

College

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ment represents not only the hard work that our team did, but it also represents the steadfast commitment we have to equip our students for meaningful service and ministry,” Shoaff said.

The support and work which yielded the accreditation goes beyond that, Shoaff said.

“We also have a required Biblical Studies minor for every student at Kentucky Christian University,” he explained. “And so, my department touches every single department in the school because we teach every single student.”

Shoaff gave an example of a nursing student, who in addition to everything they learn in that program, would also be learning ministry and faith skills to employ as they go out and practice nursing. The same would hold true for students in business, education, or any other major.

“The benefit, I believe,

is that we continue to (send) missionaries out into the workforce,” Shoaff said.

“I would say that this is where Christ meets our Culture,” Shoaff continued. “Jesus in the Marketplace, not just at Church. It (the accreditation) provides our students with a higher level of accountability. And what we are teaching raises the bar.”

Shoaff said that as an evaluator he is always trying to find better ways to do things, and said that having an accountability partner with the ABHE helps the school stay in line with what they say they want to be.

“They will help make sure that we keep producing those Kingdom Students we say we want to produce,” he said.

This process and the successes yield great benefits for the students, Shoaff said.

“It also benefits our department and the institu-

tion at large, but the benefit to the students is the main focus,” he explained. “We are not only able to teach our students the importance of the Bible and of Biblical study, but we are also teaching them how ‘the rubber meets the road.’ We are teaching them what to do with the Biblical knowledge they have gained, and how to put it into practice.”

Shoaff said that he is glad that Kentucky Christian University is a practice based institution.

“We aren’t researched based, though we do require research from our students. But we are always asking the question, ‘Now that you have the knowledge and have done the research, how does it change your life and the lives of those around you?’,” Shoaff said.

“I think it is really important for the mission of Kentucky Christian University, and the Keeran School of Bible & Minis-

try, as we are putting out not only knowledgeable, credited, graduates out there in the ministry but we are putting people out there who on a practical basis know how to minister to people,” he added.

Shoaff said that the credit for the accreditation and so many other things belong to the great team of educators at KCU. He said the 2,000 pages written, compiled, and submitted for the accreditation could not have been possible without the help of so many members of the staff and faculty, especially Vicki Madden, Director of Institutional Assessment and Accreditation.

“She and I have been working on this for nearly two years. And we could not be more grateful to see it come to fruition.”

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Working Man

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me like, hey, you need to go see a urologist. Like, tomorrow.”

That phone call would be the start of a long, brutal road — biopsies, losing one of his testicles, lab results, and a diagnosis no one wants to hear.

“There’s like five kinds of them,” he said. “And I had four. Including a teratoma — a tumor that can grow teeth, hair, skin. Mine didn’t have those, but it had a rudimentary spine, lungs, limbs.”

One of those four types? Highly aggressive, highly prone to spread. Baltisberger spent eight hours a day in chemotherapy for over a week. Then once a week for the rest of the month. His immune system was wiped out.

His body stopped producing testosterone. Not just low — nonexistent.

“When it dips, I want to die,” he told me. At first, he tried weekly intramus-

cular injections. “Superman on Monday, weepy and wrecked by Friday.” He switched to long-acting pellet implants, but they triggered polycythemia — a condition where his blood got dangerously thick, spiking his risk for stroke or heart attack. The dose was lowered. The crash still came.

He stopped writing. Stopped sleeping. “I felt like I was dying in slow motion.”

And for nearly two months, he couldn’t get his doctor to return a call. Emails. Phone messages. Even his oncologist tried to reach them. Nothing.

Then, with his blood still dangerously out of whack and no treatment in place, the clinic casually called to schedule another surgery. Furious, Baltisberger demanded to be seen. Eventually, the doctor brought him in, apologized, and prescribed

an auto-injector — more expensive, but less dangerous. He got the first shot, and within hours, he felt like himself again.

And then came United Healthcare.

His doctor had prescribed the drug. It was working. But United said no. It wasn’t on their list of approved medications, and they weren’t going to pay. Never mind that it was keeping him functional, stable, alive.

Now Baltisberger — a working-class dad, husband, writer — has another bill to pay because an insurance algorithm flagged his humanity as optional.

When I asked how that felt, he didn’t say “angry.” Not first.

He said, “Despair.” “Yes, I’m angry. But more than that, it’s despair,” he told me. “When I’m out of testosterone, I’m worthless — not because anyone around me makes

me feel that way, but because I can’t do anything. I can’t accomplish anything. It’s not about, ‘Oh, I’m a man.’ It’s... ‘Am I even human if I can’t function?’ I was so weak, so low-energy, I didn’t have the will to do anything but feed my family and try to survive.”

And this man has a job. And insurance. And still got denied the basic ability to feel human — to rebuild himself after cancer — because some desk, somewhere, ran the numbers and decided he wasn’t worth it.

This isn’t just a broken system. It’s a profitable one — built to deny care until people break, and then to bill them for the privilege.

Your heart breaks for people just doing their best. But the system doesn’t. It counts on breaking them.

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Legislative update

FRANKFORT—As the 2025 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly concluded at the end of March, the final two legislative days were devoted to reviewing bills returned with

Senate Bill 19 required schools to observe a daily silent period and permitted students to be excused for “moral instruction.” Senate vote to override: 29 to 8

Senate Bill 25 amended laws related to the

Office of the Ombudsman, altered confidentiality standards, and changed how bills are delivered to the Governor. Senate vote to override: 31 to 6

Senate Bill 28 required the Cabinet for Economic Development to report to the Commissioner of Agriculture and excluded the Governor from certain board appointments. Senate vote to override: 32 to 6

Senate Bill 65 allowed the legislature to void administrative regulations and restricted agencies from refileing similar regulations for more than a year. Senate vote to override: 32 to 6

Senate Bill 84 required courts to interpret ambiguous laws or regulations against state agencies during legal challenges. Senate vote to override: 32 to 6

Senate Bill 89 redefined “state waters” to include only federally navigable waterways. Senate vote to override: 29 to 8

Senate Bill 183 prohibited the Kentucky Public Pensions Authority from considering certain factors when casting proxy votes on shareholder matters.

Senate vote to override: 31 to 7

Senate Bill 207 granted the Kentucky Board of Education authority to suspend enforcement of certain statutes and administrative regulations. Senate vote to override: 31 to 7

Senate Bill 245 changed the appointment process for the Fish and Wildlife Commission and removed the Governor’s role in reappointments not confirmed by the Senate. Senate vote to override: 32 to 6

House Bill 2 created retroactive tax refunds for gold purchases and allowed lawsuits against state officials in certain tax disputes. Senate vote to override: 31 to 6

House Bill 4 placed limits on diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs at Kentucky’s public colleges and universities. Senate vote to override: 32 to 6

House Bill 6 limited the governor’s authority to implement regulations and shifted certain administrative rulemaking functions to the legislature. Senate vote to override: 31 to 7

House Bill 90 defined a specific list of emergency conditions under which abortion could be performed. Senate vote to override: 31 to 7

House Bill 136 required the Department of Corrections to rebid its inmate communications contract before the current one expires. Senate vote to override: 32 to 6

House Bill 216 allowed employees of the Department of Agriculture to apply for grants and

loans issued by the same department. Senate vote to override: 32 to 6

House Bill 240 focused on kindergarten readiness standards and other early childhood education provisions. Senate vote to override: 32 to 6

House Bill 346 issued a refund of emissions fees to a single entity and reassigned the cost to utility ratepayers. Senate vote to override: 32 to 6

House Bill 398 prohibited the state from adopting workplace safety regulations, aligning the state with federal OSHA standards. Senate vote to override: 29 to 9

House Bill 399 created new criminal penalties regarding public disturbance and disorderly behavior. Senate vote to override: 31 to 7

House Bill 424 modified employment protections for faculty at public universities. Senate vote to override: 30 to 8

House Bill 495 nullified a previous executive order that banned the use of public funds for conversion therapy on minors. Senate vote to override: 31 to 6

House Bill 546 approved tolling language for the I-69 Ohio River Crossing project. Senate vote to override: 32 to 6

House Bill 552 created a bilateral trade board with legislative appointees. Senate vote to override: 33 to 4

House Bill 566 made changes to the state’s gaming oversight, including new roles and exemptions from specific ethics rules. Senate vote to override: 30 to 6

House Bill 684 re-

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PUBLIC NOTICES	
PUBLIC NOTICE KRS: 926.011 and KRS: 424.120 and 424.340	
Administration has been granted in the District Court of Carter County upon the following Fiduciary appointments.	ment February 18th, 2025.
Timothy Fultz, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Jennifer Fultz-Carson, 262 Beechmont Road, Morehead, KY 40351. Attorney for Estate, Ira S Kilburn, P O box 356 Salt Lick, KY 40371. Date of appointment January 9th, 2025.	Tony Hamilton, deceased, fiduciary. Administratrix, Tammy Johnson, 203 Highland Avenue, Georgetown, KY 40324. Attorney for Estate, Robert W Miller, P O box 357, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment February 27th, 2025.
Wilma J Hall, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Ramona Burchett, 408 West Main Street, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, W Jeffrey Scott, P O Box 608, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment January 15th, 2025.	Jewell T Fosson, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Lottie Jane Stevens, 777 Plantation Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Derrick Willis, 117 Hord Street, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment March 6th, 2025.
LaDonna “Donna” Verona Carter, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Rebeckah S Kratzenberg, 2930 East US Highway 60, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, R Jason Greer, P O Box 145, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment January 24th, 2025.	Keith E Burchett, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Tiffany Brooke Layne, 450 Eldridge Lane, Morehead, KY 40351. Attorney for Estate, W Jeffrey Scott, P O Box 608, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment March 5th, 2025.
Jackie Jo Rayburn, deceased, fiduciary. Administrator, William Joe Rayburn, 3499 St Hwy 2078, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Date of appointment January 27th, 2025.	James L Stephens Sr., deceased, fiduciary. Executor, Earl T Stephens, 100 Cremeans Drive, Russell, KY 41169. Attorney for Estate, Anna M Price, 325 8th Street, Huntington, WV 25701. Date of appointment February 25th, 2025.
Jimmy Lunsford, deceased, fiduciary. Administratrix, Penny Lunsford, 3292 Mocabee Creek Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Date of appointment January 28th, 2025.	Dale Curtis Morgan, deceased, fiduciary. Co-Executrix, Margaret Roark, 125 Carter Caves Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164 and Joletta Morgan, P O box 610, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Jason B Greene, P O Box 1480 Olive Hill, KY 41164. Date of appointment February 27th, 2025.
Sandra Cromer, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Kim Sturgill, 60 Madden Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Whitney Hill Bailey, P O Box 608, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment January 30th, 2025.	Glenna Ruth Wright, deceased, fiduciary. Administratrix, Kathym Rigney, 144 Ward Street, Hazard, KY 41701. Attorney for Estate, Whitney Hill Bailey, P O box 608, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment March 12th, 2025.
Joseph Scott Greenhill, deceased, fiduciary. Co-Administratrix, Elizabeth Greenhill and Grayce Greenhill, 6455 St Hwy 2, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Robert W Miller, P O Box 357, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment February 4th, 2025.	Robbie Lee Stone, deceased, fiduciary. Executor, Robin Messer, 567 State highway 1959, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Brandon Music, P O box 608, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment March 4th, 2025.
Daniel Jefferson Hall, deceased, fiduciary. Administrator, Charles J Hall, 610 Dry Fork Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Date of appointment March 5th, 2025.	Harold LeMaster, deceased, fiduciary. Administrator, Wylie Keith LeMaster, 214 Hillside Circle, Mansfield, OH 44907. Attorney for Estate, P O box 357, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment March 12th, 2025.
Hazel Christine Zornes, deceased, fiduciary. Executor, Gary Stephen Zornes, 17031 N State Highway 7, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, Matthew T Smith, P O Box 54654, Lexington, KY 40555. Date of appointment February 13th, 2025.	Paula Anita Jaynes, deceased, fiduciary. Executor, Charles Larry Jaynes Jr., P O Box 308, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, R Jason Greer, P O Box 145, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment March 7th, 2025.
Luther Ray Kiser, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Patricia Lester, 105 South Hill, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment February 17th, 2025.	Anita Lynn Shaw, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Nina Shaw, 721 Whispering Brook Trace, Lexington, KY 40509. Attorney for Estate, R. Jason Greer, P O Box 145, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment March 7th, 2025.
Jack Alan Davis, deceased, fiduciary. Administrator, Jason Davis, 3501 Red Fox Drive, Catlettsburg, KY 41129. Attorney for Estate, R Jason Greer, P O Box 145, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment February 14th, 2025.	Shelia Elizabeth Davis, deceased, fiduciary. Administrator, Jason Davis, 3501 Red Fox Drive, Catlettsburg, KY 41129. Attorney for Estate, R Jason Greer, P O Box 145, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment March 18th, 2025.
John Arlon Caudill, deceased, fiduciary. Administrator, Robin Lynn Fuchs, 1005 Tygart Creek Road, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment February 17th, 2025.	Michael Kitchen, deceased, fiduciary. Executor, Austin Chase Webb, 65 Pineview Street, Grayson, KY 41143. Attorney for Estate, John Thompson, 144 East Mian Street, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment March 20th, 2025.
Ernest M Littleton, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Teresa Littleton, 181 Dickerson Road, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Brandon Hamilton, P O box 1387, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Date of appointment February 17th, 2025.	Louise A Lewis Henderson, deceased, fiduciary. Executrix, Eileen Stephens, 397 State Highway 174, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Attorney for Estate, Brandon T Hamilton, P O Box 1387, Olive Hill, KY 41164. Date of appointment March 28th, 2025.
Ronnie Lee Whitt, deceased, fiduciary. Administratrix, Whitney Howard, 1106 N ST Hwy 207, Rush, KY 41168. Attorney for Estate, Robert W Miller, P O Box 357, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appointment February 17th, 2025.	All persons having claims against the above estates are notified to present same to the fiduciary or Attorney, verified according to law no later than (6) months from the date of this publication.
Larry Everett McDavid, deceased, fiduciary. Administratrix, Mary Ann McDavid, 126 Mountain View Drive, Grayson, KY 41143. Date of appoint-	

moved the option to use credit or debit cards as a form of identification for voting purposes. Senate vote to override: 30 to 6

House Bill 694 redirected funding originally committed to teacher retirement health care programs. Senate vote to override: 29 to 7

House Bill 695 transferred management responsibilities for Medicaid and KCHIP from the executive branch to the legislature. Senate vote to override: 29 to 7

House Joint Resolution 30 outlined funding and project details for water infrastructure across the state. Senate vote to override: 29 to 7

House Joint Resolution 46 approved various road project authorizations and related allocations. Senate vote to override: 30 to 4

The end of the session is not the end of the conversation. Oversight, public input, and future legislation remain tools to ensure that the decisions made this year are monitored and, if needed, improved. I will continue to work toward policies that serve Kentuckians with fairness, transparency, and respect for the laws and institutions that govern us all.

Unless marked with an emergency clause, all legislation passed this session go into effect 90 days after

adjournment. June 27 will be the effective date for most bills. You can explore a comprehensive list of measures set to become law at the Legislative Record at legislature.ky.gov, barring any court challenges that may arise.

Thank you for staying engaged this session. It has been a challenging but defining moment in Kentucky politics, and I am grateful to be your voice in Frankfort. As we move into the interim, where much of the groundwork for future policy is laid, I encourage you to stay involved, ask questions, and provide input.

As always, it is an honor to represent you in Frankfort. Please reach out to share your thoughts and perspectives. I can be contacted by email at SD18@cm.kylegislature.gov or through the General Assembly Message Line at 1-800-372-7181. Kentuckians with hearing loss can use Kentucky Relay by dialing 711.