KC unveils plan to reward students ‘doing the right things’

Kilgore College has partnered with Patterson Chevrolet of Kilgore to reward students for “doing the right things.”

Full-time students will be able to accumulate points over the next year to get a chance to win a brand new Chevrolet Cruze, generously donated by Patterson Chevrolet of Kilgore.

The grand prize will be awarded to one hard-working student in April of 2020, and other top achievers will win fabulous prizes.

Students enrolled in at least six hours are automatically entered to win the new Chevy Cruze.

Students can earn success points by:

• Enroll in a minimum of six hours for each eight-week term for fall/spring.
• Successfully complete your courses with a “C” or better.
• Use the KC Writing Studio or the KC Zone Tutoring Labs.
• Enroll in a student success course.

KC students from the following programs will participate:

- Air Conditioning & Refrigeration Technology
- Automotive Body Repair
- Automotive Technology
- Corrosion Technology
- Diesel Technology
- Industrial Maintenance Technology
- Instrumentation & Electrical Technology
- Occupational Safety & Health Technology
- Process Technology
- Welding Technology

Dr. Kays hosting ‘Caffeine & Conversations’

Dr. Brenda Kays has scheduled “Caffeine and Conversations” meetings to discuss progress on Focus to Finish (F2F), provide legislative updates, 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.

KC job fair set for March 5

KC Technical Programs will host the Annual Technical Job Fair on Tuesday, March 5. The fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Devall Student Center Ballroom on the Kilgore campus. Students are encouraged to attend the fair to gain knowledge of the area industries and available positions.

The job fair is also intended to help students who are unsure of a career choice. Employers will meet with students about employment opportunities and space will be available to conduct interviews with prospective employees.

Students should bring their résumés and dress appropriately for possible interviews. There is no charge for companies to participate in the job fair but space is limited.

For more information, contact Mary Martin at 903-983-8131 or mmartin@kilgore.edu.

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Ring ceremony set for March 2

The KC athletic department will present championship rings to players and the support staff of the 2018 football team at a special ceremony in March. The ceremony is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, March 2, in Masters Gymnasium. Former coach J.J. Eckert and community members who sponsored championship rings will be on hand to make presentations to the team. In 2018, the KC football team won the SWJCFC Championship and won the H.O.T. Bowl in Waco. KC finished the season at 10-2, ranked fourth in the nation. There will also be a special ceremony for ring recipients at halftime that afternoon during the Lady Rangers’ basketball game versus Jacksonville College at 2 p.m. in Masters Gymnasium.
It appears from the extended weather forecast as though March will be coming in like a lion this year. Legend has it that if March comes in like a lion that it will leave like a lamb. I am holding every network meteorologist to that legendary promise.

Speaking of lions or at least the “lionhearted,” the Focus to Finish (F2F) Leadership Team is continuing to make progress toward KC’s resolve to evolve our culture and structure in order to foster student learning and success at the college. In order to expedite progress, the F2F group has divided into subgroups. Four subgroups, reflecting the most critical aspects for the evolution, were named at the Feb. 4 meeting.

Those new working groups and assigned areas of concentration are:

**Instruction**, Led by Dr. Mike Turpin: Membership includes the deans and Dr. William Stowe. Areas of focus encompass but are not limited to course redesign, course methodology, professional development for faculty and scheduling.

**Student Services**, Led by Dr. Mike Jenkins and Fred Gore: Membership includes Chris Gore, Dr. Reggie Brazzle and Pam Gatton who pull in other subject matter experts as topics dictate. Areas of focus encompass, but are not limited to the calendar, registration and payment plans.

**Policy, Procedure and Urban Legend**, led by Dr. Staci Martin and Jase Graves: Membership fluctuates according to subject matter expertise. This group identifies barriers and hurdles to student success and works toward solutions in conjunction with other leadership groups.

**Marketing/Communication**: I am leading this group along with Manny Almanza. Membership fluctuates according to subject matter expertise. This group is concentrating on marketing and outreach to new students, current students, faculty/staff and external constituents. This group is also working on an automated mechanism for tracking Cruise for Success points (points awarded to students for doing the right thing and thereby being eligible to win great prizes).

The next F2F Leadership team meeting is scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday, March 4, in the R.E. “Sonny” Spradlin Boardroom. Each of the working groups will be reporting out on their respective progress to date. Join us as your schedule allows.

Have a great Spring Break! I hope that you have the opportunity for some much deserved rest and relaxation!

Until next month,

Dr. Brenda Kays

**Welcome New Full-Time Employees!**

Melissa Clayton – East Texas Oil Museum Assistant
Amy Reed – Switchboard Operator, Devall Visitor Center

**FACULTY & STAFF**

**Callie Blakeley**, admissions counselor, thanks everyone who helped make Ranger Preview Day a success Feb. 23. About 100 students and 130 parents were on campus. While early weather conditions hampered attendance, positive feedback was received from students and parents. The new format implemented this year allowed students to build their own day and receive an individualized experience. We are looking forward to next year!

**Good News:**

Former student **Wes Ferguson**, who is now the managing editor of Texas Highways, was named as a member of the prestigious Texas Institute of Letters. The TIL is a distinguished honor society founded in 1936 to celebrate Texas literature and recognize distinctive literary achievement. Ferguson was a student at KC from 1998-2000 where he was editor of The Flare. His fellow new member namesake is indie film auteur, Wes Anderson. [MORE INFO]

**News & Events:**

**KC Theatre will present ‘The 39 Steps’ March 7-10**

KC Theatre will present “The 39 Steps” beginning March 7 in Van Cliburn Auditorium. The play is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 7-9, with a matinee performance 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 10. This show was adapted from the Alfred Hitchcock film by Patrick Barlow and John Buchan. All KC full-time employees can receive two complimentary tickets by emailing the box office at boxoffice@kilgore.edu. The box office will open one hour prior to each performance. Purchase tickets online at

**KC student named ‘Learner of the Year’**

KC student Cameron Burcham, of Longview, has been named as the 2017-18 High School Equivalency Adult Learner of the Year. TALAE presents the award annually based on students’ academics, persistence, leadership and community involvement. Burcham was awarded a $1,200 scholarship at TALAE’s conference Feb. 8 in Houston. Burcham graduated from the AEL program in June of 2018 and began classes last fall as a full-time KC student in the Culinary Arts program.
Former KC student named 2019 TRIO Achiever

Former KC TRIO student, Marvyn White, has been named as the 2019 TRIO Achiever.

He was a student at KC from 2004-06.

White, now an assistant principal at Navo Middle School in Aubrey, graduated in 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies at the University of North Texas. He went on to graduate with a Master’s of Science in Higher Education Administration from Texas A&M University-Commerce in 2013 and a Master’s in Educational Technology Leadership from Lamar University in 2015. White is currently pursuing a PhD. in Special Education from Texas Woman’s University.

In its 17th year at KC, the TRIO program was awarded a $1.15 million federal grant in 2015 to continue its services through the year 2020.

Since 2001, the TRIO program at KC has helped more than 1,450 students with their educational needs.

In that time period, 460 degrees have been earned by KC TRIO students: 272 associate’s degrees and certificates, 155 bachelor’s degrees, 30 master’s degrees and three doctorate degrees.

The program, first introduced in 1968 under the Higher Education Act, was named TRIO because it consisted of three programs: Upward Bound, Talent Search and Student Support Services. It now consists of seven.

Purchase potatoes to support Relay for Life

The KC Relay Rangers team is taking pre-orders for baked potatoes to raise money for Relay for Life. Pre-orders will be taken until March 18. Baked potatoes will be delivered on March 22 between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

They will include cheese, butter, sour cream, bacon bits and a dessert for only $8 each. There is a five potato minimum for off-campus delivery. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event in Kilgore. To place orders e-mail Laura Mulanax at lmulanax@kilgore.edu, Jennifer Quine at jquine@kilgore.edu or Will Massey at wmassey@kilgore.edu.

Zonta Antiques Show set for March 1-3

The KC Golden Z Club will participate in the Zonta Club of Greater East Texas Antiques Show March 1-3 at Maude Cobb Convention & Activity Center in Longview.

It will be open from 10 a.m. Friday, March 1; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 2; and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 3.

Tickets are $10 for a weekend pass and all funds raised from the event will be donated to non-profit organizations in Longview that support the local needs of women and children. For more information, call Terry McJulton at (903) 399-5441.

The Golden Z Club at KC is sponsored by Rene’ Wiley.

Aulds featured by NISOD for excellence in teaching

Angela Aulds, dance instructor at KC, was featured by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) on its Instagram page as a part of a new feature, “NISOD Profiles.”

Aulds taught dance one year at Texas Woman’s University and is in her sixth year teaching dance at KC.

Aulds, a Houston native, has been associated with dance since the age of three. She was a Rangerette where she held the highest leadership positions her freshman and sophomore year. Following KC, she attended the University of Texas at Austin where she received the Heywood “Woody” McGriff Endowed Presidential Scholarship from the UT Dance Department. Angela graduated from UT with her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance with High Honors in 2012.

Institutional Advancement: Did you know?

Kilgore College Foundation has a championship team led by alumnus Dr. Fred Carrington. Here is his call to action:

“The 1966 National Championship Team Scholarship Fund is a fully endowed scholarship. We continue to think of initiating other scholarship funds, as we view our work as ‘never done.’ As long as I am able, I will continue to work toward establishing scholarship funds for Kilgore College. Won’t you join me?”

Data provided by the KC Office of Institutional Advancement

KC mourns loss of three former employees

Josh Bernethy
Joshua Lance Bernethy, 30, of White Oak, died Feb. 16. In 2008, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served with the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines. He was deployed to two tours in Afghanistan. He taught welding at KC from 2012-18.

Dr. Roland Wade Kirk
Dr. Roland Wade Kirk, 81, of San Angelo, died Feb. 19 following a lengthy illness. He served for several years at KC as Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer.

John Webb Presley, Sr.
John Webb Presley Sr., 76, died Feb. 16 after a lengthy illness. John taught at the East Texas Police Academy from 1980-2014 where he had a significant impact on countless law enforcement officers in East Texas.
**MARCH**

**On-Campus Calendar**

1. East Texas Regional Science Fair, Devall Ballroom, 7:30 a.m.
2. KC Football Ring Ceremony, Masters Gym, 11 a.m.
   - Softball vs. Alvin College, Ballpark at KC Commons, Noon/2 p.m.
   - Basketball (W) vs. Jacksonville College, Masters Gym, 2 p.m.
   - Kilgore Legacy Red & Black Ball, Devall Ballroom, 6 p.m.
3. Softball vs. Cisco College, Ballpark at KC Commons, 11 a.m./1 p.m.
4. KC Board of Trustees Meeting, McLaurin, 2nd Floor, 5:30 p.m.
5. Ranger Ambassador Bake Sale, Devall Hallway, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
   - SGA Meeting, Devall TV Room, 11:30 a.m.
   - Technical Programs Job Fair, Devall Ballroom, 9 a.m.
6. Talent Showcase, Devall Ballroom, 6 p.m.
7. Texas A&M Commerce Recruiter, Devall Hallway, Noon
8. Wind Symphony Concert, Dodson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
9. Campuses Close at 2:45 p.m.

**11-15. Spring Break**

18. PTK Meeting, Devall TV Room, 5 p.m.
19. SGA Meeting, Devall TV Room, 11:30 p.m.
   - FEMA Classes, Devall Ballroom, 8 a.m.
20. Softball vs. Navarro College, Ballpark at KC Commons, Noon/2 p.m.
   - Advisor Update Sessions, McLaurin, 2nd floor, 2 p.m.
21. Advisor Update Sessions, McLaurin, 2nd floor, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
   - Movie Screening, Lee Mall/Mike Miller Plaza, 6:30 p.m.
22. Advisor Update Sessions, McLaurin, 2nd floor, 12:30 p.m.
   - KCEPT Graduation, Devall Ballroom, 4 p.m.
   - KC Relay Rangers Baked Potato Sale
25. Faculty Professional Develop., Devall Ballroom, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
26. Caffeine & Conversations, McLaurin, 2nd Floor, 2 p.m.
28. Behavioral Intervention Webinar, Devall Ballroom, 2 p.m.
29. Softball vs. Trinity Valley CC, Ballpark at KC Commons, 1/3 p.m.
   - Faculty Data Summit, Van Cliburn Auditorium, 1 to 4 p.m.
   - PTK Induction Ceremony, Devall Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.
30. Baroque & Classical Piano Festival, Van Cliburn Auditorium
   - Softball vs. Bossier Parish CC, Ballpark at KC Commons, 1/3 p.m.

*Please note that this calendar is subject to change.*

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**Enlist library to help your classes**

The Randolph C. Watson staff encourages KC faculty to contact them to design a Library Instruction Session to fit your class needs. Call the staff today to set up a time to bring your students to the library to learn how to use library resources to complete research assignments. For more information, contact Susan Wilson at 903-983-8239 or swilson@kilgore.edu.

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**Please delete files from ‘Drive O’**

The information technology department asks all faculty and staff to clean out old and/or no longer used files from the “Drive O.” There is only 17GB of space left and if the number drops to zero, no one will be able to use Drive O. Please take a few minutes today and start deleting old files.

Also, please look for any “personal” files stored in the “Documents” folder. Most of these “personal” files should NOT be stored in the “Documents” folder. Please purchase a USB external drives or flash drives to copy these types of “personal” files to. Examples of these types of files include:

- Photos/videos of your past vacations
- Photos/videos of special personal events, such as weddings and/or birthdays
- Downloaded or copied music files
- Downloaded or copied commercial movies

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**DATA: Did you know?**

**KC has 1,508 dual credit students this semester.**

This is the largest number of dual credit students for any spring semester in KC history.

**KC has 542 workforce dual credit students this semester.**

This is also the largest number of Workforce Dual Credit students for any spring semester in KC history.

*Data provided by the KC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness*

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| 3-1     | Donald Seals |
| 3-3     | Daniel Reigstad |
| 3-4     | Jessica Bickham |
| 3-4     | Jeff Williams |
| 3-8     | Kristi Simpson |
| 3-9     | Terri Peerenboom |
| 3-13    | Evan Radulescu |
| 3-13    | Kenya Ray |
| 3-14    | Joseph Cassin |
| 3-14    | Christopher Jones |
| 3-15    | Michael Ford |
| 3-17    | Brian Hoberecht |
| 3-17    | Jamie Maldonado |
| 3-17    | Matthew Wickes |
| 3-17    | Nancy Wylie |
| 3-19    | Angela Aulds |
| 3-20    | Michael Ferguson |
| 3-20    | Charles Hanks |
| 3-24    | Mary Buckner |
| 3-25    | Nick Dobler |
| 3-25    | Tony Johnson |
| 3-25    | Tami Yates |
| 3-27    | Ginger Dennis |
| 3-28    | Michele Daniels |
| 3-28    | Mary Gage |
| 3-28    | Melanie Magness |
| 3-30    | Jacob Dubois |
| 3-30    | Merlyn Holmes |

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**Wind Symphony concert set for March 7**

The KC Wind Symphony will perform a spring concert 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 7, in Dodson Auditorium.

The concert will feature the world premiere of “Beowulf: An Epic Tale,” a symphonic tone poem by Kelly Bennette. Other selections will include pieces by Shostakovich, Hazo, Kopetz and Sheldon. The KC Wind Symphony is under the direction of Brent Farmer, director of bands. The concert is free and open to the public.

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