

Kentucky Wesleyan College

A History of Mission Statements

1939-1949

Aim and Purpose – The Christian College

The goal of the Christian College is Christian character; but the attainment of this goal will include many of the aims which are common to all colleges. Among these are scholarship, moral culture, physical training, cultivation of respect for law, training for citizenship, equipment for service, esthetic development and preparation for wholesome social enjoyment.

But the Christian College while having in common with private and state institutions these aims and ideals must have consciously a goal which is definitely and consistently Christian. It must give a Christian interpretation to the facts of knowledge provide a Christian incentive to good citizenship, arouse a Christian motive for service, and nurture a Christian spirit and ideal in the social relationship of every day life. Finally, it must, through the attitude and example and instruction of its teachers, through all courses of study as well as in Bible and religious education and through its religious activities and the atmosphere of its campus, bring its students into intimate fellowship with Jesus Christ as Savior and Friend, as inspiration and guide in all endeavor to attain the goal of Christian character.

In the pursuit of these aims the Christian College must set up such standards of thoroughness and efficiency as will command the recognition of the educational world, to the end that its certificates and diplomas will be accepted at face value wherever presented. It must offer an adequate course of study, must provide first class facilities and equipment for instruction, and must employ a faculty equal to the best in ability and teaching power. It must have financial support commensurate with these aims; and being without Legislative backing, must rely upon endowment and the contribution of the Church.

Kentucky Wesleyan College consciously accepts these aims. It writes the Christian purpose at the center of its program, strives definitely to attain it, and desires to include in its faculty those, and those only, who will join heartily in the effort to attain them.

1949-1950

The Purpose of Kentucky Wesleyan College

Colleges in general strive to develop in students such attributes as sound scholarship, healthy bodies, respect for law, responsible citizenship, appreciation of ethics and aesthetics, and ability to enter constructively into community life. Kentucky Wesleyan College naturally accepts these responsibilities as its own, but it goes beyond them to the larger goal of preparation for Christian living.

The training of the College along academic lines must command respect in the educational world; the quality of its work must stand approved wherever it is presented. Therefore, it must offer a strong course of study, presented by a well trained faculty which has at its command the facilities and equipment necessary for effective teaching.

Kentucky Wesleyan College, however, firmly believes that the cogency of these general purposes is increased from the point of view of both the individual and the community of which he will be a part, when they are developed in the light of the Christian interpretation of life. Hence, an effort has been made to constitute a faculty of person who by their lives and the coloring of their instruction will seek to testify daily to the beauty of fellowship with Christ.

Kentucky Wesleyan College seeks to educate individuals. This means that a sincere effort is made to understand each student as a person and to furnish him with a sane background in which he may find resources sufficient to recreation, wholesome living and the development of friendships of lasting worth.

Kentucky Wesleyan College makes a special effort to inculcate within the consciousness of each student an understanding of world conditions and a real respect for all the peoples of the world.

1951-1952

Educational Objectives

Kentucky Wesleyan College is a co-educational college under the auspices of The Methodist Church. It is Christian in its ideals and Christian in its program. It seeks to afford a living evidence of the pre-eminence of moral and spiritual values and to add faith in God to the intellectual experience of an education. It seeks to instill a sense of responsibility to society and an understanding of the art of human relations and to give a philosophy of life on which students may build safely as wider experience of life gives them material.

Under the intimate and restricted influences of a small college, students are offered opportunities to develop a full personality with proper emphasis upon the mental and the physical, the civic and the social, the artistic and the spiritual. The total school program thus becomes an educational environment giving educational significance to the buildings, the health program, the dining room, student government, co-educational activities, chapel programs, student counseling, athletics, and extra-curricular life. These are not considered as adjuncts to the educational program but as integral parts of it – relevant means of Christian liberal education.

In order to offer broad training experience in creative scholarship to every student of the College, formal distinctions between departments have been erased and the various courses combined into one unified program. Throughout the student's academic career, his program carries a parallel development of understanding of the great body of man's knowledge and the exploration of his own special interests and capacities. On the one hand he develops the outlook, attitudes, habits

of rational thought, and the fundamental knowledge which are the mark of the educated man or woman; on the other hand he discovers and develops his own aptitudes and capabilities and learns how to use them for fullest participation in the home, the Church, the economic, civic, and social organizations, and the world community.

The organization of the curriculum is thus based upon the theory that liberal or general education and occupational or vocational education may reinforce and strengthen each other in parallel influence in the student's life. It is recognized that every normal student will plan to fit himself or herself into some life work, and that this vocational motivation will operate in the student's career. On this theory, the work for the bachelor degree combines within the total curriculum and during each year of work the objectives of occupational training and those of liberal education. Neither liberal education nor occupational education are limited to a block of courses but both are pervasive influences throughout the College career.

To make effective this educational program, careful attention is given to the content of the courses offered, the method of instruction, and the character and personality of the teachers. Students are given the counsel and friendship of the administration and the faculty as they seek to achieve their cultural and vocational aims.

Kentucky Wesleyan College is dedicated to these ideals. Our goal is to achieve for each generation, by a program suited to the times, that unique contribution and that standard of excellence which have been the guiding ideals of the College since her founding.

1956-1957

Introduction to the College

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1966-1976

Objectives of the College

The overall objective of Kentucky Wesleyan College is to give to its students a sound education which is suited to the times in which the students are living. In order to do this we seek:

- to help the student to develop a Christian philosophy of life and a Christian standard of conduct;
- to impart to each student a core of knowledge which we feel every educated person should possess;
- to aid the student in the selection and the acquiring of the more specialized knowledge which will best satisfy his needs both for earning a living and for living a useful and satisfying life;
- to help the student develop a habit of thought which involves critical and reflective thinking and which will result in the formation of value judgments only after all evidence has been thoroughly examined and evaluated;
- to instill in the student a desire for learning which will continue not only throughout college and graduate school, but throughout life;
- to assist in the development of whatever creative ability the student may have and to encourage him to make the best possible use of whatever ability and intellect with which he may be endowed for the enrichment and the improvement of mankind.
- To give the student an understanding full appreciation of the free society in which he lives and to help him find his place in this society not alone as to his rights and privileges, but also as to his responsibilities and contributions.

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1976-1978

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This senior United Methodist College is unapologetically Christian – concerned with the education of the whole person – mind, soul, and spirit.

Kentucky Wesleyan is committed to providing a liberal education which emphasizes the inherent dignity and worth of persons – as individuals and as social beings.

From its modest beginning in 1858, Kentucky Wesleyan has focused on the student as an individual and sought to assist in the development of his or her full potential.

1978-1980

Our Mission

Kentucky Wesleyan College constitutes a liberal arts learning community with a Christian theological perspective. Our College proudly continues the Wesleyan tradition and heritage in higher education by uniting faith with reason, skills with knowledge, preparation for careers with life-long learning.

Equally, our College's history calls us to be responsible to our United Methodist Church, Owensboro-Daviess County, and other religious and geographical constituencies.

Our heritage and history call us into mission:

- To educate liberally, to our fullest capability, all persons;
- To provide value-centered inquiry;
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1982-1984

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This senior United Methodist college is unapologetically Christian – concerned with the education of the whole person – mind, soul, and spirit. One of our basic commitments is to provide a liberal education which emphasizes the inherent dignity and worth of persons – as individuals and as social beings. We further emphasize the need to learn to live with people of different viewpoints. Learning to be responsible citizens; learning to manage time; learning to plan for success; learning the importance of self-discipline – it's all a part of the total process. Learning is not confined to the classroom – it extends to the residence halls, the student government, co-educational activities, chapel programs, athletic contests, and even “the bull sessions with friends.”

The College respects and endorses the fundamental rights of individuals to disagree with or support the policies of the College and encourages the fair and responsible exercise of this right. Therefore, students actively participate in the development and implementation of policies and programs at Kentucky Wesleyan College. With full voting rights, students serve on college committees including the Board of Trustees.

1986-1988

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1990-1998

Mission Statement

Kentucky Wesleyan College prepares leaders for the twenty-first century through a coordinated and integrated liberal arts education.

Our Goals

In a nurturing, Christian environment, enriched by our United Methodist heritage, our students engage in a total college experience enabling them to

- think critically, logically and creatively;
- examine individual and social ethical values;
- communicate effectively;
- develop aesthetic awareness;
- understand better the human experience and the natural world;
- acquire competence in a discipline; and
- establish fitness habits which sustain physical well-being.

Our Results

In accomplishing these goals, our students develop intellectually, ethically, emotionally, and socially; prepare for advanced study in graduate or professional school, and for careers with the capability required for advancement; accept responsible citizenship in the local and global community; and continue to learn throughout their lives.

2000-2006

Our Mission

Kentucky Wesleyan College is a private, co-educational college that prepares leaders for the 21st century through a coordinated and integrated liberal arts education.

Our Goals

Kentucky Wesleyan College admits a diverse group of students, who academically are above average, and nurtures their intellectual, social and spiritual development in a Christian environment enriched by our United Methodist heritage. Kentucky Wesleyan students engage in a total college experience enabling them to:

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- communicate effectively;
- develop aesthetic awareness;
- understand better the human experience and the natural world;

- acquire competence in a discipline, and
- establish fitness habits, which sustain physical well being.

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In accomplishing these goals, our students develop intellectually, ethically, emotionally and socially; prepare for advanced study in graduate or professional schools; prepare for careers with the capability required for advancement; accept responsible citizenship in local and global communities and continue to learn throughout their lives.

2006-2013

Our Mission

Kentucky Wesleyan College, in partnership with the United Methodist Church, fosters a liberal arts education that nourishes, stimulates and prepares future leaders intellectually, spiritually and physically to achieve success in life.

2014-Current

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Kentucky Wesleyan College, in partnership with the United Methodist Church, fosters a liberal arts education that nourishes and prepares students intellectually, spiritually and physically to achieve success in life.