

Kentucky Wesleyan College

Parent Newsletter



OCTOBER 2011

We had a great response to our first parent newsletter sent in September. Your feedback is very helpful as we strive to improve our communication with our parents and families.

Today is a big day for our freshman. It marks the end of the KW1101 program that began on August 21. Can you believe they have been college students for 8 weeks already? Time does move quickly and our hope is that KW1101 helped provide them with the information needed to be successful in and outside the classroom.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Mid-semester grades are due on Monday, October 17. Students may access their grades on-line. The Registrar sent the instructions to them through email. Be sure to ask your student about their mid-semester grades!

Upcoming Events

October 15 – Midnight Movie “*Footloose*”

October 22 – Cedar Point trip

October 23 – KWC men’s basketball hosts Big Blue All-Stars (Exhibition)

October 24-November 11 – Spring 2012 Registration

October 29 – Admissions Science Day program

November 3 – KWC men’s basketball at University of South Carolina (Exhibition)

November 7 – KWC men’s basketball at University of Pittsburgh (Exhibition)

November 12 – Admissions Open House

November 23-25 – Thanksgiving Break

December 12-16 – Final Exams

News from the Bookstore

Did you know? Families are able to place money on their student’s ID card for “Bookstore Bucks” for bookstore purchases only. This is particularly helpful when purchasing course materials. To place money on their ID card, all you need to do is call the Cashier’s Office.

You may also purchase gift cards in any amount through the website www.kwc.bkstr.com for students to pick up in the bookstore.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE 2011 HOMECOMING COURT



Prince

Cory Coble
Matt Hanks
Justin Jones
Joey Kramer
Ben Lutz
Dale Mitchell

Princess

Courtney Chinn
Samantha Fletcher
Deidra Frazier
Christi Joiner
Tina Kirk
Kailyn Mitchell

King

Andrew Donovan
Wyatt Foust
Zach Johnson
Evan Riney
Brad Sadler
Wesley Whistle

Queen

Maddy Bogle
Hayley Chrzastowski
Courtney Durrance
Lauren Epley
Phoenix Jenkins
Mary Beth Powell

King & Queen

Andrew Donovan & Courtney Durrance

Prince & Princess

Cory Coble & Courtney Chinn

2011-12 Who's Who Recipients

Congratulations to the following juniors and seniors who have been selected by faculty and staff for inclusion in the 2011-12 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 Behrens	Mallory Hays
CeCe Best	Ben Hedges
Maddy Bogle	Zach Johnson
Kali Bonner	Christi Joiner
Katie Bowles	Justin Jones
Eric Brumfield	Michael Kincaid
Courtney Chinn	Tina Kirk
Hayley Chrzastowski	Joey Kramer
Cory Coble	Casey Lloyd
Siera Crowe	Chris Owen
Tiera Crowe	Annie Payne
Andrew Donovan	Andy Pirruccello
Courtney Durrance	Mary Beth Powell
Callie Eaves	Kristen Rowe
Kaleb Enix	Jessica Torsak
Olivia Erb	Paige Troutman
Cathy Fitzhugh	Sam Waninger
Samantha Fletcher	Wesley Whistle
Wyatt Foust	Jordan White
Jeannie Fulkerson	Ryne Williams
Lauren Goffinet	

PRESS RELEASES

KWC to remain in Division II

By Jim Pickens Messenger-Inquirer

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Kentucky Wesleyan College's board of trustees have given the school full authority to pursue membership in a new NCAA Division II conference in and around the Ohio River Valley region, KWC president Dr. Craig Turner confirmed Monday.

The as yet unnamed conference would initially include six members, the minimum for NCAA conference affiliation: KWC and five Ohio institutions — Notre Dame College, all-female Ursuline College, Cedarville University and Urbana University, according to Athletic Director David Williams.

“This thing has come together very fast,” Williams said. “Mike Pollio (in an interim role as a KWC athletics consultant to the president) had initial discussions with these schools this summer. By Sept. 1, we had six athletic directors with commitments from presidents, pending board of trustees approval at the respective schools.”

Three options were advanced to KWC's board of trustees: 1.) Remaining in the Great Lakes Valley Conference as a D-2 member. 2.) Moving to NCAA Division III. 3.) Establishing a new NCAA Division II conference.

"It was my recommendation to the board that we pursue the third option," Williams said. "It's the option that best fits Kentucky Wesleyan College in terms of philosophy of institution and aligning ourselves with similar institutions."

"The schools we think are most similar to us are the schools within this new Division II league. The resources at these schools line up with our own."

"Our goal is for every student-athlete at Kentucky Wesleyan College to have a successful experience while they are here — academically, socially and being able to compete athletically."

A resolution to pursue membership in the new league was unanimously approved by KWC's board of trustees on Friday.

The process is expected to continue at a swift pace.

"We're quite a ways down the road," Williams said of the prospective conference. "We have a constitution, by-laws, a feasibility study, a business plan and a strategic plan."

"A conference commissioner is being searched for as we speak, and we have a self-imposed deadline of having our complete application into the NCAA by December 1st."

The NCAA currently has a moratorium on new Division II conferences, but Williams is confident that the moratorium will be lifted Jan. 11-14 at the NCAA Convention in Indianapolis.

"We wouldn't be putting this much work into it if we didn't think the moratorium would be lifted," he said. "I feel good about the chances of that happening."

Williams said Kentucky Wesleyan notified the GLVC of its intentions at the conference's fall meetings on Sept. 13 in Indianapolis. KWC has been a charter member of the conference since July 1, 1978.

"Our intent has been to be as up front and as honest as possible with the GLVC, both from the standpoint of our benefit and theirs," Williams said.

KWC will, in fact, remain a member of the GLVC through the remainder of the current school year, as well as the 2012-13 school year," Williams said.

And the KWC football team could remain an associate member of the GLVC for longer, still.

Of the six schools that will initially comprise the new Division II conference, only four

— Wesleyan, Urbana, Notre Dame College and Central State — compete in football.

Williams, however, said he expects the new league to expand quickly.

“NCAA Division II wants leagues of about 16 members, and we will be moving in that direction,” said Williams, who acknowledged that expansion could include NAIA or NCAA D-3 schools seeking to move up. “And, we hope to get up to eight schools competing in football.

“We will be looking at schools in Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee. As we expand geographically, we want to make sure we don’t run into the same problems that made us geographically challenged in the GLVC.

“As a rule, the new league’s expansion will be further south and further west.”

Williams said Kentucky Wesleyan’s rich tradition in NCAA Division II men’s basketball — a record eight national championships — was not at the crux of his recommendation for the school to remain in Division II.

Turner and Williams both have strong ties to NCAA Division III — Turner serving as president of Hardin-Simmons College, and Williams graduating from Augustana College — and Williams believes they are bringing a fresh perspective to helping determine the future of KWC athletics.

“We went into this process with truly open minds, a clean slate, and that may not have been done (at KWC) before,” Williams said. “We looked at every aspect of this independent of history and as objectively as possible.

“The decision needed to be for the benefit of our athletic department as a whole, and I tried to take the tradition out of it to start the process. My question was: In 10 years, in 20 years, would we be better off in a different conference?”

Williams acknowledged, however, that he has heard from members of the community on the issue.

“A lot of people want to know what the process of a change is going to do to the college,” Williams said, “and many of them didn’t want a change that would affect the school’s history and tradition (in Division II). I certainly understand that.”

KWC has been a charter member of Division II (originally known as the College Division) since 1956.

Beyond new conference affiliation, Williams will continue to promote the “Team KWC” philosophy Turner is promoting.

“The way we’re looking at it, every student-athlete at KWC is created equal,” said

Williams, whose stationary includes the phrase ‘Building Something Special.’ “I’ve been looking at every program to determine how we can give every student-athlete a good experience at this college.

“We are addressing this issue externally, as with the decision to become a member of a new Division II conference, and we are addressing it internally, as well.

“Joining a new conference, alone, won’t get us where we want to be. We’ve got a take care of our own business, too, and that’s what we’re trying to do here on a daily basis.”

NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JOINS KENTUCKY WESLEYAN



Owensboro, Ky. (October 13, 2011) – Kentucky Wesleyan College President Dr. Craig Turner announces the appointment of Richard Borowski as Vice President of External Affairs with responsibility for development, alumni affairs, marketing, public relations and web communication. “Rich comes to KWC with substantial development experience in private and public higher education,” said Dr. Turner. “He is known for strengthening the culture of philanthropy wherever he serves.” Borowski comes to KWC from Ohio Northern University, also a United Methodist-related institution, where he directed the development, alumni and marketing efforts of the Getty College of Arts and Sciences. He has also served the Columbus (Ohio) Museum of Art, Josephinum Seminary and College, Illinois State University and the University of Illinois in various advancement roles. “Alumni and friends of KWC are justifiably proud of the college. I look forward to welcoming them to campus and to traveling across Kentucky and the country to meet the KWC family,” remarked Borowski. He began his career as a high school biology teacher. Borowski is a native of Chicago and a graduate of The Citadel in Charleston, S.C.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE HOSTS “AN EVENING WITH LEGENDARY BROADWAY PRODUCER ZEV BUFFMAN”

Owensboro, Ky. (October 12, 2011) – Kentucky Wesleyan College will host “An Evening with Legendary Broadway Producer Zev Buffman” on Tuesday, October 18 at 7 p.m. in Rogers Hall at the Winchester Center. Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts Laura Early will interview Buffman about his illustrious life and career as a Broadway producer, the International Mystery Writers’ Festival and his vision for the theatre arts partnership between Kentucky Wesleyan College, Brescia University, OCTC and RiverPark. A questions and answer period will follow. “Zev

loves talking with students, and we are honored to welcome him to campus,” shared Early. “Stories of his fascinating life will inspire our students. He is tremendously engaging.”

Zev Buffman came to Owensboro in 2003 as President and CEO of the RiverPark Center. His experiences span a vast entertainment variety ranging from Hollywood acting experiences, to producing more than 40 Broadway shows and 100 National Tours, to renovating famed historic theatres, to being a founding member of the Miami Heat basketball team. The seasoned Broadway producer presented Andrew Lloyd Weber’s “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat” for its first run on Broadway. He also introduced Elizabeth Taylor in her Broadway debut in “The Little Foxes.” He again worked with Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton in “Private Lives,” Dustin Hoffman in “Jimmy Shine,” and Muhammad Ali in the musical “Buck White.” He revived “Peter Pan,” “Oklahoma,” “West Side Story” and “Brigadoon” for long runs on Broadway. He has served as President and CEO of many first-class performing arts centers, including the Jackie Gleason Center in Miami Beach, the Parker Playhouse in Fort Lauderdale and the historic Saenger Theatre in New Orleans.

Professor Early is also Director of the Theatre Program at KWC. This is her first year at the college. “I was attracted to the partnership between the institutions and the RiverPark Center, and I was intrigued by the opportunity to build the KWC theatre arts program,” Early shared. She earned an M.F.A. from the University of Louisville, where is also earned a J.D. at the Brandeis School of Law. She practiced law for 12 years before pursuing a career in theatre arts.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information and to reserve seats (recommended, though not necessary), contact Early at 270-852-3595 or learly@kwc.edu.

Ex-KWC football player will speak about management success

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By Dariush Shafa, Messenger-Inquirer

In August 2001, Will Carter was a football player at Kentucky Wesleyan College and dreamed of playing in the National Football League, but an injury during a preseason practice shattered his leg and his dream along with it.

Carter, who was recruited from a junior college in Minnesota, said he realized he had to start over — and that proved to be anything but easy.

“It was an uphill battle. I had to learn to walk again. I had to start class late. I didn’t know anyone there. I hadn’t even gotten my books because I’d just gotten there,” Carter said. “It made me realize I had to have a backup plan.”

Carter decided to talk to Roger Gardner, head of the kinesiology and health promotion department, for advice when he discovered he had a love for the management side of sports.

“I knew I didn’t want to coach, but I knew I wanted to be involved in football. So I made my mind up then that I wanted to run my own football team,” Carter said. “From that point on, it never wavered and never changed. I knew what I wanted to do.”

Carter graduated in 2004 with a degree in fitness sports management and a minor in business administration. Today, he’s the general manager of the Albany Panthers in Georgia, last year’s Southern Indoor Football League champions. At noon Friday in Rogers Hall of the Winchester Center, Carter will speak to students about the importance of life after athletics and why everyone should always have a backup plan.

“It’s going to be very exciting. I haven’t been back to KWC since I graduated in 2004. I’m anxious to get back to see Dr. Gardner, who was a great influence on me, and also to talk to students,” Carter said.

Gardner said he’s looking forward to Carter’s return.

“When Will was here, there was something about him,” Gardner said. “He had initiative and he had motivation. One thing we try to teach in our classes in kinesiology is to teach students to think critically and be creative. He certainly showed that. He’s always stayed in touch. He truly wants to come back and help our students realize the value of life after sports and that they can stay involved in sports.”

Gardner said he wants students to take something to make their own out of Carter’s story. “He’s sincere about that. He wants to give something back and help our students,” Gardner said. “The hope is that he’ll reach a few or several to help them realize as much as they want to move on and play on a professional level that they need to have a fallback plan, a Plan B, and take their education seriously.”

KWC Students plan trip to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

On Wednesday, October 26th, the KWC St. Jude Executive Board will be traveling to Memphis to see the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. There, the board will be given a tour of the facility and will have get a chance to talk with one of the patient’s families.

Last year, the KWC St. Jude Executive Board raised over \$18,000 for the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. This amount is highest in the nation per capita amongst college campuses. Using the mantra, “For the Kids,” KWC successfully campaigns for money through various events such as bake sales, date auctions, and the Letter Writing event.

If you would like to know more about the KWC St. Jude program, contact Andrew Rash at arash@kwc.edu.

Inaugural Panther Cup competition a rousing success

September 28, 2011

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

Director of Student Life, Andrew Rash, organized the Panther Cup to begin 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 night), Minerva painting, relay events, a canned food drive and attendance at the homecoming game.

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

The groups collected nearly 3,000 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 do it again next year,” Rash said about the competition.

Winners

Minerva Painting Competition

Kappa Delta & Sigma Alpha Mu

Banner Competition

Theta Omega & Sigma Nu

Events Day Competition

Theta Omega & Sigma Nu

KWC Cares Food Drive Competition

Kappa Delta & Sigma Alpha Mu

Homecoming Football Attendance Competition

Kappa Delta & Sigma Alpha Mu

Overall Winner

Kappa Delta & Sigma Alpha Mu

Check out a few photos below and then head to [our Flickr account](#) to see even more action from the 2011 Panther Cup competition.





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.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE TO HOST CHAMBER MUSIC RECITAL



Owensboro, Ky. (October 5, 2011) - A string quartet and piano will perform at Kentucky Wesleyan College Sunday, October 16, at 2 p.m. in the college's Tapscott Chapel. Pianist Diane Earle, violinists Konstantin Umansky and Alfred Abel, violist Colette Abel, and cellist Polina Umansky will perform Johannes Brahms' Piano Quintet and Piano Quartet No. 1. The program is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

Originally from Odessa, Ukraine, Konstantin Umansky performed in the Odessa Philharmonic . He is currently principal second violin and a violin soloist for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. His wife, Polina, is a cellist who received her master's degree in cello from Odessa State Conservatory of Music. She has performed in Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center and is principal cellist of the Lafayette Symphony Orchestra. Violinist Alfred Abel is concertmaster of the Lafayette Symphony, teaches at Wabash College and is Visiting Artist in Violin at Kentucky Wesleyan. His wife, Colette, is a viola soloist with several orchestras and received music degrees from Eastman and Indiana University. Pianist Diane Earle is Chair of the Department of Communication and Fine Arts. She has performed in 8 countries and 28 states.

KWC Students go to Cedar Point

On Saturday, October 22nd, 50 Kentucky Wesleyan students and staff will attend Cedar Point amusement park in Sandusky, Ohio. Cedar Point has been voted best amusement park in the world for 13 consecutive years!

Planned and promoted by SAPB (Student Activities Programming Board), this event showcases one of the many perks of being a KWC student. The SAPB Board plans and promotes numerous fun-filled events on and off campus such as: monthly

Midnight Movies at Malco Cinema, Reds Baseball Game, Paoli Peaks Ski Trip, comedians, free novelty events, and K-Dub Idol (KWC's version of "American Idol). The best part about all the events is that they are all FREE to any KWC student. If you would like to know more about the Student Activities Programming Board or upcoming events, contact Andrew Rash at arash@kwc.edu.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN MEN'S BASKETBALL CHOSEN PRESEASON NO. 20 IN NATION

BEAVERTON, Oregon (October 13, 2011) — Kentucky Wesleyan College, with two full-time starters and one part-time starter back from their 2011 NCAA tournament squad, has been chosen preseason No. 20 by *Division II Bulletin* magazine in their 2011-12 NCAA Division II Top 25 preseason men's poll.

The publication chose defending NCAA Champion Bellarmine No. 1, followed by Alabama-Huntsville, BYU-Hawaii, Missouri Southern State, Findlay, Lincoln Memorial, Tarleton State, Bowie State, Colorado Mines and Saint Rose.

The next 10 include No. 11 Central Oklahoma, Alaska-Anchorage, Southern Indiana, West Liberty State, Queens (NC), Indiana (Pa.), Benedict, Georgia Southwestern, Metro State and **KWC**.

Completing the Top 25 are No. 21 Humboldt State, Augustana, C.W. Post, Seattle Pacific and Winona State.

Others receiving consideration are Anderson, Bloomfield State, Dixie State, Drury, Grand Valley State, Limestone, Minnesota State, Pitt-Johnstown, USC Aiken, Stonehill, Texas A&M International