KC kicks off exciting fall semester

With excitement brewing, Kilgore College will commence its 84th school year with a schedule full of defining moments for the college including the launch of a QEP campaign, SACSCOC reaccreditation, the progression of launching Guided Pathways and improvements made at both campuses with the main goal of improving the student experience and student success.

With its highest summer school enrollment since 2014, KC looks to continue that trend with the fall enrollment and recommits to administering “Radical Hospitality” for everyone who visits KC’s campuses.

Radical Hospitality, which was unveiled at convocation last January, is something for every employee to strive for. “Radical Hospitality is our commitment to be the higher education institution of choice in Northeast Texas,” said Dr. Brenda Kays, KC president. “We must never forget that students have a choice of where they decide to invest their tuition dollars.

Employees new to KC will attend New Employee Orientation Aug. 17 and all KC employees will meet for convocation Aug. 20.

The Hospitality Committee, though not unveiling its plans, assures that this semester’s convocation will be as energetic and intriguing as last spring’s meeting.

Late Registration will be held Aug. 21-22 on both campuses to give students a last-minute chance to enroll before classes begin Aug. 27.

The annual KC Kickoff is set for Aug. 30 for students and employees to celebrate the kickoff of the new school year. KC Kickoff will feature the KC Spirit Club as the event’s emcees, free snow cones by Charlie’s Sno-Balls and informational booths set up to promote KC clubs/organizations.

Grand opening held for new learning center on Kilgore campus

Kilgore College held a ribbon-cutting and grand opening June 26 for a second computer tutoring/learning center on the Kilgore campus.

“The Zone Learning Center,” located in Room 119 of the Student Support Building, was made possible by a $25,000 grant in December from the Crain Foundation of Longview.

With the grant funds, KC remodeled a room for the new lab, once used by KC Media. The lab is furnished with computer desks, chairs, computers and security cameras.

Students now have access to 19 additional computers for tutoring and academic activities with new wiring in the lab for improved data connections and speed.

The Zone tutoring labs on the Kilgore and Longview campuses offer free computer usage to all KC students with peer tutors available for all Core Curriculum courses. Free online tutoring is also available for several courses.

Fall hours are Mondays-Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Fridays, 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Aug 3: Fall registration payment deadline
Aug 9: Summer II exams/graduation
Aug 10: Summer II grades due
Aug 11: New Student Orientation
Aug. 13: KCPD (Kilgore & Longview) begins issuing KC IDs/Ranger Card, enrollment validation stickers & 2018-2019 parking permits
Aug. 17: New employee orientation (7:45 a.m. in Devall Ballroom)
Aug. 20: Fall Convocation (Devall Ballroom/Dodson Auditorium)
Aug. 27: Fall semester classes begin
Alphabet Soup?
Exactly What is QEP?!!

The world of education is no different from the world of any other profession… it is fraught with acronyms! I find myself dropping educational acronyms right and left in general conversation. Educational acronyms have become such a big part of my life that I don’t realize that I have fully confused my listener until I notice that his/her eyes have glazed over or that they are furtively looking around the room for an escape route!

Our regional accrediting body is responsible for introducing many of those acronyms into our vocabulary and you will be exposed to many of those acronyms during convocation and the weeks leading up to our reaffirmation visit scheduled for the first of October. Hence, today’s newsletter article is dedicated to providing a primer for those SACSCOC (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) related acronyms. SACSCOC is our regional accrediting body (NOTE: Do not refer to SACSCOC as SACS please). In order for students to be eligible to use federal financial aid dollars to fund their education they must attend an accredited institution. Kilgore College must be accredited or we would forfeit more than 70 percent of the students who currently enroll/attend. Therefore, it is vital that we maintain our accreditation status.

In order to maintain our accreditation status with SACSCOC, every 10 years we must go through a reaffirmation of accreditation process. KC is in the midst of that process right now and we look forward to being reaffirmed in June of 2019. Part of that decennial review is a compliance report. The compliance report is a long narrative that covers all of the expectations associated with providing a quality education to students… CR’s (Core Requirements), CS’s (Comprehensive Standards) and FR’s (Federal Requirements) have plagued the waking and sleeping hours of countless KC administrators, faculty and staff.

While the CR’s, CS’s and FR’s answer whether or not KC is following all of the prescribed “musts and shoulds” associated with accreditation, it is definitely not the fun or exciting part of the process. The QEP or Quality Enhancement Plan is where the fun begins! The QEP is also the part of the process that KC gets to create in order to benefit students and student learning.

KC’s QEP is entitled “Write Your Future.” Look for the newly designed logo to show up all over the college! Our QEP is designed to enhance student writing. We plan to achieve this outcome through the implementation of a Grammar Boot Camp integrated into all sections of English 1301-Composition I, establishment of Writing Studios at both instructional locations and core curriculum faculty development to provide the tools necessary for faculty to enhance student writing.

This is just a teaser for now…... I can make a firm promise that you will hear more about KC’s QEP at convocation and the weeks leading up to Oct. 1. Look for some great goodies with the new QEP logo to be distributed at convocation.

Until next month,

Dr. Brenda Kays
KC president

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President’s Perspective by Dr. Brenda Kays

Mickey Goodding (theatre instructor) is pleased to announce that KC Theatre is reporting record-breaking attendance with 2017-18 as the best-attended production season on record with 3,191 students, employees and community members in the audience. He thanks everyone for their support of the work of theatre students at Van Cliburn Auditorium, a space that seats less than 200 audience members. The overall trend from the past six years has been a steady growth in KC Theatre supporters. Goodding plans to continue that trend in the future through the following strategies:

• Increased outreach to local communities and school districts within our service area.
• A well-balanced season of classical, literary works and cutting-edge contemporary pieces.

Congratulations to Latasha Goodwyn (director of Adult Education and Literacy) who earned a Doctorate of Education degree from The University of the Cumberlands on May 7. Goodwyn has served as the director of the AEL program at KC since May of 2017. She is also a graduate of The University of Tennessee Martin (M.S.Ed., Literature) and Colorado State University (Bachelor’s degree, Liberal Arts).

Jackie Hobbs (instructor of Associate Degree Nursing) is the new Faculty Senate President. Should you have any Faculty Senate-related questions or issues, please contact her at jhobbs@kiligore.edu or 903-983-8161. She will serve as Faculty President through May of 2019.

Congratulations to Jason Graves (department chair, Language Development) who was presented June 9 with his second award for humor writing from the National Society of Newspaper Columnists at the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio. On June 23, he was also awarded with a first place plaque for humor writing from the Texas Press Association for his work with the Kilgore News Herald. Graves also won third and fourth places in the Memoir category of the Writer’s Digest 87th Annual Writing Competition.

Good News:

Congratulations to Patrick Alexander (assistant food service director, ARAMARK) and his wife, Julia, on the birth of their daughter, Adeline Jean Alexander (at right), who weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20.5” long.

Congratulations to Jerry Morris (systems support specialist, IT) and Miguel Sanchez (student) who were the winners in May of a $25 Walmart gift card. The gift cards were awarded by the Randolph C. Watson Library staff from a Library Survey drawing. The library staff thanks all employees who participated in the library survey.

Congratulations to Jude Dubois (director, Upward Bound) for becoming a grandfather June 14 with the birth of Kinsley Ann Dubois. Kinsley weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz. and was 20” in length. Proud parents are KC alumni Jordan Dubois (2007 graduate of KC and KC football player) and Kristi Harrell Dubois (2006 KC graduate and KC Twirler).
Order items from Amazon to ship to food pantry

If you enjoy shopping on Amazon, there is a simple way to purchase items and have them shipped directly to the KC Food Pantry.
To do so, visit www.AmazonSmile.com.
In the “Pick your own organization box,” type in Kilgore College Foundation, then click “Search.” Next, click the “Yes” box and “Select” then “Start Shopping.”
This will take you to the Amazon page. Under Accounts & Lists, click “Kilgore College Student Development” and this will take you to the food pantry list.
The college appreciates all donations to the food pantry to serve our students in need.

KC Print Services prices increasing slightly Sept. 1

KC Print Services will increase printing prices on color paper and covers beginning Sept. 1 because of ever-increasing paper prices. For questions, call Mike Ford (manager, Print Services) at 903-983-8153 or email him.

New prices:
- 8 ½” x 11” 20# (color bond): 1 side - $0.10, duplex - $0.15
- 8 ½” x 11” 60# (bright text): 1 side - $0.13, duplex - $0.20
- 8 ½” x 11” 65# (bright cover): 1 side - $0.17, duplex - $0.27
- 8 ½” x 11” 90# (color cover): 1 side - $0.14, duplex - $0.22

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 and should exemplify excellence in learning, leadership abilities and co-curricular activity. Selected students will be expected to attend the first part of the board meeting in which she/he will be recognized. The faculty or staff member making the nomination will also be expected to attend the first part of that meeting in order to introduce themselves and the student to the board and present a brief description of the accomplishments of the student while at KC. The board’s next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 9. To nominate a student, contact Dr. Mike Jenkins.

KC, UT Tyler continue long-standing partnership with new classes

Kilgore College and The University of Texas at Tyler are continuing their long history of partnership and cooperation by offering two classes this fall at the UT Tyler – Longview University Campus (LUC).
KC will offer Statistics (MATH 1342) and General Psychology (PSYC 2301) at the LUC to better serve the Longview population.
“It’s a deep thread in our mission as an institution to promote partnerships through outreach to area schools and universities,” said Dr. Brenda Kays, KC president. “It’s always exciting when two educational institutions can work together for the benefit of students.”
The math class is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; and the psychology class will be held at 10 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
KC and UT Tyler have also created a plan for students that explicitly outlines the courses to take at each institution to earn an associate and bachelor’s degree in the most efficient and affordable way possible. The plan is detailed on each institution’s website so students can easily locate the information.
With this roadmap, the schools hope to decrease confusion that often leads to students taking unnecessary classes.

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- Dr. Brenda Kays, KC president

August birthdays

8-2 Travis Jaquess
8-2 Lori Truman
8-4 Summorrow Robertson
8-5 Nancy Law
8-5 Cameron Neal
8-7 Heather Fitch
8-7 Julie Fowler
8-8 Christopher Godfrey
8-9 Irais Barrera Manzo
8-9 Patricia Robinson
8-10 Joshua Bernethy
8-10 Judith Derouen
8-10 Cody Edwards
8-10 Jerri Saenz
8-11 Karen Dulweber
8-11 Martha Woodruff
8-12 Latasha Goodwyn
8-15 Charles Childers
8-16 Michael Jenkins
8-16 Belinda Tice
8-19 Callie Blakeley
8-19 Barbara Prater
8-20 Christopher Reed
8-22 Meaghan Simpson
8-23 Martha Deen
8-23 Kashawna Mack
8-27 Tashauna Morris
8-29 Paul Wills
8-31 Raymond Caldwell
8-31 Gus Lafosse
8-31 Debbie Williams

Above: Upward Bound students made a large donation to the KC Student Food Pantry in June. Pictured with the UB students are Barbara Prater (executive assistant), Jude Dubois (UB director) and Dr. Mike Jenkins (VP of Student Development).
**Calendar**

1. New Student Orientation, Devall Ballroom, 7:30 a.m.
   University of Texas at Tyler Recruiter, Devall Hallway, 10 a.m.
2. ETPA Graduation, Devall Ballroom, 10 a.m.
3. Lady Ranger Basketball Camp, Masters Gymnasium, 8 a.m.
4. Music Machine Camp, Tech/Vocational Building, 9 a.m.
5. Vocational Nursing Pinning, Devall Ballroom, 10 a.m.
6. Graduation Ceremony, Dodson Auditorium, 6 p.m.
7. New Student Orientation, Devall Ballroom, 7:30 a.m.
8. KC Board of Trustees Meeting, McLaurin Building, 6:30 p.m.
9. Rangerette Pizza Party, Rangerette Gym, 6 p.m.
10. Upward Bound Breakfast, Devall Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.
11. Rangerette Showoffs, Dodson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
12. Rangerettes Forever Reception, Rangerette Gym, 9 p.m.
13. Fall Convocation Breakfast, Devall Ballroom, 7:45 a.m.
14. Fall Convocation, Dodson Auditorium, 9 a.m.
15. Late Registration
16. International Student Orientation, Library – Room 201, Noon
17. Faculty Professional Development, Dodson, 9 a.m.
18. Adjunct Faculty Breakfast, Devall Ballroom, 7 a.m.
19. First Day of Classes
   PTK Meeting, Devall TV Room, 5:15 p.m.
20. Party in the Plaza, Lee Mall/Mike Miller Plaza, 6 p.m.
21. Children’s Opera, Dodson Auditorium, 9:30 a.m.
22. KC Kickoff, Lee Mall/Mike Miller Plaza, 11 a.m.

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**Party in the Plaza set for Aug. 28**

The Campus Ministries of Kilgore College will host the annual Party in the Plaza Aug. 29 to kick off the new school year in the Lee Mall/Mike Miller Plaza on the Kilgore campus.

Set for 6 to 8:30 p.m., it’s open to all KC students and employees and will feature a free performance by the band Rush of Fools and DJ Redbeard.

Free food and drinks will be provided along with giveaways of televisions, gift cards and much more.

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**Look in Z\:\ Drive for available warehouse items**

Pictures of available items at the KC warehouse are now available to view in the network Z:\ Drive under “Warehouse Inventory.” All items have been given an inventory number and have been photographed with a description. There is also a list of all items in each folder. Items are available only for KC office or classroom spaces. For a closer look at the item that you have chosen from the warehouse inventory, please notify Terry Huckaby at Ext. 8258 so he can set up a time and date to meet at the warehouse. After choosing an item, the following procedures will need to take place:

- E-mail Terry Huckaby with the inventory # of the item, the building and room # where item is to be delivered.
- After receiving your e-mail I will then stage the item in the warehouse for pick up, and I will enter the work request for delivery.

It is important to know that items come and go daily and that Huckaby will work diligently to keeping the inventory list updated. If you find something that you can use, please notify Huckaby for the work request and do not send it in yourself.

**KCPD offering Campus Violence Awareness Training**

KCPD is offering Campus Violence Awareness Training for smaller groups such as campus departments, organizations, divisions, etc. The police department has a 45-60 minute training that can be presented on-site in your work area. This location gives us an opportunity to survey and discuss issues that are specific to your work space and the population you serve. The training covers active shooter, concealed carry and dealing with workplace violence. If you are interested in having the police department provide this training, please contact Chief Heath Cariker at 903-983-8657 or hcariker@kilgore.edu.

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**DATA: Did you know?**

Summer 2018 Enrollment: 1,798

This is the largest summer enrollment since 2014.

Data provided by the KC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness