KC, UT Tyler sign agreement joining forces to benefit Longview-area students

Kilgore College and The University of Texas at Tyler (UT Tyler) officially joined forces July 27 with the signing of a memorandum of understanding to create a unique opportunity for Longview-area students who are pursuing a college degree.

Through this agreement, signed by both institutions at the Longview University Center (LUC), students can dual enroll at KC and UT Tyler with the assurance of a seamless transition of credits from one institution to the other.

UT Tyler will also utilize $10 million in funding from the Texas Capital Construction Assistance Projects (CCAP) for LUC facility development and improvements to accommodate the partnership objectives.

This unique partnership will guarantee seamless pathways to include dual credit and associate degree programs offered by KC to baccalaureate (and post- baccalaureate) degree programs offered by UT Tyler, with students having access to services from both educational institutions through a special dual admission. MORE

KC reviving surgical tech program

Kilgore College and Christus Good Shepherd are collaborating to reactivate the Surgical Technology Associate of Applied Science degree this fall at KC-Longview.

Classes will be held at the KC-Longview North Building with clinical rotations held at Christus Good Shepherd Medical Center.

This high-demand industry only takes a two-year (60-hour) associate degree to get hired as a surgical tech.

KC employees who go “Above & Beyond”

Julie Webb

This spring, East Texas Police Academy was scheduled to attend a high school career fair in Big Sandy. Due to short staffing in our office we were not able to attend.

As an ETPA alum, Julie Webb agreed to represent ETPA at this event, in addition to all the other KC programs she was representing, and on very short notice. We all really appreciated her being so willing to help us out while we were stretched thin covering our office operations.

Joe Cassin, Director, ETPA

Sharman takes over as HR director

Kara Sharman has joined KC as the new Director of Human Resources, and we are very excited to have her as part of the KC team!

As you recall, Tony Johnson submitted his retirement letter earlier this year.

After an extensive search, Kara was selected to lead KC’s HR team and mission. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position.

Her professional experience includes HR Manager, HR Generalist, Benefits Specialist and Benefits Administrator.

She earned a Master of Science degree in Human Resource Development from the University of Texas at Tyler, and holds credentials from SHRM-CP (Certified Professional through Society of Human Resource Management) and PHR (Professional in Human Resources through HR Certification Institute).

Sharman’s email address is ksharman@kilgore.edu and her phone extension is 8102.
New Opportunities for East Texas Students...

I can't believe that it is already August, and our classes for the Fall '22 Semester will be starting in a mere few weeks!

Welcome to our new employees, and welcome back to our nine- and 10-month employees! I look forward to seeing everyone at our Fall Convocation on Aug. 15. I've heard that our Hospitality Committee, under the leadership of our new HR director, Kara Sharman, is shaping an experience that will be a fun celebration with a few surprises thrown in for good measure.

When our new semester starts on Aug. 22, we will again be holding classes at the Longview University Center (LUC); however, our presence at the LUC has now escalated to a formal partnership between KC and the University of Texas at Tyler.

Last Wednesday, July 27, was a monumental day for KC and UT Tyler. It was also a monumental day for KC's service area students. Last week our two institutions signed a partnership agreement that boldly stated that the whole of our two institutions, through this new partnership, would grow to be greater than the sum of our parts.

Formalizing the KC and UT Tyler partnership creates a unique opportunity for students pursuing a college degree. Through this agreement, students can dual enroll at KC and UT Tyler with the assurance of a seamless transition of credits from one institution to the other.

It also creates joint admissions for the fall and spring semesters at both institutions, with access to student services from both schools. KC will work hand-in-hand with UT Tyler to serve East Texas students in the most streamlined version of educational student support. We will provide a more straightforward and precise pathway for our students that will lead to associate degrees, bachelor's degrees, master's degrees and beyond. In his comments, Dr. Calhoun (UT Tyler chancellor) mentioned that it could very well mean a pathway into their new medical school!

This new level of partnership between KC and UT Tyler results from the work and passion of many external and internal partners, including the Texas Legislature. Our Trustees and Foundation Board of Directors have cheered this partnership at every step. Dr. Tracy Skopek, Dean Becky Johnson and Dean Brandon Walker have worked tirelessly on so many levels, and the entire KC Community has pitched in to make every day moving forward successful for this new venture!

Many thanks to everyone!

Until next month,

FOLLOW DR. KAYS ON TWITTER! @KCBrendaKays

Retirement party for Tony Johnson set for Aug. 25

A come-and-go retirement celebration for Tony Johnson will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Baptist Student Ministry building.

Johnson has served as HR director at KC for 14 years. Swing by to wish him well in his new adventures.

Congratulations to Martha Whitfield (daughter of David Whitfield/IT and Sarah Whitfield/chemistry instructor) who graduated from Texas A&M University on May 12 with a Master of Science in Accounting, a bachelor of business administration with a focus in accounting, and an internal audit certificate. David and Sarah give a special shout out to her KC accounting instructor Richard Crutcher!

Congratulations to Jessica Copeland (KCPD) for being named KC Officer of the Year in May at the Giants of Law Enforcement banquet at Maude Cobb Convention Center in Longview. The event, hosted annually by the Longview Centurion Club, is an opportunity for officers in the area to be recognized for their dedication and hard work.

Michael Ferguson (Criminal Justice instructor) co-wrote an article that was published in July in the Texas Police Journal. The article is titled “Do You See What I See?” It deals with the use of police body-worn and dash-cam footage. Read article

Birthdays

August 2022

8-2 Lori Truman
8-4 Stephanie Arriola
8-5 Cameron Neal
8-6 Mary Blackmon
8-6 Brigida Romano
8-7 Heather Fitch
8-9 Patricia Robinson
8-9 Kyla Sather
8-9 Abby Smith
8-10 Judy DeRouen
8-10 Cody Edwards
8-11 Karen Dulweber
8-11 Martha Woodruff
8-14 Lametra Barnes
8-15 Charles Childers
8-16 Michael Jenkins
8-16 Bindy Tice
8-19 Callie Blakeley
8-20 Jamie Allsup
8-20 Christopher Reed
8-21 Donna Smith
8-21 Kristen Stovall
8-22 Meaghan Simpson
8-27 Tashauna Morris
8-31 Elizabeth Gunn
8-31 Maria Ramirez
8-31 Debbie Williams
On-Campus Calendar

1-5, KC Coding Camp, BA Bldg, 8:30 a.m.
1-2, Music Machine at KC, Devall Ballroom, 8 a.m.
2, Mini Summer Star Day, Longview University Center, 4 p.m.
2-16, Fall Registration, Devall Student Center, 7:45 a.m.
3, Summer Star Day, Devall Ballroom, 10 a.m.
6, Summer Star Day, Devall Ballroom, 10 a.m.
11, Graduation, Dodson Auditorium, 6 p.m.
15, Fall Convocation, Dodson Auditorium, 8 a.m.
19, Cafeteria Opens, Devall Student Center, Noon
   Male Residence Halls Open, 9 a.m.
   ADN Orientation, Devall Ballroom, 8 a.m.
20, Female Residence Halls Open, 9 a.m.
   Rangerette Show Offs, Dodson, 7:30 p.m.
   Rangerette After Party, Rangerette Gym/Parking Lot, 9 p.m.
21, Dorm Check-In, Devall Ballroom, 9 a.m.
22, First Day of Classes
29, Upward Bound Orientation, Devall Ballroom, 6 p.m.
   KC Board of Trustees Meeting, McLaurin Admin. Bldg., 6:30 p.m.
31, Graduation Destination, Devall Ballroom, 11 a.m.

DATA: Did you know?

Year | Summer Enrollment
-----|-------------------
2019 | 1856
2020 | 1763
2021 | 1887
2022 | 1773

Oil boom photo exhibit coming to ETOM soon

In an effort to continue sharing East Texas Oilfield and Texas History, the Kilgore College East Texas Oil Museum will exhibit 17 real photo postcard (RPPC) enlargements by Jack Nolan (1889-1972), a prolific photographer of oil boom communities.

The exhibit, which will run from Aug. 9 to Dec. 10, includes photos of the East Texas Oil Field taken by Nolan in the 1930s.

This exhibition will be accompanied by a lecture at the museum – set for 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15 – by Jeff A. Spencer.

Spencer is a petroleum geologist and oilfield historian who has authored several papers using vintage postcards to illustrate the petroleum industry’s history and growth.

He is also the author of “Texas Oil and Gas History.”

“Many of the first photographs of the early East Texas oil boom, that reached people throughout the United States and the world, were probably Jack Nolan postcards,” Spencer said.

The exhibit and lecture are made possible in part by a grant from Humanities Texas. The museum’s hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In Memoriam

Dr. Gerald Stanglin passed away June 20 at the age of 75. After graduating from Abilene Christian University in 1969, he pursued his lifelong love of education. Stanglin served as KC’s VP of instruction from 1997 until his retirement in 2014.

Sarah Keith passed away July 28 at the age of 80. Keith began working for KC in 1976 when she was hired by Dean Leslie Matthews to organize and start the medical laboratory technology program at KC. She worked at KC until her retirement as Director of Student Success in 2007.

Larry Lacewell passed away May 17 at the age of 85 in Jonesboro, Ark. He was an assistant football coach at KC in the mid 1960s, coached at several universities and worked for the Dallas Cowboys in the 1990s.