The Kilgore College Board of Trustees, administration, faculty, staff, and students are continuing the commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion. As a part of this pledge, Juneteenth is recognized as an official college holiday and is listed on the KC calendar. Juneteenth is not just Black history; it is American history.

KC has a growing promise toward the inclusivity and highlighting of students of color. This academic year, Kilgore College gave substance to their assurance in the adoption of goals related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Within these plans, is the plan to create events that will resonate with students of color. The recognition of Juneteenth and subsequent celebrations are such measures. It is not just a general belief but an intentional and daily implementation that is part of the KC systematic change.

Through the recognition and celebration of Juneteenth, Kilgore College continues to build toward:

1. **enhancing** cultural knowledge resource assets;

2. **implementing** DEI education and professional development for faculty and staff;

3. **launching** marketing strategies designed to resonate with students of color and populations of students who are underrepresented and underserved; and

4. **integrating** the culture of DEI throughout the institution with a focus on evolving from equity talk to equity walk

Kilgore College’s developing mission is to help individuals turn their visions into realizable goals. The building blocks of a transformative institution look beyond the gaps of the past and even highlights within the current organization. It is the forward-thinking projections that moves a group to reach new heights that have not been attained before. This Juneteenth recognition is only one of many areas within the institution’s framework of high-quality learning opportunities, inclusiveness, and mutual respect for all.

From KC,

*Happy Juneteenth!*