens – Rockport, IN
Tori Owens – Iowa City, IA
Daphne Parker – Hanson, KY
Dharti Patel – Owensboro, KY
Claire Payne – Owensboro, KY
Nathan Payne – Beaver Dam, KY
Stephanie Pearson – Robards, KY
Romeo Perry – Louisville, KY
Shelby Phillips – Wheatcroft, KY
Matthew Pobereyko – Munster, IN
Jonathan Poland – Owensboro, KY
Michael Polio – Owensboro, KY
Eyan Pope – Clarksville, TN

Regina Powers – Owensboro, KY
Michaela Priddy – Clarkson, KY
Hannah Priest – Louisville, KY
Matthew Quattrocchi – Lewisport, KY
Ariel Ramsey – Rockport, IN
Addie Reimbold – Ft. Wayne, IN
Haley Replogle – Frankfort, KY
Joselyn Ress – Tell City, IN
Matthew Reyer – Elkmont, AL
Danica Richardson – Lewisport, KY
Luke Robertson – Owensboro, KY
Keeley Rogers – Stanton, KY
Archie Rowe – Owensboro, KY
Travis Rowland – Owensboro, KY
Patrick Ruby – Maceo, KY
Madeline Rumage – Whitesville, KY
Dillon Schueler – Owensboro, KY
Seth Sharp – LaFollette, TN
Tyler Shewmaker – Corydon, IN
Kerry Showers – Absecon, NJ
Natasha Simms – Florence, SC
Azura Sinnett – Henderson, KY

Shane Snell – Beaver Dam, KY
Elissa Starheim – Owensboro, KY
Kaitlyn Steward – Uniontown, KY
Hikeem Stewart – Seattle, WA
Haleigh Stringer – Sacramento, KY
Sarah Swenson – Louisville, KY
Morgan Switalla – Munster, IN
Cornelia Thomas – Memphis, TN
David Thompson – Rockport, IN
Natalie Tuttle – Fordsville, KY
Morgan Uebelacker – Leitchfield, KY
JeanAnne Wagner – Owensboro, KY
Anna Walker – Owensboro, KY
Rita Walker – Owensboro, KY
Jennifer Walker-Crawford – Warsaw, IN
Wesley Ward – Rockport, IN
Branden Webb – Owensboro, KY
Mackenzie Weedman – Owensboro, KY
Mariah Wise – Owensboro, KY
Emily Yocom – Burlington, KY
Darrian Zuehl – Island, KY

Kentucky Wesleyan College to Host Black History Month Celebration

Wesleyan Celebrates Black History Month with Dr. Kevin W. Cosby

Dr. Kevin W. Cosby
Senior Pastor, St. Stephen Church
Louisville, Kentucky

Monday, February 16, 7 p.m.
Tapscott Chapel



Kentucky Wesleyan College will host speaker Dr. Kevin W. Cosby, senior pastor of St. Stephen Church in Louisville, in celebration of Black History Month on Monday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in Tapscott Chapel in the Barnard-Jones Administration Building. Dr.

Cosby is senior pastor of St. Stephen Church in Louisville, a 14,000-member congregation with satellite campuses in Jeffersonville, Ind., and Hardin County, Ky.

Dr. Cosby has authored five highly acclaimed books: “Get Off Your But!: Messages, Musings & Ministries to Empower the African-American Church,” “As They Went,” “Treasure Worth Seeking,” “Who’s Your Daddy: Life Lessons from the Prodigal Son,” and “Loyal to the Royal.”

A staunch proponent of education, Dr. Cosby earned a bachelor’s degree from Eastern Kentucky University, a master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a doctor of ministry degree from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio. He has been awarded honorary degrees from Eastern Kentucky University, Bellarmine University and Campbellsville University.

He is a member of the University of Louisville Board of Trustees, and he has held administrative and teaching assignments at Kentucky State University, the University of Louisville, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and United Theological Seminary. Known for his exceptional oratory skills, he has lectured at universities and institutions around the world, including Harvard University.

Dr. Cosby has been the subject of many national articles and documentaries, which consistently list him among the most influential leaders in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. He was ranked No. 1 of the Top Ten Religious Leaders in Louisville by Louisville Magazine and was inducted into the Hall of Distinguished Alumni at Eastern Kentucky University in 2012. He was also selected as “Louisvillian of the Year” in 2007.

Dr. Cosby’s presentation is free and open to the public.

Trustee Tom Major of Elizabethtown describes Dr. Kevin Cosby as “an inspiring and dynamic person of great influence.”

[Ellie Magnuson Lectures in Literature and Science: 'The Uses of Empathy: A Physician's Perspective'](#)

**Ellie Magnuson
LECTURES
in Literature and Science
*present***

James Fleming, M.D., M.Sc.

“The Uses of Empathy: A Physician’s Perspective”

Wednesday, February, 18, 7 p.m.

Rogers Hall

A reception will follow the lecture

Dr. Fleming, a 2003 graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College, is a board certified neurologist at Nashville's Saint Thomas West Hospital.



Kentucky Wesleyan College Announces Appointment of New Vice President of Development



Owensboro, Ky. (Jan. 20, 2015) - Kentucky Wesleyan College President Barton D. Darrell announces the appointment of Thomas W. Keith as vice president for development with responsibility for development, alumni relations and public relations functions. Keith comes to Wesleyan from Middle Tennessee State University, where he has served as director of development for the Jennings A. Jones College of Business since 2012.

“Tom understands that Kentucky Wesleyan has a special mission, not just to prepare graduates for careers, but for callings,” remarked President Darrell. “Tom was in high demand, but he was drawn to what we do here and saw Wesleyan and Owensboro as the

place for himself and his family. He has been successful in development at every level, and he becomes part of a team that will help take Wesleyan to the college's greatest heights.”

Keith was associate athletics director for development at St. Louis University from 2009 – 2012, where he managed all athletic development operations and increased annual unrestricted giving to the Billiken Club by 50 percent.

He was director of development for the University of Louisville Athletics Association, Inc. from 2006 – 2009 and assistant director of business development at the University of Louisville College of Business from 2005 – 2006. Keith played an instrumental role in the \$72 million expansion campaign for Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

Keith served as associate director of the Hilltopper Athletic Foundation and external affairs for Western Kentucky University Athletics from 2001 – 2005, where he helped engineer a 60 percent increase in both annual gift revenues and number of donors, while also managing donor hospitality and luxury suite operations at E.A. Diddle Arena.

Keith is a native of Louisville and earned a bachelor of science in accounting from the University of Tennessee – Knoxville and dual master's degrees in business administration and education from the University of Louisville. He and his wife, Kendra, have two children. An active community leader, he is a 2014 graduate of Leadership Middle Tennessee and volunteers with the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

“As a native of the Bluegrass State, I have long been familiar with Kentucky Wesleyan College's reputation as a superior institution. The college has done amazing things in higher education for over 150 years,” said Keith. “I look forward to meeting Wesleyan alumni throughout the country, and we can't wait to immerse ourselves in the progressive community of Owensboro.”

Keith will begin at Kentucky Wesleyan on Feb. 3.

What they are saying about Tom Keith:

**Dr. David J. Urban
Dean, Jones College of Business
Middle Tennessee State University
Murfreesboro, Tennessee**

“Tom has built partnerships with several businesses that have benefited students via scholarships, internships and full-time employment.

He has established himself as a leader in the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the main professional organization for college advancement and marketing professionals, and received the first-ever “Mentor of the Year” award from the regional nine-state CASE organization one year ago.

We wish Tom well, but we will miss his energy, his good humor and his professionalism.”

Robert Young

Attorney

Partner - English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley

Chair, American Bar Association Law Practice Division

Bowling Green, Kentucky

"I have known Tom since I served on the Western Kentucky University Hilltopper Athletic Foundation Board and as president. Tom worked for the foundation during that time. Tom was a tireless worker who was dedicated to the work of the HAF. What was so impressive was the value Tom placed on getting to know the members and forging personal relationships. Many of the relationships continue today. Tom is one of the most genuine people I have ever known. Everyone knows what a great college Kentucky Wesleyan is, and Tom will be a perfect fit."

Dr. Wood Selig

Director of Athletics

Old Dominion University

Norfolk, Virginia

“I had the pleasure of working with Tom for several years while serving as athletic director at Western Kentucky University while Tom was our senior athletic development assistant. He is a dynamic hire by President Bart Darrell and Wesleyan. Funding resources for excellence in higher education continue to be a primary challenge and concern for every institution. Tom Keith will be relentless in his pursuit of funding opportunities to assist Kentucky Wesleyan in not only maintaining, but strengthening, their academic and institutional excellence, and thereby, helping create a competitive advantage for the college. I applaud Tom’s hire. The entire Wesleyan and Owensboro communities will truly enjoy having him as part of their family.”

Cooper Jones

Executive Associate Athletic Director for Development

Arizona State University

Tempe, Arizona

“Kentucky Wesleyan has made an outstanding choice by adding Tom as their vice president for development. Not only is Tom an excellent fundraiser, his unique skill set and wide-ranging background make him a perfect fit for the job.

I also applaud President Darrell’s vision and abilities to attract a professional such as Tom to his senior staff and know that Tom’s personal demeanor and track record of success will serve Kentucky Wesleyan well in the years to come.

I'm thrilled that Tom will be able to return to his roots in the Commonwealth and look forward to watching his successes, as well as those of Kentucky Wesleyan, in the very near future.”

Dr. Ian Patrick
Assistant Vice President
Bellarmino University
Louisville, Kentucky

“I have followed Tom's career starting as a classmate in graduate school and fellow advancement professional. I know firsthand the collaborative and assertive approach he brings to all situations he faces. He also cares about the people he works with as evidenced by his selection as the Mentor of the Year in 2014 by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Most importantly, he will be a great addition to the Kentucky Wesleyan and Owensboro communities.”

Sheila Manion
Interim Vice President of Development
St. Louis University
St. Louis, Missouri

“Tom will be an excellent addition to your team. He is an experienced fundraising professional, and he is strategic and thoughtful in his approach to cultivation and stewardship. Tom is a big picture thinker and is always working in the best interest of the institution. “

Wesleyan Sophomores Volunteer with Give Kids the World Village



Twelve Kentucky Wesleyan sophomores, accompanied by Sophomore Experience Director Rebecca McQueen and Alumni Director Matt Ruark, spent 4 days in late Dec. volunteering at Give the Kids the World Village in Kissimmee, Fla. The non-profit 70-acre resort provides cost-free vacations for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. Founded by Holocaust survivor Henri Landwirth, Give Kids the World offers accommodations, entertainment and fun for children with special needs. Rebecca McQueen said, “We expected our trip to be depressing and sad, but it was truly just the opposite. It is a very inspiring experience.” The Wesleyan participants volunteered in

many capacities at the Gingerbread House Dining Hall, the La-Ti-Da Spa, the Pirate and Princesses Party and served as train conductors.

Senior trio has lifted Wesleyan's women's soccer program



Three women soccer players are coming to the end of their respective careers at Kentucky Wesleyan College, but not before making a significant contribution in transforming the Panthers' performance on the pitch.

Leslie Chinn, Julia Klump and Paige Kramer — high-level players with area ties — have played key roles in helping KWC go 19-14-1 over the past two seasons; this, after the Panthers went 4-29-2 during their first two seasons, when Wesleyan was still a member of the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Fourth-year coach Jamie Duvall, whose team hosts Cedarville on Saturday in the first round of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament, has seen both sides.

"The program was in pretty rough shape when I arrived," Duvall said. "I believed that if we could get some of the best local kids to come here, we could win, and that's pretty much what has happened.

"These three have helped turn us from a loser into a winner, and it has made a big difference in our recruiting efforts. People want to be part of what we're doing now, and these three players certainly helped change the culture of the program."

Kramer, a forward-midfielder elementary education major out of Daviess County High School, said the program's turnaround has been the highlight of her KWC athletic career.

"The goal all along, even when I first signed, was to win here," said Kramer, a first-team Academic All-American in 2013. "But we only won two games my freshman year, and then only two games in 2012. Last year, though, we broke through with 10 wins, and it just seemed like everything changed. That lifted everyone's confidence, and it's carried over this season.

"In terms of the program itself, KWC has now become a first-option for high school recruits, and that's an important change — we've made a lot of progress."

Klump, a midfielder and chemistry major out of Owensboro Catholic High School, said the team's togetherness has been a boon to the entire program.

"We really get along well, on the field and off, and I think that's very important in terms of team chemistry — everyone pulls for everyone else to do well," Klump said. "It helps when everyone gets along, and that's the case with our team. We truly are a team.

"I think our success last fall kind of opened our eyes a little bit, kind of showed us the possibilities, and we've tried to carry that with us this season. We've proved that you can win here, and that's one of things I hope carries on (at KWC) long after we're through playing."

Chinn, a midfielder and chemistry major out of Ohio County High School, transferred to KWC after spending her freshman season at Western Kentucky. She says the Panthers' depth has improved dramatically in her three seasons in the program — emerging as a key factor in the team's success.

"We bring in substitutes and our level of play doesn't go down — that's big," Chinn said. "Everyone on our roster can compete as a college athlete, and that's what it takes to be competitive in any league.

"It's been fun to be a part of the growth of this program. We've come quite a way in a relatively short period of time."

All three earned All-G-MAC academic honors in 2013, and all three share a passion for soccer.

"I just love the game, and I always have," said Klump, an All-G-MAC honorable mention selection last fall and also the recipient of a prestigious chemistry award at KWC.

"Some of my best friendships have come from playing soccer," said Kramer, a first-team All-G-MAC performer as a junior. "It was just always my favorite sport, and the one I was best at.

"It's been a great ride here at KWC," said Chinn, honorable mention All-GMAC in 2013. "This has been the best time of my life."

Duvall has been glad to have the trio leading the way.

"They've re-written the record books here," he said. "They've been outstanding in every way."

Wesleyan Senior Neel 'Plays with Heart'

There were several reasons Marcus Fillyaw decided to transfer to Kentucky Wesleyan College last summer.

But none were bigger than Patrick Neel.

When the Southern Illinois University transfer came to KWC for a recruiting visit, Neel showed him around campus and answered questions about the program — and that's all the convincing it took for Fillyaw.

"He was very honest with me, and it seemed like he represented the people here at KWC," Fillyaw said of Neel. "That's how it came across than, and it still holds true today."

Nobody sells KWC basketball better than Neel, a senior forward from Henderson who spent his first three seasons as a walk-on before earning a scholarship from head coach Happy Osborne.

And nobody has represented the Panthers better over the past few years.

"Patrick is what I want Kentucky Wesleyan to be," Osborne said. "He plays with heart. I think he is in many ways the most valuable player we have. You never have to question where his heart is."

Loved by both his teammates and his coach, Neel has been a steady leader for KWC and one of the captains on a team that is 16-5 heading into Saturday's game against Trevecca Nazarene in Nashville, Tenn.

Neel, a 6-foot-5 post player, is averaging 5.4 points and 3.8 rebounds per game and has an unmatched passion for the game that started back in Henderson but has reached a new level in his final year in a Panthers uniform.

"I have put four years of blood, sweat and tears into this program," he said. "I have given all I can. I play with a chip on my shoulder. I always felt like I wasn't the best athlete out there and have tried to go as hard as I possibly can."

Neel was a three-year letterman and two-year starter at Henderson and finished his high school career with 743 points and 390 rebounds, but he when he joined the Todd Lee-coached Panthers in 2011 he found himself on the end of the bench.

Surrounded by scholarship recruits and upperclassmen, Neel lacked the confidence and self-belief that had been so crucial to his success in high school. As a freshman at KWC, he averaged just 3.4 minutes, 2.0 points and 1.3 rebounds per game -- numbers that barely got any better his sophomore year when he averaged 2.2 points and 1.5 rebounds in 7.8 minutes per game.

"Being a walk-on the first few years I really wasn't encouraged, which was unusual for me because in high school I was very confident in myself," Neel said. "I lost that the first two years of college."

In 2013, Osborne helped him find it.

When he took over the KWC program, Osborne was told Neel would be one of his last players off the bench and contribute very little to the team.

Osborne saw something different.

"He was way better than I was told," Osborne said. "He just wants to win, period. It's a privilege to coach Patrick. It's a privilege to be around him every day."

Under Osborne's coaching, Neel was a crucial part of last year's Panthers and started in 11 games, averaging 5.1 points and 3.9 rebounds. It was during the later part of his junior season when Osborne told him that he had earned a scholarship for his senior year, which wasn't surprising to those around the KWC program.

"Pat is one of the most competitive people I have ever been around," Fillyaw said. "Every day in practice his goal is to make everybody else better. He is one of the best teammates I have ever had."

Neel isn't in the starting lineup this season but is usually on the court when it matters and is making the most of his scholarship opportunity. The Panthers have won 12 of their last 14 games but hit a speed bump two weeks ago with back-to-back losses to Cedarville and Central State.

KWC avoided a three-game losing streak Jan. 22 with a bounce-back win against Davis & Elkins, and Neel finished with 12 points and 10 rebounds for his second career double-double.

"The bottom line is Patrick didn't want to lose that game," Osborne said. "Everybody respects Patrick. Everybody sees how much he cares about basketball. He works like crazy for every rebound and wins all the 50-50 balls. He will throw his body anywhere at anytime.

"The key for him is believing in himself. If there was one thing that he might be able to do a little better is to be more steady. Sometimes he lets his emotions run the gamut. But on the other side of that, it's the emotion and heart that inspires others."

Kentucky Wesleyan Education Professor Calls for Compassion in Education



In the American Buddhist classic, "Lovingkindness: The Revolutionary Art of Happiness (1995)," Sharon Salzberg introduced the idea of metta meditation. The meditator wishes that all beings might be free from danger, have mental happiness, physical happiness and ease of wellbeing.

Don't we want the same for our children? We want them to be safe, happy, healthy and well. This is the task of parenting. This is the task of education. Still, things don't always work out the best for children. Families can be dysfunctional, and education may falter. Many have noted that our education system is failing many of its young charges. Many have called for action to be taken.

The objective here is to discuss one part of the puzzle of achievement in schools: poverty. The Poverty and Race Research Action Council states, "(T)here is no question that school poverty concentration has a detrimental impact on student achievement." The Washington Post leaves no doubt: 85 percent of low-income students attending high-poverty schools don't read proficiently by the time they begin fourth grade. At least 35 states are providing less per-pupil funding than they did before the beginning of the recession (2008). Even where funding has increased, it does not offset cuts from previous years. As a case in point, New Mexico increased per-pupil school funding by \$72 for the 2013-14 school year, but that does not begin to offset the previous cuts over the previous five years, totaling \$946 per pupil.

Though this situation is devastating to inner-city high schools attempting to fulfill the mandate of making sure every student is college or career ready, it is perhaps funding at the other end of the public education spectrum that is of even greater concern. In 2013, funding for Head Start was cut by \$400 million, denying access to the program to about 60,000 students. This cut represents the largest hit in funding since the program began in 1965.

This is concerning for many reasons. The "educational" benefits of Head Start are well documented. The National Head Start Association documents how Head Start is an equalizer, bringing the educational attainment level of participants in a range similar to other children. There are health and economic benefits. Also, children who participate in Head Start are less likely to have been charged with a crime than their siblings who were not enrolled in Head Start.

Numerous studies have indicated that low student achievement is closely correlated with lack of resources, and, more directly, many studies have indicated the close correlation between low socioeconomic status and low achievement. In 2013, there were more than 45 million Americans living in poverty. Nearly 20 percent of children under the age of 18 were living in poverty. The majority of these children come from working families. Disproportionately they are black and Latino. These children not only have less family income, they are less healthy, fall behind in intellectual and emotional development, are less likely to finish high school and often go on to become poor parents themselves.

Yet, even though the effects of poverty on children and the impact that it has on educational attainment are well documented, monies from the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, the block grant program given to states by the federal government to replace Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), has declined 30 percent in real value since 1996. This, combined with reduced funding for K-12 education and compensatory programs such as Head Start, has had a devastating impact on addressing educational attainment issues in low-income families and communities and in the larger society.

There are many aspects of poverty that are more attitudinal/dispositional in nature. Ruby Payne (2005) has described many of these in detail in her book, "A Framework for Understanding Poverty." Many of these factors can be seen as they are reflected in the environment of those living in poverty. This, indeed, may be at the root of poverty effects in school — a type of learned helplessness.

Yet, funding continues for the creation of more ambitious standards and higher teacher accountability. To me it seems many are seeking a scapegoat on which to pin the blame for the failure of society to take care of the poorest among us. Much more than new standards and value added schemes to force "these lazy teachers" to do their jobs, what is needed is a massive influx of compassion. This needs to equate to dollars. We seem to have our values backwards. We need compassion more than standards. Funding needs to go to health care, homelessness, food insecurity, substandard housing, reducing crime in blighted neighborhoods and, most important, lending hope to the hopeless.

Indeed, may our children be free from danger; may they have mental happiness, may they have physical happiness, and may they have ease of wellbeing. Isn't that what all folks want? Isn't that what all folks need? Isn't acting to give these things to our children the very deed that makes us all truly human?

Human Relations Panel Honors Wesleyan Professor Suzanne Rose



The Owensboro Human Relations Commission named five award winners Thursday night at its 2014 Annual Awards and Recognition Banquet at Pangea Cafe.

Suzanne Rose, an executive director of the Owensboro International Center, received the Humanitarian Award.

The City of Owensboro Community Development Department received the Corporate For-Profit Citizen Award.

Girls, Incorporated of Owensboro-Daviess County received the Corporate Non-Profit Citizen Award.

The Rev. Ed Bradley, a co-founder of the Daniel Pitino Shelter, received the R.L. McFarland Leadership Award.

And Lewatis McNeal, the associate dean of Student Affairs at Owensboro Community & Technical College, received the Emerging Leader Award. The Emerging Leader Award was presented for the first time.

"We are extremely proud of the dedication and civic engagement shown by this year's honorees in promoting understanding and respect among all people," said Joanne Kendall, OHRC board chair. "Each award recipient has shown tremendous leadership in our community and has worked tirelessly to help promote an inclusive society for all."

The honorees have "distinguished themselves by conducting their daily lives with open mindedness and respect, showing leadership by example and diligence in their fight for human rights, dignity, diversity and inclusion," said Sylvia Coleman, OHRC executive director.

The honorees foster social justice and cooperation among all races, religions, cultures, abilities, genders, ages and national origins, according to Coleman.

Kentucky Wesleyan Receives Grant of Over \$2 Million for Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning

Owensboro, Ky. (Sept. 22, 2014) - Kentucky Wesleyan College President Barton D. Darrell announced today that the College, after competing with colleges and universities across the United States, has been awarded a \$2,187,127 grant by the U.S. Department of Education in support of its Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning (CETL), including technology to support the center's operation. "The Center will increase our active-learning experiences throughout the curriculum and co-curricular activities," stated Darrell. "The grant provides an even greater opportunity for our students to experience higher level service learning, which is a key to accelerated success following graduation." The grant provides 88 per cent of the total project costs.

CETL staff will provide leadership and support for a wide range of high-impact practices, such as undergraduate research, scholarly and creative activities, problem/inquiry-based learning, collaborative/cooperative learning and international programs and will enhance study abroad, internships, service learning and pro-active advising.

The grant will begin on Oct. 1, 2014, and the Center for Engaged Teaching and Learning will open in the fall of 2015. Initial grant activities will focus on the service learning

component with the existing Office of Career Development and Service Learning. Institutional costs for development of the CETL will be \$267,250 - 12 per cent of the project costs.

Chelsea Brothers named to Capital One Academic All-America® volleyball team

Second straight year to receive honor



For the second straight year, Kentucky Wesleyan's [Chelsea Brothers](#) has been chosen to the Capital One Academic All-America® volleyball second team, the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) announced.

Her selection marks only the second-time in KWC history for a student-athlete to be selected Academic All-America twice. Jill Burness earned the honor in 1994 in both volleyball and basketball.

Brothers, a senior middle grades education major with an emphasis in mathematics and special education, has made the Dean's List each semester and was an Academic All-Great Midwest Athletic Conference selection in 2013 and an Academic All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honoree in 2011 and 2012. She currently holds a 4.0 grade point average.

The Indianapolis native (Southport HS) led the Panthers in total blocks (74), solo blocks (11) and block assists (63) and finished second in kills (203) in 28 matches played with 24 starts and 95 sets played. Her other statistics include 31 digs, 13 assists and six service aces.

The Panthers ended the season with a 16-13 record and the Great Midwest Athletic Conference semifinals.

Fall sports award winners announced

Christakis Agisilaou and, Chelsea Brother take Fall Senior Athlete Awards



Christakis Agisilaou (soccer) and Chelsea Brothers (volleyball) received the Senior Male and Female Athlete Awards.

[Christakis Agisilaou](#) (soccer) and [Chelsea Brothers](#) (volleyball) received the Senior Male and Female Athlete Awards.

Agisilaou, a senior forward from Owensboro, [Owensboro HS], led KWC with 14 goals and 31 points in 18 starts and a trip to the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Quarterfinals. He also earned first team All-Great Midwest Athletic Conference recognition.

Brothers, a senior middle hitter from Indianapolis [Southport HS], led the Panthers in total blocks with 74, solo blocks with 11 and block assists with 63 and finished second in kills with 203 in 24 starts helping KWC to the G-MAC Semifinals. She also was named Capital One Academic All-District second team selection.

[Phillip Francis](#) and [Rachel Keeley](#) captured the Fall Sports Freshman Male and Female Athlete Awards.

Francis, a defensive back from Louisville [Central HS], grabbed 23 total tackles including 19 solos, one tackle for loss and one interception in starting five of 11 games played.

Keeley, a runner from Owensboro [Owensboro HS], won the Fast Cats Classic to become the first woman in KWC history to win an Invitational championship and the first to earn All-G-MAC honors with her 14th-place finish.

[Seth Applegate](#), a sophomore runner from Shelbyville, Ill. (Shelbyville HS) received the Panther Award for their example of unselfishness, teamwork and character with all the student-athletes.

The seven fall sports also presented their Most Valuable Player and Sportsmanship Awards.

Men's Cross Country

MVP—[Seth Applegate](#), So., Shelbyville, Ill. (Shelbyville HS)

Sportsmanship—[Seth Burnette](#), Jr., Morganfield, Ky. (Union County HS)

Women's Cross Country

MVP—[Rachel Keeley](#), Fr., Owensboro (Owensboro HS)

Sportsmanship—[Alex Velez](#), Fr., Owensboro (Home School)

Football

MVP—[Keelan Cole](#), wide receiver, Jr., Louisville (Central HS)

Sportsmanship—[Nix Crawford](#), defensive end, Sr., Bowling Green, Ky. (Greenwood HS)

Men's Soccer

MVP—[Christakis Agisilaou](#), forward, Sr., Owensboro (Owensboro HS)

Sportsmanship—[Luke Robertson](#), midfield, Sr., Owensboro (Owensboro Catholic HS)

Womens Soccer

MVP—[Leslie Chinn](#), midfield, Sr., Hartford, Ky. (Ohio County HS)

Sportsmanship—[Courtney Barter](#), goalie, Jr., Evansville, Ind. (Central HS)

Volleyball

MVP—[Hannah Hudnall](#), libero, Sr., Russellville, Ky. (Logan County HS)

Sportsmanship—[Rae Garvison](#), outside hitter, Sr., Lawrence, MI (Lawrence HS)

Cheerleader

MVP—[Skyler Stewart](#), Sr., Owensboro (Owensboro HS)

Sportsmanship—[Kaitlyn Pelletier](#), Jr., Webster, NY (Our Lady of Mercy HS)

Forty-two student-athletes were also honored for their academic achievements.

Four posted a perfect 4.0 grade point average. They are [Seth Applegate](#) (cross country) a sophomore from Shelbyville, Ill. [Shelbyville HS]; [Chelsea Brothers](#) (volleyball) a senior from Indianapolis, Ind. [Southport HS]; [Paige Kramer](#) (soccer) a senior from Owensboro [Daviness County HS]; and [Emily Yocom](#) (volleyball) a sophomore from Burlington, Ky. [St. Henry HS].

Seventeen recorded a 3.5 to 3.9 gpa. They are [Linda Albrecht](#) (volleyball) a junior from Indianapolis [North Central HS]; [Nick Bell](#) (football) a sophomore from Kennesaw, Ga. [Kennesaw Mountain HS]; [Seth Burnette](#) (cross country) a junior from Morganfield, Ky. [Union County HS]; [Leslie Chinn](#) (soccer) a senior from Hartford, Ky. [Ohio County HS]; [Kelsey Croft](#) (soccer) a sophomore from Owensboro [Daviness County HS]; [Kathryn Dishion](#) (soccer) a senior from Lexington, Ky. [Henry Clay HS]; [Brittini Fitter](#) (soccer) a sophomore from Arnold, Mo. [Seckman HS]; [Hannah Hudnall](#) (volleyball) a senior from Russellville, Ky. [Logan County HS]; [Dylan Jeffery](#) (football) a sophomore from

Zebulon, Ga. [Pike County HS]; **Brenna Jones** (cheerleader) a junior from Owensboro [Apollo HS]; [Julia Klump](#) (soccer) a senior from Owensboro [Owensboro HS]; **Kaitlyn Pelletier** (cheerleader) a junior from Webster, NY [Our Lady of Mercy HS]; [Luke Robertson](#) (soccer) a senior from Owensboro [Owensboro Catholics HS]; [Douglas Rowe](#) (cross country) a freshman from Owensboro [Daviness County HS]; [Audrey Taylor](#) (soccer) a junior from Centertown, Ky. [Ohio County HS]; [Ellen Tichenor](#) (soccer) a sophomore from Madisonville, Ky. [Madisonville North Hopkins HS]; and [Cole Woodburn](#) (football) a sophomore from Rockport, Ind. [South Spencer HS].

Twenty produced a 3.0 to 3.49 gpa. They are [Christakis Agisilaou](#) (soccer) a senior from Owensboro [Owensboro HS]; [Vasco Billberry](#) (football) a sophomore from Terre Haute, Ind. [North Vigo HS]; [Bernie Boots](#) (football) a junior from Evansville, Ind. [Mater Dei HS]; [Robert Buckner](#) (soccer) a freshman from Myrtle Beach, SC [Myrtle Beach HS]; [Nix Crawford](#) (football) a senior from Bowling Green, Ky. [Greenwood HS]; [Annie Elder](#) (soccer) a junior from Owensboro [Daviness County HS]; [Rae Garvison](#) (volleyball) a senior from Lawrence, Mich. [Lawrence HS]; [Natalie Hobgood](#) (soccer) a sophomore from Owensboro [Daviness County HS]; [Bridget Johnson](#) (volleyball) a senior from Owensboro [Apollo HS]; [Griffin Kelley](#) (cross country) a junior from Owensboro [Owensboro HS]; [Taryn Lewis](#) (soccer) a sophomore from Owensboro [Owensboro HS]; [Lane McHatton](#) (football) a sophomore from Calhoun, Ky. [McLean County HS]; [Sydney Morabito](#) (soccer) a sophomore from Louisville [Holy Cross HS]; [Christian Oakley](#) (soccer) a senior from Nebo, Ky. [Madisonville North Hopkins HS]; [Ashley Pickert](#) (volleyball) a sophomore from Tinley Park, Ill. [Lincoln Way North HS]; [Casey Price](#) (cross country) a sophomore from Manhattan, Kan. [Vilseck HS (Germany)]; [Kurtis Roberts](#) (soccer) a sophomore from Glasgow, Scotland [Knightwood Secondary School]; [David Thompson](#) (soccer) a junior from Rockport, Ind. [South Spencer HS]; [Myles Walker](#) (football) a sophomore from Owensboro [Owensboro HS]; [Eman Westmoreland](#) (football) a freshman from Lawrenceville, Ga. [Central Gwinnett HS].

Devin Langford named G-MAC Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week

Scored a career-high 28 points against Oakland City



Starting with a career-high 28 points against Oakland City, Kentucky Wesleyan's [Devin Langford](#) earned a selection as the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week.

The Illinois transfer shot 17-of-23 (74 percent) from the field, including 6-of-9 (67 percent) from three-point range as he led the Panthers to a 36-point victory over visiting Oakland City and added 12 of his 16 points in the second half to close out a tight game against conference foe Trevecca.

In the first matchup of the year for the non-conference teams, Langford poured in 28 points and added five rebounds, two assists and a steal. He got off to a hot start as he had 18 first half points and shot 5-for-8 from behind the arc.

Just a couple days later, the junior forward had another five boards and two assists to complement his 16-point performance to help the Panthers seal the victory in the first battle between the teams and to maintain their perfect record in conference play.

Kentucky Wesleyan ended the week with a record of 13-3 on the season and atop the G-MAC standings. The Panthers are currently on a nine-game winning streak dating back to Nov. 25.

Langford is third on the team in scoring at 10.6 ppg. He ranks sixth in the conference in field goal percentage at 53.3 percent and seventh in free throw percentage at 76.2 percent.

Next up for the first-place Panthers are a pair of road tests as they travel to Cedarville and then head to Central State later this week.

[Ken-Jah Bosley selected G-MAC Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week](#)

Second time this season to earn honor



Career-best numbers in the midst of an impressive win streak lifted [Ken-Jah Bosley](#), a 6-foot-1, 181-pound, guard from Richmond, Ky. (Madison Central HS) for another nod as Great Midwest Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week today.

Bosley earned the weekly G-MAC honor for the second time in his sophomore season as the Panthers reeled off three consecutive wins this past week against Kentucky State, Hillsdale and Quincy.

As part of the Quincy Subway Holiday Tournament, Bosley was ultimately selected as the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Kentucky Wesleyan is now 10-3 this season while riding the momentum of a current six-game win streak. The Panthers neared the end of the 2014 calendar year with a team title in the Quincy-hosted holiday tournament action. KWC still has one game left on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at home against Brevard.

In the three games mentioned, Bosley averaged 23 points, five rebounds and 2.7 assists per game while shooting 57.5 percent from the field. He was close to perfect at the foul line, hitting 19-of-20 free throws for a 95 percent clip.

On Saturday, Bosley carved out a career-high 31 points against Hillsdale in the first of two games at the Quincy Subway Holiday Tournament. He made 12 of his 18 shots including a pair of triples as the Panthers edged a Chargers' squad that was 5-2 going in.

Bosley eclipsed his previous best single-game scoring benchmark after netting 26 against Trevecca in January as a freshman.

As KWC clinched the team title against host Quincy in a lopsided final, Bosley dished out five assists and grabbed five rebounds while scoring 24 points. Another scintillating shooting performance featured 7-of-11 shots made and eight free throws in as many tries.

In the early game on Tuesday, the Panthers bested in-state foe Kentucky State as he scored 14 points and pulled in seven boards.

Through 13 games, Bosley currently leads the G-MAC in scoring (18.6 ppg), second in free throw percentage (.867) and fourth in minutes played (31.8 mpg). He also is in the top-15 in assists.

Tevin Washington earns first G-MAC Men's Track and Field Athlete of the Week Award

Freshman sprinter from Owensboro



Kentucky Wesleyan's Tevin Washington has been named the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Men's Indoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week to open the 2014-15. He took part in the Gerry England Open at the University of Indianapolis, where he posted a win and new school and G-MAC record.

Washington, a freshman sprinter from Owensboro, Ky. (Daviness County HS) posted a time of 6.93 seconds in the 60-meter dash to capture a first place finish in his first collegiate meet. He also posted a fourth place finish in the 200-meter race with a time of 23:30 and finished his day running the third leg of the 4x400 meter relay in which his team finished sixth among some tough competition.

His first place finish in the 60-meter dash established a new indoor record for the Panthers program and established a new G-MAC record topping last season's top mark of 7.04 by Cedarville's Andre Klaassen.