



Parent Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2015

Can you believe we're just a few weeks from the completion of the Fall 2015 semester? Upon their return from our Thanksgiving break, students will only have one week remaining until final exams. Wow!

Since the October newsletter, students have had the opportunity to register for the Spring 2016 semester. Be sure to ask them about their classes for next semester. If they have failed to complete registration, please have them contact the Registrar's Office. It's not too late.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season!

Upcoming Dates of Interest

November 18 Hanging of the Greens
November 19 Thanksgiving dinner served by faculty and staff
November 20 Midnight Movie
November 25-27 Thanksgiving Break
November 30 Day of Service
December 1 Giving Tuesday
December 7-11 Final Exams
January 11 Spring classes begin
February 29 – March 4 Spring Break
April 30 Commencement

Homecoming 2015

Congratulations to the Fall 2015 Homecoming Court and the King & Queen and Prince & Princess recipients:

Prince Candidates

Kirk Aldridge
Jacob Alexander
Grant Allen
Dylan Jeffery
Logan O'Bryan
Bryant Qualls

Princess Candidates

Katie Bell
Kylie Davis
Erin Dorn
Daphne Parker
Jennifer Walker-Crawford
Bria Wright

King Candidates

Phillip Carter
LaDon Laney
Seth Lasher
Simeon Pogue
Travis Rowland
Connor Thompson

Queen Candidates

Kate Dishion
Blair Hu
Jenisse Palacios
Emmalee Speer
Taylor Springel
Haleigh Stringer

Prince & Princess

Dylan Jeffery & Kylie Davis



King & Queen

Simeon Pogue & Kate Dishion
(Morgan Uebelacker represented Kate due to a soccer match)



Wesleyan launches new website!

Click on www.kwc.edu to view our new improved Wesleyan website

Open House – November 14

Whether considering college options after high school or transferring to finish a degree, Kentucky Wesleyan College invites high school and college transfer students to the Fall Open House on **Saturday, November 14**. Students may explore nearly 40 academic majors and pre-professional programs and learn about the KWC 4 Year Graduation Guarantee and the 3 Year Degree Option. The Open House will also include tours of the campus, and presentations on student life, financial aid and scholarships, NCAA college athletics, and study abroad opportunities. Lunch for students and their families on-campus and optional tours of Owensboro will also be part of the scheduled events.

The Open House will kick-off with registration beginning at 8:30 am CDT in the Winchester Community Center with the program set to begin at 9 am CDT. Registrations may be made online at [here](#) or by calling the Admissions Office at 270-852-3120. Walk-ins will also be welcome.

Dr. W. L. Magnuson Recognized by Alma Mater for Lifetime Achievement



From the Science and Math Wall of Honor Induction Ceremony at McMurry University:

W. L. Magnuson grew up on a farm near Brady, Texas. He received the B.A. degree in Chemistry and Mathematics from McMurry College in 1959, graduating magna cum laude, and the Ph.D. in Inorganic Chemistry from Kansas University in 1963. From 1963-1969, he was assistant professor of chemistry at McMurry. In addition to teaching, he

supervised undergraduate research through grants from the Research Corporation and the Robert A. Welch Foundation.

In 1969, he assumed the chairmanship of the Chemistry Department at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Dr. Magnuson co-authored numerous grant proposals, resulting in funding in scientific equipment purchases and in the directorship of several National Science Foundation Science Training Programs in Chemistry for high school students across the nation. In 1983, he conducted research in the area of organometallic chemistry at Vanderbilt University.

Throughout his academic career, he has tried to follow in the footsteps of his mentor, Dr. W. Norton Jones, Jr., by promoting careers in chemistry and chemistry-related areas and assisting students to gain admission to graduate and health science professional schools. Thirty of the graduates have received the Ph.D. degree in chemistry and more than 100 have received other advanced degrees.

Among his recognitions at Kentucky Wesleyan are the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, the Gus E. Paris Distinguished Service Award and the Presidential Leadership Award. He currently serves as treasurer of the Indiana-Kentucky Border Section of the American Chemical Society. He is married to Kirsten Ahnell and is the father of Dr. Barbara Magnuson Woodward and Justin Magnuson.

Meet Dr. Doug Wilson '83



About the Wilson family:

Doug is a native of Middlesboro, Ky. He was a Brown Scholar at Wesleyan and practices medicine in Columbus, Ind. He graduated from the University of Louisville School of

Medicine, graduating in the top ten percent of his class, and completed a three-year residency at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

Kathy is from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, and graduated from the Wesleyan nursing program in 1984. She became a Certified Pediatric Nurse and worked at Children's Hospitals in Louisville and Birmingham. She is the administrator of Doug's medical practice, and in his words, "She tells me what to do."

Sons Ben '09 and Matt '12 were both chemistry majors at Wesleyan. Ben graduated from Indiana University Medical School in 2013. He is in the second year of his orthopedic surgery residency at the University of Kentucky. He met his future wife in the Wesleyan chemistry lab, and they have been married four years. Matt is in his third year of medical school at the University of Louisville.

Daughter Stephanie is a college student in Indiana.

Other books by Doug Wilson

"Fred Hutchinson and the 1964 Cincinnati Reds"
McFarland, 2010

"The Bird: The Life and Legacy of Mark Fidrych"
Thomas Dunne Books, 2013

"Brooks: The Biography of Brooks Robinson"
Thomas Dunne Books, 2014

In addition to the players you have featured in your books, are there others who stand out as particularly intriguing?

"I think any baseball discussion has to start with Babe Ruth. He was just an outsized, fascinating person. I always liked Ted Williams for similar reasons. He was John Wayne in a baseball uniform. I have also always enjoyed talking about some of the nastier guys of the game who didn't always follow the rules; guys like Leo Durocher or Denny McLain. They helped make the game interesting."

What makes baseball such an appealing sport?

"Sometimes it's hard to explain the appeal of baseball; it just gets in your blood. One of the best aspects of the game is the history and all the colorful players throughout the years; what made them tick, how they got along or didn't get along with teammates and opponents and little things that happened in the background and influenced memorable events. So many nuances affect the big picture. It's something you can share with your kids; it never gets old."

What other kinds of books are on your bookshelf at home?

"In addition to books about baseball, I like to read a lot of different things, and I enjoy John Grisham and Tom Clancy. I like to reread the classics, such as Sherlock Holmes, 'Of Mice and Men' and 'Catch-22,' stuff like that."

Share memories of playing Panther baseball.

“Unfortunately, rumors of my baseball skill have been greatly exaggerated over the years (mostly by me).”

What other memories of Wesleyan stand out?

“I have so many great memories of Wesleyan. The friends I made at Kendall Hall and in the Science Department were some of the best friends I have ever made. Just sitting around the dorm talking, ragging on each other and splitting a late night pizza . . . great times.

Dr. Magnuson, Dr. Connor and Dr. Flachskam are really Kentucky Wesleyan College to me. They have devoted their lives to the school, and they have always been so willing to do anything for their students.”

Why did your sons attend Wesleyan?

“We let our kids decide where they wanted to go to college. We knew they both wanted to major in chemistry and were interested in medicine. They both wanted to play football and felt they were good enough to play above the Division III level. We visited several other schools with them before suggesting they look at Wesleyan. We knew it was a great fit, but we let them decide.”

How would you describe their experiences here?

“They enjoyed their time at Wesleyan. They both made All-Conference in football at least once, and they were selected for Oak and Ivy, which I think is a pretty impressive combination.”

Why do you still feel connected to the College?

“The experience of those years was so important, and then when our sons attended, it reinforced how much of a role Wesleyan has played in our lives.”

Why do you give back to Kentucky Wesleyan?

“For all the reasons I’ve mentioned above. It is important to give back.”

2015 Alumni Award Winners

Hall of Fame

Robert Ballard Bailey 1908

Mr. Bailey was born in 1889 in Knott County. He practiced law in Arkansas and was elected to the State Senate and named Senate President Pro Tempore. He served three terms as lieutenant governor of Arkansas and 240 days as acting governor due to the governor’s frequent travels outside the state. He died in 1957.

Outstanding Alumna Award

Cheryl D. King ’70

Dr. King served as the thirty-second president of Kentucky Wesleyan. She began her career as a music teacher at Foust Junior High School in Owensboro and has been

involved in education at all levels during her career. She was Commissioner of Kentucky Adult Education and Deputy Secretary for the Kentucky Cabinet for Workforce Development. She helped write the adult education legislation, The Adult Education Act of 2000. Dr. King was the Study Director of the National Commission on Adult Literacy. In addition to her service as president of her alma mater from 2008 – 2011, she was a long-time college trustee. She is presently the Senior Policy Advisor for The Council of Postsecondary Education in Kentucky.

Alumni Achievement Award

Miranda Christy '01

Ms. Christy is Director and Counsel at UBS Investment Bank in Nashville, Tenn. She has experience in conservation easements and conservation finance and has been recognized by the Civil War Trust for her contributions in pro bono services to support battlefield preservation. She was named one of Nashville's 2015 "40 Under 40" by the Nashville Business Journal and was recognized with the 2014 Nashville Emerging Leader Award in Environment & Sustainability and the 2014 Nashville Business Journal Women of Influence Award. She has been named a Rising Star by Mid-South Super Lawyers. Ms. Christy is co-chair of the Steering Committee of The Nature Conservancy's Young Professionals Group in Tennessee and serves on the Board of Directors of Nashville Classical Charter Schools.

Michael Horn '75

Mr. Horn established National Steel Erection, Inc., in 1978, which later led to Titan Contracting and Leasing Co. Titan is a leading specialty mechanical contractor serving the power, petrochemical, refining and general process industrial markets; building power plants, refineries, "scrubbers" for aged coal power plants, among many other heavy industrial projects. The company has offices through the country. He also owns and leads Titan Fabrication, Inco Services, Milco Constructors, and M Industrial Mechanical and Midwest Consulting, which aids customers in occupational safety and training. In 2007, he created the Michael E. Horn Family Foundation, which supports numerous causes and projects in Owensboro/Daviess County, including Kentucky Wesleyan College. He was the recipient of an honorary doctor of laws degrees from Wesleyan in 2012.

Alumni Service Award

Sally Allen Crenshaw '67

Ms. Crenshaw was an employee of the Commonwealth of Kentucky her entire career; as a social worker, with the Department of Education in programs for the disadvantaged in vocational education and as a guidance counselor in postsecondary education for allied health careers. She has served her alma mater as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for many terms and has served as secretary numerous times. She is well-known for her loyalty, commitment and service to the Alumni Board and her service is a model to many alumni.

Outstanding Young Graduate Award

Phillip Roberts '05

Mr. Roberts recently became Vice President, Branch Operations, at Hilliard Lyons in Evansville. He is the Past President of the Young Professionals Association of Louisville. He served on the board of the Downtown Development Corporation in Louisville and Great Louisville Inc., which focuses on commerce and economic development. He was elected as one of the 2012 Forty Under 40 honorees by Business First of Louisville. In 2013, he was named to the city's "50 People You Should Know." He served on the boards of Carnegie House Educational Services and the Salvation Army Louisville.

Jason Tanner '05

Mr. Tanner began designing websites while in high school and later founded Jason Tanner Designs, which developed identity/logos, print marketing, website design and photography for local and national clients. In 2011, he led the founding of the popular Owensboro Parent magazine, followed by Owensboro Living, a print and online source for Owensboro news, events and human interest stories, in 2013. He is now a partner in Tanner+West, an award-winning design agency.

Gus E. Paris Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Robert Flachskam, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry

Dr. Flachskam was a Professor of Chemistry for 40 years, retiring in 2015. He was recognized with the President's Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership in 2002. He has served the Indiana-Kentucky Border Section of the American Chemical Society as Awards Chairman for 30 years and serves as a water tester and data base manager for the Tradewater Lower Green River Watershed Watch.

Nancy Flachskam, Honorary Assistant Professor Emerita of Chemistry

Professor Flachskam taught mathematics, statistics and chemistry part-time for 33 years and was a full-time member of the chemistry faculty for seven years. She also worked in the Library Learning Center. Upon her retirement in 2015, she was recognized with the President's Award for Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership. She has served the Indiana-Kentucky Border Section of the American Chemical Society in several capacities and was the 2011 Outstanding Volunteer of the Tradewater Lower Green River Watershed Watch, where she serves as a water tester, trainer and event coordinator.

The Flachskams were recognized as the Most Spirited Faculty/Staff Members in 2001 for their support of student activities.

Professor Heather Logsdon to be Featured in Group Exhibition



Director of the Art Program and Assistant Professor of Art & Design at Kentucky Wesleyan College, Heather M. Logsdon, to be featured in a group exhibition, *State of Painting*, as an Honorary at the Anne Wright Wilson Fine Arts Gallery located in Georgetown, Ky at 400 E College Street. The exhibition will run November 11, 2015 through January 6, 2016. Prof Logsdon is participating in a symposium-based exhibition that will sample work by the teaching professionals from Kentucky colleges and universities, all responsible for shaping the painting programs at their institutions and the exhibition is centered around painting exclusively. For information, contact Curator of Collections: Ms. Alisa Reynolds at 502-863-8399.

Wesleyan Band Program on the Rise



BY BOBBIE HAYSE Messenger-Inquirer Oct 25, 2015

The name of Steven Pederson's game is recruiting.

Much like the care one would take in building a college football team, the director of bands at Kentucky Wesleyan College has steadily been growing the school's music program since arriving at the school four and a half years ago.

When he first arrived, there were seven people signed up for the music program. Now, the program has grown to more than 75 members — a feat he attributes to investing time and sincerity in area high school bands.

"Now we have a top college concert group," Pederson said. "We have pep band, drum line, brass quintet, a full orchestra."

Kevin Callihan, formerly of Apollo High School, has recently joined the program as assistant director of bands.

Callihan said another important aspect of growing an instrumental program is having successful graduates.

“Then when other teachers see that someone graduated from KWC and is doing well, that’s going to continue to help our reputation among the music community,” he said. Students are very close to their high school band directors, and Callihan and Pederson both want the KWC music program to be one to which area high school band directors refer their students.

“Owensboro is a very good place for music,” Callihan said. “Now there’s a viable option for students in Owensboro schools to stay in Owensboro and go to school and get a good music experience.”

Pederson said he visits several of the area high schools multiple times a year and tries to form a good relationship with the directors and students.

“They have to get to know me, they have to trust me, they have to see what I can do to help their program,” he said. “And that has to be sincere.”

The KWC instrumental program includes a 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 KWC faculty and staff.

The wind ensemble is a big draw for recruiting students as well, Callihan said, adding that high school students appreciate the opportunity to play pieces they ordinarily wouldn’t have the chance to play during their regular performances.

Kentucky Wesleyan College Music Student Recital Nov. 17

Owensboro, Ky. (Nov. 6, 2015) – The Kentucky Wesleyan College Music Department will hold a Student Recital on Tuesday, Nov. 17, at 4 p.m. in the College’s Tapscott Chapel. Music majors, minors and electives will present vocal, keyboard and instrumental performances. The program is free and open to the public. For additional information, please contact Diane Earle at 270-852-3617.



EDGES

By Benj Pasek & Justin Paul
Directed by Beth Demunbrun

NOVEMBER 19, 20, 21 AT 7:30PM

Located in Hager Hall at the Ralph Fine Arts Center (Southwest corner of Kentucky Wesleyan College campus)

Get tickets at the door, call 270-852-3595, online at the Kentucky Wesleyan College website or the Theatre Facebook page

TICKETS: \$10 ADULTS, \$7 FACULTY/STAFF, \$5 STUDENTS



Nikki Jenkins named G-MAC Volleyball Athlete of the Week

GREENWOOD, Ind. (Oct. 20, 2015)—Kentucky Wesleyan senior right side hitter Nikki Jenkins was named the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Volleyball Athlete of the Week for the fall on Monday.

The Panthers enjoyed success at the Mizuno Midwest Region Crossover Volleyball Tournament in Aurora, Ill., while collecting two wins in the Great Lakes Center.

Kentucky Wesleyan beat Lake Superior State from the GLIAC and toppled Lake Erie, also from the GLIAC, while also playing against Ohio Dominican.

Jenkins was a force on the front line during tournament action where she accumulated 49 kills in 12 sets.

Her three-match averages came out to 4.08 kills per set, 1.92 digs per set and 0.75 blocks per set.

Jenkins battered 22 kills against Lake Erie on Saturday while hammering down 14 vs. Lake Superior State and 13 more against Ohio Dominican. She totaled 28 digs and served up six aces as well.

Jenkins leads Kentucky Wesleyan in kills per set this season (2.85) and has started 17 of the 18 matches she's appeared in.

Katlyn Duke named G-MAC Women's Soccer Athlete of the Week

GREENWOOD, Ind. (Oct. 20, 2015)— Katlyn Duke and the Panthers have surged through the second half of the conference schedule, taking down Cedarville and Ursuline with two impressive wins in Owensboro.

Duke contributed on the scoresheet in key moments during both contests.

Versus Cedarville, she snapped a scoreless game in the 51st minute as the Panthers eventually blanked the Yellow Jackets, 2-0.

On Saturday, Duke scored the game-tying goal against Ursuline and assisted on the game winner, feeding Breigh Haase for the decisive score late in the second half.

Kentucky Wesleyan (9-3-0, 8-3-0 G-MAC) has won six straight and climbed to second in the conference standings.

The Panthers also avenged losses earlier in the year against both Cedarville and Ursuline to help their playoff positioning with the G-MAC Championship approaching quickly.

In all 12 games played this year, Duke has tallied 14 goals and a pair of assists. Her team-high 30 points ranks fourth in the conference this fall.

RACHEL KEELEY AND LOGAN AYER EARN ALL-G-MAC HONORS AT CHAMPIONSHIP

OWENSBORO, Ky. (Oct. 25, 2015) — Rachel Keeley finished 14th by producing a 24:47 at the 5k Great Midwest Athletic Conference Championship to earn All-G-MAC honors in leading Kentucky Wesleyan to fifth place finish.

Logan Ayer finished 13th by running a 27:29 at the 8k G-MAC Championship to earn All-G-MAC honors and the Freshman of the Year Award in leading the Panthers to fourth place finish.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN NO. 16 IN PRESEASON BASKETBALL TIMES TOP 20

MATTHEWS, NC. (Nov. 1, 2015) — Kentucky Wesleyan has been chosen No. 16 in Basketball Times Top 20 men's basketball preseason poll today.

The Times selected Tarleton State No. 1, followed by Augustana (SD), West Liberty, Lincoln Memorial, Bellarmine, Missouri Southern, Midwestern State, California Baptist, St. Cloud State and Montevallo for the Top 10.

The second 10 include Mount Olive, Indiana (Pa.), Minnesota State-Moorehead, Alabama-Huntsville, Indianapolis, **Kentucky Wesleyan**, Fairmont State, Western Oregon, Delta State and Colorado Mines.

Third-year head coach Happy Osborne returns six letterwinners including three starters along with one redshirt from last season's squad that finished second in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference regular season and tournament with a 22-8 (10-4 G-MAC) record.

Three Division I plus one Division II transfers plus two high school standouts round out the 2015-16 squad.

The regular season starts Nov. 14 and 15 at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic / Great Midwest Athletic Conference Challenge in Detroit. Kentucky Wesleyan will play host Wayne State first and then Tiffin.