FEBRUARY 2015

Preview Day set for Saturday, Feb. 21
All employees encouraged to participate

Above: Candace Heezen with Career Services visits with a prospective student at Preview Day in 2014. Photo by Jon Vashey/KC

Texas Mutual will present $100,000 to Risk Management Institute Thursday

Texas Mutual Insurance Company will present $100,000 to the Risk Management Institute for the eighth-straight year at a check presentation set for 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, on the second floor of the McLaurin Administration Building.

The grant allows KC to offer free safety education for employers, employees and the public to help prevent workplace accidents.

The Risk Management Institute is a program of Workforce Development-CE.

Rangerettes will be awarded Medal of Arts by Texas Cultural Trust

The Kilgore College Rangerettes will receive a 2015 Texas Medal of Arts Award Feb. 25 in Austin.

Awarded biennially, the awards recognize lifetime achievement in several categories.

Some 83 people have been honored with a Texas Medal of the Arts including Willie Nelson, Steve Miller, Tommy Lee Jones, Eva Longoria, Betty Buckley, Debbie Allen and Robert Rodriguez.

Texas Cultural Trust is a nonprofit organization that supports the programs of the Texas Commission on the Arts and other state agencies.

More info can be found at www.txculturaltrust.com.

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President’s perspective

Making Every Minute Count

I can already tell from the speed with which the month of January went by and with a quick look at the calendar for the spring, this semester is going to feel as though we are traveling at the speed of light. With many challenges before us, I think it is critical that we devote time to those issues that most definitely need our time and attention. If I were to just practice what I preach, I would probably get more of the big challenges addressed. Here are a few of the items on my radar:

We are trying to move forward with the renovation of the Watson Library and the Mall area that was once occupied by the Liberal Arts Building. We hope to ask the Board to assent to us moving forward and bringing back a recommendation for a construction manager.

Dr. Julie Fowler and I have met with Longview City staff and subsequently with architect Brice Davis to develop the long-range plan for Kilgore College Longview. From our discussions with Longview staff, they believe that this step will aid us in our efforts to change the zoning ordinance for more flexibility to move forward.

Through the early fall we had discussions with a couple of companies who provide comprehensive facilities management. These companies handle custodial, grounds, maintenance, and even some of the performance contracts to reduce utilities. We want to see if a unified approach will improve the results we have or have not seen in custodial and grounds.

Of course, the Jenzabar conversion, currently scheduled for the second week of June is a huge challenge for the institution. Many of our employees have already been through extensive training and we have a group going to Texarkana College later in February to get some “hands on” with folks who have been using the system for a year. With the change in our software platform, learning management system, and various applications, we will need to do a lot of training.

Other items of importance for the semester include:
- SACSCOC team on campus from February 10-12 regarding substantive change, off-site instruction at Hallsville HS.
- KC Preview Day on February 21
- Rangerettes receive the Texas Medal of Arts for dance on February 25 in Austin
- Rangerettes 75th anniversary trip to Scotland and Ireland during spring break and beyond
- Tentative grand opening of the Advanced Technology Center with KEDC on April 16
- And much, much more!

When I was in graduate school in classes on organizational leadership, we heard that we should dedicate 80% of our time to the 20% that is most important for our institutions. That sounds easier than it is. Nonetheless, I am trying to focus in on that 20%. If enough of us successfully attempt that together, I know we can continue to significantly impact our institutions. Best wishes for a remaining spring semester that is fulfilling and highly productive!

FACULTY & STAFF

The Ranger Ambassadors, sponsored by Eloise Ashley, presented checks to two local charity organizations from money they raised for the Cardboard Box City event in December. The purpose of the event was to raise money and awareness for the homeless population in East Texas. A check for $1,025 was given to David Hampton, the director of Kilgore Habitat for Humanity. Another check of equal amount was given to Gus Lafosse, KC instructor and director of Friendship Community House in Longview. Hampton said the money would be used for their “Brush With Kindness” program which provides critical home repairs and builds handicap ramps.

Tristan Roberts, adjunct instructor of strings, was featured in the “Tutti” director Q&A section of “Southwestern Musician” magazine, published by TMEA. View the magazine online

Good News:

Michaelle Green, Dept. Chair of Vocational Nursing & Nurse Aide, is the proud new grandmother of her first grand baby, Laurel Michelle Logan, who was born four weeks early on Jan. 6. Laurel was born in Austin to Michaelle’s daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Christopher Logan. She weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces and was 18.5 inches long.

Sarah Watson, daughter of Chong Raif, KC accountant, will be featured in the reality show “Steve Austin’s Broken Skull Challenge” Feb. 15 at 7 p.m. on CMT (channel 327 on DirecTV).

News & Reminders

Softball plays first home games Wednesday

The Kilgore College softball team will play its first home games Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Stream Flo Field in Kilgore. The Rangers will face Grayson County College at 1 and 3 p.m.

Vote for KC to win $100,00 in security technology

Kilgore College has been announced as a finalist in Stanley Security’s “Together for Safer Schools” grant program and could receive up to $100,000 if it wins an online voting contest. The money would be used to purchase Stanley Security installed products and services to help secure students and facilities on KC’s campuses. Employees are encouraged to vote daily through Feb. 13 via the website, SMS text messaging or Twitter. To vote for KC, visit www.Stanleysaferschools.com, tweet #STANLEYSecurity & #kilgore or text kilgore to 334455. You may vote all three ways every day for the duration of the voting period. The top two colleges or universities with the most votes in each of three size categories will be selected as grant winners. The college or university with the most votes will win one (1) Grand Prize of $100,000 in Stanley Security products and services. One (1) runner-up will win a prize of $25,000 in Stanley Security installed products and services. Winners will be notified in March 2015.
Calendar

4. Softball home-opener, Kilgore, TX, 1 & 3 p.m.
   Men’s Basketball at Navarro, Corsicana, TX, 7 p.m.
5. Texas Mutual-WDCE check presentation, McLaurin, 10 a.m.
6. Art Symposium, VCA & DSC Ballroom
   Art Symposium Teacher Luncheon, McLaurin, 2nd Floor, 11 a.m.
6-8. Softball KC Invitational, Kilgore, TX
7. A Touch of Fame & Fashion, Dodson, 6 p.m.
   ACT Administration, Old Main, 8 a.m.
   Men's and Women's Basketball vs. TVCC, Kilgore, TX, 2 & 4 p.m.
9. PTK Meeting, CA-104, 5:15 p.m.
10. KCEOPA “Social Competence,” McLaurin, 2nd Floor, 2 p.m.
11. Softball vs. Temple College, Kilgore, TX, 1 & 3 p.m.
    Men’s & Women’s Basketball at BPCC, Bossier City, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
12. KC Retirees Valentines Lunch, DSC Ballroom, 11 a.m.
13. Softball at McLennan Tourney, Waco, TX, 11:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.
14. Softball at McLennan Tourney, Waco, TX, 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.
    Gussie Nell Davis Dance Classic, multiple areas, 7 a.m.
    Men’s & Women’s Basketball at Paris JC, Paris, TX, 2 & 4 p.m.
17. Health Occupations Job Fair, DSC Ballroom, 1 p.m.
18. Softball at Grayson College, Denison, TX, 1 & 3 p.m.
    Men’s & Women’s Basketball vs. Panola, Kilgore, TX, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
20-21. Softball Ranger Tournament, Kilgore, TX, TBA
   TRIO & Upward Bound Day Event, DSC Ballroom, 8 a.m.
   Women’s Basketball at San Jacinto, Houston, TX, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
22. Ranger Softball Tournament, Kilgore, TX, TBA
23. Save a Life Tour, Dodson Auditorium, 9 a.m.
    PTK Meeting, CA-104, 5:15 p.m.
25. Men’s & Women’s Basketball at TJC, Tyler, TX, 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
27. ET Regional Science Fair, DSC Ballroom/Dodson

Birthdays

FEBRUARY

2/1 Lucy Carroll
2/2 Cindy Thurman
2/2 Kathy Knighton
2/3 Thomas Weidmer-Ocampo
2/5 Bennie Brown
2/5 Brandon Belken
2/8 Manny Almanza
2/8 Pam Davis
2/8 Staci Martin
2/10 Sonja Moore
2/11 Brandon Walker
2/12 Jennifer Quine
2/14 Katie Moses
2/14 Molly Reavis
2/14 Michelle Wilder
2/15 Jody Bush
2/16 Melanie Sullivan
2/17 Susan Wilson
2/20 O. Rufus Lovett
2/22 Chris Marshall
2/24 Randy Lewellen
2/24 Robbie Rogers
2/25 Sarah Booker
2/26 Ken Medlin

News & Reminders:

Use the Red Alert system to help at-risk students

The Student Success department reminds all faculty that it is very important to take advantage of using the Red Alert System for students you feel might be at-risk. The students will be directed to additional resources to help them be successful. Please take the time to identify students with any of the following problems so that Student Success can contact them:

- Have not attended or have missed class
- Have behavior problems
- Have failed to complete work
- Have poor grades
- Have other issues (Please email Kasey Nisbett more information about the individual student so she can address the issue)

Instructions for Red Alert:

- At www.Kilgore.edu, go to My KC Web Portal
- Choose FAS
- Sign in at Campus Connect
- Under Available Options choose Faculty Menu
- Under Administrative choose Red Alert Counseling.
- Remind your students to check their KC e-mail!