



# Parent Newsletter

March 2016

Welcome mid-semester! Be sure to ask your student about their mid-semester grades which were posted last week. It's not too late for them to seek help if needed. We are here to help them succeed!

## 2016 Oak & Ivy nominees

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

The six inductees will be announced at our 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Order of Oak and Ivy Awards Banquet at 6:00 p.m., on Friday, April 8, in the Hocker Family Dining Hall. As is our tradition, faculty and staff will help serve the meal to honor our nominees and their families.

Shelbi Anderson	Brittni Fitter
Seth Applegate	Thomas Free
Ruth Ballenger	Courtney Gibson
David Baxter	Makayla Gish
Samantha Brett	Connor Goodwin
Mary Brown	Ashlea Holt
Amber Bryant	Blair Hu
JoCarol Bunch	Dylan Jeffery
Seth Burnette	Heather Lacy
Dominique Caminos	Christian List
Emily Davis	Elizabeth Martell
Kylie Davis	Michaela Melton
Charles Decker	Katie Miller
Kate Dishion	Cody Mills
Erin Dorn	Xavier Mitchell
Eli Ellis	Rhiannon Moore
Marcus Fillyaw	Michael Mosby

**2016 Oak & Ivy nominees (continued)**

Lauren Norton  
Dalton Oliver  
Kaci Ovelgoenner  
Nathan Payne  
Monica Pentecost  
Penni Pluimer  
Addie Reibold  
Heather Scott  
Tyler Shewmaker

Emmalee Speer  
Audrey Taylor  
Alex Velez  
Jennifer Walker-Crawford  
Mackenzie Weedman  
Brittany Wells  
Ciera Woods  
Emily Yocom

**148th Commencement**

Saturday, April 30

10 a.m.

Hocker-Hall Grove



**Lydia Dorman '82**  
**Speaker**

Senior Vice President, The Coca-Cola Company, Japan  
2014 Alumni Achievement Award Recipient

**Spreading the word!**  
Look for these billboards across the region.



## Alice in Wonderland

MARCH 18 @ 7PM

MARCH 19 @ 2PM AND 7PM

IN HAGER HALL IN THE  
RALPH FINE ARTS CENTER

TICKETS:

10 AND UNDER: \$3

STUDENTS: \$5

ADULTS: \$6





The men and women of Greek Life invite the campus community to attend and support our Greek students at the following events.

## GO GREEK KENTUCKY WESLEYAN

### Monday, March 14

Penny Wars in the Rotunda all Week  
*Donations will go to St Jude*

11 AM - 1 PM

Banner Competition in Winchester

Events Day - In quad, inclement weather HRC

7:00 PM

*Powderpuff*

*Cheer Competition*

### Tuesday, March 15

Penny Wars in the Rotunda all Week  
*Donations will go to St Jude*

11 AM - 1 PM

Rootbeer Fest in Rogers

9:00 PM

Twister In Rogers

### Wednesday, March 16

Penny Wars in the Rotunda all Week  
*Donations will go to St Jude*

11 AM - 1 PM

Blood Drive in Rogers

10 AM - 5 PM

Greek Sing

9:00 PM

### Thursday, March 17

Penny Wars in the Rotunda all Week  
*Donations will go to St Jude*

11 AM - 1 PM

The Roommate Game - in Rogers Hall

9:00 PM

Wesleyan Trivia - in Rogers Hall

### Friday, March 18

Penny Wars in the Rotunda all Week  
*Donations will go to St Jude*

11 AM - 1 PM

All Greek Cookout

### Saturday, March 19

Old South Ball - Owensboro Convention Center  
Open to all Students

10 PM - 1 AM

The Stanley Reed Pre-Law and Politics Society  
Presents  
**"Constructing Racial Categories in the United States"**



with Daniel J. Sharfstein  
Professor of Law, Professor of History and Chancellor's Faculty Fellow  
Co-Director, Social Justice Program  
Vanderbilt University Law School

Owensboro/Daviess County Community

# EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Easter egg hunt on Kentucky Wesleyan front lawn

Hosted by  
Kentucky Farm  
Bureau-  
Frederica St.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 26 FROM 9-11AM**

AGE GROUPS: 0-3, 4-6, 7-10

**PRIZES OFFERED FOR EACH AGE GROUP!**

## **Kentucky Wesleyan College announces Homecoming 2016 date**

Kentucky Wesleyan College welcomed its largest Homecoming crowd ever in 2015, with nearly 800 people in attendance – triple the number from 2014. The school announced its 2016 celebration will be Saturday, Oct. 1. Several activities, both on and off campus, will take place throughout the week.

The Panthers will battle Central State University in the Homecoming football game on Saturday at Steele Stadium, with kick-off slated for 1 p.m. Other featured events include the annual Alumni Awards Reception and Dinner, which will take place on Saturday evening at the Owensboro Convention Center, while the Class of 1966 will celebrate 50 years by gathering for their Golden Alumni Reunion over the weekend, as well.

Wesleyan's annual Family Weekend festivities are also included, creating additional buzz throughout the community. A full schedule of events will be announced at a later date.

### **DEVIN LANGFORD NAMED GREAT MIDWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE MEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

**GREENWOOD, Ind.** (March 8, 2016) — Kentucky Wesleyan's Devin Langford was named the final Great Midwest Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week for 2015-16.

Langford, a 6-foot-7, 209-pound forward from Huntsville, Ala. / Robert E. Lee HS, was a key piece of the puzzle as the Panthers completed their G-MAC Championship title run to punch a ticket to the NCAA Championship Midwest Regional.

In two games vs. Davis & Elkins (semifinal) and Trevecca Nazarene (final), the athletic forward averaged 17.5 points and nine rebounds per game while shooting over 61 percent from the field.

KWC (27-3 overall) extended its win streak to 12 straight and are headed to the University of Wisconsin-Parkside for the quarterfinals of the NCAA tourney.

The Panthers are the No. 8 seed after receiving an automatic qualifier, the league's first in the sport.

In Friday's semifinal win vs. Davis & Elkins, Langford made six of his 11 shots and had 14 points to go with nine. He handed out four assists in 30 minutes as KWC eventually pulled away.

Against Trevecca Nazarene, 13 of his game-high 21 points came at the charity stripe. His slashing ability and ball handling in transition helped him sport an efficient 5-for-7 line on field goals. He had three steals and three assists.

### **JORDAN JACKS NAMED G-MAC MEN'S BASKETBALL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK FOR SECOND TIME**

Kentucky Wesleyan junior guard Jordan Jacks was named the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week.

Jacks was at it again for his second conference weekly honor this season as he nearly averaged a double-double for the week averaging 23 points per game and 9.5 rebounds. KWC wrapped up the regular season with two wins against Ohio Valley and Salem International.

The Panthers improved their record to 25-3 overall and 11-1 in the conference while preparing to host the conference tournament in Owensboro. KWC will enter the postseason on a 10-game win streak.

Jacks went 12-for-19 on the field against the Fighting Scots. Jacks was one rebound short of a double-double with nine and had two assists and a pair of steals.

Against the SIU Tigers, Jacks came out sizzling from the field going 6-of-8 from the field and made eight free throw to finish with 20 points. He achieved a double-double with 10 boards and added four assists and a block to round out his stats for the last regular season game.

Jacks ended the regular season as the G-MAC league leader in rebounding (8.8). He is also eighth in scoring (14.3), and fourth in field goal percentage (.568).

### **JEREMY CLINE NAMED G-MAC BASEBALL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK FOR SECOND TIME**

Kentucky Wesleyan catcher Jeremy Cline has been chosen Great Midwest Athletic Conference Baseball Athlete of the Week.

Cline, a 5-foot-11, 164-pound senior from Bowling Green, Ky. / Warren Central HS, helped take his Panthers (7-4) to three consecutive wins on the road as the spring season continues to progress.

Batting a .385, Cline and the Panthers enjoyed a strong weekend that included three wins at Claflin as they swept them 10-5, 13-0, and 8-2.

He had five hits in 13 at-bats, including a pair of bombs past the fence on Saturday and seven RBIs for the weekend.

Cline was also named G-MAC Athlete of the Week following the team's season-opening series against Lane.

In nine games, Cline is off to a torrid start at the plate with a .382 batting average and 13 hits in 34 at-bats. He has five doubles, four homers and has plated 13 while drawing three walks.

### **C.J. BLACKWELL CHOSEN G-MAC BASKETBALL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK FOR THIRD TIME**

For the third time, 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 Blackwell's fourth career G-MAC Men's Basketball Athlete of the Week honor (third this season) as the 15th-ranked Panthers sealed their postseason seeding for the G-MAC Championship.

With two more conference wins this past week, Kentucky Wesleyan clinched the G-MAC regular-season title and earned hosting responsibilities for the six-team tournament that will be conducted in Owensboro in March.

KWC completed the regular-season sweep against Davis & Elkins and Alderson Broaddus to finish out a four-game homestand.

The Panthers improved their record to 23-3 overall and 9-1 in the conference.

Blackwell averaged 18 points per game while shooting just under 61 percent of the field. He also averaged four rebounds, one assist and one steal per game.

The savvy senior made 8-of-14 tries from the field as he filled the box score with 21 points and six rebounds against Davis & Elkins. He made four shots from deep and had a block and two steals.

Against defending league champ AB, Blackwell was shooting lights out again, going 6-for-9 overall and 2-of-4 from behind the three-point arc. He ended with 15 points and two rebounds in just 27 minutes.

In the G-MAC this season, Blackwell ranks 12th in scoring (13.5 ppg), is tied for seventh in three-point field goal percentage (.412) and is tied for second in three pointers made (61).

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

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 senior catcher Jeremy Cline and junior pitcher Austin Tibbs were named the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Baseball Athletes of the Week**

The Panthers (4-2 overall) played three games in three days against nationally-ranked North Georgia, winning one and nearly taking the series from the No. 13/15 Nighthawks.

In addition to handling the staff, Cline did plenty of damage at the dish and Tibbs, a lefty reliever, did his part out of the bullpen to earn his first winning decision of the spring.

**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.

## **OSBORNE NAMED G-MAC COACH OF THE YEAR, FOUR STARTERS NAMED TO ALL-G-MAC TEAMS**

Kentucky Wesleyan head men's basketball coach has been chosen as the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Coach of the Year and four starters—C.J. Blackwell, Jordan Jacks, Ken-Jah Bosley and Devin Langford selected to the two All-G-MAC teams.

This marks the most Panthers to be selected to an all-conference team in history.

Osborne has led the Panthers to their first G-MAC regular season title at 11-1 and their seventh 25-win in history by posting a 25-3 record where they are No. 9 in the Top 25 poll. He has compiled a 69-20 record at Kentucky Wesleyan and an impressive 33-7 G-MAC mark.

Jacks and Blackwell received first team recognition and Bosley and Langford were second team selections.

Jacks, a 6-5 forward from Douglasville, Ga., ranks 14th in NCAA Division II with 14 double-doubles (pt-rb). He leads the G-MAC in rebounding with 8.8 boards per contest and second in scoring for the Panthers at 14.3 points. Jacks twice earned G-MAC Player of the Week honors.

Blackwell, a 6-5 forward from Los Angeles, Calif., holds the honor as the league's only three-time G-MAC Player of the Week winner this season. He has averaged a third-best 13.5 points while grabbing 4.0 rebounds. Blackwell stands third in G-MAC three-pointers with 2.7 made.

Bosley, a 6-1 guard from Richmond, Ky., leads the Panthers in scoring with 16.9 points and the G-MAC in three-point shooting at 43.4 percent and free throw shooting at 87.6. He has handed out a second-best 72 assists and grabbed 3.1 rebounds. Bosley is two-points short of 1,500 career points.

Langford, a 6-7 forward from Huntsville, Ala., tops the G-MAC in field goal shooting at 61.9 percent. He's third in Panther rebounding at 5.0 per outing, fourth in scoring at 13.0 points and assists with 58. Langford twice has earned G-MAC Player of the Week award.

## **BRITTANY WELLS CHOSEN TO ALL-GREAT MIDWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE TEAM**

Kentucky Wesleyan's Brittany Wells has been chosen to All-Great Midwest Athletic Conference second team, as selected by league coaches.

Wells, a 5-7 junior guard from Indianapolis, Ind. / Heritage Christian HS, leads the Panthers in scoring with 12.5 points, three-pointers with 32 and minutes played at 23.5 per contest in 16 starts and 24 games played.

She also has shot 42.8 percent from the field, 37.6 percent from three-point territory and 75.4 percent from the free throw line while averaging 2.8 rebounds. Wells has produced 35 steals, 23 assists and two blocks.

## **KENTUCKY WESLEYAN GOING TO THE NCAA TOURNAMENT**

*Panthers return for a record 39th time*

**INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.** (March 6, 2016) -- Kentucky Wesleyan will make their 39th NCAA record breaking appearance in the Division II men's basketball tournament, as announced Sunday night.

The No. 8 seed Panthers (27-3) travels to Somers, Wis., for the Midwest Region Championship to play host and No. 1 seed Wisconsin-Parkside Rangers (24-5) on Saturday, March 12, at 2,120-seat DeSimone Gymnasium on campus.

No. 4 Lewis Flyers (24-8) will play No. 5 Saginaw Valley Cardinals (22-7); No. 2 Bellarmine Knights (23-6) will face No. 7 Ferris State (21-9); and No. 3 Ashland Eagles (25-5) will meet No. 6 Indianapolis Greyhounds (20-7).