



Parent Newsletter

Here we go! This is the 3rd year we have produced our monthly Parent Newsletter and I'm excited to share our campus news with you. For those of you who receive the Messenger-Inquirer, you may have previously read the press releases related to KWC. Our intent is to keep our parents informed of things that are happening on campus. We will start by listing upcoming dates of interest and college announcements. This will be followed by recent press releases. Please provide feedback so we can work to improve our communication with our parents. Enjoy!

Upcoming Dates of Interest

October 10 -11 Fall Break – No classes

October 16 – Mid-semester (All students will be issued mid-term grades – be sure to ask your student how they're doing)

November 27-29 Thanksgiving Break

December 9-13 Final Exams

January 3-23, 2014 Winter Term

January 24, 2014 Spring classes begin

March 10-14, 2104 Spring Break

Kentucky Wesleyan College Earns High Ratings from U.S. News and Washington Monthly

Owensboro, Ky. (September 12, 2013) – Kentucky Wesleyan College has been named a U.S. News 2014 “Best Value School” and “Best Regional College” and a Washington Monthly 2013 “Best Baccalaureate College.” President Craig Turner remarked about the announcements, “These significant accolades reflect our commitment to academic excellence, affordability and student success. We are extremely pleased with the high rankings by two prestigious organizations.”

The U.S. News Best Value calculation assesses academic quality and net cost of attendance and rates them regionally. Kentucky Wesleyan is rated #7 in the South as a “Best Value School.” KWC is ranked #18 as a Best Regional College in the South by U.S. News. U.S. News gathered institutional data on a number of indicators and ranked colleges against peers in their region, based on composite weighted scores.

Washington Monthly rated Kentucky Wesleyan #29 in the nation as a Best Baccalaureate College. Washington Monthly measures recruitment and graduation of low-income students, scholarship and emphasis on student service to the community.

Dr. Turner shared that Kentucky Wesleyan will host several celebrations for students, staff and faculty to recognize the superior ratings.

**KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE NAMED TO THE
PRINCETON REVIEW'S LIST,
"BEST IN THE SOUTHEAST" FEATURED ON ITS WEBSITE:
"2014 BEST COLLEGES: REGION BY REGION"**

Owensboro, Ky. (August 6, 2013) – Kentucky Wesleyan College is one of the best colleges in the Southeast, according to the Princeton Review, the nationally known education services company. The Princeton Review, widely known for its test prep programs and college and graduate school guides, named 138 institutions to its "Best in the Southeast" section of its website feature, "2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region," that posted today on the Company's website at <http://www.princetonreview.com/best-regional-colleges.aspx>

The 138 colleges The Princeton Review chose for its "Best in the Southeast" designations are located in twelve states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. The Princeton Review also designated 226 colleges in the Northeast, 124 in the West, and 155 in the Midwest as best in their locales on the company's "2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region" lists. Collectively, the 643 colleges named "regional best(s)" constitute about 25% of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges.

Dr. Craig Turner, president of the College, remarked about the announcement, "Kentucky Wesleyan College's designation over a number of years reflects our strong commitment to the success of every student through academic excellence and individualized experiences. We are gratified that this ranking is achieved not only through institutional data, but through the rankings by our students."

Says Robert Franek, Princeton Review's Senior VP / Publisher, "We're pleased to recommend these colleges to users of our site as the best schools to earn their undergrad degrees. We chose these as our 'regional best' colleges mainly for their excellent academic programs. From several hundred schools in each region, we winnowed our list based on institutional data we collected directly from the schools, our visits to schools over the years, and the opinions of our staff, plus college counselors and advisors whose recommendations we invite. We also take into account what students at the schools reported to us. Only schools that permit us to independently survey their students are eligible to be considered for our regional 'best' lists."

For this project, The Princeton Review asks students attending the schools to rate their own schools on several issues - from the accessibility of their professors to quality of the campus food - and answer questions about themselves, their fellow students, and their campus life. Comments from surveyed students are quoted in the school profiles on The Princeton Review site. The profiles also have a "Survey Says" list that reveals topics about which students surveyed at the school were in highest agreement.

The schools in The Princeton Review's "2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region" website section are also rated in six categories by The Princeton Review. The ratings, which appear on the school profiles, are scores on a scale of 60 to 99. The Princeton Review tallied these scores based on institutional data it obtained from the colleges in 2012-13 and/or student survey data. The rating score categories include: Academics, Admissions Selectivity, Financial Aid, Fire Safety, Quality of Life, and Green. The Princeton Review explains the criteria for each rating score on its site at www.princetonreview.com/college/college-ratings.aspx

The Princeton Review does not rank the 643 colleges in its "2014 Best Colleges: Region by Region" list hierarchically or by region or in various categories. However, some schools in this list that also appear in The Princeton Review book, "The Best 378 Colleges: 2014 Edition" may appear on some of the Princeton Review ranking lists of "top 20 colleges" in 62 categories that are unique to that book. They are based entirely on the Company's surveys of students at the 378 schools in the book.

Kentucky Wesleyan College Receives \$450,000 Grant from James Graham Brown Foundation

Owensboro, Ky. (August 28, 2013) – Kentucky Wesleyan College has been notified by the James Graham Brown Foundation that the College will receive a \$450,000 grant to address “Sophomore Slump,” a national challenge in higher education. “Sophomore Slump” occurs when students have completed their freshman year and begin the transition to the selection of a field of concentration, encounter increasingly difficult course work and drop out of college. Although any student may be at risk for the “Sophomore Slump,” first-generation college attenders are particularly vulnerable. The KWC program will focus on all sophomores, but especially on first-generation and low income students, and will provide the academic, social and financial support needed to move students through the sophomore transition to a successful outcome – graduation.

President Craig Turner remarked, “We are deeply grateful for the generosity of the James Graham Brown Foundation, which will enable Wesleyan to address specific issues of at-risk students in innovative ways.” The program will provide funding for a Sophomore Advocate, who will address specific needs of sophomores and facilitate the exploration of careers, engagement in academic work and the establishment of healthy, supportive relationships inside and outside the classroom. The Advocate will coordinate partnerships with alumni mentors and community leaders, who will provide support through service learning projects and community service opportunities.

Academic Dean Paula Dehn explained that the college career life cycle includes the excitement of autonomy and newness during the freshman year followed by a sense of urgency and even uncertainty in the sophomore year. “The Sophomore Advocate will bring together partners who will provide support for academic and social success. Sophomores sometimes feel disconnected and need assistance and encouragement to

make goal-centered decisions about their futures,” explained Dr. Dehn. “Once they reach their junior year, they usually remain in college and graduate.”

The James Graham Brown Foundation of Louisville was incorporated in 1954. Brown was a lumberman, horseman and entrepreneur.

Grant gives voice to Latino women's stories

By Rich Suwanski Messenger-Inquirer Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer

The Kentucky Foundation for Women awarded a \$5,500 grant last week to Centro Latino and Educational and Cultural Advancement for Latinos Inc. for the "Bilingual Latina Women's Creative Voices Project, Cronicas."

The project will include Latino women telling their life experiences, such as "immigration, domestic violence, alcohol and drug abuse, parenting hardships and the process of women changing their lives."

Sister Fran Wilhelm, director of Centro Latino, and Arcea Zapata De Aston, an assistant professor of Spanish at Kentucky Wesleyan College and founder and president of Educational and Cultural Advancement for Latinos Inc., will conduct the interviews along with Claudia Benson.

Interviews are expected to begin next week, with a group of 10 women. The project is expected to last from two-to-three years with additional groups of Latino women in Owensboro, Henderson, Sebree and Evansville, Wilhelm said.

"We'll start out interviewing them so they can tell their stories, and then we'll have classes in parenting and domestic violence, a lot of things that are of special interest to women," Wilhelm said. "We'll listen to what they've come through, their past experiences. We feel that telling their own stories empowers them.

"They'll tell us what their lives were like in the countries they came from and their journey here, their struggles. Very few of them have learned to talk about themselves, but when they tell their stories, we will affirm them and show them that everything they've gone through will be helpful somehow."

Zapata De Aston said the women will "benefit greatly from the project because by sharing their stories, they will have a voice to promote change in their communities.

"Latinos are the fastest growing minority, and it is important to give women a chance to rise up from their circumstances and find pride in their past, as well as encourage a new hope for their futures," she said.

"The program will provide a strong outlet for the Latina women to feel comfortable in sharing their stories. There is also the opportunity to interact with people from outside their comfort zone, such as the writers, guest speakers and KWC student volunteers working in their service learning and practicum for their Spanish classes."

The grant will pay for educational materials and other expenses.

Centro Latino is an outreach organization serving the Latino community.

The Kentucky Foundation for Women is a private foundation formed in 1985 by Louisville writer Sallie Bingham with a mission "to promote positive social change by supporting varied feminist expression in the arts."

The KFW has awarded 32 Arts Meets Activism Grants totaling \$104,500 to feminist artists and social change organizations throughout the state.

KWC criminal justice class free and open to the public

By Angela Oliver Messenger-Inquirer Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer

Kentucky Wesleyan College will take a different approach to education with one of its criminal justice courses.

The upper-level course, "When Justice Fails," will be free and open to the public. The class will meet from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Mondays from Sept. 9 to Dec. 2 in room 214 of the Barnard-Jones Administration Building, 3000 Frederica St.

"It's a topical course, so we'll explore something new each week," said Ken Ayers, professor of criminal justice and former Navy intelligence officer.

Another part of the course will be a public presentation by Darryl Burton, who was released in 2008 after serving 24 years of a life sentence for a murder he didn't commit. The event will not be on a class date, Ayers said.

Ayers taught the course for the first time two years ago.

It covers high-profile cases that demonstrate how the justice system has failed in some way. It is framed around the PBS documentary show "Frontline." During the first 50

minutes of the class, the students will watch a DVD of the show based on such cases. Discussion will follow.

Though the discussions can get heavy, Ayers said the class dynamic makes them more interesting.

"My students come to class with their ideas of right and wrong at age 20, 21, 22," he said, "then people who've been around for 50 years share their thoughts. They add so much, instantly."

He said students and the public have given positive feedback about the course. There is no age requirement, but the non-student participants are usually 40 to 60 years old or older.

"I like having older adults because they have life experience and perceptions that my students may not have," Ayers said. "They can enhance younger people's understanding of the world and help with their critical thinking skills. They just offer a different way to look at reality and that creates an opportunity for my students to evaluate their beliefs."

Many students may have gained a different perspective, for instance, when a couple whose son had been murdered participated in the first class, Ayers said.

Some topics are off limits, but Ayers encourages everyone to be open and offer their views.

"We all have opinions and there are

no right or wrong answers in the discussion," he said. "We're just on a discovery mission here. We learn from each other."

Nonstudents will not receive credit for the course, nor are they required to attend all classes. Registration is not required, but there will be a sign-in sheet at each class. Ayers will email readings and related notices to everyone on the sign-in sheets.

The following lists the course topics based on "Frontline" titles and/or titles and descriptions by Ayers. For more information, call 852-3169 or email kenay@kwc.edu.

Sept. 9: "From Aristotle to Rawls -- The Philosophy of Justice -- Criminal, Social, Moral, Economic, Political and Religious."

Sept.16: "Law and Disorder" -- An examination of the New Orleans Police Department during and after Hurricane Katrina.

Sept. 23: "The Confessions" -- An examination of the "Norfolk Four," innocent Navy sailors convicted for the rape and murder of a woman after threats of the death penalty, sleep deprivation and intimidation led them to confess.

Sept. 30: "The Plea" -- An exploration of the moral, judicial and constitutional implications of relying on plea bargaining to expedite justice.

Oct. 14: "Death by Fire" -- An examination, in light of new science, of the 2004 execution of Cameron Todd Willingham, who was convicted for the arson deaths of his three children.

Oct. 21: "Burden of Innocence" -- An examination of five exonerated men and how they fared after highly publicized releases, largely without transitional assistance from the states that imprisoned them.

Oct. 28: "Hand of God" -- A case study of more than 10,000 children reportedly sexually abused by a Catholic priest; and "The Silence" -- An examination of decades of abuse of Native Americans by priests and other church workers in Alaska.

Nov. 4: "When Kids Get Life" -- A review of case studies of five young Colorado men sentenced to life without parole, their crimes and punishment, the laws that sanctioned their convictions and the prospect of never being free again.

Nov. 11: "A Crime of Insanity" -- An examination of the case of paranoid schizophrenic Ralph Tortorici and the personal, political and societal fallout that occurs when legal and psychiatric worlds collide.

Nov. 18: "Postmortem" -- An examination of the death investigation crisis in America.

Nov. 25: "The O.J. Trial, the Death of Caylee Anthony and the George Zimmerman Trial" -- An examination of how the jury system fails or succeeds, from jury nullification to evidence to juries understanding the case and law.

Dec. 2: "Prisons for Profit" -- An investigation of the government's trend to outsource prisons and prisoners to the private sector. Kentucky was the first state to approve the use of private prisons.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE TO HOST RENOWNED EDUCATOR

Owensboro, Ky. (September 5, 2013) – Kentucky Wesleyan College will host renowned North Carolina educator Anthony Johnson on Sunday, September 8, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in Rogers Hall at the Winchester Center. The public is invited to attend. Johnson will share his life story and emphasize how he overcame adversity to achieve his goals. Johnson was born and raised in New Orleans, where he failed several grades before dropping out of school. He later obtained his GED and college degree and found his calling to teach at-risk youth. He is recognized by Apple as an Apple Distinguished Educator and is known for his implementation of technology in the classroom. Johnson formed a drum circle for eight at-risk boys that has evolved into the only elementary school marching band in North Carolina. His band, "The Mini Funk Factory Marching Band," was featured in the April 2012 issue of School Band and Orchestra magazine in an article, "iPad Innovators in

the Music Room.” The band is also featured in the Apple Distinguished Educators section of iTunes U. He has received numerous awards, including the prestigious MLK Humanitarian of the Year Award. As a technology facilitator, Johnson trained educators to integrate technology into the curriculum before becoming a fifth grade teacher.

KWC professor remembered

When Professor Leanne Faulkner first joined the Kentucky Wesleyan College faculty more than 12 years ago, she was hired for both her math and teacher education skills.

"We were thrilled to have her. She brought both her Ph.D. knowledge in math and practical skills from having taught at a high school," said Martha O'Bryan, co-chair of the professional studies division at KWC. "She brought that kind of diverse experience to her own classrooms."

The KWC campus still is mourning Faulkner's sudden death Aug. 30. She was 41.

Students, faculty and staff received an email Friday that Faulkner had been rushed to Owensboro Health Regional Hospital and were asked to keep her in their thoughts and prayers, senior student Jeremy Bivins said Thursday. A later email informed them of her death.

Bivins, 21, was a transfer to KWC from Madisonville Community College who was looking for a college that would help him earn a bachelor's degree in two years. He was a recipient of a National Science Foundation STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Scholarship, which provided him with two years of college funding.

"Generally, the word at colleges was that it would take me three years to graduate," said Bivins, who is a math major from Dunmor in Muhlenberg County. "Dr. Faulkner said she could get me out in two, but it wouldn't be easy, and it would hurt. And it did hurt, but it was well worth it."

Bivins is on track to graduate in May 2014 just as Faulkner planned.

"In my first meeting with her, she had it all planned out and said you can graduate in two years," he said.

He was in her Analysis class — the last class she taught before she died.

"What I will remember about her is that she spoke her mind; she was fair and just, and very kind," Bivins said. "She said that she wanted to be a teacher of teachers and not just produce an engineer."

Paige Kramer, 20, of Owensboro, said Faulkner accomplished that.

Kramer, an elementary education major, had three classes with Faulkner which included her first college class — math for elementary teachers.

"I was nervous. And then I realized that she was willing to help," Kramer said. "She told us to come to her or to email her if we had questions. And she was good at her word. She cared about students. She didn't just teach us math; she taught us how to teach others."

Kramer said when she missed some classes from playing KWC soccer, Faulkner let her make up classes or helped her so she didn't get behind.

"I'll remember her when I teach," she said. "She went out of her way to make sure we were ready for what we wanted to do in the future."

O'Brien remembered her colleague as "always giving — of her time, knowledge and of herself."

She also loved her students, O'Brien said.

"Anyone who knew her at all knew exactly where she stood," the education professor said. "She had high expectations of herself and her students. And she laid out her expectations for the students. If they were not reaching for them, she let them know and worked with them. She didn't give up on them — even when they gave up on themselves."

O'Brien said Faulkner enjoyed her family. She enjoyed reminiscing, but she was always looking toward the future and was always hopeful.

"She attributed that to her faith. She modeled her faith in her relationships," O'Brien said. "Anyone working with her knew she cared about them more than the work. The person came first."

O'Brien recalled that Faulkner was an integral part of the college. For a few years, she worked with the athletic department as the compliance officer — ensuring that student athletes met all academic requirements and regulations.

"She got to know the coaches better than most professors did and also worked closely with the students," O'Brien said.

She also played a large role in the education department's implementation of two computer data systems.

"She took the lead and was our 'go-to' person for six or seven years," O'Brien said. "If students were challenged, and we didn't know an immediate answer, we would say to go to see Dr. Faulkner."

Faulkner was a Portland, Tenn., native. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville and her doctorate degree from the University of Kentucky.

She enjoyed camping, fishing, vegetable gardening, sewing and needlepoint. She enjoyed watching various sports, was an avid reader and musician.

The professor leaves behind a husband of 16 years, Brian T. Faulkner, and two children, Tristen and Jordan, as well as other family members. Her funeral was Tuesday.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to Gideons International or KWC for the General Scholarship Fund.

Moving in: College staff, students offer advice for dorm living

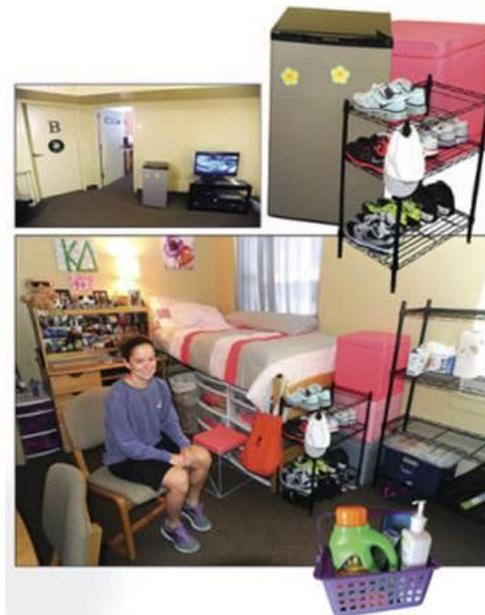


photo illustration by Jenny Sevcik, Messenger-Inquirer/jsevcik@messenger-inquirer.com, 691.7294 Paige Kramer, a 20-year-old junior at Kentucky Wesleyan College, sits near her bed in her double-occupancy dorm room in Massie Hall on Wednesday. Kramer said storage devices are an essential element of dorm life. Storage devices Kramer has in her dorm room include plastic storage drawers; colorful, stackable ottomans that have a storage space inside and shelves for shoes and food. Another dorm room essential is the curtain Paige has hung in the window near her bed, and her bed has been lifted to create more storage room underneath she said. Other dorm room essentials include dorm size refrigerators, televisions, and a shower caddy for those living in dorms with communal bathrooms.

[Moving in: College staff, students offer advice for dorm living](#) By Beth Noffsinger

When Scott Kramer graduated from Kentucky Wesleyan College 26 years ago, the residence halls' rooms didn't have cable TV access.

Kramer, who is now vice president of student services and dean of students at KWC, said the school thought it was cutting edge several years ago when it added landline phone jacks for every room.

Though students can still bring a landline phone — which is recommended — they are virtually obsolete to a student body that has had access to cell phones, and now smartphones, for years.

At some colleges, Ethernet cords were recommended for anybody bringing a computer, which were primarily desktops.

Now, many students are bringing laptops, and all of the residence halls at KWC feature wireless Internet service.

"You're always trying to adapt" to the amenities students want in a dorm room, Kramer said.

And though many of the staples remain the same, college students and staff, along with a variety of websites, have recommendations for ways to make the transition from home to dorm life a little easier.

Colleges and universities all have lists of suggested items to bring to school and items that are banned.

Those can vary from school to school — for example, students can have microwaves in their rooms at Kentucky Wesleyan College. Brescia University, which offers a traditional dorm for freshmen and apartments for upperclassmen, does not allow microwaves in the traditional rooms because they have older electrical systems in them.

There are many necessities, such as linens, shower caddies and laundry supplies, that are on the "need-to-bring" lists at many colleges.

An article by U.S. News & World Report posted on Yahoo News recommends several ways to save money on decorating dorms, including checking with the university to see if it rents certain items (such as an iron/ironing board) on an as-needed basis; touching base with your roommate to see what he or she can bring; checking with family and friends to see if they have items such as microwaves or refrigerators that the student can use; checking for items on the website Craigslist and using stores' apps for coupons, sales and to shop around.

One of the items many students forget to bring is a surge protector, Kramer said.

"Power strips are essential," he said. "With all the electronics they bring ... you never have enough outlets in a dorm room for everything you need. You want a surge protector, anyway."

Many colleges have free cable television for their dorm rooms — and many students are bringing large, flat-screen TVs for their rooms. The schools typically don't supply the coaxial cable, and some students find themselves shopping for one after moving to campus.

KWC even has a deal with Time Warner Cable where students can upgrade (at their own expense) to digital cable and purchase DVRs.

"I don't advise that," Kramer said, "because it will take away from study time. But it's available to them."

KWC has a variety of housing options for students, including traditional dorms with twin-size beds, closets and drawers. In some rooms, only the beds can be moved (they can be bunked). In others, all of the furniture is moveable, and the beds can be bunked or lofted.

The school also offers suites featuring two single rooms, a double-occupancy room, bathroom and living room. Kramer's daughter, Paige, lives in one of the suites with three Kappa Delta sorority sisters.

One of her roommates even brought a full-size bed for the room, which is allowed as long as the student keeps the university's property in the room — in this case, the twin-size bed frame is stored behind an armoire.

Paige Kramer recommends students bring extra storage containers for clothing. The junior elementary educator major said she felt like there wasn't enough room for her clothing in the armoire and drawers, so she purchased plastic bins so she can store clothing under her bed.

The drawers are neatly labeled so she can quickly grab the correct shirt, whether she needs one from her sorority or one for soccer.

"I think coming in my freshman year, I brought too much," Paige Kramer said, "and that's one thing I figured out. I don't need every single thing that I originally thought I did."

She brought several lamps and wall decorations that took up space.

Many students will bring futons to their dorm rooms. At Brescia, some students have asked the university to remove their beds so they could have only the futon, which the school does allow, said Jeff Rudnik, assistant dean of students for residence life.

"We see a lot of futons," he said. "A lot of really nice futons that makes them pretty homey. It's kind of nice to be able to hang on the couch or lay on the bed."

Brescia offers several varieties of housing options. Furniture is able to be rearranged in the freshman dorms. The apartments feature five bedrooms, two bathrooms and shared kitchen and living room. Brescia also owns several neighborhood homes. Some are themed, living/learning communities, such as a house for psychology majors.

Students want to make their rooms stand out, and Rudnik recommends they bring plenty of 3M Command Strips, which provide strong adhesives so students can hang decorations on their walls.

Those strips are one item many students forget, Rudnik said. Most colleges don't allow nails, screws or tape that could damage paint.

He's also found that many students forget an eating-in-the-dorm essential — a can opener. Students have even walked to Rudnik's house to ask to borrow his.

Though the beds in the traditional dorms don't bunk, students will use bed risers to make extra space for storage under their beds, he said.

"One of the biggest things we run into that people goof up on is extension cords," Rudnik said.

Those aren't allowed at Brescia — they are a fire code violation — but students can bring surge protectors to create more outlets.

Other items not allowed at most universities include any appliances with open heating elements, such as coffeemakers, toasters, candles and candle warmers. Brescia does allow Keurig coffeemakers, which don't have a hot plate.

Students also need to check with their colleges on the size and wattage of refrigerators and microwaves they can bring to campus, as those vary by school. Talking to their future roommate is also important to make sure they don't double up on bringing large items, such as TVs and refrigerators.

Seth Ferguson, a sophomore biology major at Brescia from Greenville, said he talked to his roommate freshman year about who would bring what essentials. This year, he'll have a private room since he's a resident adviser in one of the dorms.

Ferguson and fellow resident adviser, Marketa Kreuzingerova, a sophomore business management major from the Czech Republic, recommended living on campus for at least part of college.

"You're always connected to whatever is going on on campus," Ferguson said.

This will be Kreuzingerova's first semester living on campus. She said she brought plenty of storage totes to supplement the drawer space in the dorms. She called living on campus part of the college experience that all students should take advantage of.

And for students who are new to a college campus, "if you need anything, don't be afraid to come to us for help," Kreuzingerova said of the RAs. "We're always here."

SGA ELECTION RESULTS

Our Student Government Association would like to welcome our newest members:

Freshmen Residential

Daphne Parker
Ellen Tichenor

Freshmen Commuter

Cody Cecil
Bree Cox

Senator-At-Large

Summer Crick
Sydni Fazenbaker
Jordan King
Denzel Thomas

Welcome New Greek Members

We would like to welcome our newest fraternity & sorority members:

Taylor Adams – KD
Kirk Aldridge – SPE
Katie Bell – AOII
A.J. Campbell – SN
Justin Chaney – SAM
Dylan Cook – SAM
Ethan Coursey – SAM
Breeanna Cox – KD
Kaitlyn Crawford – SK
Kelsey Croft – KD
Cameron Davis – SAM
Kylie Davis – AOII
Lacey Dixon – SK
Lauren Gray – AOII
Laine Hermes – KD
Dustin Hicks – SPE
Natalie Hobgood – KD
Lydia Kaminski – AOII
Brandon Keith – SPE

Jordan Key – SAM
Leslie King – SN
Heather Knight – AOII
Tyler Logsdon – SN
Scott McIntyre – SPE
Marissa Olivero - AOII
Daphne Parker – KD
Penni Pluimer – KD
Jacob Putman – SAM
Bryant Qualls – SPE
Darian Reese – AOII
Danica Richardson – SK
Will Roberts – SN
Kady Schneider – AOII
Shea Sharkey – SPE
David Taylor-Horn – SAM
Alyssa Thomas – AOII
Riley Thompson – KD
Ellen Tichenor – KD

AOII – Alpha Omicron Pi
KD – Kappa Delta
SAM – Sigma Alpha Mu
SK – Sigma Kappa
SN – Sigma Nu
SPE – Sigma Phi Epsilon

Chelsea Brothers named G-MAC Volleyball Athlete of the Week

Kentucky Wesleyan junior middle blocker Chelsea Brothers (Indianapolis, Ind.-Southport HS) has been selected as the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (G-MAC) Athlete of the Week.

Brothers helped guide the Panthers to a 3-0 start to the season for the first time since 2007. Over the weekend the Panthers won the Illinois-Springfield Invitational.

KWC knocked off both Alderson Broaddus and Robert Morris (Ill.) in three sets on Friday, before beating Illinois-Springfield in five on Saturday.

Brothers was selected as the Tournament's Most Valuable Player after totaling 22 kills, three service aces, six blocks and four digs, along with a .425 hitting percentage.

During the Panthers opening match Alderson Broaddus, Brothers posted five kills, three service aces and three digs. She followed that performance up with eight kills on eight attacks for a perfect 1.000 hitting percentage in two sets against Robert Morris. In KWC's 3-2 win over tournament host Illinois-Springfield, Brothers recorded nine kills and four block assists.

The Panthers travel to Monticello, Ark. this weekend to play in the Hampton Inn Invitational hosted by Arkansas-Monticello. The Panthers open play against West Alabama on Friday, Sept. 13 at 11 a.m.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN BASKETBALL PRESEASON RANKED NO. 3 IN NATION

First time in preseason Top 10 in 11 years

OWENSBORO, Ky. (September 3, 2013) — Kentucky Wesleyan has been chosen No. 3 in *The Sporting News* preseason men's basketball Division II Top 10 poll for 2013-14.

This marks the first time the Panthers have been selected in the preseason Top 10 since 2002.

“This is remarkable news considering this is my first season at KWC with a brand new team that I have not had the opportunity to coach in a practice or game.” said head coach Happy Osborne.

“We are pleased to receive the recognition and now we must have the desire, passion and work ethic each and every day to earn that respect throughout the season.”

The Sporting News chose Seattle Pacific No. 1, followed by NCAA Runner-up Metro State, KWC, Bellarmine and Minnesota State for the Top Five.

Rounding out the Top 10 are No. 6 West Liberty (WVa.), defending NCAA Champion Drury, Midwestern State (Tex.), Western Washington and New Haven (Ct.).

Osborne inherits seven letterwinners including four starters along with three redshirts from last season's squad that finished 20-8. Two Division I transfers and two high school signees complete the 2013-14 recruiting class.

Getting to know the G-MAC

By Cole Claybourn Messenger-Inquirer

On Sept. 1, the Great Midwest Athletic Conference will officially gain active status as an NCAA member conference.

Remember on the first day of school every year when you'd sit and introduce yourself to everyone in your class? Well, that's sort of what we'll do here as Kentucky Wesleyan essentially meets its new classmates.

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The 10-school G-MAC brings a much different look than what KWC's Great Lakes Valley Conference counterparts brought to the table for the past 35 years.

The goal is that after reading this you can feel like you know KWC's future opponents just a little bit better.

We'll start first with Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, W. Va. Two baptist universities — Alderson Academy and Broaddus College— merged in 1932 to give the school the name it has today. The school is also rich in Civil War history and got part of its name from Rev. William Francis Ferguson Broaddus, a prominent minister during the Civil War.

Many of the G-MAC schools have unique athletic nicknames and logos, but Alderson-Broaddus might have the best — nicknamed the "Battlers" after a Civil War battle called the Battle of Philippi, which took place in 1861. However, that battle is largely considered more of a "skirmish" than a full-on battle. What that says about the Battlers themselves is for you to decide.

They have several logos, but their best one is a blue and yellow profile of a Civil War soldier furrowing his brow at his enemy, all the while sporting one of the best mustaches you'll see in any logo. For the sake of discussion, any further logo critiques will be given on the Battler Meter. Seriously, look this logo up.

Next up is Cedarville University in Cedarville, Ohio. Originally a Presbyterian university when it was chartered in 1887, Cedarville now affiliates with the Baptist Church. There's not much rich history to speak of here.

The Yellow Jackets, as they're nicknamed in athletics, became a Division II member on July 12, 2012. Cedarville's logo is a pretty standard yellow and blue yellow jacket. On a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the Alderson-Broaddus Battler, I'd give this logo a five.

Next is Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, the only historically black university in Ohio. It's won 18 athletic national championships, most of which came at the NAIA level.

Athletic teams are nicknamed the Marauders, which is someone who basically raids and robs people. Their logo is a maroon and yellow buccaneer sporting a thick beard and a left eye patch. This is one of the better logos in the G-MAC.

Davis & Elkins College is next. As the school itself writes, "D&E is a small liberal arts college nestled in the mountains in Elkins, W. Va."

The school's athletic teams are known as the Senators. Their logo is just a script, intertwined D&E logo, which is sort of disappointing given the potential of a creative Senators logo. D&E is pretty much the Ben Stein of the G-MAC as far as intrigue goes.

Next is Ohio Valley University in Vienna, W. Va. Perhaps the most unique thing about OVU is

that it actually operates on two separate campuses totalling 267 acres.

OVU's logo really gives the Battler a run for its money. It features a mean-looking cartoon character sporting a red Grizzly Adams-esque beard with a plaid sash draped across his body. His cuffed fists are disproportionately big and we can only assume he's also wearing a kilt, as his lower body is blocked by the letters "OVU."

Salem International is next. From 1888 until 1989, the school aligned with the Seventh Day Adventist Church until it began a partnership with Teikyo University in Tokyo. Until that partnership ended in 2000, the school was named Salem-Teikyo University. Investors from Singapore bought the school and the name changed to what it is today.

The Tigers, as they're known athletically, use a green "S" — similar to the one in the Syracuse logo — and turned it into a paw print.

Next is Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville. It was founded in 1901 as an independent ministerial training school. It uses a standard purple Trojan profile as the logo.

Ursuline College, which resides in Pepper Pike, Ohio, may bring the saddest story both present and past to the G-MAC. The school was hit by a tornado on July 20, and their nickname, the Arrows, references martyrdom. They use a French Fleur-de-lis (New Orleans Saints logo) as the logo, but a member of the school's athletics staff said the term Arrows is a reference to an Ursuline nun who was killed as a martyr. Yikes.

The last school is Georgetown College, a provisional member which will apply for Division II membership in February 2014. Anything you want to know about the Tigers you can likely get from former Georgetown and current KWC basketball coach Happy Osborne.

It might take some time to get used to KWC's new opponents. I'm hoping this was at least a good start.

Class dismissed.

KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE SELECTS SECOND ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME CLASS

Two Players of the Year, five All-Americans, two coaches, an athletic director and two support personnel chosen

OWENSBORO, Ky. (Aug. 26, 2013) – Kentucky Wesleyan College will induct two Players of the Year, five All-Americans, two coaches, an athletic director and two support personnel into their second Athletic Hall of Fame Class during the weekend of Dec. 6 and 7, as announced by new KWC Director of Athletics Jim Askins.

The 12-member class includes Gary Auten (basketball), Stacy Calhoun (women's basketball), Diana Chalfant (softball), Corey Crowder (basketball), Dwight Higgs (basketball), Randy Weber (football), Fairce Woods (basketball); coaches Wayne Chapman and Guy Strong; athletic director/coach Mike Pollio, team physician Dr. William McManus; plus longtime mentor Terry Woodward.

“This second class of inductees continues our celebration of honoring the successes and accolades of student-athletes, coaches, staff and contributors from our Winchester and Owensboro campuses heritage,” said Askins.

The inductee's profiles:

Gary Auten (1958-62) – Two-time basketball All-American...sixth in career points with 1,774...chosen to 1960 All-NCAA Championship Team...named to 1961 All-NCAA South Region Tournament Team...1960 U.S. Olympic Trials participant... voted to KWC All-Century team by fans... four-year starter.

Stacy Calhoun (1986-90) – First woman All-American in any sport...1989 first-team basketball All-American...second in career scoring with 1,672 points...second in career assists with 465...two-time All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honoree...fifth in career three-pointers with 99...four-year starter.

Diana Chalfant (1983-86) - 1986 Great Lakes Valley Conference Softball Player of the Year...three-time All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honoree...holds the career record for wins with 72 and winning percentage at 67.9...holds the career records for starts with 106 and innings pitched with 837.1...second in career ERA with 1.41 and strikeouts with 328...four-year starter.

Corey Crowder (1987-91) – First National Player of the Year in any sport 1991...three-time basketball All-American... holds career scoring record with 2,282 points...won 1990 NCAA Championship... two-time Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year...jersey number 23 retired...voted to KWC All-Century team by fans...first to play in the modern era of the NBA with the Utah Jazz and San Antonio Spurs.

Dwight Higgs (1981-84) – Three-time basketball All-American...second in career scoring with 2,228 points...started on three Final Four teams... four-time All-Great Lakes Valley Conference selection...jersey number 24 retired...voted to KWC All-Century team by fans...four-year starter.

Randy Weber (1987-91) - First football All-American 1989 (Third team)...two-time All-Mid-South Conference selection...sixth in career total tackles with 224...fifth in career assisted tackles with 135...played In 39 games...three-year starter.

Fairce Woods (1945-49) – First All-American in any sport...two-time basketball All-American...ninth in career scoring with 1,424 points...three-time All-Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection... jersey number 23 retired...voted to KWC All-Century team by fans.

Wayne Chapman (1985-90) – Won two NCAA Championships in 1987 and 1990...two-time National Coach of the Year...two-time Great Lakes Valley Conference and Great Lake Region Coach of the Year...won four consecutive GLVC Championships...produced a 128-29 record for an 81.5 winning percentage.

Guy Strong (1963-67) – Won KWC's first NCAA Championship in 1966 with a 24-6 record...named National Coach of the Year...finished third in 1967 NCAA Championship...coached Panther's to first-ever No. 1 ranking in 1967...compiled a 73-30 record for a 70.9 winning percentage.

Mike Pollio (1980-85) – Director of Athletics for five seasons...expanded the athletic program to 12 sports including football...increased athletic revenues by nearly 500 percent over a five-year period...guided the Panther's from last to second place for the Great Lakes Valley Conference All-Sports Trophy...restored the Championship Basketball Tradition in 1981...coached three Final Four teams 1982, 1984 and 1985...won three GLVC Championships...three-time GLVC Coach of the Year...compiled an 117-35 record for a 77.0 winning percentage.

Dr. William McManus (1965-94) – Team physician for all sports for 29 years...first non-student-athlete to have a jersey number (29) retired in his honor...member of six NCAA Basketball Championship teams.

Terry Woodward – Long-time mentor and booster club member...created the KWC Athletic Endowment Fund...the Health and Recreation Center named in honor for his generosity to the College.

JEFF WARD AND CUDA DIMMETT NAMED PRESEASON FOOTBALL ALL-AMERICAN

Offense and defensive standouts recognized

OWENSBORO, Ky. (Aug. 12, 2013) –Kentucky Wesleyan's Jeff Ward and Cuda Dimmett have been named NCAA Division II honorable mention All-America by USA College Football in their preseason selections.

Ward, a junior running back from Jasper, Ala. (Walker HS), led the Panthers in rushing with 339 yards on 71 carries and two touchdowns and pass receiving with 41 catches for 454 yards and five touchdowns as a sophomore in 2012.

He also was first in scoring with nine touchdowns and 54 points, all-purpose yards with 1,338, punt returns with 10 for 13.6 yards per return and one touchdown, and kick returns with 23 for a 17.8 average and a 94-yard touchdown.

Dimmett, a sophomore defensive back from Evansville, Ind. (Reitz HS), finished second in tackles with 58 including 45 solos and intercepted two passes as a freshman in 2012. He also set the single game fumble return record with a 99-yard touchdown.

The Panthers open the season at home against Kentucky State on Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. CT.