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the **2020** CLASS OF



FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. TERRY ALLCORN

Graduation is always an exciting time at KCU. This year was no different, except it was different. We honored the graduates as best we could with a virtual graduation ceremony and some other recognitions. We hope to invite them back in the fall for a face-to-face celebration too. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of our graduates one more time on their extraordinary accomplishment.

Graduation also marks an opportunity for institutional reflection. Many have asked what I think of my first year as president. I arrived in the middle of the process of our regional accreditation reaffirmation during the fall term, received the onsite team for that reaffirmation process in early March, and by mid-March we had elected to complete the term remotely.

My primary reflection at the moment is that I'm very honored to be serving in this role with such a dedicated team of faculty and staff. Their hard work and long-term dedication to the mission of KCU was really apparent while the regional accreditation team was on our campus. They complimented our facilities, our faculty and staff, our dedication to student success through our mentoring programs, our careful fiscal management, and several other areas. At least one of the visiting team members commented that they were going to take some of our student learning support practices back to their institution, perhaps the highest compliment.

We were also visited by the organization that oversees our Nursing program. They too were highly complementary. They were particularly impressed with the feedback they received from the hospitals where our nurses serve. The hospitals commented that our students cared more about the patients than nurses from other institutions. They attributed that care to our Christ-centered curriculum. So do I.

We also pivoted very quickly to begin remotely serving our students. Every area of the institution adjusted to supporting the students while they finished the term online. Services that were provided face-to-face were converted to virtual formats, and faculty quickly adjusted their courses. Tutors, mentors, and coaches regularly reached out to encourage the students. Everyone did whatever it took to serve the needs of the students.

As I reflect on the 100th year of KCU and my first year as president, it was and continues to be memorable, perhaps not in the way one might expect. It has been memorable, not because of the challenges, but because of the way KCU students, faculty, and staff rose to meet those challenges...as a Knight should.

"We will not be defined by COVID-19, but we will be defined by our response to it."



STAYING CONNECTED THROUGH THE PANDEMIC

Disruptions and obstacles are opportunities to look at tasks through a new lens. The entire University has approached the COVID-19 pandemic as an opportunity to innovate and to serve. It has been an honor for each of us to find ways to serve the students during this time. How we deliver instruction, how the library is utilized, how tutoring is done, how students register for fall classes, what graduation day looks like, and many other aspects of student life have all been rethought. The challenge for every area of the institution has been to provide the same level of service and mentoring virtually that happens in a face-to-face setting. Every area of the institution has found ways to creatively approach this task.

The faculty and staff found ways to provide a quality second half of the term in spite of the circumstances. In addition, we made several attempts to “go the extra mile” to serve the students and the community of Grayson.

PSALMS AT SEVEN



Dr. Allcorn read Psalms on Facebook Live for the last six weeks of the term. He said in a podcast interview when asked why he chose the Psalms that he had found himself going to the Psalms for

comfort and thought that others might benefit from hearing the Inspired Word of God each evening. He was on Facebook Live 46 consecutive nights with only two evenings being pre-recorded to allow him to make other commitments.



VIRTUAL GRADUATION

A virtual recognition of the graduates was held on the day previously scheduled for graduation. The graduates' names were read by the Dean of their particular school. Kevin Pickett (Chair of the Board of Trustees), Vicky Madden (Director of Alumni Relations and 2020 KCU MA graduate), and President Allcorn also addressed the students.

ONLINE CHAPEL SERVICES

Campus Minister Jacob Shockey, along with several students who are ministry majors, provided virtual chapels twice a week for the students, faculty, and staff.



KNIGHT-TIME STORIES

Students and guests from the Keeran School of Education read children's stories on Facebook for grade school age children called “Knight-Time Stories” during many evenings.

The “Knight-Time Stories” were very popular with the school-aged children in Carter County and beyond.

PPE & HAND SANITIZER DONATED

We gave away all of our personal protective equipment and most of our hand sanitizer to local first responders and medical personnel.



KCU ALUMNI EXCEL IN MINISTRY

by Vicky Madden, Director of Alumni Relations

In 1919, J.W. Lusby put an ad in the Christian Standard reading "Wanted. – Married man with sufficient income to live on, to take interest in and help build school, purely for the good of the cause." J.O. Snodgrass answered that call and together they founded Christian Normal Institute, which would eventually become what is now Kentucky Christian University. Since then, we have continued to train young men and women to go out and make an impact on the world around them. What we've seen is our alumni doing ministry in a variety of ways.

Darrel Land

Redemption Christian Church
Jasper, Indiana

Darrel Land ('95) decided to plant a church in Jasper, IN, not far from where he grew up. Jasper was a predominantly Roman Catholic town with no other Christian church established. In 2000, with a small group of 12 people, they began to meet in a hotel conference room. Redemption Christian Church has since expanded to around 2,000 people and has a second campus in Loogootee, IN. Darrel knew that he wanted to provide a type of church that was not being offered. (He didn't want it to be about traditions; it was about Jesus and the Gospel.) The goal for Redemption Christian Church was not to be the best church *in* their community, but to be the best church *for* their community. They do that with a Kingdom approach. Darrel said, "We need to be Kingdom-minded and God will take of the rest."

This mindset was cultivated during his time at Kentucky Christian. Darrel spoke highly of those who

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made a lasting impact on him, such as Rob Ford, Ernie Perry, and Dick Damron. Looking back on his time as basketball manager under Damron, Darrel reflected, "Sports are important, but we put God first." He acknowledged just how critical the mentoring and encouragement he received was during his time as a student. Darrel spent a lot of time in a disciple group led by Ernie Perry. Ernie was always there to encourage and motivate him. Darrel admits he may not even be in ministry today if not for Ernie. He learned the relational aspect of ministry at KCU. He saw that ministry is about serving.



Bruce Templeton

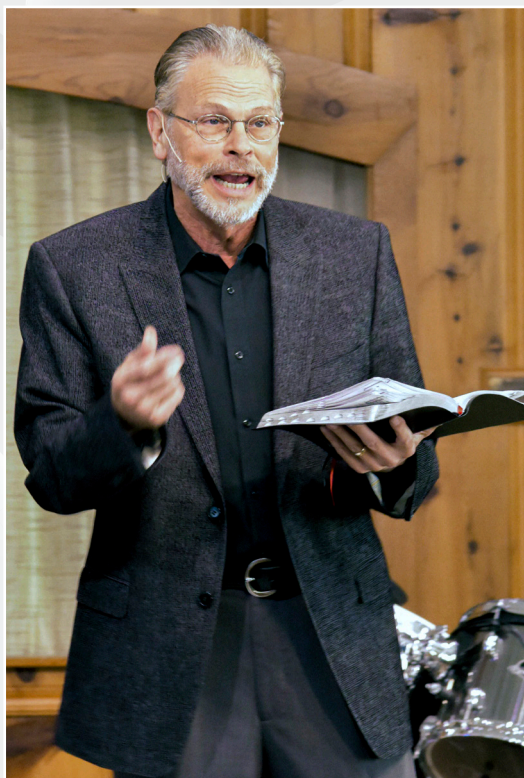
Unity Christian Church
Cynthiana, Kentucky

Some have worked multiple ministries, from rural areas to large cities, and everywhere in between. Bruce Templeton ('77) is one of them. Bruce has essentially been in ministry all his life, having preached his first sermon at only 14 years old. In 1988, he accepted a position that more people had advised him against taking than there were encouraging him to go.

Bruce headed west to Huntington Beach, CA. The church, while running around 500, was unhealthy and in multi-million dollar debt. With years of dedication and a renewed focus on God and the mission at hand, the church experienced stability. They got out of debt, and grew to around 3,200 by 2013. After 25 years, Bruce retired from there, but he wasn't done with ministry. In 2016, with the encouragement of Wayne B. Smith, he moved to Unity Christian Church in Cynthiana, KY. Others may have struggled with the transition from a major city area to a small rural area, Bruce, however did not. He had a gradual transition to the larger areas with each of his ministries being a little larger than the one before. He grew up in a small rural area of West Virginia and had early ministries in rural Kentucky. So the transition to Unity was simply going back to his roots.

Bruce has been blessed to experience growth at Unity as well. They just completed the construction of their new worship building at the beginning of April and anxiously waited several weeks for things to open back up after the COVID-19 restrictions to hold their first service. We inquired what the key to this kind of growth is and he replied, "The key to all church growth is that lost people, those who don't know Jesus, matter and they ought to be the priority for everybody." He went on to explain that a healthy church grows and the heart of the church has got to be people. There's a need to stop doing church and start being the church. The people at Unity understand who they are and what their mission is as a church: to go and make disciples.

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During the pandemic, there was often discussion about being innovative, learning to do things in a way they had never

been done. Innovation is relative. What is innovative for a small rural church is likely already happening in a large city church.

This is what Bruce experienced at Unity. When the pandemic closed church building doors, changes were immediately made to transition services online. At a large church in California, Bruce had been accustomed to this method, with services even available on cable. At Unity's location in Cynthiana, Kentucky, they don't have cable television, or even WiFi. They didn't have the technology to be equipped for this. Applying innovation, they used an iPhone to record the service. Unity has another KCU alum on staff, Shane Hunt ('18) who serves as the youth minister. He learned video editing on the fly. With short notice and limited resources, they produced their first ever online service. As the transition back to in-person services began, they also started to look at ways to continue incorporating some of these changes moving forward. Innovation is relative, but the people at Unity demonstrate a willingness to innovate, and a willingness to change that allows them to experience success and healthy growth.

As any conversation with a KCU alum has the potential of doing, stories and memories from their days as a student surface. Among all the success Bruce experienced, he views his time at KCU as invaluable. With minors in Greek and history, his education has paid off over and over again. He learned various techniques and the value of the word of God. Bruce wishes he had kept his notes from his classes, particularly the Bible classes, but even without them his time spent learning and studying provided him the tools he uses still today. The core things he learned have made him a better preacher, a better communicator, and a better leader. On top of that, many friendships were made that have lasted a lifetime.

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Scott Pugh

Velocity Church
Cleveland, Ohio

For some, KCU was the place that started it all. Scott Pugh ('94) grew up in a city having never known anything about Christ or the gospel message. He had never even heard a Christian song before. What he did know was that a friend was attending KCU, and just maybe if he joined his friend, it would make him a better person too. What he got was so much more. He came to understand a Christian perspective. He learned that Bible Bowl wasn't some type of a football game and that being a youth minister is a real job that you can actually get paid for. Most importantly, he came to know God. That changed the trajectory of his life.

Scott loves working with kids of all ages. He started out as a youth minister, essentially creating the youth programs from scratch at his earlier ministries. He landed at a position he absolutely loved and didn't want to leave. Yet, he felt like he was being led to plant a church in Cleveland, OH. He had never wanted to plant a church. He tried to find reasons why it wasn't what he was called to do, but a conversation with a local mayor struck a chord that tugged at his heart. She urged him to plant a church in their area and do something to help their children. It was then that Scott knew what he needed to do, because "Children Matter."

If Scott was going to move to Cleveland to plant a church, he knew he was going to need to immerse himself into the city and become a part of the culture. He would embrace the broken and the people who don't know God. It had to be more than just church services. We're not just called to be Christians; we're called to be disciples. To do that, we need to do what Jesus would do. Jesus would preach the gospel, meet the needs of the most broken people and spend time with those who are farthest from God. Scott posed the question, "If someone moved your church and all the people in it out of the city and placed it somewhere else, what would the city you left lose? Would they lose anything more than Sunday school, worship service, or VBS? Would they notice your

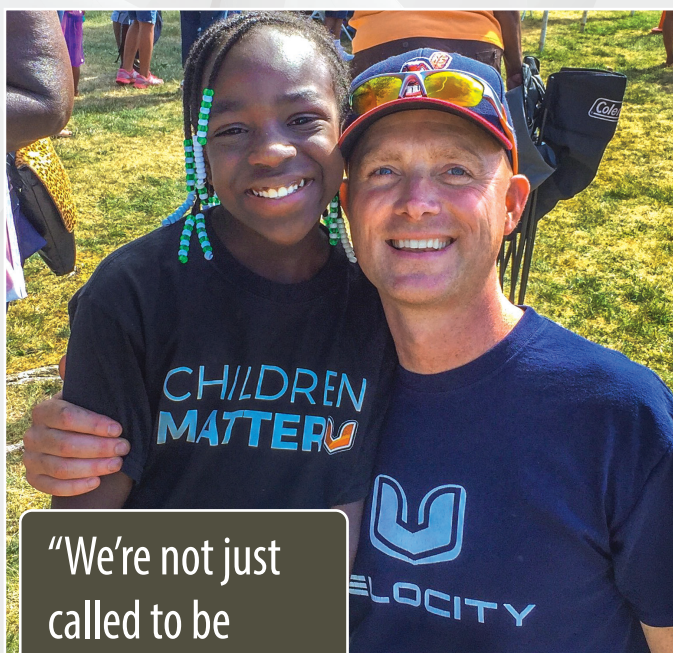
absence?" Scott became a part of the community in such a way that they wouldn't want the church to leave because they do so much for the area.

Velocity Church is community-oriented. In our conversation about all the things they're doing Scott stated, "Great things don't happen when you're sitting in your office. If you want to be part of the city, go be part of the city." They do so much for the people in their area but our conversation settled on one of Scott's greatest passions: children. Velocity helped organize a group in a local middle school called E-Crew. It develops leadership skills in the top 10% of student leaders, focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit.

They throw huge parties called Kidz Spring Spectacular. They know many of the kids in the area can't afford a vacation and will never have the opportunity to go to Disney. So they bring the magic of Disney to them. This party is filled with loads of games and food. It was even strategically planned for Spring Break because the kids would be home with nowhere to go and many would even struggle to find meals during this time. Velocity also teams up with professional basketball and football players to host free camps for kids.

They partnered with the court system to serve as a place for troubled teens to complete their community service. One notable story is a teen who assisted the Velocity team by putting together handouts for their Easter service. He asked, "What's Easter?" The staff had the opportunity to tell this teen about the love of Christ. In awe, he exclaimed, "That's the best news ever. Can I tell my mom about this?" Another notable story comes from Scott agreeing to volunteer to paint faces at the city's spring festival before Velocity officially began. He was partnered with a 13 year old girl and they hit it off well. The first Sunday that Velocity opened, this girl attended. She paid her brother to bring her to church and he waited in the car for her. After weeks of this, he finally grew tired of waiting in the car and joined her inside. After about six months, their parents joined too.

It doesn't stop with serving the children. Scott actively finds ways to include children in ministry. In his book, *Children Matter*, Scott talks about why he encourages all students to be involved in the church services. "I don't want all the best and brightest students to go into the marketplace to be millionaires. I want some of the best and brightest students in our congregations to go into some type of full-time ministry to impact the lives of other people. I want them to be lead pastors, youth ministers, worship leaders, and even church administrators. I want them to use their God-given gifts for the kingdom." Children matter.



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David Empson

International Conference on Missions
Clayton, Indiana

David Empson ('81) spent his early career in youth ministry. He would take groups of kids to what was then the National Missionary Convention (NMC). He noticed many missionaries retiring and wondered who would fill their shoes. It was during this time he noticed there was no programming for teens, so he asked the NMC Director, Walter Birney, if he could volunteer to start something for teens. Thus, what is now known as SICOM

began in 1998. Many kids from his youth group are now involved in some type of mission work.

He later joined the staff full-time and became the Director in 2008. The convention continued to experience growth and went from being "national" to "international." In 2011 the name changed to the International Conference on Missions (ICOM).

We asked David what he does to continue to keep things relative and grow the event. "It's about connections.

SICOM works to close the gap of distance and generation by allowing students to interact with missionaries. It helps them to understand missionaries' work in the field. ICOM also connects people with needs to people who could help fulfill those needs." With an emphasis on missions and attendees from around the world, David worked to include leaders from other countries.



Every other year, ICOM integrates an international ICOM President. There have been representatives from Africa, Asia, South America, South Pacific, and soon, Europe.

David and his team make every effort to keep the cost of attending low while producing a high-quality conference. They understand that exhibitors or missionaries attending are also investing their funds in the mission fields. By working with these missionaries and aided by sponsorships from supporters, they have been able to experience steady growth. David said that they have always enjoyed the favor of God, the church, and the mission community.

Some of the most fulfilling parts of leading an international missions conference comes from watching the hand of God at work. Support continues to come from the most unlikely sources, for example from incredible Christian leaders with a story to tell. People from all over the world are being served. People who may normally not get much attention are able to have a light of good service shined on them. David expressed his joy in working with ICOM stating, "I feel like I'm driving a flat-nosed bus and I get the front row seat to what God is doing around the world."

Editor's Note: Join us at ICOM this year in Indianapolis. KCU will be at booth 1919. Stop by to visit, then join us at our alumni reception on Friday night.

Each of these men reflected on their time at KCU. For them, this was a place that shaped who they are, that provided knowledge, skills, and relationships that have lasted a lifetime. Christian may be our middle name, but it is our highest priority. We remain committed to shaping the lives of the students who come to us. We are committed to training Kingdom workers to see the needs of those in their community and around the world and do something about it.

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NEW ASSOCIATE DEGREES OFFERED



Kentucky Christian University students will soon have the opportunity to earn an Associate's degree in one of three areas. The Associate of Science in General Science, Associate of Arts in History and Associate of Arts in Business degrees will be available beginning in the fall of 2020.

The new degree paths will utilize coursework that is part of the baccalaureate degrees in Science, History or Business.

The Associate degrees were approved by the Board of Trustees this spring, bringing back to Kentucky Christian University opportunities for students to complete two-year degrees.

Associate of Science in General Science

The Associate of Science in General Science will allow students the opportunity to complete a two-year degree and graduate from Kentucky Christian University before seeking employment in areas which only require a two-year degree including medical laboratory technician, radiation technician, physical therapy assistant, and dental hygienist.

Associate of Arts in History

The Associate of Arts in History provides students with foundational courses in history including both world and U.S. history while helping students develop both writing and critical thinking skills that employers value.

Associate of Arts in Business

The Associate of Arts in Business provides students a foundation in business that would be valuable to employers seeking applicants with at least a two-year degree.

Each of these programs of study allow students to complete their two-year degree and graduate from KCU before seeking employment.

These programs of study provide a broad range of flexibility to accommodate many post-graduate opportunities for employment or the pursuit of a baccalaureate degree.

We are excited to provide these opportunities to our students as we once again offer Associate degrees.

Contact the Office of Admissions for more information about these programs.

NURSING PROGRAM HONORED

The 2019-20 academic year has been an exciting time in the life of the Yancey School of Nursing. The BSN program completed a successful ten year re-affirmation visit from our nursing accreditors, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and the Kentucky Board of Nursing. The accreditors commended us for our dedication to educating nurses from a Christian worldview and our commitment to restoring compassionate caring into healthcare!



The RN-BSN program was recently ranked #2 in the state by the organization Registered Nursing! The ranking highlights the YSN's cohort format which intentionally fosters individualized educational experiences and high quality, student-centered learning.



Our December 2019 MSN graduates have collectively earned a 95% pass rate on the national certification exam for Family Nurse Practitioners. This far exceeds the national average of 86% for 2019!

The Yancey School of Nursing is proud of all our recent graduates and alumni who are serving on the frontlines of healthcare across the nation and around the world!

PREACHING ROUNDTABLE



in conjunction with
MINISTER APPRECIATION
LUNCHEON

OCTOBER 15, 2020



FEATURING
ARRON CHAMBERS

LEARN HOW TO PREACH TO THE UNCHURCHED



"Stop the world, I want to get off!" From Broadway musicals and country songs to Facebook memes and Tik Tok videos, the world, in general, seems to resonate with one central feeling – the world is not as it should be. This has never been more clear than in the recent time of COVID-19, where social distancing is a must and everything has been online.

How has and how will the Church respond? People are asking questions: "What sense does any of this make?" and "Where can I turn for hope and guidance?" The Church has a word for this time. The problem is getting people to listen. How do we preach this word? Five years ago, Arron Chambers spoke about how to engage non-Christians with the gospel in a culture that was apathetic to religion. Now we find ourselves in a time when people are searching for something – anything – to help them make sense of what is happening in our world today. Will we have a word of hope and guidance to offer them?

Join us this October as Arron revisits the idea of preaching to non-churched people, sharing his deep passion for sharing the Gospel with non-Christians, and encouraging us to continue in the calling God has given to each of us. We invite you to our annual one-day workshop on preaching, a day that will be filled with encouragement and challenge, as we share in the fellowship of ministry!



MINISTER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

Our Annual Minister Appreciation Luncheon will also be held that day at noon. This is a free luncheon open to ministers and their staff. Our Preaching Roundtable speaker will be sharing encouraging words for you and your staff.

Go to www.kcu.edu/prmal for more information and to register for both events.



ICOM
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
MISSIONS

Plan to join us in Indianapolis November 19-22. We will be hanging out in booth #1919.

We also invite you to an Alumni & Friends Reception on Friday night at 8:30.

Scholarship Gifts

Andrea Damron Scholarship

Oak Grove Church of Christ,
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Many companies encourage philanthropy by matching their employees' gifts to colleges and universities such as KCU. Most match the gift dollar for dollar, and some will even double or triple the amount. Participating companies may also recognize donations made by retirees and/or spouses. Check with your company today and ask them about matching gifts. It's a great way to increase your giving to KCU. To see if your employer will match your donation to KCU, contact your employer's Human Resources Department. If they do participate, all your employer will likely ask you to do is fill out a form and mail it to KCU with your donation. KCU and your employer will do the rest.

For more information on how you can become a friend of Kentucky Christian University through giving, please contact Megan Rawlings at 606-474-3298 or mrawlings@kcu.edu.

DONORS MAKE DIRECT IMPACT FOR NEEDY STUDENTS

When KCU's spring semester went from a normal on campus environment to a fully online delivery, it left students scrambling. Several students indicated they did not have a computer.

Several generous donors stepped up to meet the needs of these deserving students through the purchase of laptops. This allowed the students to complete their assignments for the remainder of the semester.



COMING BACK STRONG AND FEARLESS

A schoolteacher turned attorney, J.W. Lusby, brought his bride to Eastern Kentucky from Owen County. Although he "hung a shingle" outside his door, life as an attorney did not bode well for Mr. Lusby. His power of persuasion convinced potential clients to settle their disputes outside of the court – without attorney fees. Through his encounters with the community, he grew concerned with the lack of education in Appalachia.

It didn't take long for Mr. Lusby, along with J.O. Snodgrass, to start the Christian Normal Institute on December 1, 1919. In her earlier days, Christian Normal Institute emphasized the preparation of public-school teachers, as indicated in the word "Normal." The education of young people for Christian ministries became the central purpose. The name was changed to "Kentucky Christian College" in 1944, and then to its current name, Kentucky Christian University in 2004. Many things have changed over the years, but training men and women for Christian ministry is not one of them. Under the new leadership of Dr. Terry Allcorn, a renewed sense of urgency for training preachers is taking place.

This year, Kentucky Christian University faced challenging events that called for quick responses on the part of the institution. President Allcorn and the Cabinet led the University with integrity and wisdom. When asked, they quickly gave the glory to God and were very aware of the prayers of the alumni, donors, and friends of the University. We were able to quickly transition to remote instruction and we even celebrated a virtual graduation to honor the accomplishments of those who had completed their education. We issued room and board refunds to graduating Seniors and room and board credits to returning students for use during the fall term in response to COVID-19. The fact that we were able to make all of the adjustments so quickly gives testament to the faithfulness of God and the support of our friends and alumni.

This fall, we want to come back strong and fearless. To keep our students, staff, and faculty safe, we are taking extra precautions. The safety of our campus is a top priority. We are willing to do whatever it takes to keep our campus community protected while being trained as the Christian leaders the world needs today. We ask that you consider supporting us in the following three ways:

- 1. Pray for God's guidance and continued grace as we carry out the mission set upon our hearts.**
- 2. Promote our efforts to train Restoration Movement leaders for generations to come.**
- 3. Provide by sending in donations to support our efforts during this time.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Director of Development, Megan Rawlings. mrawlings@kcu.edu or (606) 474-3298.

BLESSED THROUGH GENEROUS DONATIONS



Dr. Brian Carter, KCU Trustee and Pharmacist with Med-Save Pharmacy in Grayson, Kentucky presented 20 Infrared Thermometers to President Allcorn to be used for a safer campus community post COVID-19. We appreciate this generous donation.



KCU is continuously blessed by both current and former faculty, staff, and students. One example of this is Dr. Blanche Glimps who served KCU as the Vice President of Academic Affairs from 1994–2000, and later on the Board of Trustees. She has continued to have a positive impact on library resources.

Dr. Glimps mails a box of donated books to the library almost every month. Our audiobook collection, which sees strong usage, was created and is maintained with the 299 audiobooks that she has donated since 2008. Her contributions have also included a large number of children's books that have a strong diversity theme. In 2012, as the Keeran School of Education was renewing its independent accreditation with KDE, she had just finished making a large donation of books. When the visiting team asked specifically about diversity resources that were available for education majors, the library was able to provide specific examples of resources available to our students.

Thanks to Dr. Glimps, Young Library continues to provide resources for both personal and academic use for our campus community.



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News and Information for Alumni & Friends of Kentucky Christian University

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Chapel Speaker

Scott Pugh ('94)

NOTE DATE CHANGE

To accommodate changes in our football schedule (as directed by our conference) due to COVID-19, our Fall Homecoming date has been rescheduled to September 25-27.

See you then



Banquet Speaker

Phil Martin ('85)

We're making plans for our annual Homecoming and want to see you there. We'll kick the weekend off by sharing in a Chapel service with our current students on Friday morning. We'll reminisce, laugh, and enjoy the evening at our annual Alumni and Friends Banquet on Friday night. Hang around for the awesome food and fun during the tailgate prior to the football game on Saturday. Then we'll wrap it all up with a Sunday morning worship service.

Special Anniversaries for these Classes:

1970: 50th

1990: 30th

2000: 20th

1980: 40th

1995: 25th

2010: 10th

If you'd like to host your class reunion in conjunction with Homecoming, please contact Vicky Madden at vmadden@kcu.edu.



We are challenging our alumni from each decade to donate toward KCU's scholarship fund. In order to endow a scholarship with the decade from which you graduated, you must reach a minimum of \$10,000. The decade who donates the most toward lowering the cost of education for future Christian leaders will receive a trophy and bragging rights at the 2020 Homecoming Banquet. The war ends September 16, 2020.

The 1970s graduates are currently in the lead, followed closely by the 1960s. Rally the troops and push your decade to the front!

Donations can be made online at kcu.edu/alumni-wars or by sending a check, payable to Kentucky Christian University. Please indicate your decade year in the memo line to ensure your decade gets the credit for it.

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KCU WELCOMES NEW COACHES

Bass Fishing

KCU welcomes former KCU student, Gene Nornhold, as the new Bass Fishing coach. Mr. Nornhold resides in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky with his wife of 32 years, Becky, and his daughter Amanda.

Following a successful coaching stint in the Montgomery County school system, where he began the bass fishing program at Montgomery County High School, Gene moved on to coach the Morehead State University fishing team in 2017, which went on to win the State Championship. He stated, "Fishing has been a part of my life since I was a young boy. I began fishing with my dad at a very young age and competed in my first tournament at the age of 12. This was the beginning of my love of fishing tournaments." Having fished on the FLW/BFL tours for 30 years, Gene has qualified for five regional tournaments and for a BFL All American, in addition to qualifying for the BASS Federation Championship.



Cheer

Christopher Pereyra has been hired to lead the Knights Cheer program and elevate it to competitive status. He has led cheer all around the United States along with many top programs in the world. Originally from Eugene, Oregon, he taught dance and coached cheer for the high school and all-star programs in the area.



Chris also became a tenure for the National Cheerleaders Association and was part of their Elite SPEED Staff and Choreography Staff. He then moved to Texas to cheer for the famous Navarro College Cheer, winning two Collegiate NCA Grand Championships and a silver World's medal on the Spirit of Texas IOC 6 team. He transitioned to Morehead State University and earned a degree in Sport Management and General Business while winning three more Collegiate UCS National Titles. Along with his wife Emaley Russell-Pereyra, he now manages Empower Athletics. Welcome to the KCU family!

Softball

Cory Gardner has been hired as the new head softball coach. The former head coach at Cincinnati Christian University, Gardner brings head coaching experience and recruiting success to the position following the retirement of Coach Miller.

The Morehead, KY native graduated from Rowan County High School in 2005 and attended Morehead State University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in University Studies. In 2015, Gardner got his first head coaching job after gaining extensive assistant coaching experience at numerous stops. That first job was to be the inaugural women's softball coach at Cincinnati Christian University. Under Gardner's leadership, CCU posted three consecutive 20+ win seasons (2017, 2018, 2019) along with an NCAA I regional title in 2018. His CCU program also made two (2018, 2019) NCAA I World Series appearances. We are pleased to welcome Coach Gardner to the KCU family!



2019-20 HONORS

Archery

MSC All-Academic:

Debby Berardi
Mackenzie Evans-Schweickart
James Hughes
Kara Priddy
Brandon Whitt

MSC Champions of Character:

Mackenzie Evans-Schweickart
Brandon Whitt

MSC All-Academic:

Kadin Bridges - 1st Team
Rebecca Jones - 2nd Team

Baseball

AAC All-Academic:

Blake Burnett
Trey Cash
Brandon Hackworth

Justin Hilton

Noah Hurford

Alex Jacobs

Trey Mills

Chase Schoeff

Jantzen Smith

Seth Stephens

Tyler Sunstrum

Benjamin Welch

NCCAA #KINGCHASING:

Seth Stephens

Men's Basketball

AAC All-Academic:

Cardinal Brown

Kobe Brown

Owens Crawford

Cole Gilliland

Connor Maddox

AAC Champions of

Character:

Dominique Mitchell

Women's Basketball

AAC All-Academic:

Abby Benson

Hannah Blakley

Sydney Foster

Shelbi Knauer

Hope Lafferty

Kamryn Rose

AAC Champions of

Character:

Alyssa Howie

Football

MSC All-Academic:

La'Kel Aaron

Austin Archey

Richard Carroll

Spencer Cole

Josh Drucker

Ethan Garrison

Connor Hinkle

Kaleb Hunt

Dametric McGrue

Eric Parra Curiel

Isaak Ramirez

Noah Roberts

Zach Smith

Men's Soccer

AAC All-Academic:

Micah Adkins

Josh Brand

Mike DeWald

Bryan Vanderlyn

Connor Vincent

AAC Champions of

Character:

Jason Gay

NCCAA Scholar

Athlete:

Micah Adkins

Mike DeWald

Bryan Vanderlyn

Women's Soccer

AAC All-Academic:

Allison Honiker

Montana Minor

Mary Katherine Pridey

Sandy Singh

Savanna Smith

Abby Smith

NCCAA Scholar

Athlete:

Allison Honiker

Mary Katherine Pridey

Savanna Smith

Softball

AAC All-Academic:

Shaylee Heistad

Sydney Houck

Taylor Jackson

Taylor Jording

Rachel Purser

Gracie Robinson

Katerina Rodriguez

Volleyball

AAC All-Academic:

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