

March 2012

Can you believe we have already reached mid-semester? Be sure to ask your student about their mid-term grades which were posted on March 12. These grades serve as a mid-semester estimate of their current grade for each of their courses. Encourage them to seek assistance through our PLUS Center if needed.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

- March 17 Baseball vs Mo-St. Louis
Softball vs NKU
- March 18 KW Singers Homecoming Concert
Baseball vs Maryville
Softball vs Bellarmine
- March 20 Baseball vs Oakland City
- March 22 Softball vs St. Mary of the Woods
- March 23 Midnight Movie
- March 25 Tennis vs USI
- March 27 Ms. KWC pageant
- March 28 Spring Career and Internship Fair
- March 31 Admissions Open House
Softball vs St. Joseph's
- April 1 Softball vs Indianapolis
- April 3 Baseball vs USI
- April 6 Good Friday - no classes
Baseball vs NKU
- April 7 Baseball vs NKU
Tennis vs Lewis
- April 8 Easter
- April 9-13 Greek Week
- April 10 Baseball vs Lincoln Memorial
- April 12 Softball vs Oakland City
- April 13 Off the Sidewalk luncheon
- April 14 Old South Ball
Tennis vs Indianapolis
- April 19 Honors Convocation, Student Life Awards, & 88 Keys
- April 20 Oak & Ivy Banquet

2012 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 interests 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 58th Annual Order of Oak and Ivy Awards Banquet at 6:00 p.m., on Friday, April 20, 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.

Katie Behrens	Zach Johnson
Cassandra Best	Christi Joiner
Maddy Bogle	Tina Kirk
Kali Bonner	Joey Kramer
Courtney Chinn	Sunny Lu
Brittany Clark	Collin MacQuarrie
Tiera Crowe	Emma Medlen
Sara Dean	Kailyn Mitchell
Andrew Donovan	Tiffany Murphy
Courtney Durrance	Jordan Ogle
Callie Eaves	Andrea Payne
Josh Eaves	Andy Pirruccello
Olivia Erb	Mary Beth Powell
Ciaran Fairman	Kristen Rowe
Cathy Fitzhugh	Katelyn Stallings
Samantha Fletcher	Logan Teagardner
Wyatt Foust	Jessica Torsak
Elise Gilkey	Paige Troutman
Lauren Goffinet	Sam Waninger
Colin Gold	Savannah Warren
Ben Hedges	Jordan White
Jon Higdon	Ryne Williams
Phoenix Jenkins	Kevin Winter

Greek Academic Hall of Fame members honored

Kentucky Wesleyan College's Office of Student Life recently held KWC's inaugural Greek Academic Banquet for members of Greek organizations who earned a fall semester GPA of 3.5 or above.

Members of KWC's six Greek chapters have displayed a strong commitment to co-curricular involvement and academic excellence – overall Greek GPAs are higher than

that of the overall student body and a majority of student leaders on campus are members of a sorority or fraternity.

At the banquet, held on Wednesday, March 7 in Rogers Hall, 14 students were inducted into the Greek Academic Hall of Fame. Hall of Fame students have a minimum 3.75 cumulative GPA and more than 60 cumulative credit hours.

Greek Academic Hall of Fame Inductees

Jamie Byars – Kappa Delta
Courtney Chinn – Kappa Delta
Siera Crowe – Kappa Delta
Tiera Crowe – Kappa Delta
Andrew “Denver” Donovan – Sigma Phi Epsilon
Courtney Durrance – Kappa Delta
Callie Eaves – Kappa Delta
Hannah Ison – Theta Omega
Tabitha Kincaid – Sigma Kappa
Tina Kirk – Theta Omega
Carl Sims – Sigma Alpha Mu
Shelby Timm – Theta Omega
Bailey Wilson – Theta Omega
Trisha Zivkovic – Theta Omega

Hall of Fame:



Greek chapters that earned the highest chapter GPA and highest new member GPA for the Spring 2011 and Fall 2011 semesters were also honored:

Top Fraternity GPA (Spring 2011) – Sigma Phi Epsilon
Top Sorority GPA (Spring 2011) – Sigma Kappa
Top Fraternity GPA (Fall 2011) – Sigma Phi Epsilon
Top Sorority GPA (Fall 2011) – Kappa Delta

Top Fraternity New Member GPA (Spring 2011) – Sigma Alpha Mu
Top Sorority New Member GPA (Spring 2011) – Theta Omega
Top Fraternity New Member GPA (Fall 2011) – Sigma Phi Epsilon
Top Sorority New Member GPA (Fall 2011) – Kappa Delta

KWC launches new mobile website

Kentucky Wesleyan College has developed a new mobile website that carries the look and feel of the main website over to a smaller screen. If you visit www.kwc.edu on your phone or tablet computer, you'll automatically be directed to the mobile version of the site (m.kwc.edu).

You don't have to download an app or enter a special address – you'll automatically be directed to the new site based on the device you're using.

In keeping with today's mobile-ready society, the goal of the mobile version of the KWC website is to provide information in a quick, clean way that's easy to read and navigate on a small screen. The content is a slimmed-down version of what is on the main site.

KWC choir to spend week on tour

By Angela Oliver, Messenger-Inquirer

Kentucky Wesleyan College might be known for several things. The school's music department is aiming to be among them.

"Every school has to have a niche," said Paul Oakley, professor of music and the conductor of the KWC Singers and Wesleyan Chorale. "There are strengths in every department, and the administration has been unsinkable in helping us become part of that. We're grateful ... it's important to the arts."

With the administration's support, the KWC Singers, a 47-member choir, is going on a five-state concert tour, making stops in Birmingham, New Orleans, and Memphis, among other cities. They will perform at several churches, mostly United Methodist, which is the college's affiliation. The tour will end with a local performance. The final concert is at 6 p.m., March 18 at St. John's United Methodist Church, 2160 Griffith Ave.

Oakley said he also appreciates KWC's commitment to the church.

The tour, also a recruiting tool, is the first of its scale in more than a decade.

"There were budget problems, and the choir was a much smaller program," said Kent Lewis, chaplain and director of church relations. He is a KWC Singers alum, and he will tour with them.

He said he's happy to be a part of the resurgence of the music program.

"Well, I definitely don't miss the constant practice," he said. "But the students are so

dedicated; it really shows when they perform.”

Wednesday, the choir rehearsed in KWC’s Tapscott Chapel. The singers conversed with each other about their expectations for the tour as they arranged the risers and chairs.

Everybody has a role. The choir, they said, is a team. And though going on the tour means sacrificing their spring break, the students agreed that doing what they love is worth it.

“We don’t think, ‘Oh gosh, I’m missing out on a free week,’ ” said Michael Stone, an Erwin, N.C., junior. “We think, ‘Oh gosh! I get to sing for a week.’ And in different cities? What’s better than that?”

Stone is the tenor section leader. The self-proclaimed “seasoned tourist” transferred to KWC, like many of the other singers, to continue studying with Oakley. He said he’s excited to see the first-time tourists’ reactions. And if the crunch of traveling and back-to-back performances overwhelms anyone, the chipper leader of the spirit committee will be ready to spread cheer.

“We have a committee for everything,” Stone said laughing. “The spirit committee keeps up the good mood.”

Madison McKinney, a sophomore from Midland, N.C., said touring can be stressful.

“This will be the first time these churches hear us sing,” she said. “We have one shot to impress them, and that’s challenging because we want to give them our best.”

And the singers will be able to connect with their audience on another level. Members of the churches will host the students at their homes overnight.

“That’s one of the most rewarding parts of the trip,” Oakley said. “My students have always done this, and many of them even keep in touch with the families to this day.”

The singers will have a few leisure days in New Orleans, and they said they aren’t worried about the long hours on the bus in between. They’ll have each other for entertainment.

“These kids could have fun together in prison,” Oakley said.

And the tour might make them even closer.

“We’re friends already,” Stone said. “Now we’re gonna be crammed on a bus all week, so I know we’ll have funny moments. We’ll become more like family by the time we get back.”

The luggage committee will load up the bus this morning, and the choir will be on their

way. And they hope to return with a little less pressure than they carried.

“We want to leave a good reputation with our audiences,” Oakley said. “We want to leave a good impression so they’ll look at KWC and immediately think of our music.”

Kentucky Wesleyan College Hosts “An Evening with Novelist and Screenwriter Lee Goldberg”

Owensboro, KY (February 25, 2012) – The Kentucky Wesleyan College Theatre Arts Program is hosting “An Evening with Novelist and Screenwriter” Lee Goldberg on Wednesday, February 29, at 7 p.m. in Hager Hall at the Ralph Center. Goldberg is in Owensboro working on a film for the International Mystery Writer’s Festival. His TV writing and producing credits have covered a wide variety of genres, and his TV work has earned him two Edgar Award nominations from the Mystery Writers of America. His two careers as a novelist and TV writer merged when he began writing the “Diagnosis Murder” series of original novels, based on the hit CBS TV mystery that he wrote and produced. His novels include “My Gun Has Bullets,” which *Entertainment Weekly* says, “will make you cackle like a sitcom laugh track,” and “Beyond the Beyond,” which *Kirkus Reviews* describes as “outrageously entertaining.” The public is invited to attend.

Students to shine at 'K-Dub Idol'

By Angela Oliver, Messenger-Inquirer

The competition began with 17. Now there are five.

Tuesday, students at Kentucky Wesleyan College will battle with their voices to earn the title of “K-Dub Idol.” The free event begins at 9 p.m. in Rogers Hall, 3000 Frederica St.

Though the singing competition, molded after the hit Fox TV series, “American Idol,” is in its fifth year, many of the finalists agree that this year has surpassed others.

“We’ve set the bar pretty high,” said Durham, N.C. freshman Corey Moore. “It’s been really rewarding to get the positive feedback from people around campus.”

Moore auditioned for “American Idol” in South Carolina last year. He didn’t advance past the second round there, but he said participating in “K-Dub Idol” has made up for that.

“Singing gives me a high that I can’t explain,” he said. “I’m just happy to have the chance to do it here.”

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Moore is a vocal performance major, like three of the other finalists. And though Drew Taylor, a sophomore from Concord, N.C., is studying pre-med biology, he always finds time to sing.

“It’s very therapeutic for me,” Taylor said. “Knowing I can evoke emotions and connect with the crowd is very special.”

Taylor is also a member of the Wesleyan Singers and the KWC Vocal Scholars. During the ’90s-themed second round of “K-Dub Idol,” he sang a love song medley, garnering swooning female fans. Taylor, like the other finalists, said it was fun to take a break from his routine.

“I’m classically trained,” said Jonna Capone, a sophomore from Boston, Mass. “So, it was nice to show we can sing songs other than ...”

“Laaaa!” She and Moore looked at each other and jokingly sang an operatic note in unison.

The students went on, laughing and trading jokes about singing in German and Latin. Their friendship was apparent. To them, “K-Dub Idol” was no cutthroat competition for a cash prize.

“We support each other, we root each other on,” said Salisbury, N.C. sophomore Ginny Weant.

And the finalists said the student body supports them, too.

After the first round, there was a chance to save a contestant who did not have enough votes. Donation buckets were placed in the dining hall during peak hours, and the ousted contestant who raised the most money was invited back into the competition. Capone was the saved singer. The donations, totaling about \$300, were given to the McAuley Clinic, a healthcare clinic for people who can’t afford insurance.

The finalists said they are excited about Tuesday night. A few of them haven’t chosen a song yet — they don’t know how to top their last performance.

“Before this, people hadn’t seen me put myself into the music and really feel it,” said Nadia Wilkes, a freshman from Pleasantville, N.J. “I just love to perform, and this is the perfect place for it.”

Wilkes belted out Whitney Houston’s “I Have Nothing” as her ’90s song, she said, to a standing ovation.

Beyond showcasing vocal talent, though, Andrew Rash, the Director of Student Life, said “K-Dub Idol” serves a greater purpose.

“Everybody from football players to faculty and staff to music students attends this event,” he said. “It brings everyone together in a fun way and really shows how diverse

we are. As student life director, my charge is to support programs that do just that. I'm very excited to see who's number one."

Black playwrights featured at KWC

By Angela Oliver, Messenger-Inquirer

Laura Early's students at Kentucky Wesleyan College are familiar with works by black playwrights. After their event Thursday, she hopes more people in Owensboro will want to learn more about them, too.

"We're celebrating Black History Month with the community, and this is the first time we've done this, so I'm eager to see how it goes," Early said.

Her students will conduct readings of plays by black writers at 4 p.m Thursday in Hager Hall in the Ralph Center for Fine Arts and Communication, at College Drive and South Griffith Avenue. It is free and open to the public.

Early is an assistant professor of theater arts at KWC. She has been there for a year and wanted to start an annual program for Black History Month. The plays featured include "Fences" by August Wilson, "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide when the Rainbow is Enuf" by Ntozake Shange and "The Colored Museum" by Frankfort native George C. Wolfe.

"I hope we've chosen enough selections that people will see the full range of these historic figures," Early said.

Phoenix Jenkins, a senior from Winter Haven, Fla., will open the event with her original poem, "Wake Up." Though she is a sociology major, Jenkins is involved in KWC theater productions. She is currently rehearsing for the department's "Godspell" play and has done others in the past.

"I just love everything Laura does, so I wanted to be a part of this," she said.

Jenkins' poem uses quotes and references to the works and personalities of black writers, such as Nikki Giovanni, Maya Angelou and Langston Hughes.

"I wrote it hoping my generation would see the problems we have," she said. "I think it will inspire us to stop settling for normality and reach for more."

Jenkins said the campus didn't have any similar events in the two years she has been there. But she looks forward to the events growing in the future.

"We did things in the community, but we never hosted a Black History Month event on campus," she said. "I appreciate the acknowledgement of this month and I'm proud to say I go to a school that's diverse and celebrates everyone."

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GREAT MIDWEST ATHLETIC CONFERENCE APPROVED AS NCAA DIVISION II CONFERENCE

INDIANAPOLIS (Feb. 20, 2012) – The Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC) has received notice that the NCAA Division II Membership Committee has approved the G-MAC as a member conference of NCAA Division II effective September 1, 2012.

As a member conference, the G-MAC will now enter an educational assessment program for the 2012-13 academic year with the goal of beginning competition as the 24th active NCAA Division II member conference effective September 1, 2013. Charter members of the G-MAC include Cedarville University (Cedarville, Ohio), Central State University (Wilberforce, Ohio), Kentucky Wesleyan College (Owensboro, Ky.), Trevecca Nazarene University (Nashville, Tenn.), Urbana University (Urbana, Ohio), and Ursuline College (Pepper Pike, Ohio).

Dr. Bill Brown, Cedarville University President and chair of the G-MAC Presidents' Council said, "We are grateful that the NCAA recognizes the quality of the current membership and the potential for the development of an outstanding Division II conference. Every school contributed to achieving this recognition. Now we are ready to take off!"

The G-MAC will work to meet the active member and sport sponsorship requirements established by the membership by June 1, 2013. The Conference will achieve the benchmarks for the 2013-14 academic year with six active NCAA Division II members and by meeting sport sponsorship requirements for five men's sports and five women's sports or four men's sports and six women's sports.

At the point at which the requirements are met, the G-MAC will gain full privileges of NCAA Division II Conference membership, including conference grant distribution, voting rights and representation on the NCAA Management Council and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

“We are thankful to the NCAA Division II Membership Committee for acceptance of the G-MAC as a member conference,” said G-MAC Commissioner Tom Daeger. “The approval is a significant milestone in the development of our league and we look forward to advancing the growth of our membership.”

“Additionally, the opportunity to complete the educational assessment program during the 2012-13 academic year will provide further support to our development as a model NCAA Division II conference and enable the league to prepare for competition as an active conference in 2013-14.”

The G-MAC will begin sponsoring 12 championships in the 2012-13 academic year as it works through the requirements of the educational assessment program. Men’s and women’s cross country, men’s and women’s soccer, women’s volleyball, men’s and women’s basketball, men’s and women’s golf, women’s tennis, baseball and softball conference championships will be held for member student-athletes.

“It is our goal to develop a conference that will provide the quality championship experiences and league administrative support expected of a model NCAA Division II conference from the outset,” added Daeger. “The opportunity to develop these championships and procedures in advance of our first year as an active NCAA Division II conference will be tremendously beneficial to our office and league members.”

The G-MAC, established in 2012, is a NCAA Division II Conference featuring active and reclassifying members in Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. Charter members of the G-MAC include Cedarville University, Central State University, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Trevecca Nazarene University, Urbana University and Ursuline College. The G-MAC, headquartered in Indianapolis, will sponsor 12 championships in 2012-13 with intention to begin competition as an active NCAA Division II member conference in 2013-14.

ANTHONY YOUNG NAMED MIDWEST REGION PLAYER OF THE YEAR

6-7 senior forward honored by Daktronics, Inc.

ASHLAND, Ohio (March 6, 2012) — Kentucky Wesleyan's Anthony Young received the Midwest Region Player of the Year Award from *Daktronics, Inc.* as voted by region sports information directors.

Young, a 6-foot-7 senior forward from Indianapolis, Ind. (Arsenal Tech HS), leads the Great Lakes Valley Conference in scoring (19.9) and KWC in rebounding (7.8), three-pointers (37), three-point shooting (41.1), free throw shooting (84.5) and minutes played (32.0).

The first-team All-GLVC selection became the 39th player in KWC history to surpass the 1,000 point milestone (1,100). He scored a career-high 44 points which was the fifth-best NCAA performance this season and the ninth-highest in the KWC record book.

His other accolades include two-time GLVC Player of the Week honoree and All-Owensboro Classic recognition.

The No. 7 seed Kentucky Wesleyan (21-7) will play No. 2 seed Southern Indiana (24-6) in the NCAA Midwest Region quarterfinals on Saturday at 1:30 CT in Louisville, Ky.

The Daktronics first team also includes Bellarmine guard Braydon Hobbs, Indianapolis guard Adrian Moss, Ashland forward Evan Yates and Wayne State center Ike Udanoh.

The second team includes Michigan Tech forward Ali Haidar, Illinois-Springfield forward Michael Fakuade, Hillsdale forward Brad Guinane, Quincy forward Justin Brock, Southern Indiana guard Brandon Hogg and Bellarmine guard Jeremy Kendle.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN'S MCFARLAND, YOUNG AND JOHNSON RECEIVE ALL-GLVC HONORS

Senior trio leads Panthers to GLVC Tournament this weekend

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (Feb. 28, 2012) — Kentucky Wesleyan's Cardell McFarland and Anthony Young were named to the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference first team and Brandon Johnson was chosen to the league's inaugural All-Defensive team, as voted on by GLVC coaches.

McFarland, a 5-foot-11 senior guard from Evansville, Ind. (Bosse HS), led the Panthers in scoring (20.6), field goal percentage (60.9) and three-point percentage (46.8) in his first 17 games before an injury halted his play.

Young, a 6-foot-7 senior forward from Indianapolis, Ind. (Arsenal Tech HS), leads the GLVC in scoring (20.6) and KWC in rebounding (7.9), three-points shooting (42.7), free throw shooting (84.0) and minutes played (32.1). He was a two-time GLVC Player of the Week honoree in 2011.

Johnson, a 5-foot-11 senior guard from Fresno, Calif. (Cloves West HS), tops the Panthers in steals (40) and assists (94). He also is second in minutes (31.6), third in scoring (12.8) and fourth in rebounding (4.5) and field goal percentage (51.4) in 26 starts.

Receiving the GLVC top honors were Player of the Year Braydon Hobbs (Bellarmine), Freshman of the Year Ryan Jackson (Lewis) and co-Coaches of the Year Scott Davenport (Bellarmine) and Steve Tappmeyer (Missouri-St. Louis).

No. 6 seed Kentucky Wesleyan (21-6) will play No. 3 seed Northern Kentucky (21-5) in the Great Lakes Valley Conference quarterfinals on Friday at noon in Springfield, Ill.