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Giving Back

COUNTERCULTURAL INVESTING

The Joy of Giving Back

by President Jeff Metcalf, Ed.D.

The KCU campus is full of investors. Perhaps when you hear that term you immediately conjure up an image of a computer screen filled with stock market data and trend charts as someone diligently attempts to make sound decisions that will result in a tidy profit. Or maybe you imagine someone who is seeking to couple their money and resources with someone who has a fledgling company or prescient idea. Like the stock trader, this “angel investor” has eyes on the financial reward for finding just the right investment opportunity. While certainly these are the types of investors students in KCU’s excellent School of Business might learn about, the KCU campus brims with investors of a different ilk, those for whom personal return or enrichment is not the end goal of their investment. They are investors in the Christ-centered mission of KCU!

One of the most timeless of truths is that investing in others for something besides personal gain will reap rewards that satisfy the soul. It is a paradox of sorts. We work, struggle and strive for the material things of this world, buying into the cultural cliché that making progress toward an unattainable standard will somehow lead to “happiness.” Walter Slezak had it right when he said we are “spending money we don’t have for things we don’t need to impress people we don’t like!”¹

One of the real privileges of working in the dynamic and multi-faceted educational ministry of KCU is coming alongside those who want to be investors; not the sort looking for a financial reward but, rather, actively investing in the place that uniquely advances the kingdom of Christ across the globe from its home in tiny Grayson, KY. There are those who invest in this place because they sense the same desire to serve—it wells up from the same reservoir of the soul—as Mother Teresa, the woman who dedicated her life to working with India’s poor, who is often quoted as saying:

At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by ‘I was hungry and you gave me food to eat, I was naked and you clothed me, I was homeless and you took me in.’ Hungry not only for bread — but hungry for love. Naked not only for clothing — but naked for human dignity and respect. Homeless not only for want of a room of bricks — but homeless because of rejection.

¹ LOOK magazine, Vol. 21 number 14 (July 9, 1957) p. 10

MEET SOME KCU INVESTORS

"Jeff, could you use some help at KCU if Judy and I move to Grayson?" asked Ernie Miller (*Class of '62*) one day in 2016. "We are living a great retired life in Florida—beautiful house, great weather, a wonderful community—but we don't want to just sit here and rust, we want to serve the Lord and give back to the place that gave so much to us."

Following that fateful conversation, Ernie and Judy sold their beautiful house (to the first person that looked at it on the first day it was for sale) and moved to Grayson where they quickly became integral parts of the campus community. In addition to helping with campus upkeep (it



Ernie & Judy Miller

is not unusual to find Ernie and Judy on their knees weeding flower beds), Judy volunteers in Young Library while Ernie assists in the Church Relations office. Their decision to invest their time and energy in this ministry puts wind in our sails!



Billy (*Class of '73*) and Sally Essick are also active investors at KCU. Every April, like clockwork, their RV arrives on campus and they "report for duty" for six weeks or so with our maintenance department. Billy and Sally are quite a skilled team and they tackle many carpentry and painting projects while on campus. While the quality and amount of important work they do is certainly



appreciated, their humble willingness to work side-by-side with KCU staff provides encouragement that remains long after their RV disappears down I-64.

These are but two of the many, many examples of selfless investors who dot the sacred acres of KCU and who make important contributions that enable the college to engage in transformational Christian education. They stand as examples of those who have come to understand one of life's great paradoxes: the greatest reward comes from the act of giving.



Billy & Sally Essick

Campus Spotlight

KNIGHTS AT THE ROUNDTABLE

This May, 26 of our online MSN, Family Nurse Practitioner students made a visit to campus for the first annual "Knights at the Round Table" event. This event was intended as a meeting of the minds, helping students prepare for their upcoming clinical rotations. The first cohort of MSN students began their 528 clinical hours in May with plans to graduate this December. During the event, students reviewed im-



portant assessment techniques and simulated advanced practice procedures such as suturing, skin biopsies, and incision and drainage. Students enjoyed the chance to develop their clinical skills as well as the time of fellowship and encouragement in the middle of a challenging graduate program. Special focus was made on the students' dependence on God and ways to use Nursing as a ministry. Students reported, "The faculty could not have been more perfect. This event helped to make our graduate program very special," and "I feel blessed to attend a Christian university with such a firm foundation."

UPCOMING EVENTS



Preaching Roundtable

October 3
Bob Russell, Speaker

Grandparent's Day

October 3
Bob Russell, Speaker

Minister Appreciation Luncheon

October 10
Drew Sherman, Speaker



Homecoming

October 27-29

YANCEY SCHOOL OF NURSING CONDUCTS WHITE COAT & PINNING CEREMONIES



Rachel Lorenz, Nursing class of 2011 delivers address for Pinning Ceremony

During YSN's White Coat Ceremony in January, sophomore nursing students were cloaked by faculty and took an oath of professionalism, marking their entrance into clinical practice.

The YSN Pinning Ceremony in May commemorated the graduates transition from nursing student to professional nurse as graduates and were honored with a unique KCU nursing pin.



DRS. FIENSY AND COATES RETIRE FROM ACTIVE TEACHING

One of the blessings and strengths of Kentucky Christian University is the number of faculty members who serve on our faculty for extended careers. Two of the University's longest-serving faculty members retired in May 2017, although both are going to continue to teach on a part-time basis.



Dr. Darrell Coates retired from his position as Professor of Mathematics, having joined the faculty in 1988. Dr. Coates served on KCU's faculty for 29 years.

Dr. David Fiensy served as Professor of Biblical Studies and Dean of the Graduate School of Bible and Ministry. His tenure at KCU began in 1980, although he left the University in 1987 and then returned to serve from 1995 until his retirement, for a total of 29 years.



Oversight of KCU's graduate programs in Bible and Ministry will move to Dr. Robert O'Lynn.

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PREACHING ROUNDTABLE
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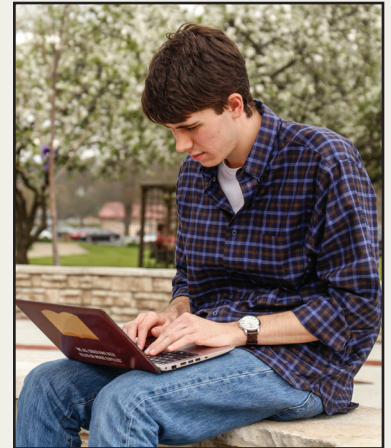
FEATURED SPEAKER
BOB RUSSELL

In October 2017, we will host our fifth annual Preaching Roundtable with Bob Russell as our speaker. Bob will speak on the topic *"Preaching for the Long Haul!"*

Contact Dr. Rob O'Lynn, Director of Graduate Bible Programs and workshop host, for more information (rolynn@kcu.edu).

SENIOR STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN "NEXT GENERATION PREACHER SEARCH"

In February 2017, Samuel Guy, a senior Advanced Biblical Studies and Bible and Ministry major, participated in a two-day "Next Generation Preacher Search" workshop at Pepperdine University. The Next Gen Preacher Search is a unique outreach to young Christian students designed to encourage and inspire towards the ministry of God's Word.



Sam was chosen as one of twelve participants from hundreds across the country who submitted video applications. He spent the two days studying under some of the nation's leading preachers and missionaries. Sam is known throughout the KCU campus as an excellent student, emerging scholar and engaging preacher.

HONORING PROFESSOR TOM GEMEINHART

Thomas James Gemeinhart, January 25, 1932 – September 26, 2016
– Professor Emeritus, actor, train collector, statistician for high school



football, basketball, and baseball, historian and lover of the Word of God. Mr. G. had great influence on several generations who sat in his classes. He was a tough, regimented, no-nonsense professor who wanted to bring out the best in every one of his students.

To say that he loved missions would be an understatement. He breathed missions! He collected and preserved every single missionary letter, newsletter and magazine that came his way. He would use that

information to share with his students the impact that the gospel was having on our world and the valuable need for more missionaries to take up the call.

Doug Lucas, class of 1979, wrote in a special Facebook tribute last year before Mr. G died: "There is one and only one reason I'm serving for the 35th year in mission work: the bible study in the first 9 weeks of Mr. G's Principles and Methods of Missions Class. There are 300 plus full-time workers in Team Expansion today. Together, God has worked through them and our national partners to baptize over 18,000 souls in more than 40 countries. Thank you, Mr. G. for bringing truth and clarity to the Great Commission. May all these 18,000 souls give thanks to God for you."

Russell Johnson, class of 1977, wrote: "What a blessing to generations of Christian leaders. Donald Nash, Mr. G., Dick Damron and a host of others...only in heaven do we see the full reach of their Harvest."

We will never fully comprehend the impact that Mr. G. had on missions but we do know that literally 1000's of souls will be in heaven because of Mr. G's influence on students who rose up to the challenge and took up the call.



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to the Second Largest
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Commencement
CLASS OF 2017



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Loran Dace,
Giving Back
to the place he loves dearly

Loran Dace and his wife Cokie came to Kentucky Christian in the late 1950's where Loran worked as a professor of Bible, Psychology, Physical Education and Dean of Men for 13 years. He also ministered at the Aills Christian Church near Vanceburg, KY during his tenure at the school. Loran was perhaps best known on the campus as "Coach", a title he warmly cherishes today. He earned this title by serving 11 years as the Men's Basketball head coach where he led the basketball teams to four tournament championships at the annual Lincoln Christian University Invitational. Coach and Cokie lived in an apartment in Jones Hall, where they were in close touch with the lives of the students on campus.

Coach has been a contributor to the University for years. One of the ways he has contributed is through a gift annuity. Here is what he says about the opportunity: "I am delighted to have taken part years ago with the undertaking of a gift annuity. The annuity provided the school with immediate funds while giving me a little bit of help to supplement my income."

So often he would endorse the quarterly annuity check back to the school. Coach shared with us that he never wanted for anything even though he never made \$40,000

a year in salary. "God always provided both the necessities and the luxuries. Just take a look at my cars I have owned – Mustangs and Camaros through the years and now a Chevy convertible, and a 2016 Lincoln. You can't out give Him. And he continues to take care of me in so many wonderful ways in my later years of life and my fight with cancer. He provides my medicine, machines and other health items."



Coach also wanted the alumni and friends to know this: "Love people, preach the Word and support your efforts with prayer. And no matter what the score says – if you don't give your best even if you win, you are still losers. So no matter what the score says, if you have given it your best, then you are winners."

"It is a joy and a privilege to give back to KCU. My 13 years at the school was the biggest joy of my life."

We cannot thank Coach Dace enough for his generosity. He has been an outstanding ambassador for the school. Coach's love and support will leave a legacy and continue to help us prepare students for Kingdom work.

Here are two ways you too can Give Back to Kentucky Christian University:

GIFT ANNUITY

An annuity is an agreement between an individual and a charity, such as KCU. The donor transfers assets to a charity and receives fixed payments, a lifetime annuity, for the rest of his or her lifetime and/or the lifetime of another person if desired.

A Gift Annuity offers you a way to support causes in which you believe while benefiting from:

- Lifetime payments
- Management of assets
- Tax savings
- Favorable treatment of capital gains

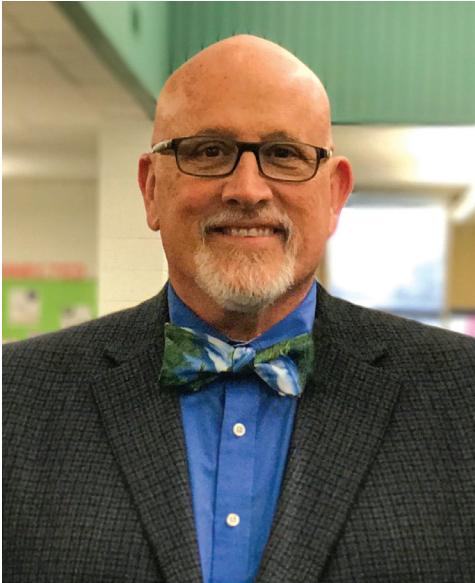
The amount of fixed payments into an annuity is based on your life expectancy. The older you are, the higher the payment. Annuity payments can start right away or after you retire. Assets used to create an annuity can be cash, real estate or securities.

ESTATE PLANNING: GIFTS FROM YOUR WILL OR TRUST

A simple designation in your will or trust will not affect your cash flow during your lifetime and it's easy to revoke if your situation changes. Charitable bequests are made through a will, a legal document specifying how an individual's property is to be distributed after death. Some donors use a revocable (or "living") trust as their estate document instead of a will. A distribution from a revocable trust works the same as a bequest under a will to deliver a gift to KCU and it produces the same tax consequences for you, the donor. Presently we have many alumni and friends who have opted to leave a gift to KCU using estate planning.

If you have questions about either of these two development opportunities or various other ways to contribute to KCU, please don't hesitate to call the Development Office.

JEFF GREENE NAMED DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT



By Jeff Greene

It is hard for me to believe but six and ½ years ago I was honored to become the new Director of Church Relations for my alma mater. Within nine months, I was given the additional responsibility of the duties of the Director of Alumni. In June of this year, I accepted the responsibility of Director of Development incorporating Alumni and Church Relations with the general outreach of fundraising. I am excited about the opportunity and approach the duties with prayer and humility. There is absolutely no way that I can do this alone. I need the ever presence of Almighty God and the wonderful support of people around me.

When I first arrived at KCU, I had to look up the definition of development. What does it mean in the context of a university? Simply put, development is about raising awareness of the opportunities and needs of KCU. It is about establishing relationships with alumni and friends who will invest prayer, time and money into the daily operations of the school. It is also about the financial security of our school for future generations. This school exists because of the incredible faith, generosity, and determination of those who came before us and will continue into the future with people like you and me stepping up and sharing that same passion and love.

SPENCER CHRISTIAN CHURCH: THE BLESSINGS OF A COVENANT CHURCH PARTNERSHIP



by Jeff Greene, Director of Development

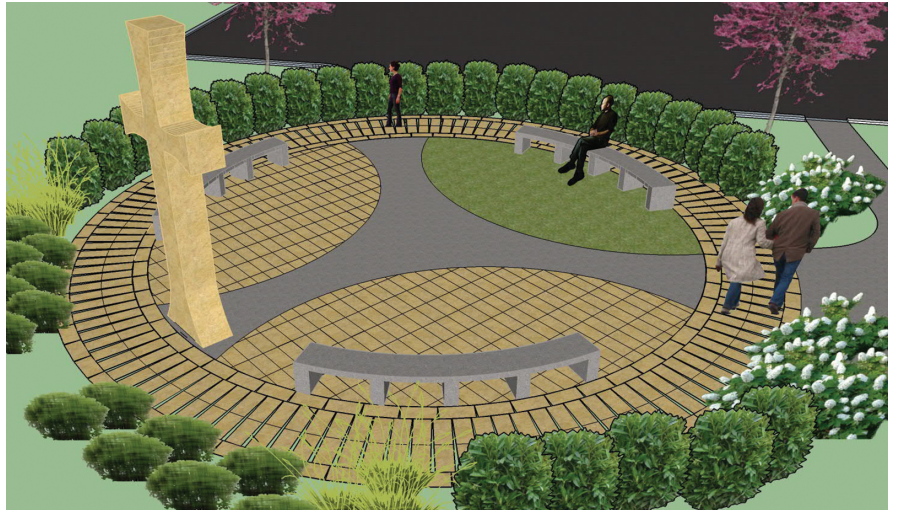
I have the privilege of working with a number of KCU's supporting congregations that participate in our Covenant Church Program. One of those churches is Spencer Christian Church in Fisherville, KY. Doug Martin is the Senior Minister and he and his wife, Jill, are from the class of 1991. Their three children, Jesse, Hannah & Bethany, are also KCU graduates. Here is what Doug shared with us concerning their covenant partnership with KCU:

"We have sent 13 students to KCU over the past 10 years. Being a covenant church has been a tremendous blessing to our students and their families. These students have been able to receive an excellent education built on a strong Christian foundation. Five of our graduates have continued in full-time Christian service. We are very proud of all of our KCU students as they carry their witness for Christ into the workplace, the community, and the Church. Partnering with KCU as a Covenant Church has helped to shape our Church culture and made a Christian secondary education a viable option for our families."



To learn how your church can become a part of the Covenant Church Program, please go to www.kcu.edu/church-relations or contact Jeff Greene at 606-474-3298 or jgreene@kcu.edu.

MARTHA LUSBY JORDAN PRAYER & MEMORIAL GARDEN BEING CONSTRUCTED



One of the exciting construction projects occurring in 2017 is the development of a beautiful new area for prayer and remembrance. Praying and actively remembering those who have gone before us are hallmarks of faithful Christians and this addition to campus will encourage both.

This project is made even more meaningful because of its namesake, Martha Lusby Jordan, the granddaughter of KCU's founder, J.W. Lusby, and daughter of KCU's president of 40 years, J. Lowell Lusby. Martha passed away after a long battle with cancer in 2016 and her friend Tammy Nischan, wife of Dr. Tim Nischan, Dean of KCU's School of Business,, cast a vision for creating an area dedicated to that which Martha was most passionate about – prayer!

At about the same time KCU alums Scott (*Class of '59*) and Alice Kaye Rawlings made a generous offer to provide gorgeous stone pavers hewn from stone quarried in the Jerusalem area of Israel. As can be seen in the conceptual drawing above, these "Jerusalem stones" are a key feature of the prayer and memorial garden.

Is there someone you would like to memorialize through a gift to the educational ministry of KCU? Your gift toward this special project can purchase a beautiful Jerusalem stone engraved to honor your loved one and stand as a lasting memorial on the campus of KCU.

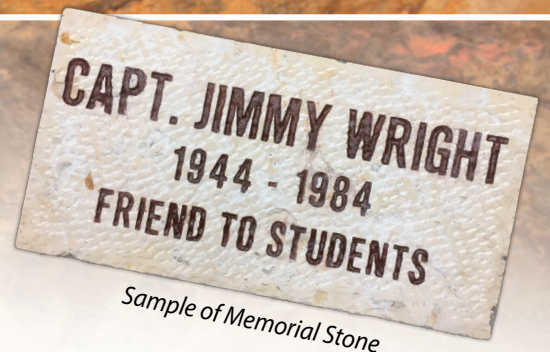
Memorial Stone Program

The Memorial Stone Program allows our alumni and friends an opportunity to purchase a stone in the memory of a loved one. The stone will have a prominent place on our campus that will be seen by students, faculty, staff and visitors alike. We would love to see our alumni take advantage of donating a stone on behalf of a fellow alumnus who made an impact on our world for Christ. By purchasing a stone, you will not only honor someone, but you will be investing in the lives of students at KCU.

A Memorial Stone donation of \$1,000.00 can be made by check, credit or debit card or in monthly installments up to 12 months.

Engraved on the stone will be the name of the person you are honoring along with the date of their birth and passing. You may also include a 5-8 word tribute to your loved one.

To participate in the program simply go to www.kcu.edu/memorialstones and fill out the online form or fill out the form at right and return it to the address listed.



Name _____

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Full name of the person you wish to honor _____

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Five to eight word tribute: _____

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100 Academic Parkway • Grayson, Kentucky 41143



ATHLETICS

by Bruce Dixon, KCU Athletic Director

BASEBALL RETURNS TO KCU

It has been 23 years since Kentucky Christian University has fielded a varsity-level baseball team. Beginning with the 2017-18 academic year, KCU will once again take to the diamond. Chris Hensley has been hired to revive the program. Hensley, an Ashland, KY native, is a KCU graduate ('88) and three-year starter for the Knights during his years on campus. Construction is currently underway to recreate an on-campus diamond.



ARCHERY HONORS

Briley Hearrin and Nick Trdina competed at the USCAA National Indoor Archery Championship (NV) and both brought home individual honors. On her way to the Gold medal, Hearrin went 6-0 in individual elimination rounds to come out the reigning Women's National Champion in the Barebow division. In that same tournament, Trdina took the Bronze medal and was recognized at the World Cup Finals after finishing 5-1 in the worldwide recognized recurve division!



MEN'S & WOMEN'S
GOLF

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VICKY MADDEN TO LEAD CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAM

KCU alum and current administrative assistant to Dr. Jeff Metcalf, Vicky Madden, has been named to the head coaching position of both men's and women's cross country. Coach Madden graduated with a degree in high school education (Social Studies/Biblical Studies) and has coached track and field at that level.



She returned to her alma mater and her current position in 2014. KCU athletic director, Bruce Dixon had this to say, "Coach Madden knows how to prepare runners and will be a tremendous asset to our athletic department. I look for her to gain tremendous recruiting traction in our region now that she will have a full recruiting cycle at her disposal." Welcome Vicky.

POST SEASON SUCCESSES FOR BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL

Men's Basketball

The 7th seeded Knights' men's basketball team made an improbable return to the NCCAA II national championship game for the first time since they last won the title in 1999 only to fall short of the championship by a 76-90 loss to Randle University (OK).

Hayden Dunn (Jr; Lucasville, OH) was named First Team All-American after being named the Midwest Region's MVP. He and Owens Crawford (Fr, Augusta, KY) were honored by being named to the 2017 All-Tournament team.

Women's Basketball

The #2 seed, Lady Knights, entered the national tournament with the goal of ending their five-year title drought. KCU validated their seeding by making it to the championship game only to lose to the #1 seed, Arlington Baptist University (TX) 70-89.

Faith Conn (Jr; Morehead, KY) was named First Team All-American and was also one of two finalists for the Game Plan for Life Award. Conn and Lexie Gilliland (So; Portsmouth, OH) were named to the All-Tournament team.

Women's Volleyball

The 2016 VolleyKnights returned to the NCCAA II final four only to lose to the eventual national champion Maranatha Baptist University 0-3 (19-25,21-25,13-25) in the national semi-finals.

Reilly Hack (So; Salem, OR) was tabbed a First Team All-American and Mackenzie Rigney (Sr; Ripon, CA) garnered Second Team All-American honors. Head Coach Bruce Dixon was named the 2016 Coach of the Year.

COACH COREY FIPPS; ADVANCING THE MISSION THROUGH ATHLETICS

We will be seeing a new face on the football field this fall – Head Coach Corey Fipps. Coach Fipps recently sat down with us and gave us a little bit of background on his career in football and how it led him to begin his walk with Christ. He also discussed how this is reflected in his goals for his players, the team, and the mission of KCU.

Coach Fipps graduated from Maxwell High School in northern California in 1988. He played football at the community college level and eventually was given a recruitment visit to Harding University. He said, "I knew the first day of chapel that this was different than anything I had ever experienced before." Coach Fipps stated that the first difference he noticed was that his coaches had a

different type of relationship with the athletes, their families, their friends, and their co-workers. They created an environment that allowed players to ask spiritual questions. This was important. His first day of Bible class challenged everything that he knew in his moral and spiritual life up to that point. Having a safe place to ask questions was an important part of his faith process which led to his baptism in 2001. Coach Fipps emphasized, "That place and that moment were transformational."

KCU's mission to engage students in a transformative educational experience that equips them as effective Christian professionals in the church and society is mirrored in Corey Fipps' own personal experience. His goal for his players has three components. Coach Fipps wants each player to know Christ for the first time or at a deeper level; wants each player to know that they are playing in a Christian football organization; and wants each player to know that they are playing for and representing a Christian University. By striving to fulfill this goal, he will also be fulfilling the mission of KCU that will have lifelong impact on the Christian walk of his athletes.

Coach Fipps closed by saying that the coaches and his fellow teammates at Harding University were a support group for him as he began his career as a player. Those same people have continued to be a support group of Christian men in his life. He wants to see his players develop the same relationships in their time at KCU so that through all of their lives they will have a support group of Christian men available to them.

Good luck to Coach Fipps and his players this season in all of their endeavors both on and off the field!





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Speaker – Andrew Bondurant - Class of 2012

Friday Evening Banquet (6:00 pm)

Speaker – Donald Damron - Class of 1990

Saturday Morning Tailgate (11:00 am)

Saturday Football Game (1:30 pm)

KCU Knights vs CCU Eagles

Sunday Morning Worship (10:00 am in Nash Chapel)

Online Registration begins August 15



AlumniGames

Saturday, August 26

- 11:00 am - Women's Volleyball
- 1:30 pm - Knights' Football game
- 4:30 pm - Women's Soccer followed by Men's Soccer



Each alumni playing in the Alumni Games will receive a free ticket to the first football game of the season when the Knights take on the Faulkner University Eagles.

ALUMNIFIRE

Alumnifire, the first digital networking platform powered by alumni, has partnered with Kentucky Christian University to unlock real world career opportunities and outcomes from Kentucky Christian's outstanding alumni network.

Our KCU website has had a strong job placement platform for vocational ministers for several years. We have been searching for an opportunity to do the same for non-ministerial grads. We have found that with Alumnifire.

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

ALLISON THWING USES KCU EDUCATION IN CAMBODIA

Imagine you woke up this morning inside a 10 by 10 foot wooden dwelling. After making rice porridge for the seven family members who live with you, your family begins making rice papers to sell to the local restaurant. You receive \$1 for every 100 rice papers you make. Hopefully you can make 900 rice papers today. You need to pay school fees, buy food and business supplies for tomorrow, and buy new clothes for your children. However, it is raining today, so the rice papers will not dry as quickly. As you begin making the rice papers, you worry about your mother. She usually helps with the business, but she has been sick for the past two weeks. You took her to the local witch doctor last week but it didn't help. She is having nightmares about the times she was sick during the Khmer Rouge regime when she was a child.

Sadly, this story is all too common in Cambodia. Even after so many years, the aftermath of the Khmer Rouge regime, along with continued corruption and political struggles, has caused widespread effects. Some of these include lack of access to good health care, poverty, and a lack of educated professionals in the country.

Currently, I am serving with Team Expansion as a nurse at Mercy Medical Center (MMC) in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Mercy Medical Center seeks to proclaim the gospel, provide quality health care, prepare future medical professionals, and partner with local organizations.

Every summer growing up, I attended Week of Missions at Winema Christian Camp near the Oregon coast with my family. Through the influence of that camp, I wanted to go overseas as a nurse. That led me to attend KCU in the fall of 2007. I wanted to study nursing at a Christian college so I could be a missionary nurse in Southeast Asia. Now, six years after my graduation from the KCU Yancey School of Nursing in 2011, I am doing just that.



I have learned so many things during the past six months I have lived in Cambodia. Every day, I learn something new about myself, nursing, the country of Cambodia, God, and the things God is doing through His people around the world. At the clinic, I listen to the Cambodian nurses talk with patients, provide care for the those who come to the clinic, and share about Jesus. In addition, I am mentoring the 15 nurses who work at MMC by building relationships with them and teaching medical English, critical thinking, and simple nursing lessons. God is omniscient, powerful, perfect, and loving. The unique way God gifted me and the situations

that I experienced during my schooling at KCU and while working in the United States prepared me for my service in Cambodia.

In addition to working at the clinic, I am helping lead my church small group here in Phnom Penh. I have also been building relationships with 4 young women who work at a local restaurant. I have had several conversations about Jesus with them. I am hoping to start studying the Bible with one of them soon.

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STUDENTS SERVE THROUGH MISSION TRIPS

MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA



Robin's Nest Children's Home in Montego Bay, Jamaica is home to over 35 orphaned, abandoned and needy children. It was also the place of service for six of

our KCU students who chose to become the hands and feet of Christ. Professor David Messer, who leads the trip each year, stated: "Our Social Work Program sponsors trips to Robin's Nest Children's Home each year. This is always a special time for our students to share their love, their faith, their spiritual gifts and to apply what they have learned in the classroom to serve in whatever capacity they need us to serve."

Students go on this journey with the sole intention of personally investing in the lives of the children and the staff who are with the children 24 hours a day. The students come alongside the workers and provide respite and support. At 4:30 a.m. our students are up already with the babies, providing basic care, feeding the children, preparing them for school, helping them with homework, doing laundry, cooking meals, tucking them in at night and saying prayers as they fall to sleep. On Sundays you will find them leading worship, singing with the children and spending time reading and mentoring children. The students learn life stories of the national workers, praying with them and ministering to them as well.



This annual journey is just another sign that God is at work in the lives of our students. Their passion to serve, minister and use the knowledge, values, and skills learned at KCU is evidence that Christ, Character and Career are lived out at home and abroad.

NORTHERN IRELAND

During Spring Break 2017, ten students and two staff members traveled to Northern Ireland. The group stayed in Murlough House, in Dundrum, Northern Ireland. From here the students worked with two churches in Cough and Seaforde. Prayer walks, door to door calling, and meeting with the locals were just part of the highlights.



Time was spent visiting castles, Giant's Causeway, and other landmarks. One of the best parts of the trip was spending St. Patrick's Day in Down Cathedral and Downpatrick, home of St. Patrick. The trip stretched each member of the group and plans are being made to return next year.

LOUISVILLE, KY

This past April, KCU Campus Minister Larry Marshall took a small group of students to spend the day with Todd & Angela Keane, directors of Endeavor Ministries. The group saw first hand their work with the refugee community in Louisville, KY. The group is pictured here with a family that was forced to flee from Iraq.

