



# The VOICE

THE MAGAZINE OF KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY



## KCU CELEBRATES PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITATION

for the Keeran School of Bible & Ministry! (see page 2)



SPRING 2025

# FROM THE PRESIDENT



*Dr. Terry Allcorn, President*

Dear friends,

I'd like to invite you to enjoy this edition of *The Voice*. There are a lot of exciting things going on and great events coming up this spring and summer. We are excited about Summer in the Son returning to the campus and about the Summer Concert Series. Space is limited for those events. Please register early to make sure you are able to attend. We are looking forward to having you on campus!

## ***Serving in Times of Need***

As you will see later in *The Voice*, parts of the state of Kentucky, along with several other states, are in the process of recovering from localized flooding. Sometimes these disasters provide an opportunity for people to come to the aid of those who have been hardest hit. Jake Ratliff, our campus minister, put out a call to our students to see if anyone was interested in helping with the cleanup efforts in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. He was able to take a group to help those recovering there. As he was organizing this group, International Disaster Emergency Services (IDES) asked if we might have some volunteers to help with cleanup efforts in Pikeville. With no more than a chapel announcement, over 40 students went to Pikeville to serve those who had been hit the hardest. A few days later, First Church of Christ of Grayson took a group to Mountain Mission School in Grundy, Virginia. There are other groups that have gone from local churches that included members of the KCU family.

We were also pleased to have several of our students serve on mission trips, including a trip to Ireland, where students traveled with the Dean of the Keeran School of Bible and Ministry, Dr. Rob Shoaff. We are so proud of the good work going on with the students.

## ***A Milestone in Ministry Training***

We are so pleased to be awarded programmatic accreditation for the Keeran School of Bible and Ministry in February by the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). Many on campus worked hard to make this happen in record time. As we continue to emphasize ministry training, this accreditation will serve as a nice compliment to our accreditation with SACSCOC.

Psalm 34:8 encourages the reader to, "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." I'm excited to tell you that we have tasted and seen that the Lord has been good to KCU.

It truly is an exciting time to be a Knight!

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Terry".

**Terry Allcorn**

President, Kentucky Christian University







A milestone moment for KCU! (Left to Right) Calvin Lindell, Vicky Madden, Dr. Rob Shoaff, Dr. Dennis Durst, Dr. Rob O'Lynn, Dr. Les Hardin, Dr. Scott Caulley, and Dr. Terry Allcorn celebrate the Keeran School of Bible & Ministry's ABHE accreditation.

## ACADEMIC UPDATES

# KCU CELEBRATES PROGRAMMATIC ACCREDITATION for the Keeran School of Bible & Ministry!

### A Milestone Achievement

Kentucky Christian University is excited to announce that the Keeran School of Bible & Ministry (KSBM) has secured programmatic accreditation with the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE)! Dr. Rob Shoaff, Dean of the KSBM, along with Vicky Madden, Director of Institutional Assessment and Accreditation, and a team of others, have worked diligently over the past two years to bring this vision to reality.

### Advancing Biblical Higher Education

The mission of the ABHE Association is *advancing biblical higher education for Kingdom impact. ABHE is unapologetically driven to serve Christ and the Church through the fulfillment of the Great Commission. Member institutions engage students in transformational, experiential, and missional education that is grounded in the truth of God's Word. The end goal of biblical higher education is to go and make disciples.*

***"We are incredibly proud of this accomplishment, which represents not only the hard work of our team, but also our steadfast commitment to equipping students for meaningful service in ministry and beyond."***

**Interested in Pursuing  
Ministry at KCU?**



### Expanding Opportunities Through ABHE

ABHE, one of only two agencies accrediting solely Christian institutions, provides a network of 161 like-minded institutions across North America. This membership offers KCU access to valuable resources and leadership development, including programs like the Board Governance Training in which President Allcorn and members of our Board of Trustees recently participated. This partnership also opens doors for collaboration on curriculum development and best practices in Christian higher education, directly benefiting our students.

### A Commitment to Excellence

"We are incredibly proud of this accomplishment, which represents not only the hard work of our team, but also our steadfast commitment to equipping students for meaningful service in ministry and beyond," said Dr. Rob Shoaff.

We are looking forward to this new partnership and the many benefits it brings to KCU, its students, and the broader ABHE network. KCU's participation strengthens the collective effort of advancing biblical higher education. The ABHE programmatic accreditation is in addition to the institutional accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC). We ask you to pray for KCU as we continue to pursue excellence in Christian higher education. Learn more about the Keeran School of Bible and Ministry by scanning the provided QR code!

# STANLEY SELECTED

## a Second Time to Present at Stone-Campbell Journal Conference!

Through dedication and academic excellence, Jared Stanley has twice earned the opportunity to present at the prestigious Stone-Campbell Journal Conference (SCJ). More impressively, Jared is the first KCU student to achieve this accomplishment twice.

In thinking about why he submitted his first paper, Jared said the idea of how perceptions about God affect the modern practice of religion was sparked in one of Dr. Rob Shoaff's intercultural studies courses. Although he knew he had a steep learning curve in both the topic and writing academically, he thoroughly enjoyed the process because, as he noted (and the faculty can attest), he has become an even better student and writer.

With the paper for the 2025 SCJ conference, Jared wanted to engage in something more exegetical. As an Advanced Biblical Studies student, his intention is to pursue graduate education and eventually teach. His current paper analyzes Paul's sermon in Athens (Acts 17:22-34) as an example of early Christian apologetic discourse.



Dr. Les Hardin, who is sponsoring Jared's paper this year, offered this assessment: "I've been sponsoring student papers for the Stone-Campbell Journal Student Paper Competition for nearly twenty years, and Jared's work is among the best of them. Jared's commitment to understanding the intricacies of the original languages and employing this kind of research in defense of the faith is commendable."

Jared admitted to being nervous last year when he presented, especially given that he would be presenting to experienced and noted scholars. However, he was encouraged to be among people who were passionate about studying Scripture and theology. He even started making connections for further study. As he looks forward to his upcoming presentation, he is excited to further hone his skills as an emerging scholar and continue learning from other scholars.

## A PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCCESS

### Kentucky Christian University and Marshall University Forge Partnership to Facilitate Pharmacy Education

**K**entucky Christian University and Marshall University have announced an exciting new partnership aimed at expanding educational opportunities for students pursuing careers in pharmacy. This collaboration provides KCU students with a seamless pathway to earn a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree at Marshall University's School of Pharmacy.

#### A Pathway to Success

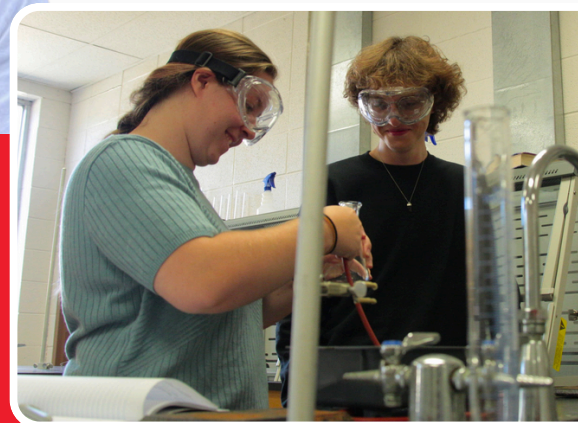
Through a newly established Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), KCU students who complete the required prerequisite courses can transfer to Marshall University's Pharm.D. program. This initiative reflects the shared commitment of both institutions to

improve access to high-quality pharmacy education. "This partnership represents an incredible opportunity for KCU students to advance their education and prepare for impactful careers in pharmacy," said Dr. Terry Allcorn, President of Kentucky Christian University.

#### Streamlined Admissions and Financial Benefits

KCU students who earn an Associate of Science degree and meet the transfer requirements will receive preferential consideration during the admissions process. Benefits include:

- A clear course roadmap with required prerequisites.
- A **\$2,000** tuition discount.
- A streamlined admissions process through PharmCAS and an on-campus interview at Marshall University.



"Marshall University is excited to welcome talented KCU students into our Pharm.D. program," said Dr. Eric Blough, Dean of the School of Pharmacy.

#### Strengthening Healthcare and Community Impact

This partnership benefits students and strengthens the regional healthcare workforce by meeting the demand for skilled pharmacists. "By working together, we are investing in the future of our students and the communities they will serve," said Dr. William Stevens, Dean of Humanities and Sciences at KCU. Through this collaboration, KCU upholds its Christ-centered mission by preparing students for leadership and service in healthcare.



# CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

## Affordable, Accredited, and Accessible

The Keeran School of Bible and Ministry is excited to announce its online Certificate Programs. In the Spring Semester of 2025, KSBM launched the Certificate in Church Ministry. Beginning in Fall 2025, the Certificate in Biblical Studies will be available, followed by the Certificate in Apologetics in Spring 2026.

Each certificate program is 100% online, consists of six courses (three credit hours each, totaling 18 credit hours), and is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) and the Association for Biblical Higher Education (ABHE). Courses are offered at an affordable rate of just \$99 per course.

Taught by expert professors—both scholars and practitioners in their respective fields—each course is thoughtfully designed to encourage, educate, and equip church leaders as well as individuals who simply want to “sharpen the sword” in Bible and ministry. For more information, please contact Dr. Rob Shoaff, Dean of the Keeran School of Bible and Ministry, at [reshoaff@kcu.edu](mailto:reshoaff@kcu.edu).



Ready to Learn More?  
**SCAN HERE!**

## SERVING OTHERS

# SPIKING ON HUNGER

## KCU Volleyball Team Partners to Serve 300 Families in Monthly Food Giveaway

The KCU Volleyball team recently partnered with a local church to assist in its monthly food giveaway, helping serve 300 families in need. The players dedicated their time and energy to distributing essential supplies, demonstrating their commitment to both teamwork and servanthood.

This food giveaway, organized by the church, aims to combat food insecurity in the area. The team's involvement underscores the impact that local organizations and student-athletes can have beyond their regular roles.

Families expressed deep gratitude as they received nutritious food items. The event not only provided immediate relief but also served as a reminder of the power of community and the importance of coming together to support one another.

As they continue to compete on the court, their commitment to community service remains a core value. They look forward to future opportunities to support their community.

### Serving beyond the court—

KCU volleyball players lend a helping hand at a local church's food giveaway, making an impact both on and off the court.





# REVIVAL OF SUMMER IN THE SON

## A Week Full of Worship and Growth

Summer in the Son, a beloved high school Christian conference, is returning to Kentucky Christian University from June 29th to July 4th. Designed to help students deepen or begin their relationship with Christ, this affordable, camp-style event is led by KCU alumni, students, and employees, offering an immersive experience into the heart of KCU's mission.

The conference features powerful teaching from KCU alumni, with morning sessions led by Justin Butler, a KCU Adjunct Professor and Senior Pastor at Highland Christian Church, and evening sessions led by Jordan McClarnon, the Director of College/Young Adult Ministry at Crossroads Church. Worship will be led by the KCU Worship Collective, a passionate group of students dedicated to leading others in praise.

Attendees can look forward to performances by special musical guests Render the Hearts and Northeast Worship. Render the Hearts, a band based in Huntington, WV, brings a decade of experience in music ministry—along with their signature pirate jokes! Northeast Worship, hailing from Northeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY, is excited to return to a conference that impacted many of its members during their youth.

A unique aspect of this year's event is the participation of Cody Sabol, a KCU alumnus and former SITS staff member. Throughout the week, he will paint live during sessions, inspiring students to use their passions to share Christ. Registration is now open at [summerintheson.org](http://summerintheson.org). The early bird price is **\$150**, increasing to **\$175** on April 15th and **\$190** on June 1st—so register early! With a focus on personal connections, Summer in the Son is committed to helping students grow in their faith while also supporting and encouraging youth ministers throughout the week. Don't miss this life-changing experience!



## SUMMER IN THE SON 2025 REVIVAL: OUR SPEAKERS + SPECIAL MUSICAL GUESTS!



**Justin Butler** is the Senior Pastor at Highland Christian Church in Maysville, KY, and an Adjunct Professor of Bible and Ministry at KCU. He's passionate about preaching and helping others grow in faith. Justin enjoys playing guitar, cooking, reading, and cheering for the Chicago Cubs. He and his wife, Sarah, live in Maysville with their corgi, Stanley.



**Jordan McClarnon** serves as the Director of College/Young Adult Ministry at Crossroads Church in Cincinnati, OH. A KCU graduate, he's dedicated to mentoring young adults in their faith. He loves coffee, reading, and finding creative ways to share the Gospel. Jordan and his wife, Lauren, have been married for nine years and have a daughter about to turn three.

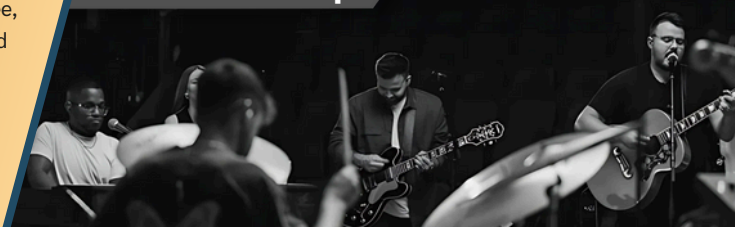


*It's Not Too Late!*  
**SCAN TO REGISTER!**

### Render the Hearts



### Northeast Worship



### KCU Worship Collective



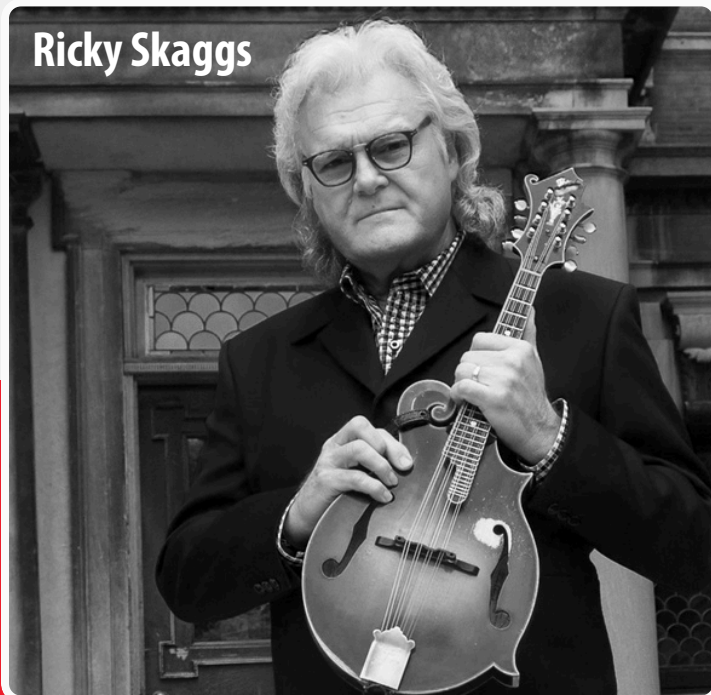


# SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

## PERFORMERS ANNOUNCED

KCU is Hosting Two Concerts this Summer for its Second Annual Summer Concert Series

**Ricky Skaggs**



**Kentucky Thunder**



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he series will kick off on Friday, June 20, at 7 pm with **Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder** performing at Nash Chapel on the KCU campus. A native of nearby Cordell in Lawrence County, Kentucky, Skaggs has enjoyed a remarkable career spanning over 50 years. He has been a member of the Grand Ole Opry since 1982, and over the last

decade, has been honored with inductions into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and the Musicians Hall of Fame. In 2018, a landmark year, Skaggs was also awarded membership into the National Fiddler Hall of Fame, the IBMA Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame, and country music's greatest honor, the Country Music Hall of Fame. Most recently, he was awarded the prestigious National Medal of Arts in 2020 for his contributions to the American music industry. Tickets for this event are available through a link on the KCU website.

The series will conclude on Friday, August 1, with **Josh Baldwin** taking the stage in Nash Chapel at 7 pm. Baldwin is a gold-certified singer-songwriter and worship leader who joined Bethel Music in 2014. Many of his songs are recognizable any Sunday in a contemporary Christian service. 'Made for More' peaked at number 1 on the Christian Radio charts in 2019, while 'Stand in Your Love' was nominated for Breakout Single of the Year and Worship Single of the Year by K-Love Fan Awards. Tickets for this event will be available through a link on the KCU website beginning May 1.

**Josh Baldwin**





SCAN FOR FULL  
INSTRUCTIONS

# Summer Reading CHALLENGE

*May 1 - September 5, 2025*

FOR ALL INCOMING KCU FRESHMEN,  
CURRENT STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND ALUMNI



PARTICIPATE TO ENTER  
A DRAWING FOR \$25  
AMAZON GIFT CARDS!

## PRACTICING MINISTRY

# FAITH IN ACTION

### KCU Ministry Students Train for Real-Life Moments

At Kentucky Christian University, ministry students don't just learn in the classroom—they prepare for real-life moments of service. Each year, students in a foundational ministry course participate in a hands-on “lab day” experience, where they visit the Yancey School of Nursing to explore how to minister effectively in crisis situations.

Led by Dr. Rob O'Lynn, Director of the Graduate Bible Program, who is an experienced chaplain, alongside course instructor Justin Butler, the lab bridges academic knowledge with practical, compassionate care. Drawing from years of ministry in churches and hospitals, they guide students through the challenges and opportunities of ministering to those in crisis.

This intentional, real-world training is one of the many ways KCU's ministry programs equip students to lead with confidence, compassion, and Christ-centered wisdom—in the church and beyond.



Preparing for Crisis Care — Dr. Rob O'Lynn (left) and instructor Justin Butler (right) guide ministry students through a hands-on crisis care simulation during KCU's annual ministry lab day.





# A SUCCESSFUL KNIGHT TO REMEMBER!

KCU's first Knight to Remember was, by all measures, a success. The event raised in excess of \$100,000 for student scholarships and highlighted many of the positive things taking place on our campus. Our guest speaker, Alan Robertson, from TV's *Duck Dynasty*, had this to say about our school and event:

*"I was honored and grateful to be a part of the Gala and I LOVE what you guys are doing at KCU. I always appreciate our Restoration heritage and am proud to get to be a small part of helping grow our future influence with the next generation of leaders, missionaries, pastors and teachers. I pray you guys have much future success for the Kingdom of God and thanks again for a great evening."*

- Alan Robertson



Top: Alan and Lisa Robertson engage with guests at the Gala, sharing stories and conversations throughout the evening.

Right: Alan and Lisa Robertson speak with Dr. Terry Allcorn, President of KCU, and reflect on a memorable event.



## Looking Ahead to the 2025 Gala

The 2025 Gala will take place Saturday, November 8 at 6 pm in Lusby Center. We will again feature a dinner, music from our Worship Collective, and then our guest speaker and additional musical entertainment.

This year, Mark Lowry, noted writer, singer and comedian, will be our headliner. Many know Mark from his years with the Gaither Vocal Band. Accompanying Lowry will be Endless Highway. This year's show will again benefit student scholarships with a goal of \$150,000.

Tickets for this event will be available beginning August 3 on the KCU website. Please make plans now to attend.



Mark Lowry



Endless Highway



# A JOYFUL NOISE

## Render the Hearts and KCU Worship Collective’s Christmas Tour

Render the Hearts (RTH) wrapped up their ninth annual Christmas tour, spreading the joy of holiday music to audiences across multiple venues. This year, the band was joined by the KCU Worship Collective, adding a fresh and dynamic element to the performances. Blending jazz, rock, pop, and the occasional dad joke, each concert offered a unique experience. Attendance ranged from 100 to nearly 200 guests per night, with enthusiastic audience responses.

### A Collaboration of Music and Ministry

The KCU Worship Collective played a vital role in the tour, with rotating student teams performing four Christmas songs along with their debut release, "Miracles." This opportunity not only showcased their musical talent, but also fostered personal and spiritual growth.

Senior Jillian Seckman reflected, "Getting to spend time with the Rth boys was awesome. We learned so much and had a great time laughing and making memories. I hope we can open for them again in the future!" Freshman Preston Shepherd echoed the sentiment, saying, "It was a really fun time and it was awesome being able to hang with and learn from Rth. I hope we get to do it again!"

### Looking Ahead to Future Tours

Joe Crowe, drummer for Render the Hearts, shared, "Having the KCU Worship Collective join us felt refreshing. We watched each group grow musically and spiritually, and it was a blessing to be part of that."

Render the Hearts looks forward to continuing their partnership with KCU, with hopes for a larger tour in 2026, including a possible fall acoustic tour.

To stay connected, follow Render the Hearts and KCU Worship Collective on social media (@renderthehearts, @kcuworshipcollective) or visit [www.renderthehearts.com](http://www.renderthehearts.com).



## KCU Hosts National Bible Bowl Tournament, Strengthening Faith and Knowledge

Kentucky Christian University has a longstanding tradition of fostering biblical education and spiritual growth. Among its many faith-based initiatives, KCU proudly hosts the National Bible Bowl Tournament, an event that challenges students from across the country to deepen their knowledge of Scripture in a competitive and engaging environment.

### A Gathering of Faith and Knowledge

KCU welcomes churches and students from across the country for the Fall National Bible Bowl Tournament. This event allows young participants to showcase their biblical knowledge and quick-thinking skills in a high-energy competition. By hosting, KCU continues its mission of equipping students with a strong foundation in faith while introducing them to Christian higher education.

### A Legacy of Partnership

KCU works closely with Keith Smith, Director of National Bible Bowl, to bring this event to life. Reflecting on the December 2024 tournament, Smith shared, "Bible Bowl has had a close relationship with KCU since the 1980s, which continues today. This past December, 42 teams from as far as Colorado and Florida competed for the National Champion title. We are grateful to KCU for providing a space where students and families can experience both the competition and the University’s Christ-centered environment."

### Opportunities for Future Students

As part of its commitment to supporting young scholars, KCU offers scholarships to top-performing students in various tournament categories, including the Written Test, Quote Bee, Individual Tournament, and Double Elimination Team Event. Each year, this event serves as a key recruiting opportunity, introducing students to the KCU community and encouraging them to pursue Christian higher education.

With the 2025 Fall National Tournament on the horizon, KCU looks forward to continuing this impactful tradition, inspiring students to grow both academically and spiritually.





# SEAN ('92) AND JENNY OLSON ('93)

## Kingdom-Minded Entrepreneurs Fueling a Leadership Movement

From students at Kentucky Christian University to coaching leaders across North America, Sean ('92) and Jenny (Johnson) Olson ('93) have dedicated their lives to honoring God by impacting people. Fueled by faith, business acumen, and a calling to serve, this dynamic couple has seamlessly integrated ministry and entrepreneurship into a powerful leadership movement.

### A Purpose-Driven Beginning

Both Sean and Jenny grew up in entrepreneurial families and pursued business degrees at KCU. Their paths intersected in 1992 during a mission trip and study abroad program in the United Kingdom, led by KCU professor Benic Hampton. That transformative experience ignited both their friendship and a deeper sense of purpose.

After returning stateside, Jenny entered her senior year, while Sean began preaching in northern Ohio. They completed their degrees—Jenny in Business ('93) and Sean in Ministry with a Business minor ('92)—and married in September 1993. Together, they served in full-time ministry for 17 years before God redirected their path toward the marketplace in 2010.

### Building a Legacy in Leadership

Their journey led them to Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, where Jenny managed a summer business camp while Sean worked in Executive Education. Jenny later served as a Senior Marketing Director with Chick-fil-A, reinforcing her expertise in marketing and values-driven leadership.

In 2011, while still in their day jobs, the Olsons launched Renogize Professional Coaching, blending their ministry experience, business skills, and passion for leadership development. By 2016, Renogize became their full-time endeavor. Just two years later, the company expanded into a team of leadership coaches, including fellow KCU alumni Jason West ('97) and Grace Vanscoy ('23). Today, Renogize has 27 coaches and staff serving leaders across corporate, healthcare, government, and higher education sectors—with Duke University as their first and ongoing client.

### Leadership with a Kingdom Focus

"We always say, 'God owns the business—He just lets us run it,'" the Olsons share. That humble mindset shapes every decision they make as co-leaders of the company. Sean, as CEO, serves as the voice of Renogize through The Intentional Leader Podcast and keynote appearances. Jenny, as CMO, leads marketing, team appreciation, community relations, and manages all gifting.

Beyond the bottom line, the Olsons have built generosity into the DNA of Renogize. The company gives away 33% of its profits annually to non-profits in the areas of faith, leadership, and education, with a few gifts simply handed to individuals in need.

### A Lasting Connection to KCU

Their bond with KCU remains strong. Most recently, Jenny joined the Kentucky Christian University Board of Trustees, continuing to invest in the institution that helped shape their journey.

From their early days on campus to leading a national coaching movement, Sean and Jenny Olson exemplify Christ-centered leadership. Their story is a testament to how faith, business, and purpose can collide to create lasting impact—and how one mission trip can change everything.



Sean Olson and Jenny Olson pictured at Sean's graduation from KCU in 1992!



# ENHANCING CAMPUS, ENRICHING STUDENT LIFE

This past semester, our campus has seen several vital improvements aimed at enhancing safety, functionality, and student experience.

One of the most noticeable upgrades is improved lighting across campus, providing better visibility at night. Additionally, a new generator has been installed behind Waters Hall, ensuring reliable backup power when needed. Students may have also spotted new security cameras strategically placed throughout campus. These updated cameras replace older models, further strengthening safety measures for students, faculty, and staff.

For those residing in Jones Hall, the most significant change has been the installation of brand-new porches, replacing the previous structures. These enhancements were made possible thanks to your generous support—your support continues to make a lasting impact, furthering the mission of KCU.

Another exciting addition, funded by gifts and volunteer labor, is a new storage facility behind the apartments, built specifically for our bass fishing team. Construction began before students went home for winter break, and upon their return, team members were greeted with a dedicated space to store their boats. See the photos included of the progress made throughout construction!

We are thrilled about these recent campus improvements and look forward to the continued growth and development of Kentucky Christian University!



November 25, 2024



December 13, 2024



Present Day

## SERVING IN TIMES OF NEED



**Service in action**—KCU students and staff pause for a group photo after lending a helping hand in Pikeville, KY, where flood relief efforts continue.

In mid-February, Eastern Kentucky endured relentless heavy rains, leading to widespread flooding over the weekend of the 15th and 16th. The devastation left countless residents with damaged homes and belongings, while thousands found themselves in urgent need of essentials like food, water, and shelter.

Jake Ratliff, Kentucky Christian University's campus minister, organized a student-led relief effort to assist those affected in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. As the group was preparing to go, the International Disaster Emergency Service (IDES) reached out requesting volunteers to serve in Pikeville, Kentucky. In response, a simple chapel announcement was made, calling students to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The response was overwhelming—over 40 students stepped up, traveling to Pikeville to help with cleanup efforts.

We are incredibly grateful for our students' servant hearts and their willingness to be a shining light for Christ. Please join us in continuing to pray for those who are still recovering from this devastating disaster.



Gifts received **September 16, 2024 through February 15, 2025**

## Scholarship Gifts

### Alice Morgan Scholarship

M/M J. Maynard Bragg  
Elizabeth Crea Boring

### Andrea Damron Scholarship

Oak Grove Church of Christ, Grayson, KY

### Carole Phillips Scholarship

Oak Grove Church of Christ, Grayson, KY

### Dr. Charles R. Gresham Scholarship

M/M Roger Lynn Hounshel  
Oak Grove Church of Christ, Grayson, KY  
Russell Springs Christian Church, Russell Springs, KY

### Dr. Donald "Dick" Damron Scholarship

Berea Christian Church, Bowling Green, KY  
M/M Bradley Cotten  
Oak Grove Church of Christ, Grayson, KY

### Dr. Lewis Snyder Scholarship

Gerald E. Arnold, Jr.

### Essick Family Scholarship

One Way Christian Church, Mebane, NC

### Essick-Mozelle Scholarship

One Way Christian Church, Mebane, NC

### KCU Alumni Endowed Scholarship

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M/M Fred Daniel Klatka  
James D. McGovern  
William C. Rousey  
Sharon Stanley  
Rowena Johnson Walker

### Dr. Keith P. Keeran Scholarship

M/M Bradley Cotten

### Dr. L. Palmer Young Scholarship

M/M Wallace L. Rendel

### LuAnn Robinson Self Memorial Biblical Studies Scholarship

Robert Graham Self

### Lyon-Fyffe Scholarship

Jean Fyffe

### Majel Lusby Kelley Memorial Scholarship for Education Majors

Patricia Kelley Zavala

### Scholarship-Undesignated

M/M Kenneth L. Aulen  
Phillip L. DeMotte  
National Christian Foundation Heartland, Overland Park, KS  
Southeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY

### Strother Family Scholarship Fund

Commercial Bank Foundation, Grayson, KY  
M/M Jack W. Strother, Jr.

### William Peeples Scholarship

William D. Peeples

## Gifts in Honor

### E.B. Lowman

Lowman Family Foundation Inc.

### Jody Lowman

Lowman Family Foundation Inc.

### Sarah Lowman

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### Nadine Lewis McBrayer

Dorothy McBrayer Adams

### Bob & Judy Russell

Ted Ogle

### Aaron Sutton

Lowman Family Foundation Inc.

## Gifts in Memory

### Mary F. Daugherty

Mary Sweany Raycraft

### Harold Dick

Yvonne Lodwick

### Kelly & Genevieve Dye

M/M Max Dye

### Sam P. Jones

Arnold's Creek Christian Church, Middlebourne, WV

## Estate Gifts

### Estate of William & Frances Kindelberger

### Estate of Vera L. Mushrush

We have made every effort to ensure the accuracy of this information. Should you discover an error, please accept our sincere apology and bring it to our attention so that we can correct our records.

*Want to support Kentucky Christian University's mission?*

## Give Online

If you are led to donate, you can give online by scanning the following QR code or by typing the following:

**www.kcu.edu/give**



## Give via Mail

To donate through the mail make the check payable to Kentucky Christian University

**Mail To:** Kentucky Christian University • Attn: Business Office  
100 Academic Parkway, Grayson, Kentucky 41143



# HONORING COMPASSIONATE CARE

## KCU Nursing Alumni Honored with the DAISY Award for Their Outstanding Compassion and Commitment to Patient Care

The Yancey School of Nursing is proud to celebrate the accomplishments of our BSN alumni Abby Applegate ('23), Courtney Brand ('24), and Victoria Breckler ('24). Each was nominated for and received the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses! This is a prestigious international recognition through the DAISY Foundation which strives to "meaningfully celebrate extraordinary, compassionate nurses." Since the establishment of the DAISY Award in 1999, 2.5 million nurses have been nominated with only 8.8% of them being selected for recognition from the foundation, placing them among an exclusive group of nurses from around the world!

### Dedicated to Excellence in Patient Care

**Abby Applegate** serves as a nurse at UK St. Claire Medical Center in Morehead, Kentucky, where she specializes in labor and delivery. Her DAISY Award nomination came from a grateful patient who described her as "calm, confident, caring, took my concerns seriously, and made sure I was comfortable." Reflecting on her education, Abby expressed, "KCU prepared me to be the best nurse I can be. I have confidence in my knowledge that other new nurses do not." Looking ahead, she plans to continue her work in labor and delivery and earn an inpatient obstetrics certification.

**Courtney Brand** works at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, on a medical-surgical unit. She was nominated by a patient she describes as "angry after having a bad day." Recognizing the deeper struggles behind his frustration, Courtney took the time to listen and pray with him. Her nominator praised her as a "fantastic nurse, always professional, and wise beyond her years." She credits KCU for teaching her "to view the world and those I encounter with an eternal perspective and to be a light to those around me." Courtney aspires to transition into critical care and pursue a career as a flight nurse.

**Victoria Breckler** is a nurse at Sydney & Lewis Eskinazi Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she works on a medical-surgical telemetry unit. A terminally ill patient transitioning to palliative care nominated her, commending her "exceptional dedication, compassion, professionalism, and genuine concern for my well-being." The patient further noted, "She took the time to listen, answer my questions, and provide comfort. The way she was intentional in connecting with me through conversation and prayer set her apart from the other nurses." Victoria credits KCU's spiritual emphasis for preparing her to holistically approach patient care, saying, "My nursing faculty consistently pushed me to prioritize the spiritual needs of each patient." She plans to pursue a master's degree in nursing education.

### The KCU Difference in Nursing

KCU alumni bring something more to healthcare—a heart for ministry and an unwavering compassion for people. Grounded in faith, they recognize the intrinsic value of each patient in Christ.

Beyond medical procedures and technology, Abby, Courtney, and Victoria exemplify the power of slowing down, truly listening, and serving with Christ-centered love. KCU is incredibly proud of their achievements and the Kingdom work they are doing in healthcare. To our alumni in nursing, we encourage you to continue using your profession as a ministry—your work is transforming lives!

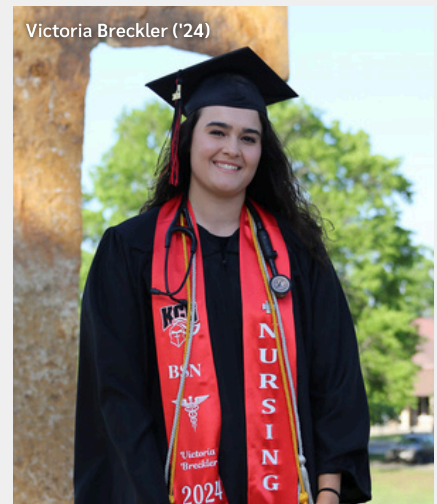
Abby Applegate ('23)



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## Knight Weddings

- (1) **Brandon ('22) and Savanna (Smith) ('20) Hackworth**, July 20, 2024  
 (2) **Isaac and Sarah (Hambrick) ('12) Strong**, September 28, 2024  
**Damian ('20) and Hannah Eismann**, October 19, 2024  
 (3) **Isaiah ('22) and Taylor (Isaac) ('25) Jones**, December 7, 2024

## Future Knights

Ruby, daughter of **Jake ('15) and Molly (Metcalfe) ('13 & '17) Allen**, September 6, 2024  
 Genevieve, daughter of **Kelly ('24) and Charise Blodgett**, August 29, 2024  
 Ember Grace, daughter of **Chris ('19) and Miranda McQuiston**, October 3, 2024  
 Jennifer Louise, daughter of **Shawn and Emily (Brackob) ('23) Collins**, November 28, 2024  
 Kaiden Jones, son of **Austin and Deborah (Jones) ('12) Ulsh**, December, 2024  
 Maeve Louise, daughter of **Trevor ('16) and Abigail (Clay) ('15) Marshall**, January 20, 2025  
 Selah Joy, daughter of **Andrew ('20) and Emily (Stephens) ('19) Wolfe**, January 22, 2025  
 Everett Kin, son of **Eric and Heather (Stacy) ('10) Huie**, February 5, 2025  
 Kreed Abel, son of **Travis and Taylor (Conn) ('17 & '21) Dixon**, February 15, 2025  
 Emma Ryan, daughter of **Lesley and Brittany Bryant** (both employed '23 to present), February 18, 2025  
 Wells Landon, son of **Cole ('22) and Kaylee (Canafax) ('22) Cordle**, February 18, 2025

## Knights We'll Miss

**Joe F. O'Cull ('77)**, Bible, March 19, 2024  
**Thomas Franklin ('73)**, Bible, May 15, 2024  
**Leo Crowe, ('55) Clergy**, June 8, 2024  
**Mary Frances (Denune) Daugherty ('52)**, Bible, July 9, 2024  
**William Jerold Tear ('86)**, Associate of Arts Degree, October 9, 2024  
**Greta Grace (Barr) Meece ('60)**, Associate of Arts Degree, November 24, 2024  
**Terry Lynn True ('83)**, Bible, December 19, 2024  
**J. Tom Burbrink (attd '72, employed '73 – '07)**, January 10, 2025  
**Stanley Eastman ('76 & '84)**, Bible and Master of Ministry, February 11, 2025  
**Robert "Bob" O'Brien ('60)**, Bible, March 19, 2025  
**Timothy Hansen ('84)**, Business, March 19, 2025  
**Linda (Barber) Hunt ('82)**, Associate of Arts Degree, March 25, 2025

## Knight News

**Monty Cooper ('84 & '87)** has retired from Jessamine Christian Church, Nicholasville, KY, as their Associate Minister.  
**Hunter Gullett (attd '16-'18)** is the new Student Pastor at Jessamine Christian Church, Nicholasville, KY.  
**Austin Seevers ('11)** is the new lead minister at Worthington Christian Church, Columbus, OH.  
**Jonathan Grabhorn ('19)** is the new Elementary Team Lead Pastor at Northeast Christian Church, Louisville, KY.  
**Madelyn Tackett ('24)** has accepted a job with Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Kansas City, KS.  
**Austin Archey ('20)** has taken a teaching position at East Carter High School, Grayson, KY.  
**Sherree Empson (attd '79 - '81)** retired from ICOM as of December 31, 2024. She served 20+ years as a volunteer and seven years as staff.  
**Daniel LaRue ('24)** is the Youth Minister at Haw Branch Church of Christ, Chocowinity, NC.  
**Anna Russell (attd '66)** recently published a new children's book, "My dear son, how are you today?" This book, along with her previous works, can be found on Amazon.



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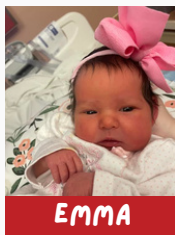
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### LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2025

Lusby Center | 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**10  
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### COMMENCEMENT

Lusby Center | 10 AM

**20  
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### RICKY SKAGGS & KENTUCKY THUNDER PERFORMANCE

Nash Chapel | 7 PM

**29  
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### SUMMER IN THE SON 2025: REVIVAL

Kentucky Christian University's Campus

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### JOSH BALDWIN PERFORMANCE

Nash Chapel | 7 PM