Representatives from Stanley Security presented Kilgore College April 29 with a $100,000 grant intended to improve campus security.

KC was named one of 10 finalists for the security grant in February -- eventually winning the contest in March by having the most online votes among 10 similar-sized institutions across the nation.

“I am truly amazed and moved by the determination and effort our KC family put forth to win this grant. The best part is that it was an effort that students, faculty, staff and the community at large equally participated in,” said Heath Cariker, Kilgore College Police Department police chief.

“This was a grassroots effort by the KC stakeholders to improve the security infrastructure on their campus. I couldn’t be more proud of our college.”

Installations provided by the grant can include any Stanley Security product or solution, including access control solutions, video surveillance systems, fire systems, intrusion systems, mechanical and electro-mechanical door hardware, mass notification systems and other security technologies.

Johnson selected as Piper nominee

Eight outstanding individuals were nominated by their peers for the Hamilton F. and Kathryn G. Beeson Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Jeanne Johnson was selected for this prestigious award. Johnson is also KC’s nominee for the 2016 Minnie Stevens Piper Professor Award.

Our nominee for the 2015 Piper Professor Award was Carolyn Fox-Hearne.

The Piper Foundation Committee is currently in the process of selecting this year’s honorees and should announce them in the next couple of weeks.

Civitas reps on campus May 6

KC has engaged the services of Civitas Learning to help the college use technology to promote student success using predictive analytics and applications to help students learn well and finish strong.

Civitas representatives will be on campus from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 6, in the DSC Ballroom for a kick-off event.

They will meet with small groups directly involved in implementing the Civitas software, but anyone interested can attend a session in which demos of the Civitas apps will be presented.

The two products that will be demonstrated are Illume and Hoot.me.

Illume is a predictive analytics software and Hoot.me works with learning management systems like Moodle and Blackboard to allow students to help other students in their courses in a sort of social networking.

Those who may want to attend are members of the student success council, administrators, department heads and faculty.

For more information, visit www.civitaslearning.com or contact Dr. Staci Martin at 903-983-8651.
President’s perspective

Finishing Strong

As we wrap up the spring 2015 semester, I continue to be overwhelmed by the great achievements of our students and faculty/staff. I realize that one media outlet has created a plethora of negative news; however, if they were to focus on the good news, the public would be overwhelmed with the good news that is Kilgore College. Here is just a sampling (knowing that I have omitted a goodly number of other achievements):

- Our Agriculture Program has had a major renewal. We have students participating in national studies on strawberries. The students are engaged in a corporate level of beef production and now beginning a host of horticultural endeavors, including learning how to protect bee communities as pesticides are applied.
- Piano students are creating wonderful programs that are highly creative and featuring their talents on the annual concerto program. These students have achieved an entirely new level of performance.
- The dance students presented another wonderful performance to finish out their year. The students have demonstrated why they are in demand as teachers and performers.
- The culinary arts students have completed four evenings of final projects, preparing a culinary cuisine level of excellence, learning how to plan a meal, advertise, develop a cost sustaining model, and organize a team.
- Rangerette Revels achieved new levels of excellence for its 75th anniversary! How long can the organization continue to progress beyond the previous year? Corporate sponsorships were at an all-time high.
- Corrosion Technology has 76 students sitting for the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE) Certification exam later this week. For a program that once was thought to be dead, these numbers are impressive.
- KC Band students presented a series of concerts that can only be classified as “excellent!” Feedback from the community has been over the top!
- Industrial Maintenance students are completing a large world globe that will be part of the Veterans’ Memorial at Longview’s Teague Park. It is impressive!
- 25 KC Chorale members joined East Texas Community Chorus and KC’s Children’s Chorus, along with a professional orchestra with Dr. Jim Taylor as conductor and composer of original composition to present the 2015 Masterworks Concert, featuring instructor Melanie Sullivan as soloist.
- Sigma Delta Kappa, English Honor Society, inducted 55 new members into the KC Chapter.
- Jeanne Johnson was chosen as our Piper Professor nominee.
- Service Learning, under the direction of Patty Bell, is developing a culture of service, which is a credit to our institution. As we honored the students who have engaged in service learning, I was so strongly impressed by the broad and deep involvement of our students and instructors.
- The Flare won Sweepstakes for having the most points in its division for the 25th time in 29 years.
- KC received Stanley Security Award for $100,000. This is a tribute to the level of involvement of faculty, staff, students and community members on behalf of KC. What a depth of support for KC!
- Ronda Howe, KC Chemistry instructor and cancer survivor, signed the Gregg County Pink Heals fire truck on campus this past week. We are rooting for you, Ronda!

Congratulations to Ann Gerrity (instructor, speech and theatre) and Stephanie Juaraz (student) who won $25 Walmart gift cards. Their names were entered into the contest by taking the online library survey.

News & Reminders:

East Texas Energy Symposium May 5

The East Texas Oil Museum and Kilgore College will host the sixth annual East Texas Energy Symposium on Tuesday, May 5. A complimentary tour of the museum will be given at 9 a.m. for symposium attendees. The symposium will be held at the museum from 10 to 11:45 a.m. with conference presentations and a panel discussion with several notable speakers from the energy field. A luncheon is set for noon in the Devall Ballroom on the Kilgore campus with Bruce Bullock as the keynote speaker. The symposium will primarily focus on water disposal in East Texas. For more information, contact Merelyn Holmes, ETOM director, at 903-983-8295.

Students named ‘Distinguished Musicians’

The Kilgore College Department of Music and Dance honored four music majors at the annual Music Honors Convocation May 1. The four students are Atteaon Ware, soprano (DeSoto); Cara Fletcher, clarinet (Longview); Oliver Tan, baritone (Liberty City); and Myranda Feagin, soprano (Chapel Hill). They were selected by the music faculty as the four best performers of all music majors who took part in the required student recitals presented at the end of the spring semester. They are considered “Distinguished Musicians” and were awarded plaques for the honor.

Distinguished Musicians: Atteaona Ware, Cara Fletcher, Oliver Tan and Myranda Feagin were selected as feature performers for this year’s KC Music Honors Convocation. Fletcher is the student of Dr. Madelyn Moore. Tan, Ware and Feagin are students of Jeanne Johnson.
May, June & July

**MAY**

- **5/4** Dorothy Puckett
- **5/5** David Roberts
- **5/6** Claudia Miracle
- **5/7** Angela Mace
- **5/8** Charlotte Dunaway
- **5/9** Tina Rushing
- **5/17** Ingo Stoehr
- **5/18** Leslie Messina
- **5/21** Cathy Waggoner
- **5/22** Jennifer Chiek
- **5/22** Elizabeth Johnson
- **5/22** Mary Martin
- **5/23** Dana Blair
- **5/24** Doris Johnson
- **5/28** Ursula Dyer
- **5/30** Kathy Fair
- **5/30** Nelda Ferguson

**JUNE**

- **6/1** Ronda Howe
- **6/2** Jerry Fuller
- **6/3** Lynda Brooks
- **6/6** Dennis Cilborn
- **6/6** Schlunda Hall
- **6/7** John Dodd
- **6/8** Kristie Steward
- **6/10** Kristi Kleining
- **6/10** Blake Harris
- **6/10** Ethan Herring
- **6/11** Julie Blundell
- **6/12** Jane Johnson
- **6/13** Leah Gorman
- **6/14** Bill Holda
- **6/14** Jeff Stanglin
- **6/15** Carolyn Fox-Hearne
- **6/17** Dann McDonald
- **6/19** Joyce Sperlich
- **6/19** Charleen Worsham
- **6/20** Carla Szafra
- **6/22** Larry Kitchen
- **6/22** Tim Loomis
- **6/22** Julia Schneider
- **6/22** Kory Kimble
- **6/26** Alex Knox

**JULY**

- **7/5** Dayna Davidson
- **7/6** Dalton Smith
- **7/6** Russell Turner
- **7/7** Jeanette Miller
- **7/10** Toni Perry
- **7/10** Mahesh Galal
- **7/13** Sara Lugeotanbeal
- **7/13** Deborah Metcalf
- **7/14** Brenda Ellis
- **7/17** Yvonne Bethune
- **7/17** D’Wayne Shaw
- **7/17** Susan Yellott
- **7/18** Rob Williams
- **7/19** Rhonda Ainsworth-Ellington
- **7/20** Micah Ruddell
- **7/20** Mariann Baker
- **7/20** Kristen Breaux
- **7/22** Tre Hattaway
- **7/24** Karl Steddom
- **7/24** Will Massey
- **7/25** Kristi Powers
- **7/26** Tony Addie
- **7/27** Carol Bunch
- **7/28** Ronnie Gothard
- **7/30** John Colville
- **7/30** Ronda Ferguson
- **7/31** Chris Carroll

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**Board elections May 9 in Kilgore, Gladewater**

Elections for two seats on the Kilgore College Board of Trustees are set for May 9 in Kilgore and Gladewater.

**In the Central Zone**, Karol Pruett will run against Joe White for Voting Unit 3, Place 3. Voting Unit No. 3 consists of people who live in the Kilgore Independent School District. The election will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Kilgore City Hall, 819 N. Kilgore St.

**In the North Zone**, James Walker (incumbent) will run against Jimmie Dunaway for Voting Unit 2, Place 2. Voting Unit No. 2 consists of people who live in the Gladewater, White Oak and Sabine independent school districts. The election will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at Gladewater City Hall, 519 E. Broadway Ave. There are no polling places open for this election in White Oak or Sabine, so all people who reside in these three school districts must vote at Gladewater City Hall.

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**Piano Ensemble:** Members of the KC Piano Ensemble performed their version of “Psycho” at KC and several local schools. The performance can be [viewed online](#).