Three generations – WKU Recreation

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A family with strong WKU ties continues making a difference in the lives of people with special needs.

Amy Bingham shows us how in this week’s View from the Hill.

When an Adaptive Sports Camp was held this past weekend at the Kummer-Little Recreation Center in Bowling Green, it was truly a family affair for a family devoted to WKU.

 Cameron Levis \ 2015 WKU Graduate

 B.J. Levis \ 1985 WKU Graduate

Dr. Alton Little \ Retired Dean, WKU Parks and Rec. Dept.

 “Thank you guys for coming out and supporting us.”

Recreation for individuals with disabilities is going to a whole new level thanks to a grant from the VA.

 “We received eight new basketball chairs, two tennis chairs and go ball equipment which will allow us to expand our programming to a whole new demographic.”

Cameron Levis is the special populations instructor at Bowling Green Parks and Rec. He’s had a heart for people with special needs from a young age.

 “I used to be rocked to sleep by wheelchair users when I was a toddler so from the beginning I was around this population.”

That’s because Cameron’s mom has been focused on adaptive sports as the Administrator for the Greater Louisville parks Department the past few decades.

 “I knew when I was three years old what I was gonna do Cam knew when he was three years old what he was gonna do. “

 “Pretty young rocking my Western gear.”

But the legacy started with Cameron’s grandfather Dr. Alton Little, retired Dean of the WKU Parks and Rec. Department.

 “As my daughter says the apple didn’t fall far from the tree.”

 “Our family got started in special Olympics years ago and we volunteered over 20 years.”

B.J. says the family talks shop nearly all the time.

We rely on Dad , he knows a lot of people, he has a lot of knowledge of the best in the field.”

Now, in the gym that bears his grandfather’s name, Cameron is making his own mark in the career path his family knows so well.

 “Seeing the impact my grandpa made and my mom made because of him trickled down to me too. Hopefully I can live up to it. Don’t know if I will but I’ll try.”

The national grant from the Department of Veterans Affairs was in partnership with Louisville Metro Parks and Rec as well as Frazier Rehab. Levis is planning more adaptive sports camps in Bowling Green in the future.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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