Preview Day set for Saturday, Feb. 22

Kilgore College will host its annual Ranger Preview Day Saturday, Feb. 22, to give potential students an opportunity to learn more about the educational opportunities KC offers.

“We are excited to have prospective students on campus,” said Chris Gore, director of new student relations.

If you are in charge of a department, program or club/organization, you should have received an e-mail from Eloise Ashley with a form attached to reserve a table at Preview Day.

Your participation in the academic & organization fair (9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Rangerette Gym) will give prospective students and their parents a glimpse of what KC has to offer.

For more information on Ranger Preview Day, call Chris Gore at (903) 988-7446.

Wayne awarded Lifetime Achievement Award from TDEA

Shelley Wayne, assistant director and choreographer of the Rangerettes, has been awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Dance Educators Association.

The award is given by TDEA annually to a dance educator with at least 15 years of service “who exhibits a true dedication toward the advancement of dance/drill team.”

Wayne, a native of Houston, attended KC and was a Rangerette from 1985-87 where she was a Lieutenant and a member of the Swingsters.

After graduating with a bachelor’s degree in 1991 from Southwest Texas State University (now called Texas State University), Wayne directed the drill team at Westfield High School for one year before accepting the job at KC as the assistant director and choreographer for the Rangerettes in 1993, a job she has held ever since.


She currently teaches dance in the KC Fine Arts Department and is a co-owner of Encore Creative Productions, a dance/drill team company specializing in private instruction summer camps and leadership training.

Wayne received the NISOD Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2012 and is a lifetime member of Rangerettes Forever. Each summer, she and Rangerette director Dana Blair co-direct the Rangerette summer camps for high school students.

She will be honored at the 2015 TDEA convention for her accomplishments.

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(Above) Shelley Wayne received the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Dance Educators Association for exhibiting a true dedication toward the advancement of dance/drill team.
Lessons from Charlotte

I am composing this monthly newsletter on a flight from Charlotte, NC back to DFW on January 29. I have been a participant and content expert at the Performance Based Funding Institute sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. College teams from Florida, Ohio, and North Carolina were present as they tried to work on their state situation and messaging for the future. They wanted to hear the Texas story.

I came away from the Institute with an appreciation of how far the State of Texas has come in such a short amount of time after a number of failed starts. Texas is fortunate to have a Success Point System that was developed by the colleges, using metrics that reward colleges as students make forward progression.

Moreover, we are lucky to have a system that was embraced by the policy makers and elected officials, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the business community. By focusing on student success, outcomes-based-funding was simply one by-product in the process.

Our advice to the college teams was to focus on student success, not on the performance based funding model. As Texas community colleges compete against themselves for improvements in student success, the metrics will follow as we make progress.

As various entities continue to accumulate research on what strategies are achieving positive results, it is fair to expect a body of best practices to emerge. From what I am hearing, unless higher education and public education are willing to engage in some large-scale systemic change, we will continue to see small incremental improvement.

On the other hand, the more dramatic, large scale changes for which many of us hope may require equally dramatic reengineering of our approach to under served students who make little progress. I don’t know what that large scale systemic change looks like; however, I expect the various grant entities to be sharing their result in the near future.

As more information about our own progress affects our funding model, I will be eager to share those results with you. Additionally, as best practices emerge to promote student success, I look forward to a robust dialogue regarding those initiatives that make sense for Kilgore College students.

Welcome new employees!

Lisa Barnes - support specialist, KCPD
Daniel Eaton - general merchandise buyer (bookstore)
Micah Goodding - instructor, theatre
Jack Lanier - police officer
Christopher Reed - Occupational Safety & Health Tech. Instructor
Cheyenne Savony - assistant coach, softball
Matthew Simpson - assistant, Texas Shakespeare Festival
Meaghan Sullivan - assistant, Texas Shakespeare Festival
Sammy Wagner - police officer
LaKendra Woods - project advisor

The KC Early Childhood Center participated in the City of Kilgore Christmas parade and received third place for “Best Use of Theme” and “Overall Presentation” for its float called “City of Stars.” The parade featured more than 100 entries represented by businesses, organizations and youth groups.

Four of Sandra Siler’s piano students were featured in local magazines this semester. Siler gave her pedagogy students an assignment to contact local magazines to promote the Piano Ensemble.

Child Development and Education program faculty Lara Pauley and Katie Moses attended the second annual Changing the Odds Conference in Dallas in September. The theme for the conference was “Cultivating Perseverance and Resilience in Children.” As a follow-up, the staff at the ECC has participated in a book study on “The Whole Brain Child” to see the concepts of the conference and book in action. Staff members completing the professional development in December were Janet Baxter, Katie Moses, Debbie Muklewicz, Dora Owens and Lara Pauley.

Artwork by KC art instructor Carolyn Fox-Hearne is being featured in an art show in Dallas, “Encaustic Recon,” at North Lake College Gallery. Her works will be on display in the show through Feb. 13 along with other encaustic artists. MORE INFO

Photography instructor O. Rufus Lovett paired with author Robb Walsh to publish the book, “Barbecue Crossroads: Notes and Recipes from a Southern Odyssey.” The book features Lovett’s photography and recipes and narratives by Walsh with accounts of the duo’s road trip to find the best wood-cooked barbecue in a trek through Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas. Walsh is also author of the book, “Legends of Texas Barbecue,” published in 2002. MORE INFO

Jude Dubois, Upward Bound director, has been selected to the advisory board for Longview High School’s STEM School called Global High School along with other representatives from UT Tyler, Jarvis, LHS faculty and STEMCO Engineers.

Good News:

Congratulations to Nate Whitten, mathematics instructor, on the birth of his first grandchild. Thea Josephine Chamy was born Nov. 16 to his daughter Johanna Whitten Chamy and husband Michael Chamy.

Eva McClellan, training and development coordinator for Workforce Development, was reunited with more than 20 family members (above) over the Thanksgiving break in Colorado. Family members traveled from Kilgore, California, Ohio, and Kilgore made the trip to reunite. McClellan, who is originally from Sweden, was especially glad that her 96 year-old father, who currently lives in Sweden, made the trip. Her father is in great health, McClellan said, and has 24 great grandchildren and possibly some great great grandchildren on the way. He was able to meet some of his grandchildren for the first time during this reunion. The last time all of these family members were able to get together was in 1984.

Congratulations to Dr. Mike Turpin and his wife Terry Turpin on the marriage of their son, Zach Turpin. Zach married Kim Faulkner Dec. 6 in Dallas. Zach is a project engineer with Manhattan Construction and Kim is an internal auditor with Prime Lending.
**FEBRUARY**

**calendar**

1. Women’s basketball vs. Blinn, Masters Gymnasium, 4 p.m.
2. Men’s basketball vs. Lee College, Masters Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
3. Blood Drive, DSC parking lot, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
   - U.S. Marine Corps All-Star Jazz Band, Dodson Auditorium, 7 p.m.
4. High School Art Symposium, Ballroom/Dodson Auditorium
5-7. ACT Administration, Old Main, 8 a.m.
6. Men/women basketball vs. Panola, Masters Gym, 2/4 p.m.
7. EXCELLERATE Courses (12 weeks)
8. Life Line Screening, Ballroom, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
   - KCEOPA meeting, McLaurin Building, 11:30 a.m.
9. KC Retirees Valentine Luncheon, Ballroom, 11 a.m.
10. Twirler Clinic (K-8), Masters/carpeted Gym, 12:30 to 4 p.m.
11. Men’s/women’s basketball vs. BPCC, Masters Gym 5:30/7:30 p.m.
12. TRIO – The Classic Murder Mystery, Ballroom, 4 p.m.
13. Student Services Staff Planning Day, Ballroom
14. Ranger Preview Day, Dodson/Rangerette Gym, 8 a.m. to Noon
15. KC Theatre production of “Animal Farm”

**birthdays**

**FEBRUARY**

- 2/1 Lucy Carroll
- 2/2 Cindy Thurman
- 2/2 Kathy Knighton
- 2/3 Thomas
- 2/4 Lauren Leamer
- 2/5 Bennie Brown
- 2/5 Gem Meacham
- 2/5 Brandon Belken
- 2/6 Carolyn Cheney
- 2/8 Manny Almanza
- 2/8 Pam Davis
- 2/8 Staci Martin
- 2/10 Sonja Moore
- 2/11 Beverly Cochran
- 2/11 Brandon Walker
- 2/12 Jennifer Quine
- 2/12 Joe White
- 2/14 Katie Moses
- 2/14 Molly Reavis
- 2/14 Michelle Wilder
- 2/16 Melanie Sullivan
- 2/17 Susan Wilson
- 2/20 O. Rufus Lovett
- 2/22 Chris Marshall
- 2/24 Randy Lewellen
- 2/24 Melanie Northcutt
- 2/24 Robbie Rogers
- 2/25 Sarah Booker
- 2/26 Ken Medlin

**News & Reminders:**

**TRIO looking for student candidates**

The TRIO Program has about 15 spots still available for participants this year. If you have a transfer-bound student who you believe would benefit from the support services provided in TRIO, please send them to the Student Support Building, Room 123, for an application. TRIO services include taking students to four-year college campus visits, tutoring, academic and transfer advising, assistance with financial aid, cultural events, academic workshops and much more. For more information, call Bindy Tice at (903) 988-7590.

**Use the Red Alert system to help at-risk students**

The Student Success department reminds all faculty that it is very important to take advantage of using the Red Alert System for students you feel might be at-risk. The student will be directed to additional resources to help them be successful. Please take the time to identify students with any of the following problems so that Student Success can contact them:

- Have not attended or have missed class
- Have behavior problems
- Have failed to complete work
- Have poor grades
- Have other issues (Please email Kasey Nisbett for more information about the individual student so she can address the issue)

**Instructions for Red Alert:**

- At www.kilgore.edu, go to My KC Web Portal
- Choose FAS
- Sign in at Campus Connect
- Under Available Options choose Faculty Menu
- Under Administrative choose Red Alert Counseling.
- Remind your students to check their KC e-mail!