

# Grants at KC

Kilgore College Faculty & Staff:

Renovation work inside the College's Woodfin Center for Instructional Technology is nearing completion, and the College is close to scheduling an open house for faculty and staff, to take place the week of Fall Convocation.

The renovation is made possible by KC's Title III Strengthening Institutions Part F grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The College was invited to apply for supplemental Title III funding in April, to meet expectations of three priorities of U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. KC has requested an additional \$145,345; it should learn the fate of its request by the end of August.

Michael Ward, pictured below, joined KC as its eLearning Faculty Development Specialist in April. Ward has 15 years in public school teaching, 11 years' experience teaching at The University of Texas at Tyler, and nine years' experience teaching in an online environment. Ward will work with KC faculty to design and redesign online courses for maximum student success.

In the picture below, Ward is getting familiar with a NewTek TriCaster Integrated Video Production System.



## Featured Funder

### The Texas Commission on the Arts

The mission of the Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) is to advance our state economically and culturally by investing in a creative Texas. TCA supports a diverse and innovative arts community in Texas, throughout the nation and internationally by providing resources to enhance economic development, arts education, cultural tourism and artist sustainability initiatives.

This support includes grants for performing arts programs and regional designations as cultural districts or cultural arts districts.

The City of Kilgore, in conjunction with 16 non-profit organizations supporting the arts and cultural events in the city, is applying for designation as a TCA-recognized Cultural District.

If approved, the newly formed Kilgore Cultural District could be eligible for grant funds, to be used to support the arts and improve the activities and surroundings of the defined district, which is bordered by Commerce, Kay, Henderson and Laird streets.

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## Habenicht Grant Awards Announced

The Kilgore College Foundation awarded five Habenicht grants to programs and departments at the College in May.

Grants were awarded to Adult Education & Literacy (AEL), \$6,000; Automotive Technology, \$6,000; Computer Information & Technology, \$6,000; the Kilgore Testing Center, \$5,000; and Athletic Training, \$1,250.

- The AEL program will use the grant funds to support its Intensive College Readiness Program, a special program of study developed specifically for non-traditional students who have never attended college;
- Automotive Technology will purchase a late-model/modern vehicle for instructional purposes;
- Computer Information & Technology will use its funds to pay for Cisco Academy instructor training;
- The Kilgore Testing Center will benefit from its \$5,000 to purchase five new computers for its computer lab; and
- Athletic Training will use its funds to purchase an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) machine for athletic venues.

### **About the Habenicht grants:**

*Habenicht grants are mini-grants awarded by the Kilgore College Foundation and approved by its Board of Directors. The grants are named after Harold Habenicht who was one of the first KC Foundation board members, serving from 1996-2000. Habenicht was a founding partner in the accounting firm Brown, Bronstad, Habenicht and Rosson, of Kilgore.*

*Habenicht grants are funded annually from a percentage of the funds in the foundation's Partner in Excellence fund. Kilgore College faculty and staff may apply for funds in the Habenicht grant program, to be utilized for institutional purposes.*

For assistance with grant application pursuits, please feel free to contact Fred M. Peters, KC Grant Writer, at 903-983-8289 or [fpeters@kilgore.edu](mailto:fpeters@kilgore.edu). Peters periodically conducts grant workshops and will soon be announcing a schedule of workshops for Fall 2018.

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## Ribbon-Cutting, Grand Opening Scheduled for New "Zone" Lab

Kilgore College has scheduled a Ribbon-Cutting and Grand Opening for a second Zone computer lab in the Student Support building.

The event will take place at 10:30 on Tuesday, June 26. KC students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.

The new lab and its furnishings were made possible by a \$25,000 grant from the Crain Foundation of Longview, received in December. Members of the Crain Foundation board and staff will attend the event, and be treated to a luncheon in their honor immediately following.

With grant funds, the College remodeled a room that once was used by KC Media, installed computer desks and chairs, purchased new computers and new security cameras, and connected the lab space with the office of Ronda Lee, Learning Specialist for Student Success.

Funds also allowed for new cabling in the building, to provide improved data speed for the lab. With the new lab, students now will have access to 19 more computers for tutoring and academic activities in SS.