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- KCU Receives First Ever \$1M Gift
- Launch of MSN Nurse Practitioner Degree
- Team Expansion – A Legacy Leader

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President
Jeff Metcalf, Ed.D.



WHAT LEGACY WILL YOU LEAVE?

September 29, 2014 has been circled on the calendar in the Metcalf home since the cold winter night that Ethan and Nancy visited to tell us that our first grandson was on his way. Suddenly, our lives have begun to orbit around the arrival of our first grandchild and the requisite buying of clothes, placement of a crib, baby-proofing of the house – and every single activity brings joy to Debbie and me!

Perhaps it is a natural part of preparing for grandparenthood, but I have found myself thinking a lot about legacy lately. I have heard other grandparents comment that they are often much more intentional in these relationships than they knew to be with their children. Wayne B. Smith, one of the true giants of Christian ministry, said that the reason grandchildren and grandparents share such a unique bond is because they share a common enemy – the parents! At any rate, as much as I look forward to the joy of a grandchild, I think about the world he will become a part of and the legacy left for him by today's sojourners who help shape the world he will know.


When your days of traveling this sod are finished, what legacy will you leave? I hope that among the descriptors that will help form my own legacy is, faithful servant. Faithful in service to Jesus Christ and, as an expression of faith in Him, to others. At KCU, the intention to prepare students to serve as effective Christian servant leaders is in our mission statement, the very core of why we exist. Time and again I stand in amazement as I see the legacies built by KCU alumni through lives of service.

On the opposite page you will read about KCU receiving its first-ever \$1million cash gift. While you would expect me to gush about the

generosity displayed by the anonymous couple who made the gift—and thankful I am!—it was what happened the next day that will become an even greater element to the couple's legacy. Although the couple originally agreed to a naming opportunity, the husband called and informed me that during a sleepless night the Lord impressed upon him the need to remain anonymous regarding the gift. We talked about Matthew 6 and Jesus' caution against righteous and generous acts done in the view of others. As much as I would love to "tell the story," I am deeply blessed that the couple chose to honor God not only through a transformational gift to KCU, but also through personal humility and desire to live as followers of Jesus.

You will also learn that KCU alum Doug Lucas has crafted a legacy that literally spans the globe through Team Expansion, a mission birthed during Doug's time as a student at KCU. You will be captivated by the timely and important story about KCU alum and former president, Dr. Keith P. Keeran, and his labor of love in helping launch Commonwealth International University in Ukraine. The legacies of Doug and Keith (and countless others) aren't marked by instances of

heroics or herculean effort; rather, they have been crafted by focused, steady, and persevering service. How touching it is that KCU served as an incubator for their godly dreams and visions!

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ANONYMOUS COUPLE MAKE \$1 MILLION GIFT TO KCU

LARGEST DONATION IN KCU'S HISTORY

Kentucky Christian University announces the receipt of the largest single gift in the University's history, a \$1 million gift that will be used to assist in the launch of a new Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner program and to endow a Chair in the School of Bible & Ministry. The gift has been divided equally with \$500,000 directed toward the Yancey School of Nursing and \$500,000 to the School of Bible and Ministry.

An anonymous blessing

"Although public recognition was certainly not the motivation behind this good and godly donor's generosity," says Dr. Jeff Metcalf, President of KCU, "I have deep respect for their decision to remain anonymous. Sitting in this couple's living room and watching their joy while writing a \$1 million check to their alma mater is an experience that will be forever etched in my memory!"

The University's first endowed chair – School of Bible and Ministry




The gift will continue to provide financial assistance to the KCU School of Bible and Ministry into perpetuity through earnings from a \$500,000 endowed fund. KCU's Dean of the School of Bible and Ministry, Dr. Brian Baldwin, notes, "My colleagues and I are awed and humbled that this faithful couple has opted to generously support the important work we are doing in training ministers and Christian leaders to be world changers. It is truly exciting to know that this gift will provide significant funds forever in the form of endowment earnings."



Funding the vision - a Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner program

"This gift is transformational," Metcalf goes on to say, "because it will allow KCU to move forward with the development of our Yancey School of Nursing while also creating the University's first endowed chair. KCU's Yancey School of Nursing has developed into an institutional strength with a traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and an online RN-BSN program."

The University's Board of Trustees recently approved the addition of a new Nurse Practitioner program that will educate primary health care providers in eastern Kentucky. Dr. Mitch Marshall, Associate Vice President of Health Sciences, notes that, "one reason this gift is such an incredible blessing is that it allows us to launch the new Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner program from a position of strength."

In addition to the immediate infusion of funds for the program, it also allowed us to apply for, and receive, a \$500,000 grant that required matching funds. The \$500,000 portion of the donors' gift applied to the Yancey School of Nursing was effectively doubled!" 



LEGACY LEADER

DOUG LUCAS AND TEAM EXPANSION

Team Expansion was “born” at KCU. An interview was conducted by Tina (Taylor) McCormick with current President, Doug Lucas, and staff members of Team Expansion – Greta (Barr) Meece, Penny (Tapp) Lucas, Tim and Daphne (McGuire) Stapleton, and Al and Donna (Schmidt) Hartson. All are former KCU students.

Team Expansion is a missionary sending agency based in Louisville, Kentucky with 350 full time workers in 46 countries working in 70 different fields. Some have even labeled it as the largest mission organization in the Christian Churches, but perhaps the more important questions are ‘how did it come about’ and ‘where was it born’. To find the answers to these interesting questions, follow the interview of Team Expansion’s president and staff who attended Kentucky Christian University.

Doug, as President and founder of Team Expansion, how did it all get started?

DL: I attended Kentucky Christian College from 1975 to 1979, but when I started I didn’t have a clue what I wanted to do, but knew it would be something in a Christian career, but honestly never imagined it would be missions – until one class. Like everyone’s degree program, there was a required course called Intro to Missions. I hated the thought of taking a class that would be such a waste of time since I would never use it. So I asked the president, face to face, if there was a way I could substitute another class in its place. I tried one class after another, until I finally hit on an option he seemed to like --Principles and Methods in Missions. The description said it contained nine weeks of Bible study, so

I thought at least there would be some redeeming value, but little did I know the professor, Tom Gemeinhart, would cover 52 different Scripture passages from Genesis to Revelation that explained the thread of redemption. As I listened to verse after verse, I became more astonished that the church had done so little to reach people with the Gospel. Professor Gemeinhart summed it up well in one of the final class sessions when he quoted Oswald J. Smith, “Why should anyone hear the Gospel twice, when there are those in the world who have never heard it once?” I was hooked. Later that same day, I talked to the young lady that I happened to be dating, Penny Tapp – who later became Penny Tapp Lucas. I explained that I had to become a missionary and there was no other way I could go with my life. Penny took the same class the next year, and that fall we went forward at the National Missionary Convention to commit our lives to missions service.

How did that interest in missions become what is now Team Expansion?

DL: Not long after a personal commitment to missions, I asked seven guys who were friends of mine who lived in the same dorm, to come together in a dorm room to pray. I laid a world map on the floor that night and explained once again how these scriptures impacted me. I asked the guys to sign their names beside a particular country to pray. I signed my name by Uruguay. I asked those seven guys to become a part of an idea that I had for an organization that would be called Team Expansion. Across the next few months and years, they either dropped out or moved into another field of service. A couple of them actually became missionaries, but went with other causes. When Penny

and I graduated from KCU, we were the only ones left who carried this banner of what we were calling Team Expansion. We began to ask people to pray for Uruguay like never before.

So it became a dream right out of a dorm room prayer meeting. How did you find other recruits?

DL: My last semester at KCU, I became the youth minister for Mt. Orab Church of Christ in southwestern Ohio. I agreed to stay for three years with a time horizon – a time when we would begin travelling full-time to recruit a team of workers for Uruguay. They embraced the idea, and even support Team Expansion today. By the time we left in 1981, I had all the coursework done for my Master's degree in missions. Penny and I still had a dream of finding a team for Uruguay and a team of five departed for Uruguay in August, 1982.

So you were the Team Leader of the first overseas team. But how did that develop into what is now International Services?

DL: From the beginning, Penny and I were committed to staying in Uruguay for as long as was needed. If that was seven years, so be it. But if God raised up a team leader, we would start working on a second country. Fortunately, Larry Griffin picked up the baton for Uruguay about one year later, so Penny and I started to work in Venezuela. It took us under two years to raise up a team of 14 interns, and out of that came the full-time team in Caracas. God was at work – and He had begun a virtual movement.

Greta, you attended KCU from 1956-60 and you are the Member Care Associate at Team Expansion. You were already an active missionary before you joined Team Expansion, so what were you and your husband doing at that time?

GM: Before my husband and I joined Team Expansion, we served in Liberia and Cote d'Ivoire, Africa for many years doing theological education and training nationals to be future church leaders which would allow us to turn the work over to them. After the work could stand on its own, we heard Team Expansion was in need of missionary trainers and member care specialists. They asked us if we would be willing to put our experience to use training others.

What attracted you to Team Expansion as a veteran missionary?

GM: When Team Expansion first began it was made up largely of young upstarts with dreams. But over the years many have joined the ranks bringing seasoned minds and solid field experience. After returning to the US, we could have retired but chose to stay in mission work to encourage those who take the Great Commission to heart. I have a

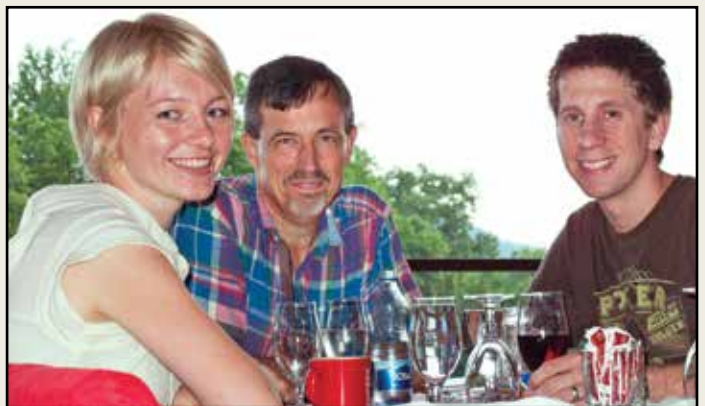


Emerald Hills Prayer, Retreat, and Learning Center

deep respect for those willing to go. They sell their houses, give away their furniture, and find someone they trust to take the family dog. They pack up whatever they can and head to a place where their kids will get sick, and the roads will be muddy and bumpy.

Penny, you attended KCU from 1976-1979 and you serve in the role of Missionary Kid Care Coordinator. Your boys were young when you and Doug found yourselves in the former USSR more than 20 years ago. How did you transition to a very different part of the world?

PL: While serving in the USSR in 1991, the lack of communication with family was the hardest part at that time. The internet was in its infancy so we still had to rely on postal mail, plus international calls were complicated, unreliable and expensive. Also, the lack of daily essentials we take for granted was a concern such as there was no cold medicine, lice treatment, disposable diapers, antibiotics, etc. You either accepted home remedies or did without.



Chris & Ira Villwock with Doug Lucas

Tim, you and Daphne attended KCU from 1976 to 1978 and now serve as Church Training Specialists & Volunteer Prayer Committee. Why Team Expansion?

TS: After preaching for 32 years in US churches, God called us to be more cross-cultural. Before joining the training team at Team Expansion we looked for an opportunity to serve globally and accepted a position with a church in New Zealand. After finishing and still desiring to serve in the global kingdom we joined the training team at Team Expansion. Our decision to join Team Expansion was partly because of a personal relationship with Doug, but also because of the positive feedback when enquiring about the agency.

Al, you and Donna attended KCU from 1973-1977 and now serve as Event Coordinators at Team Expansion. You mentioned the Holy Spirit can convict us through a movie, a book, or even a conference. Why after years of ministry in a local church did you join?

AH: David Platt's book *Radical* got us thinking about a ministry change and we knew Doug from school. We had always admired him as a man of integrity and knew Team Expansion had been involved in some very great world-changing projects. After talking with Doug at the 2012 NACC, things just fell into place.

Tina here – I also attended KCU from 1990-92 and I'm sure some of my peers thought I was crazy when I resigned my secure job as

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LEGACY LEADER

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Director of Marketing at a hospital to become Church Relations Specialists at a missions organization. However, for me it was the culmination of years of prayer and waiting on the Lord so I could give more of my life towards the Great Commission. Now, after joining Team Expansion, my daily tasks help change lives for His Kingdom in faraway places most people have never heard of.

A few years back, our President, Doug Lucas, was on campus at KCU participating in the annual alumni soccer game. The night before the game, one young man currently attending KCU struck up a conversation with Doug, asking him several questions about life and work as a missionary. The young man couldn't help but chuckle now and then, prompting Doug to finally ask why. He explained his wife had been after him for years to try missionary work. The young man just laughed, indicating it would never happen.

Interestingly, the next day during the soccer game, the young man happened to be in a position to feed Doug a great pass and, as Doug tells the story, Doug scored a goal off that pass which was the game-winner against the then-current varsity college team. But Doug was even more interested the next day when, back at the Team Expansion office, Doug received a call from the same young man, asking for an appointment. Doug responded with a grin, "Is this the guy who said he'd never consider missions?"

The young man, whose name was Chris, walked in with his wife and, instantly, Doug knew he recognized her. "Don't I know you?" Chris' wife responded, "You probably do. When I was eight years old, you led the team that started a new church in my town (in Kherson, Ukraine). I came to Christ through your mission work in Ukraine and I received a scholarship from KCU to train at the University. Chris and I met here, married, and I've been after him ever since to consider serving as a missionary - because without the message you brought, I'd still be lost without the Good News."

To make a great story even greater, Chris and Ira Villwock are serving today in the Balkans, leading a Team Expansion effort to bring help and hope to a land that has been tormented by years of discord, ethnic cleansing, and war. Chris, for his part, still makes fun of Doug because of how long it took Doug to get that winning shot into the goal and Doug, for his part, still makes fun of Chris for how long it took him to follow God's calling to the mission field.

To learn more, contact Tina McCormick at 812.219.8209 or tmccormick@teamexpansion.org.

The Siemens logo is displayed in a white box with a thin black border. The word "SIEMENS" is written in a bold, teal-colored, sans-serif font.A photograph of a large, modern building with a glass facade and a sign that reads "LIBRARY CENTER". The building is surrounded by greenery and a paved walkway.

SIEMENS HELPS KCU CUT GROWING UTILITY COSTS

The University recently worked closely with Siemens Corporation to help identify a solution to growing utility costs across campus. Siemens conducted a comprehensive energy audit and provided Facility Improvement Measures to show the biggest efficiency gain opportunities which would translate into cost savings. The project scope was completed with a goal of \$1.1 million in improvements designed to reduce the university's energy consumption by a guaranteed 20%. One year after completion, the improvements by Siemens are exceeding the guaranteed amount by 30%.

For 2014, the total energy and operational savings are guaranteed at \$1.8 million over 15 years. "With these efficiency improvements in place, less of KCU's budget is going towards utilities so that more can go to students as good stewards of our resources," said Bill Bondurant, CFO of KCU.

YOUNG LIBRARY RECEIVES TWO GRANTS

This spring Young Library received foundation funding from two grant applications: The Dollar General Literacy Foundation, and the E.O. Robinson Mountain Fund.

The Dollar General grant will provide a free family summer reading and literacy experience for the area Hispanic community for the month of July. This program, called Conexiones @ your library, will allow participants to transfer reading and computer skills into their everyday life. Success for the program will center on improving literacy and computer skills, increasing English language confidence, and helping the Hispanic families easily access library resources once the summer program is complete.


The E.O. Robinson Mountain Fund grant will fund a Business Literacy Project for both KCU students and citizens of Carter County. The funds will be used for the purchase of new resources for business majors, increase business literacy programming, and improve the outreach to area business leaders and entrepreneurs in the underserved Appalachian community. The grant will help address and meet a critical need for regional business education as there is a tremendous gap in available resources for small businesses for our Carter County residents.

Academically Speaking



FIRST RN-BSN COHORT GRADUATES 16


Gina Cabell, a member of the first graduating cohort from the Yancey School of Nursing accelerated online RN-BSN program is pictured walking across the stage to receive her degree in May from President Metcalf. The full cohort of 16 nursing students are now professional baccalaureate nurses who are prepared to flourish in the ever-changing healthcare field.

The program of study is structured to propel the practicing nurse into a leadership role, regardless of where they choose to serve. KCU's practicing nurse program is accelerated, innovative, engaging, cost-effective, and supports the spirit of ministry. 

PROFESSOR ACCEPTS GRANT AND AWARD FOR CS LEWIS WORK



Dr. Charlie Starr, Professor of English and Humanities, was awarded the Clyde Kilby Grant by the Marion E. Wade Center at Wheaton College. The grant will fund his summer participation at Wheaton College where he will serve as an expert in C. S. Lewis's handwriting lecture.


In addition, Taylor University will underwrite his participation at their CS Lewis conference where Starr will share about Lewis's handwriting: Lewis's handwriting changed throughout his life time, sometimes immediately and overtly, sometimes gradually and less markedly. Starr has mapped out these changes and can now date Lewis manuscripts based on the handwriting. International experts are encouraged by this expertise because it will allow the dating of nearly one hundred undated Lewis manuscripts in the Wade Center's possession. 

25+ YEAR FACULTY SERVICE HALLMARK

The educational ministry of KCU is fortunate to have faculty who have a legacy of longevity in service to our mission. We celebrate those faculty members who have reached these hallmarks as follows: Darrell Coates (26 years), David Fiensy (26 years), Robert Ford (26 years), Karen Ford (26 years), Mitch Marshall (26 years), and Diane Caudill (34 years).



KCU IMPACTING LOCAL EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY

A recent area study of the Keeran School of Education (KSE) showed that the University has provided the local Carter County School District with 43 alumni who work as administrators, instructional coaches, classroom teachers, and assistant teachers for Carter County. Many of the KSE student teachers get their experience in the system. The University enjoys a longstanding relationship with the local district and hosts many high school events on campus to support the growing partnership. 

Academically Speaking

LOST GALILEAN CITY REVEALED WITH EFFORTS OF KCU PROFESSOR


David Fiensy, Ph.D., is an Associate Director, for the unearthing of the lost city of Shikhin. The project is a multi-disciplinary, international, and cultural heritage project whose goal is the recovery and preservation of the site of Shikhin in the Lower Galilee of Israel. Both the historian Josephus and the rabbinic Talmud refer to the village of Shikhin. It was famous for its fine pottery production.

Fiensy explains, "What makes the village interesting to a New Testament student like me is that it is only a few miles from Nazareth and has been virtually untouched since its abandonment in antiquity." In contrast, Nazareth, Jesus' home village, is today a thriving city with 70,000 inhabitants.



It is very difficult to get an idea of what an ancient village looked like in Jesus day by looking at Nazareth. Shikhin, however, is located in the same area, was contemporaneous with Nazareth, and probably




was not much larger than Nazareth. Fiensy continues, "It affords a good likeness to the village of Jesus' childhood. It is, therefore, exciting to learn a little more each summer about this village and perhaps the people who lived in it." 



STUDENTS TOUR ITALY AND GREECE WITH COMBINED BIBLICAL STUDIES

Ten KCU students spent nine days touring historical sites in Italy and Greece this past March. This year's educational experience included guided tours of ancient roman sites including the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Pantheon and the tombs of apostles Peter and Paul. In Greece they visited the Acropolis and the Parthenon, including Mars Hill where Paul addressed the Athenian philosophers.

Along the way they enjoyed an overnight cruise across the Aegean sea and several stops at archaeological sites including Olympia and Pompeii. Students have the option to earn college credit for these trips by doing additional reading, research and writing. Or, like the many non-student participants, they can just enjoy the adventure of travel.

Next year's trip (March 13-21, 2015) will be to London and Paris and focus on the History of England. Students, family, friends, alumni and church groups are encouraged to come along. Multi-generational mixed groups add to the special kind of education only foreign travel can provide. If you are interested in joining a tour, or if you would like to sponsor a student contact Dr John Wineland at wineland@kcu.edu. 



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

Greg Rector attended KCU from 1972 to 1975, but wasn't able to complete his senior year until 30 years later. He graduated in May with a BS in University Studies. Greg is currently a consultant at VHA, Inc., and resides in North Richland Hills, TX .

SOCIAL WORK INTERNSHIP TO ROBIN'S NEST JAMAICA

*"Our hearts and our lives
are forever changed by
this experience."*



Serena Barr and Lindsay Flood with Jamaican Children

This past spring semester, we were given an opportunity to spend our social work practicum working for Robin's Nest Children's Home. Robin's Nest is located in the mountains outside of the town of Montego Bay, Jamaica. It is home to 30 beautiful children ranging from 1-14 years old. From the moment we stepped foot into Jamaica, we had no idea what we were getting ourselves into. However, this 12 week internship turned out to be one of the best experiences of our lives.

We both have felt God telling us missions could be in our future, so accepting this practicum meant getting a glimpse of what that would look like in our lives. While we were there, we worked with many people who love the kids at The Nest as their own. One of those people was Danielle, who has her masters in social work and acted as our supervisor for our internship. She was able to teach us the ins and outs of how the CDA (Child Development Agency) runs in Jamaica.

Also, as part of our practicum, we did a senior thesis project on behavior modification. Part of our project was researching child-rearing in Jamaica which helped us to more fully understand the culture we were living in. We were completely immersed into not only just a different culture, but also how a children's home functions in a different country.

The children at Robin's Nest immediately captured our hearts and after our practicum was over, we both had grown very attached. We struggled a lot when it was time to tell them goodbye, but we know that they are in good hands at the Nest and that God is working in their lives. Our hearts and our lives are forever changed by this experience. God willing, both of us hope to have the opportunity to return to Robin's Nest to visit in the near future. We are very thankful for the support and prayers we received from our KCU family. We could not have been more blessed by this opportunity. 🇵🇸



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS HAS SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

KCU's 2014 Leadership Conference last April had over 100 participants who spent the day with business experts exploring the topic of "Managing Risk in a Changing World." Regional business leaders benefited from the numerous expert speakers including key note speaker, Mike Hamilton. Mike focused on change, associated risks, and implications for life lessons he has learned from his decades of experience in college athletics. Additional guest speakers included Tracy Johnson, Dave Bever, Alberto Baez, and Tom Minturn. 🇵🇸


Academically Speaking

26 STUDENTS ATTEND NATIONAL PREACHING SUMMIT


KCU sent 26 students from the Introduction to Preaching course to the National Preaching Summit (NPS), hosted by College Press and held at the Indian Creek Christian Church in Indianapolis. This was the largest group that has ever attended from KCU and one of the largest student groups to ever attend the NPS.

Attending the NPS accomplishes several important goals, such as exposing the students to practitioners and professionals who are regularly involved in weekly preaching and training ministers, introducing them to the value of professional development, and providing them an opportunity to compare and contrast what

they have learned at the NPS with what they are learning in class. "KCU supports our students attending NPS because of the highly-qualified, nationally-known preachers and professors who share with students on the best ways to craft messages for preaching, theology, mission and spiritual formation," said Professor Rob O'Lynn.

One student commented, "two highlights for me this year was hearing Jeff Walling preach about leading a congregation through spiritual renewal and Daniel Overdorf led a workshop on infusing the sermon development process with various creative exercises." 



The times between workshops at a really good conference are often the most productive. These processing sessions with other youth ministers are filled with questions like "How does that work for you?" and "What would you change?" Sometimes these sessions are the best part, especially when workshop experts join in. "Crash" is a whole day devoted to recreating those dynamic sessions. We've got couches and experts.... come join us! 

Watch the KCU website for upcoming details. Contact Dr. Brian Baldwin at bb@kcu.edu for more information.

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHT

KELLEY ELKINS

Kelley Elkins graduated from KCU in May, 2009, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Kelley began her career after graduation as a Registered Nurse in the University of Kentucky Neuroscience Department. After working as a floor charge nurse for three years, Kelley transitioned into the role of Stroke Program Coordinator. In 2013, the Administration of the University of Kentucky Healthcare embarked on the journey of being recognized as a Comprehensive Stroke Center. A Comprehensive Stroke Center is the highest honor designation awarded by The Joint Commission, the American Heart Association, and American Stroke Association.

Only 68 US institutions have this prestigious designation. Kelley has worked many hours alongside a team of other healthcare professionals to achieve this goal. Today, UK HealthCare treats the most complex stroke cases. "This is a significant honor for UK HealthCare as it reflects our mission to provide the highest level of care for Kentuckians. It was an honor to be part of the process," said Elkins. "My time at KCU prepared me for my career."

Serving the Neuroscience Department at UK is a natural fit with KCU's mission of providing ministry through nursing," she continued. Ernie Perry ('79), Senior Minister of Broadway Christian Church in Lexington, KY, commented, "I've personally heard from UK administrators that Kelley has a reputation as a positive mover and shaker and continues to make big accomplishments with her work team. As her pastor I'm proud of her, but as a fellow alum I am impressed with the outstanding training she received at KCU." Kelley is married to Brian Elkins (KCU, 2009, Business Administration).



"My time at KCU prepared me for my career."



DANIEL BELL ACHIEVES INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATION AND CO-DIRECTS SUCCESSFUL 5-CITY CHOIR TOUR

Daniel Bell, music and vocal instructor at KCU, recently achieved international certification in Alexander Technique, a discipline in which people are taught to maximize their physical potential by studying posture awareness. This new skill greatly benefited the classroom this year as he successfully applied the technique in his vocal instruction for the highly acclaimed 5-city tour of a combined choir of KCU and area high school students.

Pyoung Kim also co-directed the successful choir tour and helped highlight some of the premiere voices with the new vocal technique.





Class of 2014

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Lauren Deakins
Jason Henry
William Hopkins
Tiffany Jolly
Sarah Marshall
Quinton McGlone
Patrick Smith
Chelsey Wallace

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMIN.

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Thomas Bleemel
James Falls
Joshua Gavina
Gregory Liming
Garrett Mize

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Michael Andrews
Whitney Artrip
Stephen Blackwell, Jr.
Breanna Bondurant
Tanya Bowens
Jeremy Broyles
Cody Caudill
Kelsie Fraley
Allison Hammond
Marcus Hicks
Annie Holbert
Emily Hopkins
Dominique Johnson
Charles Jones, Jr.
Sharonda Jones
Mark King
Morgan Lefler
Corbin Marshall

Kariann Martin
Elisa McCaleb
Octavius Merricks
Max Mullikin
Marvin Newkirk, III
Mark Pemberton
Levi Pennington
Chrystal Pinkerton
Gregory Pollard
Gregory Rector
Jabriel Siler
Grant Snyder
Brandi Waggoner
David Wilson II
Cady Wurtz

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Brandon Carter
Kameron Carter
Sue Davidson
Erica Ezell
Ashley Goble
Kaylee Hart
Angela Howard
Jennifer Howard
Kellee Johnson
Melissa Johnson
Brooklyn Jones
Kaylie Laginess
Amy McCarty
Kelly McKenzie
Taylor Mikles
Ashley Rowland

Darlene Shaffer
Monica Stevens
Shaina Thomas
Jamie Ward

BACHELOR OF SOCIAL WORK

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Kelli Bonnette
Lindsay Flood
Tosha Kandel
Kristen Kerns
Kimberly McKinnis
Morgan Meade
Brienne Nation
Christian Raney
Rebecca Sanicola
Derek Stephens
Jessica Strouse

Gina Walters
Leslie Wilburn
Katelyn Withrow

MASTER OF ARTS
Amanda Bridgett
Scott Durbin
Preston Riffe
Patrick Willis

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HONORIS CAUSA
Craig McGlothlin





A REPORT ON THE STATUS OF KCU'S STRATEGIC PARTNER IN CRIMEA

Commonwealth International University's Response to the Russian Annexation of Crimea, Ukraine

By Dr. Keith P. Keeran, Chancellor

As this article is being written a threatening dark cloud hangs over the country of Ukraine. Already, the autonomous republic of Crimea in Southern Ukraine has been annexed by the Russian Federation. The future of Ukraine as a sovereign nation remains uncertain, but its borders are definitely being redrawn, seemingly without much resistance.

Commonwealth International University was conceived in 1992 as a partnership between Kentucky Christian University and Crimean College in Simferopol, Ukraine. Today it operates under the flag of the Russian Federation with constantly changing rules and regulations - but CIU has remained a stronghold for the gospel and continues to serve the purposes of God for the benefit of the Crimean people and other least-reached people groups.

For more than 20 years, CIU has been faithful to its mission to educate students for meaningful careers while introducing them to the fundamentals of the Christian faith, equipping them to be servant-leaders in the church and agents of sociological change and spiritual renewal. The outreach extends to a diverse population that includes orphans, street children, believers and nonbelievers, campus ministries at local universities, and national and transnational corporations.

Today, CIU graduates serve as translators for Christian publishers, ministers to local congregations, directors of various para-church and benevolent ministries, missionaries, and Christian educators to the underserved, including some impoverished communities in the United States and Muslim communities in the Arab world. Over 40 CIU graduates have studied or earned degrees on the campus of Kentucky Christian University.

It is impossible to predict the political future of this region of the world. For more than 2,500 years Crimea has been a jewel in the

crown of many different monarchs and emperors. Putin is only the most recent. How should KCU and CIU respond to these events? Scripture teaches us that God does not frequently call his people to serve in places that are comfortable, easy and safe, but in places where people are open to the gospel of Christ regardless of adverse circumstances; places strategically positioned to impact the world for Christ. Sometimes God uses adversity to spread the gospel as in the case of the early church. When Christians were targeted for persecution in Judea they scattered to distant provinces and the church grew and multiplied in number. Our world is a fragile place where political kingdoms rise and fall, but God's kingdom is eternal. If we keep our kingdom allegiance in mind, it doesn't really matter which Caesar is in power, we still have a commission to keep from the King of kings.

KCU's birthing of Commonwealth International University began in August 1991 with the collapse of the Soviet Union and the chaotic reverberations that followed. A nation once held together by the glue of political expediency and authoritarian rule suddenly ceased to exist, and in its place emerged independent states that demanded democratic rule and self-determination. The republics that once made up the USSR now have a fragile independence seeded with seventy-five years of Marxist-Leninist ideology, in which atheism was enforced as the official state religion, leaving the emerging new nations without a moral compass.

In the absence of moral leadership, Ukraine became one of the most corrupt nations on earth. In 2012, the professional services and accounting firm Ernst & Young ranked Ukraine among the three most corrupted nations of the world, together with Colombia and Brazil. It is within this context of political chaos, moral ruin, and injustice that Commonwealth International University was born.






There is a constant spiritual war going on for the minds and hearts of God's people. A few years ago, some former employees of the University returned to their former way of life and attempted to take control of the campus. Despite a corrupt judicial system, where a bribe will win a favorable decision, President Georges P. Carillet and his devoted CIU staff were able to prevail without compromising on moral principle. In the end, the corruption was exposed and the former employees were unsuccessful. Through all of these trials, God was faithful and the corruption was exposed.

Kentucky Christian University has always regarded its educational ministry in Ukraine to be a direct answer to specific prayer and a clear calling from God. The KCU-CIU partnership resulted in the globalization of both campuses and enhanced the collaboration efforts between Christian colleges, universities, and seminaries in the U.S., Europe, and other parts of the world. College faculty from Christian Churches and Churches of Christ have given freely of their time as adjunct instructors and guest lecturers in Ukraine. American students from several colleges have completed internships or enrolled in CIU's study-abroad program. More than 40 CIU students have studied or completed bachelor or master's degrees at KCU.

The presence of CIU students on the Kentucky campus has had a profound impact on virtually every aspect of campus life. Many donors, supporting churches, and other benevolent organizations have traveled to Crimea to serve short-term on the CIU campus. Some have taken on substantial projects.

Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky, is but one example. The church provided the funds needed for a new roof on CIU's main classroom building, and continues to send project teams every year to maintain a personal touch with students and faculty. IDES provided funds for a new furnace at a critical time, and the Christian Children's Home of Ohio established an orphanage and underwrote a ministry to street children in Crimea staffed by several CIU graduates. Master Provisions, a benevolent ministry in Northern Kentucky, provided good used clothing for Project Tabitha in Simferopol. This clothing ministry met a serious need among homeless and low-income families, while also employing CIU students and providing them with college scholarships.

The experience has been transformative for many. It has effectively broadened the view of the world for students and faculty on both campuses, especially as it relates to international relations, compassionate outreach, and world mission. The CIU-KCU partnership has fostered an environment of global awareness that has resulted in a renewed vision and passion for Christ's missionary church that extends well beyond the two campuses.

While the partnership is a collaborative effort between two institutions, it has been successful because of the support and cooperation of many people, churches, and Christian church agencies. Included on CIU's board of trustees are representatives from the CIU Alumni Association, Pioneer Bible Translators, Teaching Ministries International, the Christian Center for Science and Apologetics, Kentucky Christian University, and the International Alliance of Christian Colleges and Universities. 



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AULEN FAMILY FOUNDATION SUPPORTS RENOVATION

The CNI Board Room was named for the original institution, Christian Normal Institute (CNI), which later became Kentucky Christian College, then University. As part of KCU's ongoing legacy and remembrance of CNI, the room dedicated to trustee meetings remains the CNI Board room – but with a new KCU branding, look and flair.

CNI is located inside Young Library and has served KCU well for several years; however, with changes in usage and technology, the room needed improvements to support the University's strategic plan. With primary funding coming from a generous donation from the Aulen Family Foundation, many others provided resources, time, and talent to provide the new state-of-the-art renovations. "The new space reflects the vibrancy of KCU's mission and provides a wonderful space for seminars, community meetings, donor education dinners, and trustee meetings. The room is also equipped with an 18-line telephone bank to support ongoing Advancement Department efforts with student and alumni phone-a-thons, a renovated kitchen and bathroom, and media projection with professional sound. 🏠

SPRING TRUSTEES MEETING IN RENOVATED YOUNG LIBRARY- CNI ROOM

The Board of Trustees Spring Board Meeting was the inaugural event in the newly renovated CNI room.

Row 1 (L-R): James Gibson, Dr. Jerry Sanders, Kim Turpin, Diane Mansfield, Tracy Hansen

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\$500,000 GRANT AWARDED BY JAMES GRAHAM BROWN FOUNDATION


James Graham Brown Foundation awarded a \$500,000 grant to KCU as one-half of the financial foundation to create a new Master of Science in Nursing, Family Practitioner degree program (MSN). An anonymous donor also provided a \$500,000 donation for a total of \$1M for the launch of this exciting and new graduate program. The MSN program will be the University's first graduate program in the field of health sciences. KCU's Yancey School of Nursing, instituted in 2001 and now the KCU major with the largest enrollment, was the University's first baccalaureate program in the field of health sciences.

A high proportion of students in the bachelor's program expressed a desire to continue their higher education at the graduate level. The ability to deliver graduate education in Nursing will satisfy this demand for graduate education, attract students who completed undergraduate nursing education elsewhere, and allow KCU to be one of only



two institutions in eastern Kentucky training primary health care providers.

Kentucky, and particularly the eastern Kentucky service region of KCU, is far too often, presented in the national media as being the epicenter of poor health. With near bottom national rankings for indicators such as diabetes, heart disease, and obesity, the national image of eastern Kentucky is far from ideal. With the MSN, the University will be able to address two key contributing factors: affordability of health care and access to health care. Additionally, family nurse practitioners provide access to primary health care services at a significantly less costly alternative to services delivered by a traditional medical doctor.

With state and accreditation body approvals in process, the MSN program is projected to admit the first cohort of graduate nursing students in fall, 2015. 

YOUNG LIBRARY CHURCH HISTORY PROJECTS

Young Library has two special projects dedicated to the preservation of KCU history and the history of our Restoration churches.



and preserve a copy of the legacy of each congregation in a safe and protected venue outside the local church premises.

Our goal is to create a historical archive that will provide primary documents for future researchers as good stewards of our common heritage. We have partnered with our Church Relations and Alumni department to raise awareness regarding this important piece of our collective history. Many churches have written histories that were prepared for a special anniversary event. A copy can be placed in our archives for future reference. One church recently wrote with their history submission: "Thank you for requesting a history of our church. It had been talked about for 30 years but no one took it upon themselves to do it so when you asked I knew it was the time. Now or never! Also in the archives was this account of Indiana's first Christian Church, which you may want to add to your collection."

The Church Legacy Project encourages all local congregations to submit a copy of its church history to the library for permanent archive. The purpose of this project is to house

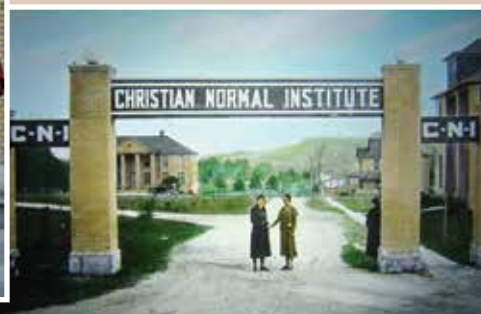
Now we are requesting your church history! If you have access to materials from an older congregation that no longer exists, or has merged into another congregation, please share those with us as well.

Digital Library and KCU Archives


The CNI/KCC/KCU Archives are currently being processed and many items will be added to the Digital Library of Appalachia. We are in the beginning stages of this project but you can watch our progress at <http://dla.acaweb.org/cdm/landingpage/collection/KCU>.



The current items displayed are reproductions of glass slides that were used by the



founders of the University to educate supporters about the mission of the school. We originally posted these on Facebook where a number of alumni and friends were able to help us identify the photos.

For more information contact Heidi Wineland (hwineland@kcu.edu) or Patty Greene (pgreene@kcu.edu). 



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ATHLETICS

KNIGHTS FINISH SEASON STRONG


It was truly a tale of two seasons as the KCU Knights put together a strong tournament run to help ease the memory of their first semester struggles. Following a 1-9 start to the season, the team returned from Christmas break to "right the ship" and begin a run to the post-season.

With winning streaks of five and four games respectively during the second semester, KCU built consistent momentum aimed toward success in March. The Knights entered the Mid-east Region tournament as the overall #2 Seed and played their best basketball of the year. Facing defending national champion and the current nationally ranked #1 Ohio Christian University Trailblazers, KCU looked to punch their national tournament ticket.

Having dropped two regular season meetings between the schools, the Knights put their best effort of the season on display as they



took the eventual national champions into overtime only to lose by two points. It was, by far, the closest Ohio Christian came to losing in the post-season.

Three members of the Knights squad were honored for their play during the 2013-14 season. Caleb Ford, a freshman from Berry, KY was named a Honorable Mention NCCAA II All-American following being named the Mid-east Region MVP and a 1st Team All-Mid-east Region recipient. Junior Center Ace Puckett of Olive Hill, KY was among those honored as 2nd Team All-Mid-east Region selections and Dry Ridge, KY sophomore, Trevor Hunt, made the Honorable Mention team. 


INAUGURAL SOFTBALL SEASON ON THE HORIZON

Kentucky Christian University has announced the addition of women's fast-pitch softball to the University's athletic department. With members of the Lady Knights softball program set



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to arrive on campus this fall, KCU will be ready to begin play in its very first varsity games during the spring of 2015. The program will be led by Dave Miller, an Ashland, KY native known for his success as head coach with Ashland's Paul Blazer High School.


The KCU Lady Knights' home games will be played at the Championship Fast-Pitch Complex, in Cannonsburg, KY. It is the tri-states #1 fast pitch softball facility. Play Ball! 

KCU CHEER GEARING UP FOR COMPETITION



While KCU has had cheerleaders on the sidelines of games for years, this new edition has a much different slant. It is now also geared toward a competitive team. Athletic trainer, Lauren Curley and her assistant Rachel Harvey, have developed a squad that will pit their skills against other college squads in their own sanctioned competitions.

KCU entered their first ever competitive cheer contest through the Christian Cheerleaders of America on Saturday, February 15th and placed first in their division which earned a bid to the National Competition held in Winston-Salem, NC. They also garnered a first place finish in their division at nationals!


Team members pictured above: Front Row: Alyssa Ryan, Jenelle Nearhood, Jessica Cain, Morgan Gardner, Bre Missler, Back Row: MJ Moreno, Ralph Myers, Matthew Pickle, David Asiedu, and Jeff Lasch. 

LADY KNIGHTS TAKE 3RD AT NATIONALS

In a season that saw the Lady Knights play 11 NCAA/NAIA contests, a 19-win campaign is somewhat amazing. Led by a quartet of seniors, Tayna Bowens, Sharonda Jones, Jessica Marshall, and Monica Stevens, KCU battled through a regular season designed to prepare them for nationals. This group has accounted for an outstanding 87 career wins as well as two national titles and two third place finishes!

After dispatching Ohio Christian University in the title game of the Mid-east Region tournament, the Lady Knights headed to Joplin, MO for the NCCAA II national tournament. The Lady Knights defeated North Central University (MN) in the opening game but KCU fell by three points to Arlington Baptist College (TX) in the national semi-final. With the national title beyond their grasp, the Lady Knights finished in strong fashion by beating Pensacola Christian College (FL) to finish in 3rd place for the second consecutive season.



The duo of Jana Glick (JR), who made the region all-tournament team as well and Stevens were named 2nd Team All-Mideast Region players. Jones and Bowens were named to the 1st team along with Bowens being tabbed as the region's season and tournament MVP. Bowens was further honored as the NCCAA II National Player of the Year and 1st Team All-American, while Jones was a 2nd Team All-American and a NCCAA Scholar-Athlete. Joining Ms. Jones as scholar-athletes were juniors Glick and Katelyn Meyer. 

TANYA BOWENS BECOMES ALL-TIME SCORER

Not many coaches get a call from another college coach about a player wanting to transfer to your campus, but that happened to KCU Women's Basketball Coach, Ron Arnett. "I was at Myrtle Beach and my phone rang. The coach said, 'I have a kid who wants to come play for you.' A few months later, Tanya Bowens became a Lady Knight.

Moving into a starting lineup and learning a new system as a first year player was a challenge for Tanya, but learn she did. Her first year, Tanya scored 447 points and had 130 rebounds, was named First Team All Region, and First Team All American in the National Christian College Athletic Association. Her team also won the NCCAA II National Championship and she was the Tournament Most Valuable Player. Coach Arnett had this to say after the first season coaching Tanya, "If she continues to improve she could be one of our all-time best when she is finished". And improvement was Tanya's goal.

Hitting the weight room before her sophomore season, Tanya got stronger and faster. She scored 516 points and had 171 assists. Her scoring improved but not nearly as much as her ability to get teammates the ball in scoring situations. Tanya was selected as an All Region, and

All American player and her team again won the NCCAA II National Tournament. Again, Tanya was named the Tournament MVP. For two years she had been surrounded by a really good team and the seniors had graduated. The next season would be a real challenge.


Tanya's junior season saw her score 684 points and hand out 177 assists. Region and National honors were again hers, but her team stumbled in the national semi-final game and captured third place at the national tournament. That left only her senior season and Tanya was faced with another challenge – student teaching. To play intercollegiate sports is challenge enough, but to combine Student Teaching with a grueling

academic schedule is extremely difficult. How did Tanya respond? With the help of some really bad winter weather and cancellation of local school, Tanya only had to miss four games. That allowed her to score 755 points and hand out 171 assists. These numbers placed Tanya first in all-time scoring in KCU Lady Knight history with 2402 points and second in all-time assists with 644. All Region, All American, and All National Tournament individual awards were garnered but the team was upset in the national semi-final game on an improbable heave at the buzzer and disappointment again touched

the Lady Knights. To show the type of leader Tanya really is, she came back in the consolation game and scored 28 points while leading the Lady Knights to a second straight third place finish.

Coach Ron Arnett arranged a meeting for Tanya with the former all-time leading scorer, Tabitha Hannum. Tabitha scored 2046 points and was the only KCU player to break the 2000 point barrier. Tabitha is the coach at Ozark Christian College, where the 2014 tournament was held. The two Lady Knights spent time together and Tabitha remarked to Coach Arnett, "She is the best player I have ever seen wear a KCU uniform". Coach Arnett

said, "I am very fortunate to have coached and now to stand beside the two best players ever to wear the KCU Lady Knights uniform. What a special blessing for an old coach!"

At graduation, Coach Arnett stood and applauded as his new all-time leading scorer received her diploma. "Quite a day for this coach and for our program," was all he had to say. Both on the court and around campus, Tanya Bowens has made her mark for the Kingdom. Now she will take that amazing ability and share it with others as she wants to teach and someday be able to coach basketball to students who might someday break her record at her alma mater. 



Tabitha Hall and Tanya Bowens



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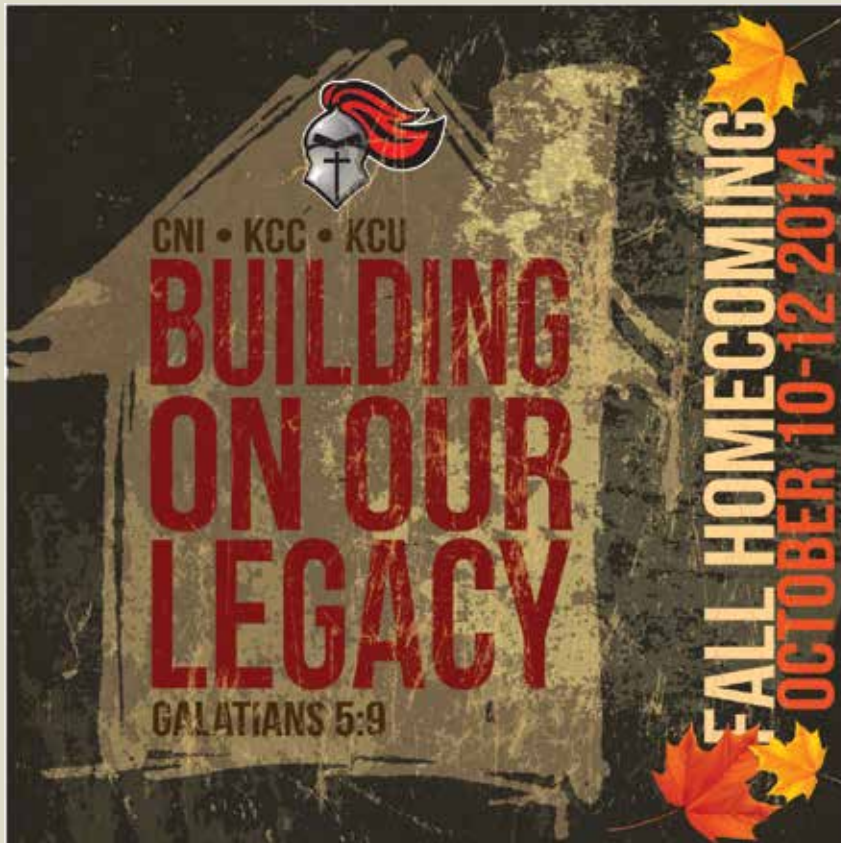
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and besides, how could my meager gift possibly help?" is something we often hear. If you have felt this way in the past, please be assured that your sustained gifts to KCU, regardless of the amount, can make a very big difference in the lives of KCU students. Members of the Patron Knight program pledge with God's help to support KCU at \$25 per month or \$300 a year. You can find more information here: www.kcu.edu/alumni/become-patron-knight.

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