



# Parent Newsletter

March 2014

Can you believe we have already reached mid-semester? Our students are wrapping up their Spring Break as they begin to return to campus for the remaining 2 months of the semester. Be sure to ask your student about their mid-term grades which were posted on March 10. These grades serve as a mid-semester estimate of their current grade for each of their courses. Encourage them to seek assistance through our PLUS Center if needed.

## **Upcoming Dates of Interest**

For KWC events:

<http://www.kwc.edu/calendar.php>

For upcoming athletic events:

<http://kwcpantthers.com/calendar.aspx>

## **2014 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 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Order of Oak and Ivy Awards Banquet at 6:00 p.m., on Friday, April 25, 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.

Katie Armstrong  
Jordan Barlow  
Kenny Basham  
Claudia Benson  
Jeremy Bivins  
Josh Bratcher

Chelsea Brothers  
Jonna Capone  
Samantha Cecil  
Leslie Chinn  
Tiffany Clark  
Summer Crick

Dominique Dawson  
Madison Dayberry  
Becky Dixon  
Chase Durrance  
Haris Dzaferbegovic  
Kris Eans  
Taylor Elliott  
Tyler Emberton  
Sydni Fazenbaker  
Sara Fleischmann  
Jordanne Gambill  
Elizabeth Griffith  
Danielle Hadler  
James Herzog  
Patrick Hibbs  
Paige Kramer  
Hillary Lantrip  
Mallory Leucht  
Joan Liu

Madison McKinney  
Taylor Mitchell  
Zach Mitchell  
Brianna Outland  
Anna Owens  
Kreig Oxley  
Stephanie Pearson  
T'Essence Phelps  
Regina Powers  
Hannah Priest  
Karly Rhoads  
Kourtney Rhoads  
Jordan Rickert  
Luke Shelley  
Kyli Smithson  
Shelbi Tyra  
Tevin Vincent  
Heath Williams  
Samantha Woods

### **Greek Academic Hall of Fame members honored**

Kentucky Wesleyan College's Office of Student Life recently held KWC's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Greek Academic Banquet for members of Greek organizations who earned a fall semester GPA of 3.5 or above.

Members of KWC's six 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, held on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> in Rogers Hall, 6 students were inducted into the Greek Academic Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame students have a minimum 3.75 cumulative GPA and more than 60 cumulative credit hours.

### **Greek Academic Hall of Fame Inductees**

Matt Chestnut – Sigma Alpha Mu  
Madison Dayberry – Alpha Omicron Pi  
Kate Dishion – Kappa Delta  
Jordanne Gambill – Kappa Delta  
Heather Lacy – Kappa Delta  
Haleigh Stringer – Alpha Omicron Pi

The following Greek members earned a 3.5 or higher GPA during the spring and/or fall 2013 semesters. Bold denotes that the Greek members have previously been inducted into the Greek Academic Hall of Fame.

Linda Albrecht—Alpha Omicron Pi  
 Rebecca Ayer—Sigma Kappa  
 Danielle Barnett—Alpha Omicron Pi  
 Holly Blackburn—Sigma Kappa  
 Dea Brandon—Kappa Delta  
 Ryan Brewer—Sigma Phi Epsilon  
 Jamie Byars—Kappa Delta  
 Jonna Capone—Kappa Delta  
 Katie Champion—Kappa Delta  
**Matt Chestnut—Sigma Alpha Mu**  
 Brittany Clark—Kappa Delta  
 Breeanna Cox—Kappa Delta  
 Summer Crick—Kappa Delta  
 Kelsey Croft—Kappa Delta  
**Siera Crowe—Kappa Delta**  
**Tiera Crowe—Kappa Delta**  
 Kylie Davis—Alpha Omicron Pi  
**Madison Dayberry—Alpha Omicron Pi**  
**Kate Dishion—Kappa Delta**  
**Chase Durrance—Sigma Nu**  
**Callie Eaves—Kappa Delta**  
**Taylor Elliott—Kappa Delta**  
 Rebecca Evans—Kappa Delta  
 Sydni Fazenbaker—Kappa Delta  
 Brittini Fitter—Kappa Delta  
 Sara Fleischmann—Kappa Delta  
 Taylor Gaddis—Alpha Omicron Pi  
**Jordanne Gambill—Kappa Delta**  
 James Hicks—Sigma Phi Epsilon

Breanna Jones—Sigma Kappa  
 Lydia Kaminski—Alpha Omicron Pi  
 Joey Keelin—Sigma Nu  
 Avery Keller—Kappa Delta  
 Jordan King—Sigma Nu  
**Tina Kirk—Alpha Omicron Pi**  
 Heather Knight—Alpha Omicron Pi  
**Paige Kramer—Kappa Delta**  
**Heather Lacy – Kappa Delta**  
 Hillary Lantrip—Kappa Delta  
 Devyn Lott—Alpha Omicron Pi  
 Jessica Martin—Sigma Kappa  
 Cody Moore—Sigma Alpha Mu  
 Christian Oakley—Sigma Phi Epsilon  
 Brianna Outland—Kappa Delta  
 Daphne Parker—Kappa Delta  
 Trevor Ralph—Sigma Phi Epsilon  
 Emily Robbins—Alpha Omicron Pi  
 Emily Rogers—Alpha Omicron Pi  
 Travis Rowland—Sigma Phi Epsilon  
 Heather Scott—Alpha Omicron Pi  
 Luke Shelley—Sigma Phi Epsilon  
**Haleigh Stringer—Alpha Omicron Pi**  
 Kathryn Swanson—Sigma Kappa  
 Ellen Tichenor—Kappa Delta  
 Cassie Toman—Sigma Kappa  
**Ginny Weant—Kappa Delta**  
**Bailey Wilson—Alpha Omicron Pi**  
 Samantha Woods—Alpha Omicron Pi

Greek chapters that earned the highest chapter GPA and highest new member GPA for the Spring 2013 and Fall 2013 semesters were also honored:

Top Fraternity GPA (Spring 2013) – Sigma Phi Epsilon  
 Top Sorority GPA (Spring 2013) – Kappa Delta  
 Top Fraternity GPA (Fall 2013) – Sigma Phi Epsilon  
 Top Sorority GPA (Fall 2013) – Kappa Delta

Top Fraternity New Member GPA (Spring 2013) – Sigma Alpha Mu  
 Top Sorority New Member GPA (Spring 2013) – Alpha Omicron Pi  
 Top Fraternity New Member GPA (Fall 2013) – Sigma Nu  
 Top Sorority New Member GPA (Fall 2013) – Kappa Delta

## **Professor Emerita Britton Wins Athena Award**

### **Barrier breaker wins Athena Award**

**By Rich Suwanski Messenger-Inquirer | Posted: Thursday, February 27, 2014 12:00 am**

Margaret Britton, a retired Kentucky Wesleyan College sociology professor and women's rights advocate, was named the 2014 Athena Award recipient at the 16th annual luncheon Wednesday afternoon at the Owensboro Convention Center.

Britton, 79, taught sociology for 33 years at KWC and retired in 1997 but remains active in the women's movement by communicating with those who can further women's causes.

"Even if you slow down a little bit like this, you can still do things like call and write," Britton said. "It's not an excuse to quit."

Her husband Joe Britton, a retired KWC English professor, said the award "means so much to her."

"She has worked so hard over the years for women and women's rights — everybody's rights for that matter," he said. "I've always just stood behind her and supported her. I can't think of a better honor for her."

The Athena Award "honors someone from the community who has attained and personifies the highest level of professional excellence in one's profession, has devoted time and energy to the community in a meaningful way and has opened doors of opportunity for women," according to its criteria.

While teaching in the 1960s, Margaret Britton worked to break down the traditional barriers and discrimination that female students faced in college housing rules and social requirements. She helped establish on-campus daycare services, and she was the force behind an informal women's center at the college, a place serving mainly nontraditional women students.

Britton also mentored and counseled a large number of college women and faculty members and worked to keep professional equality issues at the forefront of the college's administration to ensure compliance with laws of equality and nondiscrimination.

She "encouraged women, challenging them to broaden their vision, to set high standards, to think independently and to reach their dreams," said master of ceremonies Kirk Kirkpatrick about her accomplishments. "She worked to establish services for victims of domestic violence and believed in the rights of all women, regardless of social class or circumstance."

Britton was one of the founders of OASIS, a local shelter and domestic violence program and substance abuse treatment provider for women and their dependent children.

Britton also served on the Owensboro Human Relations Commission, the Owensboro Police Advisory Board, the Personnel and Status Committees of RiverValley Behavioral Health and as

a board member of Girls Inc. She also served in numerous leadership capacities on a local, state and national level.

Britton lobbied Congress regarding pay equity and the Family and Medical Leave Act. She was also a member and founder of the Owensboro Chapter of the National Organization for Women, a founding member of the Kentucky Pro-ERA Alliance and the founder and first chairwoman of the Kentucky Women Advocates.

The other nominees for the 2014 award were Susan Tierney, Pam Smith-Wright, Susan Montalvo-Gesser, Karen Miller Porter and Winny Lin.

The award is sponsored by the Greater Owensboro Chamber of Commerce and Girls Incorporated. A committee outside of Owensboro reviews the nominations and selects the winner.

Past award recipients were Lamone Mayfield, Jean Wells, Brenda Clayton, Debbie Nunley, Helen Sears, Jane Noble, Martha Clark, Marianne Smith Edge, Jacqueline Addington, Vicki Stogsdill, Ursuline Sisters, Virginia Braswell, Patti Rayburn, Cherri Lolley and Helen Mountjoy.

## **Ken-Jah Bosley named Great Midwest Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year**

[Lonnie Hayes](#), [Dominique Dawson](#) and [Devin Langford](#) also receive all-conference recognition



Ken-Jah Bosley named Great Midwest Athletic Conference Freshman of the Year.

Kentucky Wesleyan's [Ken-Jah Bosley](#) received the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Freshman Player of the Year Award today as voted on by basketball league coaches. He also earned first team recognition.

Also receiving All-G-MAC accolades were second team honorees [Lonnie Hayes](#) and [Dominique Dawson](#) plus honorable mention choice [Devin Langford](#).

Bosley, a 6-foot-1, 179-pound, guard from Richmond, Ky. (Madison Central HS), leads all G-MAC freshmen in scoring (16.8) which is second for the Panthers. He leads KWC in three-pointers (52), double-figure outings (23), 20-point games (nine) and also

ranks second in minutes played (27.4) in 21 starts and 28 games played.

Bosley has collected 35 assists, 35 steals and one block while shooting 46.1 percent from the field, 36.6 percent from three-point arc and 82.0 percent from the free throw line. He also averages 2.7 rebounds.

In G-MAC stats, Bosley ranks fourth in three-pointers made, fifth in free throw percentage and seventh in scoring. He received league player of the week honors on Dec. 9.

Hayes, a 6-foot-1, 205-pound, senior guard Cincinnati, Ohio (Hughes HS), leads the Panthers in scoring (18.2) and free throw percentage (83.8) plus second in three-pointers (30), assists (62) and steals (45) in 20 starts and 28 games played.

The two-time G-MAC Player of the Week rates third in minutes played (27.4) while shooting 46.1 percent from the field and 31.6 percent from the arc.

Hayes scored a KWC single game record 57 points against Quincy on Nov. 8 which currently marks the top Division II performance this season. He also ranks tenth in free throws made (192) and 14th in free throws attempted (229) in NCAA statistics.

In G-MAC stats, Hayes ranks fourth in fourth in free throw percentage, fifth in scoring and eighth in assists.

Dawson, a 6-foot-8, 222-pound senior center from Minneapolis, Minn. (Southwest HS), leads KWC in rebounding (6.5), blocks (20), field goal shooting (58.3) and minutes played (29.7) in 25 starts in 28 games played.

He has collected 15 steals and seven assists while shooting 74.8 from the free throw line. Dawson ranks fifth in field goal percentage and ninth in both rebounding and free throw percentage for the G-MAC.

Langford, a 6-foot-7, 205-pound sophomore forward from Huntsville, Ala. (Robert E. Lee HS), averages a third best 10.7 points and 5.4 rebounds in 12 starts and 18 games played.

His field goal percentage (56.1) and blocks (12) are second for KWC. He also has connected on 47.4 percent from the three-point arc and accumulated 30 assists and 16 steals.

## **Karly Rhoads named Great Midwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year**

Jordanne Gambill and T'Essence Phelps also receive all-conference recognition



Senior guard Karly Rhoads named Great Midwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year.

Kentucky Wesleyan's [Karly Rhoads](#) received the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Player of the Year Award today as voted on by basketball league coaches.

Rhoads marks the first Panther in KWC women's history to be named conference player of the year.

Also receiving All-G-MAC accolades were second team honoree [Jordanne Gambill](#) and honorable mention choice [T'Essence Phelps](#).

Rhoads, a 5-foot-11 senior guard from Slippery Rock, Pa. (Slippery Rock Area HS), leads the Panthers in scoring (14.2), field goal percentage (52.4), three-pointers (36), three-point percentage (42.9), free throw percentage (81.5), assists (89), blocks (11), steals (36) and minutes played (30.1) in starting all 26 games.

She tops the league in three-point field goal percentage and ranks No. 33rd in the NCAA for field goal percentage. She earned the G-MAC Player of the Week on Jan. 13.

Rhoads also averages 3.3 rebounds. The four-year starter has scored in double-figures 18 times including three 20-point outings and a 32-point performance against Davis & Elkins on Jan. 9.

In the career record book, Rhoads hold the free throw shooting record at 81.5 percent, ranks second in games played with 112 and No. 11 in scoring with 1,143 points.

Gambill, a 5-foot-10 junior forward from Wilmington, Ohio (Clinton-Massie HS), holds second place in scoring (12.9), three-pointers (27), three-point shooting (40.9), free throw percentage (80.4) and rebounding (4.3) for the Panthers in 24 starts and 26 games played.

The G-MAC Player of the Week honoree currently shoots 40.7 percent from the field and has accumulated 38 assists, 34 steals and eight blocks. She has scored in double-figures 17 games including four 20-point games with a career-high 25 against Oakland City on March 1 in the final regular season contest.

Phelps, a 5-foot-10, senior forward from Fayetteville, Tenn. (Lincoln County HS), leads KWC in rebounding (9.1) and second in the G-MAC. She also tops the Panthers in double-doubles seven times with her best outing against Central State on Feb. 15 with 17 points and a career-high 16



rebounds.

She currently ranks second in assists (54) and minutes played (28.0), and fourth in scoring (9.4) while shooting 49.7 percent from the field and 72.4 percent from the free throw line. The G-MAC Player of the Week selection also has collected 21 steals and two blocks.

## KWC wins Great Midwest Athletic Conference Championship

Panthers defeat top seed Trevecca Nazarene 80-75



2014 Great Midwest Athletic Conference Champions

Following two losses to conference foe Trevecca Nazarene University during the regular season, the Kentucky Wesleyan College women's basketball team refused to falter for a third time, when the stakes were at their highest.

The Panthers overcame a nine-point halftime deficit to beat the defending conference champion Trojans, 80-76, on Saturday at Trojan Fieldhouse in Nashville, and win the G-MAC Tournament championship, the first-ever in women's program history.

"We wanted things to turn out well for this group," said co-KWC coach Caleb Nieman. "They did things the right way. We had a good sense of team chemistry all year."

[Karly Rhoads](#) led the Panthers (21-8) with 23 points and five assists. [T'Essence Phelps](#) finished with 12 points and seven rebounds, while [Jade Mills-Harris](#) and [Kourtney Rhoads](#) added 11 and 10, respectively.



Anna Mitchell finished with a game-high 24 point for the Trojans (19-9), but it wasn't enough to hold off KWC's second-half rally.

TNU took a 47-36 lead with 15:22 left in the game on a three-pointer by Christina Curtner, who finished with 17 points and 11 boards, but the Panthers responded with a 13-2 run to even things up just four minutes later.

[Erin Dorn](#)'s layup with 9:29 left gave KWC a 57-55 lead, and TNU got no closer than two points the rest of the way.

"All year we needed to become a tougher team," said Nieman. "Going into the conference tournament, it was going to be three games in three days, and the best team may not win, but the tougher team will. We got to find out what it was like to be a tough team, and we did it at the end of the year."

## **SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR Roy Pickerill Named 2014 Recipient of GLVC's Kearns Service Award**

**INDIANAPOLIS** (GLVC)– The Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) has named Roy Pickerill as this year's recipient of the Dr. Thomas Kearns Service Award, it was announced Monday by the conference office. The long-time sports information director (SID) at Kentucky Wesleyan College is in his 35th year of assisting in the promotion of GLVC sports and NCAA Division II basketball.

Pickerill will be the guest of the GLVC at this week's Deaconess GLVC Basketball Championship Tournament and formally recognized at the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Awards Spring Banquet in St. Louis on May 20.

Now in his 42nd year at Kentucky Wesleyan College, Pickerill has been helping promote the GLVC since its inception in 1978. He served as the league's SID from 1980 to 1983, while maintaining the same role on campus. The 1975 KWC graduate worked as a student assistant in the sports information office his senior year and was named the school's first assistant SID upon graduation. He held that position for 13 years and then was named to his current full-time position in 1988.

In addition to his day-to-day responsibilities at Kentucky Wesleyan, Pickerill has also played an integral role in the promotion of both GLVC and NCAA Division II basketball over the past two decades. Later this month, he will be involved with the media coordination of the NCAA Division II Men's Basketball Elite Eight for the 21st season.

In 2012, Pickerill was honored by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) for his 30-plus years of service at Kentucky Wesleyan. In 1999, he was inducted into the CoSIDA Hall of Fame – the only SID from the state of Kentucky and the GLVC to have achieved that honor.

In 1998, he received the prestigious Warren Berg Award, presented to a college division member who has made outstanding contributions to the field of sports information. He was also elected

the inaugural President of the newly formed Division II Sports Information Directors Association (D2SIDA) in 2006 and served a three-year term.

On campus, his alma mater accorded him the Distinguished Alumni Service Award in 1994, the highest honor for an alumnus. Pickerill was then inducted into the Kentucky Wesleyan College Alumni Hall of Fame in 2012.

Following the 2012-13 academic season, Kentucky Wesleyan resigned its full-time membership from the GLVC and moved to the start-up Division II Great Midwest Athletic Conference. After the 2013 football season concluded, Kentucky Wesleyan officially resigned from the GLVC as an associate member in the sport, leaving the 2014-15 academic season as the first in conference history without Pickerill holding official duties related to the GLVC. Despite being affiliated with another conference, Pickerill's passion for and knowledge of the GLVC will continue to keep him as one of the few true league historians.

The GLVC Service Award is named in honor of Dr. Thomas Kearns, who was Northern Kentucky's faculty athletic representative for 23 years and provided unparalleled service to the GLVC during that period. Kearns served the GLVC as both treasurer and president during his tenure at NKU and assisted with the budget reporting system and the current revenue sharing policy. He spearheaded the league's first major expansion, wrote the GLVC Hall of Fame guidelines, served on the initial GLVC Awards Committee and developed and maintained the GLVC Handbook. Kearns spent countless hours developing the GLVC into one of the premier NCAA Division II athletic conferences.

In honor of Dr. Kearns, the Service Award is presented to an individual or group that has contributed to the success of the GLVC as it relates to the NCAA Division II attributes of learning, balance, resourcefulness, sportsmanship, passion and service. It was first presented in 2011 to Northern Kentucky's Kevin Listerman, and has since been awarded to SIU Edwardsville's Eric Hess (2012) and Southern Indiana's Dave and Lois Stevens (2013) over the last two years.