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*Commencement Ceremony*  
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY OWENSBORO

## *Order of Exercises*

Commencement Ceremony  
Monday, May 19, 2014  
6:30 p.m.

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Processional                              | Darryl Dockery  |
| National Anthem                           | The WKU Redshirts   |
| Introductory Remarks                      | Dr. Gene Tice, Regional Chancellor<br>of WKU Owensboro  |
| Welcome                                   | Dr. Gene Tice   |
| Student Salutation                        | Christopher Smith   |
| Address                                   | Senator Joe Bowen   |
| Conferring of Degrees                     | Dr. Gene Tice   |
| Presentation of Candidates<br>for Degrees | Dr. Dennis George, Dean, University<br>College & Associate Provost for<br>Regional Higher Education |
| Congratulatory Remarks                    | Dr. Gene Tice   |
| College Heights                           | The WKU Redshirts   |
| Recessional                               | The WKU Redshirts   |

## *Recognition of Speakers and Vocalists*

### **SENATOR JOE BOWEN**

Joe Bowen (R-Owensboro) was elected to the Kentucky State Senate in 2010, representing the 8th District, which encompasses Daviess, Hancock, and McLean Counties. Prior to his election to the Senate, Senator Bowen served in the Kentucky House of Representatives from 2005 until 2006.

Senator Bowen currently serves as the chair of the State and Local Government Committee. He also serves as co-chair of the State Employee Pension Oversight Board. Senator Bowen is on the Education Committee; the Health and Welfare Committee; and the Natural Resources and Energy Committee.

Senator Bowen has served as chairman for the Owensboro YMCA Board and the Kentucky State Parks Foundation Board. He has also been a board member of the Owensboro, Daviess County Hospital Inc. Currently the Senator serves on the Board of Visitors of Kentucky Wesleyan College.

After graduating from Daviess County High School in 1968 he attend the University of Kentucky and graduated with a degree in Business Administration in 1972. Senator Bowen has long been an advocate of youth sports serving as both a coach and administrator for several youth sports organizations.

Joe Bowen was a long time small business owner. He and his family operated Bowen Tire founded by his father in 1949. Senator Bowen resides in Owensboro with his wife, Vicki. He is the father of two children, Adam and Joy, and the grandfather of five grandchildren.

### **CHRISTOPHER SMITH**

Christopher Smith is graduating with a Bachelors of Social Work. He began his education at Owensboro Community and Technical College in 2010, graduating in May 2012 with an Associate's Degree with High Distinction. Mr. Smith transferred to WKU Owensboro in the fall of 2012 to further his education. He is a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Golden Key International Honour Society and Psi Beta National Honor Society for Psychology. Mr. Smith was the recipient of the WKU Owensboro BSW Student of the Year award.

Mr. Smith is married and the father of three children. Prior to his college endeavors, he served in the military during the Gulf War and was a machinist in his previous career.

### **THE WKU REDSHIRTS**

The WKU Redshirts are the premier male vocal ensemble at Western Kentucky University. But that sounds too extravagant; these are a group of ambitious young men who love music, performance, hanging out with each other, and love to share their music with the community. The WKU Redshirts sing repertoire from Doo-wop, Standards, Contemporary, and Choral, to Musical Theater, Jazz and Pop. Their wide repertoire and performance capabilities are what makes this men's capella group so unique! These young men are continually seeking new ways to positively entertain as well as inspire young men to keep singing and expressing themselves.

## *Candidates for Graduate Degrees*

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Jennifer D. Alsmann.....  | Master of Social Work                               |
| Ashley N. Bidwell.....    | Master of Arts in Education, Counseling             |
| Jacob H. Bryant.....      | Master of Arts in Education, Middle Grade Education |
| Pamela J. Buchanan.....   | Master of Public Administration                     |
| Sarah A. Castlen.....     | Master of Arts in Education, School Counseling      |
| Cheryl J. Chandler.....   | Master of Public Administration                     |
| Daniel A. Clark.....      | Master of Arts in Sociology                         |
| Andrea M. Cundiff.....    | Master of Arts in Education, Elementary Education   |
| Ashley S. Davis.....      | Master of Social Work                               |
| Arielle M. Dayberry.....  | Master of Arts in Education, School Counseling      |
| Tiffany N. Donahue.....   | Master of Social Work                               |
| Kevin E. Dorth.....       | Master of Arts in History                           |
| Lauren R. Early.....      | Master of Arts in Education, Counseling             |
| Vicki S. Ellis.....       | Master of Public Administration                     |
| David C. Fuller.....      | Master of Business Administration, Professional     |
| Crystal L. Glover.....    | Master of Social Work                               |
| Joseph M. Guinto.....     | Master of Science in Biology                        |
| Daryl C. Hagan.....       | Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership       |
| Kristi S. Hayden.....     | Master of Arts in Education, School Counseling      |
| Crystal L. Heady.....     | Master of Science in Nursing                        |
| Joseph A. Howard.....     | Master of Public Administration                     |
| Stacey K. Howell.....     | Master of Public Administration                     |
| Danielle E. Hulsey.....   | Master of Arts in Psychology                        |
| Andrew J. Hutchinson..... | Master of Business Administration, Professional     |
| Holly S. Jackson.....     | Master of Arts in Education, Special Education      |
| Melissa D. Kimberlin..... | Master of Science in Nursing                        |
| Selena M. Krueger.....    | Master of Science in Nursing                        |
| Michelle R. Lynn.....     | Master of Business Administration, Professional     |
| Matthew D. Martin.....    | Master of Arts in Education, School Counseling      |
| Kristie M. McCarty.....   | Master of Arts in Education, School Counseling      |
| Therese M. Petzold.....   | Master of Social Work                               |
| Todd I. Petzold.....      | Master of Business Administration, Professional     |
| Edwina G. Pharis.....     | Master of Arts in Education, Elementary Education   |
| Lauren E. Sebastian.....  | Master of Arts in Education, Elementary Education   |
| Theresa M. Simpson.....   | Master of Arts in Education, Special Education      |
| Teresa K. Taylor.....     | Master of Business Administration, Professional     |
| Daniel A. White.....      | Master of Public Administration                     |

## *Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees*

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Brittany M. Allen*..... | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education |
| Sarah B. Babb.....      | Bachelor of Arts in Psychology              |
| Susan M. Babb.....      | Bachelor of Social Work                     |
| David S. Baize*.....    | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education |
| Reginald J. Baxter..... | Bachelor of Social Work                     |
| Mark W. Bemboom***..... | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management   |
| Joseph P. Bickett.....  | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies       |
| Courtney L. Biggs.....  | Bachelor of Science in Sport Management     |
| Robert C. Boarman.....  | Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering    |
| Ashley G. Bradshaw..... | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies       |

## *Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees*

|                                |  |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Jennifer G. Burch.....         | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management        |
| Kathy L. Carr.....             | Bachelor of Science in Nursing                   |
| Brooke N. Coffman.....         | Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Mathematics |
| Franah B. Cook.....            | Bachelor of Science in Nursing                   |
| Scott J. Cooksey.....          | Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies            |
| Londyn A. Craver.....          | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education      |
| Kyle D. Curtis*.....           | Bachelor of Science in Technology Management     |
| Roger E. Dame.....             | Bachelor of Science in Biology                   |
| Hannah M. Davis.....           | Bachelor of Science in Management                |
| Brittany L. Dickens.....       | Bachelor of Social Work                          |
| Taylor M. Dossett.....         | Bachelor of Arts in Psychology                   |
| Kayla R. Duncan.....           | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education      |
| Brittany M. Duvall.....        | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies            |
| Delnetta E. Edge.....          | Bachelor of Social Work                          |
| Kristen N. Englert**.....      | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education      |
| Amy M. Espinosa.....           | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies            |
| Chrystal L. Ferguson.....      | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management        |
| Matthew D. Fitzgerald*.....    | Bachelor of Arts in Psychology                   |
| Brandi M. Friedman.....        | Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences           |
| Kirsten L. Games.....          | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education      |
| Timothy L. Gates*.....         | Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies               |
| Brenna D. Gorman.....          | Bachelor of Social Work                          |
| Amanda L. Greenwell.....       | Bachelor of Social Work                          |
| Ray L. Hall.....               | Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education   |
| Christopher D. Hamilton**..... | Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies               |
| Matthew J. Harl.....           | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies            |
| Danuta T. Hatcher.....         | Bachelor of Science in Management                |
| Eric E. Hayden.....            | Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Mathematics |
| Christina M. Hays.....         | Bachelor of Social Work                          |
| Michelle A. Hickman.....       | Bachelor of Social Work                          |
| Lydia A. Houghland.....        | Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences           |
| Richard D. House.....          | Bachelor of Science in Management                |
| Bobby D. Howard.....           | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management        |
| Tiffany D. Howard.....         | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management        |
| Benjamin W. Huff.....          | Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies               |
| Michael J. Hunter.....         | Bachelor of Science in Biology                   |
| George W. Jackson.....         | Bachelor of Arts in Sociology                    |
| Tara L. Jackson.....           | Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences           |
| Joshua D. Jenkins.....         | Bachelor of Science in Management                |
| Gabrielle A. Jennex.....       | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education      |
| Zachary K. Johnson.....        | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management        |
| Cynthia L. Johnston.....       | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies            |
| Bernadette Kelly*.....         | Bachelor of Arts in Psychology                   |
| Amy E. Leach.....              | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies            |
| Pamela A. Lindsey.....         | Bachelor of Social Work                          |
| Sarah K. Long.....             | Bachelor of Arts in Psychology                   |
| Rocky R. Maddox.....           | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies            |
| Tyler C. Magan*.....           | Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies               |
| Haley M. Martin.....           | Bachelor of Arts in Psychology                   |
| Brittany E. Mattingly.....     | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies            |
| Andrew T. McCarty.....         | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management        |

## *Candidates for Undergraduate Degrees*

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Jennifer D. McCarvel.....     | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management              |
| Amber N. McGrew.....          | Bachelor of Social Work                                |
| Christopher L. Meadows.....   | Bachelor of Science in Sport Management                |
| Katie E. Millay.....          | Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences                 |
| Kelsey L. Millay.....         | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| Richard A. Miller.....        | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management              |
| Phillip T. Moore.....         | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies                  |
| Jamie M. Morris.....          | Bachelor of Science in Nursing                         |
| Michael D. Morris.....        | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies                  |
| Lacey B. Mosby.....           | Bachelor of Science in Family & Consumer Sciences      |
| Tina F. Mullen.....           | Bachelor of Science in Family & Consumer Sciences      |
| Kristina M. Music.....        | Bachelor of Science in Management                      |
| Kyle D. Naviaux.....          | Bachelor of Science in Business Informatics            |
| Joy Neff.....                 | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| Kendrea L. Nichols.....       | Bachelor of Science in Management                      |
| Neal B. Pagan.....            | Bachelor of Arts in Sociology                          |
| Evan K. Pedley.....           | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies                  |
| Virginia H. Phillips.....     | Bachelor of Science in Nursing                         |
| Erika R. Powers.....          | Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education         |
| Andrea L. Ramirez Carias..... | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| Tiffany R. Ridge.....         | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| Katelyn G. Roche.....         | Bachelor of Arts in Sociology                          |
| Lana M. Sahanic.....          | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies                  |
| Connie F. Scales.....         | Bachelor of Social Work                                |
| Brittany M. Schroader.....    | Bachelor of Science in Biology                         |
| Sarah E. Schwallie.....       | Bachelor of Science in Management                      |
| Brittany M. Shain.....        | Bachelor of Science in Management                      |
| Dylan R. Sharp.....           | Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Technology |
| Aarika M. Shartzter.....      | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management              |
| Kelly L. Simmons**.....       | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| Rebecca M. Simon.....         | Bachelor of Science in Management                      |
| JoVonna C. Smiley.....        | Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Mathematics       |
| Christopher A. Smith.....     | Bachelor of Social Work                                |
| Cindy M. Smith.....           | Bachelor of Science in Nursing                         |
| Christopher L. Sowders.....   | Bachelor of Science in Management                      |
| Ashley B. Stewart.....        | Bachelor of Science in Nursing                         |
| Dustin H. Stewart.....        | Bachelor of Science in Management                      |
| Daniel W. Summers.....        | Bachelor of Arts in Sociology                          |
| Jonathan D. Tanner.....       | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management              |
| Derrick A. Thomas.....        | Bachelor of Science in Management                      |
| Ryan S. Tooley.....           | Bachelor of Arts in History                            |
| Cynthia M. Waltz.....         | Bachelor of Science in Nursing                         |
| Lauren A. Watson.....         | Bachelor of Science in Management                      |
| Dennis C. Weaver.....         | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management              |
| Jared M. Wendt.....           | Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Mathematics       |
| Jessica N. Westerfield.....   | Bachelor of Science in Nursing                         |
| Rebecca M. Wheatley.....      | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management              |
| Marcus W. Willinger.....      | Bachelor of Science in Management                      |
| Brittany L. Wilson.....       | Bachelor of Science in Nursing                         |
| Courtney J. Wimmer.....       | Bachelor of Science in Management                      |
| Susan Ziegler.....            | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies                  |

## *Fall 2013 Degree Recipients*

|                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Samantha J. Aldridge.....       | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| Michael C. Alstott.....         | Master of Science in Biology                           |
| Brian S. Anderson.....          | Bachelor of Science in Nursing                         |
| Jody S. Ashby*.....             | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies                  |
| Angela D. Bates.....            | Bachelor of Arts in Psychology                         |
| Jeremy W. Bean.....             | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| Sarah E. Best.....              | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies                  |
| Justin C. Bickett.....          | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| Amanda J. Bozarth.....          | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management              |
| Pamela A. Calloway.....         | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies                  |
| Michael H. Carpenter.....       | Master of Arts in Education, Special Education         |
| Margaret A. Carter.....         | Master of Arts in Education, Elementary Education      |
| Christine E. Chinn.....         | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management              |
| Allie K. Cozart.....            | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| Christin L. Crabtree**.....     | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| Lucretia M. Curtis.....         | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies                  |
| Melissa L. Dauby*.....          | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| William A. Day.....             | Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Technology |
| Sonya L. Dayman.....            | Master of Science in Library Media Education           |
| Deborah K. Enoch.....           | Master of Science in Nursing                           |
| Joy L. Everly.....              | Master of Science in Nursing                           |
| Corey L. Gant.....              | Master of Public Administration                        |
| Catherine N. Guinto.....        | Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences                 |
| Eva E. Hall.....                | Bachelor of Arts in History                            |
| Marcus P. Harrison.....         | Master of Arts in Education, Elementary Education      |
| Glenn E. Hite.....              | Bachelor of Arts in Sociology                          |
| Cindy A. Hoffman.....           | Bachelor of Science in Nursing                         |
| Gary S. Honadle.....            | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management              |
| Joan M. Johnson-Sims.....       | Master of Science in Nursing                           |
| Lora J. King.....               | Master of Science in Library Media Education           |
| Ziza D. Kirk.....               | Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences                 |
| Kayla R. Leach*.....            | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| Heather D. Ledoux.....          | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies                  |
| Magan A. Lott.....              | Bachelor of Science in Management                      |
| Kortni L. Mattingly.....        | Master of Arts in Education, Elementary Education      |
| Abigail L. McGregor-Mullen..... | Master of Public Administration                        |
| Jonathan L. McIntosh.....       | Master of Arts in History                              |
| Michael C. McKeown.....         | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| Molly E. Mills.....             | Bachelor of Science in Management                      |
| Kristie R. Minton.....          | Master of Arts in Education, School Counseling         |
| Judy V. Norris.....             | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies                  |
| Kimbra L. Payne**.....          | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| Ward O. Pedley.....             | Bachelor of Science in Geography                       |
| Trevor B. Pierrard*.....        | Bachelor of Arts in Psychology                         |
| Krystal M. Porter.....          | Bachelor of Arts in Psychology                         |
| Brittany N. Richeson.....       | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management              |
| Pamala S. Roberts *.....        | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management              |
| Shawn J. Ross.....              | Master of Public Administration                        |
| Megan O. Sanchez.....           | Bachelor of Science in Systems Management              |
| Shelly R. Sapp.....             | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| Tyler C. Shields.....           | Bachelor of Science in Management                      |

## *Fall 2013 Degree Recipients*

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Jamie A. Simpson.....       | Master of Science in Nursing                           |
| Geoffrey W. Snyder*.....    | Bachelor of Science in Middle Grades Education         |
| Amanda F. Sosh.....         | Master of Arts in Education, Special Education         |
| Stephanie A. Taylor.....    | Master of Arts in Education, Adult Education           |
| Jennifer R. Tomblinson..... | Bachelor of Science in Nursing                         |
| Zachary L. Troutman.....    | Bachelor of Arts in History                            |
| Richard K. Wiand***.....    | Bachelor of Arts in Psychology                         |
| Aaron C. Williams*.....     | Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Technology |
| Brian Willoughby.....       | Bachelor of Science in Management                      |
| Emily R. Willoughby*.....   | Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education            |
| Casey L. Woodruff.....      | Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies                  |

## *Recognition of Academic Achievement*

Undergraduate students who maintain outstanding scholastic achievement are recognized at commencement according to the following designations and are indicated in this commencement program with the respective symbols. Determination of the honor status was based upon the academic record in existence at the beginning of the 2014 spring semester. The final determination of those who actually receive this recognition is made at the conclusion of the term in which degree requirements are met.

Further recognition of those who actually receive this recognition is made at the conclusion of the term in which all degree requirements are met.

**Cum Laude** - The honor given to students who have completed their baccalaureate studies with cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.40 - 3.59 and a minimum of 54 semester hours earned in residence (\*).

**Magna Cum Laude** - The honor given to students who have completed their baccalaureate studies with cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.60 - 3.79 and a minimum of 54 semester hours earned in residence (\*\*).

**Summa Cum Laude** - The honor given to students who have completed their baccalaureate studies with cumulative overall and cumulative WKU grade point averages of 3.80 - 4.00 and a minimum of 54 semester hours earned in residence (\*\*\*) .

## *Recognition Cords*

**Red, White & Blue** honor cords are worn by current military and veteran students, faculty and staff who participate in the commencement ceremony.

**Red & White** honor cords are worn by degree candidates who are potential academic honors recipients.

## *WKU Owensboro Advisory Council*

Michael Alvey  
Chairman, Kentucky Compensation Board

Stuart Augenstein  
Investment Consultant,  
Ross, Sinclair & Associates

Rodney Berry  
President, Public Life Foundation

Dr. Nicholas Brake  
Superintendent, Owensboro Public Schools

Keith Cain  
Sheriff, Daviess County Sheriff's Office

Dr. Bill Chandler  
Retired Superintendent,  
Owensboro Public Schools

Susan Cooper  
Director of Government Relations  
Executive Director, Daymar Foundation

Jason Curry  
Human Resources Manager,  
Century Aluminum of Kentucky

Kyle Estes  
Superintendent, Hancock County Schools

Deborah Fillman  
Public Health Director,  
Green River District Health Department

Reid Haire  
Former Judge Executive,  
Daviess County Fiscal Court

Millie Killian  
Farm Manager, Killian Farms

Dr. James Klauber  
President, Owensboro Community &  
Technical College

Dan Lanhan  
Director, GRITS Transportation

Al Mattingly  
Judge Executive,  
Daviess County Fiscal Court

Jim Mattingly  
Superintendent,  
Owensboro Catholic Schools

Mayor Ron Payne  
City of Owensboro

Ken Rasp  
Director, Owensboro Catholic Schools

David Roberts  
Staff Analyst,  
Southern Star Central Gas Pipeline

Forrest Roberts  
Former Regent, WKU Board of Regents

Gavin Roberts  
Insurance Agency Manager,  
Kentucky Farm Bureau

Owens Saylor  
Superintendent,  
Daviess County Public Schools

Steve Sharp  
President, Owensboro Federal Credit Union

Madison Silvert  
President, Greater Owensboro Economic  
Development Corporation

Jenny Stelmach  
Commodities Broker,  
Commodity Marketing Services

Mia Suter  
Chief Administrative Officer,  
Owensboro Health Regional Hospital

Daniel Tierney  
President-Elect,  
WKU Owensboro Alumni Chapter

## *WKU Owensboro Faculty*

Patricia Bertke  
Elementary Education

Dr. Chandrakanth Emani  
Biology

Pamela Janoski  
Elementary Education

Dr. Larry Owens  
Social Work

Catherine Rogier  
SKyTeach

George Rasmussen  
Management

## *WKU Owensboro Adjunct Faculty*

Amanda Blohm-Thompson  
Philosophy & Religion

Michael Boyd  
Management

Jason Curry  
Management

Lindy Deusner  
Social Work

Darryl Dockery  
Music

Dr. Linda Domerese  
Public Health

Rebecca Eggers  
History

Dr. Mike Farina  
Psychology

Dr. Roger Gardner  
Philosophy & Religion

Dr. Robert Glenn  
Communications

Judy Graves  
History

Jon Hancock  
Health Care Administration

Brian Howard  
Geography

Paul Kirtley  
Finance

Daniel Kuthy  
Political Science

Russ Lewis  
Psychology

Dr. Lee Maglinger  
Family & Consumer Sciences  
Public Health

Carol Mercer  
Literacy Facilitator

Leesa Moman  
Exceptional Education

Kathy Mowers  
Math

Dr. Lionel Phelps  
Psychology

Bob Purdy  
Sociology

Enid Roach  
Art

Ray Roth  
Psychology

Dr. Veena Sallan  
Biology

Allen Toy  
Psychology

Sherry Tyger  
Social Work

Dr. Donald Waltermire  
Philosophy & Religion

Dr. Joseph Yazvac  
Psychology

Thank you to the instructors from all WKU campuses who have contributed to the education of WKU Owensboro students.

## *History of WKU Owensboro*

Before Western Kentucky University was officially established in Owensboro, several classes were held the summer of 1969. There were 82 students enrolled in Education, Psychology, Sociology, Math, Economics, History, and Library Science classes. These classes were held on the Brescia University and Kentucky Wesleyan College campuses.

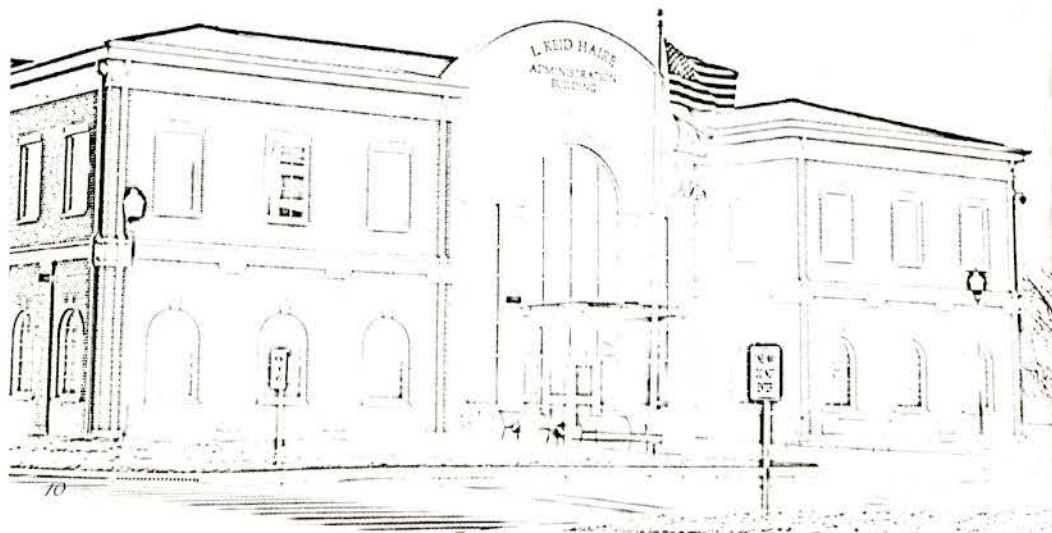
The WKU Owensboro campus was officially established on July 1, 1980. Graduate courses were offered on the Brescia and KWC campuses for approximately four years. Dr. George Overstreet was the campus director from 1980-1996. The WKU Owensboro offices moved to the Likens Building on Frederica Street.

The offices were then moved to the Longfellow Center, which was a converted elementary school. Classes were held at Owensboro High School for the next 23 years. A few classes were scheduled during these years at the Owensboro Community & Technical College main campus and downtown campus. Dr. Marilyn Brookman became the director in 1996 and retired in June 2007.

In March 2005, WKU and OCTC began an earnest partnership, which allowed area students to complete their associate degrees at OCTC and transfer easily to WKU Owensboro to complete their bachelor's degrees. WKU Owensboro moved to the OCTC campus, which made this partnership even more effective.

In July 2008, Dr. Gene Tice was appointed as the permanent director of the WKU Owensboro campus. In 2008, construction began on the first building of the new WKU Owensboro campus. For the first time in history, WKU Owensboro had its own facility. Daviess County bought the 28 acres on which WKU Owensboro resides. The building is 30,000 square feet containing 16 classrooms with the latest technology, an electronic library, computer lab, university book and apparel store, conference room, and a conference center.

The WKU Owensboro campus began with 82 students that met in only face-to-face classes. Today WKU Owensboro has more than 600 undergraduate and graduate students.



## *National Anthem*

### **THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER**

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air  
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there  
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave

## *WKU Alma Mater*

### **COLLEGE HEIGHTS**

College Heights, on hilltop fair,  
With beauty all thine own,  
Lovely jewel far more rare  
Than graces any throne!  
College Heights, we hail thee;  
We shall never fail thee  
Falter never, live forever,  
Hail! Hail! Hail!  
College Heights with living soul  
And purpose strong and true,  
Service ever is thy goal  
Thy spirit ever new  
College Heights, we hail thee;  
We shall never fail thee  
Falter never, live forever,  
Hail! Hail! Hail!  
College Heights thy noble life,  
Shall e'er our pattern be,  
Teaching us through joy and strife  
To love humanity.  
College Heights we hail thee,  
We shall never fail thee,  
Falter never, live forever,  
Hail! Hail! Hail!



## *WKU Alumni Association*

Congratulations to the Class of 2014 and welcome to the WKU Alumni Family. The WKU Alumni Association encourages alumni to develop strong ties with each other and the University through an engaging mix of programs and activities. Currently, more than 90,000 WKU alumni live around the globe. Although they come from different areas and backgrounds, all share the deep bond of the WKU experience. Chartered in 1913, the Alumni Association exists to "enhance and strengthen the WKU Spirit." The continued vitality of the Alumni Association depends on the commitment of time, energy, and resources from alumni like you.

### **MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES**

- WKU Alumni Association Decal
- 10% Discount on select Continuing Education Programs through DELO [wku.edu/delo](http://wku.edu/delo)
- 20% Discount on all regular priced WKU Apparel and Gift items at University Bookstore
- WKU Libraries Privileges
- Discount Admission to Select Alumni Association Events
- Pride in providing support that makes all the programs and services of the Alumni Association possible

### **SERVICES**

- Big Red Space Online Community
- WKU SPIRIT Magazine
- Newsletters
- Alumni Grant
- Scholarships
- WKU Welcome Wagon
- Career Services
- Alumni Record Updates
- Toll Free Number
- Email for Life
- [twitter.com/wkualumni](https://twitter.com/wkualumni)
- [facebook.com/wkualumni](https://facebook.com/wkualumni)

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- Alumni Chapters
- Alumni Association Board of Directors
- Annual Fund Advisory Council
- WKU Wisdom Alumni Mentoring Program
- Targeting Our Prospective Students (TOPS)
- Parent's Advisory Council

### **TOP 10 WAYS TO HELP WKU**

1. Keep us updated on your address, family and career.
2. Wear and display WKU merchandise.
3. Attend WKU events.
4. Make a gift to WKU.
5. Recruit a student for WKU.
6. Leave WKU as a beneficiary in your estate plan.
7. Serve as a mentor to a current student.
8. Lobby legislators about higher education issues.
9. Read WKU SPIRIT magazine and get involved.
10. Become a member of the WKU Alumni Association.

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