

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE OF KANSAS



**2023 REPORT TO THE
FREE METHODIST CHURCHES**

FREE METHODIST REPORT 2023

MISSION

To Provide a Christ-Centered
Education for Character

VISION

Central Christian College of Kansas
aspires to provide a transformative
educational experience rooted in
Christ, to any person desiring to
become a faithful steward of heart,
mind, soul, and strength.

CORE VALUES

TRUTH

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION

EXCELLENCE

PRAYER

COMMUNITY

INTEGRITY

Central Christian College of Kansas does not engage in unlawful discrimination or harassment because of race, color, ancestry, religion, age, sex, national origin, pregnancy or childbirth, disability, or military veteran status in its educational programs and activities. Central maintains its Christian heritage and reserves its right to discriminate on the basis of religion to the extent that applicable law respects its right to act in furtherance of its religious objectives.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

In 1886, as part of the West Kansas Conference of the Free Methodist Church, the roots of Central Christian College of Kansas found fertile soil as members of the conference declared support for the establishment of an institution that would be *“a breakwater...and a leader in Christian education...on behalf of the cause of Christ...”*

Now, 139 years later that charge continues to resonate as Central pursues its vision to *“provide a transformative educational experience, rooted in Christ, to any person desiring to become a faithful steward of heart, mind, soul, and strength.”*

Just within the last two decades, Central has grown from a junior college to a multi-faceted institution of higher education offering two and four-year degrees, as well as a graduate program. Many of these degrees are available 24/7 through our online modality, allowing for even greater access to educational offerings and the message of hope found in Christ.

I pray as you read this report you are inspired by the work of Central, our shared heritage, and our partnership in this great work of Free Methodism.

Leonard F. Favara Jr., Ph. D. (Rev.)
President – CCKK



PRESIDENT LEONARD FAVARA

Rev. Dr. Leonard Favara, has dedicated much of his professional life to Central, Her mission, students, staff, and alumni. He has served as a Coach, Resident Director, Professor, Campus Pastor, Provost, and now President.

Prior to that time, Dr. Favara served as the National Administrator for Free Methodist Youth Ministries. President Favara is also an ordained elder in the Free Methodist Church.

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CAMPUS MILESTONES

COLLEGE SEES MAJOR DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES

Central, true to its Free Methodist roots, has continued to prioritize making sure all people have access to quality Christian formation. The college was named the Most Diverse College in Kansas in 2022 by Niche.com, which is clearly representative of the shifts that have happened in the campus population. Back in 2015, the percentage of diversity on campus was 30%, in 2022 it is up to 61% of the campus.

ENDOWMENT GROWS BY OVER 1 MILLION DOLLARS

Central has been blessed to see major growth in the institutional endowment by over 1 million dollars in the last several years. These funds help support current and future scholarships enabling the institution to offer financial support to students seeking a Christ-centered education.

COLLEGE LAUNCHES GRADUATE PROGRAM

In October 2020, the College announced the launch of its first Master's Program, a Masters in Strategic Leadership. The first cohort of graduate students started the following May – a strong-willed group of 20 – who graduated in May 2023. This program allows students to focus on both people and processes in strategy, leadership, and team management, ensuring that students have the skills needed to become an agent of informed change, rather than just a procedural manager. Students focus on real-world issues within the context of their own fields, pulling from both the expertise of others and their own experiences, skills, and abilities.

COLLEGE RECEIVES OVER \$400,000 IN UNRESTRICTED ESTATE GIFTS

The College has continued to be very blessed by generous alumni and friends who have chosen to include Central in their estate plans. Over \$400,000 in unrestricted estate gifts has been received from these committed members of the Central family since June 2021.

AGEL NAMED ACADEME OF ACHIEVER

Susan Agel (CC '74), a member of the Free Methodist Church Board of Administration and retired CEO of Positive Tomorrows, was inducted into the Academè of Achievers during the 2021 Central Christian College of Kansas graduation ceremony. President Favara shared the following about Agel's induction, "Susan Agel is a living testimony of the core principles and mission that define the Central Christian ethos and experience. Her induction into the Academè is a recognition of the example she provides of a life that honors God and inspires others. She is a woman living with her whole heart, mind, soul, and strength. We are honored to recognize her."



MEET ISAAC WILSON, CC'22

Rev. Isaac Wilson is a member of the first cohort of the Master of Strategic Leadership program who finished their program in the fall of 2022. He is a bi-vocational pastor in the Great Plains Conference. He is the Assistant Director of Student Engagement at Fort Hays State University and is leading the FM Church plant - The Walk Church. Before moving to Hays, he served as the Senior Pastor at Osborne FMC for nearly 10 years where he led the church through a recalibration. The church is still thriving after the transition and is being led by ministry department alumnus Wyatt Davis, CC'20.

"As a bi-vocational pastor, I thought, this program (Master's in Strategic Leadership) would be a great opportunity to increase the ways I can engage with the other side of the culture, not just in the Church but in bi-vocational ministry, which I see as a different way of shining the light. Becoming a part of what is happening in different organizations and hearing the heart of people really closely, all while still fulfilling the call God had in my life. On the outside, it looked like this program would do that and I found it was way more than I had hoped for in personal growth and provided fantastic resources to take into the workplace."



FM CONNECTIONS

FLEMING LEADS WITH FM:INFUSE

Campus Pastor and Ordained Elder, Zach Fleming, CC'05, oversees FM:Infuse, which is the national youth ministry effort of the Free Methodist Church-USA. Rev. Fleming offers mentorship and support for youth pastors and youth workers alike all under the vision to see a new generation of youth leaders that are fully committed to the call to reach teenagers for the cause of Jesus Christ through the resourcing and encouragement of the FM denomination.

CROMWELL CHAIRS FREE METHODIST COMMITTEE ON HISTORY AND ARCHIVES

Rev. Dr. Mindi Grieser Cromwell has served as the Chair of the History and Archives arm of the denomination for 8 years. In this role, she has led the committee through a redesign of the Marston Center, the recent World Ministry Center move, and increased digitization of archival holdings.

SUMMER MINISTRY TEAMS TRAVEL ONCE AGAIN

For the first time post-Covid the College was able to relaunch its traveling music ministry team over the summer of 2022. Students and staff served at a variety of churches and camps including the Great Plains Conference Camp: The Refuge, North Central Annual Conference Camp Sky Lodge, and the Free Methodist Youth Conference (FMYC). The team would love to come serve at your church or camps and are looking for locations to serve in 2024 and beyond.

MINT PROGRAM OFFERS CREDENTIALING CLASSES

The Ministry & Theology department offers both Free Methodist History and Polity and Wesleyan Thought fully online. Since its launch online numerous individuals on the ordination track and lay leaders alike have taken advantage of these classes to learn more about the distinctive of Free Methodism and its Wesleyan roots.

CARON HELPS LEAD CONFERENCE CAMPING MINISTRY

Staff member Lizzie Caron, CC'17, serves on the executive team for The Refuge Camp, the Great Plains Conference Camping ministry. The Refuge held its first camp in 2021 with Kids Camp and Young Teen Camp running at the same time at a camp ground in Arkansas City. The College has assisted in numerous ways with lending materials, sending the ministry team, and many students and alumni serving at the Camp.

MEET PRISCILLA POETKER, CC'20

Mrs. Priscilla Poetker graduated from Central in 2020 where she studied Contemporary Christian Music. Since graduating during the onset of Covid-19, she joined the Revolution Church (FMC) staff as the Worship Leader and then transitioned into the Executive Pastor role in 2020. Priscilla serves locally here in McPherson and can often be seen mentoring Central students in the local coffee shops. She is set to be ordained during the 2023 annual conference and took advantage of the credential classes offered by Central as she worked through the ordination process.

"I am forever grateful for the opportunities Central gave me to learn and grow as a leader and build a stronger relationship with Christ! Getting to see the passion Professor Larry (Anderson) has for preparing hearts for ministry and understanding the Bible in a deeper level, and the encouragement Dr. Jacob Kaufman and Bishop Ryan Mackey gave me in my pursuit of ministry through music truly shaped the way I lead not only in my position but in how I choose to invest in the current Central students."





CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

DALKE DRIVE THE NEW ACCESS POINT TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF CAMPUS

A long time dream of the College was to create a South entrance to the campus. This became a reality in January of 2021 when Dalke Drive was opened for the first time. This drive connects Main Street to the South portion of Maple Street and allows for easier accessibility to the South side of the campus and the neighboring community allowing first responders and community members expedited access to their homes.

WESLEY BLACK FINE ARTS CENTER & GREER AUDITORIUM GET OVERHAUL

The last several years have been significant for the campus auditorium! The college invested hundreds of thousands of dollars into this space with a new state of the art lighting system, face lift to the paint, new soundboard and equipment, and a brand new scrim. The Wesley Black Fine Arts Center & Greer Auditorium serves the campus for weekly chapels, music concerts, theater performances, as well as numerous community events every year.

ED PYLE SPORTS COMPLEX & JERRY E. ALEXANDER ARENA RENOVATED

2020 started a multi-year process of improving the Ed Pyle Sports Complex and the Jerry E. Alexander Arena. The arena has seen a new floor, new scoreboards, scorers' tables, an updated paint scheme, and the hanging and dedicating of the Barry McKeown Center Circle. The rest of the complex has also seen major upgrades to the South Lobby, hallways, and a newly retrofitted Athletic Training Room. These improvements were able to be funded by generous donors and foundations.

NEW WELLNESS CENTER OPENED FOR CAMPUS COMMUNITY USE

Thanks to a generous grant from the Butterfield Foundation, the Tiger Den in the lower level of the Broadhurst Student Center was renovated into a state-of-the-art wellness center. This center has enabled students and staff to have free access to a space where they can work out individually and together as groups. In addition the space is consistently used as a classroom for the Exercise Science Programs.

WRESTLING CENTER RENOVATED AND DEDICATED

Following the launch of the Men's and Women's Wrestling programs, it became clear that additional practice space was needed. So began the remodel and retrofit of an existing campus-owned business in downtown McPherson. After hundreds of volunteer hours by alumni, students, and friends the remodel was complete. The space now serves as the primary home of the wrestling program and is utilized by local law enforcement as a training facility and the local recreational wrestling programs.

MEET RYAN MASSEY, CC'16

Mr. Ryan Massey graduated from Central in 2016 after studying student ministry. He currently works at the Quincy Free Methodist Church in Quincy, WA as an Associate Pastor overseeing Youth & Worship and has been on staff for the past 5 and half years. He is currently a CMC and hoping be ordained in the FMC next summer. He is married to Joanie, CC'15, and they have 3 kids (with #4 on the way), Ezra (5), Elias (3), Emmett (2).

"Being a part of the Ministry Department of Central helped me grow in every aspect of my life. I learned how to think theologically, study scripture, preach, care for people and most of all, how to follow Jesus better. Going through the Ministry Department gave me so many great tools that have dramatically increased my effectiveness in church ministry and I don't know where I would be without my experience at Central."





ACADEMICS

BUSINESS STUDENTS WIN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Four senior Future Business Leader of America (FBLA, formally PBL) students competed virtually at the National Tournament in 2021. They won four national top ten placements. Hilario Garcia and Rachel Schlagel placed sixth and seventh in their respective events. Keyshawn Jones and Lisette Whiteside were National Champions in Integrated Marketing Campaign, a Central first.

VANDERHOOF NAMED CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICER

In the summer of 2022, Dr. Lara Vanderhoof was named as the new Chief Academic Officer. With 15 years of teaching experience, Vanderhoof brings familiarity with online, distance, and face-to-face modalities, at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. She is an active member of the Free Methodist Church serving locally, regionally, and globally. In the spring of 2023 she was also named an Angel Among Us in McPherson County for her commitment to civic engagement.

CROMWELL NAMED CHANEY LECTURER

Rev. Dr. Mindi Grieser Cromwell was officially installed as the Edris and Albert Chaney Bible Lecturer during the 2021 Academic Convocation. Dr. Cromwell, who serves as the Chair of the Ministry and Theology Department, holds a Ph.D. in Historical Theology from Saint Louis University. She has over 13 years of higher education classroom experience, including time served at Spring Arbor University and Greenville University. Additionally, Dr. Cromwell, an ordained minister in the Free Methodist Church, also serves as the Chair of the Free Methodist Committee on History and Archives.

CENTRAL NAMED NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN GRANT RECIPIENT

Central Christian College has been recognized by BlueCross BlueShield of Kansas as a partnering agency to develop and install a Fitness Court. This is a part of the 2021 Quality of Life Initiative sponsored by the National Fitness Campaign Partnership. With this grant Campus will be able to expand opportunities to serve the local neighborhoods.

CENTRAL SELECTED FOR 2023 COHORT FOR EXPANSION AND ADOPTION INITIATIVE

The initiative focuses on informing and facilitating the development of an incremental credentialing system, recognizing the value in many types of quality credentials, including degrees, certificates, industry certifications, licenses, badges, and micro-credentials. Central Christian College of Kansas is excited about this opportunity as it continues to pursue traditional and alternative avenues to fulfill its vision of providing transformational educational opportunities rooted in Christ.



MEET FACULTY MEMBER STEVE SMITH

Mr. Steven Smith has been a key part of the Central Christian College faculty since the fall of 2019. He and his wife, Cheryl, moved to Kansas from Michigan, where he had taught for 21 years, in multiple capacities within the Lapeer Community Schools. They are active members of the McPherson Free Methodist Church where Steve serves on the Pastor's Cabinet and Church Board and Cheryl serves in the Wednesday night Children's program. This spring Smith was named the 2023 Central Faculty of Distinction.

"I have been privileged and honored by God to be able to work at Central. It has been a place of healing, restoration, and rejuvenation for me. It is a true blessing and I am thankful to see how God has allowed me to use what I have learned through my years within the teaching profession to build into the faith and teaching practices for the next generation of educators.



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FBIA-ΦΒΑ
First Place
Integrated Marketing Campaign

FBIA-ΦΒΑ
Sixth Place
Human Resource Management

FBIA-ΦΒΑ
First Place
Integrated Marketing Campaign

FBIA-ΦΒΑ
Seventh Place
Impromptu Speaking

ATHLETICS

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Becoming the 15th NAIA sponsored program at the College, the Men's Volleyball team officially took the court in January 2022 for its first season. The young team is led by Coach Rick Hughes, who also leads the women's program, and has had an eventful first two seasons including being invited to the NCCAA Men's Volleyball National Invitational.

ESPORTS

Central Esports welcomed its first class of student-athletes in the fall of 2019 launching right before Covid-19. While most teams were benched due to the stay-at-home order, the Esports team continued on and secured it's first win, all while students competed together from around the country. The program has continued to grow and compete, currently focusing on Rocket League and League of Legends.

ROMERO SURPASSES 200 WINS

Men's Basketball Coach Tony Romero, CC'04 notched his 200th all-time win 93-61 over Calvary (Mo.) in the 2020-21 season at the Jerry E. Alexander Arena. Currently, he has won 229 in his 14 seasons coaching the Tigers.

HALL OF FAME ARCHIVES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Launching the summer of 2023, the Athletic Hall of Fame will be accessible for the first time fully online at ccctigers.com. Over time, this will be expanded to include other athletic records, such as all-Americans, national championship teams, and national appearances. The College is excited to be able to make these records accessible to all friends and alumni even when getting back to campus isn't possible.

TIGERS COMPETE AT NATIONALS



WOMEN'S SOCCER

NCCAA National Tournament
2020
2021

NCCAA Central Region

Coach of the Year:

Cole Ouren – 2020, 2021

NCCAA Final Top 10 Ranking 2021

NCCAA Final Four 2021

WOMEN'S WRESTLING

NAIA National Tournament

2019

2021

WOMEN'S & MEN'S GOLF

NCCAA National Tournament

Women's:

2019

2021

NCCAA Top Four 2021

Men's:

2019

2021

NCCAA Final Top 10 Ranking 2021

MEN'S SOCCER

NCCAA National Tournament

2020

2022

NCCAA Central Region

Champions: 2022

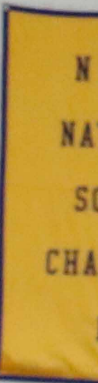
NCCAA Central Region

Coach of the Year:

Aaron Hoxie – 2020



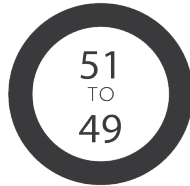
JERRY ALEXANDER ARENA



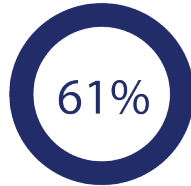
CENTRAL BY THE NUMBERS



44 AREAS OF STUDY



Female to Male Ratio
(Total Population)



Diversity Percentage
(On-Campus Population)

SOURCE | Databook

271 On-Campus Students
228 Online Students

SOURCE | 2021-2022 enrollment averages

100%
of Residential Students Receive
Financial Aid

SOURCE | Databook

Central Christian College
generates
\$22.3M
in economic
impact per year



\$1.3M in state & local
tax revenue

Supports and sustains 183
JOBS



\$174,586
in community
contributions

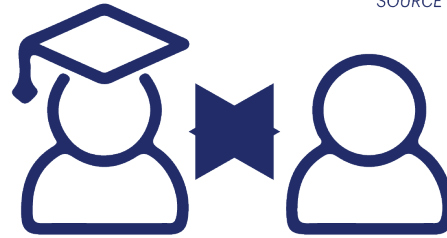


Kansas alumni
generate
\$14.4M
in economic impact annually

SOURCE | 2023 KICA Economic Impact Study

Over 1 MILLION DOLLAR
INCREASE TO THE ENDOWMENT
SINCE GENERAL CONFERENCE 2019

SOURCE | Databook



10:1 Student-to-
Staff Ratio

SOURCE | 2021-2022
Enrollment Averages

OVER \$18,000,000
AWARDED IN STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS
FROM 2019-2023

SOURCE | Databook

FBLA AWARDS
since 2020

111 5 NATIONAL
STATE INCLUDING
1 NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIP

SOURCE | Business Department

#1 MOST DIVERSE
COLLEGE IN KANSAS

SOURCE | NICHE.COM

#2 SAFEST COLLEGE
IN KANSAS

SOURCE | NICHE.COM

ALUMNI FROM
31 COUNTRIES

SOURCE | CCK Advancement Office



CENTRAL ONLINE

ON MISSION, ACCESSIBLE, & AFFORDABLE

JOIN ANY OF OUR ONLINE PROGRAMS

ORDINATION CREDENTIALING CLASSES

MASTERS OF STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

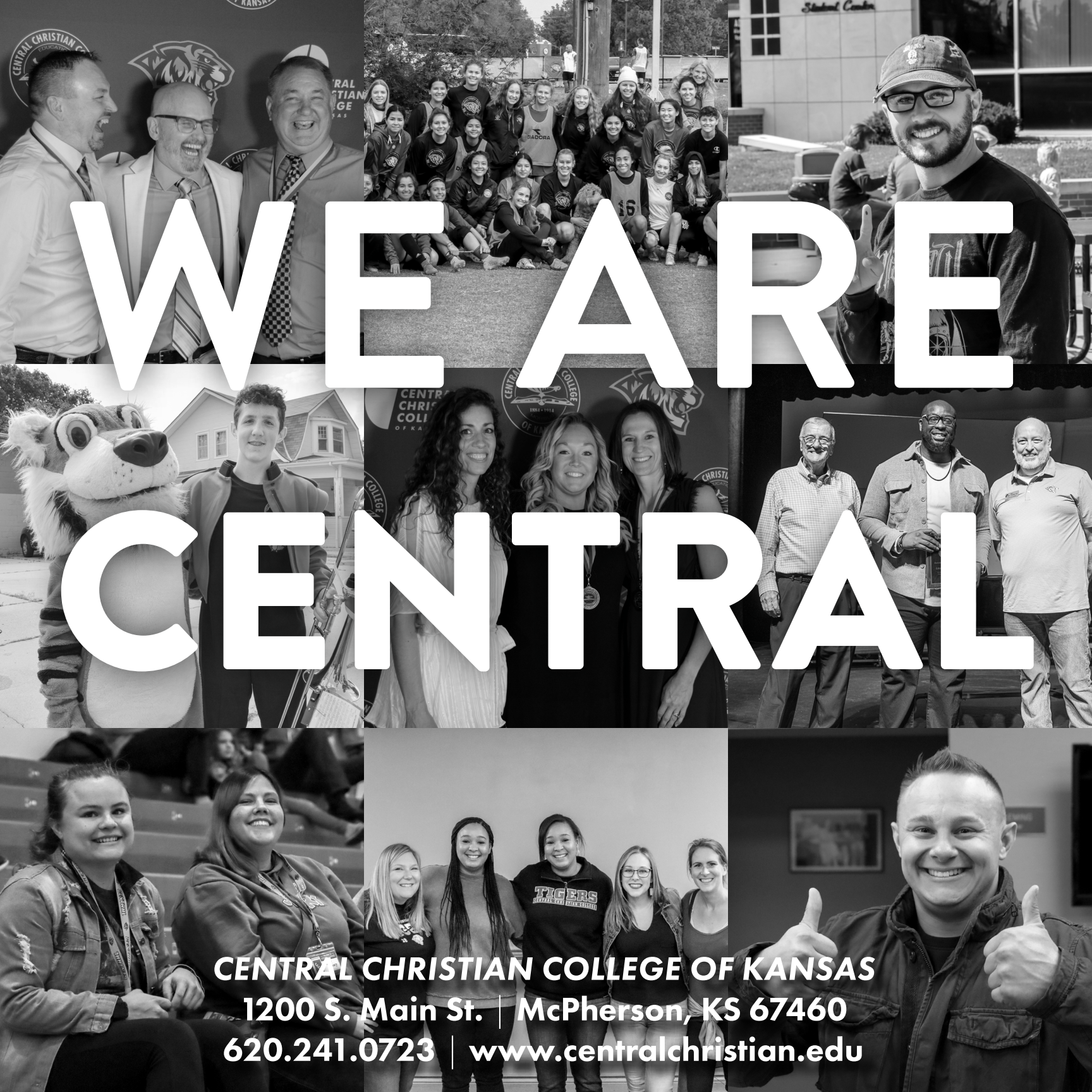
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