



Crossroads League SID of the Year

by Jonathon Langdon

This past summer, the Crossroads League announced that Mount Vernon Nazarene University's alumnus Alex Stewart was named the 2022-2023 Sports Information Director of the Year. The award was designated through a vote by all 10 athletic directors and sports information directors in the league. In his third year at his alma mater, Stewart became the first SID at MVNU to win the award.

"I am honored to receive this award," Stewart said in a statement to the Crossroads League. "I truly believe the Crossroads League has the best group of SIDs in the country, and to be voted as Sports Information Director of the Year by my peers means a lot to me."

Stewart, along with his team of graduate assistants, Braden Mast and Kaitlin Meade, posted over 550 articles to MVNU's athletics website while making over 1,000 combined posts on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter. However, Stewart's roles in the redesign of the department's website and MVNU's athletic rebranding were what put him above other candidates for the award.

"Winning this award [is] a very validating feeling," Stewart said to Colin Ashworth on a WNZR.tv broadcast. "It feels good to know that my efforts are accomplishing something and making a difference."

Stewart and his team enter an exciting 2023-2024 campaign with a new look for the Cougars and a new crew in the sports information department. Stewart welcomes back Kaitlin Meade for her second season in the department, while Mitch Mellert joins the team for the first time.



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Honoring 16

by Colin Ashworth

The women's volleyball team here at Mount Vernon Nazarene University has started the season off well, as they have been ranked in each of the previous two NIAA national polls. New faces are in the starting lineup, and some key returners are filling even larger roles this year. A new highlight added to the season is a match on Sept. 16 called "16 for Sarah." In the past, the team has had a Dig Pink match in October for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, but this year will be different.

Sarah Yutzky Helmuth, a 2011 MVNU volleyball alumni, passed away last December due to a battle with cancer. As a player, she wore number 16 and reached the top 10 in program history in total blocks throughout her career. Head women's volleyball coach Kendra Mosher was a teammate of Yutzky's, Sarah's last name at the time, for one season, and said about her fellow alum, "Sarah was an amazing mother and wife and sought to serve Christ in all she did."

Mosher went on to talk about the community service and work Yutzky did after her time at the university. "Sarah's legacy is exactly what MVNU volleyball hopes that their alums will do once they leave MVNU – living their lives for Christ and encouraging others to do so as well." MVNU Volleyball will be raising money for DNA of Plain City, a non-profit, faith-based organization where Sarah volunteered. Mosher continued, "Sarah was steadfast in her faith, despite going through very hard and trying times. Our team has been inspired by her faith and wants to honor her memory and celebrate that legacy with her family and friends."

Between the second and third sets of the match on Sept. 16, those in Ariel Arena will honor and remember a friend, fellow athlete, teammate, mother, wife, and so much more – Sarah Yutzky Helmuth.

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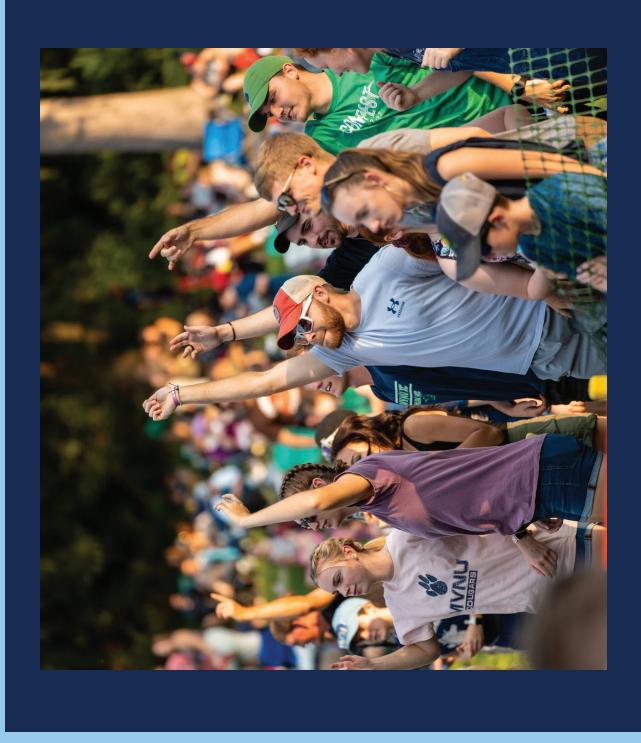
Looking Forward to Sonfest 2023

By Faith West

Students are back on campus at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, which means the biggest event of the year, Sonfest 2023, is right around the corner. This year, the event will feature many of the same attractions from past years, but with a few new twists. There will be inflatables, archery tag, pickleball, yard games, food trucks, vendors and, for the first time at Sonfest, fire performers from Inferno Circuit. Also new to Sonfest, six bands will perform on the main stage, rather than the typical five groups. The main stage bands include Damac, The Young Escape, Joseph O'Brien, Aaron Cole, Blessing Offor and KB.

Though Sonfest is a music festival, the event holds a deeper meaning for many people. According to Cheryl Sharpes, associate director of admissions visits and events, Sonfest is a yearly event for many youth groups. She stated, "They're not always here even to listen to the bands, they're just here to spend the day together as a youth group." Sonfest also holds a deep meaning for the Mount Vernon community as a whole. Sharpes mentioned that the event creates a lot of business in town and is widely viewed as a tradition throughout the community. When reflecting on her own experience at Sonfest, Sharpes noted, "I love seeing so many people come together on our campus and watch us worship together. It's just so fun to see all these people enjoying our campus to its fullest."

This year, Sonfest will take place on Saturday, Sept. 16. The gates will open at noon with main stage performances beginning at 1:05 p.m. and running until 9:30 p.m. If you are interested in viewing the full schedule or purchasing tickets, please visit sonfest.mvnu.edu. We hope to see you there!



WNZR Wins CMB University Station of the Year!

By Isaac Curtis

This past summer, the WNZR crew traveled to Orlando, FL, for CMB Momentum 2023. At the conference, our campus radio station was named the CMB University Station of the Year!

CMB Momentum is a Christian Music Broadcasters event filled with speakers, performances, breakout groups, and several awards. The awards that were given out this year consisted of "small market," "medium market," "large market," "major market," "radio podcast of the year" and the "CMB University" award.

WNZR was nominated for this award along with four other college or university-affiliated radio stations. Each station was required to send in written summaries, community service, on-air performances and a two-minute video showing off the station's use of digital media. They were judged by industry professionals, and WNZR received the best score!

Judge Charles Van Dyke of Provident Label Group in Nashville, TN, said about WNZR, "There were two things that really stuck out to me the most about WNZR. First, community impact — seeing the way that these students and faculty advisers are leading them and getting out and being part of the community was very inspiring. It helps those students learn what to do when they get to a station outside the university environment. Second, they are active in digital and social media. Giving these students a chance to just run with what they know and what they've grown up with makes them great experts and gives them such a great training ground, so they can be a massive asset to a radio station once they graduate."

After Joe Rinehart (MVNU director of broadcasting), Marcy Rinehart (station manager), and several of the students on staff accepted the award, Joe closed by saying, "We are so full of gratitude and humbled to receive this honor. There is absolutely no way that any of this is possible without God, his blessing and putting a dream in the hearts of faculty and students who got that FCC license approval and went on the air in 1986. I joined this team in 2005, and I'm so grateful. It's all about partnership: our university, our listeners, financial supporters and of course, our faculty, staff and student team, past and present."

Join WNZR and MVNU in celebrating this amazing accomplishment! Continue listening and supporting our campus radio station as it continues to encourage, uplift and build community in Mount Vernon and beyond.

Answer these trivia questions about the SonFest artists! We don't expect you to know these off the top of your head, so you may look online for answers.

When complete, DM a picture of your answers to @MVNUViewer on Instagram for a chance to win a \$10 BWW gift certificate!

Damac's real name is Michael. What does Damac stand for?

The Young Escape is made up of four siblings. What is their last name?

Joseph O'Brien made it to the quarterfinals of what talent competition?

Aaron Cole's "BACK IN MY BAG" was featured on what Netflix series?

What country was Blessing Offor born in?

KB's Instagram username is @kb_hga. What does HGA stand for?