

Grants at KC

Kilgore College Faculty & Staff:

Kilgore College was recently notified that it has received a five-year grant award in the U.S Department of Education's Upward Bound program.

The notice means the existing Upward Bound pre-college program will continue to serve area at-risk high school students.

The award is for \$1.28 million over five years.

Upward Bound provides fundamental support to participants in their preparation for college entrance. The program provides opportunities for participants to succeed in their precollege performance and ultimately in their higher education pursuits.

Upward Bound serves high school students from low-income families and high school students from families in which neither parent holds a bachelor's degree. The goal of Upward Bound is to increase the rate at which participants complete secondary education and enroll in and graduate from institutions of postsecondary education.

The Kilgore College program serves students at Kilgore, Longview and Pine Tree high schools.

Upward Bound was created by the Educational Opportunity Act of 1964 which was originally the War on Poverty statute.

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Recent Activity

Kilgore College has partnered with RedZone Coil Tubing LLC to provide job training using a \$233,262 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). Julian Alvarez, TWC Commissioner Representing Labor, presented the check to the College on Friday, June 9. The grant, benefitting workers in East Texas and the Permian Basin, is being used by KC to provide customized training to 149 new and incumbent workers for industry-related topics with focused instruction on oil and gas standards for on-shore exploration.

Trainees include coil tube operators, engineering mechanics, fluid pump operators, ground hands and information technology coordinators.

Upon successful completion of training, trainees may be eligible for SafeLand, Aerial Lift and Forklift certifications, earning an average wage of \$20.88 per hour.



Julian Alvarez, Texas Workforce Commission Commissioner Representing Labor, was on the Kilgore College campus June 9 presenting KC and RedZone Coil Tubing, LLC, with a \$233,262 Skills Development Fund grant from TWC.

Current and Planned Pursuits

Kilgore College submitted an application to the Texas School Ready! Program, which is managed by the Children's Learning Institute at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

If approved, the grant program will fund Comprehensive Lead Agencies to manage the program to deliver professional development, coaching, child progress monitoring and classroom curriculum and materials to approximately 20 childcare and Head Start programs.

The request is for approximately \$350,000 over two years.

An application for video surveillance equipment for KC Police Department was submitted to the Video Insight School Security Grant Program. If approved, 16 new cameras and a video encoder will be supplied to KCPD.

The College is also pursuing grant funding for:

- Texas Shakespeare Festival;
- workforce development;
- dual credit scholarships;
- improved technology;
- computer equipment;
- the student food pantry;
- nursing simulation equipment;
- physical therapist assistant program equipment;
- the emergency medical services professions program;
- music;
- the campus police department;
- diesel technology; and
- the East Texas Oil Museum.



Featured Funder

The Brown Foundation

Incorporated in 1951 in Houston, the Brown Foundation was established by Herman and Margaret Root Brown and George R. and Alice Pratt Brown. When he died in 1962, Herman Brown, president of Brown & Root, Inc., bequeathed the bulk of his estate to the foundation. George R. Brown subsequently assumed the presidency of Brown & Root, Inc., one of the world's largest construction and engineering firms. Mr. Brown, who graduated from the Colorado School of Mines, achieved international prominence as an engineering contractor, industrialist, and philanthropist. He was also director emeritus of ITT and former chairman of the board of trustees of Rice University. He was president and trustee until his death in 1983.

The foundation provides support for the encouragement of and assistance to education, the arts and community service. The foundation's current emphasis is in the field of public education at the primary and secondary levels, especially non-traditional and innovative approaches for improvements. Most, but not all, projects are within the Houston area.