



Parent Newsletter

Happy February! Our students are experiencing a relatively mild winter with only a few days of extremely cold temperatures mixed with snow and ice. Students have adapted well and are nearing mid-semester as they prepare for exams and term papers. Several have expressed how much they are already looking forward to Spring Break!

This week we completed our 2nd round of KW Idol which will continue through February 23rd. The Spring 2016 semester is off to a great start!!

President's List – 4.0 GPA

Each semester, President Bart Darrell recognizes students who earn a perfect 4.0 grade point average by naming them to the Presidents List. Congratulations to these 62 students for their achievement!

Tristen Baggaly – Beaver Dam, KY
Tristan Bidwell – Owensboro, KY
Nathan Black – Punta Gorda, FL
Jameka Braden – Shelbyville, TN
Maci Brown – Henderson, KY
Mary Brown – Owensboro, KY
Amber Bryant – Owensboro, KY
Seth Burnette – Henderson, KY
Alexandra Cauley – Owensboro, KY
Jessica Collins – Richland, IN
Lauren Connor – Owensboro, KY
Erin Dorn – Kettering, OH
Aaron Eaves – Powderly, KY
Eli Ellis – Calhoun, KY
Marcus Fillyaw – Topeka, KS
Thomas Free – Livermore, KY
Arielle Geary – Fordsville, KY
Sydney Goff – Boaz, KY
Megan Grace – Greenville, KY
Lauren Gray – Owensboro, KY
Mikalah Greer – Vienna, IL
Olivia Greer – Owensboro, KY
Mackenzie Harness – Eureka, MO
Ashlea Holt – Princeton, KY
Jessie Howard – Owensboro, KY

Brittany Johnston – Evansville, IN
Armel Kitenge – CONGO
Heather Lacy – Owensboro, KY
Zachary Lake – Owensboro, KY
Tara Leachman – Owensboro, KY
Sydney Leisure – Hartford, KY
Heather Logsdon – Falls of Rough, KY
Jessica Maddox – Owensboro, KY
Jacob Marcum – LaGrange, KY
RaKara McDowell – Marion, KY
Michaela Melton – Central City, KY
Brittany Murphy – Owensboro, KY
Logan O'Bryan – Philpot, KY
Kaci Ovelgoenner – Troy, IL
Matthew Owen – Utica, KY
Nathan Payne – Beaver Dam, KY
Monica Pentecost – Greenville, KY
Hannah Pierce – Louisville, KY
Michaela Priddy – Clarkson, KY
Seth Reed – Owensboro, KY
Addie Reibold – Ft. Wayne, IN
Corey Richardson – Lewisport, KY
Colleen Richling – Hawesville, KY
Aaron Rosenhamer – Henderson, KY
Cessili Ross – Maceo, KY

Patrick Ruby – Maceo, KY
Tyler Shewmaker – Corydon, IN
Casey Smith – Fisherville, KY
Haleigh Stringer – Sacramento, KY
Shelby Tennant – Middletown, DE
Brooklyn Thompson – Owensboro,

Rebekah Tivitt – Hardinsburg, KY
Brett Torline – Melbourne, KY
Anna Walker – Owensboro, KY
Shelby Watt – Bowling Green, KY
Karisa Winters – Central City, KY
Emily Yocom – Burlington, KY

Congratulations to Fall 2015 Dean's List!

Our Academic Dean, Dr. Paula Dehn, and the entire KWC community celebrate high achieving students each semester by awarding Dean's List status to full-time students who achieve a 3.5 or higher GPA.

Congrats to the following 119 students who achieved Dean's List status for Fall 2015!

Kirk Aldridge – Lewisport, KY
Zachary Allen – London, KY
Stuart Angus – Lexington, KY
Taylor Austin – Louisville, KY
Cassandra Baggett – Greenville, KY
Ryan Bailey – Pawnee, IL
Tyler Banken – Corydon, KY
David Baxter – Graham, KY
Audrey Baysinger – Mooresville, IN
Sarah Bazemore – Owensboro, KY
Katelyn Beard – Utica, KY
Victoria Beeler – Palmetto, FL
Katie Bell – Owensboro, KY
Vasco Billberry – Terre Haute, IN
Holly Blackburn – Sturgis, KY
Allison Bolin – Owensboro, KY
Brenda Boyken – Calhoun, KY
Chase Bright – Gilbertsville, KY
Griffin Brixey – Lexington, KY
Adam Brown – Madisonv, AL
Sarah Browning – Owensboro, KY
JoCarol Bunch – Owensboro, KY
Leslie Burns – Owensboro, KY
David Cambron – Whitesville, KY
Dominique Caminos – Katy, TX
Seth Campbell – Old Hickory, TN
Matthew Chestnut – Yulee, FL
Blake Cobb – Boonville, IN
Gene Cole – Owensboro, KY
Chance Cornett – Pippa Passes, KY
Kayce Dallas – Henderson, KY
Meredith Daunhauer – Evansville, IN

Anthony Davis – Owensboro, KY
Emily Davis – Owensboro, KY
Kate Dishion – Lexington, KY
Codie Drake – Grand Ledge, MI
Andrea Elder – Owensboro, KY
Taylor Gaddis – Owensboro, KY
Morgan Gibbs – Owensboro, KY
Courtney Gibson – Owensboro, KY
Makayla Gish – Owensboro, KY
Kiah Gledhill – Hartford, KY
Elizabeth Gober – Mascoutah, IL
Elizabeth Gordon – Owensboro, KY
Autumn Grady – Owensboro, KY
Kaitlyn Groce – Bargersville, IN
Breigh Haase- Evanston, IN
Nicole Hannah – York, SC
Dylan Heifner – Owensboro, KY
Shala Heppler – Henderson, KY
Grey Hofmann – Owensboro, KY
Dylan Jeffery – Zebulon, GA
Tyler Jewell – Owensboro, KY
Caeza Johnson – Owensboro, KY
Breanna Jones – Owensboro, KY
Mitchell Jones – Ft. Thomas, KY
Rykan Jones – Owensboro, KY
Rachel Keeley – Owensboro, KY
Courtney Lasley – Brandenburg, KY
Katie Laughlin – Louisville, KY
Christine Lawrence – Coloma, MI
Caitlyn Lawson – Lewisport, KY
Aryanne Leishman – Owensboro, KY
Taryn Lewis – Owensboro, KY

Samantha Marksbury – Boonville, IN
Grace Martinez – Wellford, SC
Colton Masterson – Hardinsburg, KY
Peniel Mboma – CONGO
Christopher McCarthy – Owensboro, KY
Hunter McCarty – Owensboro, KY
De’Vante McFarland – Hopkinsville, KY
Michael McGee – Crestwood, KY
Lane McHatton – Calhoun, KY
Katie Miller – Lancaster, OH
Delaney Mixer – Grove City, OH
Rhiannon Moore – Waynesville, MO
Sydney Morabito – Louisville, KY
Michael Mosby – Lewisport, KY
Jacob Nanney – Philpot, KY
Kayla Norris – Owensboro, KY
Troy Paris – Owensboro, KY
Nathaniel Parsley – Rockport, IN
Claire Payne – Owensboro, KY
Bronson Pearl – Owensboro, KY
Kaitlyn Pelletier – Webster, NY
Simeon Pogue – Grandview, IN
Jonathan Poland – Owensboro, KY
Michael Polio – Owensboro, KY
Matthew Quattrocchi – Lewisport, KY

Briana Richards – Reynolds Station, KY
Danica Richardson – Lewisport, KY
Jordan Roberts – Owensboro, KY

McKenna Roden – Owensboro, KY
Isabelle Roth – Hillsboro, MO
Archie Rowe – Owensboro, KY
Travis Rowland – Owensboro, KY
Madeline Ramage – Whitesville, KY
Will Schaefer – Belleville, IL
Azura Sinnett – Henderson, KY
Nathan Solomon – Calvert City, KY
Houston Sparkman – Louisville, KY
Adam Stanford – Fontana, CA
Elissa Starheim – Owensboro, KY
Nate Stemle – New Albany, IN
Sarah Swenson – Louisville, KY
Rebecca Thwaites – Owensboro, KY
Ellen Tichenor – Madisonville, KY
Morgan Uebelacker – Leitchfield, KY
Alex Velez – Philpot, KY
Nicole Venema – Mattawan, MI
Frank Virgilio – San Diego, CA
Jennifer Walker-Crawford – Warsaw, IN
Tyler Walsh – Alexandria, KY
Branden Webb – Owensboro, KY
Mackenzie Weedman – Owensboro, KY
Jonah White – Louisville, KY
Marley Williams – Versailles, KY
Adam Winkler – Concord, NC
Bria Wright – Indianapolis, IN

Wesleyan Sophomores Volunteer with Give Kids the World Village



Twelve Kentucky Wesleyan sophomores, accompanied by Sophomore Experience Director Rebecca McQueen and Alumni Director Matt Ruark, spent 4 days in late Dec.

volunteering at Give the Kids the World Village in Kissimmee, Fla. The non-profit 70-acre resort provides cost-free vacations for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families. Founded by Holocaust survivor Henri Landwirth, Give Kids the World offers accommodations, entertainment and fun for children with special needs. Rebecca McQueen said, "We expected our trip to be depressing and sad, but it was truly just the opposite. It is a very inspiring experience." The Wesleyan participants volunteered in many capacities at the Gingerbread House Dining Hall, the La-Ti-Da Spa, the Pirate and Princesses Party and served as train conductors.

Kentucky Wesleyan to host Black History Month Celebration with former NBA player

Owensboro, Ky. (Feb. 10, 2016) – Former Seattle Supersonics player Cory Blackwell of Los Angeles will speak at the College's annual Black History Month Celebration on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. in Rogers Hall at the Winchester Center. He is the father of C. J. Blackwell, a Wesleyan senior and Panther basketball player. Cory Blackwell attended the University of Wisconsin – Madison, where he played basketball and was a three-time All American. He also has a bachelor's degree from the International School of Christian Ministry in Los Angeles. A motivational speaker and minister, he has conducted seminars and taught thousands as a life coach. The event is free and open to the public.

Kentucky Wesleyan announces new scholarships for aspiring teachers

Owensboro, Ky. (Dec. 7, 2015) – Kentucky Wesleyan College announces the addition of six new scholarships for aspiring teachers for the Fall 2016 entering class. The Pyles Scholarships are made possible through the generosity of Luellen Pyles, a 1944 graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan, who taught English and Spanish in Ohio and Kentucky public schools from 1944 – 1953. Pyles, a Mayville resident who passed away in December 2014, was a longtime college trustee whose bequest of over \$4 million is one of the largest estate gifts in the College's history.

Potential Pyles Scholars will be interviewed on Feb. 20, 2016, which is also Teacher Education Day and Performing Arts Day for prospective students. According to Dr. Leah Hoover, co-chair of the Professional Studies Division and assistant professor of education, Wesleyan education graduates are highly sought for employment by regional and state public and private schools.

Wesleyan Alum Leads Local Water Relief Effort for Flint, MI

As the city of Flint, MI began experiencing a major contaminated water issue, Wesleyan alumna LuAnn Brown-Randolph decided to begin collecting bottled water for the distressed city. Our Kentucky Wesleyan College community heard about her effort and contacted her about taking part and began collecting water over the next three days.

This resulted in over 150 cases of water donated by Wesleyan faculty, staff and students. Along with other donations from Owensboro and Ohio County, LuAnn delivered the donated water to Flint on Saturday, Feb. 6. A total of 4800 liters or 1268 gallons of water were donated by the Owensboro community.

“A water resource official said this was one of the largest donations he’s seen from a single community that wasn’t affiliated with a nationally recognized charity,” said LuAnn. “I want to let them know, we see them and we care, all the way in Owensboro Kentucky.”

Kentucky Wesleyan College Wind Ensemble to present concert

Owensboro, Ky. (Feb. 10, 2016) - The Kentucky Wesleyan College Wind Ensemble will present a concert on Sunday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m. at the Owensboro Convention Center. Steven A. Pederson, Kevin Callihan, and DuWayne Dale will conduct the ensemble. Kevin Callihan will also perform as a euphonium soloist. This 90-member group will feature traditional and contemporary works for the wind band by Holst, Reed, Bernstein, Puccini, Grainger and Fucik. This concert is open to the public and free of charge.

Music Department to present “Dido and Aeneas” Opera

The Kentucky Wesleyan College's Music Department will present Henry Purcell and Nahum Tate's operatic masterpiece, "Dido and Aeneas," on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m., in Rogers Hall at the Winchester Center. The semi-staged performance features the Kentucky Wesleyan Singers and soloists in their portrayal of the ill-fated romance of Dido, played by Sarah-Nell Hibbs, and Aeneas, played by Jonathan Poland. Other cast members include Heather Lacy as Belinda and Nicole Hannah as the Sorceress. Dr. Bradley Naylor will conduct, and Dr. Diane Earle will accompany the singers. A fundraiser for the choral program, the performance's ticket proceeds will support the continued music making of the Kentucky Wesleyan College's excellent choral students. Tickets are available at the door; \$10 for adults and \$5 for students with an ID. The public is invited to attend.

Kentucky Wesleyan Center for Business Studies reaccredited by international agency

Owensboro, Ky. (Jan. 11, 2016) - Kentucky Wesleyan College is pleased to announce that the Board of Commissioners of the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) has granted reaffirmation of accreditation of the business and management programs offered through its Center for Business Studies. The IACBE is recognized by the highly regarded Board of Directors of the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), a private, nonprofit agency that sets standards for accrediting body recognition.

The IACBE was founded in 1997, and Kentucky Wesleyan was initially accredited in 2005, according to Associate Professor Business Dr. Leslie Korb.

The Center for Business Studies at Wesleyan undertook a rigorous self-evaluation, a comprehensive, independent peer review and has demonstrated compliance with the following accreditation principles of the IACBE:

1. Outcomes Assessment
2. Strategic Planning
3. Curriculum
4. Faculty
5. Scholarly and Professional Activities
6. Resources
7. Internal and External Relationships
8. International Business Education
9. Educational Innovation

In addition, the Center for Business Studies has demonstrated a commitment to continuous improvement, excellence in business education, and advancing academic quality in its business programs and operations.

Dr. Korb remarked, “This accreditation is valuable to Kentucky Wesleyan and to the City of Owensboro because IACBE accreditation is international in scope and focuses on student learning outcomes and quality improvement. The CHEA recognition is significant, as not all accrediting bodies apply to or are recognized by the CHEA, which is known for its impeccable standards. This accreditation provides valuable information about our students’ undergraduate preparation at Wesleyan when they apply to graduate business programs.”

“Kentucky Wesleyan has a rich history of producing innovative and highly successful business persons, accountants and entrepreneurs who have local, national and international impacts,” said President Barton Darrell. “This reaffirmation underscores the high quality of the instruction, the student opportunities for hands-on learning, and the decades of success by our business graduates. Selfishly, as a Business Administration graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan, I am proud and am reminded of what a great education I received.”

Vice President of the College and Dean of Academic Affairs Dr. Paula Dehn said, “I am pleased, but not surprised, by this announcement. Our business program has superior outcomes. For example, our accounting students outscored every other college and university in the state on the certified public accountant exam in 2014, and in addition to the No. 1 ranking, Kentucky Wesleyan students were third in the state for pass rate, with a higher pass rate than any state university in Kentucky.”

Taylor Edge, a 2014 Kentucky Wesleyan graduate of the accounting program, is a Staff II Accountant in the Audit and Assurance Services Division at Riney Hancock CPAs PSC in Owensboro. Edge remarked, “The education I received from Kentucky Wesleyan College and the Center for Business Studies prepared me not only for a degree in accounting, but for life and a career after graduation. My extraordinary professors took

my success personally, and the skills and lessons I learned from them helped guide me through the rigorous pursuit of my CPA. I am thrilled that an outside entity reaffirmed the accreditation of the Center for Business Studies. This is a great example of The Wesleyan Way, and I am honored to be an alumna.”

The International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) was founded in 1997 and is nationally-recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The IACBE is the leader in mission-driven and outcomes-based programmatic accreditation in business and management education for student-centered colleges, universities and other higher education institutions throughout the world. The IACBE has hundreds of member institutions and campuses worldwide, and has accredited over 1,200 business and business-related programs in the United States, Europe, Asia, the Middle East, Central America and South America.

Record-setting December for Kentucky Wesleyan

Year-end efforts generate 603 gifts totaling \$268,287

Owensboro, Ky. (Jan. 7 2015) - 2015 was a banner year for fundraising at Kentucky Wesleyan College in many ways, and the year ended with a bang. Vice President for Advancement Tom Keith announced the school generated \$268,287 in cash contributions for the month of December, which included a one-day total of over \$113,000 on the first day of the month through Wesleyan’s inaugural participation in the worldwide *Giving Tuesday* effort.

“I’d like to thank our alumni and friends who so generously thought of us during the holiday season, as well as throughout 2015. The spirit of giving is alive and well at Kentucky Wesleyan, but we’re just getting started,” said Keith.

Cash gifts to the college for the first seven months of the fiscal year, as of Dec. 31, totaled \$1.19 million, nearly double the \$620,169 total as of Dec. 31, 2015. The total number of gifts also increased by 260. Another \$3.28 million hit the books through various payouts from the estate gift of the late E. Luellen Pyles, which the school announced last April.

The President’s Circle initiative, which recognizes individuals and organizations who contribute \$1,000 or more on an annual basis, has grown to 183 members since its launch in June, already exceeding the total number of donors at that level for the previous twelve months. The College’s fiscal year ends May 31.

Keith added, “Our staff has worked extremely hard to thank our contributors, create easy ways to engage our alumni and friends, and celebrate our success stories. We look forward to even greater successes as we move into 2016.”

To join the President’s Circle or find out more about ways to get involved with Kentucky Wesleyan College, visit www.kwc.edu.

Kentucky Wesleyan raises more than \$50,000 through Phonathon program

Donations increased by 14 percent

Owensboro, Ky. (Dec. 22, 2015) – Student callers secured more than \$50,000 this semester during Kentucky Wesleyan College’s annual Phonathon effort, where constituents of the College are contacted each fall to pledge financial support. On average, donors increased the amount of their last investment by 14 percent.

M. Blake Harrison, director of development and donor relations, praised the dedication of the student callers. The Phonathon staff worked long nights and some weekends over a six-week period.

“I couldn’t be more pleased with our callers’ efforts and results,” Harrison said. “They dedicated themselves to the task and truly connected with our alumni and friends.”

Ft. Thomas freshman Mitchell Jones, a Wesleyan baseball player, was responsible for 75 percent of the money raised. He welcomed 12 new investors into the President’s Circle, which is reserved for those who contribute \$1,000 or more in the fiscal year.

“Mitchell just got the job done, period,” Harrison said. “He is sincere in his discussions and uses his own experiences for talking points – he doesn’t need a script.”

Seventy-five Phonathon gifts came from investors who hadn’t made a gift in at least 12 months, including several alumni who hadn’t given for 20-25 years.

Tom Keith, vice president for advancement, said it’s no coincidence alumni and friends are jumping back into the fold.

“Kentucky Wesleyan is on an upward trajectory,” Keith said. “President Bart Darrell’s leadership and passion for the institution is infectious, and it’s no surprise people are coming out of the woodwork to re-engage with us.”

Kentucky Wesleyan Office of Advancement recognized for statewide excellence

Earns six awards at 2015 CASE Kentucky conference

Owensboro, Ky. (Dec. 14, 2015) - Kentucky Wesleyan College’s Office of Advancement earned six awards at last week’s annual conference in Lexington for the Kentucky chapter of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), the professional organization for educational professionals in the areas of development, alumni relations, public relations and marketing.

Wesleyan garnered five awards for outstanding achievement in the following divisions:

Electronic and Digital Media

The top honor of GRAND AWARD for the fundraising video, “Thanks for Giving”
SPECIAL MERIT for the marketing/branding video, “Homecoming 2014 Recap”

Print and Digital Publications

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE in the category of Magazine/Tabloid Improvement, for the Summer 2015 edition of “Kentucky Wesleyan Magazine”

Graphic Design

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE in the category of Single-Page Publication, for the 2014 “There’s No Place Like Homecoming” piece

SPECIAL MERIT in the category of Photography-Series, for the “Winchester Picnic 2014” commemorative photo album

In addition, Advancement Coordinator Jenna Brashear was awarded the *Newcomer to CASE District III Scholarship* for 2015, which will allow her to attend the district’s annual conference in Nashville this coming February.

“I am extremely proud of the hard work and professionalism our staff exhibits each and every day to propel Kentucky Wesleyan forward,” said Tom Keith, the school’s vice president for advancement. “We appreciate being recognized by our peers throughout the Commonwealth.”

Kentucky Wesleyan College receives \$113,054 on Giving Tuesday 275 donations received: *Wesleyan Way Day of Service* included 141 volunteers

Owensboro, Ky. (Dec. 2, 2015) – Kentucky Wesleyan College realized \$113,054 in charitable gifts yesterday, its first time participating in Giving Tuesday, the worldwide charitable effort launched in 2012 and sponsored by over 30,000 organizations on the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving. The College received 275 contributions from a combination of alumni, friends, employees and students.

The fundraising effort was preceded by the inaugural *Wesleyan Way Day of Service*, which included community service projects carried out by Wesleyan students and employees. #WesleyanONE was the theme of the service day and day of giving, signifying that one volunteer and one gift can make a difference.

“We are thrilled with the response of our constituents to Day of Service and Giving Tuesday,” said Tom Keith, the school’s vice president for advancement. “To generate over \$113,000 in a 24-hour period speaks volumes for the momentum and upward trajectory of Kentucky Wesleyan College and the impact we have on the community,” he said. “Our sincerest thanks go out to all who participated, and we look forward to celebrating again this time next year.”

The *Wesleyan Way Day of Service* included 141 volunteers who provided 172 hours of community service. Fifteen separate projects were conducted, with sites including the H.L. Neblett Community Center, New Beginnings, Cravens Elementary School, Owensboro Middle School, Green River District Health Department and several projects on the Wesleyan campus. The Salvation Army, Girls Inc. and Wesleyan Heights United Methodist Church also received assistance during the day of service. Dozens of canned goods and clothing items were also collected and donated to those in need.

M. Blake Harrison, director of development and donor relations, was not surprised to see the campus community get behind the movement. “Wesleyan is a special place, and the things we strive for here are worthy pursuits,” Harrison said. “Our employees and students recognize that, and responded in a big way on Giving Tuesday.”

Giving Tuesday 2016 will take place on Nov. 29.

KEELAN COLE NAMED FIRST TEAM ALL-AMERICAN BY DON HANSEN'S FOOTBALL GAZETTE

OWENSBORO, Ky. (Feb. 16, 2016) – Kentucky Wesleyan wide receiver Keelan Cole has been chosen first team NCAA Division II All-American by Don Hansen's Football Gazette. He also received All-Super Region Four first team honors.

He earned third team Associated Press Little College All-American recognition in December.

Cole, a 6-foot-2, 175-pound, junior from Louisville (Central HS), finished No. 2 in NCAA Receiving Touchdowns—17 (*KWC Season Record*); No. 2 in NCAA Receiving Yards per game—134.5; No. 4 in NCAA Receiving Yards—1,345 (*KWC Season Record*); No. 8 in NCAA All-Purpose Yards per game—170.5; No. 8 in NCAA Scoring—11.4 points per game; and No. 11 in NCAA Receptions per game—7.3.

He also led the Panthers in scoring—114 points and touchdowns—19 (*KWC Season Record*) in starting all 11 games. Cole also scored a KWC single-game record five touchdowns vs. Louisiana College.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN MOVES UP TO NO. 15

Panthers host Davis & Elkins on Thursday and Alderson Broaddus on Saturday

OWENSBORO, Ky. (Feb. 16, 2016) — Kentucky Wesleyan moved up three spots to No. 15 in the weekly National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Division II men's Top 25 basketball poll today. The Panthers were No. 18 last week.

This marked the 346th week, a Division II record, KWC has been in the Top 25 since the rankings started in 1961.

Western Oregon remained No. 1 for the second straight week. Other Midwest Region teams ranked were No. 11 Bellarmine, No. 12 Saginaw Valley State, No. 14 Wisconsin-Parkside and No. 18 Ashland.

Kentucky Wesleyan (21-3, 7-1) hosts Great Midwest Athletic Conference foes Davis & Elkins on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. CT and Alderson Broaddus on Saturday at 3:15 for their final home games of the season.

G-MAC Pitcher of the Week
Austin Tibbs, Left-Handed Pitcher, Junior
Bowling Green, KY

Tibbs made two appearances against North Georgia, throwing a total of five innings. Despite suffering a tough-luck loss in game one of the series, the junior bounced back in shutdown form with two dominant innings to close the series.

Tibbs mowed through the Nighthawks in that outing with five strikeouts in the eight batters he faced. All of his strikeouts were batters going down swinging.

The Panthers' offense roared back from a 7-1 deficit through four innings and posted seven runs in the top of the eighth inning.

In three appearances already, Tibbs has compiled a 3.00 ERA through six innings pitched. He has struck out seven.

G-MAC Player of the Week
Jeremy Cline, Catcher, Senior
Bowling Green, KY

Batting an even .500 through the first four games of the year, Cline crushed his first home run, a solo shot, in the fourth inning of the series finale.

Cline was KWC's designated hitter in Saturday's game with a single and a stolen base.

In Sunday's start, he was 2-for-4 with the homer, a double, three runs scored and a walk.

In just four games, Cline is already 7-14 (.500) with six runs scored, two doubles and five RBI.

**Small College Basketball Announces the Creation of the
Hall of Fame and HOF Classic**

BALDWIN CITY, Kan. – Small College Basketball continues to serve its mission in promoting the best of basketball at the small college level, as it announces the creation of the Hall of Fame and the HOF Classic.

The 2016 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Ford Center in Evansville, Indiana. The Inaugural Class of 2016 will consist of 15 inductees and will be announced this summer.

The Hall of Fame Classic will take place on Friday, Nov. 18 and Saturday, Nov. 19 in Evansville, Indiana at the Ford Center. The following teams from the NCAA Division II will compete in one of the top collegiate tournaments in the country:

Friday, Nov. 18

Bellarmino vs. Alabama-Huntsville
Kentucky Wesleyan vs. Lincoln Memorial
Southern Indiana vs. Florida Southern

Saturday, Nov. 19

Lincoln Memorial vs. Alabama Huntsville
Bellarmino vs. Florida Southern
Southern Indiana vs. Kentucky Wesleyan

“We are excited to create this Classic and work with the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame to build a weekend of basketball that pays homage to the greats of the game while enjoying some great match-ups on the hardwood,” said SCB Founder John McCarthy.

"This is a monumental day for college basketball. I've been waiting for this day for a long, long time, and today we are proud to announce the creation of the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame and Hall of Fame Classic. Through the Hall of Fame and Hall of Fame Classic, we will honor our game, past and present that is played at the small college level.

“Through the years, there have been so many great players, coaches and contributors that have been involved in our game at the small college level, and through the creation of the SCB Hall of Fame, we will pay tribute to them, and recognize their accomplishments on a national scale.”

C.J. BLACKWELL CHOSEN G-MAC MEN'S BASKETBALL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Second time this season for honor

GREENWOOD, Ind. – Kentucky Wesleyan senior forward C.J. Blackwell was named the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week for 2015-16 on Monday. This marks the second time this season he has won the honor—Jan. 19. Since transferring from Loyola Marymount, this is Blackwell's third career G-MAC Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week honor after receiving one in December of 2014 and another earlier this year on Jan. 19.

The Panthers went on to compile two wins, one against conference opponent Cedarville, and another vs. Oakland City. No. 22 KWC ran its record to 19-3 overall and is still tied for first in the conference at 6-1.

This past week, he averaged 23.5 points per game and 3.5 rebounds while connecting at over 64 percent from the field (18-of-28) and nearly 62 percent (8-for-13) from beyond the arc. He also added 2.5 steals per contest.

Blackwell came shooting lights out for the Panthers in the game against the Yellow Jackets. He was 8-12 from the field and 3-6 from the three-point line, ending with 22 points in just 25 minutes of play. He also contributed five boards and hit all three free throws.

Once again, Blackwell came out guns blazing and erupted for 25 points in 28 minutes vs. Oakland City. He dialed up five makes from long distance and was 10-of-16 overall on field goals.

So far this season, Blackwell ranks 12th in the G-MAC in scoring (13.1 ppg), seventh in three-point field goal percentage (.418), fourth in three-point field goals made (2.3 avg.), eighth in steals (1.2) and eighth in field-goal percentage (.505).

KWC looks ahead to a non-conference game against Central State and later in the week will also face Trevecca Nazarene, the only team to beat KWC in conference play.

EVAN MOHR AND TROY PARIS NAMED G-MAC BASEBALL PITCHER AND PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Panthers opens with 3-0 start

GREENWOOD, Ind. (Feb. 8, 2016) — Kentucky Wesleyan senior first baseman Troy Paris and senior pitcher Evan Mohr were named as the first set of Great Midwest Athletic Conference Baseball Athletes of the Week on Monday.

The Panthers swept a season-opening three game series against Lane in Owensboro.

Paris did more than his share of damage at the plate while Mohr was a part of history by committee in a successful no-hit bid against the Dragons.

G-MAC Pitcher of the Week Evan Mohr, Senior, Pendleton, IN

Mohr was the ringleader of what turned out to be a no-hitter against Lane to start Saturday's doubleheader.

The senior righty was near perfect for four innings with the starting nod. He pitched four innings of scoreless baseball to go with five strikeouts.

Only one runner reached base (hit-by-pitch) in the first inning. He retired 10 consecutive batters after and exited the game with an 11-0 lead and the winning decision.

CRYSTAL HOPKINS CHOSEN GREAT MIDWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

GREENWOOD, Ind. (Feb. 1, 2016) – Kentucky Wesleyan junior thrower Crystal Hopkins was named the fifth Great Midwest Athletic Conference Women's Track & Field Athlete of the Week on Monday.

Hopkins re-wrote some of the young throwing records in a big way as the Panthers impressed at the Principia Relays in Illinois on Saturday.

It marked KWC's second event of the indoor season and Hopkins was one of four G-MAC women's student-athletes to provisionally qualify for the NCAA Div. II Indoor Championships over the weekend.

Hopkins, the reigning inaugural G-MAC Indoor Field Athlete of the Year, is defending her conference indoor crown in shot put.

At the Principia Relays, Hopkins provisionally qualified in that event and went on to additionally shatter the indoor G-MAC record in the weight throw.

Hopkins previously held the initial shot put conference record and bettered Cedarville's Anna Pomento's indoor-best weight throw mark.

Hopkins' effort of 13.32 meters in the shot put beat out her attempt of 12.95 meters set at the 2015 G-MAC Indoor Championships at Kenyon College. The NCAA provisional mark in shot put is 13.27 meters.

The 14.73-meter heave in the weight throw from Hopkins toppled Pimento's 13.68 meters set on Feb. 7 last year. She also improved her previous PR in the event by 1.20 meters.

Kentucky Wesleyan is scheduled to resume the indoor season this weekend at the Tiger Small College Invitational at DePauw in Indiana.

SPRINTER/JUMPER JAMES GLENN WAS NAMED THE GREAT MIDWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE MEN'S TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

GREENWOOD, Ind. (Feb. 1, 2016) – Kentucky Wesleyan freshman sprinter/jumper James Glenn was named the fifth Great Midwest Athletic Conference Men's Track & Field Athlete of the Week on Monday.

Glenn, a rising first-year performer on the KWC roster, showed his versatility on the track competed in multiple events with success on Saturday at the Principia Relays.

It marked KWC's second event of the indoor season and Glenn posted a new conference season-best indoor time in the 60-meter dash. He also tied freshman KWC teammate Dallan Goldring for the G-MAC's best height cleared this season in the high jump.

It represented Glenn's first time ever competing in the high jump at any level.

Glenn clocked a 7.04 in the 60-meter dash. He beat his own PR in the event by one hundredth of a second from his collegiate debut at the season-opening Gerry England Open (7.05).

As it currently stands, Glenn also recorded the second-best conference time this year in the 200-meter dash, blazing with an adjusted time of 22.57.

The speedster also ran the third leg of a winning 1,600-meter sprint medley relay unit and was the second leg in KWC's 3:35.81 time in the 4x400-meter relay.

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2015 FOOTBALL AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

OWENSBORO, Ky. (Jan. 26, 2016) — Kentucky Wesleyan capped off their 2015 football season with their annual awards presentation on Sunday. The award winners:

Player of the Year: All-American Keelan Cole, wide receiver, Jr., Louisville (Central HS)

Offensive Player of the Year: Dalton Oliver, quarterback, Sr., Central City, Ky. (Muhlenberg County HS)

Defensive Player of the Year: Cody Mills, linebacker, Sr., Louisville (Seneca HS)

Coaches Award: Xavier Mitchell, wide receiver, Sr., Clarksville, Tenn. (West Creek HS)

Most Improved Player Award: D'Mo Crawford, defensive tackle, So., Louisville (Ballard HS)

Rookie of the Year: Reggie White, offensive line, Jr., Chicago, (Lake Forest Academy)

Captains Award: Dalton Oliver and Cody Mills

Scholar-Athlete of the Year: Eyan Pope, defensive end, So., Clarksville, Tenn. (Clarksville HS)

Lane McHatton, defensive tackle, Jr., Calhoun, Ky. (McLean County HS)

Scout Offensive Player of the Year: Alex Gray, wide receiver, So., Madisonville, Ky. (Madisonville North Hopkins HS)

Scout Defensive Player of the Year: Martavius Carter, defensive back, So., Madisonville, Ky. (Madisonville North Hopkins HS)

The Panthers finished the season with a 5-6 record.

C.J. BLACKWELL SELECTED G-MAC MEN'S BASKETBALL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

GREENWOOD, Ind. – Kentucky Wesleyan senior forward C.J. Blackwell was named the eighth Great Midwest Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week for 2015-16 on Monday.

This is Blackwell's second career G-MAC Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week honor after receiving the same recognition in December of last year.

Blackwell, a dangerous inside/outside offensive weapon on the wing, did his part and more as the streaking Panthers compiled a pair of road conference wins (Alderson Broaddus, Davis & Elkins) in West Virginia.

He averaged 17.5 points and six rebounds in a two-game stretch that featured 60 percent shooting (12-of-20) and a scorching 8-for-12 conversion rate from beyond the arc.

Kentucky Wesleyan upped its season record to 15-2 overall in the midst of a current six-game winning trend with a league-leading 3-0 conference mark.

The Panthers were able to earn a little redemption against Alderson Broaddus with a 14-point win in Philippi on Thursday.

The last time the two teams met in Rex Pyles Arena went in favor of Alderson Broaddus with the 2015 G-MAC tournament title on the line.

Blackwell was part of a balanced scoring effort as fourth Panthers recorded double-digit totals in the box score. The senior scored 12 points and had seven rebounds in 25 minutes as both teams engaged in another defensive struggle.

He had 5-of-10 tries from the field that included a pair of triples.

Blackwell lit up Davis & Elkins on Saturday as KWC registered a convincing 88-56 win. Six of his seven made field goals were from long range and he finished with a game-high 23 points.

JORDAN JACKS CHOSEN G-MAC BASKETBALL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

GREENWOOD, Ind. (Jan. 11, 2016) — Kentucky Wesleyan junior guard Jordan Jacks was named the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week for 2015-16 on Monday.

Jacks, a 6-foot-5, 191-pound, junior from Douglasville, Ga. (Chapel Hill HS) with his offensive and defensive presences strong on the court, was at it again as the Panthers made their mark on the road to begin the G-MAC schedule.

Jacks averaged a double-double in the past week with averaging 13.5 points a game and 10.5 rebounds. He had five overall assists, averaging 2.5 per game.

KWC defeated Cedarville on the Yellow Jackets home court with Jacks scoring 18 points to secure a victory for the Panthers.

Jacks went 9-for-13 on the field increasing his field goal percentage to over 70 percent for the weekend. He was also very active on the boards, with four offensive rebounds and seven defensive.

KWC had a winning record this past week going 2-0 against Cedarville and Oakland City. The Panthers have won four consecutive games improving their record to 13-2 after this week as they won their conference opener.

Jacks and the Panther team defeated Oakland City which was 8-0 prior to the contest. Jacks had nine points -- one point shy of a double-double -- but was aggressive on defense ending with 10 rebounds for the game.

In 15 games this season, Jacks ranks second in the G-MAC in rebounding (9.0). He ranks second in offensive rebounds averaging 2.9 a game.

Jacks holds the 11th spot in scoring (14.5), is third in field-goal percentage (.543), and 15th in free throw percentage (.589).

This marks the second honoree for the Panthers. Ken-Jah Bosley earned the honor on Nov. 16.

BRITTANY WELLS NAMED G-MAC BASKETBALL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Scored game winning goal at the buzzer to defeat host Ursuline in overtime

GREENWOOD, Ind. (Jan. 4, 2016) — Kentucky Wesleyan junior guard Brittany Wells was named the seventh Great Midwest Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Athlete of the Week for 2015-16 on Monday.

Wells and the Panthers rang in the new calendar year in style, stunning a red-hot Ursuline program on the Arrows' with a thrilling overtime final on the road.

The former Black Bear at the University of Maine helped the Panthers claw back from a 12-0 deficit through the first 5:38 of regulation and a 48-34 halftime hole.

Wells' buzzer-beating layup with no time left on the clock capped a wild finish in the final minute of overtime.

The Arrows led by as many as six in the extra session before the Panthers went on a 6-0 run in the last 1:51.

Wells, KWC's leading scorer on the year, finished with 15 points on precise 6-of-7 shooting. She collected a pair of steals and sank both tries from long distance in 25 minutes of court time.

This year, Wells is averaging 12.6 points per game and 2.9 rebounds per contest. She has started eight of 11 games.

Kentucky Wesleyan improved to 7-4 on the year and handed Ursuline its first loss in the Arrows' new gym in eight attempts and ended a seven-game UC win streak. It was the conference opener for both teams.

The Panthers are gearing up for a rematch of last year's G-MAC Championship game against Cedarville later this evening. Both KWC and Cedarville are 1-0 in the league.

AUTUMN HARRIS AND NICOLE VENEMAN NAMED TO ALL-G-MAC VOLLEYBALL TEAM

OWENSBORO, Ky. (Nov. 19, 2015) — Autumn Harris has been selected to the All-Great Midwest Athletic Conference Volleyball second team, as chosen by league coaches. Harris and Nicole Venema also were named to the All-Freshman team.

Harris, a 5-9 freshman middle blocker from Edwardsville, Ill. (Edwardsville HS), finished second in kills (167) and total blocks (46). She also compiled 36 digs, five aces and one assist in 85 sets while starting 17 of 25 matches.

Venema, a 5-5 freshman libero from Mattawan, Ill. (Mattawan HS), led the Panthers in digs with 350. She also produced 46 assists, 15 aces, six kills in 91 sets and 26 matches played.

KEN-JAH BOSLEY NAMED G-MAC BASKETBALL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

GREENWOOD, Ind. (Nov. 16, 2015) – Kentucky Wesleyan junior guard Ken-Jah Bosley was named the first Great Midwest Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Athlete

of the Week for 2015-16 on Monday.

The Panthers (2-0) rumbled through their first two games of the new season, beating a pair of Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletics Conference (GLIAC) schools as part of the G-MAC/GLIAC Challenge.

Kentucky Wesleyan made the Motor City its own, beating Wayne State on the Warriors' home floor Saturday before storming back from a 19-point deficit to nip Tiffin on Sunday in Detroit.

Already a two time first team all-league selection in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference, Bosley helped steer the Panthers to the key non-conference/Midwest Region victories on opening weekend.

Bosley averaged 20 points per game while shooting almost 54 percent from the field. He also sank 9-of-10 tries from the free-throw line and had five rebounds.

The Panthers had a game-high 21 points from Bosley in their season opener as he sank 7-of-11 attempts from the field and was perfect on all free throws.

KWC won by a convincing margin of 31, shooting 58 percent from the field as a team.

Against Tiffin, Bosley and Panthers clawed their way back from a seemingly insurmountable deficit. With 1:56 left in the first half, KWC found itself trailing by 19, but cut the lead down to just five midway through the second half.

Bosley made a couple of three-point baskets as part of his 19 points while playing 36 minutes on the floor.