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A newsletter for alumni & friends of King University

THE E-TORNADO

2021 Virtual Dogwood Homecoming

DOGWOOD HOMECOMING 2021 @ HOME

Please mark your calendars and save the date for Dogwood at Home on April 16-17, 2021. Unfortunately, we do not feel that an on-campus gathering is safe at this time, we are excited to announce many exciting and interactive virtual events including class reunions. If you are from the class of '60, '61, '65, '66, '70, '71, '75, '76, '80, '81, '85, '86, '90, '91, '95, '96, '00, '01, '05, '06, '10, '11, '15, '16 and you are interested in helping to host a virtual reunion please contact Jenna Christie at jmchristie@king.edu. Please be on the lookout for more information about Dogwood at home in the coming weeks.

Coach Brown Virtual Meet and Greet

You're invited to join us for a virtual meet-and-greet event with the Men's Head Wrestling Coach, Deral Brown, on January 21st 6:00 pm. Deral looks forward to sharing about his vision for the program and to have an opportunity to have an open exchange with alumni online.

VIRTUAL MEET & GREET



JAN. 21
6 p.m.
*Registration
Required*

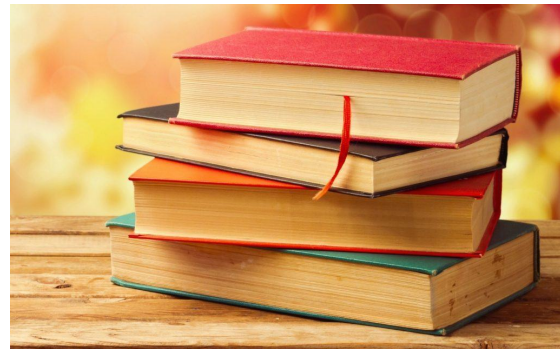


Men's Wrestling Coach
DERAL BROWN

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 on January 21st.

List of King Alumni Authors

Are you a published author or know of any King alumni who are? We are looking to compile this particular achievement on the alumni page on the website. Please respond to Alumni and Community Engagement Director, Jenna Christie at jmchristie@king.edu. We would like to know the details of your publication(s) so we can celebrate you and have this information stored for those interested.



Alumni Spotlight - Manolo Betancur

When Gov. Roy Cooper issued the order for all North Carolina restaurants and bars to close for dine-in customers last March because of COVID-19, the staff at Manolo's Bakery in Charlotte joined a long list of restaurant industry employees who suddenly found themselves without work. But Manolo's Bakery isn't your average small business, and its owner, Manuel Jose (Manolo) Betancur '04, isn't your average small business owner.

Manolo's is an award-winning



bakery that, in addition to selling directly to the public, supplies high-quality sweet and savory Latin American baked goods and desserts to dozens of stores, restaurants, and supermarkets across North Carolina and Virginia. Betancur is well-known in Charlotte not only for his delicious bread, cakes, and pastries, for his steadfast advocacy and generous support for refugees, immigrants, and people in need throughout the area.

Since 2005, he worked with dozens of community organizations providing free birthday cakes to Raise You Up Ministries, which serves the suffering. His bakery has touched many lives, including

those outside of Charlotte. He has made weekly excursions to the hills of North Carolina and to remote Christmas tree farms to feed migrant workers. He has also provided meals for children and families that have escaped an international crisis.

"The day we received the order from the governor's office was a very painful day. I couldn't sleep that night. I was praying 'God, this is on your shoulders, please give me strength to face this new situation.' I was more worried about all the families who depend on the bakery."

Manolo's story is highlighted in depth in the latest issue of the King Magazine on page 12. [**Click here**](#) to enjoy reading. Thank you Manolo for your unwavering faith in God and service to your community.

Save The Date - Give Day

KING UNIVERSITY GIVE DAY

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2.19.21

As we begin a new year please save the date for Give Day on February 19th. This is an excellent opportunity to come together in support as a King Community. More information to come.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

Isaiah 43:19



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

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