

Annual Dance Concert is Friday, May 3

PERFORMANCE SHOWS OFF DANCE SKILLS OF KC STUDENTS

The broad range of dance skills of the Kilgore College Dance Department can be seen at the department's annual Spring Dance Concert, set for 8 p.m. Friday, May 3, in Van Cliburn Auditorium on the Kilgore campus.

The choreography is a collaboration of the students and instructors: Cathy Beckman for ballet, modern dance technique, improvisation/composition

and performance; and Shelley Wayne for tap and jazz.

Tickets are \$10, \$5 for students with KC identification.

Tickets will go on sale at 6:30 p.m. the night of the performance at the auditorium's box office.

Tickets can be purchased by cash or check only – no credit cards accepted.

For more information, contact Beckman at (903) 983-8633.

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Above: (From left to right) Kelci Bjornlie, Lauren Cabrera, Ashlee Cloud, Meg Funderburk, Angie Gonzalez, Jazzlyn Howard, Jennifer Jones, Leisha Kastner, Macy Lopez, Heather Prince, Caroline Roberts and Simon Weaver. *Photo by O. Rufus Lovett*

Piano concerto honoring memory of Cliburn, Turk is Sunday, May 5



(Above) Piano students who will perform are Brittany Crowe, Shaelyn Baas, Alan Zamarron, Melodi King and Radiance Williams. *Photo by Jon Vashey/KC*

The Kilgore College Piano Division will host a special concert in memory of two great contributors to the music community – Van Cliburn and Anne Dean Turk.

The free concert is set for 3 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Van Cliburn Auditorium on the Kilgore campus.

It will feature a performance by former KC piano student Aran Kim, who will perform Cliburn's signature piece, "Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat Minor."

Kim, of South Korea, was a recipient of the Van Cliburn and Anne Dean Turk music scholarships while she attended KC from 2004-06.

The concert will also feature performances by current KC piano students Radiance Williams, Melodi King, Shaelyn Baas and Brittany Crowe, all of Longview; and Alan Zamarron from Gilmer.

"What better way to honor

the memories of Van Cliburn and Anne Dean Turk than to host a first-class piano concert in their memory?" said Sandra Siler, KC piano instructor.

"The legacies they left not only Kilgore College, but also the music community worldwide, will never be forgotten. We look forward to honoring them properly—through great music."

A 40-piece orchestra, led by Dr. Gene Moon, director of orchestral studies at Stephen F. Austin State University, will accompany the student performers.

Also, two people will share special memories of Cliburn and Turk – Annette Morgan and Dr. Richard Parrish.

Morgan, KC's director of financial aid, was a close friend of Cliburn. Parrish was one of Turk's students.

No children under the age of six will be admitted, nor will late arrivals.

Standing on the Shoulders



President Dr. Bill Holda

This week we have been hosting retirement receptions for the first group of our five retirees who represent a combined 132 years of experience: Patti Alford, 25 years; Dave Bugay, 36 years; Bettye Craddock, 29 years; Judy Grotefendt, 23 years; and James Stueart after 19 years. We are happy for these employees who have "made it" to retirement; nonetheless, it is a huge loss to Kilgore College for long-term quality employees to leave the institution.

They all leave a tremendous legacy and share some common traits. All of these retirees care about students. As Bettye Craddock is wont to say, "Students don't care what you know until they know that you care." These retirees, in addition to caring about students, knew their subject area – they were highly competent professionals, current in their fields. And finally, all of them stated that they were called to be teachers. Caring, competent teachers all!

It is not enough that they possess these traits; they had staying power and consistency over the years. I often worry about our instructional staff as it relates to burnout. Having taught full time for 15 years myself, I know firsthand those moments which border on discouragement and burnout. Yet these faculty appear to have successfully fended off burnout and stayed buoyant throughout their careers.

As all of us look for examples of good teaching, we need only look at this year's group of retirees. They have been an exemplary model of what it means to be a great teacher at Kilgore College. As these friends and colleagues move into retirement, we wish them happy days, good health and contentment.

All of us at Kilgore College stand on the shoulders of the great staff and faculty who have gone before. This group is no different; they once stood on someone else's shoulders and now we stand on theirs.



Dave Bugay
chemistry - 36 years



Bettye Craddock
journalism - 29 years



Patti Alford
vocational nursing - 25 years



Judy Grotefendt
computer science - 23 years



James Stueart
math - 19 years

The five retiring instructors this semester represent 132 total years of service to Kilgore College.

Ross Costanzo, assistant director of student life, is pleased to announce that 123 people donated blood May 22-24 during a blood drive on the KC campus, meeting the goal of 15 gallons of blood drawn. The donations could possibly save 369 people's lives, and Costanzo thanks all who helped promote this event -- especially those who donated.

Chris Gore, director of The Office of New Student Relations, would like to thank the KC administration, faculty, staff and students for helping make Ranger Preview Day such a success. More than 300 high school students and their families attended from across East Texas as well as Dallas, Austin, and Houston. One family even drove from Morrilton, Ark.

Bindy Tice, TRIO director, and **Jude Dubois**, Upward Bound director, attended the Higher Education Programs Meeting sponsored by U.S. Department of Education, March 26-28, in Washington, D.C.

Good News!



Congratulations to geology instructor **Dr. Paul Buchanan** who has been selected as KC's Piper Professor nominee and Beeson Award winner for 2014 from a slate of four excellent candidates. The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation honors 15 professors in the state of Texas during each academic year for their dedication to the teaching profession and for their

outstanding academic, scientific and scholarly achievement. Paul will be honored by the college with a monetary award of several hundred dollars as part of the Hamilton F. and Kathryn G. Beeson Teaching Award and a matching amount for his department. The other nominees were Carolyn Fox-Hearne, art instructor; Ronda Howe, chemistry instructor; and Donny Seals, history instructor and Dept. Chair for history/government and social/behavioral science.

Congratulations to biology instructor **Dorothy Puckett** and husband, John, on the adoption of their son, John Caleb Puckett, on April 19.

Congratulations to **Ebony Dennis**, Health Science Academic Advisor, who will graduate from LeTourneau University May 4, with a Masters of Arts degree in Psychology. Recently, she was inducted into the Psi Chi International Honor Society in Psychology.

Congratulations to **Dave Bugay**, chemistry instructor, and student Seth Butler who won \$25 gift cards to Walmart for completing the Library survey. Library staff said they appreciate the participation of all who completed the survey and will use the information to improve library services.

Congratulations to Austin Ferguson, son of **Michael Ferguson**, East Texas Police Academy's deputy director. Austin is the student director of The University of Texas' Guild of Carilloners. The famous UT carillon (the bells located in the top of the famous UT bell tower) has gone through a major renovation, and Austin is one of only two people who are currently allowed to play the carillon. He is one of just about a dozen people who have played the carillon since it was installed in the 1930's. [more](#)

News & Reminders

Grades due to Registrar's Office by May 13

Grades for Spring 2013 regular semester courses and Spring 2013 flex courses that end by May 10 are due no later than 10 a.m. Monday, May 13. Grade books (permanent rolls) are due in the Registrar's Office no later than noon on Friday, May 24. Contact Laura Mulanax at Ext. 8201 if you have any questions about grade entry.

Lineman Rodeo set for May 10 in Henderson

All KC employees are invited to attend the KC Lineman's Rodeo set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, at the Rusk County Electric Cooperative, 3162 Highway 43, in Henderson. The rodeo serves as the graduation ceremony for participants in this spring's Electric Power Technology Certificate program. Graduates will demonstrate pole climbing, and while at the top of the cross-arm will complete hurt man rescue and insulator changing exercises. Anyone interested in learning about a career in the electric power technology field is encouraged to attend. The Electric Power Technology Certificate program has attracted students from three states and from throughout Texas.

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calendar

- 1, The Flare Awards Banquet, Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.
- 2, TRIO Spring Banquet, Ballroom, 5:30 p.m.
KC Wind Symphony, Dodson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
- 3, Faculty Senate Association Luncheon, Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.
Spring Dance Concert, Van Cliburn Auditorium, 8 p.m.
- 4, SAT Administration, Old Main, 8 a.m.
Ranger Basketball Tryouts, Masters Gymnasium, 1 p.m.
Graduation Dinner, Ballroom, 4 to 6 p.m.
- 5, Piano Concerto Program, Van Cliburn Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 6, Rangerette Tea, McLaurin Admin. Building, second floor, 5:30 p.m.
- 7, KCEOPA Meeting, McLaurin Admin. Building, second floor, 11:30 a.m.
- 8, Summer I Early Registration Payment Deadline
- 10, Electric Power Technology Lineman Rodeo, Rusk County Electric, 10 a.m.
Nursing Pinning Ceremony, Dodson Auditorium, 9 a.m.
PTA Pinning Ceremony, Ballroom, 2:30 p.m.
KC Spring Graduation, Dodson Auditorium, 5:30 and 8 p.m.
Graduation Reception, Devall Room, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- 11, Twirler & Drum Major Tryout, Masters /Carpeted Gym, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Process Technology National Competition, Whitten Building
- 15, Moving Up to Kindergarten Ceremony, Early Childhood Center, 4:30 p.m.
- 15-31, May Mini Term (Monday through Friday classes)
- 16, Foundation Board Meeting, Devall Room, 11:30 a.m.
- 18, New Student Orientation, Ballroom
- 18-19, Cheerleader Tryouts, Parks Fitness Center/Masters Gym, 8:30 a.m.
- 19, Cheerleader Reception, Devall Room, 5 p.m.
- 21, New Student Orientation, Ballroom
- 27, Memorial Day – campus closed
- 28, Testing - ABE, Quick THEA in Ballroom, 8:30 a.m.

Employees will be assigned two mentees in the fall

All employees will be asked to participate as a "Go To Person" for the fall semester. As a Go To Person, you will have two students assigned to you as mentees for the fall semester. You will be asked to contact the students five times throughout the semester. The Office of Student Success has created a complete dialogue for you to use with each contact. You may decide on the method of contact (phone, e-mail or person-to-person) that is best for you and your students. Your initial visit will be at the first session of Go Week. At this session, you will be given a few minutes to introduce yourself and give your students your contact information. As a mentor, you will receive training as well as have a support group available throughout the semester to help you with questions and concerns. The purpose of this mentoring program is to provide each mentee with a person that can help with this important time of transition. By providing these students with a mentor, we hope to increase student persistence and ultimately, student success. For more information, contact Kasey Nisbett, Student Success Learning Specialist, at (903) 988-7491.

Mayor will speak at graduation ceremonies May 10

Kilgore Mayor Ronnie Spradlin will speak at KC spring graduation ceremonies set for 5:30 and 8 p.m. Friday, May 10. According to assistant registrar Pam Davis, there is a possibility of awarding 581 degrees and certificates.

Author speaking June 6 on New London explosion

David Brown, author of the book, "Gone at 3:17: The Untold Story of the Worst School Disaster in American History," will discuss his book 2 p.m. Thursday, June 6, at the KC Library. It will highlight of the extensive research that made the book possible, and the need to preserve the story of the New London school explosion as a part of East Texas history that led to safer schools and buildings throughout the world.

Three former Rangers picked up by NFL teams

Three former Kilgore College football players were picked up by NFL teams recently. Lane Johnson, who played for KC in 2008, was selected fourth overall in the draft by Philadelphia; Rufus Johnson, who played at KC from 2009-10, was picked up in the sixth round of the NFL Draft by New Orleans; and Darren Woodard, who played at KC from 2009-10, was signed as a free agent by St. Louis.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



MAY

5/4	Dorothy Puckett
5/6	David Roberts
5/8	Dave Barbieri
5/9	Steve Baldwin
5/9	Claudia Miracle
5/16	Charlotte Dunaway
5/17	Tina Rushing
5/17	Ingo Stoehr
5/18	Bettye Craddock
5/18	Charles Blalack
5/18	Leslie Messina
5/20	David Whitfield
5/21	Cathy Waggoner
5/22	Jennifer Chilek
5/22	Elizabeth Johnson
5/22	Mary Martin
5/23	Dana Blair
5/24	Doris Johnson
5/28	Charlotte Acree
5/28	Ursula Dyer
5/30	Kathy Fair
5/30	Nelda Ferguson

JUNE

6/1	Ronda Howe
6/2	Jerry Fuller
6/4	Lynda Brooks
6/6	Dennis Cliborn
6/6	Schlunda Hall
6/7	John Dodd
6/10	Blake Harris
6/10	Ethan Herring
6/11	Julie Blundell
6/11	Bridgit Shorter
6/12	Connie Johnson
6/14	Bill Holda
6/14	Leah Gorman
6/14	Jeff Stanglin
6/15	Carolyn Fox-Hearne
6/15	Helen Boston
6/18	Marie Hughes
6/19	Joyce Magner
6/19	Charleen Worsham
6/20	Carla Szafran
6/22	Tim Loomis
6/22	Larry Kitchen
6/22	Julia Schneider
6/23	Barbara Mizell
6/27	Rebecca Krajewski
6/30	Candace Heezen

JULY

7/1	Ben Cammack
7/1	Courtney Johnson
7/4	Michael Harrod
7/5	Dayna Davidson
7/6	Dalton Smith
7/6	Russell Turner
7/7	Jeanette Miller
7/10	Toni Perry
7/11	Kenderick Franklin
7/13	Sara Lugeanbeal
7/13	Deborah Metcalf
7/14	Brenda Ellis
7/17	Yvonne Bethune
7/17	Susan Yellott
7/17	D'Wayne Shaw
7/18	Rob Williams
7/19	Rhonda Ainsworth-Ellington
7/20	Mariann Baker
7/20	Micah Ruddell
7/22	Trey Hattaway
7/24	Karl Steddum
7/25	Thomas Morris
7/25	Kristi Powers
7/26	Addie Tony
7/27	Anita Bunch
7/28	Ronnie Gothard
7/30	John Colville
7/30	Ronda Callaway
7/31	Chris Carroll

Process Technology qualifies for national troubleshooting competition at KC May 11

KC WILL HOST COLLEGES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY

Kilgore College will host a national troubleshooting competition in May that will bring students from as far away as Alaska.

The competition, "Process Troubleshooting Skills in Energy Consortium," will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 11, in the Whitten Applied Science Building on the Kilgore campus.

It will showcase team troubleshooting skills as college process technology students solve problems associated with process equipment and systems.

Eight teams will compete that qualified through regional competitions, including a three-person team from KC.

In addition to KC's team, college teams will be represented from Alabama, Alaska, Louisiana, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Texas.

Dewey Greer, KC's



lead instructor of Process Technology, said the event is a great way for his students to demonstrate knowledge about how process equipment operates and how to solve problems associated with operating equipment.

"Troubleshooting is an everyday event in the life of a technician," Greer said. "The process industry depends on technicians being good troubleshooters."

There will be an opening reception 5:30 p.m. Friday, May 10, at Staybridge Suites in Longview, and an awards ceremony will follow the completion at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Johnny Cace's Seafood & Steak House in Longview.



Six softball players sign with four-year schools

Above: (From left to right) Heather Bunn, Kaitlyn Hipsher, Jessica Simon, Tricia Hock, Molly Mackey and Laura Martinez. Photo by Jon Vashey/KC

Kilgore College head softball coach Leslie Messina is pleased to announce that six Ranger softball players have signed college letters of intent to play at four-year schools.



Messina

The six student-athletes signed scholarships at a ceremony April 30 on the Kilgore campus.

Signed with four-year schools:

Jessica Simon
LSU-Alexandria

Heather Bunn
LSU-Alexandria

Kaitlyn Hipsher
LSU-Alexandria

Tricia Hock
Henderson State

Laura Martinez
University of Houston-Victoria

Molly Mackey
University of Louisiana at Monroe

Auditions for new children's choir under way

Boys, girls in 5th through 8th graded invited to participate



Taylor

Kilgore College will begin a new initiative in the arts this fall with the creation of a community children's chorus, giving students

an opportunity to express themselves musically in a fun, enthusiastic setting.

"Texas as a state ranks near the top of the nation when it comes to the quality of its high school choirs," said Dr.

Jim Taylor, KC's director of choral activities.

"It has come to our attention that there are few opportunities for

children's singing in our area."

The KC Children's Chorus is open to boys and girls in the fifth through eighth grade (boys' voices unchanged).

Auditions for the choir will be held on Saturday afternoons in the choir room in the Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Center by appointment only. Boys and girls trying out must be able to "carry a tune" according to Taylor, but do not need to be able to read music or have any musical experience.

Rehearsals for the chorus will be Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:30 p.m. each week, beginning Aug. 29, at Longview's Trinity Episcopal Church at 906 Padon St.

Cost to participate in the chorus is \$125 per semester.



Oil museum will host energy symposium May 7

The East Texas Oil Museum will host the fourth annual East Texas Energy Symposium May 7.

The symposium will begin at 2 p.m. with conference presentations by several notable speakers from the energy field beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Speakers for the event include Steve Holditch, department head of petroleum engineering at Texas A&M University; Eric Potter, program director for the Energy Bureau of Economic Geology; and

Chris Atherton, vice president of business development for EnergyNet.

It will conclude with a 5:30 p.m. reception at Meadowbrook Country Club in Kilgore where David Blackmon, a 33-year veteran of the oil and gas industry, will discuss the Energy in Depth Program.

Fee to attend is \$35 which includes the symposium and the reception to follow.

For more information, contact Joe White, ETOM director, at (903) 983-8295.