Hawley is Support Specialist of the Year

KCs Mary Hawley was recently named Support Specialist of the Year by the Texas Association of Literacy and Adult Education (TALAE).

Hawley, a support specialist for the KC Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) program since 2010, was recognized at the association’s annual conference Feb. 1-3 in Austin.

This is the second year in a row a KC employee has won the award with Betsy Rodriguez, AEL support specialist, earning the same distinction last year.

Hawley was nominated for the award by Latasha Goodwyn, KC’s AEL program director.

“Mary is so deserving of this honor. There are at least 66 programs across the state that have at least one administrative assistant. She has built a relationship with the students that is unsurpassed. She’s a mother, a friend and a mentor to the students who enter the program,” Goodwyn said. “Without a conscious effort, she is the personification of what TALAE represents.”

KC hosting technical job fair March 6

Hosted by KC Technical Programs

Kilgore College Technical Programs will host the Annual Technical Job Fair on Tuesday, March 6. The fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Devall Student Center Ballroom on the Kilgore campus. Employers will meet with students about employment opportunities and space will be available to conduct interviews with prospective employees. There is no charge for companies to participate in the job fair but space is limited. To participate in the technical job fair, companies should fill out a reservation form at www.kilgore.edu/tech-job-fair. Deadline to reserve a space at the job fair is March 1. For more information contact Dewey Greer, lead Process Technology instructor, at 903-988-7414 or dgreer@kilgore.edu.

The following companies will participate:
- Chevron U.S.A. Inc.
- Emerson-Rosemount
- Bass Engineering
- Alpha Pipeline Integrity Services
- Texas Rural Water Foundation
- Westlake Chemical
- Halliburton
- Eastman Chemical Company
- AEP SWPCO
- Enbridge
- Vector Pipeline
- Garratt-Callahan Company
- Workforce Solutions of E. Texas
- Komatsu Mining Corp.
- Skeeter Products
- Enable Midstream
- Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice
- West Fraser Timber
- Occidental Petroleum
- Nucor Steel Longview, LLC
- Greenup Corrosion
- Corpro/Aegion Corp.
- Stream-Flo USA, LLC

KC students from these programs will participate:
- Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology
- Automotive Body Repair
- Automotive Technology
- Corrosion Technology
- Diesel Technology
- Drafting Design Technology
- Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Instrumentation & Electrical Technology
- Occupational Safety & Health Technology
- Process Technology
- Welding Technology

Dr. Kays will host ‘Caffeine & Conversations’

Dr. Brenda Kays has scheduled four “Caffeine and Conversations” meetings to discuss strategic plan progress and garner feedback on direction post-2019, field any questions that you might have and ultimately take advantage of being in the same place at the same time to just have an informal conversation over a Coke or cup of coffee.

As your schedule permits, she hopes that you will be able to join her for one of these sessions.

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Kilgore Campus:
2-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 3
2nd Floor, Admin. Building

2-3 p.m. Wednesday, April 11
2nd Floor, Admin. Building

Longview Campus:
2-3 p.m. Thursday, April 5
Special Events Room

2-3 p.m. Tuesday, April 10
Special Events Room
**President’s Perspective by Dr. Brenda Kays**

**SACSCOC UPDATE...**

**HAPPY MARCH!**

As of next week, we will have made it through the midpoint of the semester. From what I am hearing from students, as well as from faculty and staff, spring break cannot get here soon enough!

The midpoint of the semester is definitely an appropriate milestone to celebrate. While we have not yet reached the midpoint of our Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) reaffirmation journey, we did reach a significant milestone in February. On February 13th, our Compliance Report document was finalized and we began the archiving process in our electronic accreditation portal called Compliance Assist. This was a massive undertaking ultimately producing our first milestone to celebrate!

After a flurry of activity to meet the delivery deadline for filing our report, we now find ourselves in a holding pattern. The next, or second, milestone in our SACSCOC reaffirmation journey will occur at the end of April. A group of our peers who are also members of SACSCOC will meet in Georgia April 24-27 to read and evaluate the contents of KC’s compliance document. This part of the reaffirmation process is called an “off-site” review. The task of the off-site reviewers will be to ascertain, to the best of their professional judgment, whether or not we have adequately documented compliance with the requirements mandated by SACSCOC. It is normal for off-site committees to have questions about an institution’s report. Off-site review committees on average find 14 standards/requirements that need further explanation and/or documentation to be deemed “okay.”

KC’s assigned SACSCOC vice president, Dr. Denise Young, will communicate the findings of this first stage of review to us during the May/June timeframe. In turn, we will respond to that communication with what is called a “Focused Report.” Submission of the Focused Report in mid-August will mark our third milestone in the reaffirmation journey. This response to the findings of the off-site committee will be sent to a second review committee of our peers specifically selected to conduct our “on-site” visit.

Our fourth milestone will also occur in mid-August when we submit our “Quality Enhancement Plan,” a strategy to improve student learning at KC, to that same on-site committee. These committee members will review our previously submitted Focused Report and Quality Enhancement Plan in preparation for their fall visit to KC on October 1-4.

Waving goodbye to the on-site review team on October 4 will mark the fifth milestone of our reaffirmation journey. We will tidy any loose ends while eagerly anticipating the June 2019 SACSCOC Board of Trustees meeting where a final analysis of our compliance will be completed.

We still have a lot of work to complete between now and June 2019, but we need to take a moment to pause and celebrate the effort and tenacity that has allowed us to achieve our first milestone. Once again, please join me in recognizing Dr. Martin, Dr. Turpin and Dr. Jenkins as main drivers of this effort. They would be the first to tell you that many, many others have helped along the way and that many, many others will be called upon to help between now and June 2019. I offer a whole-hearted kudos to everyone who has or who will be involved with our reaffirmation—what a great team!

Hope that you will get some rest during spring break to fortify you for the rest of the journey!

Until next month,

Dr. Brenda Kays
KC president

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**FACULTY & STAFF reports**

**The KC Hospitality Committee** has scheduled the 2018 KC Picnic for Friday, May 4, from Noon to 3 p.m. (the Friday before the week of final exams). The Hospitality Committee is looking forward to planning the picnic and it hopes all KC employees will take some time out for food, fun and fellowship!

**News & Reminders:**

**Contact KCPD for spring break building use**

With spring break approaching, please let the KC Police Department know which buildings and/or classrooms are going to be in use during the upcoming break. Please inform KCPD of any special events taking place on campus in advance. Thank you for helping KCPD provide the security needs for the KC Community.

Please be sure to include specifics:
- Date, time, length, location, group size, etc.
- Provide name, cell phone/email for the “contact person” in case of an emergency.
- Give third-party vendors the direct contact information to the KC Police Department (903-983-8650)
- KCPD officers are present on campus 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

**Process payments before spring break**

Friendly reminder: With spring break coming soon, please get all requisitions entered as soon as possible so Purchasing & Accounts Payable can process the PO or check before KC closes for spring break.

**Make plans to attend Relay for Life April 21**

Everyone is invited to attend Kilgore’s Relay for Life event set for 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium. The luminaria ceremony will begin at approximately 8:30 p.m. Luminarias at the event will be decorated with names and/or messages to the people they’re dedicated to. After dark, participants share an emotional moment when each luminaria is lit in remembrance of a life touched by Cancer. Together, we take a moment of silence to remember these loved ones.

**Support Relay Rangers by buying luminaria**

Relay for Life is fast approaching! If you are wanting to purchase a luminaria from the KC Relay Rangers, there is still time. Luminarias honor every life touched by Cancer. You can dedicate them to a loved one lost, someone currently battling or anyone who has overcome Cancer. They can be purchased for $5. If you would like to purchase a luminaria, please email Laura Mulanax. When you make a donation for a Luminaria, it helps fund the American Cancer Society’s mission to help save lives.
Theatre will present comedy ‘All in the Timing’ March 1-4

The Kilgore College Theatre Department will present “All in the Timing,” a collection of one-act plays by the American playwright David Ives. The short plays are all comedies, focusing mainly on language and wordplay, existentialist perspectives on life and meaning, and the complications of romantic relationships.

The play is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, March 1-3, with a matinee performance 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4. General admission tickets are $10 for adults, $7 for students and $5 for KC students with a student ID. The play is rated PG-13. Children under the age of 8 will not be admitted. Late arrivals will also not be admitted. KC employees can receive two complimentary tickets by emailing a request to boxoffice@kilgore.edu. Tickets can be purchased online at www.kilgore.edu/drama or by phone at 903-983-8126.

Choirs will perform March 4 in Longview

Two of Kilgore College’s choral ensembles will perform a free concert Sunday afternoon in Longview. The concert is set for 3 p.m. Sunday, March 4, at First Presbyterian Church of Longview. Camerata Singers, an all-women’s choir, will perform pieces by Purcell, Hovland and Forrest, among others. The concert will feature freshman music major Georgia Shelton of Kilgore on violin. Vocal soloists will include Shelton, Alexis Chandler of Longview, Taylor Radford of Gladewater, Julia Fugham of Kilgore and Zackary Hinson of Tyler. Joining Camerata Singers on the program will be the newly formed KC Connection, a quintet of music majors performing a cappella vocal jazz pieces. Dr. Zach Marshall, Director of Choral Activities at KC, conducts both ensembles.

Remind parents, students of FAFSA help sessions

The KC Financial Aid office will host financial aid assistance sessions for students and/or parents who need help filling out the FAFSA from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on the following Fridays: March 2, March 23, April 6, April 13, April 27, May 4 and May 18.

They will be held at the Financial Aid office on the second floor of the Devall Student Center on the Kilgore campus. KC financial aid professionals will be available to assist students and parents with filling out the 2018-19 FAFSA application and answer any questions.

Attendees will also need to have filled out their 2016 Tax Return and should bring their Tax Transcript or let the KC Financial Aid professionals know if they have a special situation. No appointment is necessary.

Tutoring available for students

Did you know there are tutors available for free to assist your students in various courses? The Zone - Kilgore campus: Tutoring and computer services are available in The Zone Tutoring Lab Mondays-Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in the Student Support Building, Room 119. For more information, please contact Ronda Lee at 903-988-7491 or email rlee@kilgore.edu.

The North Zone - Longview campus: The Longview North Zone Tutoring and Computer Lab is located in the Longview North Building, Room 100, at KC-Longview. Tutoring is available Mondays-Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to Noon. For more information about Longview services, please contact Ebony Dennis at 903-236-2030 or edennis@kilgore.edu.

KC mourns loss of Dr. Joe M. Hendrix

Kilgore College is mourning the loss of Dr. Joe M. Hendrix who passed away Feb. 10 after a long and hard-fought battle with Parkinson’s Disease. Hendrix worked at KC from 1977 until his retirement. He served as dean of the Longview campus where he achieved many honors including the dedication of the Joe M. Hendrix Building at KC-Longview.

He was instrumental in his career starting educational programs for police, nursing, welding and cosmetology. His goal was for each student to be able to live up to his/her full potential.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers memorials be made to KC-Longview. Contact Leah Gorman at 903-988-7521 or lgorman@kilgore.edu. View Full Obituary

Cisco Networking Academy recognized for 20 years at KC

KC was recognized for having completed 20 years of active participation and service in the Cisco Networking Academy program. Cisco thanks the KC academy for its dedication and contributions that help make Cisco Networking Academy the premier global education program for developing global problem solvers.

Lady Rangers raise $10,000 for Cancer awareness

Kilgore College Lady Ranger Richelle Velez drained a three-pointer Feb. 28 with a split second left before the buzzer to defeat Angelina College, 71-70, triggering a crazed rush to center court by the home crowd.

But there was something else extremely exciting about the evening.

The game was KC’s annual Lady Ranger Cancer Awareness game which raised $6,960 by halftime for Cancer awareness. In the second half, an anonymous donor made a generous contribution to raise the total amount of contributions to $10,000.

“A much fun as this was,” said head coach Anna Nimz, “we are remembering those who are fighting, and those who have fought Cancer. It’s pretty exciting that we’ve raised $10,000 for this cause. I couldn’t be prouder of Lady Ranger Nation.”
On-Campus Calendar

MARCH

Nominate deserving students to be honored by board

The KC Board of Trustees recognizes an outstanding student at each of its board meetings. Please consider nominating a deserving student. To be considered for this recognition, students must be nominated by a KC faculty or staff member and should exemplify excellence in learning, leadership abilities and co-curricular activity. Selected students will be expected to attend the first part of the board meeting in which she/he will be recognized. The faculty or staff member making the nomination will also be expected to attend the first part of that meeting in order to introduce themselves and the student to the board and present a brief description of the accomplishments of the student while at KC. The board’s next meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 9. To nominate a student, contact Dr. Mike Jenkins.

March birthdays

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DATA: Did you know?

Spring 2018 dual credit enrollment: 1,467
(Almost 500 more dual credit students enrolled in Spring 2018 as compared to Spring 2014)

Men’s, women’s teams play in regional tourney next week

Both the KC men’s and women’s basketball teams have qualified to play in the Region XIV Tournament to be held in Jacksonville March 6-10. The tournament next week in Jacksonville is single-elimination and video and audio of all games will be streamed live on the internet. View tournament website for updated information. Seeding for the regional tournament will be determined after the final home games Saturday.

The Lady Rangers will play Trinity Valley Community College at 2 p.m. and the men will follow against TVCC at 4 p.m. Saturday March 3, in Masters Gymnasium.

Above: KC Fire Academy director Mike Simmons and KCFA support specialist Kristi Simpson talk to a prospective student at Preview Day Feb. 24. More than 300 students and parents attended the annual event. Photo by Jamie Maldonado/KC