

Grants at KC

Kilgore College Faculty & Staff:

The [Texas Success Center](#), a division of the [Texas Association of Community Colleges](#), in partnership with the [Bill & Melinda Gates](#), [Greater Texas](#), [T.L.L. Temple](#), and [Teagle](#) foundations, has announced the launch of a five-year, multimillion-dollar effort to implement student-focused reforms in the state's fifty community college districts.

With the funds, the state's community college system will implement a series of reforms known as Texas Guided Pathways, an integrated approach to student success based on clear, coherent, and structured educational experiences designed to guide each student effectively and efficiently from the selection of their high school degree program, to choice of postsecondary education option, to attainment of high-quality credentials and a career. Patterned after the [American Association of Community College's Pathways Model](#), Texas Pathways will build on three principles: program redesign efforts must address the entire student experience rather than just one segment of it; use of the guided Pathways redesign as a framework that helps unify a variety of reform elements around the central goal of helping students choose, enter, and complete a program of study; and a focus on students' end goals as the starting point of the redesign process.

"Community colleges play a critical role in educating our future workforce, and thirteen colleges in East Texas serve about 25 percent of all Texas community college students," said Kilgore College Alumnus Dr. Wynn Rosser, president and CEO of the T.L.L. Temple Foundation. "Pathways will ensure more Texans succeed in college and that our region is economically competitive."

Kilgore College has been actively involved in the Texas Pathways movement for three years, sent personnel to Pathways Institutes in 2015 and 2016 and hosted an the East Texas Regional Pathways meeting with Texas Success Center in August.

Featured Funder

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Established in 1994 as the William H. Gates Foundation and restructured twice since, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation focuses primarily on global issues, but also has a series of interest topics for domestic programs. In 2006, Warren Buffett, founder of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., pledged 10 million shares of Berkshire Hathaway B stock (valued at approximately \$31 billion) to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Each year, 5 percent of the remaining pledged shares is transferred to the asset trust. Based in Seattle, Washington, the foundation also has offices in Washington, D.C.; Beijing, China; Delhi, India; and London, United Kingdom.

The foundation's program areas are: global development, health programs, policy, advocacy, and program-related investment. Its varied U.S. interests include: academics, higher education and the advancement of youth.

Recent Activity

- *KC learned it was not selected for funding under the Texas Workforce Commission's Dual Credit Equipment Only grant. Funds would have been used to establish Certified Nurse Assistant skills labs in Rusk County high schools.*

