



# Parent Newsletter

Welcome to the 2015-16 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 them informed of important announcements and upcoming events on campus.

So far this fall we have reopened Kendall Hall, unveiled a new Panther mascot, and received a one million dollar gift toward our general scholarship fund. Stay tuned for other exciting news in the near future!

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> 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**

October 14 – Mid-semester (All students will be issued mid-term grades – be sure to ask your student how they're doing)

October 15-16 Fall Break – No classes

November 25-29 Thanksgiving Break

December 7-11 Final Exams

January 11, 2016 Spring classes begin

February 29-March 4, 2016 Spring Break

March 25-28 Easter Break

April 30 - Commencement

## Follow a Freshman on Move-In Day

Click the link below to follow freshman Rebekah Tivitt on Move-In Day and learn more about her journey to Wesleyan. <https://vimeo.com/137973605>

## SGA ELECTION RESULTS

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

### Freshmen Residential

Grey Hofmann

Brett Torline

### Freshmen Commuter

Carolyn Heady

Morgan Montgomery

Senator-At-Large

Aaron Eaves  
Brittini Fitter  
Elizabeth Martell  
Summer Newsome

Welcome New Greek Members

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

Dallas Barnes – SAM  
Audrey Baysinger – AOII  
Braxton Bratcher – SN  
Sarah Browning – AOII  
Sloan Bull – AOII  
Danielle Burkhead – ZGC  
Leslie Burns – AOII  
Hayley Burr – KD  
Kayce Dallas – KD  
Jordan Danflous – KD  
Kristen Denton – AOII  
Codie Drake – KD  
Jack Forte – SAM  
Liz Gober – KD  
Liz Greer – KD  
Austin Haycraft – SN  
Carolyn Heady – AOII  
Jackpatrick Herrmann – SPE  
Grey Hofmann – SPE  
Jessie Howard – AOII  
Brittany Johnston – KD  
Brittany Lake – AOII  
Christine Lawrence – ZGC  
Mackenzie McDonald – KD  
Keleigh Martinez – AOII  
Michael Napier – SAM  
Matt Oller – SPE  
Erin Ramage – AOII  
Conner Reed – SN  
Johnathan Reynolds – SAM  
Hayley Rickard – KD  
Storm Risch – AOII  
Mallory Sacre – KD  
Dillon Schueler – SAM  
Drew Scott – SPE  
Logan Smith – SAM

Rachel Steffen – KD  
Rebekah Tivitt – KD  
Emma Tobe – KD  
Brett Torline – SPE  
Tori Vail - AOII  
Ben Wenberg – SPE  
Erin Wilson - AOII  
Raven Wooten - ZGC  
Shayla Wright – KD  
Taylor Wright – SN  
Emily Yocom - KD

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

**Kentucky Wesleyan Achieves Top 30 Ranking from  
U.S. News & World Report  
*Named 27<sup>th</sup> Best Regional College in the South***

**Owensboro, Ky.** (Sept. 9, 2015) - *U.S. News & World Report* released its annual list of Best Regional Colleges on Wednesday. Of the 98 institutions profiled for the South region, Kentucky Wesleyan College checked in at #27, a 13 percent improvement over last year. Wesleyan out-performed all but one other school (Asbury University, at #3) in the Commonwealth, and enjoyed the highest ranking for schools in the Western part of the state.

Rankings are based on numerous factors, including freshman retention and graduation rates, student/faculty ratio, alumni giving percentage, and percentage of classes at fewer than twenty students. Eighty-four percent of classes at Wesleyan are comprised of fewer than twenty students, which ranks 16<sup>th</sup> in the country out of the 363 regional schools profiled for the study.

"I am very pleased, not only as president, but also as an alum, to see us ranked highly by *U.S. News & World Report*," said President Barton D. Darrell. "Even though we ranked highly last year, I am even more excited that we made such a statistically significant jump to our current ranking. We take great pride in what we do at Kentucky Wesleyan and how we do it. Our faculty, staff, alumni, other supporters of the college and our terrific student body deserve credit for this recognition and ranking. We will, however, refuse to be satisfied and will work even harder to raise our rankings to even higher levels."

According to the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, regional colleges focus almost entirely on the undergraduate experience and offer a broad range of programs in the liberal arts, business, nursing, and education.

Other Kentucky schools appearing in the rankings include Asbury (3<sup>rd</sup>), Alice Lloyd College (30<sup>th</sup>), Brescia University (50<sup>th</sup>), Midway College (54<sup>th</sup>), and Kentucky Christian University (58<sup>th</sup>). A complete list of all rankings can be found at [www.usnews.com/bestcolleges](http://www.usnews.com/bestcolleges).

**Wesleyan Named a 2016 'Best in the Southeast'  
College by the Princeton Review**

**Owensboro, Ky.** (Aug. 6, 2015) - Kentucky Wesleyan College is one of the best colleges in the Southeast according to The Princeton Review. Only 140 colleges in 12 Southeastern states made this list. Collectively, the 649 colleges on The Princeton Review's "regional best" lists constitute about 25% of the nation's 2,500 four-year colleges. The well-known education services company lists the College among its "Best in the Southeast" recommended schools in its "2016 Best Colleges: Region by Region"

website feature at <http://www.princetonreview.com/bestSEcolleges>.

“It is always rewarding to have Kentucky Wesleyan recognized as one of the most effective colleges in the country,” said President Barton D. Darrell. “We focus on developing our students academically, socially and spiritually so they will be uniquely equipped for personal success and so they will be uniquely capable of adding great value to the lives of other people.”

The Princeton Review survey asks students to rate their colleges on several issues –from the accessibility of their professors to the quality of their science lab facilities – and answer questions about themselves, their fellow students and their campus life.

Comments from surveyed Wesleyan students are quoted in the school profiles on The Princeton Review site:

- “A small college experience with small classes, plenty of scholarship opportunities and career-oriented liberal arts with a broad range of majors.”
- “You have a feeling of actually belonging and that you do matter, whereas in some larger schools there are just too many people.”
- “The enthusiastic professors are wonderful.”
- “A great Christian atmosphere that helps you grow into a moral and well-educated adult.”

"We chose Kentucky Wesleyan and the other outstanding institutions on this list primarily for their excellent academics," said Robert Franek, The Princeton Review's Senior Vice President and Publisher. The Princeton Review editors made their selections based on data the company collected from its survey of administrators at several hundred colleges in each region, as well as its staff visits to schools over the years, and the perspectives of college counselors and advisors whose opinions the company solicits.

"We also gave careful consideration to what students enrolled at the schools reported to us about their campus experiences on our student survey for this project," Franek added. "We designed our 80-question survey to include questions that prospective applicants might ask on a campus visit. Only schools that permit us independently to survey their students are eligible to be considered for our regional 'best' lists, and only schools at which we see a strong level of satisfaction among their enrolled students – whom we consider their *customers* – make it to our final slate of regional 'best' college selections."

The 140 colleges that The Princeton Review chose for its "Best in the Southeast" 2016 list 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 225 colleges in the Northeast, 125 in the

West, and 159 in the Midwest as best in their locales on the company's "2016 Best Colleges: Region by Region" lists.

**Kentucky Wesleyan Receives \$1 Million Contribution  
to General Scholarship Fund**  
*Dedication of Greenwell Library to take place Sept. 25*

**Owensboro, Ky.** (Sept. 15, 2015) - Kentucky Wesleyan College President Barton D. Darrell announces a gift of \$1 million to the Wesleyan General Scholarship Fund from George and Gertrude Greenwell of Owensboro in memory of their son, Howard (1955 - 1992). In recognition of the investment, the College will re-name its on-campus library the *Howard Greenwell Library & Learning Center*. The official dedication of the *Howard Greenwell Library & Learning Center* will take place on Friday, Sept. 25, at 11 a.m. in Rogers Hall at the Winchester Center, which houses the facility, on the Wesleyan campus, with the official unveiling to follow in front of the building. The public is invited to attend.

George Greenwell served as a member of the Kentucky Wesleyan Board of Trustees from 1984 to 1993, including a stint as chair of the Development Committee. He is the founder and former chairman and chief executive officer of Lincoln Service Corporation, which was acquired by U.S. Bank in 1982.

"We are so excited about the direction Kentucky Wesleyan College is headed," remarked Greenwell. "Wesleyan's best days are ahead, and we have chosen to be significantly invested in the College. The college has the right mission, purpose and leadership. My son, Howard, had an incredible passion for literature, and we are grateful that Kentucky Wesleyan has chosen to establish the *Howard Greenwell Library & Learning Center* in his memory and in recognition of his commitment to literature. The Greenwell family appreciates this wonderful honor."

"Kentucky Wesleyan College is grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Greenwell for this incredible investment in the lives of Kentucky Wesleyan students. George Greenwell has been part of the Wesleyan family for many years, and we appreciate his continued support of the College, what we stand for, and what we are doing. Wesleyan will proudly honor Howard Greenwell's legacy and further promote his belief in the power of lifelong learning," said President Barton D. Darrell.

Greenwell added, "We encourage others to also invest in Kentucky Wesleyan College. The College offers so much, not only to the students it educates, but also to our community and region, which benefits culturally and economically. The College deserves our financial support."

With the Greenwell gift, donors have invested over \$7.5 million in the College in the last six months.

**Brad Moore Named Director of Major Gifts**  
*Owensboro Native to Join Kentucky Wesleyan Advancement Staff*



**Owensboro, Ky.** (Sept. 9, 2015) - Brad Moore, Assistant Athletic Director for External Relations at Roanoke College in Virginia since March of 2012, has been named Director of Major Gifts at Kentucky Wesleyan College, as announced by Tom Keith, Vice President for Advancement.

Moore manages all external relations for Maroon Athletics, including development and marketing efforts. In late 2012, he launched the Maroon Club, the annual fundraising arm for the Department of Athletics. In only three years, membership has grown to over 1,100 donors. Previously, he served as Director of Athletic Communications before being promoted to his current role. Moore began his Roanoke tenure in 2007 as an event coordinator, overseeing game management efforts for home athletic contests. Before coming to Roanoke, he held sports information roles at Xavier University, Western Connecticut State University and LaGrange (Ga.) College.

Moore is a 2000 graduate of Owensboro Catholic High School and played basketball at Thomas More College, graduating in 2004 with a Bachelor of Arts in History. He earned a master's degree in Sports Administration from Xavier in 2006.

With Kentucky Wesleyan, Moore will serve as the primary development officer for Panther Athletics, with a focus on recruiting new President's Circle members (those who give \$1,000 or more annually) and securing significant investments from alumni and friends with an affinity for supporting the school's 17 NCAA Division II programs. He

will serve as a member of the Advancement team, which helped the College secure a record \$6.2 million in private gift revenue during the 2014-15 year, while working collaboratively with Vice President Keith and Director of Athletics Rob Mallory.

“We are thrilled to add a professional of Brad’s caliber to our team,” said Keith. “What he’s done single-handedly at Roanoke over the last few years has been remarkable. While Wesleyan has always enjoyed a rich tradition in athletics, this marks the first time the College will have a dedicated fundraising professional in that area to complement our institutional advancement efforts. We look forward to continuing to foster a collaborative environment that supports excellence in the classroom, on the playing surface and throughout the community.”

Mallory added, ““With Brad’s experience, skills and character, he will make a significant impact across all areas of our campus. His addition will help continue to push us forward as we strive to achieve excellence in every aspect of the scholar-athlete experience.”

“I could not be more excited about the opportunity to return to my hometown of Owensboro to be a part of the new culture that President Bart Darrell is building at Kentucky Wesleyan College,” said Moore. “I am eager to get to know the alumni, friends and supporters of the College and to engage them in moving Panther Athletics forward together.”

Moore will begin his tenure at Kentucky Wesleyan on September 28.

### KENTUCKY WESLEYAN INVITES PUBLIC TO CIVIL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES CLASS

**Owensboro, Ky.** (Aug. 20, 2015) - The Criminal Justice, Criminology and Law Program at Kentucky Wesleyan College will open a class to the community during the Fall Semester. The course, “Civil Rights and Liberties,” will meet on Monday nights from 6 – 8:30 p.m. and begins on Aug. 31. The class, taught by Dr. Ken Ayers, is free and open to the public. Community members may attend any or all of the class sessions and join in the discussion. Dr. Ayers remarked, “As we approach the presidential election year, we will look at major opinions of the U.S. Supreme Court, and many of the topics we will cover are in today’s headlines in the upcoming presidential race. The public will find the course interesting and the discussion stimulating. I always find that when we open courses to the public, there is a lively exchange between our students and the public and a positive experience for both.” Community attendees do not need to register to participate. For more information, contact Dr. Ayers at [kenay@kwc.edu](mailto:kenay@kwc.edu).

### Kentucky Wesleyan College to Celebrate Constitution Day with Voter Registration and Forum

**Owensboro, Ky.** (Sept. 11, 2015) – Kentucky Wesleyan College will celebrate

Constitution Day on Sept. 17 with voter registration and a forum led by Professor Jerry Garner. The Stanley Reed Pre-Law and Politics Society will host voter registration from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Winchester Center. Professor Jerry Garner will lead a forum on the First Amendment and other constitutional issues, including euthanasia, at noon in Rogers Hall at the Winchester Center. Refreshment will be served following the forum, and the public is invited to participate in both the forum and voter registration.

Professor Garner is an associate professor criminal justice and criminology. He is a graduate of Hanover College, the University of Louisville School of Law and Swinburne University of Technology (M.Sc. in astronomy). He practiced law in Indiana and was a special agent with the F.B.I. for 23 years.

**Owensboro pre-nursing students receive opportunity  
for guaranteed admission to UofL**  
*UofL School of Nursing enters into agreement with Brescia University,  
Kentucky Wesleyan College*

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Students who excel in pre-nursing courses at two Owensboro colleges will have an opportunity for guaranteed admission to the University of Louisville's traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program taught in Owensboro.

Each academic year, UofL will guarantee two spaces for Brescia University students and two spaces for Kentucky Wesleyan College students. Faculty at these institutions will make the decision on who receives the seats.

"This agreement provides a stronger link between the UofL School of Nursing and these institutions," said Elizabeth G. Johnson, R.N., Ph.D., director, UofL Owensboro Campus. "Both Brescia and Kentucky Wesleyan attract students from across our region that have great potential to contribute to our community. We look for this agreement to assist us in attracting and retaining quality professionals for the health care work force in the area." Prior to receiving guaranteed admission, the selected students must meet specific criteria, including a minimum overall grade point average of 3.1 at the time of the application deadline to upper division, and a 'C' or better in pathophysiology and pharmacology.

"Brescia University has a long history of educating health care professionals," said Father Larry Hostetter, Brescia University President. "The UofL nursing program is outstanding and we are proud to be associated with it. These guaranteed spots also highlight the hard work of our faculty in producing pre-nursing graduates that are prepared for such a rigorous and effective program of study."

"At Kentucky Wesleyan, we are committed to relationships with the private and public sectors," said Kentucky Wesleyan President Barton D. Darrell. "Our sciences are at the highest caliber in both instruction and facilities, and this agreement with UofL provides new opportunities for nursing education at Kentucky Wesleyan, adding to our already successful pre-medicine, pre-dentistry, pre-pharmacy, pre-physician assistant and pre-physical therapy programs."

The UofL-Owensboro BSN Program began as a partnership between the University of Louisville and Owensboro Health in 2008, providing students in the Western Kentucky

area the opportunity to earn a BSN in a traditional format without traveling to Louisville. Students complete general education courses and other nursing pre-requisites at a community college or other regionally accredited institution, and then begin nursing courses at the University of Louisville Owensboro campus. Students also complete clinical rotations in Owensboro and the surrounding area.

“UofL’s curriculum is aligned with our focus on continuous improvement and health care quality,” said Vicki Stogsdill, Owensboro Health chief nursing officer. “Retaining highly-qualified nurses in Owensboro supports the goals of Owensboro Health.”

The Spring 2016 semester is the first time Brescia and Kentucky Wesleyan students can enter the UofL nursing program through guaranteed entrance.

## OWENSBORO PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND KENTUCKY WESLEYAN COLLEGE TO BUILD STATE-OF-THE-ART TRACK & FIELD FACILITY

**OWENSBORO, Ky.** (July 28, 2015) — Owensboro Public Schools will work collaboratively with Kentucky Wesleyan College to build a new track & field complex, located between the Owensboro Middle School North and South campuses on South Griffith Avenue, with support from Owensboro Health. The facility will be installed where the current track, split between those two campuses, is located.

The new venue will be called the Owensboro Health Track & Field Complex. Both Owensboro High School and Kentucky Wesleyan will use the facility to host home meets, as well as potential KHSAA, Great Midwest Athletic Conference, and NCAA Division II championship events. It will also be utilized by the public to promote wellness activities throughout the region.

Sponsorship of the project is complementary to Owensboro Health's mission "to heal the sick and to improve the health of the communities we serve," stated Philip A. Patterson, FACHE, President and Chief Executive Officer of Owensboro Health. “It will give students and community members access to the facility for exercise and health benefits, create a significant tourism opportunity for the economic health of Owensboro and Daviess County, as well as function as an amenity to enhance our recruitment efforts,” he added.

Dr. Nick Brake, OPS Superintendent, added, “We’re excited about this new partnership with Kentucky Wesleyan. Enhancing the facility will benefit both high school and college programs across the region. We are very thankful that Owensboro Health is part of this partnership.”

“This facility will help take Kentucky Wesleyan track and field to an entirely new level,” said Wesleyan President Bart Darrell. “For the first time ever, Owensboro and Daviess County will be able to host collegiate track and field competitions. We are very grateful to have such an engaged community partner in Owensboro Health.”

The project will include a high-quality synthetic track surface plus field event venues, a steeplechase pit; runway for long and triple jumps; a javelin area; pole vault runway; and shot put and discus/hammer throw event pads.

”Owensboro is such a sports-minded city and has long been a hotbed for high school track and field in Kentucky. This venture will benefit so many people in our community and beyond, plus this will add to our legacy as we continue to build stronger programs at Kentucky Wesleyan,” said Tony Rowe, head coach for Wesleyan’s track & field and cross country programs.

The Owensboro Health Track & Field Complex will cost approximately one million dollars. The RBS Design Group is serving as the architect for the project. The OPS Board of Education has approved the project and is starting a BG-1 with the state to begin the process for construction. There is no timetable for facility completion.

**Forty-two Kentucky Wesleyan College student-athletes were named to the  
Great Midwest Athletic Conference All-Academic Team  
for the 2014-15 year.**

The Panthers honorees are:

<b>Sport</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Yr.</b>	<b>Hometown/High School</b>	<b>Major</b>
Baseball	Kyle Emig	Sr	Trentin, IL/Wesclin	Business Administration
	Michael Hellmueller	Sr	Louisville/St. Xavier	Communication Arts
	Matt Lasley	So	Louisville/St. Xaver	Mathematics
	Matt Pobereyko	Sr	Munster, IN/Bishop Noll	Fitness and Sports Management
	Seth Sharp	Sr	La Follette, TN/Cumberland Gap	Exercise Science
	Tyler Shewmaker	Sr	Corydon, IN/Corydon Central	Mathematics
	Wes Ward	Sr	Rockport, IN/Heritage Hills	Arts
Basketball	Marcus Fillyaw	Sr	Topeka, KS/Topeka	Business Administration
Cross Country	Michael Polio	Jr	Owensboro/Owensboro Catholic	Biology
Cross Country/Track	Seth Applegate	So	Shelbyville, IL/Shelbyville	Zoology
	Seth Burnette	Sr	Owensboro/Owensboro	Health Sciences
	Griffin Kelley	Sr	Owensboro/Owensboro	Music Education
Golf	Drew Angus	So	Lexington/Lexington Catholic	Communication Arts

Soccer	Christian Oakley	Sr	Nebo/Madisonville North Hopkins	Chemistry
Softball	Ashley Crooke	Sr	Henderson/Henderson County	Exercise Science
	Kaci Ovelgoenner	Sr	Troy, IL/Triad	Middle Grades Education
	Amber Pendergraft	Sr	Henderson/Henderson County	Psychology
	Josalyn Ress	Sr	Tell City, IN/Tell City	Elementary Education
	Casey Smith	So	Fisherville/Eastern	Elementary Education
	Mackenzie Weedman	Jr	Owensboro/Apollo	Elementary Education
	Volleyball	Linda Albrecht	Sr	Indianapolis/North Central
Chelsea Brothers		Sr	Indianapolis/Southport	Middle Grades Education
Bridget Johnson		Sr	Owensboro/Apollo	Communication Arts
Emily Yocom		So	Burlington, KY/St. Henry District	Biology
W. Basketball	Jennifer Walker-Crawford	So	Warsaw, IN/Warsaw	Accounting
	Erin Dorn	So	Kettering, OH/Bellbrook	Biology
	Jordanne Gambill	Sr	Wilmington, OH/Clinton-Massie	Biology
W. Golf	Jill Jones	Jr	Owensboro/Daviess County	Physical Education
	Katie Miller	So	Lancaster, OH/Lancaster	Exercise Science
	Kaitlyn Pelletier	Jr	Webster, NY/Our Lady of Mercy	Accounting
W. Soccer	Leslie Chinn	Sr	Hartford/Ohio County	Chemistry
	Kelsey Croft	So	Owensboro/Daviess County	Biology
	Kathryn Dishion	Jr	Lexington/Henry Clay	Psychology
	Annie Elder	Jr	Owensboro/Daviess County	History
	Brittni Fitter	So	Arnold, MO/Seckman	Psychology
	Natalie Hobgood	So	Owensboro/Daviess County	Business Administration
	Julia Klump	Jr	Owensboro/Owensboro Catholic	Chemistry
	Paige Kramer	Sr	Owensboro/Daviess County	Elementary Education
	Taryn Lewis	So	Owensboro/Owensboro	Biology
	Audrey Taylor	So	Centertown/Ohio County	Biology
Sarah Tichenor	So	Madisonville/Madisonville North Hopkins	Elementary Education	

W. Tennis      Danielle Hadler   Sr   Medina, OH/Highland      Psychology

The Academic All G-MAC honor is bestowed upon student-athletes with a minimum of 3.30, the GPA shall be cumulative for the student-athlete's entire collegiate career and the student-athlete must have reached sophomore athletic and academic standing while completing at least one full academic year at the nominating institution.