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FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. TERRY ALLCORN

STRONGER TOGETHER

I hope that you enjoy this edition of *The Voice*. Please allow me to highlight a few items.

Alumni Reunion

It is always so encouraging to have alumni back on campus or to see them at regional gatherings. The regional gathering this summer in Indianapolis, IN was a lot of fun and we are also so grateful for all the alumni who returned to KCU for Alumni Homecoming. In addition to KCC/KCU alumni, several of our alumni also raised funds to allow alumni from Cincinnati Christian University to come to our Homecoming.

ICOM at KCU

My wife and I were called to mission service right here at KCU, as were many others both before and after us. With that heritage, it is only natural that KCU hosts our own International Conference on Missions each year. We are grateful for the support that KCU alumni and Executive Director of the International Conference on Missions, David Empson, gives us each year. He personally spent the week here, along with several other missionaries and mission agencies. We were also grateful to have Doug Lucas and Eric Derry, both KCU alumni, speak in chapel the week prior. Their mission, Team Expansion, was envisioned right here on campus.

Stephanie Garman Freed is the President of ICOM this year and she was our Tuesday morning chapel speaker. Her message about the work of Rapha House was powerful and moving. We had multiple missionaries speaking in classes and interacting with the students at their displays. Natasha Reimer, who graduated from KCU with a degree in Business Management, is the Executive Director of Mulberry International. Being Ukrainian and involved in relief efforts for those suffering because of the war made her uniquely qualified to update us on efforts to help those suffering as part of a panel at chapel on Thursday. Jacqui and I joined students, faculty, and staff in packing 23,616 meals in partnership with IDES.

We need graduates from the Keeran School of Bible and Ministry to follow in the footsteps of Eric Derry, Doug Lucas, and David Empson by using their preaching and teaching skills to further the Gospel both here and abroad. We also need graduates from all of our other areas of study to follow the path set by Natasha Reimer by using their business, medical, teaching, and other skills to further the Gospel both here and abroad. As the chapel speakers spoke, I prayed several times that God would call more workers to cross-cultural service from KCU. I would invite you to pray the same prayer.

Thank you, David Bennett

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention that this is the last edition of *The Voice* that will be produced under David Bennett's watchful leadership. His service to the University has covered part or all of the terms of three University Presidents. Thank you, David! Please read the tribute to David later in this edition of *The Voice*.

And Go Knights!
Terry



STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT MISSIONS FIRST HAND

KCU was excited to host a three-day missions emphasis event in September called ICOM at KCU. Stephanie Garman Freed, Co-Founder of Rapha International and President of the 2023 International Conference on Missions (ICOM), spoke in chapel. Additionally, David Empson (ICOM Executive Director), Kevin Dooley (Center for Global Business), Tim Stapleton (Team Expansion), Ellie Beers (PROEM), and Shawn Splechter (Feed The Crave), addressed various classes. An exhibit hall was set up in the Emma Qualls Student Lounge where students were encouraged to visit with missionaries at their booths. A bonfire with games, s'mores and a time of worship allowed students and missionaries to interact with each other. This event was designed to promote interest in missions and the annual ICOM conference being held this year in Oklahoma City, November 16-18.



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WELCOME

CLASS OF

2027

No college campus is complete without its students. "Welcome Weekend" is the event that celebrates the return of students, but also the addition of those that are entering the KCU family. Bekah Bryant, Retention Coordinator, worked diligently to ensure that "Welcome Weekend" was a success. "Welcome Weekend is important for new students because it allows them an opportunity to get acquainted with campus, staff, and other students before their classes and normal schedule begin. They receive information that is important to their success as a student as well as quality time to socialize and truly see what it's like to be a part of the KCU family as they prepare for their true first day as a Knight." The weekend included orientation, parent meetings, dorm section meetings, a bonfire, "Church on Campus" and a cookout held at the Lusby Courtyard. It's going to be a great year!



Academically Speaking



YANCEY SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUM BRINGS NURSING MINISTRY TO MAIN STREET

Brooke Holley, a 2007 BSN graduate from the Yancey School of Nursing, is using her nursing ministry to fill a void in healthcare. Upon graduation, Brooke spent several years as a RN in the emergency department. She went on to earn her MSN and family nurse practitioner certification from the University of Cincinnati in 2012 and began working as a hospitalist in emergency department and urgent care settings.

Recently, Brooke felt called to use her KCU education and experience to fill a need for immediate access to healthcare in her hometown of Grayson, Kentucky. In response, she opened Main Street Medical Clinic where she provides high acuity walk-in services for acute health needs. Additionally, Brooke desires to build a synergistic relationship with the YSN through hosting students for clinical experiences. She shared, "KCU taught me to value lifelong learning, service to my community, and to use nursing as my ministry." Brooke is a disciple for Christ in healthcare, bringing healing and hope back to Main Street.

The Yancey School of Nursing is proud to announce that all of its 2023 graduates have successfully passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) on their first attempt. This outstanding achievement marks a 100% first-time pass rate for the University's nursing program this year. This is a testament to the hard work of the students and the dedication and exceptional education provided by the YSN faculty and staff.

The NCLEX is a rigorous examination that determines whether nursing graduates are ready to enter the profession and provide safe, effective care to patients. Achieving a 100% first-time pass rate is a significant accomplishment. The YSN takes pride in preparing competent, compassionate nurses who are equipped to make a positive impact in the healthcare field. With a curriculum focused on evidence-based practice, clinical experience, and holistic care, the School continues to produce graduates who excel in their profession.

As the Yancey School of Nursing celebrates its 100% first-time NCLEX pass rate, it reaffirms its commitment to excellence in nursing education and its dedication to shaping the future of healthcare through its graduates.



SCHOOL OF BUSINESS & LEADERSHIP GIVING BACK

Jennifer McDavid demonstrates one-on-one attention to our students in the areas of accounting and economics. She often stays after classes until the library closes, offering tutoring services.

Dean Brand and several of our students worked closely with the Grayson Area Chamber of Commerce for their annual job fair held here on campus. We appreciate our partnership and connections with them.



KSE REACHES OUT TO LOCAL STUDENTS IN “AMAZING RACE”

Students in the Keeran School of Education recently completed an “Amazing Race” at East Carter (KY) Middle School. Middle school math education majors in their Problem Solving for Teachers Course developed mathematical tasks based upon Kentucky Academic Standards. The Race consisted of students working in teams to accurately complete a mathematical challenge and then a physical challenge. Once both pieces were finished, the students had to race off to find the next randomly assigned workstation. The first team to finish all 10 stations won the race. KCU teacher candidates oversaw each station and monitored student progress. Everyone involved agreed it was a great way to emphasize and practice mathematical skills while providing a fun atmosphere.



KCU & UK KING’S DAUGHTERS ANNOUNCE NEW MINISTRY INTERNSHIP PARTNERSHIP

The Keeran School of Bible and Ministry (KSBM) is pleased to announce that it has entered into an arrangement with the Pastoral Care Department at UK King’s Daughters to offer internship placements in pastoral care and chaplaincy to interested students. As needs in both ministry and higher education continue to fluctuate, this arrangement provides students pursuing the AA in Ministry and the BA/BS in Bible and Ministry with an emphasis in either Christian Leadership or Pastoral Care with an innovative way to complete their internship requirement within the hospital context.

Students pursuing the BA/BS in Bible and Ministry with a different emphasis who are interested in completing their internship requirement through this arrangement may petition to do so. “As a former chaplain in both trauma and rural contexts, ministry in contexts like hospitals, prisons, and the military is often challenging yet rewarding. Also, ministry in these formerly niche areas is becoming more and more mainstream. The skills learned in a pastoral care internship will not only prepare one for clinical practice and professional chaplaincy but also for work in the local congregation,” said Dr. Rob O’Lynn, Associate Professor of Preaching and Ministry at KCU and the KSBM’s fieldwork coordinator.



Students completing their internship requirement through this arrangement will spend either 10 weeks (AA) or 6 months (BA/BS) working alongside the chaplaincy staff and pastoral care volunteers at King’s Daughters. Students will gain experience in traditional areas of pastoral care such as medical/surgical, intensive care, pediatrics, and oncology, while also gaining experience in more specialized areas such as mental health and palliative care. Students will also spend time at off-property facilities, such as King’s Daughters Ironton and the Kingsbrook Center.

“Knowing that there are not a lot of intern opportunities for ministry students outside of the congregational setting, King’s Daughters is excited to team with KCU,” said Jason Caudill, the Pastoral Care Supervisor at King’s Daughters. “This will allow us to offer an amazing opportunity for students to learn in a fast-paced environment much needed skills for both chaplaincy and pastoral ministry. This experience will help transform the student’s perspective on ministry both outside and inside the walls of the church.”

For more information about the internship program at KCU or this new partnership, please contact Dr. O’Lynn at 606-474-3220 or rolynn@kcu.edu.



JAKE RATLIFF IS NEW CAMPUS MINISTER

Jake Ratliff has assumed the role of KCU's new campus minister. With a strong background in church ministry and a passion for mentoring young leaders, Ratliff is poised to make a significant impact on the next generation of students at KCU.

A familiar face on campus, Ratliff is no stranger to the KCU community. Having graduated from KCU in 2012, he has maintained close ties with the University over the years. Ratliff's dedication to serving others led him to Highland Christian Church in Mason County, (KY) where he served faithfully before joining Tollesboro Christian Church in Lewis County (KY) as their Worship and Young Adult Minister. For over a decade, Ratliff has been instrumental in nurturing the spiritual growth of the congregation.

Beyond his church ministry, Ratliff is the founder and leader of Hunt for the Gospel, a thriving ministry that combines his passion for hunting with mentoring young men. Through this initiative, Ratliff has provided countless individuals with the opportunity to be mentored while sharing their love for the outdoors. Additionally, he serves on the board at Sugarloaf Christian Camp, further demonstrating his commitment to fostering spiritual development in various settings.



Ratliff's connection to KCU extends beyond his previous studies. He has frequently visited campus, volunteering his time to lead worship

in chapel and working closely with the Worship Collective students. His enthusiasm and dedication have left a lasting impression on the KCU community, making him an ideal candidate for the role of campus minister.

Originally from Decatur, Indiana, Ratliff is married to Lela Jordan Ratliff, a proud native of Grayson. Together, they have three children – Emelia, Kathryn, and Wylie. Lela is part of the Lusby legacy – being the great-granddaughter of KCU's first President, J.W. Lusby and granddaughter of J. Lowell Lusby, KCU's second President.

As Ratliff embarks on this new chapter in his ministry journey, he is filled with excitement and anticipation. He is eager to pour into the lives of KCU students, equipping them to become the next generation of Christian leaders. With his infectious enthusiasm and deep-rooted faith, Ratliff is poised to make a lasting impact on the KCU community.

"I never thought I would be back at KCU but ministry is a wild ride, and God surprised me with this stop. Being here brings me much joy and nostalgia. I know God has me back here for a reason. I'm excited to help the rest of the staff build up our students, and help equip them to lead others to Christ."

CAMPUS MINISTRY GRAD ASSISTANTS FILL KEY ROLE



**Isaiah
Jones**



**Cherish
Eckert**



**Shawn
Mountcastle**



**Ethan
Gossage**

The KCU Ministry Graduate Assistant Program began in January 2022 with two graduate assistants serving. As of this semester, we have added an additional two, allowing our campus ministry team to be full and vibrant among campus. Having only one campus minister here at KCU, it is nearly impossible to connect and build relationships with all of our students, faculty and staff. However, with the help of our graduate assistants, the voids in campus ministry are being filled. Our team is doing outreach and discipleship throughout many areas on campus – Chapel, the dorms, athletic teams, Life Groups, student activities and more. Our campus ministry team now has a diverse group of young adults who are eager to do ministry and learn how to use their spiritual gifts. They can easily relate to students in a way that our faculty and staff cannot and we have noticeably seen the difference that can make. It's been a great honor to not only lead this group, but also to serve alongside them as well. We are excited about what God has already done in our midst and what He is going to do as we continue to serve our KCU family in His name.



THE NEXT CHAPTER

The KCU Worship Collective, birthed by Jamie Coates in 2018, followed by the leadership of Emily Wolfe, has a new director at the helm. Mike Cochran is now leading the 40+ students in the Worship Collective. Mike has been a musician most of his life, having sung in church at an early age, and holds a Music Education degree from Marshall University. Prior to coming to KCU, Mike taught elementary school music.

In addition to his role here at KCU, Mike is involved in local church ministry as the Creative Arts Director at reGeneration Church in Huntington, WV. He also tours and records with contemporary Christian band, Render the Hearts.

Earlier this fall, outside clinicians were brought in for a time of intensive training for both musicians and vocalists. The Worship Collective is a group of servant-leaders who lead the campus in God-glorifying worship during chapel services and special events.

Mike says, "My heart is to help take Worship Collective to the next level. The hearts of the students are in tune with the Holy Spirit and I am honored to be able to serve alongside them!"



Mike Cochran leads the Worship Collective during a rehearsal

Campus



Students enjoy new pickleball court on the newly renovated Sport Court



Special prayer and worship time



Volleyball team pauses for prayer before road trip



New roofs added to KCU apartments



Students enjoy our new 9-hole disc golf course on campus



Snapshot



Bass Fishing devotion time at the cross



Exclusive showing of movie "I Can" which features KCU softball player Katelyn Pavey (center)



Suicide Prevention Walk and lighting of luminary bags



BASEBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

During the spring, the KCU Baseball field was renamed Members Choice Credit Union Field. It has been getting a face lift ever since.

New projects to improve the field have included:

- Putting a “batter’s eye” behind the fence in centerfield to allow hitters to better see the ball and block out the view of the road
- An entirely new infield surface, including new grass as well as basepath dirt which has allowed the infield to have a more consistent bounce while allowing for additional drainage
- A new 28-foot custom scoreboard in right centerfield
- A covering on the batting cages
- Adding lighting that will allow student athletes to hit in the evenings after sundown.

We are grateful for the partnership with Members Choice to facilitate these needed improvements to our baseball complex.



NAIA CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER

Kentucky Christian University was named a Five Star Award Winner for 2022-2023 from the NAIA. The Gold award means they had a perfect score of 100%!

171 member institutions were named Champions of Character Five-Star Award winners for 2022-23. Champions of Character must demonstrate the Five Core Values of the NAIA.

- Integrity
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Servant Leadership
- Sportsmanship

To be considered, institutions are measured on a demonstrated commitment to Champions of Character and earn points in character training, conduct in competition, academic focus, character recognition and character promotion. Institutions earned points based on exceptional student-athlete grade point averages and by having minimal to no ejections during competition throughout the course of the academic year.



Scholarship Gifts

Andrea Damron Scholarship

Oak Grove Church of Christ,
Grayson, KY

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Grayson, KY

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Grayson, KY

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Grayson, KY

Dr. Lewis Snyder Scholarship

Gary Bradford

Eggleton Scholarship

M/M Paul Eggleton

Erby & Lorraine Messimer Scholarship

Wendell Messimer

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KCU Alumni Endowed Scholarship

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KCU Scholarship

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Sherri Carter
M/M Vernon Darryl Charles
Roosevelt O. Fenelus
William Rousey
Dr. James F. Sapp
Rowena Johnson Walker

Dr. Keith P. Keeran Scholarship

Raceland Christian Church,
Raceland, KY

Majel Lusby Kelley Memorial Scholarship for Education Majors

M/M Raymond Zavala

Scholarship-Undesignated

Adena Road Church of Christ,
Chillicothe, OH

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Louisville, KY

Southland Mfg Company Scholarship

Jerrilyn Dyer

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Fairmount Christian Church,
Mechanicsville, VA

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Scott Eynon

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Madelyn Carroll

Mr. Raymond Burton

Dr. & Mrs. Keith P. Keeran

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Mary Dungan

Richard & Nany O'Dell Hostetter

M/M Rod Huron

Ms. Alice Morgan

M/M Francis Nash

Dr. Donald A. Nash

Hope Wozniak Graves

Dr. Rosalyn Ruffner

R. L. Brown
Jim Davis
Jerrilyn Dyer
Dr. & Dr. Robert Alvis Ford
Dr. & Mrs. Keith P. Keeran
Erin M. Smith

Dr. & Mrs. L. Palmer Young

M/M Wallace L. Rendel

Estate Gifts

Estate of William & Frances Kindelberger

Estate of Vera L. Mushrush

Estate of Carl Spaulding

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Homecoming '23

"This is always my favorite week-end of the year. It doesn't matter what year you attended. Everyone comes together to share old memories and make new ones. Through KCU, I have friends who extend across the United States and around the world, and they've become like family. I'm blessed to live and work here everyday, and I love when others come back home. Go Knights!"

– Vicky Madden, Class of '12 & '20



Homecoming 2024 September 27-29



ICOM 2023

November, 16-18
Oklahoma City, OK



We always love connecting with our alumni during events like the International Conference on Missions. Plan to stop by our booth (624) and say hello.

Alumni & Friends Reception

Friday, November 17

8:30-9:30pm

Ballroom B

Oklahoma City Convention Center

INDY ALUMNI GATHERING

We had a great group of alumni gather at Hummel Park in Plainfield, Indiana in July. More than 50 alumni came together for food and fellowship. It was a beautiful day and a great time was had by all who attended. We hope to do it again in the Indianapolis area in the summer of 2025. We attempt to do a Regional Alumni Gathering a couple of times each year. If you would like to help host a gathering in your area please reach out to Doug Martin at jd martin@kcu.edu.



ALUMNI MEN RETURN FOR SPIRITED SOCCER MATCH

Seventeen former KCU men's soccer players made their way back to campus to participate in the annual alumni game. The team included grads from 2003 through 2023.

Congratulations to the alumni squad for their victory over the 2023-24 team.

CLASS NOTES...



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Knight Weddings

Luke and **Jenna (Heller) ('19) Melloh** on June 3, 2023

1 **Trenton and Kelsey (McCord) ('18) Barrett** on June 3, 2023

2 **Caden ('20) and Jascie Stephens** on June 3, 2023

3 **Adrian ('16) and Sarah Serhal** on June 24, 2023

4 **Cole ('21) and Olivia (Barrett) ('21) Gilliland** on July 14, 2023

5 **Shawn and Emily (Brackob) ('23) Collins** on July 30, 2023

Knight News

Scott Meadows ('86 & '23) recently left Sadieville Christian Church after a 13-year ministry to become the minister at Dobson Church of Christ in Dobson, NC.

Caroline (George) Berry ('23) graduated from KCU's biology program and has been accepted into the Mary Baldwin University Physician's Assistant Program.

Matt Miller ('20) graduated from Fire/EMT school in July 2023.

Chris McQuiston ('19) had the honor of joining Julia Schmidt on stage during the Ark Encounter Festival in Williamstown, KY. This was during a 40 days and nights of music in August.

Kylie (Rice) Claunch, D.O., ('16) has been added to the hospitalist team at UK King's Daughters in Ashland, KY.

Ashley Tharp, APRN, has been working at King's Daughters Medical Center since 2006 in various roles. Ashley is now providing services through the inpatient Wellness Recovery program at KDMC.

Brooke (Menix) Holley, APRN-CNP ('07) opened Main Street Medical Clinic in Grayson, KY in August of this year.

Peyton Baskins ('22) has accepted the position of Youth Minister at Kenwood Heights Christian Church, Louisville, KY.

Alex Idle ('12) has transitioned from Associate Minister to Senior Minister at Kenwood Heights Christian Church, Louisville, KY.

Jamie Preece ('93) graduated from the Corrections Academy as part of his job as the Chaplain at Little Sandy Correctional Facility, Sandy Hook, KY.

Knights We'll Miss

Pauline M. Horner ('88), Teacher Education K-4, July 27, 2023

Ronald R. Crowe ('88), Bible, July 5, 2023

Richard Hostetter ('57), Bible, July 9, 2023

Daniel Lewczuk ('98), Business Administration, August 2, 2023

Dr. Rosalyn Ruffner Faculty in the School of Education (1984-2005), August 9, 2023

Stephen Sanford Faust (attd '74 - '75), August 18, 2023

Teresa M. Snelling (attd '82 - '83), August 22, 2023

Jody Kelso Ellett ('98), Teacher Ed K-4, September 9, 2023

Future Knights

Archer Allen, son of **Cody ('17) and Sarah (Grindrod) (attd '16-'17) Sabol** on June 3, 2023

Aurora Zee, daughter of **Caleb ('16) and Amelia Mackey** on June 20, 2023

Kennedy Monroe, daughter of **Kyle ('16) and Samantha Combs** on July 8, 2023

Samuel Charles, son of **Jake ('15) and Molly (Metcalf) ('13 & '17) Allen** on July 12, 2023

Josiah, son of **Chris ('11) and Stephanie (Prather) ('12 & '19) Belcher** on July 21, 2023

Barrett Matthias, son of Samuel and **Olivia (Cremeans) Riddle ('19)** on August 25, 2023

Judah Jones, son of **Trevor ('16) and Abigail (Clay) Marshall ('15)** on August 31, 2023



Archer



Aurora



Kennedy



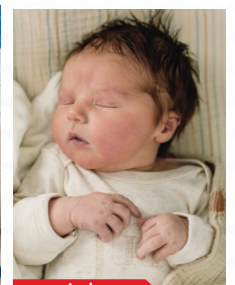
Samuel



Josiah



Barrett



Judah

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

MELISSA SHERIDAN:

BRINGING JOY THROUGH FILM & MUSIC

Melissa (Shick) Sheridan graduated from KCU in 2007. Today she is a wife, mother and an accomplished songwriter, screenwriter and a film collaborator. Along with all of that, Melissa also has a job with Nashville Youth for Christ working with teen moms, incarcerated youth, and students in the community. To say we are proud of all Melissa is doing would be an understatement. But Melissa would tell you that her journey has not always been easy.

Melissa's college career had a challenging beginning that culminated with a change in her major. In her sophomore year, she changed her major from Music to Humanities, Arts & Sciences. The decision to make the change was painful. She loved music. But in hindsight, Melissa now sees how God was directing her path.

In the Humanities program, she was introduced to the world of film. Former KCU Professor Dr. Charlie Starr helped open her eyes to how she could pursue her love for music in film. As a student she had the opportunity to participate in films that were produced on campus. These experiences would set the course for her life.

Melissa said, "My creativity, and my passion for film and music blossomed in the Humanities program. After graduating from KCU, I moved to Nashville with my husband. I carved out time for creative



writing while working full time. Most of what I wrote lived in my phone, sitting on digital shelves, and seemed to never see the light of day."

During the years of 2008-2011 Melissa dealt with a serious illness that nearly took her life. She was not able to walk, work or play the guitar. She lost her ability to be creative. It was a difficult season of life. But God remained faithful. She said, "in these desert years, God

sharpened my faith." As she recovered she was able to go back to work. She took a job with Nashville Youth for Christ and continued to write. And God blessed her efforts.



"My children were born, and the joy of seeing them be creative inspired me to keep creating. I got a song placement in Skipstone Pictures, "FREDI," on Netflix. I got the opportunity to read new projects they were working on and have songs in Skipstone Pictures "Max Winslow and The House of Secrets," on Amazon Prime, "Saved By Grace," on Pureflix, and most recently I wrote 11 songs for "God's Country Song," a Pureflix original. My incredibly talented husband, Andy Sheridan, who also attended KCU, produced all of the songs. I was overjoyed to see something on paper come to life on the big screen through amazing performances by Justin Gaston, Drew Baldrige, Kat Harville, Nora Collins and Coffey Anderson. I had some amazing co-writers on a few of the songs (Kat Harville, Drew Baldrige, Danielle Johnson, Amy Benton, Ryan Fine, Regan Stewart, and Ben Williams).

Over the years, my love for screenwriting and music collided. I wrote a Christmas movie musical and a live action animated screenplay with my friend Amy Traurig. These scripts went on to win a handful of film festivals. Most recently, I filmed a proof of concept for the Christmas movie musical and am now raising support to make this film. I just finished writing another feature screenplay. God is moving and working in the music/film industry and I am so thankful for the opportunity to lean in and listen to what God wants me to do next!"

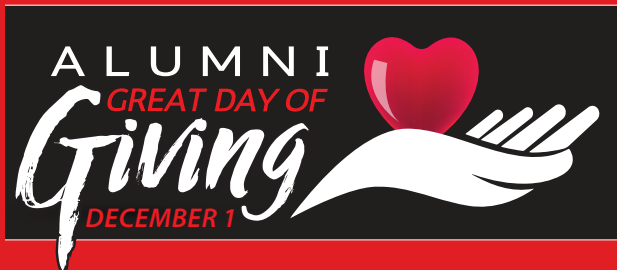
At KCU, Melissa got an education, found her husband and engaged in an unexpected journey. Melissa says that her time at KCU was a joy! Through her creative talent, she is bringing joy to others.

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As KCU alumni, we know that we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us. The things in life we have been fortunate to accomplish only happened because of the help of others. We all owe a debt to others.

This year we will have the opportunity to pay that debt forward to the next generation of KCU Knights.

On Founder's Day (December 1) we are calling on all KCU alumni to give for the **Alumni Great Day of Giving**. Your one time gift on that day will go into the KCU Endowed Scholarship program to help future Knights as they embark on their journey to become World Changers.



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Together we can pay it forward for the next generation of KCU Knights. We are stronger together!



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**DAVID BENNETT
FOR 28 YEARS**



GRAPHIC DESIGN DIRECTOR ■ PHOTOGRAPHER

David Bennett has been the man behind the scenes at KCU for over 28 years producing posters, vehicle graphics, building signage, marketing materials, t-shirts, digital graphics, *The Voice*, and so much more. He's not always behind the scenes. You've likely had your picture taken by him if you have participated in extracurricular groups at KCU, attended a KCU event, or ever been on campus as he always seems to have a camera in hand.

With October 13, 2023 marking the beginning of his next chapter, this issue of *The Voice* is Dave's final issue. We're grateful for the tremendous work he has done over the years and the impact he has made at Kentucky Christian University. We will miss having him on campus, but we wish him all the best as he begins his retirement. Thank you for 28 years of service, Dave!