Join Us at the Rhythm & Roots Alumni Gathering

Bristol Rhythm & Roots Reunion music festival is right around the corner! This year, all tickets for the annual music festival must be purchased directly from the BR&RR office by clicking here. King alumni who are purchasing tickets can use the code ALUMNIKING25 to receive a discount. This discount can be applied when purchasing online with the link above or in person at the Birthplace of Country Music.

Alumni and their family members who are ticket holders are invited to join us on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 1-5 p.m. at our new location Kil'n Time (818 State Street) for our annual Rhythm & Roots event. Come as you can for yummy food, refreshments, and a chance to mingle with members of the King campus community. Click here to register for the Rhythm & Roots Alumni Gathering. We hope to see you there!

Click Here to Register

Rhythm & Roots Parking Fundraiser

All festival-goers know how difficult it is to find parking...
You're Invited to KingFest

You're invited to KingFest on Saturday, October 16th beginning at 12:00 p.m. The event is in conjunction with Family Weekend and includes fall-themed activities, NCAA sporting events, alumni gatherings, Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony, delicious food, and more!

Alumni, friends, faculty, staff, students, and the greater Bristol community are all invited to KingFest. Admission is FREE but registration is required. To register, click here.

Dear First-Year Student...

Students are back on campus and the fall semester is underway. Thank you to those of you who wrote a
letter to an incoming freshman. They will be greeted with your words of encouragement. For those interested, the letters were compiled and can be read here. Please join us in praying for a wonderful and healthy school year for all of our students.

Alumni Spotlight - Justin Vanhoy '18

The ability to combine divergent and convergent thinking to produce unique ideas and then turn those ideas into a product that people want and are willing to buy is quite rare. Most businesses fail within the first year. The really good ones, the innovative ones, they prosper. Justin had never intended to be an entrepreneur. He wasn’t particularly interested in business and knew nothing about dendrology (the study of trees), or xylology (the study of the structure of wood). After high school, he attended Virginia Highlands Community College and earned an associate degree in business before transferring to King to study Security and Intelligence with the intention of one day pursuing a career in the military.

But life happens, and along the way, Justin’s road deviated from the original path when he stumbled upon the world of woodworking. “It began as a hobby while I was at King,” Justin said “I have always been handy. Growing up our father encouraged us to fix things that broke or needed tending to around the house. If the oil needed to be changed on the car, for example, then we’d change our own.”

Justin began building furniture out of wood. He joined a Facebook woodworking group
He posted had submitted a picture of a table he’d done, and a lady messaged him. “I want something like that. Can you make me one?” She asked.

He built it for her, and his career more or less began. Justin began to research trees and wood, and the business of acquiring the wood that he wanted and once he had it, how to manipulate it to create the visions he had for his projects. He then formed his own company, Black Copper Woodworking [https://www.blackcopper.us/](https://www.blackcopper.us/).

To continue reading Justin's full story [click here](#).

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**Nominate Your Classmates for Alumni Awards**

We are now accepting nominations for the 2022 alumni awards. Award categories include Young Alumni Achievement Award, Legacy Award, Volunteer of the Year Award, Christian Service Award, and Distinguished Alumni Award. Award presentations will take place during Dogwood Homecoming Weekend in April and nominations are due January 31st. Click the button below to place your nomination today.

[Learn More](#)

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"And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord..."

**Colossians 1:9-10**

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

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