

Wesleyan Wednesday

Rain (Sumner) Wells '11

Today's #WesleyanWednesday feature is Rain (Sumner) Wells '11. Rain is a Leitchfield, KY native who decided to attend Wesleyan to major in biology. "I chose KWC for the small class sizes and beautiful campus. Owensboro was close to home, but far enough away to feel independent," Rain recalled. "My best friend, Courtney Grant '11, also agreed to attend with me!"

Once she arrived on campus, Rain got involved with various campus organizations including the Student Activities Programming Board and Kappa Delta Sorority. When asked what were some of her favorite memories while she was a student at Wesleyan, we learned something super cool – Rain was crowned the first-ever Miss KWC! She also recalled memories spent with her fellow Greeks, including dances, philanthropic events and sisterhoods.

As far as how Wesleyan helped to prepare me for my life and

career, the answer is in many ways," she explained. "My educational experience taught me the importance of having independence, leadership and communication. Also, the friendships I made at Wesleyan are both lifelong and a lifeline in healthcare, marriage and motherhood. Almost a decade later, I am blessed that these bonds continue to grow as we still talk and spend time with each other."

After graduating, Rain earned both her BSN and MSN from Bellarmine University before landing what she describes as her "dream job." Rain now works as a pediatric nurse practitioner in her hometown. "As a healthcare provider in a pediatric clinic, my role is to evaluate and treat acute illnesses in infants, children, and adolescents," she explained. "I also perform well-child assessments on patients from birth to 21 years of age. It's so rewarding to be providing medical care for the children of all my childhood friends."

But even dream jobs come with some career "fails," Rain explained as she began to describe a recent one of her own.



"I swabbed a patient recently for COVID-19 without wearing the proper protective equipment," she shared. "The patient's test was positive and I had to wear a face mask at home and stay away from the rest of my family for 14 days. This reminded me that no matter how busy I am, I must remember to protect myself first- so that I can continue to help others."

As we closed, Rain shared what it means to her to be an alum of Kentucky Wesleyan and what advice she'd give to incoming students: "I am so proud to be a KWC alum. I beam with joy when I meet someone who also attended KWC. As far as the advice I'd give to incoming freshmen, I'd say that college is an opportunity to find yourself and be who you really want to be! Unlike high school, college is a place that is accepting of all types of people. Don't be afraid to show the real YOU! I'm so thankful I chose to attend Wesleyan. My experience laid the foundation for the rest of my wonderful life!"