KC will honor longtime employees at Christmas Luncheon

Kilgore College will honor 47 employees at its annual Christmas Luncheon for having served KC for milestone years of service to the college. The luncheon is set for 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 14, in the Devall Student Center Ballroom. Employees at right have served the college for 35 or more years.

Bennie Brown 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO KC  Instructor, English
Raymond Caldwell 45 YEARS OF SERVICE TO KC  Director & Founder, Texas Shakespeare Festival
Michael Kusheba 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO KC  Instructor, Computer Science
Dr. Michael Turpin 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO KC  VP of Instruction & Chief Academic Officer
Beverly Davis 35 YEARS OF SERVICE TO KC  Professional Support Assistant, Financial Aid

Retirement receptions set for three employees

Retirement parties for three longtime employees at Kilgore College will be held in December.

A come-and-go reception for Tammie Pascoe, who has worked in the purchasing department at KC for 11 years, is set for 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, in the Devall Room. Pascoe has worked in the Purchasing and Accounts Payable department since 2007.

Louise Wiley will be honored at a come-and-go retirement reception set for 2 to 4 p.m. in the Devall Room on Thursday, Dec. 6. Wiley has worked at KC since 1991 and serves as the dean of Science and Health Sciences.

A come-and-go reception will be held at KC-Longview for Dr. Julie Fowler from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7. Dr. Fowler has served KC since 1989 and is the executive dean of KC-Longview.

KC thanks these three individuals for their service to KC and its students.

Rangerette Christmas show is Dec. 2

The Kilgore College Rangerettes will host their eighth annual Christmas show on Sunday, Dec. 2, with two shows set for 2 and 5 p.m. in Dodson Auditorium. The one-day-only Broadway-style show, “Dancing, Prancing, Reindeer and ‘Rettes,” will feature the world-famous Rangerettes and guest performances by local dance groups and the KC Dance Department. Tickets are $15 each and all seating is reserved.

Tickets are available to purchase through Friday, Nov. 30, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the box office on the first floor of the Rangerette Gymnasium. They are also available by calling 903-983-8179.

Remaining tickets will be sold at Dodson Auditorium 45 minutes prior to each show. This year’s shows will feature the Rangerettes with guest performances by Elite Dance Center, In-Step Dance Co., Tina Grider School of Dance, the Kilgore High School Hi-Steppers, the KHS Coed Dancers and the Gladewater High School Honey Bears.

Departments encouraged to decorate tables for Christmas Luncheon

The KC Hospitality Committee invites all employees to participate in the third annual Christmas Gala of Tables.

The committee asks individual employees, groups of employees or departments to “adopt” tables for the KC Christmas Luncheon Dec. 14.

Employees must provide all decorations for the table which could include a centerpiece, placemats, chair coverings (eight chairs to a table), etc.

“The table will be yours to turn into a Christmas Gala!” exclaimed Tony Johnson, HR director. “I know we have a ton of creative employees that will add some real excitement to our luncheon. It will be exciting to see all the beautiful and creative decorations on the tables! Don’t hold back. Let your imagination run wild.”

Participants can start decorating at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 14. Please let Tony Johnson know by Dec. 10 if you or a group or a department will be “adopting” a table to decorate.

There will be at least 25 round tables to decorate.

For questions, contact anyone on the KC Hospitality Committee: Nancy Law, Jennifer Quine, Jerri Saenz, Ronda Lee, Kristan Propes, David Whitfield or Tony Johnson.
During fall convocation, I announced that the KC Board of Trustees had approved $10,000 to foster innovation and innovative ideas at KC! The only “catch” was that interested faculty/staff had to complete a grant application to apply….and I am excited to announce that they did.

Innovation Grant applications were due in September. Members of the Innovation Committee then reviewed the applications in October. All awardees have received notification that their “ask” was funded. Awardees now must begin innovating by spending their grant awards and launching their respective projects prior to Aug. 31, 2019.

Please help me in congratulating the following KC Innovators:

Manny Almanza/Marketing: Funds to purchase a Sony Cyber-Shot DSC-RX100 VI video camera for use in expanding video marketing on social media.

Kenya Ray/Industrial Technologies: Funds for KC to become a NCCER Accredited Training Sponsor to benefit dual credit, corrosion technology, industrial technology and continuing education students.

Heather Fitch/KC Game Club & Dr. Ginger Dennis, Mark Stephens/Computer and Information Technology: Funds to host a spring gaming tournament, launch the concept of a KC e-Sports team and familiarize students with new CIT curriculum options that provide students with programming and application/game development skills.

Danny Darden/Computer & Information Technology: Funds to establish a HackLab for experiential training and exploration of network systems benefiting networking, cyber security and programming students.

I have provided you with a “teaser” for each of these awardees, but you will have the opportunity to hear much more about their projects and the innovations’ predicted impact on KC Student Success at convocation.

Wishing you each a wonderful holiday season filled with much joy and laughter! Hope that you will have some down time for rest/relaxation and come back ready to be involved in the innovations happening across KC!

Until next time,

- Brenda
News & Reminders:

Former KC instructor wins chess championship

The City of Longview has a new chess champion. Army Veteran and former KC instructor Charles Fricks finished in first place for all Texas Armed Forces veteran chess players, winning the title of Texas Military Veterans Champion. The competition, the 2018 Texas Armed Forces and Military Veterans Open Chess Championships, was held Sept. 29-30 at Hill College in Hillsboro. Fricks, of Longview, taught computer science full-time at KC from 1995 to 2012.

Donations sought at Christmas Luncheon

The Hospitality Committee at KC is asking all employees to bring non-perishable food to the Christmas Luncheon Dec. 14. The KC Hospitality Committee will have designated areas at the Christmas Luncheon to place donations. The committee hopes for a large participation to help stock the KC Food Pantries.

Refer students for work-study positions

For students looking for work while they’re enrolled at KC, please have them visit www.Kilgore.edu/student-jobs. KC currently has several college work-study positions listed. Some positions need to be filled soon for the spring semester. Students need to have a processed FAFSA on file, be enrolled in six or more financial aid-eligible credit hours per term, demonstrate unmet need and maintain satisfactory academic progress. For more information, contact Rebekah Metcalf, student work-study coordinator, at 903-988-7528 or rmetcalf@kilgore.edu.

Ranger football team playing in bowl game Dec. 1

After defeating NEO A&M College, 62-19, to win the SWJCFC Championship, the KC Rangers now have one more game on their slate – a trip to the TIPS-C.H.A.M.P.S. Heart of Texas Bowl in Waco on Saturday, Dec. 1.

KC (9-2), who jumped from No. 10 in the nation to No. 4 after winning seven-straight games and defeating NEO in the conference championship, will face No. 20 Pima (Ariz.) Community College (6-3) in the bowl game.

Kickoff is set for 11:05 a.m. at Waco Independent School District Stadium.

The game is somewhat of a rematch with the Pima Aztecs. In 2004, KC won the SWJCFC Championship against Tyler Junior College and accepted a bid to the Pilgrim’s Pride Bowl in Mount Pleasant.

In that bowl game, KC narrowly lost to Pima, 10-7. Head coach J.J. Eckert was offensive coordinator at KC that season.

This season, Pima won six-straight games before losing, 64-17, to Snow (Utah) College in the Western States Football League Championship.

- **Ticket Info**: On sale at the gate on game day for $20 (VIP/reserved), $15 (general admission) and students ($10).
- **Live Audio**: www.heartoftexasbowl.com
- **Live on TV**: View list of TV stations

DATA: Did you know?

29% of students this semester are taking courses in multiple formats/locations.

(including KC-Kilgore, KC-Longview & online formats/locations)

Data provided by the KC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness

Birthdays

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Calendar

1. HOT Bowl: KC vs. Pima CC, Waco, TX, 11:05 a.m.
   SAT Testing, Old Main, 8 a.m.
2. Rangerette Christmas Show, Dodson Auditorium, 2 & 5 p.m.
3. Retirement Party for Tammie Pascoe, Devall Room, 2 to 4 p.m.
   Basketball (W) vs. Blinn College, Masters Gym, 5:30 p.m.
   Basketball (M) vs. Jacksonville, Masters Gym, 7:30 p.m.
4. KC Band Concert, Devall Ballroom, 1 p.m.
   Retirement Party for Louise Wiley, Devall Room, 1 p.m.
5. KC Golden Z Day, Devall Room, 1 p.m.
   Retirement Party for Tammie Pascoe, Devall Room, 2 to 4 p.m.
6. Kansas City Band Concert, Devall Ballroom, 1 p.m.
7. Basketball (W) vs. Blinn College, Masters Gym, 5:30 p.m.
   Basketball (M) vs. Jacksonville, Masters Gym, 7:30 p.m.
8. KC Board of Trustees Meeting, 2nd Floor, McLaurin Bldg. 5:30 p.m.
9. LVN Pinning Ceremony, Devall Ballroom, 9 a.m.
10. Administration Luncheon, Devall Room, 11 a.m.
11. Christmas Employee Luncheon, Devall Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.
    ADN Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Dodson Auditorium, 10 a.m.
12. Campus close at 2:45 p.m.
13. Graduation, Dodson Auditorium, 6 p.m.
14. Kansas City Board of Trustees Meeting, 2nd Floor, McLaurin Bldg. 5:30 p.m.

Important January dates:

- 2 (Wed) - Offices open (7:45 a.m.)
- 7 (Mon) - Late registration, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., at KC-Kilgore and KC-Longview
- 8 (Tue) - Late Registration, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., KC-Kilgore and KC-Longview
- 13 (Sun) - Residence Halls open at 9 a.m. Cafeteria opens at noon.
- 14 (Mon) - First day of spring semester
- 14-15 (Mon-Tue) - Schedule changes (8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.)
- 18 (Fri) - Campuses close at 2:45 p.m.
- 21 (Mon) - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (Campuses closed)

KC Choirs present Holiday Gala Dec. 1
KC Department of Music and Dance will present “Deck the Halls: A Holiday Gala” 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, in Van Cliburn Auditorium in the Turk Fine Arts Center in Kilgore.
Tickets are $10 for general admission and $5 for students (college age and under). The KC Chorale and KC Connection will perform familiar holiday favorites of the season. Student soloists in the program will include Robby Childers and Hannah Palmer of Longview and Brett Morgan and Emma Roland of White Oak. The gala will feature a reception at the conclusion of the concert as well as a silent auction, a major fundraiser for the choral program at KC.
The silent auction will be open from 6:45 to 7:25 p.m. and reopen during the reception. All proceeds from the auction will benefit choral student scholarships. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact Dr. Zach Marshall.

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KC will celebrate 750 years of service from 47 employees

50 YEARS
Bennie Brown - Instructor, English

45 YEARS
Raymond Caldwell - Director & Founder, Texas Shakespeare Festival

40 YEARS
Michael Kusheba - Instructor, Computer Science

35 YEARS
Beverly Davis - Professional Support Assistant, Financial Aid
Dr. Michael Turpin - Vice President of Instruction/Chief Academic Officer

30 YEARS
Lynda Brooks - Instructor, English
Dr. Julie Fowler - Executive Dean, KC-Longview
Toni Perry - Support Specialist, Mail Services
Dee Swan - Support Specialist, Mail Services
Paige Wood - Instructor, Math

25 YEARS
Richard Crutcher - Department Chair/Instructor, Accounting
Michael Ford - Supervisor, Print Shop

20 YEARS
Dennis Cliborn - Assistant Director, TRIO
Mary Martin - Prof. Support Assistant, Public Services & Indust. Tech
D’Wayne Shaw - Dean, Public Services & Industrial Technologies

15 YEARS
Jason Graves - Department Chair/Instructor- English
Jamie Henson - Assistant Manager, Fitness Center
Nancy Lamoureux - Instructor, Radiologic Technology
Starla Lumpkin - Lab Instructor, Associate Degree Nursing
Julia Schneider - Instructor, Associate Degree Nursing
Traci Thompson - Program Director/Instructor, Office Professionals
Brandon Walker - Department Chair/Instructor, Math
Rene’ Wiley - Executive Assistant, Vice President of Instruction

10 YEARS
Yvonne Bethune - Professional Support Assistant, Registrar
Michele Daniels - Instructor, Speech
Mike Fennell - Instructor, Fire Academy
Ann Gerrity - Instructor, Speech
Joel Laws - Instructor, Auto Body Repair Technology
Kevin Powers - Lab Instructor, Associate Degree Nursing
Jennifer Quine - Counselor
Melanie Sullivan - Instructor, Music/Theory
Matt Wickes - Instructor, Math

5 YEARS
Tracy Atkins - Instructor, Process Technology
Angela Aulds - Instructor, Dance
James Bixler - Police Officer
Jody Bush - Instructor, Industrial Maintenance
Joe Cassin - Program Director/Instructor, East Texas Police Academy
Wade Cates - Continuing Education Coordinator
Charles Childers - Instructor, Diesel Technology
Nick Dobler - Instructor, Kinesiology/Assistant Football Coach
Kris Kleining - Program Director/Instructor, Physical Therapist Assistant
Alex Knox - Advisor, Arts & Mathematical Sciences
William Massey - Advisor, KC-Longview
Chris Reed - Instructor, Occupational Safety & Health
Kathy Stone - Support Specialist, Associate Degree Nursing
Charmyin Tumey - Coordinator/Lead Teacher, Adult Education & Literacy
Sammy Wagner - Police Sergeant