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WKU to Host Moderated Discussions Through a New Evening Program

Bowling Green, KY – WKU will offer a unique evening program featuring interviews with prominent thought leaders and experts. *An Evening With* is a new program offered through a partnership with the Society for Lifelong Learning at WKU (SLL) and the WKU Alumni Association.

“SLL is known for offering interesting, intellectually-stimulating learning programs. *An Evening With* is an excellent addition, offering a unique and exciting opportunity for people of all ages who have a passion for learning,” said lifelong learning program manager Dr. Cindy Ehresman.

The program format will include brief remarks from the featured guest, followed by a moderator-led interview. Audience members will then have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session. Participants will also enjoy dessert and coffee prior to the event.

Larry Gildersleeve, a WKU alumnus, global entrepreneur and local author, will moderate the programs.

“I am honored to moderate these discussions with such high-caliber thought leaders,” said Gildersleeve. “These interesting discussions will provide a unique opportunity for our community to engage with prominent leaders in a casual, intimate setting, and I believe the entire community will benefit.”

Gildersleeve said the goal of this program is to provide a platform for citizens of South Central Kentucky to engage with experts from a variety of fields – and to spotlight the type of high-quality educational opportunities available through the SLL.

The first discussion will take place during WKU Homecoming Week and feature WKU alumnus **Chief Justice of Kentucky John D. Minton, Jr.** who will engage in a candid discussion about the most pressing issues facing our state and our nation. Minton was a member of the Kentucky Supreme Court from 2006-2014 and was elected Chief Justice for three consecutive terms by his fellow justices. The event will take place Wednesday, October 11 at 7 p.m. at the Augenstein Alumni Center, 292 Alumni Ave. on the WKU Bowling Green Campus.

A second program will be Thursday, November 14, featuring Dr. Todd R. Cheever. Dr. Cheever is a WKU alumnus, UK faculty member & administrator and the first associate dean of the new UK College of Medicine-Bowling Green Campus. Cheever will share information about the new medical school and discuss one of the greatest threats to communities around the nation: the opioid epidemic.

These programs are free, but space is limited. Reservations are required. To RSVP for the Chief Justice Minton program on October 11, visit wku.edu/sll/aew.php. For additional information about the Society for Lifelong Learning at WKU, [visit wku.edu/sll](http://wku.edu/sll).

The Society for Lifelong Learning was founded in 2014. It is a member driven organization dedicated to offering a wide range of high quality, intellectually stimulating, non-credit educational programs and experiences for ages 50 and over who have a love for learning.

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