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A newsletter for alumni & friends of King University

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Join Us at KingFest - This Saturday



You are Invited
October 16, 2021

KingFest is in conjunction with Family Weekend and includes fall-themed activities, NCAA sporting events, delicious food, the Athletic Hall of Fame reception, and more. Alumni, friends, faculty, staff, students, and the greater Bristol community are all invited.

Register at king.edu/kingfest

For more info, contact Jenna Christie at 423.652.6399 or jmchristie@king.edu.

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Some of the events and activities include pumpkin painting, hayrides, balloon animals, axe throwing, pumpkin spice lattes, Bristol Berry Bowls, a delicious picnic lunch, cotton candy, popcorn, Men's & Women's soccer matches, Women's Volleyball, and alumni gatherings.

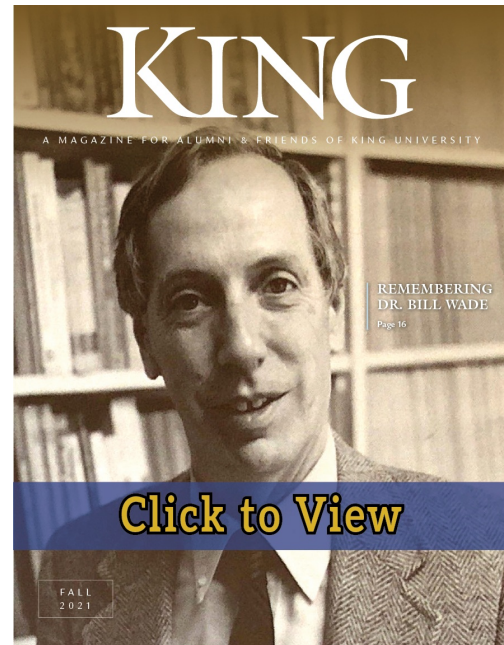
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[Click Here to Register](#)

The King Magazine is now Available Online

The most recent edition of the King Magazine is now available. In our effort to be fiscally prudent and budget-wise considering the financial implications of the pandemic, we are publishing the Fall 2021 edition of the *King Magazine* online. This issue is packed with stories about students, alumni, faculty, and staff who are using their gifts to move forward with the Kingdom of God. It is a wonderfully uplifting and enlightening edition. Included also is a message from President Alexander Whitaker about the transformative power of scholarship gifts.

[Click here](#) to view the magazine.



Fall Phonathon

Students are back on campus and the fall semester is well underway. We have twelve students who are calling alumni during the fall phonathon. The campaign began on October 4th and will run in the evenings through October 21st. If you receive a call from King during this time please answer as our students love to speak with alumni. The purpose of Phonathon is to raise funds for students. Thank you for your support!



October is Christian Higher Education Month

Christian Higher Education has played an important role in our lives and we are grateful for our fantastic education every day. That is why we are thrilled



to celebrate Christian Higher Education month in October. The Council for Christian Colleges and Universities published an important read titled **The Case for Christian Higher Education**. If your life has been benefited by your education at King please consider **making a gift** in October during Christian Higher Education month. Thank you for your support!

Alumni Spotlight - Kenneth McVey '13

Kenneth was born and raised in Richlands, Southwest Virginia. It is a small rural town situated along the Clinch River that became prosperous in the late 1800s because of the coal mining, ironworks plants, and timber business. Local officials even started calling it the “Pittsburgh of the South” until the 1893 stock market crash decimated the economy of the region. Kenneth liked the small-town life and dreamt of one day becoming a doctor for the good and hardworking people of Southwest Virginia.

By the time Kenneth reached high school, he was adamant about pursuing a career in medicine. “I knew then that I wanted to go into the medical field,” he said. Growing up, his aunt and uncle, Will and Rachel

McVey had both attended King. During family gatherings, they would talk about the school, and it planted the seed in Kenneth’s mind. When it was time to apply for college King was on Kenneth’s list. My first trip to the school was when I came to tour the campus. I really liked the beauty of the campus. I liked the size of the school, but it was the people that made me want to go. Everybody was so nice and welcoming, and I was impressed by how motivated they were to help everyone succeed,” Kenneth said.



“Another big factor for me choosing King was the high quality of the science program,” Kenneth said. Numerous students that have pursued medicine have commented on the excellent education they received at King. The science programs are challenging and

prepare undergraduates for medical school. Many say that medical school doesn't seem as tough as it might have had they had gone to another school with less difficult classes. Kenneth majored in Neuroscience. "There were two professors that I had where Neuroscience was their area of expertise. When I knew that a major was an option, I decided to pursue it. I was previously exposed to that field in anatomy and found that I really enjoyed it, and I wanted to do something that I knew I would enjoy," Kenneth said.

As a student at King, he lived on campus for three years. "It was a really good way to make friends. It was a good way to start my college career," he said.

After graduating, Kenneth was accepted into the Liberty University School of Medicine and today is a practicing family physician. "What I like best about the medical field are the patients and forming long-term relationships with them. I like being able to care for them over their entire lives," Kenneth said. Looking back on his experience at King. "King to me is a family environment that truly cares about the student and cares about their future."

Athletic News

Josh Booher led the King University men's cross country team with a personal record at the Royals Challenge in Charlotte. The Tornado finished 25th overall and 15th out of NCAA Division II schools. Chloe Wade brought home a 35th-place finish Friday evening to lead the Tornado at the Queen City Invite.

Go Tornado!



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"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."

1 John 4:15

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



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faces of our students!

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