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A newsletter for alumni & friends of King University

THE E-TORNADO

Persevering Impressively in Crisis

We interviewed multiple students about their experience navigating virtual learning in the spring and coming back to campus in the fall. These testimonies highlighted the ability of our students to persevere through crisis. King University has always been known for its caring Christian community with outstanding faculty and staff. We are sure you can relate to the sentiments shared by these students, and would have expected nothing less of the King experience, even during these extraordinary times.

As we are in the midst of the 2020-21 school year, please support these students with your gifts to scholarships. The future is bright as we prepare the next generation of Christian servant leaders. Please click on the button below to make your donation today.

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"I was on the Israel trip and it got cut short because of the pandemic, but it was an awesome experience while I was there. One of the best experiences of my life!

It was a little challenging finishing the semester online. It took self discipline to stay focused, but for the most part it wasn't too difficult to complete.

I'm excited to be back to in person classes, to see my family on campus, to be back to the family atmosphere and to be back with the faculty and staff. They are like mother and father figures to me at King."

Kiayana Roberts
Criminal Justice/Psychology
Graduating December 2020
Crestview, Florida

Coach Shaw Virtual Meet & Greet

You're invited to join us for a virtual meet-and-

VIRTUAL MEET & GREET



SEPT. 22

6 p.m.

Registration
Required



New Head Women's Soccer Coach
PAUL SHAW

greet event with new Women's Head Soccer Coach, Paul Shaw, **TOMORROW**, September 22nd at 6:00 pm. Paul looks forward to sharing about his vision for the program and to have an opportunity to have an open exchange with alumni online.

The virtual event will take place via Microsoft Teams. Registration is required to participate. **[Click here to place your registration](#)** today. We look forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Alumni Spotlight - David & Ellen Ross



David and Ellen Ross both graduated from King College in 1957. They met at King, started dating their junior year, and were married the year following graduation. Both have always felt a call to missions, specifically through campus ministry. After going through seminary and working a few years in the United States, David and Ellen took a leap of faith and moved to Korea. They were in Korea for 25 years working with college students. David fondly remembered those years and said they often referred to their home as “Ellen’s open refrigerator” as students were in and out enjoying fellowship with one another.

After leaving Korea, they worked alongside immigrant children and university students in New York City while dreaming up plans to start their own training center for young

missionaries. This dream led them to Seattle where they opened the discipleship training center where countless young missionaries have been provided the tools to develop a passion for a life of service to God.

When reminiscing about their time at King, setting the foundation for their lives, David stated “King helped us learn to never be bored and it opened our eyes to the larger world. Although it was a small place in a small location, it had a worldwide biblical focus. It was a real launching pad that sent us off.” David and Ellen believe this pandemic is not a time to step backward but an opportunity for the “greater things” that Jesus promises to those who follow him. David has been teaching young people in Asia, Africa, and Madagascar via Zoom.

They are also working online by

networking with European Christians who are working for the unification of Korea and they recently completed a networking seminar in Switzerland with representatives from seven nations. David and Ellen have spent their lives working with young people on campuses and it all started while they were two young students themselves at King College in the fifties.



David is currently writing his fourth book and Ellen just completed her book "A Journey to Joy." David and Ellen, thank you for being an example that the best days are always ahead of us, King University is proud to call you both alums.

U.S. News Ranks King University as One of the Best in the South

King University Named One of the Best Regional Universities in the South - Ranked 3rd Among Its Peers in U.S. News' Best Value Schools. King ranked 3rd on the publication's list of Best Value Schools for Regional Universities in the South, and also achieved top rankings among the Best Regional Universities, Best Colleges for Veterans, and Top Performers on Social Mobility categories in the South. [Click here](#) to read the full story, what an honor!



Fall Phonathon

The annual Fall Phonathon is right around the corner. If you receive a call in the evening from a Bristol, Tennessee number through the days of September 28th - October 15th please answer to speak with one of our eager phonathon callers. The students are excited to talk with alumni of the University. The photo below is from the spring where callers only participated in one week of the phonathon due to COVID-19. This time, students will be wearing masks and social distancing while they make calls. Thank you for your encouragement during this time.



(Pre-COVID-19 photo from 2019)

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."
Romans 12:21



"When you give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed." Maya Angelou

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faces of our students!

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