





From the President

Dear Evangel family,

If you speak to any student, faculty member, or alum of Evangel University, you will likely hear something about the "Evangel experience." The truth is that our institution is more than a school where students come to be filled with knowledge; it is a training ground for each individual's future vocational ministry. At EU, we provide an experience-driven environment to give young men and women the tools they need to prepare for their unique callings.

Our experiential learning model moves students from passive observers to active participants, and within this structure, Evangel's faculty members serve as both drivers and sustainers. Traditionally, at mainstream universities, faculty members are primarily disseminators of knowledge, and students are passive recipients. The disengagement of students' passion for real-world applications has often been a direct result of observing professionals teach theory without providing experiential learning opportunities or the sharing of their personal stories along the way.

EU professors provide opportunities for students to engage actively with knowledge every time their classes gather. EU has made the shift from merely being "providers of information" to fostering dynamic, active participation in the application of knowledge. As Christians, we know the journey of learning and discovery resides within each student and must be guided by the Holy Spirit, and only He knows the challenges and assignments that lie ahead for each one.

As you read through the pages of this magazine and review the successes we've celebrated over the last year, know that your prayers and support have played an important role. The university is focused on helping students keep pace with growing challenges and the integration of their intellectual, professional, and personal development. Here, learning is experiential, not just theoretical, and opportunity is around every corner and lies within every challenge they will face.

I pray that as you read this magazine, the Lord opens your eyes to the great work He is doing at Evangel University and invites you to discern where you may participate in the work of raising up the next generation.

May God bless you richly,

Mike Rakes

Dr. Mike Rakes

University Mission, Vision, and Core Values

OUR MISSION

Evangel University is a comprehensive Christian university committed to excellence in educating and equipping students to become Spirit-empowered servants of God who impact the Church and society globally.

The Assemblies of God
Theological Seminary shapes
servant-leaders with knowledge,
skill, and passion to revitalize the
Church and evangelize the world
in the power of the Spirit.

OUR VISION

EU's vision is to be identified among the most respected Christ-centered universities and as a premier Assemblies of God institution of higher learning.

OUR CORE VALUES

TRUTH – the pursuit and understanding of God's truth drives our academic, spiritual, and institutional identities.

INTEGRITY – as members of a Christian community, we are committed to living lives of Christlike virtue and valor as the Holy Spirit transforms us daily.

SERVICE – we recognize and answer Jesus' call to selflessly love and serve our neighbors on our campus, in our city, and across the world

COMMUNITY – because isolation is not a reality of the Spirit-led life, we provide opportunities for students to share fellowship with each other in every aspect of their experience.

CORE STRATEGIES

EMPOWER ongoing discovery and development of vocational calling.

CULTIVATE a Pentecostal community of scholars, learners, and professionals.

NURTURE rigorous academic inquiry within a Christian worldview.





2025-26 EVANGEL BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DAY DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Mon Oct 27	CCC of the Bible (M)	AGFinancial Arena	W, 125-81
Thur Oct 30	Crowley's Ridge College (W)	AGFinancial Arena	W, 133-30
Thur Oct 30	Dordt (M)	Olathe, Kan.	L, 81-91
Fri Oct 31	Central Baptist College (M)	Olathe, Kan.	W, 108-90
Mon Nov 3	at University of Mo KC (M-Exh.)	Kansas City, Mo.	7:00 PM
Tue Nov 4	Columbia College (W)	AGFinancial Arena	5:30 PM
Thur Nov 6	at College of the Ozarks	Point Lookout, Mo.	5:30/7:30 PM
Sat Nov. 15	at Friends*	Wichita, Kan.	1:00/3:00 PM
Wed Nov. 19	at Avila*	Kansas City, Mo.	5:30/7:30 PM
Sat Nov. 22	Tabor*	AGFinancial Arena	12:00/2:00 PM
Tue Nov. 25	at Stephens (W)	Columbia, Mo.	5:30 PM
Tue Nov. 25	Mission (M)	AGFinancial Arena	7:00 PM
Sat Nov. 29	Univ. of Central Mo. (W-Exh.)	Warrensburg, Mo.	1:00 PM
Wed Dec. 3	at Saint Mary*	Leavenworth, Kan.	6:00/8:00 PM
Sat Dec. 6	Bethel*	AGFinancial Arena	12:00/2:00 PM
Wed Dec. 10	at Ottawa*	Ottawa, Kan.	5:30/7:30 PM
Sat Dec. 13	York*	AGFinancial Arena	12:00/2:00 PM
Tue Dec. 16	at Univ. of Central Okla. (W-Exh.)	Edmond, Okla.	5:00 PM
Wed Dec. 17	at Columbia (M)	Columbia, Mo.	12:00 PM
Sat Jan. 3	McPherson*	AGFinancial Arena	12:00/2:00 PM
Wed Jan. 7	at Southwestern*	Winfield, Kan.	5:00/7:00 PM
Sat Jan. 10	at Bethany*	Lindsborg, Kan.	12:00/2:00 PM
Wed Jan. 14	Avila*	AGFinancial Arena	5:30/7:30 PM
Sat Jan. 17	at Kansas Wesleyan*	Salina, Kan.	1:00/3:00 PM
Wed Jan. 21	Oklahoma Wesleyan*	AGFinancial Arena	5:30/7:30 PM
Sat Jan. 24	Sterling*	AGFinancial Arena	12:00/2:00 PM
Wed Jan. 28	Ottawa*	AGFinancial Arena	5:30/7:30 PM
Sat Jan. 31	at Bethel*	North Newton, Kan.	12:00/2:00 PM
Wed Feb. 4	Saint Mary*	AGFinancial Arena	5:30/7:30 PM
Sat Feb. 7	at York*	York, Neb.	12:00/2:00 PM
Wed Feb. 11	Southwestern*	AGFinancial Arena	5:30/7:30 PM
Sat Feb. 14	Bethany*	AGFinancial Arena	12:00/2:00 PM
Thur Feb. 18	at Oklahoma Wesleyan*	Bartlesville, Okla.	5:30/7:30 PM
Sat Feb. 21	at Sterling*	Sterling, Kan.	1:00/3:00 PM
February 25/26	KCAC Quarterfinals (W/M)	Campus Sites	
March 28	KCAC Semifinals	Campus Sites	
March 2/3	KCAC Championship (W/M)	Campus Sites	
March 13-14	NAIA Opening Round	Campus Sites	
March 19-24	NAIA Women's Final Site	Tyson Events Center Si	oux City, Iowa
March 19-24	NAIA Men's Final Site	Municipal Auditorium	Kansas City, Mo.

^{*} denotes KCAC game

All times are central standard time and subject to change.



>> TODAY'S GAME

- Evangel Women's
 Basketball returns to
 action on Tuesday (Nov.
 4) evening, hosting
 the Columbia College
 Cougars, last year's
 reigning AMC champion.
 Tip-off is set for 5:30 p.m.
 in AGFinancial Arena.
- Evangel is coming off a 133-30 win over Crowley's Ridge, breaking several Evangel school records in the win.



- Carson Dillard was named the KCAC WBB Offensive Player of the Week, while Ali Kamies earned the KCAC WBB Defensive Player of the Week honor. Dillard scored 25 points in 12 minutes of play last week, while Kamies led Evangel with eight steals.
- All Evangel players scored in their win over CRC last week.
- Ashton Bell (16 ppg), Morgan Ross (13 ppg), Heaven Shockley (12 ppg), and Ali Kamies (11 ppg) all join Carson Dillard (25 ppg) as current players averaging double digit scoring.
- Head Coach Madi Wallace earned her first win as head coach of the Evangel WBB program in the win last Thursday.
- Evangel and Columbia will match up for the sixth time in program history on Tuesday, as EU trails all-time, 4-1.

GAME **INFORMATION**

Tuesday, Nov. 4
5:30 p.m.
Springfield, Mo.
AGFinancial Arena
www.KCACNetwork.com
EvangelStats.com

EVANGEL (1-0)

Last Game W, 133	-30 vs Crowley's Ridge
Head Coach	Madi Wallace
Record	1-0 (1st)

COLUMBIA (2-0)

Last GameW,	79-65 vs Graceland
Head Coach	Matt Moore
Record	30-4 (2nd)

SERIES HISTORY

Overall	Colun	nbia lea	ds, 4-1
Last Meeting	/2/2004,	CC 65,	EU 56
Current Streak			Lost 4



> EVANGEL UNIVERSITY LADY VALOR ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown / Previous School
2	Lydia Babirye	G	5-8	Jr.	Charlotte, N.C. / Victory Christian Center
3	Ashton Bell	G	5-7	Fr.	Fair Grove, Mo. / Fair Grove HS
5	Brooke Daniels	G	5-6	Fr.	Fair Grove, Mo. / Fair Grove HS
11	Carson Dillard	G	5-7	Sr.	Farmington, Ark. / Farmington HS / SWOU
12	Alyssa McCarty	G	5-8	Jr.	Gentry, Ark. / Gentry HS / Lincoln University
13	Morgan Ross	G/F	5-11	So.	Centralia, Mo. / Centralia HS
14	Emma Mullings	Ğ	5-4	Sr.	Strafford, Mo. / Strafford HS
15	Brooklyn Kearbey	G	5-7	Jr.	Ellsinore, Mo. / East Carter HS / Crowley's
20	Mae Mae Gilmore	C	6-1	Fr.	Bellevue, Neb. / Bellevue East HS
21	Emily Recker	G	5-7	So.	St. James, Mo. / St. James HS
22	Ali Kamies	G	5-6	Sr.	Nixa, Mo. / Nixa HS / Rockhurst University
23	Evin Montgomery	G	5-6	So.	Alton, Mo. / Alton HS
24	Cassidy Hambelton	G	5-4	Gr.	Dora, Mo. / Dora HS / Mission
25	Resa Martin	G	5-8	So.	Rolla, Mo. / Rolla HS
31	Ka'Leah Davis	G	5-7	Jr.	Tupelo, Miss. / Saltillo HS / Mission
33	Ellison Mehrhoff	F	5-10	So.	Branson, Mo. / Branson HS
34	Kamie Jenkins	F	6-2	Jr.	Batesville, Ark. / Southside Charter HS
40	Amya Bonds	F	5-11	Sr.	Beebe, Ark. / Beebe HS
42	Heaven Shockley	C	6-0	Jr.	Springfield, Mo. / Lebanon HS / Mission

Head Coach: Madi Wallace (Evangel '18) Assistant Coach: Hannah Woodcock (Mission) Director of Player Development: Makaiya Brooks (Drury '25) Graduate Assistant: Josie Sullivan (Mission '24)



> COLUMBIA LADY COUGARS ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown / Previous School
1	Lauren Friedrich	G/F	Jr.	5-11	California, Mo. / Stephens College
2	Carly Dorson	G/F	R-So.	5-10	New Franklin, Mo. / New Franklin HS
3	Vivian Bax	G	Fr.	5-7	Westphalia, Mo. / Fatima HS
5	Addie Czuppon	G	So.	5-7	St. Louis, Mo. / Oakville HS
10	Macie Harman	F	Fr.	6-3	Cairo, Mo. / Northeast Cairo HS
11	Sam Schmuke	G	Fr.	5-8	Columbia, III. / Columbia HS
12	Ashtyn Klusmeyer	G/F	So.	6-1	Columbia, Mo. / Hickman HS
13	Lexi Miller	G	Sr.	5-10	Macon, Mo. / Macon HS
14	Alli Robertson	G/F	R-Fr.	5-11	Loose Creek, Mo. / Fatima HS
15	Arianna Naples	G	Fr.	5-8	Wheaton, Ill. / St. Francis HS
20	Bri Avey	G	So.	5-9	Holts Summit, Mo. / Jefferson City HS
21	Emma Daniels	G	So.	5-6	Owensville, Mo. / Owensville HS
22	Katherine Sievers	G	R-So.	5-9	Columbia, Mo. / Rock Bridge HS
23	Mya Miller	F	Sr.	5-10	Mexico, Mo. / Mexico HS
24	Lexi Rubel	G/F	Gr.	6-1	Cape Girardeau, Mo. / UT-Martin
25	Tori Rubel	F	Jr.	6-1	Cape Girardeau, Mo. / UT-Martin
30	Madison Washington	G	Fr.	5-10	O'Fallon, Mo. / Fort Zumwalt West HS

Head Coach: Matt Moore Assistant Coach: Allison Helsel





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HEAD COACH | 1ST SEASON | EVANGEL '18

MADI WALLACE

Evangel Head Women's Basketball Coach Madi Wallace enters her first season at the helm of the program, looking to bring her fast paced gameplan to the Valor in 2025-26.

"As an alumni and former standout member of our women's basketball team I am excited to bring Madi back to Evangel," said Hepola. "Her energy and passion for Evangel is very evident. I am excited to welcome her home and for her to continue the tradition of Evangel women's basketball."

"If you would have told me after graduating from EU in 2018 that I would be the head coach someday, I'm not sure I would have believed it," Wallace said. "I'm truly honored to have been chosen to lead this team, and I look forward to serving the same community that once served me. Valor Up!"

Getting her start as a collegiate head coach in 2022, Wallace took over a second-year program at Mission University. Wallace turned an 8-win team into a 19-win team in her second season finishing sixth at the NCCAA National

Tournament.

During the 2024-25 season, she led the Patriots to a 25-7 record and an 18-4 mark the program's first season in the AMC finishing third. Mission advanced the AMC Quarterfinals fallina tournament Champion

Columbia College, however, the Patriots earned a national runnerup finish in the NCCAA National Tournament.

After graduation, Wallace was an assistant coach at Springfield Central High before working at her alma mater Ash Grove High School

She began her playing career at Avila University before transferring to Evangel from 2015 to 2018, she was an NAIA Scholar-Athlete and led EU in three-point shooting as a junior before an injury during her senior season cut her time short.

As a prep standout at Ash Grove, she led the Lady Pirates to a Final Four appearance in 2014 and was

THE WALLACE FILE

PERSONAL

HometownAsh Grove, Mo.CollegeEvangel '18, Drury '20HusbandBen

YEAR-BY-YEAR

 2022
 Mission
 10-18

 2023
 Mission
 19-9

 2024
 Mission
 25-7

a two-time MBCA Class 3 all-state selection and four-time all-district player.

Wallace graduated from Evangel in 2018 with a degree in communication studies and earned her master's degree in organizational leadership from Drury University in 2020. Wallace and her husband, Ben, live in Ash Grove.





ASSISTANT COACH | 1ST SEASON

HANNAH WOODCOCK

Hannah Woodcock joins the Valor Women's Basketball coaching staff as Head Coach Madi Wallace's assistant coach after two seasons at Mission University in the same role. Woodcock, a Webb City native, began her coaching career in 2020, coaching over 12 different youth teams before joining the staff at Mission under Wallace.

"I am so excited and honored to be joining the Valor family under head coach Madi Wallace," Woodcock said. "We cannot wait to continue to serve our student athletes and the Southwest Missouri basketball community by striving for excellence in all that we do. I am privileged to be part of this program that values faith, hard work, and unity."





DIRECTOR OF PLAYER DEV | 1ST SEASON

MAKAIYA BROOKS

Makaiya Brooks joins the Valor Women's Basketball coaching staff as the director of player development, after completing her collegiate playing career at NCAA D-I Memphis and D-II Drury.

Brooks final season at Drury proved to be her best, as the local averaged 11.6 points per game, shooting 44.4 percent from the floor. Brooks led the Panthers with 73 three point makes in her final season, shooting 43.2 percent from deep.

Brooks set the city public school's scoring record with 2,359 points during her four-year career at Central High School. She was a two-time All-State selection in Class 6 and a three-time All-Ozark Conference honoree. As a senior, she was a McDonald's All-American nominee and helped the Bulldogs to their first district championship in 34 years. Makaiya averaged 24.1 points in her senior season of high school and had career scoring average of 22.4 points and made 2.0 three's per game in her career.





GRAD ASST. | 1ST SEASON

JOSIE SULLIVAN

Josie Sullivan joins the Valor Women's Basketball coaching staff as a graduate assistant, after concluding her collegiate career at Mission, where she currently holds the scoring record, recording 2,015 points in her career. Sullivan attended Norwood High School, where she led the Pirates to a district championship in her senior season.

While at Mission, Sullivan earned several honors, including All-AMC, All-Region in the NCCAA. and was a vital piece of the NCCAA national runner-up team in 2024-25.



AROUND THE KCAC (as of 11/3)

	CONFERENCE			OVERALL				
SCHOOL	G	W-L	W %	G	W-L	W %	L10	STREAK
<u>McPherson</u>	-	-	-	3	3-0	1.000	3-0	W3
(RV) Friends (KS)	-	-	-	2	2-0	1.000	2-0	W2
(RV) Evangel (MO)	-	-	-	1	1-0	1.000	1-0	<u>W1</u>
Southwestern	-	-	-	1	1-0	1.000	1-0	W1
Ottawa	_	_	_	1	1-0	1.000	1-0	W1
York (Neb.)	-	-	=	3	2-1	0.667	2-1	W2
Oklahoma Wesleyan	-	-	-	3	2-1	0.667	2-1	W2
Tabor	_	_	_	3	2-1	0.667	2-1	W2
Bethel (KS)	-	-	=	2	1-1	0.500	1-1	<u>L1</u>
Kansas Wesleyan	_	-	-	2	1-1	0.500	1-1	W1
Avila (MO)	-	_	_	3		0.333	1-2	<u>L2</u>
Bethany (KS)	-	-	=	3	1-2	0.333	1-2	W1
Sterling	_	-	-	1	0-1	0.000	0-1	<u>L1</u>
Saint Mary	-	_	_	1	0-1	0.000	0-1	<u>L1</u>
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The Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference, commonly called "The Kansas Conference," is a prominent intercollegiate athletics conference comprised of ten outstanding independent or private institutions of higher education in the state.

The origins of the KCAC are traced to February 15, 1890, when the Kansas Intercollegiate Athletic Association became the result of the first successful attempt at organization among Kansas colleges, "to promote and regulate amateur intercollegiate athletics." At that time the association or conference included not only private

universities and colleges but also Kansas Agriculture College (now KSU), Kansas University, and Washburn University. Football seems to have been the major sponsored sport, and Baker University won the championship for the first three or four years.

In about 1902 this early association became allied with the Kansas College Athletic Conference, a group which was the first to adopt a definite set of rules and regulations. It also promoted an annual track and field meet which has continued yearly since, except for World War years. Basketball has been sponsored since 1904. Football was revived in 1907. Tennis began as early as 1912. Golf was added in 1923. By this time the name of the conference had been altered to the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference; it had grown to 17 college members and two allied members: Baker, Bethany, Bethel, College of Emporia, Fairmount (now WSU), Friends, Kansas Wesleyan, KSTC of Emporia (now ESU), KSTC of Hays (now FHSU), KSTC of Pittsburg (now PSU), McPherson, Ottawa, St.Benedict's (now Benedictine), St.Mary's, Sterling (formerly Cooper), Southwestern, and Washburn, and with St.John's and Kansas City University (Kansas) as allied members. Kansas University and Kansas Aggies had dropped out earlier to join other conferences. In 1923 the College of Emporia, KSTC of Hays, KSTC of Pittsburg, Wichita (formerly Fairmount), Southwestern, and Washburn withdrew to form the Central Conference.

The present legal entity comes from a reorganization of the conference when the predecessor Kansas Intercollegiate Athletic Conference formally disbanded on December 1, 1928, and a new conference was formed which again was called the Kansas College Athletic Conference. The members were Baker, Bethany, Kansas Wesleyan, McPherson, Ottawa, and St.Mary's colleges. At that time sportswriters quickly gave the KCAC league a nickname: the "Little Six," in contrast to the Big Six (which became Big Eight, now Big 12) which also was organized in 1928. St.Mary's College was discontinued in 1931. The College of Emporia returned to the fold in 1933, and Bethel was readmitted in 1939. Friends, a former member of the KIAC, was admitted in 1953. Sterling and Southwestern were approved for membership in 1958. In 1968 Tabor College and St. Mary of the Plains College were admitted to make twelve members in the conference, and the conference was organized into Southern and Northern divisions until 1970 -- when Baker, College of Emporia, and Ottawa withdrew to join two separate Missouri-based conferences. In the mid-1970s the formal name was changed again to Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference. In 1975 women's intercollegiate athletics were incorporated into programs of the KCAC. Ottawa was readmitted in 1981, bringing the conference membership to 10. In 1992 St. Mary of the Plains College in Dodge City left the conference and eventually closed. In 1999 Saint Mary College-Leavenworth joined to return the KCAC membership to 10 institutions. The conference increased to 12 institutions when it added Oklahoma Wesleyan University and York College to the lineup.

The KCAC is an affiliated conference of the National Association of intercollegiate Athletics with headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri. Today the KCAC sponsors conference intercollegiate athletics in football, volleyball, men's cross country, women's cross country, men's soccer, women's soccer, men's basketball, women's basketball, men's indoor track and field, women's indoor track and field, women's outdoor track and field, baseball, softball, men's golf, women's tennis, and men's tennis.



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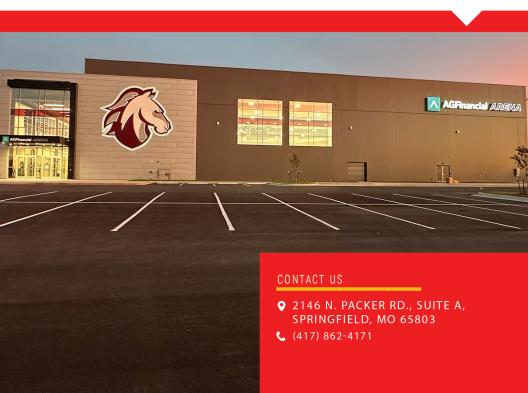
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