



# Parent Newsletter

**OCTOBER 2013**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Mid-semester grades will be posted on Monday, October 21. Be sure to ask your student how they are doing. These grades serve as an estimate of their progress to this point. It is not too late for them to seek help from our PLUS Center through tutoring and study sessions. Students may access their grades on-line. The Registrar sent the instructions to them via email.

**Upcoming Events**

November 4 - 20 – Spring 2014 Registration  
November 27-29 – Thanksgiving Break  
December 9-13 – Final Exams

## 2013-14 Who's Who recipients

Congratulations to the following juniors and seniors who have been selected by faculty and staff for inclusion in the 2013-14 Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Full-time students who have achieved at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA with above average participation in co-curricular activities and community service were eligible.

Kodi Amos  
Katie Armstrong  
Will Barnes  
Jeremy Bivins  
Dea Brandon  
Josh Bratcher  
Chelsea Brothers  
Jonna Capone  
Tiffany Clark  
Nix Crawford  
Dominique Dawson  
Madison Dayberry  
Chase Durrance  
Haris Dzaferbegovic  
Sara Fleischmann  
Elizabeth Griffith  
Patrick Hibbs  
Paige Kramer

Hillary Lantrip  
Madison McKinney  
Taylor Mitchell  
Morgan Oakley  
Brianna Outland  
Raley Owens  
Kreig Oxley  
Stephanie Pearson  
Hannah Priest  
Kourtney Rhoads  
Jordan Rickert  
Luke Shelley  
Kyli Smithson  
Kathryn Swanson  
Shelbi Tyra  
Ginny Weant  
Heath Williams

## **2013 Homecoming Court**



### **Prince**

Nix Crawford  
Joey Keelin  
Corey Moore  
Christian Oakley  
Dalton Oliver  
Cody Stillwell

### **Princess**

Paige Baisden  
Leslie Chinn  
Madison Dayberry  
Sydni Fazenbaker  
Bridget Johnson  
Paige Kramer

### **King**

Robert Bush  
Chase Durrance  
James Hicks  
Jordan King  
Luke Shelley  
Alex Zapata

### **Queen**

Danielle Barnett  
Dea Brandon  
Hannah Butcher  
Sara Fleischmann  
Hillary Lantrip  
Brianna Outland

**2013 Homecoming King & Queen: Jordan "Jojo" King & Dea Brandon**

**2013 Homecoming Prince & Princess: Christian Oakley & Paige Kramer**

## **FINAL EXAM CARE PACKAGES AVAILABLE – ORDER NOW!**

The Alumni Association and Student Life Office are partnering to offer you the opportunity to order a special care package for your student and give them the extra boost to succeed during finals week. These care packages, to be delivered to your student on Dec. 5th and 6th, will contain popcorn, breakfast bars and even a Starbucks card among other fun items to ensure that they are well-nourished and focused for final exams.

Buy your student's package now for only \$20 by clicking the below link, to order and payment information, by November 22nd.

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e8cjd7x6hmrwfohr/start>

# PANTHER CUP RESULTS

This year, KWC Greek Life hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Panther Cup Competition. The Panther Cup competition is a competition where fraternities paired with sorority in various competitions as:

- Minerva Painting Competition
- Banner Competition
- Events Day Competition
- KWC Cares Food Drive supporting Audubon Area Community Service
- Homecoming Football Attendance

This year, the Homecoming pairings were:

- Sigma Kappa & Sigma Nu
- Alpha Omicron Pi & Sigma Alpha Mu
- Kappa Delta & Sigma Phi Epsilon

Here are the winners for each of the competitions...

## **In the Minerva Painting Competition:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sigma Kappa & Sigma Nu
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Alpha Omicron Pi & Sigma Alpha Mu
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kappa Delta & Sigma Phi Epsilon

## **In the Banner Competition:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Kappa Delta & Sigma Phi Epsilon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Alpha Omicron Pi & Sigma Alpha Mu
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Sigma Kappa & Sigma Nu

## **In the Events Day Competition:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sigma Kappa & Sigma Nu
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Alpha Omicron Pi & Sigma Alpha Mu
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Kappa Delta & Sigma Phi Epsilon

## **In the KWC Cares Food Drive Competition:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Kappa Delta & Sigma Phi Epsilon
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sigma Kappa & Sigma Nu
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Alpha Omicron Pi & Sigma Alpha Mu

## **And in the Homecoming Football Attendance Competition:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Kappa Delta & Sigma Phi Epsilon

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Sigma Kappa & Sigma Nu

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Alpha Omicron Pi & Sigma Alpha Mu

For the KWC Cares Food Drive Competition, canned goods were donated to the Audubon Area Community Service. This year, KWC Greeks and the campus community donated a whopping **2,650** cans for this cause!

The winners of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Panther Cup Competition:

**Alpha Omicron Pi & Sigma Alpha Mu**

**Kentucky Wesleyan College Announces Appointment of  
Barton D. Darrell as Vice President for External Services**



**Owensboro, Ky.** (Sept. 25, 2013) – Kentucky Wesleyan College President Craig Turner announces the appointment of Bowling Green attorney Barton D. Darrell as vice president for external services. He will administer development, admissions, financial aid, alumni relations and public relations functions.

Darrell is a 1984 graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan, and he earned a juris doctor from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1987. He has served Kentucky Wesleyan College as a trustee and member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, as president of the Alumni Association and as an adjunct professor in business law.

“We are pleased to welcome Bart to campus in this new role. He knows the College well and loves Kentucky Wesleyan and Owensboro,” stated Dr. Turner. “We welcome his experiences, insights, energy and leadership acumen.”

Darrell has been associated with the law firm of Bell, Orr, Ayers & Moore in Bowling Green since 1987, becoming a partner in the firm in 1991. He has represented school districts throughout Kentucky, including the Daviess County Public Schools and the Warren County Public Schools, where he has served as general counsel since 2011. He has served as president of the Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Association, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bowling Green-Warren County Chamber of Commerce, a founding director of the board of the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center, chairman of the board for the American Red Cross, a member of the Governor's Advisory Council for Volunteer Services, a member of the board of Leadership Kentucky and in numerous other public service capacities. Darrell was also appointed by the governor to serve on Kentucky's Council on Postsecondary Education for four years and was the vice-chair in 2004.

Darrell was named "Kentucky's Outstanding Young Lawyer" by the Kentucky Bar Association and one of forty "New Leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" for Kentucky by the Louisville Courier-Journal, Lexington Herald-Leader and the Shakertown Roundtable. He received the "Gwen Davis Award" from the Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Association for his commitment to public service and community spirit and the "Clara Barton Honor Award for Meritorious Volunteer Leadership" by the American Red Cross.

His father, Dr. Bob Darrell, is a professor emeritus of English at Kentucky Wesleyan College, where he taught from 1969 – 2000. The Darrell PLUS Center, which offers tutoring, workshops and individual assistance to students, is named in his honor.

"I grew up in the halls and on the grounds of Wesleyan," remarked Bart Darrell, "and I'm excited, yet humbled, to serve the College that has meant so much to my life and to the lives of my family members. Particularly in these times, private, faith-based higher education has never been more relevant to individual and societal success, and Kentucky Wesleyan has a rich tradition of helping students build great lives for themselves.

I am looking forward to collaborating with our outstanding faculty and staff, and most of all, interacting with our students. A key to success for the next generation includes preparation for careers, opportunities and challenges that currently exist and for those no one can yet imagine. The College does this well, and I am honored to be a part of the Wesleyan mission."

## **Helping students 'figure it out'**



Pam Mueller and Kent Lewis stand in the sanctuary Thursday afternoon at Brescia University's Chapel. Mueller is Brescia's director of campus ministries and Lewis is Kentucky Wesleyan College's campus minister and chaplain. Lewis and Sister Pam often collaborate and share responsibilities with other faculty when it comes to counseling students.

College life can be a frenzy. But when the stress of juggling class, work and student activities rises, a few people around campus offer students a little peace.

"As the semester goes on, students can get overwhelmed," said Sister Pam Mueller, director of Campus Ministry at Brescia University. "I try to meet them where they are and give some direction."

The Rev. Kent Lewis, campus minister and chaplain at Kentucky Wesleyan College, said his main goal is to be available.

"I want the students to know that I'm always here to help," he said.

Sister Pam and Lewis reach students one-on-one or through student groups and have established or assisted with programs geared toward spiritual development. Their roles often go beyond that, though.

Influenced by her schoolteachers who were Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, Sister Pam joined the order in 1969.

"To many of the students, I represent religion, and that can be off-putting," she said. "So, another part of my role is to break down the stereotypes of what it means to be a sister, so sometimes I eat lunch with them in the dining hall, and I'm an extrovert, so I'm good at reaching out. I also do a lot of listening to be sure not to take them anywhere they don't want to go spiritually."

With her background and master's degrees in speech-language pathology and deaf education, Sister Pam has worked as a school pathologist and in director positions within the communication disorders departments at Brescia and St. Louis universities. She has been the director of campus ministries at Brescia full time since 2006. She also coordinates service learning activities and the Interest Fair, an exposition of student groups, campus resources, athletic teams and academic departments at the beginning of the semester.

Until this semester, Sister Pam said it was often difficult to get to know students since she didn't see most of them on a daily basis. Now she teaches BU 101 and 102, fall and spring freshmen courses that aim to help students transition smoothly.

"I'm enjoying it," she said. "There are eight students, so it's very intimate."

She will also continue a club she started a few years ago based on the book "Ten Evenings With God" by Sister Ilia Delio. The book features 10 short chapters on the mystery of God and getting to know God. The group meets five evenings in the fall and five in the spring.

"We read and talk about our relationships with God, you know, 'Who is God for me? How attentive am I to God's voice?'" she said. "The students are making connections to real life, their beliefs and each other. College is a critical time for that."

Lewis said working with college students is where he felt most comfortable. He studied radio broadcasting at KWC — Lewis is the announcer at home football games — and graduated in 1998. He accepted his call to the ministry during his sophomore year, though, and later earned a master of divinity degree at Asbury Theological Seminary. Lewis was the campus minister from 2000-2003, then worked as an associate pastor and youth minister at churches in Louisville and Sebree before returning to KWC in 2007. "I just love working with young people who have their whole lives ahead of them," he said.

His position is through the Kentucky Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, as KWC is a Methodist college.

Other than requiring one chapel service during freshmen orientation and one religion course for every student, KWC doesn't force or require any religious practice or involvement, Lewis said.

"(The campus ministries office) certainly encourages and promotes the gospel of Jesus Christ, but we're here for all students on any level of faith development," he said. "Our goal is to allow the students to create and run their programs."

Such student groups include HD3D, Christ Reaching Out Saving Students (CROSS) and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

There is also Monday Night Prayer, a student-led prayer service at 9 p.m. every Monday at KWC's Tapscott Chapel.

Though attendance and participation fluctuate, Lewis said many students greatly benefit from the clubs.

"They're pushing themselves to constantly communicate with God, so their faith is growing," he said. "That doesn't mean everything is good all the time, but God speaks to us through each other, sometimes, so I like that they work together in these groups." Campus ministry has its challenges. Lewis said he's virtually always on call and that can take him away from his family — his wife, Kathy and their children Hannah, 9, Jackson, 7 and Grant, 4.

"It's like any minister or pastor's job," he said. "But family is my main priority, and my kids understand what I do. They get to hang out in my office or on campus a few times." Lewis and Sister Pam often collaborate and share responsibilities with other faculty when it comes to counseling students, whether they are frustrated about exams, confused about their career path or grieving a loss.

The rewards of their jobs are worth the sacrifices, they said.

"College is all about the students answering that existential question, 'Who am I?'" she said. "Well, it's a blessing to be a part of helping them figure it out."

### **ATTENTION: KWC INSTAGRAM AND VINE**

Kentucky Wesleyan College is now on Instagram and Vine! So please go follow us!

To follow us on Instagram and Vine, just search "KentuckyWesleyanCollege" and hit "follow"!

This is a great way to see what is going on around campus for parents and is a great way for us to share with prospective new students what KWC is all about and why they should choose to come to school here!

**SO PLEASE SPREAD THE NEWS AND FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM AND VINE!**

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Dr. Meredith Minister discusses the issue of martyrdom from a narrative in an open forum with her students Friday during her Survey of Christian Traditions class in an outdoor classroom at Kentucky Wesleyan College. Kentucky Wesleyan College was ranked seventh by U.S. News this week as a "Best Value School" in the South.

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U.S. News calculates a school's academic quality, as indicated by its 2014 U.S. News Best Colleges ranking, and the 2012-13 net cost to attend a school for a student who receives the average level of need-based financial aid.

"High school students and their parents assess academic quality and affordability as a package when making a college choice, and this has been particularly true since the economic downturn of 2008," said KWC President Craig Turner. "Kentucky Wesleyan has worked diligently to provide an affordable education while maintaining a rigorous academic experience, and we're gratified that an institution of this stature recognizes our efforts.

"More importantly, the U.S. News rankings send a powerful message to our region: A college close to home is in the top 10 in the South for best value, and they have convenient access to a high quality, affordable education."

KWC was also ranked 18th as a "Best Regional College" in the South by U.S. News, which gathered institutional data on a number of indicators, and ranked colleges against peers in their region based on composite weighted scores. Brescia University was ranked 36th on the list.

Additionally, KWC was rated 29th in the nation as a 2013 "Best Baccalaureate College" by Washington Monthly. Washington Monthly measures recruitment and graduation of low-income students, scholarship and emphasis on student service to the community. "These significant accolades reflect our commitment to academic excellence, affordability and student success," Turner said.

Last month, KWC and BU were recognized among the best colleges in the Southeast, according to the Princeton Review, an education services company. The Princeton Review measures academics, admissions selectivity, financial aid, fire safety, quality of life and green issues. The Review also asks students to rate their own schools on several issues from accessibility of their professors to the quality of the campus food.

#### **KENTUCKY WESLEYAN ATHLETICS LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE DESIGN** [www.kwc.panthers.com](http://www.kwc.panthers.com)

**OWENSBORO, Ky. (Oct. 14, 2013)** – The Kentucky Wesleyan College Athletic Department launched a new website design at [www.kwcpanters.com](http://www.kwcpanters.com) on Monday afternoon.

“Panther fans will experience changes designed to make the site more readable and its content more accessible,” said Jim Askins, KWC Director of Athletics. “The design introduces new section pages and features for all 17-sports.”

“We’ve tried to arrange the tremendous amount of content in a way that is clean and simple. We’re also proud to be able to incorporate more into the website about our official booster club, the All-American Club, and our corporate partners.”

KWC Sports Information Director Roy Pickerill added, “Additional tweaks and upgrades will be made over the next week.”

Fans are encouraged to provide their suggestions. Comments can be emailed to [pickeril@kwc.edu](mailto:pickeril@kwc.edu).

## **KRAMER EARNS G-MAC WOMEN'S SOCCER ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (Sept. 30, 2013)** – Junior Paige Kramer was selected as the G-MAC Women's Soccer Athlete of the Week for her efforts during the fourth week of play.

Kramer had two goals and five assists in three wins for Kentucky Wesleyan, including the game winner against conference opponent Trevecca Nazarene.

In the Panthers 8-0 victory at Midway on Sept. 23, Kramer had three assists on the afternoon.

Three days later Kramer posted two assists and a goal in a 4-0 win over Asbury in Wilmore, Ky.

During the final game of the week for KWC, Kramer scored the lone goal in the Panthers first G-MAC win of the season over Trevecca Nazarene on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Kramer leads the team in points with 17 and has a team high nine assists on the season. She is second on the squad in scoring with four goals.

KWC is 7-2 overall and 1-2 in G-MAC play this season.

The Panthers play their first road conference game on Thursday, Oct. 3 against Davis & Elkins in Elkins, W.Va. at 1:30 p.m.

## **ZIMMERMAN ATTAINS G-MAC ATHLETE OF THE WEEK AWARD**

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (Sept. 30, 2013)** - Sophomore Dallas Zimmerman earned G-MAC Athlete of the Week after helping guide the Panthers to three wins at the Bearcat Brawl at Brescia.

In the Panthers opening match at the Bearcat Brawl, Zimmerman had a team high 15 kills on 23 attacks for a .609 hitting percentage against Kentucky State on Sept. 27. She also had a solo block and a block assist in the 3-1 win over the Thorobrettes.

Zimmerman also had a team high 18 kills against the University of the Cumberlands on Saturday, Sept. 28 and posted a hitting percentage of .516. The Panthers beat the Patriots 3-1.

During the Panthers 3-0 win over Brescia, Zimmerman tallied three kills, one dig and a solo block.

Zimmerman is tied for first on the team in kills with 109.

KWC heads into G-MAC action with a 10-2 record.

The Panthers open up conference play at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4 against Davis & Elkins at the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Cross Divisional Event in Mason, Ohio.

**BRIDGET JOHNSON EARNS G-MAC VOLLEYBALL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK HONOR**

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (Sept. 23, 2013)** – Junior Bridget Johnson (Owensboro/Apollo HS) received the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Athlete of the Week after helping guide Kentucky Wesleyan to wins over Bellarmine and Indiana Southeast.

The Panthers are 7-2 on the season after sweeping the Knights on Tuesday, Sept. 17 and the Grenadiers on Saturday, Sept. 21. KWC beat the Knights for the first time since 2001 and for only the sixth time in program history.

Johnson posted 20 kills, three service aces, seven digs, one block and an attacking percentage of .463 in the two wins.

Against the Knights Johnson finished with 10 kills, four digs and one block.

On Saturday, she collected 10 kills, three service aces and three digs in the victory over Indiana Southeast.

She has a team high 81 kills on the season.

Johnson is the third straight Panther to earn the G-MAC Athlete of the Week honor, after freshman Summer Alford collected the honor last week and junior Chelsea Brothers received it during the opening week of play.

KWC is taking part in the Bearcat Brawl at Brescia this weekend. The Panthers play Kentucky State on Friday, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. On Saturday, Sept. 28 KWC faces the Univ. of the Cumberlands at noon and Brescia at 4 p.m.

**SUMMER ALFORD SELECTED AS THE G-MAC VOLLEYBALL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (Sept. 16, 2013)** — Freshman Summer Alford (Fort Worth, Tex/Richland Collegiate HS) has been chosen as the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Volleyball Athlete of the Week.

Kentucky Wesleyan finished 2-2 at the Hampton Inn Invitational hosted by Arkansas-Monticello this past weekend.

Alford completed the Invitational with 43 kills, 36 digs and six aces in 14 sets.

During the Panthers opening match against West Alabama Alford had 14 kills, eight digs and two blocks.

In the 3-1 win against Missouri Southern on Friday, Sept. 13 Alford posted nine kills, 10 digs and six service aces.

On Saturday, Sept. 14 Alford had a team high 17 kills, while also posting 18 digs and a block assist against Southern Arkansas.

Alford rounded out the Invitational with three kills and a solo block as the Panthers beat host Arkansas-Monticello 25-19, 25-17 and 25-15.

KWC plays its home opener on Tuesday, Sept. 17 against Bellarmine at 6 p.m.

### **CHRISTAKIS AGISILAOU SELECTED AS THE G-MAC MEN'S SOCCER ATHLETE OF THE WEEK**

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.** (Sept. 16, 2013) — Junior Christakis Agisilaou has been named the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Men's Soccer Athlete of the Week after scoring three goals and two assists to accumulate eight points in two games.

The Panthers traveled to Georgetown on Thursday, Sept. 12 and came back from being down two goals to tie the game at two apiece. C. Agisilaou scored the tying goal in the 54th minute. The game ended in a draw after 110 minutes of play.

On Sunday, Sept. 15 KWC played its home opener against Southwest Baptist and the game went into overtime where C. Agisilaou scored the game winning goal in the 96th minute to give the Panthers the 5-4 victory, the teams first win of the season. During regulation C. Agisilaou scored a goal and recorded two assists to help KWC come from behind to send the game into overtime.

The Owensboro High School graduate is leading the team in scoring, assist and points.

KWC plays Bellarmine on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. at Steele Stadium.

### **JEFF WARD NAMED GLVC SPECIAL TEAMS OF THE WEEK**

*Senior running back sets two records and ties one*

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.** (Sept. 16, 2013) — Kentucky Wesleyan's Jeff Ward has been named Great Lakes Valley Conference Special Team's Player of the Week for his performance against Lindsey Wilson on Saturday.

Ward, a 5-foot-7, 174-pound, senior running back from Jasper, Ala. / Walker HS, racked up 326 all-purpose yards, with 183 of those coming in the return game.

He set a GLVC record with 168 kickoff return yards, breaking the previous conference best of 163, which was set in the season opener by Truman State's Tremaine Millender.

Ward's seven kickoff returns also tied a conference record with Indianapolis' John Bass (at Ashland, Aug. 30, 2012) and William Jewell's Thomas Cook (at Indianapolis, Oct. 27, 2012).

His weekly earnings also vaulted him from third to first all-time in career kickoff-return yards (645) in GLVC history.

In addition, Ward had one return punt for 15 yards and also caught a school-record 14 receptions for 142 yards and one touchdown on offense in the 39-20 loss.

This marks the second time in his career to receive the honor, having also been honored on Oct. 15, 2012.

The Panthers (0-2) play their first season road contest at Lindenwood-Belleville (2-1) in Belleville, Ill., on Saturday at 6 p.m. CT.