

## Country music association honors Kentucky Wesleyan College radio station

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Kentucky Wesleyan College's radio station, WKWC 90.3, has been nominated for Radio Station of the Year, and WKWC Manager and Instructor of Communications Derik Hancock has been nominated for Radio Personality of the Year by the Inspirational Country Music Association (ICMA).

Hancock is also the announcer of the Inspirational Country Music Association's 30th Anniversary Awards which will take place April 6 at the Grand Ole Opry House in Nashville.

WKWC is a long-time supporter of the Inspirational Country Music Association and airs the Country Revival Countdown every weekend along with other special programming on Sundays.

"What an honor and a dream come true," says Hancock. "I get to announce the awards ceremony at the legendary Grand Ole Opry, along with being nominated with the radio station for awards."

Derik Hancock also shared that the station has been on the air since 1983. "It is special for the station to be recognized in this way. I am proud of WKWC

and what it stands for in Owensboro; dedication to our students and community and unique programming that includes Inspirational Country Music on week-ends."

"Congratulations to Kentucky Wesleyan College, WKWC and Derik Hancock on your nominations," said Owensboro native Steve Bridgmon, ICMA Male Vocalist of the Year (2024/2025). "My involvement with the ICMA has been amazing, and it is fitting that Derik and WKWC are a part of the family of stations that spin and promote this genre."

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## Upcoming bourbon raffle supports Louisville nonprofit Sargeant's Army

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Tickets are now on sale for a charity bourbon raffle hosted by Louisville-based, youth-led nonprofit Sargeant's Army, featuring 25 prizes, including three grand prizes: a six-bottle Pappy Van Winkle Vertical, a Buffalo Trace Antique Collection William LaRue Weller plus a six-bottle Weller "Rainbow" Vertical and an additional six-bottle Weller "Rainbow."

With tickets on sale now through Wednesday, Feb. 25, proceeds from the raffle will support Sargeant's Army's mission to spread kindness, provide meaningful volunteer opportunities and support America's heroes.

The raffle is presented in partnership with Elizabethtown-based nonprofit Give 270. Known for supporting the central Kentucky region through

charitable gaming initiatives and signature events, Give 270 launched [bourbonraffles.org](http://bourbonraffles.org) in 2024 to expand fundraising opportunities for a broader range of nonprofits and community initiatives.

"Some of the Bourbon in this raffle was generously donated to Sargeant's Army as one of the "100 Sets for 100 Charities" initiative of Buffalo Trace Distillery," said Jon Nevison, of Sargeant's Army. "We are so honored to have been selected as one of their Kentucky charities this year. All of the proceeds from this raffle will support our No Soldier Left Behind Project, which provides outerwear kits to homeless veterans in all 50 states."

The upcoming raffle, officially titled Bourbon Raffles Serial No. 011, will

take place live on Give 270's Facebook page and YouTube channel at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 25, following Give 270's weekly Whiskey Wednesdays raffle.

Tickets are \$100 and will be available for purchase until 7 p.m. on the day of the drawing. A total of 1,000 tickets are available for purchase. There is no limit to the number of tickets purchased per individual, subject to availability.

To purchase tickets and view the full list of prizes, visit [bourbonraffles.org](http://bourbonraffles.org). To learn more about Sargeant's Army, visit [sargeantsarmy.org](http://sargeantsarmy.org).

## HUNTER

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12-18 and reached the 3rd Region Tournament semifinals.

There are plenty of differences between the high school and college game, Barr said.

"The biggest adjustment has definitely been the physicality and speed of the game," he said. "Everything is faster and more physical at the college level, and you have to make decisions much quicker. It took some time to adjust, but competing at that level has helped me grow a lot as a player."

Barr, a Finance major, appeared in 22 games with two starts as a freshman. He averaged 3.8 points and 2.2 rebounds a game, and the foundation for where

he is now had been set. He said attending school and playing at Transy has been rewarding.

"I'm most pleased with the environment that Transy provides," Barr said. "I'm incredibly close with my teammates and coaching staff, and that sense of community makes coming to the gym every day special. It's a place where I feel supported both

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