KC accreditation reaffirmed by SACSCOC

Thanks to the diligent and hard work of KC faculty and staff, Kilgore College's accreditation was reaffirmed June 13 by the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) with no additional reports requested. KC will be up for reaffirmation again in 2029, with submission of a Fifth Year Interim Report in 2024. For anyone needing proof of reaffirmation of accreditation, the official written notice is posted online here.

The college now proceeds with full implementation of the Quality Enhancement Plan – Write Your Future – over the next five years.

Dr. Staci Martin, Vice President of Institutional Planning & SACSCOC Accreditation Liaison, thanks everyone who contributed to this critical process in the life of Kilgore College!

Gore, Cliborn, Patterson, Dennis fulfill new roles at college

Chris Gore has been named the new Dean for Enrollment Management and Student Success at KC. Gore served as the Director of New Student Relations from 2013-14 and was Director of Admissions and Registrar from August of 2014 until he was named to this new position. Gore is pleased to announce the selection of two new team members to the division:

Dennis Cliborn joined the Enrollment Management and Student Success division July 15 as the new Director of Admissions and Registrar. Cliborn hit the ground running by attending the Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers’ (TACRAO) summer meeting which included the Apply Texas/SPEEDE EDI and Community College Issues meetings in Austin. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas State Auditors, Texas Education Agency and the National Student Clearinghouse representatives attend along with college registrars from around the state.

International Admissions Specialist, Chrissy Patterson, has joined the ranks of Admissions Counselor. Patterson replaces Genaro Tovar-Murillo in this role following his decision to pursue a master’s degree. She will continue to manage KC’s international student services program as an Admissions Counselor.

Dr. Ginger Dennis was announced by Richard Crutcher, interim dean, as the new department chair for Business, Computer Information Technology & Legal Assisting for the upcoming school year. Dennis teaches Computer and Information Technology. Please congratulate these staff members as they assume new roles at KC.

Wylie named interim CFO

With the departure of Dr. Fred Gore, who left KC to accept a position with Southwestern Assemblies of God University in Waxahachie, Nancy Wylie has been appointed as interim Chief Financial Officer at KC.

“Many of you have already had the pleasure of working with Nancy and are familiar with her competence,” said Dr. Brenda Kays, KC President.

“Her knowledge and expertise will ensure that the institution’s fiscal operations remain in very good hands.”

Kays said she appreciates Wylie’s willingness to serve in this capacity. As interim chief financial officer, Wylie will lead the business/purchasing/cashier’s/payroll offices and auxiliary services (i.e. the KC Bookstore, Parks Fitness Center and the East Texas Oil Museum).
Happy August!

There is a buzz of excitement around the college. Incoming students are striving to pick a perfect schedule that meshes with employer/family demands, some are finding themselves bursting with pride to be the first in their family to seek post-secondary education, while others are launching the first steps in their educational journey in pursuit of individualized goals and dreams... or, perhaps, all three!

As we pause to take a breath in the midst of the excitement, however briefly, we are certainly met with signs that the college has changed or is changing from how we “looked” in fall 2018.

New phone handsets with updated features are perched on our desks, posters extolling the benefits associated with eight-week terms are prevalent, dirt mounds piled high around the Canterbury Engineering and Science Building remind us that the McKinstry project is ongoing, and blue marker flags foretell the installation of fiber and the promise of the Devall Student Center being wireless for our students.

Change is obvious. However, it is also obvious that some things haven’t changed. We still have amazing faculty and staff who work tirelessly in support of students and student success.

We still offer KC students a phenomenal value for every tuition dollar that they invest toward the quality educational experience that they receive while enrolled as a Ranger.

And, last but not least, we are still extremely proud to be just east of ordinary!

I look forward to seeing each of you at convocation on Aug. 19. I am excited to share a bounty of news and updates with you as we launch into the 2019-20 academic school year.

More to follow... until the 19th!

Brenda

Clubs, organizations, departments encouraged to set up activities for kids at home football games

This year, the athletics department wants to drastically improve the game day tailgate experience at Kilgore College!

All clubs/organizations/departments are encouraged to set up various kid-friendly activities in the parking lot of the football stadium before each of the five home football games this season.

It can be any type of game, activity or experiment. Just make it easy to manage and fun for them! It might be as simple as a balloon pop that results in a piece of candy. The only thing asked is not to make it a time to “sell” the club/organization/department, but rather to simply promote the college by connecting with the community and future Rangers!

If your club/organization/department is interested, email Kristin Propes at kpropes@kilgore.edu.

Also, save the date of Aug. 29 for a “Meet the Rangers” community wide pep rally, 6 p.m. at the Lee Mall & Mike Miller Plaza.
**New crosswalk operational on Hwy. 259**

Encourage students to use extra caution crossing highway

Please be aware that the crosswalk on Hwy. 259 is now operating. Please be careful crossing the road because the motorists are still getting used to it. Click on the link that will give you more information about the crosswalk.

The crosswalk is controlled and maintained by Texas Department of Transportation, not the college.

If you have concerns or suggestions, please pass them on to Heath Cariker, KCPD Chief, at 903-983-8657 or hcariker@kilgore.edu, and he will get the info to TxDOT.

View the instructional video on Facebook here that will give you more information on how the crosswalk operates. Please pass this information on to your students and share it on Facebook.

**Residential Life moves to former KCPD offices**

The Office of Campus Life (formerly the Office of Residence and Student Life) relocated in June to the old KCPD offices located on the first floor of the Devall Student Center.

The entrance to the new office suite is on Broadway across from the Lee Mall/Mike Miller Plaza.

For now, this is also where students should go for student IDs and parking permits.

Coordinator of Campus Life is Ashley Mason. She can be reached at 903-983-7520 or amason@kilgore.edu. For more information on housing opportunities at KC, click here.

**DATA: Did you know?**

**Summer 2019 Enrollment:**

1,859 credit students

(This is a 3.4% increase over last summer.)

*Data provided by the KC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness*

**Jones named assistant controller**

Nancy Wylie, controller, is pleased to announce Dawn Jones as the new Assistant Controller at KC.

Jones, originally from Minnesota, has lived in Texas for more than 25 years and has more than 27 years of higher education experience. For 22 years, she worked at the University of Houston as the Director of Business Services. Most recently, she was the Director of Finance at Wiley College for five years.

"Dawn brings a wealth of Jenzabar experience to the Business Office team and we are excited about the future," Wylie said.

In her personal time, she enjoys traveling and spending time with her husband.

**Purchasing now called Procurement Services**

The Purchasing and Accounts Payable Office is now called Procurement Services. Check out its Procurement Services intranet site. Please update any shortcuts you may have for requisitions and approvals. Info is now available on travel guidelines as well as quick links to travel and purchasing forms on the new page. In the coming weeks, it will have new instructions, forms and policies added to the page.

For more information contact Betsy Hansard, Procurement Manager, at 903-983-8105 or bhansard@kilgore.edu. Procurement Services is located in the Whitten Building.

**Glenn Wells**

Glenn Wells, 62, of Kilgore, passed away June 24. Wells began his teaching career that spanned 39 years at West Rusk Junior High, then Lufkin Junior High West, Lufkin HS, Kilgore HS, Overton ISD, Gladewater HS, Pine Tree HS, and Chapel Hill HS.

Wells directed the Ranger Band from 2011 until his retirement in December 2018. He was recently inducted into the Texas Band Masters Hall of Fame as well as the SFA Band Directors Hall of Fame. View full obituary

**C.G. Mata**

Former KC Board of Trustees member C.G. Mata passed away June 9. Mata served on the board of trustees for 12 years and was honored as a KC Alumnus of the Year and was inducted into the KC Athletic Hall of Fame. He was always proud to tell everyone that KC gave him two of the greatest years of his life and he felt it his duty to give back. View full obituary

**Barbara Longmire**

Barbara Longmire, 72, passed away May 2 in Kilgore. She worked at KC for almost 25 years in food services, most recently for Aramark. View full obituary

**KC mourns losses of former employees, board member**
On-Campus Calendar

3, Ranger Registration, Watson Library, 8 a.m.
5, PTK Meeting Devall TV Room, 6 p.m.
5-8, Lady Rangers Basketball Camp, Masters Gym, 9:30 a.m.
6, Ranger Registration, KC-Longview, 2 p.m.
7, Ranger Registration, Watson Library, 8 a.m.
8, LVN Pinning Ceremony, Dodson Auditorium, 10 a.m.
Graduation Ceremony, Dodson Auditorium, 6 p.m.
9, PTA Case Studies, Devall Conference Room, 8:30 a.m.
13, Life Line Screening, Devall Ballroom, 7:45 a.m.
   Rangerette Pizza Party, Rangerette Gym, 6:30 p.m.
   Rangerette Show-Offs Reception, Rangerette Gym, 9 p.m.
12-23, Band/Twirl Camp, Parks Fitness Center, 9 a.m.
16, Rangerette Show-Offs, Dodson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
   New Faculty/Staff Orientation, Devall Ballroom, 7:45 a.m.
19, Fall Convocation Breakfast, Devall Ballroom, 7:45 a.m.
   Retirement Celebration for M. Kusheba, Devall Room, 1:30-3 p.m.
22, Equity-Minded Instructional Practices, Devall Ballroom, 8:30 a.m.
   Institutional Effectiveness Update, McLaurin Building, 1 p.m.
24, Football vs. TJC, R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium, 7 p.m.
27, Party in the Plaza, Miller Plaza/Lee Mall, 6 p.m.
28, Clubs & Organizations Fair, Miller Plaza/Lee Mall, 11:30 a.m.
29, KC Kick-Off/ Pep Rally, Miller Plaza/Lee Mall, 11:30 a.m.
   Meet the Rangers, Miller Plaza/Lee Mall, 6 p.m.
30, Campuses close at 2:45 p.m.
   Movie Night (Residential Life), Miller Plaza/Lee Mall, 7 p.m.
31, Football vs. Navarro, R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium, 7 p.m.

Kusheba retirement party set Aug. 19

A retirement celebration for longtime computer science instructor, Michael Kusheba, is set for 1:30 to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, in the Devall Room.
"It has been a wonderful, interesting and challenging 40 years at the finest community college in East Texas," Kusheba said. "I have so many positive and delightful memories of all my classes and students that I have taught at Kilgore College. I have enjoyed working with the faculty, staff, and administration at Kilgore College during my years at the college. They have been friendly and helpful to me."

PHOTO ABOVE: On May 30, the Physical Therapy Club and faculty sponsors presented a check for $1,255 to AMBUCS. Funds were raised through the club’s first AMTRYKE Duck Race held during the spring semester.

Items needed for student food pantry

The KC student food pantry is in need of items. To drop off items on the Kilgore campus, bring them by Barbara Prater’s office in the Devall Student Center (across the hall, at an angle, from the bookstore). On the Longview campus, drop them off to Will Massey in the Hendrix Building. For more information, call Prater at 903-983-8189 or email her.

Items needed:
- Eight-pack of Pop Tarts (any flavor)
- Cereal (regular boxes or mini boxes)
- Tuna (canned or packets)
- Canned chicken
- Mac n Cheese cups
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- Chili (with or without beans)
- Canned tomatoes (regular or Rotel)
- Spaghetti
- Spaghetti Sauce (w/or w/o meat)
- Pasta sides
- Ravioli
- Chunky soups
- Tomato Soup
- Ramen Noodles
- Snack items (Rice Krispie Treats, Gummy Fruit Treats, small bags of chips, etc.)
- No crackers, please…we have plenty right now.

DATA: Did you know?

Institutional Advancement has distributed $244,332.00 in scholarships so far for the 2019-20 academic school year.
This does not include the $90,000 available for the Rangerettes.
Its next Scholarship Committee meeting is Aug. 5.

Information provided by the
KC Office of Institutional Advancement

August Birthdays

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