



Parent Newsletter

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IMPORTANT REMINDER

Mid-semester grades will be posted today, October 19. 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

- October 23-24 – Homecoming
- October 30-31 – Fall Family Weekend
- November 2 - 18 – Spring 2016 Registration
- November 25-29 – Thanksgiving Break
- December 7-11 – Final Exams

2015-16 Who's Who recipients

Congratulations to the following juniors and seniors who have been selected by faculty and staff for inclusion in the 2015-16 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.

Holly Blackburn
Amber Bryant
JoCarol Bunch
Seth Burnette
Matthew Chestnut
Kylie Davis
Kathryn Dishion
Erin Dorn
Aaron Eaves
Taylor Gaddis
Makayla Gish
Connor Goodwin
Blair Hu
Dylan Jeffery

Breanna Jones
Lydia Kaminski
Griffin Kelley
Jordan Key
Heather Lacy
Seth Lasher
Elizabeth Martell
Rhiannon Moore
Michael Mosby
Logan O'Bryan
Kaci Ovelgoenner
Daphne Parker
Claire Payne
Kaitlyn Pelletier

Monica Pentecost
Simeon Pogue
Briana Richards
Tyler Shewmaker
Emmalee Speer
Haleigh Stringer
David Thompson
Jennifer Walker-Crawford
Mackenzie Weedman
Taylor Wilson
Bria Wright
Emily Yocom

Kentucky Wesleyan Receives \$1 Million Contribution to General Scholarship Fund

Owensboro, Ky. (Sept. 15, 2015) - Kentucky Wesleyan College President Barton D. Darrell announces a gift of \$1 million to the Wesleyan General Scholarship Fund from George and Gertrude Greenwell of Owensboro in memory of their son, Howard (1955 - 1992). In recognition of the investment, the College will re-name its on-campus library the *Howard Greenwell Library & Learning Center*. The official dedication of the *Howard Greenwell Library & Learning Center* will take place on Friday, Sept. 25, at 11 a.m. in Rogers Hall at the Winchester Center, which houses the facility, on the Wesleyan campus, with the official unveiling to follow in front of the building. The public is invited to attend.

George Greenwell served as a member of the Kentucky Wesleyan Board of Trustees from 1984 to 1993, including a stint as chair of the Development Committee. He is the founder and former chairman and chief executive officer of Lincoln Service Corporation, which was acquired by U.S. Bank in 1982.

“We are so excited about the direction Kentucky Wesleyan College is headed,” remarked Greenwell. “Wesleyan’s best days are ahead, and we have chosen to be significantly invested in the College. The college has the right mission, purpose and leadership. My son, Howard, had an incredible passion for literature, and we are grateful that Kentucky Wesleyan has chosen to establish the *Howard Greenwell Library & Learning Center* in his memory and in recognition of his commitment to literature. The Greenwell family appreciates this wonderful honor.”

“Kentucky Wesleyan College is grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Greenwell for this incredible investment in the lives of Kentucky Wesleyan students. George Greenwell has been part of the Wesleyan family for many years, and we appreciate his continued support of the College, what we stand for, and what we are doing. Wesleyan will proudly honor Howard Greenwell's legacy and further promote his belief in the power of lifelong learning,” said President Barton D. Darrell.

Greenwell added, “We encourage others to also invest in Kentucky Wesleyan College. The College offers so much, not only to the students it educates, but also to our community and region, which benefits culturally and economically. The College deserves our financial support.”

With the Greenwell gift, donors have invested over \$7.5 million in the College in the last six months.

The Rogers Foundation and Kentucky Wesleyan College to Award Prestigious Scholarships

Las Vegas, Nevada (PRWEB) October 01, 2015

The Rogers Foundation has joined forces with Kentucky Wesleyan College to award over \$10 million in scholarships over the next decade to college-bound residents of Southern Nevada.

The Rogers' Fellows Scholarship will be offered to graduating seniors of the Clark County School District, who wish to attend Kentucky Wesleyan. The scholarship will cover the full cost of tuition, fees and room and board. Each award recipient will receive the scholarship for up to four full years of study. The Rogers Foundation will offer at least 12 Rogers' Fellows Scholarships annually.

“We have been watching Kentucky Wesleyan, and we now know what Jim Rogers saw,” said Rory Reid, President and COO of The Rogers Foundation. “Kentucky Wesleyan is delivering an incredible education, the life skills, and the values that are the keys to success. We want that for as many young Nevadans as possible.”

Kentucky Wesleyan offers 30 majors and 12 pre-professional programs and has a student-to-faculty ratio of 12:1. Academics are divided into four divisions: Fine Arts & Humanities, Natural Sciences & Mathematics, Professional Studies, and Social Sciences. Kentucky Wesleyan is listed in the 2016 Princeton Review “Best of the Southeast” colleges. Notably, the college is also highly ranked in the recent U.S. News & World Report survey of colleges and universities.

“Kentucky Wesleyan College is humbled and honored to have been chosen by Jim and Beverly Rogers and The Rogers Foundation as an education partner,” said Barton D. Darrell, president of Kentucky Wesleyan College, who is also an attorney and a graduate of the college. “Proudly, we have produced some of our Nation's brightest and most talented visionaries and business leaders. We look forward to some of the best and brightest from Nevada joining the Kentucky Wesleyan family.”

The Rogers Foundation, a 501(c)(3), public educational non-profit, whose motto is “transforming lives through arts and education,” provides scholarships and grants to promote innovation and opportunities in arts and education for children and students throughout Southern Nevada. The Foundation was established in 2013 by the late

philanthropist James E. Rogers, a Kentucky-born, long-time Las Vegas and his wife, education advocate Beverly Rogers.

The Rogers' Fellows applicants must first apply to Kentucky Wesleyan College and be accepted to be eligible for scholarships. Awarded funds will be distributed to students through the Kentucky Wesleyan College Financial Aid Department. Application requirements and other information are available on the [Kentucky Wesleyan Scholarships web page](#) and on The Rogers Foundation website at <http://www.TheRogers.Foundation>.

President Darrell Still Having Fun After Eventful First Year

Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer, by Keith Lawrence

Nearly 13 months after he was selected as the 34th president of Kentucky Wesleyan College, Barton Darrell is still having fun.

"I love this campus," the 54-year-old attorney turned educator said Thursday. "I grew up here. I try to walk the campus at least twice a day and talk to students -- because I want to, not because I should. If I can, I try to meet with every prospective student who visits the campus and their parents."

A lot has been happening on the 55-acre campus at the corner of Frederica Street and Scherm Road since Darrell assumed the presidency of the 157-year-old college on Sept. 16, 2014.

And Thursday was a particularly exciting day for Darrell.

The Las Vegas-based Rogers Foundation announced that it will award more than \$10 million in four-year, full-ride scholarships over the next decade for graduating seniors in Clark County, Nevada, to attend KWC.

Darrell called the announcement a "game changer" for the college.

"This puts Owensboro more on the national map," he said. "We'll be seeing an infusion of people and interest in Kentucky Wesleyan and in Owensboro."

Darrell had made several trips to Las Vegas over the past two years, working to secure the partnership with the foundation.

The past year has seen approximately \$7.5 million in gifts and bequests to the college.

The largest was a \$4-million bequest from Elizabeth Luellen Pyles, a Kentucky Wesleyan College alumna and former board member.

And KWC renamed its library the Howard Greenwell Library & Learning Center in recognition of a \$1 million gift to the school from George and Gertrude Greenwell of Owensboro.

The college's Kendall Hall had been closed for a couple of years because of declining enrollment.

But with enrollment growing again to more than 700 students, the residence hall reopened in August after a \$3.75 million face-lift.

KWC has received a lot of honors from national publications and websites this year. U.S. News & World Report recently named it the 27th Best Regional College in the South.

It was ranked at No. 78 in Great Value Colleges' 100 Most Affordable Small Colleges East of the Mississippi survey.

Other awards include being ranked in the Top 50 in the Nation, Best Baccalaureate Colleges; Top 35 in the South, Best Regional Colleges; first in the state in Commonwealth by accounting students on CPA exam scores; third in the state in pass rate by accounting students on CPA exam; Best Online Bachelor's Degree Institution; and Best in the Southeast Colleges.

Those honors, Darrell said, are achieved because of the college's culture. "There is no successful college or business that doesn't have a successful culture," he said. "We absolutely believe in what we do and we've learned to communicate it better. Our faculty is so focused on our students. That's why we get some of the scores we get."

Darrell said "corporate America" is telling colleges that graduates need to have more "soft skills" -- things like communication, teamwork and adaptability. Freshmen at KWC now get evaluated on those skills during the school year, he said. Darrell is also pushing for more civic involvement between the students and the community.

HOMECOMING IS AROUND THE CORNER!

Kentucky Wesleyan will celebrate Homecoming on October 23 and 24. [Check out the schedule here.](#) We would love to celebrate with you! To register for any of these events, please click [here](#).

INVEST IN OUR STUDENTS

Did you know that more than 98% of students at Kentucky Wesleyan College receive financial aid directly from the institution to help them pursue their degrees? Parents are welcome to invest in the next generation of Wesleyan alumni. Any gift made to

Kentucky Wesleyan, no matter the size, helps students maximize their learning opportunities. To give now, click [here](#).

Wesleyan's Office of Advancement recently introduced the President's Circle, a new giving society designed to recognize those who contribute \$1,000 or more to the institution in a given year. Learn more about the President's Circle [here](#).

Become a Champion at Kentucky Wesleyan College: A Conversation with Dr. Angelos M. Stergiou M.D., '97



On a recent visit to Kentucky Wesleyan College, Dr. Angelos M. Stergiou M.D., a 1997 graduate of the College, sat down with us and told of his experience at Kentucky Wesleyan and how that has helped him in his career.

Dr. Stergiou graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan with a degree in Pre-Medicine and Biology and a minor in Chemistry. He is now the Founder, CEO and Chairman of Sellas Life Sciences Group with Offices in Zug, Switzerland and New York.

[Click here](#) to see the video.

Kentucky Wesleyan to Host Ellie Magnuson Lecture on 'Doyle, Sherlock, and Forensics'

Owensboro, Ky. (Oct. 11, 2015) - Kentucky Wesleyan College will host the Ellie Magnuson Lecture in Literature and Science at 7:30 pm, Monday, Oct. 19, in Rogers Hall at the Winchester Center. Professor Emeritus of English Dr. John Combs will speak on "Doyle, Sherlock, and Forensics." The event is free and open to the public. Dr. Combs holds a Ph.D. in English from the University of Texas, an M.A. in English from Texas A & M, a B.D. in Theology from Southern Methodist University and a B.A. in Speech from Southwestern Oklahoma University. He served 32 years as a full-time professor and 10 years as an adjunct professor at Wesleyan, where he taught British Literature, British Survey courses and literature from 1660 to the present. He was honored as the Outstanding Professor in 1985 and was recognized with the President's Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership in 1992.

The Ellie Magnuson Lectures in Literature and Science honor the memory of Ellie Magnuson (1937-1989), a medical technologist with a passion for English literature, history and travel.

“COACHES’ WIVES” DOCUMENTARY TO SCREEN AT KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE

Owensboro, Ky. (Oct. 15, 2015) – Kentucky Wesleyan College will host a public screening of “Coaches’ Wives,” a new documentary film about the unsung heroes of sports, the wives of coaches, as part of Homecoming festivities on Friday, Oct. 23, at 8 p.m. in Rogers Hall at the Winchester Center.

A brief Q&A with the filmmakers will follow the screenings.

Meo Stansbury (Texas A&M), Jeanie Buss (Los Angeles Lakers), Kathy Auriemma (University of Connecticut) and Mindy Rice (UNLV) headline the feature-length film.

The film chronicles both the joys and struggles of being married to a coach. Producer/Director Jonathan Moore (son of a coach’s wife) exposes coaches’ wives as the most unsung heroes in modern sports. Often charged with managing the household and raising children while her husband spends long hours away, the coach’s wife is the backbone of the family and team. With her family always in the public eye, she is responsible for bringing normalcy to an often chaotic and confusing lifestyle.

Jonathan Moore, is a 1992 graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College, where he was a mass communication major and a member of the basketball team. “It’s an honor to bring the film to both my alma mater, Kentucky Wesleyan College, and my hometown of Campbellsville,” said Moore. “We look forward to showing it to friends and family, and we hope everyone will enjoy learning about these amazing women.”

In addition to the above-mentioned names, the film also includes numerous coaches’ wives at the middle school, high school and small college level.

If any members of the press would like to view the full film prior to the screening, a password-protected link or DVD can be provided. The film will be released for online purchase in January.

An extended video trailer/teaser of the film can be viewed at: CoachesWivesDoc.com

Additionally, the film has a Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/CoachesWivesDoc>, and a Twitter page, and @CoachesWivesDoc

“Coaches’ Wives” was produced by 33 Films. In addition to Jonathan Moore, the film was also produced and directed by his wife, Karen Moore, who served as editor. Kyo Edmondson was the director of photography.

Jonathan Moore is an associate professor of cinema arts at Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, Calif., and an independent filmmaker. Karen Moore is associate director and editor of “Last Call with Carson Daly” on NBC.

Kentucky Wesleyan Professor Kevin Callihan to Play Brass Recital



Owensboro, Ky. (October 11, 2015) – Kentucky Wesleyan Professor Kevin Callihan will present a trombone and euphonium recital at the Kentucky Wesleyan College Tapscott Chapel on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 11 a.m. in conjunction with the College’s Homecoming Weekend. Callihan is the new assistant director of bands and assistant professor of low brass at Wesleyan. He will perform works by David, Guilmant, Curnow and Sparke. Diane Earle is pianist. The program is free and open to the public.

Professor Callihan was the band director at Apollo High School, where he coordinated the program and conducted numerous ensembles and bands. His concert bands received All Distinguished ratings at the regional and state levels, performing Grade V and VI literature. He will assist with coordinating and directing the highly successful instrumental program, and he will conduct the wind ensemble and symphonic band with Professor Steven Pederson. He will also teach composition and orchestration, applied trombone, tuba and euphonium. Previously, he served as director of bands at Apollo High School where he coordinated the program and conducted numerous ensembles and bands. His concert bands received All Distinguished ratings at the regional and state levels, performing Grade V and VI literature.

Wesleyan Director of Bands Steven Pederson remarked, “Kevin Callihan is an experienced and accomplished teacher, conductor and performer, and we are thrilled that he has joined our music faculty. He will continue to build on the College’s strong commitment to a successful and fast-growing college band program. In addition to our band and strings programs, the Wesleyan Music Department includes two highly acclaimed choirs and the outstanding Panther Pianists.”

According to Professor Pederson, in his fifth year at Kentucky Wesleyan, a total of 70 students take part in the Wesleyan instrumental program. The program includes the wind ensemble and honors wind ensemble, concert band, pep band, jazz band, competitive drumline and strings. Several area directors and high school musicians perform with the wind ensemble, in addition to Wesleyan faculty and staff, including Academic Dean Dr. Paula Dehn, who plays French horn.

“I’m very excited to join the Kentucky Wesleyan music faculty,” said Callihan. “I look forward to the continued exceptional growth of our instrumental program here at Wesleyan and to the strong connections with our outstanding local and regional school band programs. This is a great time to live in Owensboro and be a part of Kentucky Wesleyan College.”

An Ashland, Ky., native, Professor Callihan earned an M.M. degree in Music Performance and an M.M.E. degree in Music Education with an emphasis in instrumental conducting (Summa Cum Laude) from Northwestern University and a B.M.E. degree (Summa Cum Laude and Valedictorian) in Music Education from Morehead State University. As a performer, he has appeared with numerous bands and orchestras, including the Northwestern University Symphonic Wind Ensemble, the Evansville Symphonic Band, the River Brass Band, the Sousa International Band and the Owensboro Symphony Orchestra. His wife, Kaitlyn, an accomplished professional clarinetist, is the band director at Owensboro Middle School, South Campus.

Dr. Robert McIver to Conduct Kentucky Wesleyan Choir Reunion with Settle Memorial Choir



Owensboro, Ky. (Oct. 6, 2015) - Kentucky Wesleyan College's Homecoming Weekend will feature a special choir reunion at Settle Memorial United Methodist Church on Sunday, Oct. 25, at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services.

Dr. Robert McIver, professor of music at Kentucky Wesleyan from 1981-1997, will return to conduct choir alumni and the current Kentucky Wesleyan Singers, joined by the Settle Memorial United Methodist Church Sanctuary Choir. This mass choir will perform three anthems composed by McIver. Dr. Bradley Naylor, director of choral activities at Wesleyan, will also conduct. Wesleyan Artist in Residence and Settle Music Director Dr. Diane Earle is coordinating the weekend.

McIver was professor of voice at Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y., from 1997 until his May 2015 retirement. He will also conduct a master class for Kentucky Wesleyan voice majors. The Settle services are free and open to the public.

Kentucky Wesleyan College Offers Travel Opportunity in Cuba

Owensboro, Ky. (Sept. 30, 2015) - Kentucky Wesleyan College is offering a travel course, International Studies in Cuba, from Saturday, Feb. 27 to Saturday, March 5, 2016. Participants will explore the island, its history and culture and get to know the people of Cuba while visiting Havana and the Pinar del Rio region, historic and UNESCO sites, art studios, museums, the University of Havana, gardens, Ernest Hemingway locations and many other places of interest. "This is an ideal way to beat the late winter blues while enjoying and learning about the captivating culture of our tropical neighbors," said Dr. Ken Ayers. "Our previous tours to Cuba have been enthusiastically received, and we anticipate that this tour will fill quickly."

The course is open to the public as a credit or as an audit, and the deadline for reserving space is Oct. 15. View details of the trip at www.cubaexplorer.com/tours/kak. For more information, contact Dr. Ken Ayers, Division Chair of Social Sciences at Kentucky Wesleyan College, at 270-485-6226 or kenay@kwc.edu.

SOFTBALL ACHIEVES THE 19TH-BEST GRADE POINT AVERAGE IN NCAA DIVISION II

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Oct. 7, 2015) — The Kentucky Wesleyan College softball team achieved the 19th highest grade point average with a 3.43 among 291 NCAA Division II institutions during the 2015 season, according to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

The Panthers accomplishment was also the highest in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference.

Nine of the 12 student-athletes posted 3.0 or better gpa's with six surpassing 3.5 to earn All-America Scholar-Athlete recognition. They were:

Ashley Crooke, a senior third baseman from Henderson, Ky. (Henderson County HS), graduated with a 3.643 grade point average in exercise science.

Courtney Lockwood, a freshman from Indianapolis (Southport HS), posted a 3.875 gpa in mathematics.

Kaci Ovelgoenner, a junior catcher from Troy, Ill. (Triad HS), registered a 4.0 gpa in middle grades education.

Amber Pendergraft, a senior second baseman from Henderson, Ky. (Henderson County HS), graduated with a 3.605 gpa in psychology.

Josalyn Ress, a senior right-handed pitcher from Tell City, Ind. (Tell City HS), graduated with a 4.0 gpa in elementary education.

Mackenzie Weedman, a junior from Owensboro (Apollo HS), totaled a 3.750 in elementary education.

The six marks the second largest honorees in Kentucky Wesleyan softball history. Seven were named in 2014.

Adelphi University led Division II with an accumulated 3.72 gpa.

KATHRYN DISHION NAMED GREAT MIDWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Senior goalie collects two shutouts

GREENWOOD, Ind. (Oct. 5, 2015) — Kentucky Wesleyan senior goalkeeper Kate Dishion was named the fifth Great Midwest Athletic Conference Women's Soccer Athlete of the Week for the fall on Monday.

Dishion played 180 minutes of shutout soccer while tending net for the Panthers as they combined to blank Trevecca Nazarene and Brescia this past week.

KWC's defense withstood 19 shots fired off by TNU as the Panthers scored the game's lone goal late in the second half.

The native of Lexington, KY (Henry Clay HS) was the stopper, making 13 saves against the Trojans while TNU had just one shot in the final 12 minutes of regulation.

Against Brescia in a battle for the Mayor's Cup in the city of Owensboro, Dishion was credited with one save as the offense picked up the slack with a 4-0 decisive win.

The Panthers are 5-3-0 overall while currently sitting in third in the G-MAC standings at 4-3-0.

DIANA HUNTER NAMED WOMEN'S TENNIS COACH

AT KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE

Former Owensboro and Daviess County High Schools tennis coach returns to her alma mater

OWENSBORO, Ky. (Oct. 1, 2015) — Former Owensboro and Daviess County High Schools tennis coach Diana Hunter returns to her alma mater as Kentucky Wesleyan

College's head women's tennis coach, according to new Director of Athletics Rob Mallory.

"We are thrilled to announce Diana Hunter as our new head coach of the women's tennis program," said Mallory. "Her energy and enthusiasm are exactly what the program needs at this time.

"As a long-time coach and educator in Owensboro, Diana has an outstanding reputation for mentoring students and preparing them for success in all aspects of life."

Hunter most recently spent one season at Daviess County as the girls and boys coach. Prior to DCHS, she served 10 seasons at Owensboro as the girls coach plus four seasons as the boys coach.

"This opportunity to return to my alma mater means I have come full-circle," Hunter stated. "This is the place where I started as a student-athlete and now returning home as the head coach.

"I will take my experiences and pass it on to our tennis scholar-athletes. I want to better their skill set in tennis but at the same time help them become successful students and adults just like Kentucky Wesleyan College did for me many years ago."

Mallory added, "As an alumnae and former four-sport athlete at Kentucky Wesleyan, Diana understands the rich and unique tradition of Panther athletics and will serve as a tremendous example for our tennis scholar-athletes."

Hunter started for four years on the basketball and softball teams plus two seasons on the tennis and volleyball squads.

She graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan in 1983 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Hunter earned her masters of arts in guidance counseling from Western Kentucky University in 1996 and her Rank I in 1997.