

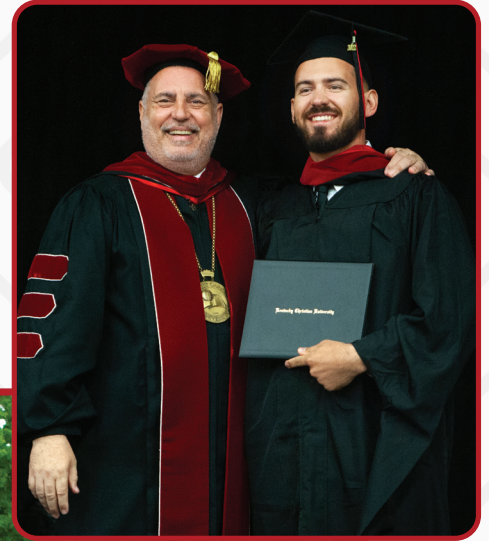


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. TERRY ALLCORN

GOD HAS BEEN GOOD AND FAITHFUL

God was good to KCU this year! Oh, I won't pretend there were not challenges, but even in the middle of those challenges, God has been good and faithful. While much remains to be done, we made a lot of progress during this past school year.

You've already read about the updates to the dorms and the campus grounds from last summer. The new roof on the Lusby Center and on several other buildings has also been detailed in previous publications. Those physical plant upgrades were critical to maintaining our infrastructure. There are several other projects on this summer's schedule.

In June we welcomed a group from Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY that worked on projects in Waters Hall and Lusby Center. Additionally, Billy ('73) and Sally Essick completed several important improvements around campus, including repairing and painting the front of the Bill Leamon Maintenance Complex. They are pictured below in front of the building.

God has blessed us in other ways too. I've been involved in more and more conversations about the need to recruit and train more leaders for the church. We have finally been able to send student teams back out into the churches. I believe that the local church is the place where leaders are being raised up. Our student teams will invite them to come to KCU to train for a life of service. We were also very pleased to begin hosting events for area churches on campus again. We had a large number of students turn out to welcome the visiting youth groups. Aside from the obligatory welcome from the President, the entire worship service and message was KCU student led. We were pleased to host the Bible Bowl Winter National Championships in December and we will host them again this December. You would be encouraged if you were to attend a Bible Bowl competition.

God has blessed several of our schools with national recognitions, reaffirmed programmatic accreditation, and exceptional students. We were blessed with an exceptional faculty and staff that worked hard to serve the students during a very challenging season. The COVID-19 rates in both the county and the campus were high at the start of the fall term, but steadily decreased as the school year progressed into spring.

We continue to be blessed by the support from the local churches. Each Sunday that I speak, I encourage the church to begin praying that God would raise up leaders from within their congregation who would come to KCU to train for a life of service. I continue to be thankful for the trustees that serve KCU. These men and women care deeply about the ministry of the University. They invest personally and financially in the University. Their individual and collective wisdom is a blessing to me.

It has been a very good year...and Go Knights!



Kenny Turner



Tim Cherry



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Across The Campus

KCU BASS FISHING FINISHES IN TOP-25

The Bass Pro Shops School of the Year is college fishing's only all-encompassing National Rankings system. Awarding points across various major national collegiate trails, as well as local and regional events, the Association of Collegiate Anglers' National Rankings system is a year-long chase involving school teams from coast to coast. They compete to finish the year ranked not only number

one, but to also be recognized as one of the Top 25 schools in the nation.

Entering the 2021-2022 season, the ACA conducted a Pre-Season Poll to rank the Top 25 school teams in the nation. Media members, coaches, anglers, and industry representatives voted to rank the schools according to who they thought had the best chance to do well this season.



Twenty of the Top 25 ranked school teams entering the year finished the 2021-22 season inside of the Top 25 for the Bass Pro Shops School of the Year.

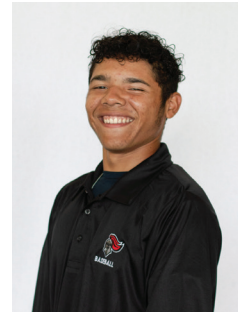
Kentucky Christian University started the year with a preseason ranking of 80th. The Knights finished 21st! A full list of the Top 25 can be found at kcuknights.com

SOFTBALL NAMED SCHOLAR TEAM

KCU's Softball team was honored as 1 of 33 programs recognized as a Scholar Team (17th best) in the NCCAA with a 3.53 GPA.

YAN NAMED BASEBALL'S FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the Knights' Baseball short stop Yan Rivera for being named the Freshman of the Year in the NCCAA.



ARCHERS RECEIVE HIGH HONORS

Ben Fannin, Men's Compound

- Took bronze individually
- USA Archery All-Region Award
- Mid-South All Conference First Team
- Champions of Character Award

Haley Cantrell, Women's Barebow

- Champions of Character Award

YANCEY SCHOOL OF NURSING AGAIN NAMED BEST PROGRAM

Kentucky Christian University Yancey School of Nursing's Online RN to BSN Program has again been named as the best program of its kind in Kentucky by RegisteredNursing.org. KCU's program was rated number one in Kentucky in 2021 as well.

Factors in the dual-year rankings include program affordability, the ratio of tenured instructional faculty, acceptance rates and more. Online programs are growing in importance with demand for advanced education for registered nurses (RNs) in Kentucky on the rise.

Yancey School of Nursing Dean and Chief Nurse Administrator, Dr. Carol Brickey comments, "Our RN to BSN Program is designed for working nurses with busy lives who are looking to go further in their careers. We understand that candidates seek flexibility, affordability, quality and rigor. Our program delivers them all while also fostering individualized educational experiences for students."

The KCU Online RN to BSN Program enables students to earn their BSN degree in four semesters with the ability to take and pay for one course at a time. The program also allows students flexibility to complete their clinical requirements in their home communities, no matter where they live.





READING IN THE ANCIENT WAY: KCU RECEIVES TORAH MANUSCRIPT DONATION

by Dr. Rob O'Lynn & Dr. Gerald Dyson

In April 2022, the University received a truly unique donation—a complete nineteenth-century Torah manuscript. Made in the Diaspora tradition, the scroll was penned by an anonymous Polish scribe. It is comprised of 35 calfskin panels that measure nearly 70 feet in length, sewn together using thread from the leg sinew of a kosher animal. The penmanship of the Hebrew text is exquisite, with only careful remarking noted throughout. This manuscript survived by way of irony: it was deemed *pasul*—no longer usable for public reading—and relegated to a storage room, thus escaping the destruction of many Hebrew scriptures that accompanied the Holocaust. Dr. O'Lynn (Graduate Bible) and Dr. Dyson (History) sat down to talk about the value of this donation.

RO: Gerald, what is the value of this donation to the University?

GD: This is an enormously valuable resource for both faculty and students. We can learn much from the Jewish perspective on and love for the scriptures and this manuscript is a window into a piece of that ancient and vital tradition. There is tremendous potential—from introducing students to the way the Old Testament was handed down to better understanding modern Jewish history to learning how to handle documents of historical importance.

GD: What is the value for Biblical studies?

RO: The most important value is the preservation of the text. We can compare the current edition of *Biblia Hebraica* and see significant similarities in how the text has been maintained. This can be of great value in language study as we can have confidence in

knowing that the text before us is solid while also engaging with the ever-fluid nature of language, grammar and syntax. Finally, there is the congregational aspect—reading this text as it would have been read in the traditional way, rolled open with marker in hand (cf., Luke 4:17)!

RO: And what about historical studies?

GD: I believe students often learn best when they learn by doing. Getting one's hands dirty (but no dirty hands on this scroll, please) by working with the material culture and texts of the past, perhaps especially sacred texts, is one of the best ways to immerse oneself in the thought world of the past. When we can understand and contextualize objects like this in their place, time, and culture, we bring ourselves closer to an accurate and responsible view of history.

RO: Finally, what is our responsibility in preserving this manuscript?

GD: Polish Jews suffered terribly during the Second World War and account for nearly half of all victims of the Holocaust. It seems that this Torah was brought to Israel by Holocaust survivors who initially returned to their synagogue after the war but chose not to remain in Poland. It eventually passed into the hands of private collectors from which it came to us. Our responsibility is preserving these sacred texts, using them responsibly, and remembering how such an object came to us so that no such thing will ever happen again.

DR. JOHN DUNDON RECEIVES LUSBY AWARD

Dr. John Dundon was honored at the beginning of our graduation service this spring. The State of Kentucky awarded him the distinction of being a Kentucky Colonel. Mayor George Steele awarded him the key to the city of Grayson and proclaimed the day to be John Dundon Day in Grayson. Kevin Pickett, the chairman of the Board of Trustees presented him with the Lusby Award.

Dr. John Dundon served the University during two separate periods of time. He was Vice President and Executive Vice President from 1991 to 2008. He and his wife Cynde were also heavily involved in First Church of Christ, Grayson where he served as an elder.

John returned to KCU to serve as CFO and our accreditation liaison in 2015 and completed that role this spring.

John's humble spirit and godly disposition has had an influence beyond KCU. The Lusby Award, in part, reads, "the Board of Trustees expresses their gratitude for the diligent efforts, personal dedication, and humble service that have characterized his service."

President Allcorn said, "I have known John as a student, as an elder at my in-law's church, and seen his work first hand at KCU. It has been my privilege to work with him and to know him as a friend."



Dr. John L. Dundon (center) was awarded KCU's highest honor, the Lusby Award at Commencement. He is joined by Board Chair Kevin Pickett (L) and President Terry Allcorn (R)

DIANE MANSFIELD ASSUMES ROLE AS DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

KCU is pleased to announce that Diane Mansfield has transitioned from her role as a trustee of the University to the Interim Director of Development.

While we will miss having her as a trustee, she is already developing positive contacts for us with individuals, organizations, and churches that can partner with us to keep a KCU education as affordable as possible.

Diane enters the role with a wealth of experience in the ministry and in the business world. She is also widely known as a passionate supporter of the Ministry of KCU. She is the daughter of a graduate, a graduate herself, and she is the parent of an alumnus.

President Allcorn said, "Diane brings a passion for the ministry for KCU that is easy to sense and that causes others to want to stand with us as we prepare leaders for society and the church."



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A LASTING LEGACY

In every decade of KCU's rich history there have been professors who have had a major impact on the lives of their students. That list includes (but is certainly not limited to) people like:

- Mr. Loran Dace
- Dr. Donald R. Dick Damron
- Thomas J. Gemeinhart
- Dr. Ard Hoven
- Dr. Keith P. Keeran
- Dr. Tom Lawson
- Dr. Jeff Metcalf
- Dr. Donald A. Nash
- Mrs. Carol Phillips
- Dr. Lester Pifer
- Drs. Kail & Rosalyn Ruffner
- Dr. Will Stevens
- Kathy Cool Taylor
- Dr. L. Palmer Young

You can honor a professor who made a difference in your life as KCU has scholarships that have been established in memory of or in honor of many who dedicated their lives to teaching students to serve God by serving others. Simply scan the QR code provided, fill in the needed information, and indicate which professor you would like to honor with your gift. You can also send your gift to the address at right, Attn: Scholarships.

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Campus



Snapshots



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1. KCU hosted the NCCAA Mid-east Region Baseball Tournament this Spring
2. The Football team assisted in removing old chairs and installing new chairs in Lusby & Smith classrooms
3. Dr. Rob O'Lynn spoke at the National Preaching Summit
4. KCU hosted a community blood drive
5. Several senior worship nights were presented during the semester
6. VP of Student Services, Donald Damron hosted "Donald's Pancake House" during finals week
7. Steve Hoffman instructs students in an audio engineering class

8. An impromptu easter egg hunt was held following chapel this Spring
9. The Yancey School of Nursing held their annual White Coat Ceremony for incoming Juniors
10. The School of Business held their Leadership Conference in April
11. A bowling night was a feature of KCU's annual 'Spring Fling'
12. KCU hosted a Tri-State Worship Night for area teens
13. Students participate in 'Grounds & Sounds' in the Life Center
14. KCU Camp Teams will travel throughout the Summer
15. A volleyball tournament was a feature during 'Spring Fling' week

Baccalaureate Degrees

Keeran School of Bible & Ministry

Nash Baker
Peyton Bradlee Baskins**
Deborah Genevieve Berardi* †
Tanner Bowles**
Joshua Josiah Brand* †
Caleb Micah Carter** †
David Clifton
Cole Landon Cordle †
Kaylee Canafax Cordle** †
Connor Stephen Crace** †
Savannah Faith Koeller*
Austin McGee †
Kevin Allen Neal**
Meredith Paige Hiles-Neal*
Kara Leigh Priddy*
Joel Frank Sparr*** †

Keeran School of Education

Mykayla Brooke Akers**
Taylor Jording Baker**
Sarah Jo Fisher**
Sydney Renee Houck*
Caylen Taylor Jackson**
Leighalison Marie Owens**
Rachel Dawn Purser**
Kamryn Blaire Rose*
Shelby Tweet Slone*
Madison Brooke Sparks*
Alayna Grace Yates**

School of Business

La'Kel Javonta Aaron*
Elijah Lamont Armor
Dylan Gene Arnold
Devin Joseph Bacchus
Luciano Anthony Borrelli

School of Business (Cont.)

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Aaron Dubbs*
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Justin Hilton
Noah Dow Hurford*
Austin McGee †
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Cameron Scott Miller
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Fabion Armon Ricks
Chase Schoeff
Kathryn Elizabeth Schreiber**
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Travis Nathaniel Weaver
Benjamin Welch
MaKayla Catherine Wheeler
Justin Zion White

*Cum Laude **Magna Cum Laude ***Summa Cum Laude
†Double Major

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Bendjy Accius
Nathan Alejo
Deborah Genevieve Berardi* †
Allison Coleman
Ethan Orion Garrison*
Alex Manuel Herrera*
Gracie Robinson
Joel Frank Sparr*** †

Yancey School of Nursing

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Abby Nicole Benson
Sydney Caroline Buckingham
Darby Alexis Flickinger*
Shaylee Janelle Heistad*
Laura Lambert**
Nephtalie Saint Fleur*
Parker Haley Shipley
Lorin Ashley Suttles*
Miranda Elaine Weathersby***
Candyce Denise Worrell

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Katerina Alexis Anthony
Caleb Micah Carter** †
Cole Landon Cordle †
Kaylee Canafax Cordle** †
Connor Stephen Crace** †
Joshua Scott Ford
Rose Tasha Maurrasse
Lisa Newbold
Cameron Stephens
James Percy Vera-Philpot
Warren Kody Washington

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Trevor Ellington
Sheree Greer
Tyler Raskin
Robert Graham Self
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Banquet Speakers: Kathy Girtton Pfaff and Terry Allcorn

Sunday Morning Speaker: Scott Riggs



Special Anniversaries for these Classes:

1972: 50th	1992: 30th	2002: 20th
1982: 40th	1997: 25th	2012: 10th

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

We're making plans for our annual Homecoming and want to see you there. 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.

Last year, the alumni created care bags for students and distributed them during the tailgate. Plans are being made to do this again. Information on how to participate will be posted on our website.

Watch the website for more details.

Go to www.kcu.edu/homecoming

Registration opens August 1.



JULY 23
11:00am - 3:00pm

ALUMNI REGIONAL GATHERING LEXINGTON, KY

Join KCU and fellow alumni for a day at the park! We're renting Shelter #2 at Shillito Park in Lexington, KY. 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!



WRAPPED UP IN KCU

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- Go to kcu.edu/give
- Choose "Wrapped Up in KCU"
- Recurring gift \$10 or more
- Receive a KCU roll-up blanket!

This is an easy and straight forward way to invest in the lives of our current students and future alumni.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

SAMMY HARRIS: LEADING THE BROKEN TO LIFE

by Vicky Madden

Not everyone who attends college fits the mold for what a typical college student looks like. This was certainly true for Sammy Harris ('85 & '87). Coming from a poor, farming community, Sammy started at Kentucky Christian University in the fall of 1981. During his second year, Sammy faced many challenges, became discouraged, and was even told he would be better off leaving and going to a vocational school. After a disagreement with his girlfriend, Sammy decided to throw in the towel. He threw his belongings out of his dormitory window, packed up, and went home in the middle of the semester.

He had already been home for a week when an employee of the University showed up at his house to talk. As they visited, this employee told Sammy, "God isn't done with you yet." He had already spoken to professors on Sammy's behalf so he could return to school with no penalty. Encouraged to give it another shot, Sammy went back.

Sammy began a weekend ministry while he was still in school. After finishing his degree, Sammy went on to be a youth minister for 5 ½ years before deciding he wanted to preach. He continued to serve in ministry while also becoming a camp board director, getting involved with a pregnancy health center, and several other roles.

After 17 years in ministry, Sammy needed to step back and took a secular job. A year and a half later, Leesburg Christian Church called. Running at 23 people in attendance, they were looking into selling their building but needed help during the transition. Sammy was invited to preach until they could get the building sold or decided what they needed to do. That was 20 years ago! Leesburg recognized they were a broken church and made it their ministry to reach broken people.

Today, Leesburg has an attendance of about 600 people, have built a new worship center, employs a staff of nine people, hold three worship services every Sunday, and support many local mission efforts. Sammy continues to serve as the lead pastor. They recognize that it's not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. A focus is made toward people who are struggling by ministering to them through community service projects, support



Sammy Harris poses with President Allcorn during a recent campus visit

groups, feeding the community, caring for wards of the State, and other ministry outreach efforts. Many of their outreach efforts are organized out of "The Hub," an old church building in Cynthiana purchased for their ministry. Everyone gets plugged in to serve somewhere. Everyone is needed.

Leesburg is a church that extends grace and love to people, but they do so without compromising the truth found in Scripture. Sammy has come to realize the value of the education he received at KCU. KCU provided an incredible network of his closest friends to this day. Furthermore, it provided the foundation for him to be able to lead with a different worldview – God's view – as various cultural issues arise. Leesburg wants to make followers of Christ, and that can only be done while holding fast to the truth.

"KCU had people who didn't give up on me and who helped me mature." That mindset fuels the mission of Sammy and the Leesburg congregation to reach the broken people who just need someone to not give up on them.

CLASS NOTES...

Knight Weddings



Brian and **Tara (Shorts)** ('07) **Wagner** on March 26, 2022
Don and **Kathy (Whitacre/Girton)** ('76) **Pfaff** on April 15, 2022

1 Joel ('22) and **Krista (Richardson)** ('20) **Sparr** on May 21, 2022

Bruce and **Ronette (Jones)** ('14) **Kennedy Jr.** on May 21, 2022



Steven Goodwin ('17) graduated this month from Emmanuel Christian Seminary with an MDiv in Spiritual Formation. He was recently hired by Sojourn Collegiate Ministry to plant and lead a campus ministry at UNH in Durham, NH.

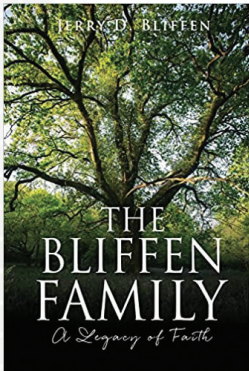
Kevin Reece Griffith ('20) was recently named as the Morgan County High School, West Liberty, Kentucky head boys basketball coach.

Ethan Leist ('21) has been named head boys basketball coach at Eastern High School, Beaver, Ohio.

Knight News

Austin Berry ('15) recently became the Executive Pastor of CrossPoint Community Church, Maysville, Kentucky.

Jerry Bliffen ('76) authored a book titled *"The Bliffen Family: A Legacy of Faith."* The book is an



accounting of the lives of Ralph and Aleta Bliffen as they raised their family of nine children in the 1930s to 1950s in Huntington, West Virginia. All nine of their children attended Kentucky Christian College and dedicated their lives to serving their Lord in various ministries. There was at least 1 Bliffen on the campus of KCC for 30 consecutive years (1947-1977). The book is available on Amazon.

Owens Crawford ('20) has joined Mason County High School, Maysville, Kentucky as an assistant boys basketball coach.

Congratulations to **Mark** ('76) & **Cathy (Pryor)** ('76) **Filsinger** as they celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 20, 2022. Cards and well wishes may be sent to 1404 Severs Dr, Piqua, OH 45356.



Scott Ford ('98) has joined the staff at Broadway Christian Church, Lexington, Kentucky in March 2022. Scott is the preaching and outreach pastor for the contemporary service.

Alesha Furnish ('12) began a new job as the Client Solution specialist Senior at PNC Bank on the Vendor side. She is very excited for this new opportunity.

Jacob Gilliam ('16 & '19) recently became a National Board Certified Teacher in Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood.

Penny (Frost) ('77) **McGinnis** has used her time since retirement to write. She published a Christian novel entitled *"Home Where She Belongs"*. You can read her blogs and get more information at PennyFrostMcGinnis.com.



Noah ('21) and **Kara (Priddy)** ('21) **Rose** have begun a new ministry at Faith Christian Church in New Philadelphia, Ohio. Noah is the Youth Minister and Kara is the Children's Minister.

Shelby Slone ('22), during her student teaching at Ashland, Kentucky Middle School, with the help of her students, raised funds to send to the Water for South Sudan Organization, who builds water wells to provide access to clean water. This fundraiser came about after the class read the book *"A Long Walk to Water"*.

Patrick Daniel Stephens ('04) is now the Lead Pastor at Faith Church of Christ, Burlington, Indiana.

Bill Thomas ('82) self-published a book entitled *"Out of the Shadows and into the Light: The Exodus as a Pattern for Discipleship"*. Bill has retired from full-time ministry but is available for interim or supply preaching in NE Ohio. The website for his book is wjthomas3.org.

Wesley Turner ('17) recently published his first book titled *"The Death Song of Wen'etra"*. This is a historical fiction book written in the style of Epic Poetry.

Keith ('72) and **Sharon (Kourim)** ('71) **Wise** are celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary. They were united in holy matrimony 50 years ago on June 24, 1972. Keith and Sharon have three children and reside in St Louis, Michigan.

Knights We'll Miss

Norene Madden (Attd '60-'61), January 11, 2022

Dr. Stan Archer, Assistant Professor of Science/Biology, ('09-'13), April 12, 2022

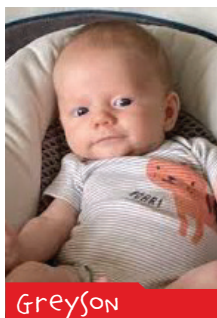
Camille Caudill Cooper (Attd '84-'85), May 9, 2022

Carolyn Sue Beck (Attd '62-'65), Women's Ministry, May 16, 2022

CLASS NOTES...



Clarence



Greyson



Ellington



Ezra



Zealand



Micah



Luca



Liam



Serenity



Elias



Harper



Samuel

Future Knights

Clarence David, son of **Gerald** ('09) and Aurelia **Dyson** on March 1, 2022

Greyson Dean, son of Joshua and **Alexandria 'Alex' (Robinette)** ('16) **Miller** on March 2, 2022

Ellington Elaine Marie, daughter of **Ezra** ('12) and **Danielle (Rusie)** ('12) **Davis** on March 6, 2022

Ezra James, son of **Tim** ('16) and **Kate (Stephens)** ('13) **Jackson** on March 14, 2022

Zealand Brooks, son of **Ty** ('15) and Kinsey **Hill** on March 22, 2022

Micah Noelle, daughter of **Patrick** ('11 & '14) and **Emily (Nassiff)** ('11) **Willis** on April 5, 2022

Luca James, son of **Andrew** ('20) and **Emily (Stephens)** ('19) **Wolfe** on April 11, 2022

Liam David, son of Jordan and **Hunter (Scott)** ('19) **Brown** on April 12, 2022

Serenity Ann, daughter of **Tanner** ('16) and **Jessi (Hartzler)** ('15) **Goss** on April 16, 2022

Elias David, son of Austin and **Deborah (Jones)** ('12) **Ulsh** on May 12, 2022

Harper Willow, daughter of **Graham** ('15 & '17) and **Jessica (Marshall)** ('15) **Johnston** on May 19, 2022

Samuel Jordan, son of **Joshua** (KCU Asst. Librarian) and Krysten **Blevins** on June 6, 2022



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DANIEL WHITE: ON A MISSION

by Joanna Yates, Assistant Professor of Reading

If you are on the KCU campus, you will see the touch of Daniel White no matter where you are. As the Vice President of Business Operations, he oversees the day-to-day functions of the University. From groundskeeping and housekeeping to finances and budgets, and many things in between, he is leaving his mark by helping to provide the students and employees of KCU a well-cared for campus that we can be proud of.

It's not just here at KCU that Daniel White is leaving his mark. He has been making an impact since he was a high school freshman when he was part of a missionary trip to Venezuela. Since then, he has been to the Dominican Republic, has more recently taken part in two missionary endeavors abroad, and several locally.



As an avid cyclist, Daniel spent early February riding 207 miles from Phoenix, AZ across the Mexican border to the 1MISSION base camp in Puerto Peñasco. The fundraiser "Bikes Fight Poverty" had over 100 participants that worked together to raise \$214,774 for community development.

1MISSION works to empower families by first providing them training and life



skills. These include gardening, construction, weaving, and sewing. These skills will enable families to generate income and become more independent. The organization also works to equip families with housing that missionary teams help to build. In early April, Daniel traveled with members of First Church of Christ,



Grayson to assist in the building of these houses. KCU was well represented on this mission trip, as current KCU student

Micah Adams, and alumni Lexi Gilliland ('19), Mandy Langstaff ('19), and Brooke Holley ('07) were also in attendance.

On a local front, First Church of Grayson has been working across Carter County to provide local missionary work as part of "Empower Carter County". Youth from First Church were on KCU's campus during mid-June working to help better the lives of people within the Carter County community. They worked in many capacities such as building or repairing sheds and handicap ramps. They hosted a car wash that was used to raise money for backpacks for children who are in foster care. They also sold flowers with proceeds given to the family of Timmy Herron who lost his life in a fire earlier this year. The youth also built twenty-five beds for children in Carter County who needed them.

Daniel White is on a mission, and his mission is clear, to meet the needs of people. "There is great value in helping people, and meeting needs. It helps to build strong character in the men and women who take part, and this value can be realized locally to help the church grow closer and build a strong work ethic."