

Grants at KC

Kilgore College Faculty & Staff:

Kilgore College will apply to continue to serve as the regional agent for the "Texas School Ready!" program, which provides professional development training for preschool teachers at East Texas child care and Head Start facilities.

The College was first awarded a two-year grant for the program in 2015. A renewal of the grant would provide approximately \$250,000 over two years for three childcare coaches to train area daycare agency caregivers.

There are 26 "Comprehensive Lead Agents" in Texas which oversee the delivery of the training. Kilgore College is one of only three community colleges to participate. Other lead agents are education service centers, United Way agencies, Workforce Solutions offices, and independent school districts.

Since 2008, TSR has served approximately 19,000 students and 1,200 teachers in a variety of settings throughout East Texas.

The grant is managed by Lara Pauley, program coordinator/instructor, child development and education.

"Coaches come to child care classrooms and offer guidance and mentoring in key areas that are shown to improve the facility's success," Pauley said. "Specific areas addressed in the grant include classroom management, math, oral language, phonological awareness, print/letter awareness and early reading and written expression."

More information on the program is available at www.texaschoolready.org.

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Featured Funder

T.L.L. Temple Foundation

The T.L.L. Temple Foundation Trust was established in 1962 by Georgia Temple Munz in honor of her father, Thomas Lewis Latane Temple, an East Texas lumberman and founder of Southern Pine Lumber Company (later Temple Industries).

The foundation funds activities primarily in counties in the East Texas Pine Timber Belt. Support is provided for education, health, and community and social services. The foundation has also supported civic affairs and cultural programs.

With assets in excess of \$445 million, the foundation annually awards approximately \$21 million.

The foundation's executive director is Dr. Wynn Rosser, a Kilgore College graduate.

Recent Activity

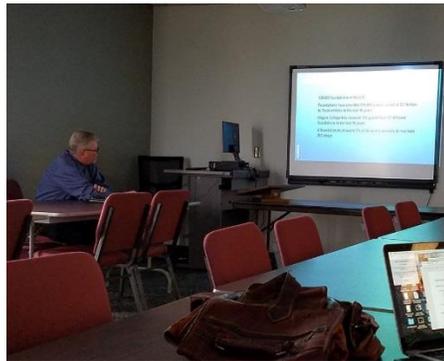
- *KC is expecting to learn some time this month the status of its \$331,000 grant application to the Texas Workforce Commission's Jobs and Education in Texas grant program. The College is seeking funding to assist the automotive technology department.*

Current and Planned Pursuits

The Texas Shakespeare Festival has applied for \$25,000 in funding to assist its touring performances for area high schools. The application was made to the Shakespeare in American Communities program of Arts Midwest, in conjunction with the National Endowment for the Arts.

Awardees will be announced in May.

The College is also pursuing grant funding to aid workforce development opportunities, dual credit expansion, funding for improved technology, computer equipment, 3D printing devices, the food pantry, and to support of the East Texas Oil Museum. Surplus equipment items for the East Texas Police Academy and the Drafting and Design program are also being pursued.



Grant Writer Fred Peters recently held a grant workshop and a grant intensive, to help connect faculty and staff with grant opportunities and processes at Kilgore College. More such events will be scheduled for later in the semester.

Grant Professionals Day

Friday, March 10, is International Grant Professionals Day, as recognized by Grant Professionals Association. GPA established the annual event to celebrate and recognize grant workers from both grant-establishment and funding agencies as well as grant-seeking entities.

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