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KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

**Kentucky Christian University – School of Business & Leadership**

**Leadership Conference: “Mission Minded Leadership”**

**Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

**Location: KCU Chapel (Capacity 600)**

**Time: 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Admission: \$35 per attendee**

**Conference Purpose:**

The Mission Minded Leadership Conference is a Kingdom-centered event designed to inspire, equip, and challenge students, pastors, alumni, and professionals to live out leadership rooted in faith and purpose.

**Conference Agenda:**

**7:45 – 8:30 a.m.** | Check-In & Coffee

Participants arrive at the Chapel lobby for registration and coffee. Each guest will receive a goody bag, workbook, and conference materials.

**8:30 – 8:42 a.m.** | Welcome & Opening Remarks

Dean Todd Maynard and the KCU Leadership Team open the conference with a welcome and prayer.

**8:42 – 8:57 a.m.** | KCU Worship Collective – Opening Set

The KCU Worship Collective leads a 15-minute worship set to start the day.

**8:57-9:00 a.m.** | Transition & Hype Introduction

Host: Jake Ratliff, KCU Campus Minister

**9:00 – 9:30 a.m.** | Thomas R. Williams, The Relentless Pursuit of Excellence  
(30-minute session)

**9:30 – 9:33 a.m.** | Transition & Hype Introduction

Host: Jake Ratliff, KCU Campus Minister

**9:33 – 10:03 a.m.** | Tami Matheny, "This is Good" The Power of Perspective in Mission-Minded Leadership  
(30-minute session)

**10:03 – 10:06 a.m.** | Transition & Hype Introduction  
Host: Jake Ratliff

**10:06 – 10:31 a.m.** | Networking Session #1 (Gym)  
Attendees connect with each other, faculty, and ministry partners.

**10:31 – 11:01 a.m.** | John Eades, The Leadership Lens: How People Like You Choose Leadership  
(30-minute session)

**11:01 – 11:04 a.m.** | Transition & Hype Introduction  
Host: Jake Ratliff

**11:04 – 11:34 a.m.** | Amy P. Kelly, Difficult Conversations Don't Have to be Difficult  
(30-minute session)

**11:34 – 11:37 a.m.** | Transition & Hype Introduction  
Host: Jake Ratliff

**11:37 – 11:52 a.m.** | KCU Worship Collective – Midday Worship Set  
The Worship Collective leads a 15-minute worship time before lunch.

**12:00 – 12:45 p.m.** | Lunch Break (Gym)  
Catered lunch for all participants in the gym. Open seating and informal roundtable conversations.

**12:45 – 1:15 p.m.** | Rennie Curran (TBD)  
(30-minute session)

**1:15 – 1:20 p.m.** | Transition & Hype Introduction  
Host: Jake Ratliff

**1:20 – 1:50p.m.** | Julie Nee, The Energy Bus: The Ten Rules to Fuel Your Work Life and Team with Positive Energy  
(30-minute session)

**1:50 – 2:00 p.m.** | Transition & Setup for Panel

## **2:00- 2:45 p.m. | Panel & Open Q&A**

All speakers participate in a closing panel where the audience is invited to ask any questions they wish about leadership, purpose, or faith.

### Speakers

- Todd Maynard – Dean, School of Business & Leadership, Kentucky Christian University
- Amy P. Kelly – Best-Selling Author, Speaker, and Vice President of Consulting for Jon Gordon's Positive Training Company
- Julie Ward Nee – Speaker, Author, and Vice President of Training for Jon Gordon's Positive Training Company
- Tami Matheny – Mental Toughness Coach, Author, and Jon Gordon Certified Trainer
- John Eades – CEO, LearnLoft and Host of The Optimistic Outlook Podcast
- Rennie Curran – Former NFL Linebacker, Leadership Speaker, and Author
- Thomas R. Williams - Speaker, Author, Leadership Consultant

## **2:45-3:00pm Prizes (Speaker books) and Close**

### Additional Information:

Event Location: Chapel for main sessions; Gym for networking and lunch Capacity: 600 attendees

Provided Materials: Goody bag, workbook, and printed handouts

Authors: Speakers who are authors may offer books for sale at their discretion Hype

Host: Jake Ratliff, KCU Campus Minister

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