



Parent Newsletter

Welcome to the 2014-15 academic year! This is the first of six parent newsletters that we will send this year. It is our hope that we better connect with our KWC families and keep you informed of important announcements and upcoming events on campus.

So far this fall, we have experienced dramatic enrollment growth, a new president, recent national recognition, and the first phase of the renovation of Kendall Hall.

This is the 4th year to send our monthly Parent Newsletter and we're 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

September 20 – Admissions Open House

October 3-4 Fall Family Weekend

October 15 – Mid-semester (All students will be issued mid-term grades – be sure to ask your student how they're doing)

October 16-17 Fall Break – No classes

November 26-30 Thanksgiving Break

December 8-12 Final Exams

January 5-22, 2015 Winter Term

January 23, 2015 Spring classes begin

March 9-13, 2015 Spring Break

Barton D. Darrell Named President of Kentucky Wesleyan College

Owensboro, Ky. (Sept. 4, 2014) - Kentucky Wesleyan College Board of Trustees Chairperson Tom Grieb announces the appointment of Barton D. Darrell as the thirty-fourth president of Kentucky Wesleyan College. Darrell has served as vice president of external services at the College with responsibility for development, admissions, financial aid, alumni relations and public relations functions since October 2013. He is a 1984 graduate of Wesleyan, and he earned a juris doctor from the University of Louisville School of Law in 1987. He served the College as a trustee and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, as president of the Alumni Association and as an adjunct professor of business law.

“In his 11 months as vice president, Bart Darrell has been decisive, focused and results-driven,” remarked Grieb. “He offers tremendous commitment and positive energy, along with great passion for our heritage, and most of all, for our students and their needs. He is a natural leader who acts on his strongly held obligation to help others succeed. Bart has deep roots at Wesleyan that will grow and flower.”

Darrell was associated with the law firm of Bell, Orr, Ayers & Moore in Bowling Green, beginning in 1987. He became a partner in 1991. Darrell has represented school districts throughout Kentucky, including the Daviess County Public Schools and the Warren County Public Schools, where he served as general counsel. He has served as president of the Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Association, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bowling Green-Warren County Chamber of Commerce, a founding director of the board of the Southern Kentucky Performing Arts Center, chairman of the board for the American Red Cross, a member of the Governor’s Advisory Council for Volunteer Services, a member of the board of Leadership Kentucky and in numerous other public service capacities. Darrell was also appointed by the governor to serve on Kentucky’s Council on Postsecondary Education for four years and was the vice-chair in 2004

Darrell was named “Kentucky’s Outstanding Young Lawyer” by the Kentucky Bar Association and one of forty “New Leaders for the 21st Century” for Kentucky by the Louisville Courier-Journal, Lexington Herald-Leader and the Shakertown Roundtable. He received the “Gwen Davis Award” from the Bowling Green-Warren County Bar Association for his commitment to public service and community spirit and the “Clara Barton Honor Award for Meritorious Volunteer Leadership” by the American Red Cross.

His father, Dr. Bob Darrell, is a professor emeritus of English at Kentucky Wesleyan College, where he taught from 1969 – 2000. The Darrell PLUS Center, which offers tutoring, workshops and individual assistance to students, is named in his honor. His mother, Nelda Peoples Darrell, was a lifelong educator. The Nelda Peoples Darrell Stage in Hager Hall at the Ralph Center on campus is named in her memory. His maternal grandfather, Dr. Cecil Peoples, was a United Methodist minister and the president at Lon Morris College, also a Methodist institution, in Jacksonville, Texas, from 1935 – 1973.

“My grandfather was my hero. He led with integrity, vision, faith and enthusiasm,” said Darrell in accepting his appointment as president. “I am deeply honored and humbled to serve, and I am very grateful for the solid foundation laid by Dr. Turner. Together our faculty, administrative team, trustees, alumni and community will build on that foundation.”

A news conference to introduce Barton D. Darrell as president of Kentucky Wesleyan College was held on Tuesday, Sept. 9, in Rogers Hall at the Winchester Center.

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

Owensboro, Ky. (Sept. 10, 2014) – “Our Washington Monthly ranking among the nation’s top 50 baccalaureate colleges is a great honor and confirms the great scholarship and student growth at Kentucky Wesleyan College,” stated President-Elect Barton Darrell. Wesleyan is one of two Kentucky institutions ranked in the nation’s top 50 as a Best Baccalaureate College by Washington Monthly. The ratings are based on the college’s contribution to the public good in recruiting and graduating low-income students, producing cutting-edge scholarship and encouraging students to give something back to their country.

U.S. News & World Report ranked Kentucky Wesleyan nationally as a Best Online Bachelor’s Degree institution, one of nine Kentucky colleges and universities honored with this rating. “Additionally, our selection as one of the Kentucky colleges recognized for high quality online degrees demonstrates the college’s ability to supplement our online learning and experience with current technology to provide high caliber online education,” remarked Darrell.

Wesleyan was also ranked in the top 35 colleges and universities in the South as a Best Regional College. U.S. News gathers institutional data on a number of indicators of academic quality and ranks colleges against peers in their region, based on composite weighted scores. “We are, of course, so proud of our U.S. News Best Regional College designation, a ranking we have been pleased to receive for many years,” said Darrell. “These rankings are significant because they are based on measurable standards and determined by experts in higher education. They reflect the work of great faculty, administrative staff and students. Kentucky Wesleyan is proud to report them to our current and future students, their families, our alumni and the general public.”

President Craig Turner said of the announcements, “Our Washington Monthly designation in the nation’s top 50 as a Best Baccalaureate College, and with U.S. News as one of nine Kentucky institutions with a Best Online Bachelor’s Degree rating are particularly significant and satisfying. We also welcome the U.S. News Best in the South rating, which we have achieved repeatedly over the years. Each ranking reflects measurable standards from prestigious organizations, and we are thrilled.”

Freshman class enrollment up 42 percent



Class of 2018 at Smothers Park

The class spent a day touring the Convention Center, Museum of Fine Art, RiverPark and downtown businesses. Read the news release [here](#).

Follow a Freshman on Move-In Day

[Click here](#) to follow freshman Cody Chaffin on Move-In Day and learn more about his journey to Wesleyan.

SGA ELECTION RESULTS

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

Freshmen Residential

Keeley Ham
Morgan Uebelacker

Freshmen Commuter

Summer Newsome
Brook Vandever

Senator-At-Large

Tyler Hermann
Cody Mills
Penni Pluimer
Bria Wright

Welcome New Greek Members

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

Jacob Alexander – SPE
Courtney Barter – KD
Lille Brooks – KD
Marisa Burden – AOII
Kaley Burnette – KD
Caleb Busler – SN
Joey Byars – SN
Jalyn Clark – SN
Lauren Connor – AOII
Emily Cummings – KD
Dalton Dulin – SAM
Alex Farmer – SPE
Arielle Geary – AOII
Elizabeth Gordon – KD
Elise Gunder – KD
Emily Hancock – KD
Trey Hill – SPE
Aaron Hoover – SN
Tyler Jacobs – SN
Clay Johnston – SPE
Rashawn Jones – SAM
Iddi Kaumba – SPE
Rachel Keeley – AOII
Kassidy Krueger – KD
Jacob Marcum – SPE
Andrew McGrath – SAM
Hannah Mull – AOII
Summer Newsome – KD

Luke Pittman – SN
Sam Porter – SPE
Sam Ramsey – SPE
Haley Replogle – AOII
Briana Richards – AOII
Maddie Rumage – KD
Will Schaefer – SAM
Azura Sinnett – AOII
Elissa Starheim – AOII
Kayla Sumner – KD
Sarah Swenson – AOII
Cornelia Thomas – KD
Michelle Trendera – KD
Morgan Uebelacker – KD
Brook Vandever – AOII
Alex Velez – AOII
Dylan Walton – SPE
Madison Weber – AOII
Katie Willey – AOII
Mariah Wise – AOII
Darrian Zuehl – AOII

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

Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2014



Mark your calendars for October 31 - November 2, 2014 for Alumni Homecoming Weekend 2014! [Click here](#) for a tentative schedule.

Kentucky Wesleyan selects third Athletic Hall of Fame class

Ten Panther legends plus a long-time staff member and a noted fan group will be inducted during the weekend of May 15-16

Kentucky Wesleyan College will induct ten Panther legends plus a long-time staff member and a noted fan group into their third Athletic Hall of Fame Class during the weekend of May 15 and 16, as announced by athletic director [Jim Askins](#). The inductees are:

Kenny Alward, golf (1989-93)—First All-American in history, 1993...1993 NCAA Championship participant...1993 National Coaches All-Star Tournament participant...two-time All-Great Lakes Region selection.

Norman Christopher, basketball (1949-52)—First four-time all-conference honoree in any sport—All-Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference selection...scored 928 career points.

Virginia "Shorty" Combs, women's basketball (19-22)—All-state forward on the Panthers 1921 state championship team...1997 Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame inductee as a women's pioneer in basketball as a player and coach.

Bob Daniels, basketball coach (1967-72)— Won back-to-back NCAA Championships 1968 and 1969...1971 National Coach of the Year...posted a five-year record 110-36 for a 75.3 winning percentage.

Walter Lee, tennis (1972-75)—First to play in the NCAA Singles Championship, 1975...compiled a 44-14 record at the No. 1 singles position and a 45-12 record at the No. 1 doubles flight in four seasons.

Chad Lyons, football (1988-92)—First two-time All-American in history, 1991 and 1992...second in career total tackles with 310...holds the season total tackle record with 127.

Carl "Buddy" Mahan, golf (1946-50)—First Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Tournament Champion in any sport, 1948 and 1949...three-year letterwinner on golf and basketball teams.

[Roy Pickerill, SID](#)—Longest tenured sports information director in KWC history... first and only SID from the state of Kentucky inducted into the national College Sports Information Directors of America Hall of Fame.

Kristen Reynolds Hawkins, softball (1992-96)—1995 United States Olympic Trials selection...first four-time All-Great Lakes Valley Conference honoree in history...holds the career record for runs batted in with 115.

Joe Roop, basketball (1952-56)—1956 Honorable mention All-American...two-time All-Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honoree...scored 1,127 career points.

Mike Williams, basketball (1970-73)—1973 NCAA Championship Most Outstanding Player...won 1973 NCAA Championship...1972 All-Great Lakes Region selection...scored 1,568 career points.

The Panther Express (1984-present)— Long-time basketball fans who followed the Panthers on chartered buses across the country...also known as the Bus People...led by co-founders David Chandler and Bill O'Bryan.



See www.kwcpanters.com for more information on Panther Sports.