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VOICE

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to the Cause
Through
All Seasons





FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. TERRY ALLCORN

BUILDING GOOD RELATIONSHIPS

We were blessed to have Sammy Harris, a 1985 graduate, speak during an all faculty/staff campus meeting about how one person went out of his way to keep him at KCU when he was considering leaving. We were all reminded that we need to invest in each student and that a kind word or act can make all the difference.

Elsewhere in this edition of *The Voice*, you will see announcements of new programs. Each of them is intended to extend our reach and influence into society. I'm particularly pleased that Dr. Dale Meade, our Missions Professor, has led the development of several cross-cultural options that will allow students that are studying in areas such as business to add credentialing that will prepare them to minister cross-culturally. Many of the mission organizations that come to campus are interested in recruiting our business students because they often have the ability to enter regions that would be resistant to individuals openly coming to share their faith.

We are also thankful to be able to once again send out student teams into the churches. We believe this to be an important ministry. If you would like to have a student team visit your youth group, please reach out to us (*see back page for more information*). Also, if you would like to have me preach at your church or area-wide event, I'm more than willing to be of service in that manner.

Speaking with KCU graduates who have been faithful throughout their lifetime provides me with both encouragement and a healthy context for the importance of the ministry of the University. I have had the occasion to speak with at least two widows over the past few months whose husbands were faithful preachers of the Gospel all of their lives. I also often have the privilege of speaking with ministers who have faithfully served the Lord for decades. Some are in retirement and others are aware that they will retire in the near future. Please join me in making it a point to thank those men and women who have served the Lord faithfully all of their lives. Their lifetime of service reminds me of the need to train more servants for the church and society.

I firmly believe that KCU has a great opportunity to train more leaders for the church and to increase our Christ-based influence in society. The formula may be as simple as all of us at the University going out of our way to build good relationships with everyone from the students to the local churches and to continue to provide relevant programs that are accessible to both those who wish to study on campus and to those who wish to remain in their current context.

And Go Knights!



PARTNERING WITH CHURCHES

As we train future leaders for the Kingdom, we partner with churches that support us not just financially, but also by encouraging students to attend KCU. Covenant Churches are such an important part of the ministry that takes place at Kentucky Christian University. Together, we will continue to produce Kingdom workers.

As part of this partnership, it is important to identify and highlight churches that support us in other avenues outside of fiscal gifts. We want to highlight exceptional relationships.

In this issue, we celebrate our relationship with Bridges Christian Church, Russell, Kentucky. Bridges' relationship with KCU is deep-rooted. Not only do they support us financially, they support us with their prayers and have sent us many students throughout the years. There are currently five of their students preparing for various aspects of ministry here at KCU. A majority of their current staff have participated in our undergraduate and graduate programs. Bridges' Executive Pastor, Kevin Fraley shares this about the Covenant Church Program.

"We are grateful for our longstanding, multi-generational partnership that we have with KCU. Through the years we have seen the good fruit of the Covenant Church partnership. We have hosted interns and worship teams and witnessed these students and many of our own students go on to become pastors, nurses, business leaders, teachers, and missionaries, all with the common goal of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout the world."

We at KCU are thankful for the current partnerships we have with so many wonderful churches. We are always encouraged and excited to see interest expressed in new partnerships from all churches. If you have any questions about the Covenant Church Program, please contact the Office of Church Relations by telephone at 606-474-3258 or email president@kcu.edu.

At KCU, we want to cultivate the Biblical concept of covenant with our Church Partners. Just as Abraham was blessed by his covenant relationship with God, we desire a mutually beneficial relationship with local churches. Here is how the program works:

- **Pray for KCU and potential students**
- **Provide Financial Support. The Covenant Church Program offers three tiers of church partnership. The tiers are based upon annual giving amounts with various scholarships available to students from Covenant Churches.**
- **Prepare Students**
- **Promote Christian Ministry**
- **Place a KCU website link on the church's website**

www.kcu.edu/covenant



KCU's Worship Collective leads worship at Bridges Christian Church

NEW PROGRAMS TO BE OFFERED IN FALL '22

by Calvin Lindell, Vice President of Academic Affairs

The Schools within Academic Affairs continue to identify ways to support the mission and vision of Kentucky Christian University while providing educational opportunities that equip students to serve in their churches and society. If you know high school students or non-traditional students who are interested in missions, teaching or coaching, our new programs can help prepare them. In addition to the new programs, we continue to serve and train students in areas such as preaching, ministry, nursing, pre-med, history, pre-law, social work, psychology, and business. With faith integrated into all of our classes, we equip students to serve as Christian professionals in the careers to which they have been called.

Teacher Education P.E. & Health

Available as Bachelor Degree or Minor

The Keeran School of Education has worked to develop a Baccalaureate degree with a major in Teacher Education Physical Education and Health. The degree will launch upon final approval from the Education Professional Standards Board of Kentucky. Students graduating with that degree will be able to pursue certification from the Commonwealth of Kentucky to serve as teachers to meet the needs of school districts and positively impact the lives of their students. Our schools, both public and private, along with their students, would benefit



from dedicated, compassionate, teachers whose educational experience focused on Christ, Character and Career. Graduates from the program who serve as coaches will have opportunities to be salt and light within their schools, communities and in the lives of their student athletes.

Intercultural Studies

Available as Certificate, Minor, or Associates Degree

The Keeran School of Bible and Ministry has made a concerted effort to continue to develop programs that are mission driven in order to lay a foundation of biblical knowledge and understanding essential to Christian leadership and service. Part of that effort resulted in the development of a certificate in Intercultural Studies and Missions that will help students begin to develop intercultural competency. The certificate can be used toward an Associate degree or Baccalaureate degree within the Keeran School of Bible and Ministry. Students majoring in other programs can also pursue a new minor in Intercultural Studies and Missions. The Intercultural Studies and Missions program is led by Dr. Dale Meade, who serves as a missionary-in-residence. He has been spreading the gospel in the jungles of Colombia for over 40 years.



Dr. Meade commented: "We here at KCU recognize our own heritage and well deserved reputation in missions and intercultural competency having produced many pioneering missionaries over the years and we now plan to build upon and strengthen that heritage by expanding and further developing our program in missions/intercultural studies. We are excited to share expansion in our missions offerings with you as we launch a well developed program in what has been our primary vision and calling since the founding of this school!"

TAKIN' CARE OF BUSINESS



DR. ROGER HUSTON TO LEAD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

KCU is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Roger Huston as the Dean of the School of Business. He brings a variety of experience to that position with almost two decades of leadership experience in business, government, and the nonprofit sector.

Dr. Huston has a B.A. in Religion from Simpson College, M.A.R. from Yale University, M.P.A. from Iowa State University and a Ph.D. in Public Policy from the University of Delaware. He comes to us most recently from serving as the principal consultant and owner of Faith Works Consulting.

Roger's wife, Shawna, is a veterinarian and Area Medical Director and they have two (very active) boys, Noah and Micah.

Voice: What is your vision for the School of Business?

Dr. Huston: *Our vision is to be regarded as a premier Christian program that develops transformative leaders who positively impact their communities. We aim to achieve this by nurturing strong Christian character in our students while simultaneously enabling them to pursue opportunities for career advancement and service to God. Additionally, we endeavor to cultivate lasting relationships with our business and community partners who are instrumental in supporting our work to educate the next generation of leaders. In working together, we believe our shared mission and goals will create permanent cultural and economic value in the Appalachian region and beyond.*

Voice: How do you plan to incorporate faith into the program?

Dr. Huston: *Faith emanates throughout the program from our instructors sharing their Christian beliefs and faith experiences. We incorporate faith in all courses through prayer, scripture readings, and assigned coursework. Sharing our faith as instructors and encouraging the spiritual growth and discernment of our students is one of the greatest and purest joys of working here at KCU.*

Voice: What do you want graduates from the School of Business to take away from the program?

Dr. Huston: *While here at KCU, we want our students to dream of all the wonderful possibilities that they have to serve God's Kingdom while finding passion in their work. When students graduate, we want them to have established transferable skills and a positive mindset so that wherever God calls them in life, they know their education here at KCU provided them with everything they need to succeed.*

Voice: What message would you like to give to School of Business alumni?

Dr. Huston: *At our school, we envision continued increased enrollment, revamped major emphasis areas, new graduate programs, additional student clubs and honor societies, and a growing list of business and community partners eager to offer student internships and sponsorships of our events and programs. We are so excited to take our school to the next level, and we want you to be a part of our growth because you will always be a Knight! So, we want to hear from you and how your KCU experience has positively impacted your life and prepared you for your career. You can help show our students a shining example of all that is possible with a KCU education.*

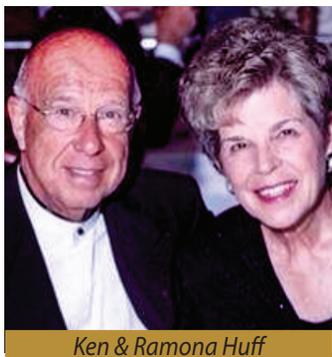
Voice: What led you to KCU?

Dr. Huston: *I have been interested in pursuing a career in Christian higher education since college. I have taught part-time over the past two decades. However, once COVID-19 changed the employment landscape, I was able to explore transitioning to full-time employment in Christian higher education. What attracted me to KCU is its religious identity, geographical location, and family-like atmosphere. Additionally, I love the administrative responsibilities and outreach opportunities associated with the Dean's role because they allow me to simultaneously harness multiple interests and skillsets. It has been my favorite calling thus far, and I'm so thankful God has led me here!*

KCU RECEIVES MAJOR GIFT FROM SANDY LEAVITT DUNCAN ESTATE

by Dr. Terry Allcorn, President of the University

We are pleased to announce the receipt of a one million dollar estate gift from Ms. Sandy Duncan. Her generosity via her estate plan will be a blessing to the mission of KCU for many years to come. As with many such gifts, the story of who God used to bless us is a beautiful testimony to His goodness.



Ken & Ramona Huff

Mr. Ken Huff is a 1955 graduate of Kentucky Christian University and is serving faithfully in ministry in La Jolla, California to this day. In a previous ministry, Ken had Ms. Duncan in his youth group at First Christian Church in National City, California.

She never forgot the blessing that Ken and his wife Ramona, who has gone to be with the Lord, had on her life. While she never visited KCU to our knowledge, she remembered the school that trained both Ken and Ramona. Many of us who

have graduated from KCU/KCC over the years may not find ourselves as individuals of means. However, we may find ourselves in close association with individuals who want to make an eternal impact with their estate resources.

Ken and Ramona have had a big influence on KCU for a long time. Ken ministered at the Caledonia Church of Christ. This is the church where Dr. Keith Keeran was a member as a teenager! Dr. Keeran was of course the fourth President of KCU. Ken also worked for Dr. Donald Nash as a student. Ms. Duncan is now with the Lord and the resources that she left behind her are helping us to prepare more individuals like Ken and Ramona Huff.



Sandy Leavitt Duncan

KCU ANNOUNCES A NEW OUTREACH PROGRAM!



KCU Reach exists to develop partnerships between KCU students and local churches and camps. KCU Reach teams will be equipped to serve with and come alongside established ministries. The program offers several ways for us to connect such as summer camp teams, youth retreats, youth lock-ins, Sunday morning volunteers, and more!

Kentucky Christian University takes great pride in our outreach teams. These groups are intentionally selected students who share a heart for ministry and to serve. These students are also prepared to promote KCU whether by speaking or setting up a booth. However, most importantly, our outreach teams are trained and equipped to come alongside ministers to enhance the Kingdom of God.

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Scholarship Gifts

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Estate of William & Frances Kindelberger

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Types of Gifts

- General Fund
- Scholarships
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How to Give

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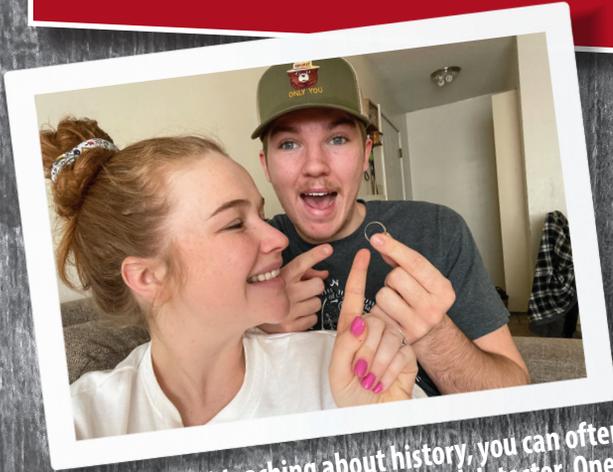
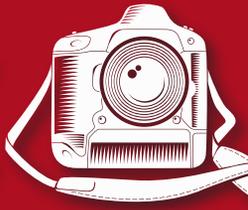
Give online at www.kcu.edu/give or scan the QR code

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Campus



When he's not teaching about history, you can often find Dr. Gerald Dyson with his metal detector. One day, a recent alum reached out after her husband lost his wedding ring. In less than an hour of searching, Dr. Dyson located the lost ring!



Our Men's Baseball team sprung into action during a January snow to clean off sidewalks and cars. The Men's Basketball team assisted in the same way in a previous storm.



Participants of the annual Youth Ministry Crash network with one another.

Sammy Harris ('85) recently shared a powerful testimony with the KCU faculty and staff about the impact KCU has had on his 40-year ministry.



The Yancey School of Nursing held their MSN Celebration in December honoring the 18 graduates as they completed their Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner degree.



Snapshots



KCU's Softball team had to revert to indoor conditioning and practices as they prepare for their spring season.



Keeran School of Education's Sophomore students visited Carter City (KY) Elementary recently where they worked with K-5 students for Read Across America Day.



Students reconvene for the first chapel service of the new semester.



The KCU campus was blanketed with snow on several occasions this winter.



KCU hosted nearly 300 people for the Fall Teen National Bible Bowl Tournament.



KCU students sending love to cancer patients through Butterfly Hugs program.

Insider

News and Information for Alumni & Friends of Kentucky Christian University

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Homecoming is always one of our favorite weekends of the year. Come reunite with the KCU family as we celebrate the impact of our alma mater *Then, Now, and Forever*. Visit with classmates, meet the current faculty and staff, and encourage our future alumni as they prepare to be the next generation of world-changers. Save the date and watch the website and the next issue of *The Voice* for more details!

Online registration will begin August 1.

JULY ALUMNI GATHERING

Join KCU and fellow alumni for a day at the park! On Saturday, July 23, 2022 we're renting Shelter #2 at Shillito Park in Lexington, KY. We'll be there from 11:00am - 3:00pm. Lunch will be provided. We'll also bring cornhole and other games. Bring yourself. Bring a lawn chair. Bring the kids. There is no cost, but we need you to register so we can plan for food. Go to www.kcu.edu/lexington to let us know you're coming!



LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY



WRAPPED UP IN KCU

As alumni of Kentucky Christian University, you and I have seen firsthand the power of a Christ-centered education. We know the importance of the relationships built on campus and the knowledge we have gained in our time here. I would like to invite you to join me in giving back to KCU to help make it possible for others to experience what we enjoyed.

We understand that it can be challenging to find room in your budget to support Christian higher education. However, when many of us give a little, it can have a big impact. You can join in this initiative for a gift of \$10 or more per month!

Go to kcu.edu/give and choose "Wrapped Up in KCU" as your designated fund to set up a recurring gift of \$10 or more to Kentucky Christian University. This is an easy and straight forward way for you to invest in the lives of our current students and future alumni.

As a reminder to pray for KCU and to thank you for your financial support, we'll send you a KCU roll-up blanket.



Update Your Contact Information
We can't keep in touch when we don't know where you are. Fill out the form by going to www.kcu.edu/update or scan the QR code.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

CHRIS MCQUISTION

"Kentucky Christian has prepared me to view everything that I do through a Christian worldview. It has molded me and inspired me to minister to others, teaching people about Christ through worship and music ministry. Teaching people through a song is my discipleship."



We all have dreams. We all have things we think we want to do. Sometimes, we find out that the path we've set before us is not the path God had planned. Chris McQuiston grew up being involved in the church, going on mission trips, and having the opportunity to take Bible classes at his high school. Attending a Christian university made sense. KCU gave him the opportunity to play soccer and lead worship in chapel while pursuing a career in nursing.

After a year and a half in the nursing program, Chris wasn't satisfied. He felt like he was supposed to be doing something different. He enjoyed leading worship for chapel and other churches but found that nursing was taking too much time away for him to do that regularly. After an opportunity to lead worship at an event, Chris was talking to an old high school friend and asked his friend's thoughts on him doing Worship Ministry. His friend replied, "Dude, what do you mean? You're already doing it."

Chris changed his major and started down a new path, the path God was calling him to. Chris has been the Worship Minister at Belmont Christian Church in Christiansburg, VA for about two

and a half years now. When he's not planning for services, he's out meeting with people, having coffee together, and pouring into them through conversation. On stage, he is guided by Colossians 3:16. "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." Chris tells his team that they are teaching the congregation through a song. They are using music to bring about discipleship.

Chris doesn't confine his music to Sunday mornings. For the last three years, he's been writing and putting out original music. He started out by writing a song during his internship at Northeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY. Writing and making music is important to him because of the impact on people not reached on a Sunday; you never know who needs to hear the songs throughout the week.

Working with *Generosity Rocks*, an independent artist fundraising platform, Chris has been able to represent himself on his own record label – McQ Records. Through this platform, Chris has been encouraged to give 10% of his profits back to other artists

or missions. He has been able to support another band and various camps. Chris continues to work on new music and anticipates a new release by early April. His music can be found on Spotify, Apple Music, and YouTube.

Being a student at KCU provided a strong foundation to help him build relationships, learn what it means to have a good ministry and what to look for in leaders. Through soccer, he learned teamwork and how to worship God on the field. An injury during his time at KCU helped Chris learn God's timing and how to overcome adversity. One of the biggest takeaways for Chris are the lifelong relationships he formed during his time on campus. The connections he made at KCU continue to produce after graduation.



CLASS NOTES...

Future Knights

Charlotte "Lottie" Mae, daughter of **Jon** ('16) and **Hannah (Sanders)** ('16) **Rhoades** on 10/2/21



Charlotte



Maverick

Harlow Wells, son of **Michael Trevor** ('16) and **Paige (Elliott)-Hunt** ('16) on 10/8/21

Maverick Brooke, daughter of **Mark** ('19) and **Whitney (McKay)** ('19) **Brame** on 10/13/21



Lily Jo



Millie Gene

Lily Jo, daughter of **David** ('15) and **Caitlin Winkler** ('12) **Wilson** on 10/19/21

Millie Gene, daughter of **Cody** ('17) and **Sarah (Grindrod)** (attd '16-'17) **Sabol** on 12/11/21



Jessica



Parker Leigh

Jessica, daughter of **Chad** (attd '08-'09) and **Brenda (Coombe)** ('12) **Carlson** on 1/10/22

Juniper Rose, daughter of **Eric** ('12) and April **Hankins** on 1/15/22

Felix James, son of **Josh** ('11) and **Amber (Puckett)** ('12) **Hazard** on 1/18/2022

Parker Leigh, daughter of Bradley and **Kayla (Blevins)** ('13) **Sloan** on 1/25/22

Maddox Lee, son of **John** ('12) and **Jordan (Vincent)** ('13) **O'Connell** on 1/13/22



Maddox Lee

Knight News

Stephanie Adkins ('21) began working as a nurse practitioner at King's Daughters Medical Center on the inpatient cardiology team in January.

Austin Archey ('20) began as Program/Events Coordinator at Howell's Mill Christian Assembly in Ona, West Virginia.

James "Dusty" Barrett ('03) has launched a solo music ministry after 13 years with Soul'd Out Quartet. Dusty is based out of Greenfield, Ohio.

Todd Barrett ('99) of Barrett Renovation Bathroom Remodeler won the Lexington Best of 2022 award. This is his fifth consecutive year receiving this award.

Andy Conklin ('15) became the new Discipleship Pastor at Rochester Christian Church in Rochester, Illinois in July 2021.

Faith Conn ('18) former KCU Lady Knight basketball player was named Coach of the Year in Kentucky's 16th Region.

Troy Cleland ('00) has moved from Michiana Christian Camp to the position of Project Manager at Country Lake Christian Retreat in Underwood, Indiana. His wife, **Melissa (Gilbert) Cleland** ('00) has assumed a role with Guest Services at Country Lake as well.

Taylor (Conn) Dixon ('17) has recently been appointed as the Head Volleyball Coach at West Carter (KY) High School.

Brandon Dulaney ('05) began a new position with Habitat for Humanity in East Central Ohio in January.

Faron Franklin ('89) has concluded a ministry with the Restoration Church of Christ, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania after 16 years and has begun a new ministry at Williamstown Christian Church in Williamstown, Kentucky.

Briquelle Hoppes ('17) transitioned from Norton Women's & Children's Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky to become a traveling nurse, beginning in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Trooper Charles Jones ('14) is leaving Kentucky State Police Post 14 where he has served Boyd, Carter, Greenup, and Lawrence counties. He will be serving on Executive Security, which includes security for Kentucky politicians including the governor, governor executive and their families.

McKenzie (Vanover) Kirk ('18), former KCU softball player, has been named a 2022 inductee into the KHSAA Hall of Fame.

Jesse Martin ('15 & '18) has begun as Sr. Minister at Artemus Christian Church in Artemus, Kentucky.

Mark Messmore ('05) has authored a new book titled *Simple Preaching Prep*. His book guides readers through one pastoral task: the important task of preaching. Mark stated that "he wrote this book to be easily readable and accessible to anyone, offering them a model to customize to their personality."

Paul Pat Mooney ('69 & '84) has retired from the active pulpit ministry after nearly 53 years. He has moved to Knoxville, Tennessee and will occupy his time with revivals and supply preaching.

Ernie Perry ('79 & '85) has begun a new position at Tates Creek Christian Church in Lexington, Kentucky as Connections Minister.

CLASS NOTES...

Nina ('93) and **Tim Perry** are both now retired and living in Oolitic, Indiana and welcomed their first grandchild, a boy named Trace Owen Perry on May 14, 2021.

Pam (Waltz) Perry ('79) retired as of December 31, 2021 from the University of Kentucky Clinic.

Rick Miller ('77 & '85) recently retired as Senior Minister of Eastview Christian Church in Martinsville, Indiana. He continues his ministry with Stability First, a non-profit to help alleviate the pressures of poverty in the Martinsville community.

Travis Roehm ('04) transitioned from a 13 year ministry in Dubuque, Iowa and began a second ministry with Adventure Christian Community in Davenport, Iowa on January 1st. He will serve as Executive Pastor.

Cody Sabol ('17) was featured on MNF on January 3, 2021 as he speed painted a portrait of retiring Steelers quarterback, Ben Roethlisberger.



Lisa (Davis)

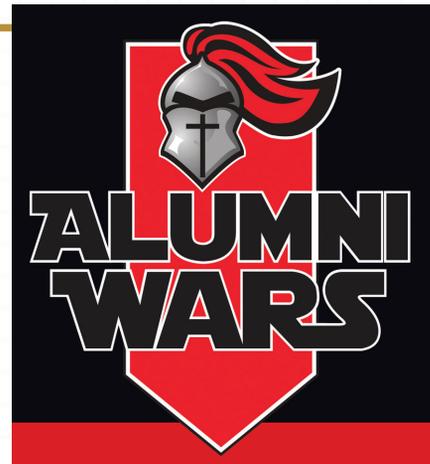
Stephenson ('85) was an official at the Kentucky Volleyball State Tournament (November, 2021). Lisa played volleyball ('81-'82) and basketball ('81-'85) for the Lady Knights.

John "Casey" Thomas ('12) has accepted the position of sports director at the Coffman YMCA in Springboro, Ohio.

Keith Wise ('72) celebrated the 50 year anniversary of his ordination into Christian ministry. Loran Dace gave the ordination charge in the LaBelle View Church of Christ, Steubenville, Ohio on December 26, 1971. He is married to **Sharon (Kourim) ('71) Wise**.

John Wright ('78) has celebrated 50 years in the pulpit ministry. He and his wife, Martha, celebrated 25 years of ministry at the Bishopville Church of Christ at Glouster, Ohio.

Shiloh Young ('12) was named the Director of Compliance and Student Services/Senior Woman Administrator for Kentucky Wesleyan College Athletics in December 2021.



We are, once again, challenging our alumni from each decade to donate toward KCU's scholarship fund. Rally your troops and prepare because this is a competition. The war ends on September 9, 2022. We're changing the way we keep score. This year, the decade with the highest percentage of participation will win! Donations can be made online at kcu.edu/alumni-wars or by sending a check, payable to Kentucky Christian University (see address on back page). Please indicate your decade year in the memo line to ensure your decade gets the credit for it.

Knights We'll Miss

Lynne S. Aleshire ('89), Teacher Education, 10/17/2021

Maribeth Cox (Attd '18-'19), 11/4/2021

John Oliver Lewis ('81), Bible, 11/23/2021

Howard William Thomure ('54), Bible, 11/27/2021

Peggy (Bliffen) Bauer ('57), Bible, 12/8/2021

Vincent Mansfield ('86), Communications, 12/9/2021

Angela Ruble ('02), Bible, 12/27/2021

Robert Holden ('78), Ministry, 1/10/2022

Donald F. Boswell ('80), Bible, 1/25/2022

Oscar Benny Baumgardner ('61), 1/26/2022

E. Paul Perry ('55), Bible, 2/5/22

Wanda Sisk, former KCU employee, 2/5/22

Steven Taylor ('82), Bible, 1/30/2022

Zebedee Togarepi ('88), Bible, 2/9/2022

Linda (Deacon) Dailey ('81), Bible, 2/15/2022

Bruce Heller ('92), Master of Ministry, 2/20/22

Richard Peterson ('73), Business, 1/25/2022

Knight Weddings

1 Daniel and **Rebecca (Mullen) ('19) Hartley** on September 18, 2021

2 **Caleb** ('15) and **Kelsi Yankey** on October 30, 2021

3 **Jonathan** ('22) and **Kennedi (Meredith) ('21) Munson** on November 20, 2021





DAVID MANNING APPOINTED ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

by Bruce Dixon, Associate Athletic Director

David Manning has been named the 5th Director of Athletics in the University's 51-year athletic department history, following Dr. Dick Damron, Randy Kirk, Bruce Dixon, and most recently, Corey Fipps. During his 25-year coaching career, he has coached high school football in Central and Eastern Kentucky as well as girls softball and has been involved with KCU athletics for five years by assisting in football and softball recruiting.



He believes that creating and fostering a Christ-centered environment can have a far-

reaching and long-lasting impact on many lives. Personally, Manning believes it is his mission to provide a strong witness for Christ and be an example for those whom God puts in his path. Acts 20:24 sums up his thoughts concerning this approach – "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace"

Manning has deep NAIA roots beginning with his college football career at Campbellsville University. He transferred to Ashford University where he earned his bachelor's degree in Education. Manning then went on to the University of the Cumberlands where he earned his Special Education master's degree. He then achieved his Rank One, Director of Special Education certification from Morehead State University.

KCU President, Dr. Terry Allcorn commented on the hire, "David comes to the role with a wealth of coaching and recruiting experience and is well known in the community and within KCU athletics. He and his family are active members at First Church of Christ in Grayson and I was impressed with how David was able to seamlessly integrate his faith with his love for athletics. I believe God has sent us exactly the person that we need for this important role."

David and his family are members of the First Church of Christ in Grayson, where he serves as a deacon. He and his wife, Brandi, share their daughter, Audrey, son, Nate, and are watched over from Heaven by their firstborn son, Dawson. David was raised in Mt Sterling, Ky, prior to moving to Grayson with his family in 2005. Brandi is a native of Grayson and works in her hometown as a physician assistant in primary care.

JOSHUA MILLER TO LEAD WOMEN'S SOCCER

by Bruce Dixon, Associate Athletic Director

Coach Miller has over a decade of experience as a coach at the collegiate level, most recently he restarted the men's soccer team at Central Christian in Moberly, MO. He has spent stints as an assistant coach at Malone University in Canton, OH, and as the Director of Soccer and Head Women's Soccer Coach at Bluefield College in Bluefield, VA.

Prior to those stops, Miller was the head women's soccer coach from 2010 to 2015 at Kentucky Christian University. His teams won three regional championships, made three national tournament appearances, and he was a three-time region coach of the year.

"My wife, Alex, and I are very thankful and excited for the opportunity to serve at Kentucky Christian University. My goal is to develop a family and servant leadership culture within the program that will provide an opportunity for our players to learn, grow and be challenged."



OVERCOMING FOR THE GREATER GOOD

by Joanna Yates, Assistant Professor of Reading



"As you can tell I am a little bit different than everyone else. I have red hair." Those words were spoken by Katelyn Pavey last semester during a testimony she shared in chapel. During the message, Katelyn spoke about the adversities she has overcome during her life.

Katelyn was born limb different with phocomelia. This means that in utero, Katelyn's arm didn't fully develop. She was born with a hand and two digits. A fact that has not held her back in the slightest. Hard work and a determination to succeed led her to develop skills that would allow her to become a very talented softball player here at KCU.



During the chapel service, Katelyn described the events surrounding her mother's pregnancy. A pregnancy that had friends of her mother offering to pay for an abortion. However, Katelyn's mom had been baptized and would not consider this as an option; even when she was placed on bed rest midway through her pregnancy. Through all the testing that her mother underwent,

and ultrasounds that she received, it was never detected that Katelyn had phocomelia.

At birth, the doctors told Katelyn's parents that she would never have a normal life. Yet, Katelyn's parents understood that God created no mistakes. They would tell her that God made her this way for a reason.

Katelyn played several sports as a child, basketball, volleyball, and soccer. Yet, her love was found in the game of softball. She used the adversity that she faced and found joy



in overcoming it. She found ways to adapt.

One such way is a glove transition that she has developed where she puts her glove in her right hand, tucks it and throws. This allows her to get the ball into the field faster. She turned "Can't" into "Continue Adapting, Never Turning Back".

At ten years old she made the goal to play college softball. Later, while attending a Prospect Camp, Katelyn caught the eye of softball coach, Corey Gardner. During her freshman year, while at an Elite Camp, she tore her ACL. She was ineligible to play for her freshman year and worked hard to rehabilitate from that injury. Other bumps in the road led her to KCU, where she followed Coach Gardner.

Since being at KCU, Katelyn has continued to impress not only Coach Gardner, but everyone alike. As a leading batter during her sophomore year, she only struck out five times in 96 at bats. During the last season, Katelyn was named to the NCCAA 2nd All American Team, NCCAA All-Midwest 1st Team and the NFCA Region 1 2nd Team. Now, a KCU alum, Katelyn is working on her master's degree and playing her last two years of eligibility.

"I have been blessed in multiple ways to have this young lady in my life and as part of our softball program. She is an inspiration to everyone around her. I have never heard anyone say a negative comment about her. She is a good student in the classroom, her professors love her because she interacts with them. She is all about giving back to the campus community or the youth through religion and softball. I have told her since I met her that she would be going big places in this world and that statement still holds true to this day." - KCU Softball Coach Cory Gardner

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BASS FISHING TEAM WINS BASSMASTERS TOURNAMENT

- Not only did KCU walk away with the win, but broke two college records for weigh-ins.
- KCU now holds the total highest weight in college bass fishing tournaments and the one day total weigh-in record.
- Matt and Lafe Messer have the record for the one day total weigh-in at 36 lbs. 7oz. and won the tournament with a total weigh-in of 61 lbs. 13oz. for a two day record.
- KCU Bass Fishing is ranked #1 in the Bassmaster College Tournament Trail with this win at Harris Chain Lake.

Photo courtesy of: David A. Brown/Bassmaster

A focused plan with patient presentations yielded monumental results for brothers Lafe and Matt Messer of the KCU Bass Fishing Team, who won the Strike King Bassmaster College Series at Harris Chain of Lakes presented by Bass Pro Shops with a two-day total of 61 pounds and 13 ounces (Tournament Record). The Messers caught 25-6 on day 1 and then electrified the final weigh-in with a massive limit of 36-7 (single day record weight). The KCU team earned \$3,070 and a berth in the Bassmaster College Series National Championship (dates and location TBA).

"We went into today not knowing how doable it was to catch another big bag, but we wanted to make them beat us," Lafe Messer said. "By about midday, we started thinking this will be a tough bag to beat. On stage, that winning moment — I can't even describe the emotions."

KCU Head Coach Gene Nornhold commented, "I saw our team pull together to get it done. These two brothers came



together to pull out a lifelong memory." He went on to say, "With growth comes victory. I don't even know where to start other than to acknowledge that God is so good and He will reward those who work for His glory."

"I told (Lafe) all week, 'If it was God's plan we were going to win,'" Matt Messer said. "It ended up working out right."

Trouble averted: Matt Messer described a hotel parking lot mistake after Day 1, which left their boat unplugged all night. Scrambling to overcome the potential disaster of starting the day with a severe power shortage, they were able to find an option at the last moment. "This morning, we put in, pulled as close as we could to a power outlet, and charged the boat while we were waiting for takeoff," Matt Messer said.

Also participating for the KCU team were (Names/Place): Dawson Burton-Trent Keltner (43), Ben Brockwell-Justice Gayhart (53), Riley Lawson-Chris Baker (118), Gunner Whitaker-Mitch Johnson (158), Dalton Coleman-Joe Bob Burchett (184), Colby Kerr-Jonathan Fitch (185), Blayner Leeman-Noah Hurford (193), Brantley Anders (195), Jacob Highley-Autumn Belcher (214), Jonathan Fraley-Cameron Dials (237). The total field consisted of 278 boats.