Martin promoted to VP; Gore named new Registrar

Kilgore College President Dr. Bill Holda is pleased to announce that Staci Martin has been selected for the position of Vice President of Institutional Planning beginning Aug. 1. She will take over for Dr. Mike Turpin who was named Vice President of Instruction June 1. A native of Daingerfield, Martin has worked at KC since 2001, serving as the Registrar and Director of Admissions since 2007.

“I look forward to taking on this new challenge and working together with KC’s administration, faculty and staff as we strive together to provide high quality educational opportunities and services that promote student success,” Martin said.

Under Martin’s leadership as registrar, KC implemented a faculty portal for advising, rosters and grade entry, and implemented an automated Apply Texas application process. Martin also led the registrar’s office during a period of the college’s rapid growth of more than 1,500 students in a three-year period. The dual credit program also grew with the help of Martin’s leadership, growing from less than 400 students to more than 1,000 students in two years. Also, during her span as registrar, she successfully managed the implementation of new state mandates related to the Texas Success Initiative, the six-drop rule, bacterial meningitis vaccination requirements, state reports and dual credit eligibility.

Martin graduated from Texas A&M University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, experiences and service to Kilgore College throughout his 30 years and that positioned him as the best candidate for the job,” said Dr. Bill Holda, KC President. “He has not only provided instruction throughout his 30 years at Kilgore College, but he has served as the Coordinator of Counseling & Advising, as the Director of Student Services and as the Vice President of Institutional Planning.”

Dr. Turpin has worked at KC since 1984 serving as a music instructor from 1984-1995; Director of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Institutional Self-Study from 1995-99; Coordinator of Counseling and Advising from 1997-2009; Director of Student Services from 2005-09; Acting Director of Development from 2010-11; and Vice President of Institutional Planning since 2009.

Turpin named VP of Instruction

Dr. Mike Turpin was named the new Vice President of Instruction effective June 1. Turpin takes over for Dr. Gerald Stanglin who retired after serving in the same capacity for 17 years.

“Dr. Mike Turpin brings a variety of experiences and service to Kilgore College throughout his 30 years and that positioned him as the best candidate for the job,” said Dr. Bill Holda, KC President. “He has not only provided instruction throughout his 30 years at Kilgore College, but he has served as the Coordinator of Counseling & Advising, as the Director of Student Services and as the Vice President of Institutional Planning.”

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KC remembers legacy of Carolyn Cheney

For colleagues, she was a valued friend and constant proponent of the college. She was also quite the fashionista. For students, she was a fixture on campus who always had time to visit and encourage students. Her “baby boys” and “baby girls” (as she affectionately called the students) were constantly in her office whether it was for advice or simply to stop by for a friendly visit. Carolyn Cheney didn’t have any children, but she always considered the KC kids as her own. She will be fondly remembered for her 43 years of dedicated service to the college, serving most recently as the support specialist in Marketing and Enrollment Management.

Carolyn passed away July 17 after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Speakers at Carolyn’s funeral noted that cancer might have taken her life, but it never diminished her spirit, her sense of humor, her wit, her compassion for others or her fashion sense.

Carolyn leaves behind seven siblings including Eloise Ashley who serves KC as Assistant Director of New Student Relations.

KC unveils new state-of-the-art website

The Kilgore College Marketing Department has unveiled the new Kilgore.edu website after more than a year working on the project. The new website was developed by Encore Multimedia out of Longview and is hosted on-campus by the KC Information Technology Department.

The site is a “responsive” website, meaning that it recognizes the type of device it is being viewed on to display the best results for that particular device.

If you have any updates or additions for the new site, contact Chris Craddock or Jon Vashey.
President’s perspective

Reimagining Kilgore College

The past several weeks have been a struggle as we tried to balance the budget. We started out about $800,000 proposed expenditures over revenue. After cutting over $600,000, we thought we were close until we saw the increased costs for benefits and retirement for our employees and retirees. After another round of cuts, we were down to about $550,000 and eventually had to reduce most non-salary accounts by almost 4 percent.

Health premiums for employees and family have gone up from $8,454 to $12,620 per employee in just five years. KC has absorbed almost $1.5 million in increased benefits costs during that period of time. When benefits and retirement costs go up so dramatically, it makes it very difficult to raise salaries for full-time employees and adjunct employees to the level that is appropriate.

With no new revenues in sight and ever-increasing employee costs in our future, I have charged the Executive Council members to begin the process of rethinking how we operate. I am inviting all employees to participate in this process of thinking outside the box, looking at not only the ways in which we can operate more efficiently and reduce operational costs, but also to help us look at our priorities to be able to adequately fund our most important mission components.

Not all of the creative thinking needs to focus on cost reduction; much of what we must consider contains new and innovative ways to think of the delivery of instruction and support services. With so many things we need to do, from upgrading our campus wireless capabilities to providing meaningful professional development for our full- and part-time employees, we must creatively find new ways to thrive.

I feel a personal responsibility to assure that we have a sustainable operation for the long-term. I cannot configure this structure by myself; I need your help to reimage, to re-create, to reconfigure Kilgore College.

This will be an exciting time as we improve our culture, our operation and our very lives.

President Dr. Bill Holda

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earned a Master of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from Texas A&M University-Texarkana in 1999 and is set to graduate with a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration from Texas Tech University in December.

Chris Gore, KC’s Director of New Student Relations, will take over for Martin Aug. 1 as the Director of Admissions and Registrar. Gore, a native of Buffalo, has worked at KC since January of 2013. Gore will serve as the registrar, director of admissions and lead the new student relations and international student offices. New student relations and the international student office will move from the Marketing and Enrollment Management department to fall under Chris Gore’s supervision.

“Individually, our registrar’s office and our office of new student relations were highly effective and efficient. Through this move, we will be restructuring and consolidating these offices into one integrated function,” said Dr. Mike Jenkins, Vice President of Student Development. “Such integration is expected to build upon the strengths of these areas to help create increased recruiter presence throughout the service area, improved process efficiency and ultimately better service to our on and off-campus constituencies.”

FACULTY & STAFF reports

Congratulations to Rene’ Wiley, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Instruction, graduated May 3 from LeTourneau University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

Dr. Julie Fowler, Executive Dean of KC-Longview, is pleased to announce that Ebony Allison-Dennis has taken over Frank Mosley’s position of Instructional Student Support Director. She began her new duties June 1.

Becky Johnson, Interim Dean of Liberal and Fine Arts, is pleased to announce that Jason Graves, Assistant Department Chair and English instructor, has been named Department Chair of the Language Development Department and Dawn Apple, English instructor, has been named Assistant Department Chair. Also, the Language Development Department has changed divisions. It was previously in the Business, Technology, Language Development and Public Services Division, but is now in the Liberal and Fine Arts Division. The BTLDPS Division is now called the Business, Technology, and Public Services Division.

Police Chief Heath Cariker is pleased to announce that Rosemary Owens has been named the new Kilgore College Police Department Support Specialist. She began her new duties July 28. Owens has worked at KC since 2007, most recently as Support Specialist in the Purchasing Office.

Good News:

Hagan Wood, son of Paige Wood, plays golf for Texas A&M University-Commerce and was named freshman golfer of the year for the Lone Star Conference.

Congratulations to William Wilder, son of Michele Wilder, English instructor. William is a student at The University of Mississippi and was recognized during the 2013 fall semester by making the Dean’s List with a GPA higher than 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. During the 2014 spring semester, William surpassed the fall’s achievement by making the Chancellor’s List for achieving a GPA higher than 3.75. William is a 2013 Henderson High School graduate.

News & Reminders:

KCPD issuing new vehicle tags for employees

Official KC employee vehicle tags were sent out earlier this summer. Unfortunately, many people never received them. Please check your mailboxes, desks and work areas to make sure that they haven’t been delivered. If you are not able to locate yours, come to the KCPD office by Aug. 22 to be issued a new one. If you find the original placard after being issued a new one, please send it to KCPD because it will be invalid. For more information, call KCPD at 903-983-8650.

Students no longer required to wear IDs

During the spring semester, the faculty senate requested a reconsideration of the mandatory ID policy for students. After review at the student development division level and at Executive Council level, the policy has been rescinded that required students to wear their KC IDs. However, the student handbook will require students to be in possession of the IDs. All employees should continue to wear them as it provides a level of authenticity to those who may be acting in positions of authority.

Rangerette Showoffs set for Aug. 22

The Kilgore College Rangerettes will hold Showoffs 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, in Dodson Auditorium. Five new officers will be named at Showoffs which will celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Rangerettes. The freshmen will be formally introduced and perform for the first time and sophomores will perform the new field kick and jazz routines. Past Rangerette captains have been invited to the event and will also be recognized during the show.
**calendar**

1. Housing payment deadline
2. 4-7, TRIO Bridge Program
   - Vocational Nursing Pinning, Ballroom, 10 a.m.
3. 8, New Student Orientation, Ballroom, 7:30 a.m.
4. 12, New Student Orientation, Ballroom, 7:30 a.m.
5. 13, Fall Registration payment deadline
6. 14, KC Foundation Board Meeting, Devall Room, 11:30 a.m.
   - Unpaid classes will be dropped. No registration or payments accepted.
7. 15, New faculty/staff orientation
8. 19, Late Registration (Kilgore and Longview campuses), 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
9. 20, Divisional Lunch - Liberal and Fine Arts, Ballroom, 11 a.m.
   - Go Week Activities
   - Retirement Party for Dr. Richard Harrison, Devall Room, 2:30 p.m.
   - Unpaid classes will be dropped. No registration or payments accepted.
10. 21, Rangerettes Forever Reception, Rangerette Gymnasium, 6 p.m.
11. 22, Class reinstatement and late fees begin
    - Rangerette Showoffs performance, Dodson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
    - Rangerette Showoffs Reception, Rangerette Gymnasium, 9 p.m.
    - Residence halls and cafeteria open
    - Faculty Senate meeting, Ballroom, 12:30 p.m.
12. 23, Rangerette parent meeting, Rangerette Gymnasium, 10:30 a.m.
13. 25, First day of fall semester
14. 25-26, Schedule changes available
    - Student Orientation for ADN Program, Ballroom, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
15. 26-28, ADN class, Ballroom, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
16. 29, Campuses close at 2:45 p.m. for Labor Day holiday

*If you have an addition for the September calendar, please call Trey Hattaway at (903) 983-8218 or e-mail him at thattaway@kilgore.edu.*

**News & Reminders:**

**Computers being upgraded to Office 2013**

Campus systems are being upgraded to Office 2013. If you use a KC computer, sooner or later this will happen to you. The icons have a different appearance and by default they may be in a different location than your old icons for Office 2010 programs. Feel free to rearrange them. The first time you open Outlook 2013 it will ask what settings you want. Please select “Use Recommended Settings” and click “Accept.” If it asks for an administrator username and password, just close that box. If you get a message saying, “We can’t sign you up for the Microsoft update service…” just click OK. Once configured, it will take from a few minutes (for most people) up to several hours (for those who keep everything) to download a fresh copy of your account depending on the size of your mailbox. It will load the newest mail first, since that is normally a higher priority. All of your mail will show up eventually. For additional questions, please call the Help Desk at Ext. 7522.

**Kitchen debuts children’s book for sale on Amazon**

Larry Kitchen, Program Director of Visual Arts and Art Instructor, has illustrated a new children’s book, “Below the Huber Ice: A Middle Grade Adventure.” His son, Lucas Kitchen, is the book’s author. The book chronicles a 15 year-old adventurer who descends into a mysterious cave in hopes of rescuing his long-lost father. The book is the first of a series of books called the “Huber Series.” The book is published by Media Kitchen Books and is available for purchase on Amazon.com.