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METCALF CONCLUDES 23 YEARS OF SERVICE

by Dr. Marvin L. Elliott, Executive Vice President

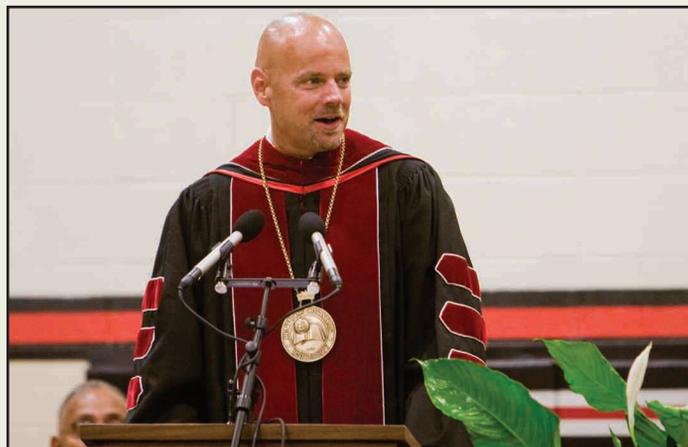
Having completed 23 years of service to Kentucky Christian University, including the past ten years as President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Jeffrey K. Metcalf will conclude his ministry at KCU on August 26, 2019.

Dr. Metcalf is a 1987 graduate of then Kentucky Christian College, having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and Biblical Studies. He continued his education at the University of Louisville by completing a Master of Education degree in Marriage and Family Counseling.

Having worked in various management positions at United Parcel Service during and immediately after his graduate studies, Metcalf returned to his undergraduate alma mater for his first position in higher education, accepting a position as Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness in 1996. Four years later, he was promoted to Vice President of Planning and Assessment. Metcalf's doctoral studies at the University of Louisville were completed in 2001 with the awarding of a Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education Administration.

In 2002, Dr. Metcalf was appointed Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, a position he would hold for seven years. Metcalf was selected and installed as the fifth President of Kentucky Christian University in August 2009.

During President Metcalf's tenure, Kentucky Christian University would increase its offerings in online education, institute new graduate degrees, and expand the University's presence in athletics. President Metcalf's daughter, Molly Metcalf Allen, was the University's first Master of Science in Nursing/Family Nurse Practitioner graduate in December 2017.



Simultaneous with his service at KCU, President Metcalf engaged in the work of peer evaluation carried out by KCU's regional accreditor, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges. In December 2015, the Commission awarded Dr. Metcalf the Meritorious Service Award in recognition of volunteerism for the Commission and its membership, noting Dr. Metcalf's service on dozens of visiting committees.



"It hardly seems possible that it was 23 years ago that I began working at KCU. I was 30 years old and Dr. Keith P. Keeran hired me to lead the assessment and accreditation activities of the college. As an alumnus of KCU, I was thrilled that my first job in higher education was with my alma mater. The sense of pride, gratitude, and deep fulfillment that I brought to my first day on the job in 1996 has remained through those 23 years, regardless of the role I played or the title I held.

I spend a considerable amount of time thinking about the leaders who went before me (even morso after announcing my upcoming resignation last September). J.W. Lusby, J. Lowell Lusby, L. Palmer Young, and Keith P. Keeran (the only former president who has not gone on to Heaven). What would they think of the college today? For instance, would the Lusbys have applauded the re-introduction of Teacher Education in the 1980s (KCU was founded as a teacher training college and morphed into a Bible college for much of its existence)? I imagine sitting with them in the great cloud of witnesses explaining that bass fishing wasn't started to offset the cost of feeding students – but to offer students an opportunity to participate in a legitimate intercollegiate sport!

Much has changed during my 23 years at KCU, but I am exceedingly proud to depart knowing that the heart of the educational ministry still beats strongly and that the core values, principles, and objectives of today's KCU remain true to those woven throughout the last 100 years. I depart KCU with many of the same emotions that I arrived with - pride, gratitude, and deep fulfillment."



Dr. Metcalf announced his resignation in September 2018, to be effective August 26, 2019, upon the completion of his second five-year contract as President and CEO.

At its meeting in May 2019, the Board of Trustees of Kentucky Christian University presented Dr. Metcalf with the Lusby Award, the University's highest tribute. The award is named in honor of J.W. Lusby and J. Lowell Lusby, and is conferred upon "rare and outstanding individuals whose Christian and personal influence has had a broad and profound impact on the Church and the development of Christian leaders." The Board cited the "tireless efforts, personal dedication, and financial support that have characterized his service."

Everyone in the KCU family is grateful for the dedication to educational ministry that Dr. Metcalf has exhibited from his first day of employment at KCU to his last day as President. He has been an unwavering advocate

for Christian higher education—and KCU's ministry, specifically—throughout his more than two decades of service.

President Metcalf's dedication to the student experience, evidenced through the hosting of a small group in his home, his "pop up" hot dog stands, kayaking trips, and presence at athletic and campus events have endeared him to many KCU students—although many students say they'll especially miss Maggie and Derby (his dogs)!

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff, and board of Kentucky Christian University, we thank Dr. Metcalf for his years of service and leadership as the University seeks to uphold the values of Christ, Character, and Career through the institution's educational ministry.

Well done, Dr. Metcalf!



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THE GREAT COMMISSION FUND

ENABLING STUDENTS TO REACH THE WORLD

Since 1919, 4,386 students have graduated from the "stately walls of KCU". Our alumni are serving all around the world. You will find them not only throughout the United States but also in places like New Zealand, Australia, Siberia, Ukraine, Great Britain, Canada and scattered throughout the continents of Asia, South America, Europe, and Africa.

Our alumni can be found in pulpits, hospitals, doctor's offices, classrooms, church plants, mission organizations both overseas and domestic, board rooms, non-profits, entertainment, education, counseling, business, law enforcement, armed services and almost any occupation you can imagine.

Throughout our history, KCU alumni have made a dramatic difference in the world and in the lives of many, all in the name of Christ. We like to say that the sun never sets on our alumni.

Since our beginning, Kentucky Christian's underlying fabric has been to take the message of the Prince of Peace throughout the world, adhering to the "Great Commission" that Jesus gave to His disciples and His church. As a result, the general fund became known as The Great Commission Fund that individuals, churches and businesses can contribute to directly.

Your gift to The Great Commission Fund blesses the school in various ways:

• Undesignated Scholarships for Students

70% of our students depend on scholarships and financial aid. Your gift helps offset their scholarship needs when you give to the Great Commission Fund.

• Special Projects and Capital Purchases

Every University and College face special purchases in order to maintain a vibrant and growing Christian University. Items like vehicles, computers, dorm and classroom furniture, and educational equipment are considered capital purchases.

• University Maintenance

A lot of TLC goes into providing the upkeep of all our buildings, dorms and outdoor facilities. The dorms that many of you lived in during your years on campus are still being used and maintained today.

• Utilities

It costs thousands of dollars every month to keep the lights on and the water running.

As you can see, every gift given to The Great Commission Fund will be used to allow our students to succeed in obtaining a premiere Christian education. To learn more please visit www.kcu.edu.



IN MEMORIAM

DR. GARY HALL 1941 – 2019

Dr. Gary Hall, at home with his family beside him, passed from this life and went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

professors, teachers, church workers, and missionaries all over the country and the world.

He was a graduate of Milligan College in Tennessee (B.A. in Religion), Lincoln Christian Seminary (M.Div. in Old Testament), Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary (Th.M. in New Testament) and Union Theological Seminary (now Presbyterian Theological Seminary) in Richmond, Virginia where he earned his PhD in Old Testament.

He wrote many scholarly articles and chapters for publication as well as teaching material. He wrote a commentary on the book of Deuteronomy published by College Press in 2000. He is the author of a forthcoming commentary on Jeremiah and Lamentations.

Dr. Hall was a scholar and a professor of Old Testament. He taught Old Testament and Bible Doctrine at Kentucky Christian University from 1972 until 1986. The last five years at KCU he also served as Academic Dean where he started the Teacher Education program and successfully initiated and achieved accreditation for the college with the Southern Associations of Colleges and Schools (SACS).



He was an avid traveler. He was proud to have visited all 50 states. He visited 31 countries around the world and led two study tours to Israel in 1995 and in 2004. He was also a voracious reader. Upon retirement, he donated his extensive personal library of theological books and Bible commentaries to Lagos Christian College in Lagos, Nigeria. It remains the only library available in that city. Dr. Hall loved God, his family, the church and of course his students.

In 1986 he was called to Lincoln Christian Seminary in Lincoln, Illinois as Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew until his retirement in 2012. Upon retirement he was awarded the title of Professor Emeritus at LCU. Dr. Hall taught an estimated 4,000 students over his 40-year career in higher education. His students serve as ministers, scholars,

Dr. Hall recently commented at the NACC that he loved teaching undergrads at KCU.

“One of my favorite things about teaching and living in Grayson was getting close to the students. All of whom I remember with great fondness.”

JACOB SHOCKEY NAMED CAMPUS MINISTER



Mr. Jacob Shockey, former Student Minister at the Gallipolis (OH) Christian Church has recently been named KCU's new Campus Minister. In addition, he will direct KCU's long running Summer In The Son program.

Jacob loves to build relationships with students of all ages and come alongside them in their walk of faith. He and his wife, Amanda, have made their home in Grayson and are looking forward to having the KCU family back together this Fall.

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THE KENTUCKY CHRIS

From 1944 until 2004, our school was affectionately known as Kentucky Christian College. Most of our alumni reading this article attended school during those 60 years. It was administered by three honorable presidents, Dr. J. Lowell Lusby, Dr. L. Palmer Young, and Dr. Keith P. Keeran.

Dr. J. Lowell Lusby

Shortly after the death of President J.W. Lusby in 1937, J. Lowell Lusby became the second president at the young age of 22. J. O. Snodgrass continued as Vice President. As the young president was acclimating to his new position, the winds of war were blowing across Europe. World War II would have a great effect on the College with many potential students electing to join the armed services. In fact, Dr. Lusby himself was sent a draft notice to report to Huntington for his physical but the day before receiving his orders a large newspaper roll crushed the tip of his finger and it had to be amputated. He was then re-scheduled to take another physical on May 8, which ended up being V-E Day in Europe. He would soon receive his notice that he would not be called into the draft. Although he had been able to obtain deferment for many ministerial students, he never succeeded in obtaining such for himself.

Toward the latter part of the war years it was becoming obvious that the school name "Christian Normal Institute" should be changed. A survey was conducted during 1944, primarily among alumni, and several new names for the school were recommended. The name Kentucky Christian College was suggested by Lela Lusby and Bob Warfel and was unanimously approved by the Trustees.

The school began to grow again following the war with many students using the GI Bill. Mr. and Mrs. John Pemberton and Dr. and Mrs. Dennis Pruett were part of that generation of students. It was while he was in a Nazi prison camp during WWII that John Pemberton made a vow to God to give the rest of his life to Christian service. Dennis Pruett would make a similar vow. The results would impact and change thousands of lives in Zimbabwe with the establishment of the African Christian Mission now known as the Hippo Valley Christian Mission.



Restoration churches. Before taking the office of President, he traveled extensively throughout the state of Kentucky preaching in dozens of churches and asking each church to support and send students to KCC. Under his leadership, a connection to working ministers was established through the creation of the Master of Ministry program. Guest lecturers from across the country would come and teach in the program. Other buildings built during his 10 years as president included Dorcas/Pifer Hall, Nash Chapel, and Young Library. It was during the 1980s that the college received accreditation through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.



Dr. Keith P. Keeran, Dr. L. Palmer Young, & Dr. J. Lowell Lusby together at the Ground-breaking of the McKenzie Student Life Center.

Dr. Lusby oversaw many changes during his tenure as president. With the administrative help of men like Jim McKenzie and Lester Pifer and the leadership of trustees like Hugh Sensibaugh, the campus expanded and grew. Under Lusby's leadership Jones Hall, Snodgrass Hall, Dale Hall, and Lusby Center were built. The school became accredited with the American Association of Bible Colleges and the curriculum changed to support students going into vocational ministry and missions. In 1977, after 40 years as the second president of KCC, Dr. J. Lowell Lusby retired and Dr. L. Palmer Young took over.

Dr. L. Palmer Young

Palmer Young was a well-known preacher throughout the

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KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE YEARS



Dr. Keith P. Keeran

In 1987, Dr. Keith P. Keeran became president and held that position until 2009. Great strides were made under his leadership in establishing and maintaining programs to give students opportunities to obtain majors in Education, Music, Social Work and Human Services, Humanities, Bible and Ministry, Business, and Nursing. The Master of Ministry program was phased out with the establishment of the Graduate School. The formation of these schools played an integral part in changing the school's name to Kentucky Christian University in 2004.

KCU continued to expand adding the McKenzie Student Life Center, Waters Hall, Wayne B. Smith Center for Christian Leadership, East and West Halls, the Apartments, the Ruth Building, the Maintenance Buildings, and the Yancey School of Nursing Building.

Construction of Lusby Center after the campus was reoriented in the early 70's.



One of the crowning achievements of Dr. Keeran's tenure was the establishment of the Commonwealth International University that was conceived in 1992 as a partnership between Kentucky Christian University and Crimean American College in Simferopol, Ukraine. Unfortunately, the school closed at the end of 2018 mostly due to the Russian Federation takeover of Crimea. According to Dr. Keeran "the CIU graduates continue to serve as translators for Christian publishers, ministers to local congregations, directors of various para-church and benevolent ministries, missionaries, and Christian educators to the underserved, including some impoverished communities in the United States and Muslim communities in the Arab world. Over 40 CIU graduates have studied or earned degrees on the campus of Kentucky Christian University."

The Students

The measure of any institution is the type of students she produces. Without a doubt Kentucky Christian College produced some of the finest laborers for the Kingdom, bar none. There are hundreds of thousands, perhaps even millions, who have come to know Christ because of the faithful work of KCC alumni and we thank God for the men and women who sacrificed so much to teach, train, and lead our students by example during the KCC years.

Keith Keeran, presents new Coat of Arms to Coach Loran Dace after the official mascot was changed from the Rockets to the Knights.



Neal Hall

Senior Celebration



On May 9, we offered one last chance for all graduates to gather at the McKenzie Student Life Center with food, gifts, and a photo booth to fellowship with each other and employees before graduating.



Bible & Ministry Commissioning Service

The commissioning service honors our graduating Bible and Ministry majors and challenges them to serve the Kingdom well.

Celebrate!

Yancey School of Nursing Pinning Ceremony



The YSN Pinning Ceremony in May commemorated the graduates' transition from nursing student to professional nurse as graduates were honored with a unique KCU nursing pin.



Baccalaureate

A final worship service for seniors featuring Phil Heller as the main speaker.



The YSN lab was named the *Working In Simulated Environments (WISE) Lab* in honor of Dr. Gail Wise. We thank Dr. Wise for her extraordinary contributions to the nursing program as the founding Dean and 18 years of service.

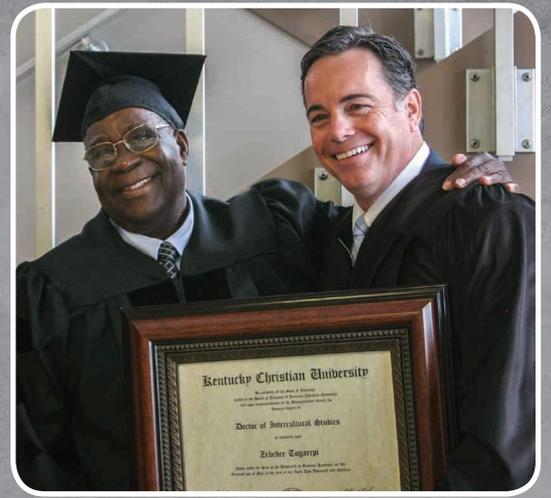


Awards



Board Chair, Mr. Kevin Pickett presented Dr. Jeff Metcalf with the Lusby Award, the University's highest award, for his many years of faithful service.

Zebedee Togarepi, managing director of Zimbabwe operations for Hippo Valley Christian Mission, was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Intercultural Studies at the conclusion of our Commencement ceremonies.

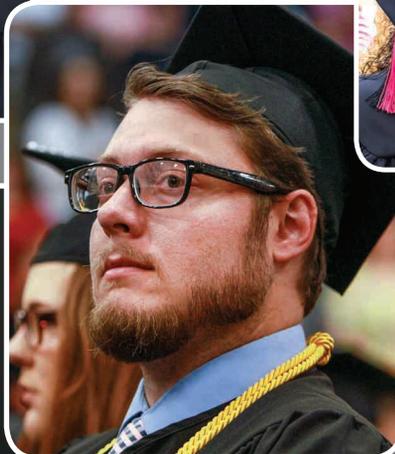


Commencement



On May 11, we celebrated with 124 graduates, along with their families and friends, as they began the next chapter of their lives. Congratulations Graduates!

We're proud of you and look forward to seeing how God uses you in the years to come.





INAUGURAL AMPLIFY WORSHIP TEAM

This June, fourteen high school students from six states came together for eleven days for the purpose of worship and ministry. What happened during those eleven days? God did great things!

Amplify, KCU's new auditioned high school worship-leading team, gathered on KCU's campus during week one of Summer in the Son (June 16-21) for six days of teaching, training, and rehearsal. Amplify members also attended SITS main sessions and concerts, then met together each evening for a spiritually-impactful group time. During the morning workshop times, Amplify learned about biblical principles of worship, and also worked on practical skills such as how to introduce a song and how to read scripture well. For several hours each afternoon, this group of singers and instrumentalists worked hard rehearsing music together. Main sessions featured excellent speakers who delivered challenging and convicting messages. Group time was filled with honest sharing and heartfelt prayer and spontaneous offerings of worship. What happened during the first six days of Amplify? The students grew musically, relationally, and spiritually. A group of strangers became friends. Hearts were filled with repentance. A group of teenagers offered themselves to the Lord in worship. God did great things!

On the morning of June 22, Amplify embarked on a five-day tour of ministry and worship leading. The first stop was First Christian Church, Canton, Ohio, where Amplify was privileged to lead worship for two Sunday morning youth services. Next, Amplify traveled to

Meadow View Church of Christ in Frazeytsburg, Ohio to lead worship for their church's "Summer in the Son Night." On Monday the team traveled to the Gospel Mission in Dayton to provide a full chapel service for the mission's guests. An unexpected last-minute schedule change led to an open date for Amplify on exactly the same day that the Gospel Mission needed someone to lead their chapel service. The director of the mission requested that a group member preach a short gospel message in conjunction with the music. Jared, Amplify's drummer, eagerly accepted the call, and obediently preached his first sermon. And what a sermon it was! Although some group members were initially nervous about ministering at the mission, all were grateful for the privilege and changed by the experience by the time the service was over. The tour concluded with worship-leading opportunities at Howell's Mill Christian Assembly in Ona, West Virginia on Tuesday and at three Encounter sessions during week two of Summer in the Son on Wednesday. What happened during the five days of the Amplify tour? A group of strangers-turned-friends became family. Students heard and answered a call to ministry. Lives were forever changed. God did great things!



Amplify 2019 is best summed up by Paul's words: "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21, NIV) Hallelujah. He has done great things!

Plans are already underway for the 2020 Amplify tour. For more information, contact Dr. Jamie Coates at jrcoates@kcu.edu



BIBLE AND WORSHIP MAJOR ADDED

The Keeran School of Bible and Ministry is excited to announce the addition of a major in Bible and Worship at Kentucky Christian University, effective fall 2019. The mission of this new degree program is to equip students to provide quality worship leadership for the local church through teaching and training in biblical knowledge, pastoral ministry, and artistic skills.

First Chronicles 15:22 says that Kenaniah was in charge of the singing "because he was skillful at it." (NIV) According to Psalm 33:3, we are to "play skillfully" as we praise the Lord through music. (NIV) In order to equip students to be skillful worship leaders, the worship degree program at KCU is a dual major in Bible and Worship. Worship leaders are charged with the responsibility of choosing the songs that congregations will sing, and these songs, in turn, form the theology of the people. Therefore, a sound knowledge and understanding of Scripture is vital for a skillful worship leader. Furthermore, worship leaders are ministers, and therefore need to be trained and equipped for general and pastoral ministry in order to serve skillfully. Finally, worship leaders require training in artistic areas such as



musicianship, creativity, and technology in order to lead skillfully, both today and for many years to come.

In addition to classroom training, each Bible and Worship student will also complete Pastoral Development, which is a holistic, formative evaluation process designed to provide pastoral accountability and growth assessment for students. Also, each Bible and Worship student will complete a six-month internship with a qualified worship leader and church.

For more information about the Bible and Worship degree program, please contact Dr. Jamie Coates at jrcoates@kcu.edu.



New Testament *Word Studies* with Dr. Donald A. Nash

Excerpted from Dr. Nash's *New Testament Word Studies* book.
Dr. Nash faithfully served on KCU's faculty from 1948-1988.

LOVE

Almost every Christian with a cursory knowledge of the Bible is cognizant of the fact that there are two Greek words for love in the New Testament, but few know their basic connotations. Valuable insights can be gained by delineating between them.

Agape is a love called out by a realization of the value of the object loved. It is not an emotion or passion, since it can be and is commanded in the scriptures. It has been defined as intelligent good will toward all men. Christianity took the word from pagan uses and enlarged, ennobled and inspired it. Because it is used for the love God had for the world in Christ, it has something of the idea of sacrificial devotion to others in which self is forgotten.

Phileo is a love called out by appreciation or pleasure in the object loved. This is an emotion. It suggests friendship and affection. It cannot be commanded. It needs

intercommunication between the lover and the object loved. It suggests love between two people with common interests.

So, I am as a Christian to love all men with *agape* love, for I realize the intrinsic soul values of everyone as God's creation. I should be willing to make sacrifices of personal desires and interests for all. But I am not commanded to love everyone *phileo*, since this is impossible. It comes from a common bond of fellowship.

For this reason, Jesus is said to love the whole world *agape*. He recognized the worth of all and died for all. (John 3:16). But He loves only Christians *phileo*. (John 16:27), since only between Christians and the Father is the mutual bond of a common interest in righteousness, the common bond of prayer, and the same spirit of friendship.

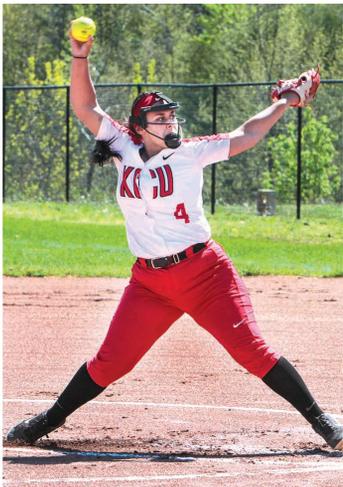
Sometimes it is said that *agape* is divine love and *phileo* human love; that *agape* is the higher love and *phileo* is the lower. This is not exactly the case. God loves both ways, so one could not be human and the other divine. *Phileo* is actually the love of close, intimate relationship, and so Peter sought for Jesus to affirm this in him (John 21:15-19). I love the world *agape*, but my family and close friends *phileo*.

Agape is the higher, divine love only in the sense it calls for the type of sacrifice Christ manifested on the cross. It can only be truly produced in us by surrender to Christ and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. (Galatians 5:22). It is demonstrated in those great virtues so beautifully and powerfully portrayed by Paul in I Corinthians 13, which only the true Christian possesses in the Biblical sense.



LADY KNIGHTS SOFTBALL WIN FIRST REGION TITLE

For the first time in KCU softball history the Kentucky Christian University softball team punched their ticket to the 2019 NCCAA Softball World Series by winning the NCCAA Mideast Region title. The final series was between the Lady Knights and the tournament host Eagles of Alice Lloyd College. In order to earn the right to play in the World Series, one team needed two wins and it was the Lady Knights with a 5-2 win in Game 1 coupled with the 10-3 Game 2 victory that claimed the Mideast Region crown.



Head Coach Dave Miller sent Lora Thompson (JR/Boyd Co, KY) to the circle for the first game and she produced a gem by scattering three hits over seven innings, allowing two earned runs while striking out 11 Eagles. An early three-run lead was more than enough on this day to secure the first win, but the job was only half complete. Taylor Coleman (FR/Portsmouth, OH) was dispatched to the circle to hopefully wrap-up the tournament and she certainly

delivered. Coleman got the win allowing two earned runs on seven hits with only one walk over seven innings.

Offensively, several Lady Knights had big days. Summer Collins (SR/Logan, WV) fell a home run short of hitting for the cycle in Game 1 and was a combined 6-9 during both games with a double and triple to go with three stolen bases. She scored four runs and knocked in another. Batting just behind her in the order, Katerina Anthony (SO/Las Vegas, NV) was 4-9 (2 doubles) with a run scored and five big RBI during her day's efforts. Going 4-8 with a two-run blast over the centerfield fence, Jade Spurlock (SR/Kenova, WV) collected four RBI and two runs scored in total. Also going yard for the Lady Knights were Coleman and Gracie Robinson (FR/Grayson, KY) with her first collegiate long ball.



COLLINS EARNS MULTIPLE POST-SEASON AWARDS

Lady Knights senior, Summer Collins, posted numerous program-best numbers during her 2019 campaign and with this level of success, many awards followed her.

Collins hit .520 with 103 hits, eight triples, 53 runs scored and 45 stolen bases. She finished her senior season ranked first amongst NAIA players at 1.67 hits per game, second in hits, fifth in stolen bases, sixth in triples, ninth in runs and 10th in batting average.

Even more astounding is the NAIA has 196 participating softball teams with approximately 5,000 players ... these are very impressive statistics considering the large number of players across the country!

For her efforts, coaches in the NAIA, NCCAA, and NFCA (National Fastpitch Coaches Association) voted her the following honors:

- NCCAA: 1st Team All-American; Mideast Region MVP & 1st Team All-Region
- NAIA: 2nd Team All-American; 1st Team Region 1
- NFCA: 1st Team All-American; 1st Team Region 1

The NCCAA Softball World Series was held May 15th - 17th, 2019 at the Botetourt Sports Complex which is a just 25 minutes north of Roanoke, VA. The Lady Knights entered the tournament as the #8 Seed and even though they couldn't scratch out a win, they competed very well losing two one-run games (one in extra innings). KCU finished the season with a 24-34 record in their most difficult schedule to date. Congratulations to our softball Knights!

STOWERS NAMED TO BASEBALL POST



Jason Stowers, the former Cincinnati Christian University assistant coach has been named to lead the KCU Knights baseball program. He made the difficult decision to leave the Golden Eagles' squad mid-season but saw an opportunity that he just couldn't pass up. Coach Stowers commented on the first contact by KCU Athletics Director Corey Fipps, "When Coach Fipps contacted me, I wasn't looking for another position but the more he described his

vision for baseball at KCU, the more I found myself gaining interest. To be the head coach in a place that fits me is tough to turn down, even a mid-season change, so I had to accept."

Professionally, Stowers has had stops at Alice Lloyd College, Penn State University-Greater Allegheny, University of Pikeville, and the University of Tennessee-Martin. His resume speaks of a man in baseball circles referred to as a "baseball guy" and he proved that to his new team. When asked about his future plans for this team, Stowers said, "We truly have a good nucleus to build around and I'm excited about the growth I anticipate from them. Now, I'm going to be looking for that new group of future Knights to add to the mix. Next spring isn't that far away ... it's time to get to work!"

We're proud to officially welcome Coach Stowers to the campus and the athletic department. Good luck on the recruiting trail.



ARCHERY PLACES 6TH AT OUTDOOR NATIONALS

KCU's archery team competed at the USA Archery collegiate outdoor target nationals and came away with an amazing 6th Place finish. In a field of approximately 50 different universities from all over the country, with enrollments hundreds of times larger than KCU, this was an outstanding accomplishment.

For their excellence during the event, Debby Berardi, Briley Hearnin and Sarah Purtee were named 2019 USA Archery All Americans. Head Coach Mark Whitt commented, "We finished ahead of teams like Georgia Tech, Michigan State, Texas, Ohio State, and UCLA just to name a few and did so with many underclassmen. With significant talent coming in for next year and 10 of our current athletes returning, I can't wait to see what next year will be."

Medalists

Silver Medal, Women's Barebow Team
Briley Hearnin, Debby Berardi,
Mackenzie Evans-Schweickart

Bronze Medal, Women's Bowhunter Team
Sarah Purtee, Kara Priddy, Karla King

Bronze Medal, Barebow Mixed Team
Briley Hearnin, Michael Hughes

Women's Barebow Individual
Briley Hearnin

DACE AWARD WINNERS NAMED AT ATHLETIC BANQUET

The Kentucky Christian University athletic department initiated a comprehensive, all-sports banquet this past Spring. The event was designed to honor the many athletic, academic and spiritual accomplishments of the school year.

Athletic Director, Corey Fipps established the The Loran Dace Award to honor the outstanding male and female athlete of the year. The award has been named after former KCU men's basketball coach, Loran Dace, who not only showed dedication to the athletic department while at the University



Briley Hearnin



Loran Dace



Seth Bolin

but has shown continued support beyond his retirement. The honor is given to a senior male and female athlete who possesses the characteristics of athletic excellence, academic achievement, social maturity, and spiritual example.

The inaugural 2019 Loran Dace-Athlete of the Year recipients, **Briley Hearnin (Archery)** and **Seth Bolin (Soccer)** were chosen not only because they possess all the characteristics upon which it was founded, but in this case greatly exceeds those expectations. Congratulations to our first Dace Award winners.



Insider

News and Information for Alumni & Friends of Kentucky Christian University

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Special Friday Afternoon Session

"Personal Reflections" - part of the Public Lecture Series with Lusby sisters Sylvia & Nan

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Alumni Banquet
Class Reunions**

Fall Homecoming | Sept. 27-29



**64 to Grayson
Chapel & Fri. Night Concert**



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Class of 1979 40 Year Reunion

Enjoy all the Homecoming events
September 27-29

Plus a special picnic pm at the home of Terry and Helen Yankey
September 28, 2019 • 4:00pm

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In conjunction with KCU Homecoming & 100th Anniversary

Thursday, September 26
Sunday, September 29



ALUMNI Games

- Men's Soccer
- Women's Soccer
- Women's Volleyball

AUGUST 24

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Please let the Alumni office know if you would like to help host a class reunion.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT KRISTA STRIDER

Krista Strider ('79) is the Deputy Director and Senior Curator of the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Krista provides strategic direction, long term vision and management to the institution's exhibit planning, collection management, archival stewardship, restoration efforts, educational programming, public outreach, special events planning and facility expansion. The museum is the oldest and largest military aviation museum in the world, with more than 360 aircraft, several past US Presidents' planes, and missiles on display drawing about 1 million visitors each year.

Krista grew up in Fairborn, OH where she continues to reside and attend First Church of Christ. She has been a Sunday School teacher for the last 28 years. Between her freshman and sophomore years at Wright State University in 1976, she worked a week of camp as a counselor at Butler Springs Christian Assembly. It was during that week that she met a camp team from KCC called "The New Horizon". She remembers talking at length about the college with Jerry Sizemore ('79), Debbie Camp Beller ('78) and Penny Frost McGinnis (attended through 1977). After hearing about their faith experiences at the college, the special spiritual bond they had with other students and teachers, and seeing their enthusiasm for the college, she decided to transfer to KCC. They even hooked her up with Holly Bryson Miller ('79) who needed a roommate.

While at KCC, Miss Morgan's history classes sparked a renewed love of history for Krista. She started taking additional classes in history at Morehead State University and went on to get a Master's in history with a focus on public history and museums at Wright State University. Upon completing her internship at the Smithsonian's



Krista and Tom Hanks with a collection of vintage typewriters

National Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC, she was offered a position which changed the course of her career. She notes that KCC provided her with a strong foundation for Christian leadership and service that has served her well.

Krista cites many highlights from her long career. "One exhibit that was fun for me is called Disney Pins on Wings. Walt Disney Productions created approximately 1,200 insignia designs during WWII. Throughout the war, the Disney insignia designs helped keep up the morale of the Allied fighting forces with virtually all the Disney characters appearing in Unit insignia."

Most recently, Krista helped curate the exhibit on the iconic Memphis Belle. The famed WWII B-17F became the first heavy bomber to return to the US after flying 25 missions over Europe. The restored aircraft and exhibit were opened to the public on May 17, 2018, 75 years to the day after that mission.

"As a curator, I get to hold history in my hand. I have held a piece of the Wright Flyer that traveled to the moon on Apollo 11, Charles Lindbergh's flying helmet that he used during his barnstorming days and while stationed at Kelly Field, the Congressional Gold Medal awarded to the WWII Doolittle Tokyo Raiders, and wings from a member of the first class of the Women's Air Service Pilots. I have had the opportunity to meet many veterans and famous people over my 30-year career in the museum field. I enjoy hearing the stories of courage, sacrifice and patriotism from service members and being able to share their stories in our exhibits. I feel so honored to be able to preserve the history of men and women who were willing to sacrifice their lives for their country and for our freedoms."

Krista continues to keep in contact via a messenger group with 13 ladies who graduated from KCC. "We share each other's lives, share prayer requests, and support and encourage each other. They are such a blessing to me and a lasting connection to my time at KCC."



Krista speaking at a ceremony on behalf of the NMUSAF to accept a memorial to Gold Star Families.

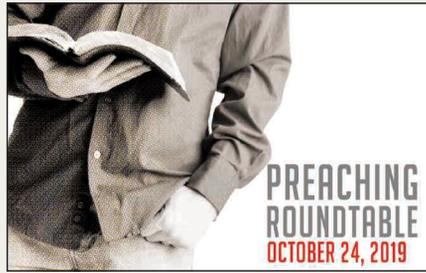
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UPCOMING EVENTS



MARTHA LUSBY JORDAN PRAYER & MEMORIAL GARDEN COMPLETED

One of the highlights on campus is the beautiful new prayer garden built around the already existing stone cross. The prayer garden is named in memory of Martha Lusby Jordan, granddaughter of KCU's founder, J.W. Lusby, and daughter of KCU's president of 40 years, J. Lowell Lusby. Martha was passionate about prayer and this area is dedicated with that in mind.

The center of the garden includes stone pavers from Jerusalem which may be purchased and engraved in memory of loved ones. More information on the Memorial Stones can be found at www.kcu.edu/memorialstones.