

INSIDE THIS ISSUE



Purpose in *Motion*

Stories of faith, growth & new beginnings

Leadership Development
Prepare for Marketplace Ministry

Royal Anthems
Unifying the Canadian Church

Vocatia Initiative
Co-vocational Ministry &
Oral Preference Learning

Prepare for Ministry
Different paths. Shared purpose.

Kingswood Eagles
Athletics & Esports launch

Internship Stories
Meet Pastor Nathan & Maverick

Growth, Purpose & *Profound Gratitude*



Dr. Rick Christman

PRESIDENT, KINGSWOOD UNIVERSITY

A New Era of Growth & Purpose.

As we complete an incredible year at Kingswood University, I am filled with gratitude. I have prayed with our students and heard the dreams driving this institution forward. Together, we are laying the groundwork for a new era where deep spiritual roots and a forward-looking vision come together. Our goal is not just to do more, but to do better for the Kingdom—uniting spiritual vitality, academic excellence, and community connection.

Expanding Our Shared Journey.

Our vision is built on the belief that spiritual growth, academic excellence, and community engagement are deeply connected. By weaving these together, we are creating a transformative experience that equips the whole person—mind, body, and spirit. Through innovation and faithfulness to our mission, we are preparing leaders to make a lasting impact.

Rooting Our Community in Grace & Connection.

A vibrant, Spirit-led community is at the heart of Kingswood. We have made prayer central through all-campus Prayer Days, keeping students grounded in their spiritual life. We are also expanding extracurriculars like service groups, sports, and new athletic programming, beginning with Esports. The Kingswood Eagles reflect the culture we are building—one marked by shared pride, connection, and engagement for students, alumni, and supporters.

Opening New Doors for Education & Leadership.

We are rethinking how we deliver education by refining programs and launching innovative pathways to meet evolving needs. Our impact extends beyond campus through local initiatives like the John Maxwell Leadership event, positioning Kingswood as a regional hub that serves and influences our broader community.

Growing Together with Joy & Purpose.

Our progress is made possible by our dedicated faculty and staff. We are fostering a strong workplace culture through open communication, including initiatives like “Coffee with the President.” We are also strengthening our financial foundation, celebrating the complete payoff of our mortgage and pursuing partnerships to support continued growth.

Building on Our Strong Heritage.

This vision is a commitment to our students, our communities, and the Kingdom we serve. Thank you for your continued prayers and support—the best days for Kingswood University are truly yet to come!

Lead Where It Matters *Most.*

At Kingswood, leadership doesn't stop at the church door. From undergraduate business to our MBA, you'll be formed to lead with integrity, influence, and purpose—wherever God calls you.

“

After hearing a phenomenal keynote from John Maxwell on failure—and even having a one-on-one conversation with him—the biggest thing I took away was his character. He showed the same humility and integrity both publicly and privately. In our conversation, he genuinely cared for and valued me, even when no one else was watching. That's something I won't take for granted, because it reminded me how important it is to value others.

”

— SHERATH BERNARD · STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Be prepared to lead with integrity—in the marketplace and beyond.

Bachelor of Arts in **Business Management**

Build a career. Lead with Purpose.

- Faith-driven business education rooted in ethics and leadership
- Hands-on learning that prepares you for real-world impact
- Mentorship that shapes your character and calling

Master of Business **Administration (MBA)**

Lead with influence. Build what matters.

- A values-driven MBA grounded in Christian leadership
- Real-world application that strengthens your decision-making
- Advanced training to expand your leadership and impact

Explore our Business programs:

kingswood.edu

enrolment@kingswood.edu



Ministry is *changing.* Formation matters.

Kingswood University has joined a collaborative effort, led by Wesley Biblical Seminary, to catalyze a movement of co-vocational pastors for the Church. These leaders are deeply passionate about shepherding congregations and are being led to serve the Church alongside marketplace careers. Kingswood is on the leading edge of equipping a new generation of co-vocational leaders—formed not by information alone, but by experience, reflection, and dialogue.

Ministry is Changing.

“God has been teaching me that if you want to go far in ministry, you need a team to go with you. From youth ministry to inner-city missions to church planting, I’ve seen how essential strong, diverse teams are.

But ministry itself is changing. More and more, leaders are navigating how to integrate their whole lives—not just their church roles—into God’s mission. The Co-Vocational Ministry program is especially relevant in this moment, helping students move beyond the idea of ‘secular’ work and ‘sacred’ ministry and instead see all of life as part of their calling. As church planting and pastoral leadership become increasingly co-vocational, we have an opportunity to equip leaders who are prepared for the real challenges and opportunities they will face.”

Dr. Justin Bradbury

CO-VOCATIONAL MINISTRY · KINGSWOOD UNIVERSITY

Formation Matters

“My doctoral research has shown that Christian practical wisdom is not formed through information alone, but through the integration of experience, reflection, and dialogue with others. It’s the kind of wisdom we can recognize in students and leaders who demonstrate integrity, discernment, and pastoral sensitivity, even if it’s difficult to measure.

In higher education, we have often prioritized what can be measured, but it is this embodied, lived wisdom that ultimately determines faithfulness and effectiveness in ministry. That’s why formation matters. Through practices like oral learning, we create space for something deeper—formation that is relational, contextual, and integrative, shaping leaders who not only know, but who also know how to discern, lead, and live out their calling in real-world ministry.”

Dr. Brittany Trafton

ORAL PREFERENCE LEARNING · KINGSWOOD UNIVERSITY

This is why internships *matter.*

Stepping out of the classroom and into the field.



Nathan Maskery

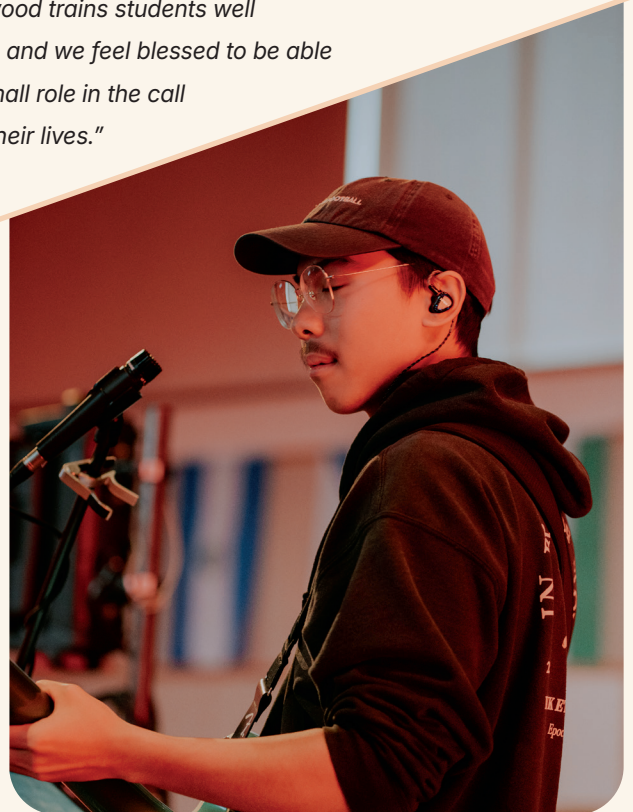
LEAD PASTOR · DEEP WATER, HALIFAX, NS.

"In the last year, we have had the privilege of hosting two Kingswood interns at Deep Water Church. Both experiences have been incredible. Both Emma Mullen and Maverick Tsui came to us ready to jump into ministry. Both of them took on significant ministry responsibilities and did so with passion and excellence. It is obvious that Kingswood trains students well for ministry, and we feel blessed to be able to play a small role in the call of God on their lives."

Maverick Tsui

INTERN · DEEP WATER, HALIFAX, NS.

"The biggest thing I've learned is that where you go for your internship really matters. I chose my placement because I knew I would be challenged—and that's exactly what happened. Nathan pushed me to grow in every area: in ministry, personally, and spiritually."



Mentorship shapes who you are becoming in Christ.

The Internship (Supervised Ministry Experience) is the capstone of a Kingswood degree—a full-time, four-month placement in a student's final semester where everything they've learned starts to come to life. Students step into real ministry or professional settings, guided by both a faculty mentor and an on-site supervisor, gaining hands-on leadership experience while reflecting on what God is shaping in them. It's a meaningful bridge between the classroom and what comes next, helping students graduate not just with knowledge, but with clarity, confidence, and calling.

Formed academically, socially & *spiritually.*

Two graduates. Two callings. One foundation that shapes how they lead today.



Kassidy Vanderland

EDUCATION · TEACHING

"Kingswood gave me a strong foundation in instructional planning, classroom management, and meeting the diverse needs of learners. But I was also challenged to see teaching as more than delivering content—it's an opportunity to invest in students academically, socially, and spiritually."

NOW TEACHING



Cassandra Rabideau

COUNSELLING · FAITH FORMATION

"I never thought I'd become a counsellor—but God shaped my desires in a way I couldn't ignore. Kingswood grounded me in biblical truth and gave me the practical skills to move forward. Knowing I've been formed both professionally and spiritually gives me confidence as I step into my future career."

CONTINUING STUDIES



Class of 2026

Forty-eight years. Two extraordinary *servants*.

As another academic year comes to a close here at Kingswood, we pause to celebrate two pillars of the Kingswood community: Dr. Steve Elliott and Rev. Kirk Sabine. Together, their decades of faithfulness have shaped the character, culture, and calling of generations of Kingswood students.



Dr. Steve Elliott

For nearly 20 years, Dr. Stephen D. Elliott has been a vital part of Kingswood University. Serving as a professor and the Program Director of Pastoral Ministry, Dr. Elliott has brought an extraordinary wealth of experience to the academic community.

Through his time at Kingswood, Dr. Elliott consistently inspired and equipped future church leaders with a vision for ministry rooted in relationships, presence, and pastoral care. His defining encouragement to students—*Pastor a community, not just a congregation*—has become a guiding principle for countless men and women now serving in churches around the world.

“*Pastor a community, not just a congregation.*”



Rev. Kirk Sabine

For 28 years, Rev. Kirk Sabine has been a steadfast champion of student life and campus operations at Kingswood. Throughout his remarkable tenure, Kirk has served in a variety of vital leadership roles, including Dean of Students, Vice President for Campus Life, and Director of Operations. His work has touched nearly every part of campus life, from Conference Services and IT operations to Athletics and student development.

His leadership as project manager for the Benson Athletic Complex is just one example of his deep commitment to building a community where students can thrive spiritually, socially, and physically.

Holistic development—campus life as a classroom.

A combined 48 years of dedication, wisdom & Christ-like mentorship.

Thank you, Dr. Elliott and Kirk Sabine, for your lasting investment in our community.

Step into ministry *right away.*

At Kingswood, ministry doesn't wait until after graduation. Through hands-on experience, mentorship, and real opportunities to serve, students begin stepping into their calling from day one.



Alice McCutcheon

BA MINISTRY · PRAXIS · CLASS OF 2026

"I desired to be used by God and to develop the character of Christ—and PRAXIS gave me the opportunity in ways I never expected. Serving alongside homeless centres and rehab programs has completely shaped how I see people. God has given me a deeper heart of compassion."

Saul Fitzsimmons

NEXTGEN MINISTRY · CLASS OF 2026

"I thought I'd spend four years preparing before stepping into ministry. That's not how it unfolded. I started serving in year one, was apprenticed under a youth leader in year two, and was hired as a part-time youth pastor shortly after."

Explore our programs *today.*

Undergraduate Degrees

- Theology
- Pastoral Ministry
- Worship Leadership
- Business Management
- Sports & Recreation Management
- NextGen Ministry
- Intercultural Studies
- Christian Counselling
- Christian School Education
- Evangelism & Compassion Ministry

Online

On-campus

Graduate Degrees

- Clinical Mental Health Counselling
- Business Administration - MBA
- Pastoral Theology

Online

Licensing & Ordination.

A non-degree pathway towards Wesleyan credentials.

Self-Paced Study	Virtual Classroom
\$245 ^{CAD} / \$180 ^{USD} per course	\$245 ^{CAD} / \$180 ^{USD} per course
16 weeks	8 weeks
Instructor feedback	Instructor led
Online	Online
Available anytime	Scheduled rotation

“

My pastor encouraged me to look into Kingswood University's Extended Program. There were numerous course options, including self-paced and virtual classroom courses that allowed me to schedule my coursework around my family and work obligations.

My academic advisor was incredibly helpful and accommodating, and was always available when I called or emailed for guidance, recommendations, or assistance with course registration.

The professors' input and encouragement have been instrumental in the spiritual growth and transformation taking place within me. It is obvious to those closest to me, including my wife, that there is a greater depth and richness to my faith since I began classes at Kingswood University.

God has called me into several lay leadership roles at my church, including Vice Chair of our church board, and I know I would not feel as equipped as I do today without the education, encouragement, and spiritual guidance I have received at Kingswood University. It has been a wonderful and deeply rewarding experience.

— SCOTT KOCHUYT

”



**Register for Your
Next Class Today!**



Rise like the *Eagle*.

“..They will soar on wings like eagles.”
— Isaiah 40:31

A new chapter is beginning at Kingswood—one that creates space for students to grow, compete, and lead in new ways through Athletics. And with it comes a new symbol of who we are becoming: the Kingswood Eagles.

More than a mascot, the Eagle represents strength, perseverance, and the promise of Isaiah 40:31.



Where gaming meets mission.

“Gaming has always been about connection—working together, thinking quickly, and building something as a team. That’s what excites me most about this program. It creates space for students to grow, compete, and build community in a healthy way.

But even more than that, esports gives us an opportunity to be salt and light in a digital space that often goes unreached. It’s a mission field. We get to carry the gospel into that space, learning to compete with integrity, lead with humility, and represent Christ in both victory and defeat.”



Austin Frank

ESPORTS PROGRAM DIRECTOR

The New Sports & Recreation Management degree.

Hands-on. Leadership-forward. Built for students who see their future filled with athletics, camps, and community programs.

- Love sports
- Thrive on a team
- Graduate ready to lead
- Build something meaningful
- Create spaces for connection

Learn More: kingswood.edu/sports-recreation-management

Songs that carry the *whole Church.*

The Royal Anthems songwriting retreat brought worship leaders from across Canada to Kingswood for a week of collaboration, community, and songs written by and for the Church. During the retreat, one of their new songs was recorded in the Kingswood Chapel alongside our students—creating a meaningful experience of worship, creativity, and mentorship.

“

Royal Anthems is about fostering unity across the Canadian Church through songs written by and for the Church. What struck me right away was the shared purpose, humility, and the way worship leaders from across the country came together in genuine community. The role of a worship leader can often feel isolating—we're on a platform, leading others, but not always experiencing worship in the same way. Royal Anthems is helping change that by creating a space where leaders feel seen, known, and connected—not only to each other, but also to the Lord.

For our students, that kind of exposure is incredibly valuable. It expands their vision of what God is doing beyond their immediate context and helps them see what's possible. Being surrounded by that level of giftedness and calling inspires them to develop their own creative gifts and use them for God's glory.

— JAY MUIR

”

Bachelor of Arts in **Worship Leadership.**

This is more than a music degree—it's where your calling, your craft, and your leadership come together. From day one to your final internship, you'll be on stage, in teams, and growing with the skills and confidence you need to lead in the local church.

- Build a biblical, historically grounded worship theology.
- Lead worship with excellence and Holy Spirit partnership.
- Plan and lead transformative services.
- Serve on chapel teams (music, leadership, tech).



ROYAL
ANTHEMS

The Royal Anthems Sessions Spring '26

Worship leaders from across the country, gathered in genuine community—and our students at the heart of it.



Contact us to learn more

kingswood.edu/worship-leadership

enrolment@kingswood.edu

royalanthems.com



Magazine

Master of **Business Administration.**

Lead with Integrity. Build with Strategy. Serve with Purpose.

Credits • **Intakes** • **Format** • **Capstone** • **Time**

36 Credit
Hours

May
September
January

Cohort Based
Fully Online

Business as
Misson
Project

1 Year
Program

**Apply now for the *Fall 2026*
cohort.**

kingswood.edu/mba