

# Estill Lady Engineers picked to lead 14th Region

The ink will barely be dry on stories about the most successful Estill County basketball team ever when another state tournament team hits the mound for the 2018 season.

The Estill County Lady Engineers fastpitch softball team opens on Monday, March 19 against Lee County in Beattyville, and Jim McAlister of Kentucky Prep Softball is picking the Lady Engineers as the top team in Region 14 this year.

McAlister reminds us that "Leslie County knocked off Estill County last year to break the hold on the 14th region by the Lady Engineers." Then he adds, "But as the season approaches, Estill County is again the preseason favorite to capture its 10th title since joining the 14th region in a close vote over Perry Central."

McAlister says Estill seniors, pitcher Kaylee Covey and catcher Sarah Wiseman, are expected to lead Estill County as the #1 and #3 players. Second place pick is Lauren Amburgey will lead Perry Central. All three were among the state leaders last season. Second base infielder Lindsey Wood of Estill was named as the #6 player in the region.

Estill County is named as the 14th Region Favorite with Wolfe County being named as the "All A" favorites. McAlister says Powell County is the region's sleeper.

The Lady Engineers are once again being led by Softball Hall of Fame coach Shirley Beard who is assisted by Danny Wood, a baseball Hall-of-Famer, along with former standout Estill player Cassidy Flynn.

Estill has four seniors including Covey, Wood, Wiseman and outfielder Lindsey Isfort. Also playing are seven juniors, two

sophomores, five freshman, and three 8th graders.

As no surprise, Beard has chosen to "take the high road" again and has matched up the Lady Engineers against some of the best teams in this part of the state.

### Region Top 10

1. Estill County
2. Perry Central
3. Letcher Central
4. Knott Central
5. Wolfe County
6. Powell County
7. Breathitt County
8. Lee County
9. Jackson City
10. Leslie County

### Others receiving votes:

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### Top 10 Players:

1. Kaylee Covey, Estill County
2. Lauren Amburgey, Perry Central
3. Sarah Wiseman, Estill County
4. McKayla Rucker, Powell County
5. Hailey Smith, Wolfe County
6. Lindsey Wood, Estill County
7. Lauren Baker, Knott Central
8. Katey Pigman, Perry Central
9. Olivia Nickell, Powell County
10. Jamie Pollard, Perry Central

### Others receiving votes:

Erica Howard - Powell County, Toni Stone - Wolfe County, Savannah Parson - Letcher Central, Emily Reed - Lee County, Hailey Turner - Hazard, Kamryn Noe - Perry, Lexi Haddix - Perry Central, Katie Jo Campbell - Perry Central, Taylor Taulbee - Breathitt County, Tiarra Trent - Jackson City, Kailee Mullins - Leslie County, Riley Turner - Wolfe County, Adrianna Salyers - Jackson City, Carly Creech - Wolfe County



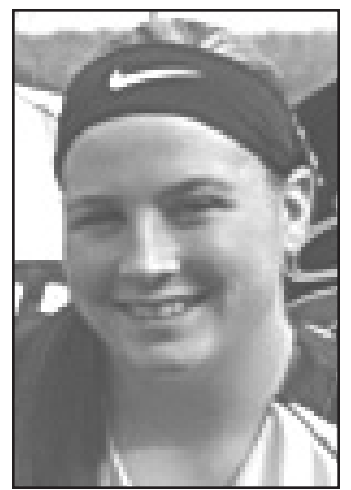
Sarah Wiseman



Lindsey Wood



Lindsey Isfort



Kaylee Covey

## EKU announces Fall 2017 Dean's List

Eastern Kentucky University has announced that 3,661 students earned Dean's List honors for the Fall 2017 semester.

The List includes the following students with Irvine addresses, followed by their classes and majors:

Jesse Landon Sparks, Senior, Fire Prot&Safety/Engr/Technology; Elisabeth A. Bebout, Senior, Medical Laboratory Science; Donald Oscar Peterson, Senior, Computer Science.

Natasha BreeAnn Townsend, Junior, Pre-RN Pre-Nursing; Steven Ray Garrett, Senior, Health Services Administration; Alexandra Marie Harrison, Junior, Pre-Child and Family Studies.

Brandon Michael McKinney, senior, Middle Grades Education; Kordel Lee Day, junior, Fire/Arson & Expos Invest; Corey William Neal, Senior, Music.

Austin Bradley McClanahan, Senior, Public Relations; Joshua B. Baber, Senior, Art; Alexandria Cheyenne Hall, Senior, Elementary Education Teaching.

Jordan McKenzie Noe, Senior, Biology; Dustin Tyler Abshear, Junior, Accounting; Mikaela Leanna Garber, Junior, General Dietetics.

Stephen Travis Adams, Senior, Applied Engineering Management; Bethany Danielle Hall, Senior, Communication Disorders; Matthew Clay Reece, Sophomore, Applied Engineering Mgt.

Jacque Dalton Cantrell, Senior, English; Kaisee Marie Riddell, Senior,

Political Science; Sarah Allison Barnes, Junior, Occupational Science.

Mary Elizabeth Plowman, Senior, General Dietetics; Lindsay Susanne Desocoteaux, Senior, Communication Disorders; Randy Scott King, Senior, Homeland Security.

Aaron Thomas Dorton, Senior, Criminal Justice; Michael Boone Tucker, Junior, Biology; James Austin Blackwell, Senior, Chemistry.

Timbre Rein McCoy, Junior, History Teaching; Rachel Nicole Horn, Sophomore, Criminal Justice, Jordan Clay Martin, Sophomore, Marketing; Emily Marie Walton, Junior, Pre-Health Services Admin.

Samantha Dawn Puckett, Sophomore, Pre-Occupational Science; Alyssa Nicole Wysong, Junior, Elementary Education Teaching; Steven Matthew Harrison, Junior, Agriculture.

Nicholas Scott Lay, Junior, Construction Management; Elizabeth Park Reece, Junior, Pre-Health Services Administration; and Evan Garrett Stelter, Junior, Physics.

Robert Levi Flynn, Senior, Homeland Security; Joseph Wolfe Dunaway, Junior, Political Science; Taylor Paige Wiseman, Sophomore, Pre-RN Pre-Nursing; Jordan Danielle Owens, Sophomore, Pre-RN Pre-Nursing.

Makayla Raye Horn, Sophomore, Music; Austin Tyler Witt, Junior, Criminal Justice; Kayla Shelby McKinney, Sophomore, Pre-RN Pre-Nursing; Jessica Lynn Watkins, Junior, Special Education Teaching.

Kennedy Faith Horn, Sophomore, Pre-RN Pre-Nursing; Taylor Rashay Jones, Sophomore; Exploratory; Brianna Grace Robinson, Sophomore, Finance; Sarah Jean King, Junior, English Teaching.

Jacob Bailey Evans, Freshman, Pre-Homeland Security; Alaina Lyndsay Thomas, Sophomore, Pre-RN Pre-Nursing; Abby Lynn Winkle, Sophomore, Pre-Occupational Science.

Daniel Joseph Potter, Sophomore, Mathematical Sciences; and Ruby Danyelle Davis, Freshman Pre-RN Pre-Nursing.

Ravenna residents include Briana Tre' Cahal, Senior, Elementary Education Teaching; Marissa Cheryl Puckett, Senior, Medical Laboratory; Meagan Elizabeth Gentry, Sophomore, Music; Nicholas Anderson Prewitt, Sophomore, Environmental Health Science; and Peyton McKinley Meek, Sophomore, Pre-RN Pre-Nursing.

Richmond students graduating from Estill County High School include: Daniel Caleb Click, Senior, Statistics; Allen Eric Baker, Junior, National Security & Electronics; and Hayley Noel Merritt, Sophomore, Pre-Communication Disorders.

To achieve Dean's List honors at Eastern, students attempting 14 or more credit hours must earn a 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Students attempting 13 credit hours must earn a 3.65 GPA, and students attempting 12 credit hours must earn a 3.75 GPA.

## Eastern announces 1,670 earn President's List honors

Eastern Kentucky University has announced that 1,670 students earned President's List honors for the Fall 2017 semester.

The List includes: Elisabeth A. Bebout, Senior, Medical Laboratory Science; Natasha BreeAnn Townsend, Junior, Pre-RN Pre-Nursing; Steven Ray Garrett, Senior, Health Services Administration.

Alexandra Marie Harrison, Junior, Pre-Child and Family Studies; Briana Tre' Cahal, Senior, Elementary Education Teaching; Kordel Lee Day, Junior, Fire/Arson & Expos Invest.

Austin Bradley McClanahan,

Senior, Public Relations; Alexandria Cheyenne Hall, Senior, Elementary Education Teaching; Dustin Tyler Abshear, Junior Accounting.

Stephen Travis Adams, Senior, Applied Engineering Mgt.; Bethany Danielle Hall, Senior, Communication Disorders; Matthew Clay Reece, Sophomore, Applied Engineering Mgt.

Kaisee Mariee Riddell, Senior, Political Science; Sarah Allison Barnes, Junior, Occupational Science; Mary Elizabeth Plowman, Senior, General Dietetics.

Aaron Thomas Dorton, Senior, Pre-Nursing;

Timbre Rein McCoy, Junior, History Teaching; Jordan Clay Martin, Sophomore, Marketing.

Samantha Dawn Puckett, Sophomore, Pre-Occupational Science; Nicholas Scott Lay, Junior, Construction Management.

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Makayla Raye Horn, Sophomore, Music; Austin Tyler Witt, Junior, Criminal Justice; Kennedy Faith Horn, Sophomore, Pre-RN

Peyton McKinley Meek,

Sophomore, Pre-RN Pre-Nursing, Brianna Grace Robinson, Sophomore, Finance; Sarah Jean King, Junior, English Teaching.

Alaina Lyndsay Thomas, Sophomore, Pre-RN Pre-Nursing; Abby Lynn Winkler, Sophomore, Pre-Occupational Science.

Daniel Caleb Click, Sr., Statistics; Allen Eric Baker, Junior, Network Security & Electronics, and Hayley Noel Merritt, Sophomore, Pre-Communication Disorders.

The President's List was established by the University to recognize outstanding academic achievement. It is bestowed upon full-time undergraduate students

who attain a perfect 4.0 grade point average for a semester.

"All of us at ECU are committed to academic excellence and the success of our students," ECU President Michael Benson said, "and we are especially pleased to recognize those students who have excelled to the point of perfection during a semester's work."

Eastern Kentucky University is a comprehensive university serving approximately 17,000 students on its Richmond campus, at its educational centers in Corbin, Danville, Manchester and Hazard, and throughout Kentucky.

## Irvine resident earns degree from WGU

SALT LAKE CITY -- March 2, 2018 - Elizabeth Kerby of Irvine has received her Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (K-8) degree from Western Governors University (WGU). The university held its 64th commencement ceremony at the Disney Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando on February 10th to celebrate the graduation of about 15,000 graduates from across the country.

At commencement, the online, nonprofit university recognized 8,839 undergraduates and 6,117 graduates who have completed their degrees in business, information technology, K-12 teacher education, and healthcare, including nursing. More than 1,100 new alumni participating in the ceremony. Graduates who were not able to attend the ceremony were able to watch the event via live video

stream on WGU's website.

Thirty-nine percent of this year's graduates represent the first generation in their family to complete college. The average time to graduation for bachelor's degrees was 2 years, 3 months. The average time to graduation for graduate programs was 1 year, 7 months.

Designed to meet the needs of working adults, WGU's competency-based education model makes it possible for students to fit studying into their busy lives. Students complete courses as soon as they demonstrate that they have mastered the subject matter, enabling them to move quickly through material they already know and spend more time on focusing on what they still need to learn. As a result, many students are able to accelerate their studies, finishing faster and saving money.

## Learn the difference between need and want

One of the biggest steps to financial security is learning the difference between a need and a want, according to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA). Students who have learned that difference will find that their bank accounts grow more quickly.

Needs include clothes, food and, for many students, transportation. With clothes, a want may mean wearing only designer items that cost more than clothes that last just as long and

look just as good.

Students might want to eat a deluxe cheeseburger at a fast food restaurant every day, even though they can save money by making their own sandwich and brown-bagging it.

If a student needs a car to drive to and from school, a want would be a new sports convertible instead of a reliable, used car with good gas mileage and less flash. A student who lives in a city might spend less on getting to school by taking public

transportation.

Each time students are faced with a purchase, they should ask themselves if they really need it or if they can get by with a less expensive item — or without it completely. They should save the money they don't spend so it's there when they really need something.

KHEAA is the state agency that administers Kentucky's grant and scholarship programs, including the Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship

(KEES).

The agency also provides financial literacy videos at <http://itsmoney.kheaa.com> and free copies of "It's Money, Baby," a guide to financial literacy, to Kentucky schools and residents upon request at [publications@kheaa.com](mailto:publications@kheaa.com).

For more information about Kentucky scholarships and grants, visit [www.kheaa.com](http://www.kheaa.com); write KHEAA, P.O. Box 798, Frankfort, KY 40602; or call 800-928-8926, ext. 6-7214.



## EKU lists Dean's Award Recipients

Eastern Kentucky University has announced 710 Dean's Award recipients for the Fall 2017 semester.

Local award recipients include Ellizabeth A. Bebout, Irvine, Senior, Medical Laboratory Science; Donald Oscar Peterson, Irvine, Senior, Computer Science; Kordel Lee Day, Irvine, Senior, Biology.

Jordan McKnezie Noe, Irvine, Junior, General Dietetics; Sarah Allison Barnes, Irvine, Junior, Oc-

cupational Science; Randy Scott King, Irvine, Senior, Homeland Security.

Michael Boone Tucker, Irvine, Junior, Biology; Timbre Rein McCoy, Irvine, Junior, History Teachings; Jrdan Clay Martin, Irvine, Sophomore, Marketing.

Emily Marie Walton, Irvine, Junior, Pre-Health Services Admin.; Austin Tyler Witt, Irvine, Junior, Criminal Justice; Nicholas Anderson Prewitt, Irvine, Sophomore, Environmental

Health Science.

Jessica Lynn Watkins, Irvine, Junior, Special Education Teaching; Sarah Jane King, Irvine, Junior, English Teaching; Eric Allen Baker, Waco, Junior, Network Security & Electronics.

To earn the Dean's Award, students must achieve Dean's List honors at ECU for three semesters, not necessarily consecutively. A lapel pin is presented to students by the dean of their academic college.