Rangerette Revels set for April 5-8

The Kilgore College Rangerettes will present Rangerette Revels April 5-8 in Dodson Auditorium on the Kilgore campus.

Shows are set for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, April 5-7, and two performances on Saturday, April 8, at 1 and 7:30 p.m.

The show’s theme is “The Sky’s the Limit” and will include a variety of dance genres including the Rangerettes’ signature “high kick” production for the finale.

Purchase tickets online or in-person at the Rangerette Box Office.

Online ticket orders may be picked up at the Rangerette Box Office with proof of ID. Tickets are $25 each and all seats are reserved. To purchase tickets by phone call 903-983-8179 or e-mail: revels@kilgore.edu.

Upward Bound students earn awards

Upward Bound student Karla Rodriguez (senior at Kilgore High School) was awarded a scholarship from the National Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Awards. She was one of 20,000 applications and only 21 students awarded scholarships. Rodriguez was awarded $1,500 in the Mathematical Sciences category, sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Also, Upward Bound will participate in the Texas School Safety (through Texas State University) SAY WHAT Leadership Conference in Henderson April 1. SAY WHAT stands for “Students, Adults and Youth Working Hard Against Tobacco.” Rodriguez is also a Texas Teen Ambassador for SAY WHAT. She travels the state helping other high schools set up SAY WHAT programs at their schools.

Another UB student, Fre’Dasia Daniels from Pine Tree High School, was awarded the Southwest Association of Student Assistance Programs (SWASAP) scholarship for Upward Bound Programs. SWASAP is the regional TRIO Association. It includes New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana & Texas. Director of UB at KC is Jude DuBois.

KC Theatre’s ‘Brighton Beach Memoirs’ set for April 20-23

The Kilgore College Theatre Department will present Neil Simon’s “Brighton Beach Memoirs” beginning April 20 in Van Cliburn Auditorium. The play is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, April 20-22.

A matinee performance is set for 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 23. Tickets are $10 for adults, $7 for students and $5 for KC students with a student ID. Tickets can be purchased online at www.kilgore.edu/drama or by phone at 903-983-8126.

For more information e-mail the KC Theatre Box Office at boxoffice@kilgore.edu. The play is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.
One in three community college students experience hunger...

WHAT IS THE RATIO AT KC?

On March 15 the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT), in collaboration with the Wisconsin HOPE Lab, announced the release of Hungry and Homeless in College, a new research report that assesses food and housing insecurity among community college students. The report chronicles the results of a survey of more than 33,000 students at 70 community colleges in 24 states (reputed to be the broadest survey of its kind) that describes the extent to which students are adversely affected by unmet basic needs while pursuing higher education.

Of the students surveyed, one in three reported that they had gone hungry while enrolled in college, and half were housing insecure with nearly 14% being homeless. I agree with Sara Goldrick-Rab, professor of higher education policy and sociology at Temple University and the founder of the Wisconsin HOPE lab, who stated that “this shouldn’t happen in the United States—but the more we learn about students’ unmet needs, the better we can address them.”

Other findings from the survey included:

- Surprisingly little geographic variation in hunger and homelessness—it is not isolated to urban or high-poverty colleges, and is prevalent in all regions of the country.
- This is the first study to consider foster youth. Thirty percent (30%) of the former foster youth surveyed were homeless.
- One-third of students experiencing food or housing insecurity were both working and receiving financial aid.
- Sixty-three percent (63%) of parenting students were food insecure and almost 14% were homeless, but only 5% received any child-care assistance.
- Homeless and food insecure community college students are more likely to work long hours at low-quality jobs, and get less sleep.

FACULTY & STAFF

A group of seven professionals from the Language Development Division attended the Achieving the Dream conference in San Francisco, Calif. The trip was funded by the College Readiness Success Model (CRSM) Grant for 60x30TX, an external grant fund designated for professional development. In attendance were instructors Jase Graves, Karen Dulweber, Karen Johnson, Lori Truman, Michelle Wilder, adjunct instructor Janell Gibson and Becky Johnson, dean of Liberal and Fine Arts. The group focused on attending sessions concerning equity, Guided Pathways and accelerated developmental education courses. Also in attendance at the session were Dr. Brenda Kays, president; Dr. Mike Jenkins, VP of student development; Dr. Staci Martin, VP of institutional planning; Brandon Walker, math instructor; and Sarah Booker, math instructor.

Four KC professionals attended the National Association of Developmental Education conference in Oklahoma City March 1-3, a trip also funded by the CRSM grant. Karen Dulweber, Karen Johnson and Becky Johnson presented a session titled “Leveling the Playing Field in Freshman Composition: A Co-requisite IRW Course for Underprepared Students.” Adjunct Susan Stroud also attended.

Karen Dulweber, Karen Johnson, and Becky Johnson will make three presentations April 6-7 at an Acceleration Institute in Round Rock, sponsored by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Also attending the conference will be Bennie Brown, Ingo Stoehr, Jase Graves and Charleen Worsham.

Five instructors recently attended the Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA) annual convention Feb. 23-25 in Austin. Attending the conference were Jeannine Tagg, Preston Lewis, John Raulston, Donny Seals and Portia Scott.

Manny Almanza, sponsor of KC student group Latinos en Accion, thanks the KC community for supporting its taco sale March 20. The student club raised $227 with all proceeds benefiting the KC Student Food Pantry. Thanks also to Jaymi Blankenship and the Baptist Student Ministry for supplying water and lemonade for the sale.

Melonie Bonner, KC Testing Center manager, president of the Texas Association of Collegiate Testing Personnel (TACTP) and member of the Texas Assessment Planning committee, participated as a presenter Feb. 22 at the annual conference and introduced Education Commissioner Mike Morath.

Ronda Howe, chemistry instructor, is pleased to announce that the American Chemical Society meeting Feb. 24 was a huge success with about 100 students participating in the event.

Dr. Jim Taylor, music instructor, lectured March 22 at the University of Texas at Tyler in a unit on living composers in the Music Literature class. He presented his catalogue of works with comments and anecdotes.

Until next month,

Dr. Brenda Kays
KC president

Follow Dr. Kays on Twitter! @KCBrendaKays
KCEOPA hosting bakesale fundraiser

KCEOPA is planning a fundraising pre-order bake sale for the Easter holiday. This event will raise vital funds for scholarships to deserving students. Contact Kathy Knighton for a list of items to order through April 7. Items will not be prepared until they are ordered. Sales will be on a first-come, first-served basis. The date of delivery will be worked out between you and a KCEOPA member. Payment is due either prior to or on the delivery date. KCEOPA will accept cash or checks made payable to KCEOPA. One-time donations will also be accepted.

PTA Club fundraising for upcoming trips

Students in the KC Physical Therapy Club are actively fundraising in preparation for two great educational trips next year. The PT Club is hosting a garage sale April 1 in Longview at 2506 Northview Drive. The PT Club will also host the infamous Duck Race 10 a.m. Saturday, April 8, in the park area across from the KILGORE bushes in Kilgore. Those interested can sponsor one or more ducks (plastic, of course) in the race. The first four ducks to cross the finish line will win a prize package valued at approximately $200. Participants do not need to be present to win. If sponsors are found for all the ducks, the club can make more than $2,000. To sponsor a duck, contact Carla Gleaton, PT Club adviser. Money raised will fund trips next year to the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) Annual Conference in Corpus Christi in October and a trip in February of 2018 to the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) conference in New Orleans. The PT Club is trying to support as many students as possible that want to attend one or both of these events.

Purchase cards to help ACS battle cancer

The American Cancer Society

Relay For Life®

Sun & Moon Cards

Relay for Life of Kilgore is just around the corner! Let’s show Kilgore how KC supports the fight against cancer! For only 25 cents, you can purchase a card in honor or in memory of someone who has battled cancer. For purchase are sun cards, moon cards and feet cards that will be displayed around the KC Counseling Center area in the Devall Building until the Relay for Life event April 29. Money raised will be donated to The American Cancer Society to help people get well, stay well, find cures and fight back. Cancer never sleeps. It affects us day and night. Purchase a sun or moon card in honor or in memory of a loved one. To purchase a card, please email Laura Mulanax, health science adviser.

Annual ET Energy Symposium set for May 2

The 8th Annual East Texas Energy Symposium will be held May 2 on the Kilgore campus and KC instructors who teach energy-related courses will have informational booths set up at the meeting to display what KC offers. This year’s keynote speaker for the luncheon will be Railroad Commissioner Wayne Christian. Companies from all over the Ark-La-Tex attend this annual event. Other guest speakers for the symposium will be Andy Cordova, GE Oil & Gas; Helmuth “Buster” Heneman, President and Owner of NRG Systems, Inc.; and Peter Hennings of the Bureau of Economic Geology. For more information, or to set up an informational booth at the seminar, contact Merlyn Holmes, director of the East Texas Oil Museum.

Suggested items:
- Canned chili, soups
- Tuna
- Spaghetti (pasta) and sauce
- Hamburger Helper type items
- Packaged pasta & rice-type items
- Breakfast type items (Pop Tarts, instant oatmeal, boxed cereal, pancake mix, etc.)
- Baking mixes (Bisquick, Pioneer, etc.) and packaged muffin, biscuit or cornbread mixes
- Canned fruit
- Rice
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Peanut butter
- Cake, cookie or brownie mixes
APRIL

Calendar

1 - Softball at Angelina College, Lufkin, TX, 1 & 3 p.m.
   Spring Vocal Recital, Van Cliburn Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
3 - Softball at Bossier Parish C.C., Bossier City, LA, 1 & 3 p.m.
4 - Blood Drive, Ross Street (Student Parking Lot), 9 a.m.
5 - Softball vs. Paris, The Ballpark at KC Commons, 1 & 3 p.m.
   Rangerrette Revels, Dodson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
   Rangerrette Drill Team Nights, Devall Ballroom, 4:45 p.m.
6 - Rangerrette Revels, Dodson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
7 - Rangerrette Revels, Dodson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
   Art Club Meeting, Fine Arts Building, 2nd floor, 12:15 p.m.
8 - ACT Testing, Old Main Building, 8 a.m.
   Softball at Navarro College, Corsicana, TX, 1 & 3 p.m.
   Rangerrette Forever Reception, Rangerrette Gym, 3 p.m.
   Rangerrette Revels, Dodson Auditorium, 1 & 7:30 p.m.
   FAFSA Help Session, KC-Longview, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
10 - PTK Meeting, COMMA Building, Room 104, 1:45 p.m.
    Texas State Univ. Recruiter, Devall Hallway, 1:30 p.m.
11 - KCEOPA Meeting, Devall Conference Room, 2 p.m.
    TRIO Spring Ceremony, Devall Ballroom, 6 p.m.
12 - College Fair (15 schools), Devall Hallway, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
    Softball vs. NTCC, The Ballpark at KC Commons, 1 & 3 p.m.
13 - Campuses Close at 9:30 p.m.
14 - Good Friday – Campuses Closed
18 - Upward Bound Spring Banquet, Devall Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.
19 - Softball at Trinity Valley C.C., Athens, TX, 1 & 3 p.m.
    Student Open Mic Night, Devall Ballroom, 6 p.m.
20 - KC American Honors Banquet, Devall Ballroom, 6 p.m.
21 - Piney Woods Counseling Association, Devall Room, 8 a.m.
    Art Club Meeting, Fine Arts Building, 2nd floor, 1:45 p.m.
22 - Softball vs. BPCC, The Ballpark at KC Commons, 1 & 3 p.m.
    Twirling Contest, Multiple Areas, 8 a.m.
23 - KHS Hi-Stepper Spring Show, Dodson Auditorium, 7 p.m.
24 - PTK Meeting, COMMA Bldg. Room 104, 1:45 p.m.
25 - Texas Scholarship Luncheon, Devall Hallway, 11:30 a.m.
26 - Administrative Asst. Luncheon, McLaurin Bldg., 2 to 4 p.m.
27 - Crawfish Boil, Broadway Street, 11 a.m.
28 - NACE East Texas Seminar, Devall Ballroom, 8 a.m.
    Art Club Meeting, Fine Arts Building, 2nd floor, 1:45 p.m.
    KCEPT Graduation, Van Cliburn Auditorium, 2 p.m.
    Mgmt. Dept. Advisory Mtg., Devall Conference Room, 1 p.m.
29 - FAFSA Help Session, Woodfin Center, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

DATA: Did you know?

KC’s federal graduation rate for first time in college, full-time students increased from 20% for the cohort entering in Fall 2012 to 25% for the cohort entering in Fall 2013.

The national average for community colleges is 21%.

Fire Academy hosts 100th graduation

The Kilgore College Fire Academy celebrated a milestone March 29 with its 100th graduation ceremony. KC hosted a reception prior to the ceremony in the Bert E. Woodruff Adult Education Center for all former fire academy students and instructors. Following the reception, 18 students graduated with the 100th class in Van Cliburn Auditorium. Jacob Roseboom, of Terrace, B.C., Canada, was the class valedictorian.

Above: KC Fire Academy Class 100 valedictorian Jacob Roseboom accepts his diploma from former Kilgore Fire Department fire chief Dennis Gage and Mike Fennell, KC lead fire instructor. Photo by Jamie Maldonado/KC

Nominate deserving students to be honored by board

The KC Board of Trustees recognizes an outstanding student at each of its board meetings. Please consider nominating a deserving student. To be considered for this recognition, students must be nominated by a KC faculty or staff member. To nominate a student, email Dr. Mike Jenkins.

April birthdays

04-03 Jackie Kelley
04-04 Micah Goodding
04-04 Brenda Kays
04-06 Dane Deen
04-08 Edward Bernaldez
04-09 Bobby Key
04-10 Glenda Ford
04-12 Wesley Brasher
04-13 Jesse James
04-15 David Belanger
04-15 Paula Jamerson
04-16 Laura Mulanax
04-18 Anna Nimz
04-19 Derek Hunter
04-20 Jason Graves
04-22 Larry Brooks
04-24 Kat Brooks
04-25 Renee’ Golden
04-26 Dee Swan
04-28 Karen Scibona
04-30 Mary Hawley
04-30 Jeanine Tagg