



# Parent Newsletter

March 2015

Welcome Spring Break! With the recent snow and ice we've experienced, the first sign of spring is a welcome sight to us all. Be sure to ask your student about their mid-semester grades which were posted this week. It's not too late for them to seek help if needed. We are here to help them succeed!

## 2015 Oak & Ivy nominees

The following juniors, seniors and December graduates have been nominated for the Order of the Oak and Ivy. This prestigious honor society inducts six students each year who exhibit spiritual leadership and intellectual ability in seeking to promote the interest and welfare of Kentucky Wesleyan College. Oak symbolizes strength of character, endurance of purpose and hardness of spirit. Ivy represents the bond of friendship, constant devotion and lasting memory. To consecrate the attributes symbolized by Oak and Ivy, we accept the cross which signifies Christian commitment. The nominees and inductees are selected by our full-time faculty and administrative staff.

The six inductees will be announced at our 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Order of Oak and Ivy Awards Banquet at 6:00 p.m., on Friday, April 17, in the Hocker Family Dining Hall. As is our tradition, faculty and staff will help serve the meal to honor our nominees and their families.

Linda Albrecht	Aaron Eaves
Tyler Banken	Taylor Elliott
Jordan Barlow	Jordanne Gambill
Kenny Basham	Danielle Hadler
Samantha Brett	Mike Hellmueller
Chelsea Brothers	Blair Hu
Brittany Brown	Jack Kiely
Amber Bryant	Julia Klump
Seth Burnette	Christian List
Donte Castro	Corey Moore
Matthew Chestnut	Patrick Neel
Leslie Chinn	Hannah Neptune
Megan Cook	Katie Newton
Nix Crawford	Anna Owens
Juanita Daugherty	Claire Payne
Madison Dayberry	Stephanie Pearson
Kate Dishion	Amber Pendergraft

## 2015 Oak & Ivy nominees (continued)

Monica Pentecost	Briana Richards
Shelby Phillips	Heather Scott
Simeon Pogue	Riley Thompson
Regina Powers	Jennifer Walker-Crawford
Hannah Priest	Mackenzie Weedman

## Greek Academic Hall of Fame members honored

Kentucky Wesleyan College's Student Life Office will hold its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Greek Academic Banquet for members of Greek organizations who earned a fall and/or spring 2014 semester GPA of 3.5 or above.

Members of KWC's five Greek chapters have displayed a strong commitment to co-curricular involvement and academic excellence – overall Greek GPAs are higher than that of the overall student body and a majority of student leaders on campus are members of a sorority or fraternity.

At the banquet, which will be held on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> in Rogers Hall, 3 students will be inducted into the Greek Academic Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame students have a minimum 3.75 cumulative GPA and more than 60 cumulative semester hours.

## Greek Academic Hall of Fame Inductees

Kelsey Croft – Kappa Delta  
Blair Hu – Kappa Delta  
Rhiannon Moore – Kappa Delta

The following Greek members earned a 3.5 or higher GPA during the spring and/or fall 2014 semesters. Bold denotes that the Greek members have previously been inducted into the Greek Academic Hall of Fame.

Linda Albrecht—Alpha Omicron Pi  
Tyler Banken – Sigma Nu  
Danielle Barnett – Alpha Omicron Pi  
Katie Bell – Alpha Omicron Pi  
Holly Blackburn – Sigma Kappa  
Dea Brandon – Kappa Delta  
Ryan Brewer – Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Kaley Burnette – Kappa Delta  
Jonna Capone – Kappa Delta  
**Matthew Chestnut – Sigma Alpha Mu**  
Lauren Connor – Alpha Omicron Pi  
Summer Crick – Kappa Delta  
**Kelsey Croft – Kappa Delta**  
Emily Cummings – Kappa Delta

Kyle Davis – Alpha Omicron Pi  
**Madison Dayberry – Alpha Omicron Pi**  
**Kate Dishion – Kappa Delta**  
**Taylor Elliott – Kappa Delta**  
Sydni Fazenbaker – Kappa Delta  
Brittini Fitter – Kappa Delta  
Sara Fleischmann – Kappa Delta  
**Jordanne Gambill – Kappa Delta**  
Arielle Geary – Alpha Omicron Pi  
Makayla Gish – Alpha Omicron Pi  
Elizabeth Gordon – Kappa Delta  
Brandon Harper – Sigma Alpha Mu  
James Hicks – Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Natalie Hobgood – Kappa Delta

Kimberly Holt – Alpha Omicron Pi  
**Blair Hu – Kappa Delta**  
Tyler Jacobs – Sigma Nu  
Zachary Johnson – Sigma Nu  
Breanna Jones – Sigma Kappa  
Lydia Kaminski – Alpha Omicron Pi  
Joey Keelin – Sigma Nu  
Avery Keller – Kappa Delta  
Jack Kiely – Sigma Nu  
Heather Knight – Alpha Omicron Pi  
**Paige Kramer – Kappa Delta**  
**Heather Lacy – Kappa Delta**  
**Rhiannon Moore – Kappa Delta**  
Hannah Mull – Alpha Omicron Pi  
Christian Oakley – Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Brianna Outland – Kappa Delta  
Daphne Parker – Kappa Delta  
Kaitlyn Pelletier – Sigma Kappa

Haley Replogle – Alpha Omicron Pi  
Danica Richardson – Sigma Kappa  
Travis Rowland – Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Maddie Ramage – Kappa Delta  
Luke Shelley – Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Azura Sinnett – Alpha Omicron Pi  
Elissa Starheim – Alpha Omicron Pi  
**Haleigh Stringer – Alpha Omicron Pi**  
Cameron Sumner – Sigma Nu  
Sarah Swenson – Alpha Omicron Pi  
Cornelia Thomas – Kappa Delta  
Ellen Tichenor – Kappa Delta  
Morgan Uebelacker – Kappa Delta  
**Ginny Weant – Kappa Delta**  
Mariah Wise – Alpha Omicron Pi  
Samantha Woods – Alpha Omicron Pi  
Darrian Zuehl – Alpha Omicron Pi

Greek chapters that earned the highest chapter GPA and highest new member GPA for the Spring 2014 and Fall 2014 semesters will also be honored:

Top Fraternity GPA (Spring 2014) – Sigma Nu  
Top Sorority GPA (Spring 2014) – Kappa Delta  
Top Fraternity GPA (Fall 2014) – Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Top Sorority GPA (Fall 2014) – Kappa Delta

Top Fraternity New Member GPA (Spring 2014) – Sigma Nu  
Top Sorority New Member GPA (Spring 2014) – Alpha Omicron Pi  
Top Fraternity New Member GPA (Fall 2014) – Sigma Phi Epsilon  
Top Sorority New Member GPA (Fall 2014) – Alpha Omicron Pi

## **Wesleyan Partners With Owensboro Public Schools to Recruit Minority Teachers**

**Minority teacher shortage slow to change in local districts**

**By Angela Oliver Messenger-Inquirer**

Lewatis McNeal said he's never doubted the quality of the academic education his daughter and son receive at Daviess County High and Middle schools. Culturally, though "something is missing."

"This is bigger than hiring more minority teachers, it's about creating a culture of diversity and inclusion in the school systems and in Owensboro," he said.

McNeal, an Arkansas native who's been here for about 11 years, has been gathering data on the lack of minority teachers and on the disproportionate number of minority student suspensions for a few years. He said the first issue caught his eye when he was a graduate adviser to education majors at Western Kentucky University-Owensboro. He's now the associate dean of student affairs at Owensboro Community & Technical College.

"I wondered about minority teachers across the state and how we could get more," he said. "I've asked my kids if they have minority teachers. I know that answer from going to PTA and open houses, but I like to hear their perspective."

Of about 800 certified teachers in Daviess County Public Schools, five are minorities, all are black. There are two each on the middle and high school levels and one on the elementary level. The school system has about 11,000 students, of which nearly 12 percent are minorities — 4 percent Hispanic, 3 percent black and 3 percent bi- or multiracial and 1.8 percent Asian.

"When stats are that low, applicants might feel that this isn't a welcoming place," DCPS Superintendent Owens Saylor said. "I'd never want students or teachers to feel that way."

Owensboro Public Schools' body of 310 certified teachers includes 11 minorities — nine black, one Hispanic and one Asian. Its minority teaching staff nearly matches that of the state's 3.5 percent. Of its 4,500 students, about 16 percent are black, 7 percent are Hispanic, 9 percent are bi- or multi-racial and nearly 3 percent are Asian.

Saylor and OPS Superintendent Nick Brake said they'd like to see the percentage of minority teachers grow to mirror the percentage of minority students.

"Our minority students need to see someone who looks like them in front of the classroom and in leadership positions," Brake said. "White students need to see minority teachers, too."

In both systems, the coaching staffs often have higher minority representation, along with instructional assistants, food service and transportation positions.

The root of the problem, both men said, is a lack of applicants of color.

"There are no excuses, but we just don't get a lot of minority teachers apply," Saylor said. "I'm pretty open and intentional in encouraging the (site-based decision-making councils) that we need more."

Though superintendents present the SBDM councils with recommendations from the applicant pool, school principals, after consulting with their council, make the hiring decision, according to the 2014 SBDM Personnel Guide on the Kentucky Department of Education website.

Within that guide, KRS 160.380(2)(d) states that when a vacancy occurs, "the superintendent shall conduct a search to locate minority teachers to be considered for the position," and annually report the recruitment process and efforts made to increase the percentage of minority (categorized as American Indian/Alaskan Native, Asian, black/African-American, Hispanic/Latino, Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander, Other) teachers.

According to the Kentucky Education Placement Service, which details 2013-2014 recruitment reports, DCPS had a total of 109 administrator, principal, student services and teacher positions to fill. Of 410 eligible applicants who received an interview, one black and one Hispanic and five blacks and one Hispanic interviewed for administrative and teaching jobs, respectively. None were hired.

The OPS report shows 42 positions within the above categories. Of 152 eligible applicants interviewed, one Hispanic interviewed for a principal job, and three blacks and two Hispanics interviewed for teaching jobs. Two Hispanic teachers were hired.

Saylor said DCPS has a short-term goal of at least one teacher of color in each school. His efforts to increase minority teachers include consulting with a local Minority Recruitment Committee, attending recruiting fairs and taking recommendations from local leaders. But the push can't only come from the school system, he said.

"It's also about making sure people will feel a part of the larger community if they apply here and that it's a place they'd want to stay," he said.

McNeal agrees that an increase in diversity and inclusion has to go beyond the school systems.

"We have to create a culture that says we value everybody, and our children have to see it," he said. "Diversity is key if we want them to be successful outside of Owensboro. In a city our size, the lack of inclusion is embarrassing."

Even Hancock County, a smaller district with 321 teachers, has five certified teachers, as DCPS does, McNeal said.

He's long discussed both issues with Brake and Saylor and said both superintendents have been open and receptive.

"Overall, (DCPS) is an excellent system. Mr. Saylor is always willing to listen, and I believe he cares," McNeal said, "but we've been having the same conversations for two years. We can do better. The worst excuse is that minorities aren't applying because if the schools have any other problem, they find a strategy to fix it."

Brake said OPS is partnering with Kentucky Wesleyan College to recruit minority teachers. Also, an Introduction to American Education survey course is available for Owensboro High School students for college credit. It's open to all students, and Brake said he hopes it encourages minority interest in the teaching field.

"We're excited to launch the partnership with KWC. (KWC President) Bart Darrell and I agree that growing our own is the best shot at ultimately improving minority teacher presence," Brake said.

## **Kentucky Wesleyan College Hosts Beavin Lecture: 'A Religion That Matters and the Four Qualities of an Excellent Life'**

**Owensboro, Ky.** (March 10, 2015) – The Kentucky Wesleyan College Religion and Philosophy Program will present a lecture, “A Religion That Matters and the Four Qualities of an Excellent Life,” on Monday, March 23, at 7 p.m. in Tapscott Chapel. The Rev. Dr. Deron S. Newman is the speaker. He teaches philosophy at Ohio University (Southern Campus) and religion at Morehead State University (Ashland) and is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Newman received his Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh where he completed his dissertation, “Philosophy as a Religious Experience in Plato.” Dr. Newman also holds a M.Div. from Asbury Theological Seminary and a B.S.Ed. from Ohio University. While at the University of Edinburgh, he tutored in systematic theology and served in the British Methodist Church. Dr. Newman previously taught religion and philosophy at Marshall University and Shawnee State University.

Dr. Newman’s teaching, writing and ministry focuses on the intersection of philosophical and religious thought, and incorporates ancient philosophy alongside modern theology. His work concentrates on the pursuit of wisdom as it leads to the transformed life.

The Edward L. Beavin Memorial Lectures honor the memory of Dr. Beavin by bringing outstanding scholars in the field of biblical literature to the campus of Kentucky Wesleyan College. An alumnus of Kentucky Wesleyan, Dr. Beavin was a professor of religion and philosophy at the college from 1957 – 1984. He was an ordained member of the United Methodist Church. He preached and led special studies in many area churches and took his skills and knowledge far beyond the campus.

## **Three selected to All-Great Midwest Athletic Conference women's teams**

Jordanne Gambill, Jennifer Walker-Crawford and Haley Cook earn honors



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Kentucky Wesleyan's [Jordanne Gambill](#) and [Jennifer Walker-Crawford](#) were named to the All-Great Midwest Athletic Conference second team and [Haley Cook](#) garnered All-Freshman team recognition , as voted by the league's coaches.

Gambill, a 5-10 senior forward from Wilmington, OH (Clinton-Massie HS) leads the Panthers in scoring (13.3), three point shooting (34 made and 39.1%), free throw percentage (80.4), steals (34) and minutes played (24.5). She also ranks third in rebounding (4.2) and has collected 39 assists in starting all 26 games.

Walker-Crawford, a 5-11 sophomore forward from Warsaw, Ind. (Warsaw HS), leads KWC in field goal percentage (46.0); second in scoring (11.8), free throw percentage (75.0) and blocks (8); and third in rebounding (6.2). She has totaled 19 assists and 15 steals while averaging 24.0 minutes in 23 games and 21 starts.

Cook, a 5-6 guard from Noblesville, Ind. (Hamilton Heights HS), averages 6.7 points, 2.6 rebounds, 1.7 assists and 19.7 minutes in starting 17 of 23 games played. She has shot 35.8 percent from the field, 32.4 percent from three-point and 66.7 percent from the foul line.

### Three Panthers chosen to All-G-MAC Men's Basketball teams

Ken-Jah Bosley, C.J. Blackwell and Devin Langford capture honors



Ken-Jah Bosley, C.J. Blackwell and Devin Langford.

Kentucky Wesleyan's [Ken-Jah Bosley](#), [C.J. Blackwell](#) and [Devin Langford](#) were named to the All-Great Midwest Athletic Conference basketball teams, as voted by the league's coaches.

Bosley, a 6-1 sophomore guard from Richmond, Ky. (Madison Central HS), captured first team honors. He leads the Panthers in scoring (17.6 ppg), field goal percentage (85.0%) and minutes played (31.4 mpg). He is second in three-pointers (36), assists (77) and steals (27). Bosley ranks No. 10 in NCAA free throws made (175). His shooting percentages include 45.6 from the field and 33.3 from three-point territory

Blackwell and Langford received second team recognition.

Blackwell, a 6-5 junior forward from Los Angeles (Taft Union Charter High School), leads KWC in rebounding (5.3) and three-pointers (45). He is second in free throw percentage (82.9), blocks (8) and minutes played (25.3); and third in assists (42) and steals (26). Blackwell has shot 43.8 percent from the field and 38.8 percent from three-point arc in starting 22 of 28 game played.

Langford, a 6-7 junior from Huntsville, Ala. (Robert E. Lee HS), ranks third in scoring (10.3) and rebounding (3.5); and second in field goal percentage (54.2) and blocks (8). His other shooting percentages are 30.2 from three-point percentage and 75.3 from the free throw line. Langford also collected 37 assists and 22 steals in 27 contests with 14 starts.

### **Ken-Jah Bosley earns G-MAC Player of the Week for the third time**

Third time this season to earn honor



Kentucky Wesleyan sophomore guard Ken-Jah Bosley sparked his team to a pair of pivotal league wins and garnered another selection as the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week on Monday.

For the third time this year, Bosley was the league's choice for weekly accolades. The Panthers stood tall on their home floor in Owensboro, fending off Central State, and grinding out an



overtime victory against Cedarville.

Bosley averaged 16.5 points per game and shot over 43 percent from the floor as KWC remains in the running for the regular-season conference crown. The Panthers have already secured one of the six spots in the G-MAC Championship.

Bosley was 8-of-14 from the field against Central State and netted 22 points. He nailed a pair of three-point baskets, pulled in a pair of rebounds and had a steal. Bosley also sank four tries at the free throw line.

Versus Cedarville, Bosley came alive towards the end of regulation and into overtime against the Yellow Jackets. He scored all 11 of his points in the final three minutes of regulation and overtime.

Bosley converted a rare four-point play with 2:30 left in regulation. He proceeded to make a free throw and connected from beyond the arc to tie the game at 70-70 and force overtime.

This year, Bosley is tied for third in the G-MAC in scoring (17.9 ppg) and ranks second in free throw percentage (85.1).

### **Amber Pendergraft chosen G-MAC Softball Player of the Week**

First time to receive this honor



Kentucky Wesleyan's [Amber Pendergraft](#) has been chosen the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Softball Player of the Week following her efforts during a five-game stretch in Illinois this past weekend..

Pendergraft, a senior from Henderson, Ky. (Henderson County HS), and the Panthers avoided the inclement weather from the indoor confines at the Lewis Dome Invitational, taking on No. 5 Missouri-St. Louis, host Lewis, Wisconsin-Parkside, Missouri S&T and Grand Valley State.

Pendergraft recorded at least one hit in four of KWC's five games, including four in extra-base style. She roped three doubles and legged out a triple and drew a pair of walks as part of a 5-for-16 weekend (.375).

Pendergraft tripled and scored twice while drawing a walk against Lewis to finish Friday's schedule. The following day against Wisconsin-Parkside, she went 2-for-4 at the plate with a pair of doubles and recorded a stolen base.

On Sunday, Pendergraft closed out tournament action with a combined 3-for-7 effort with two runs scored and two RBIs. She also doubled against Grand Valley State.

So far this season, Pendergraft is hitting .265 through 11 games. She is tied for the team lead with eight runs scored.

### **Casey Smith earns G-MAC Softball Pitcher of the Week honors**



Kentucky Wesleyan's [Casey Smith](#) earned Great Midwest Athletic Conference Softball Pitcher of the Week as announced on Monday.

Smith dazzled in the circle with three winning decisions, including a no-hitter against Maryville (Mo.), at the Charger Chillout in Huntsville, Ala.

Smith was utilized in three different games as a starter and combined for a sterling 1.40 ERA following 20 innings in games against Miles, Maryville and Saint Joseph's to begin the spring in Alabama.

The sophomore hurler pitched complete games against Saint Joseph's and put zeroes across the board against Maryville for her first career no-hitter.

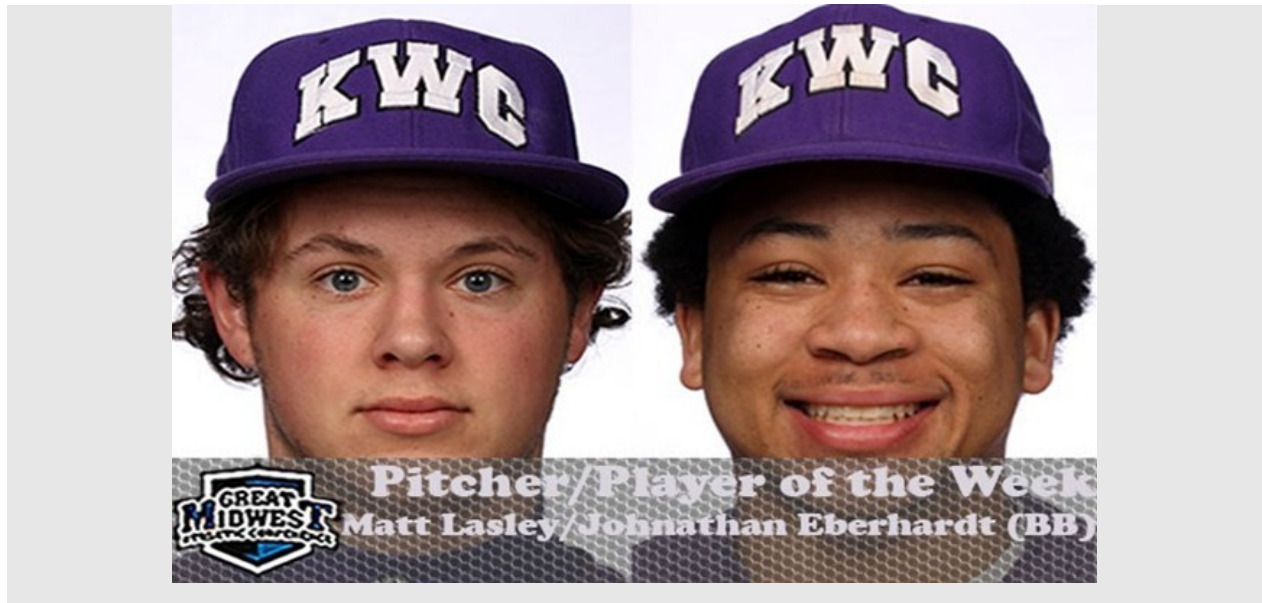
Versus Miles, Smith locked down the opposition with a three-hitter as the Panthers prevailed 2-1 after battling Montevallo earlier in the day to an 11-inning win. She struck out four and walked one.

Following a two-inning relief outing against Delta State, Smith flirted with perfection against Maryville enroute to the no-hitter. She only walked two and also fanned a pair.

To close out the weekend, Smith was the beneficiary of plenty of run support from her teammates as KWC routed Saint Joseph's to finish tournament action. She pitched four innings, giving up two runs on four hits while striking out two.

She also helped her own cause at the plate, going 4-for-9 with four RBI and a run scored.

### **Matt Lasley and Johnathan Eberhardt named G-MAC Pitcher and Player of the Week**



On the strength of a three-game sweep, Kentucky Wesleyan's [Matt Lasley](#) and [Johnathan Eberhardt](#) claimed Great Midwest Athletic Conference baseball weekly honors as announced on Monday. Lasley was named the G-MAC Pitcher of the Week and Eberhardt billed the G-MAC Player of the Week as a result of their efforts against Claflin over the weekend.

Lasley, a sophomore from Louisville (St. Xavier HS) turned in a seven-inning gem to polish off the series sweep against Claflin in South Carolina, limiting the Panthers to just one unearned run on five hits. He struck out four and walked just one.

It was the sophomore lefty's second start of the spring after he toed the rubber against North Greenville earlier this spring. He retired the side in order in both the first and sixth innings.

Lasley mixed his 96 pitches to the tune of eight fly outs while inducing seven groundouts. KWC defeated Claflin by a score of 7-1 after breaking the game open with a four-run sixth inning.

Eberhardt, a junior from Indianapolis (Pike HS) continued his torrid start to the season, extending his hit streak to six straight games after hammering Claflin pitching for five hits, including a triple and two home runs.

He was 2-for-4 in the series opener, lacing a triple in his first at-bat. In his next plate appearance, he worked the count in his favor at 3-1 before depositing a pitch for a two-run blast to straightaway center field.

In the second game of Saturday's doubleheader, Eberhardt scored three times and was 2-for-5 at the dish as the Panthers won in a high-scoring affair.

To wrap up the weekend, Eberhardt singled and had a sacrifice fly in Sunday's matchup.

The junior slugger is among the G-MAC leaders at 10-for-23 with a .435 batting average and four extra-base hits (two home runs, triple, double) in six games this year.

## **Matt Pobereyko earns G-MAC Baseball Pitcher of the Week**

Captures first G-MAC honor of his career



Kentucky Wesleyan's [Matt Pobereyko](#) earned Great Midwest Athletic Conference Baseball Pitcher of the Week as announced on Monday.

Pobereyko, a senior from Munster, Ind. / Bishop Noll HS, locked down a season-opening victory on the mound for the Panthers against North Greenville.

The 6-foot-3 Pobereyko turned in a workmanlike 5.2 innings in his spring debut, striking out eight Crusader hitters while receiving the winning decision on opening day in a 6-4 KWC victory.

After being staked to a 4-0 lead through the first two innings, Pobereyko silenced the NGU offense for five consecutive frames before the bullpen took over with two outs in the sixth.

The hard-throwing righty gave up three earned runs on six hits and walked a pair while throwing 102 pitches.

### **Crystal Hopkins named Great Midwest Athletic Conference Indoor Field Athlete of the Year**

Seven Panthers also earned All-G-MAC honors



*Crystal Hopkins*

*2015 Indoor Field Athlete of the Year*

[Crystal Hopkins](#), a sophomore thrower from Mount Vernon, N.Y. (Woodlands HS), was named the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Field of the Year by league coaches at the inaugural G-MAC Indoor Track and Field Championships on Saturday in Gambier, Ohio.

Hopkins won the G-MAC title in the shot put with a throw of 12:95 meters. She also received All-Freshman Team recognition.

[Tevin Washington](#), a freshman from Owensboro (Daviness County HS), earned second team All-G-MAC honors plus All-Freshman Team recognition for his second place finish in the 60 meter dash (7.01) and third in the 200 meter dash (22.92).

Third team All-G-MAC honors went to the relay teams of [Demetrius Frazier](#), [Griffin Kelley](#), [Bryant Qualls](#) and Washington for placing third in the 4x400 meter relay.

KWC also finished fourth in the distance medley (11:30.67) with the team of Qualls, a sophomore from Harrodsburg, Ky. (Mercer County HS); Frazier, a sophomore from Lebanon, Tenn. (Lebanon HS); Kelley, a junior from Owensboro (Owensboro HS); and [Lucas Butler](#).

Butler, a freshman from Brandenburg, Ky. (Meade County HS), and [Cornelia Thomas](#), a freshman from Memphis, Tenn. (Northpoint Christian HS), captured All-Freshman recognition. Butler placed fourth in the 60 meter hurdles (9.52). Thomas placed fifth in the shot put (11.22 meters).

[Ben Marigny](#), a junior from Henderson, Ky. (Henderson County HS), collected four top seven finishes in the dashes and jumps. He placed fourth in the 60m dash (7.17) and sixth in the 200m dash (23.52). He also tied for fourth in the high jump (1.73m) and seventh in the long jump (6.02m).

In the 5000 meter run, [Seth Burnette](#), a junior from Morganfield, Ky. (Union County HS) finished fifth (16:51.57); and [Seth Applegate](#), a sophomore from Shelbyville, Ill. (Shelbyville HS) followed at sixth (18:29.78).

Terrence Brooks, a sophomore from Pittsburg, Calif. (Pittsburg HS), placed sixth (11.34m) and [Brian Thomas](#), a junior from Antioch, Calif. (Deer Valley HS), was eighth (10.13m) in the triple jump.

For the women, [Rachel Keeley](#), a freshman from Owensboro, Ky. (Owensboro HS), placed sixth in the 5000m (19:49.76).

The Panthers finished fifth in the distance medley (14:24.60) with the team [Alex Velez](#), Pennilyn Plummer, [Katie Black](#), a sophomore from Greenbrier, Tenn.; and [Casey Price](#), sophomore from Manhattan, Kan. (Vilseck HS).

The team of Plummer, a sophomore from Madisonville, Ky. (Madisonville North Hopkins HS); Velez, a freshman from Owensboro; Black and [Sarah McDonald](#) finished sixth in the 4x400m relay (4:38.12).

In field events, McDonald, a freshman from Owensboro (Daviness County HS) tied for fifth in the pole vault (2.15m) and [Erica Gallois](#), a senior from Evansville, Ill. (Sparta HS) was eighth (10.7m) in the shot put.