Alumni Relations will honor Ex-Student, Ex-Teachers & Honored Retiree of the Year at luncheon Saturday

Ex-Student of the Year
John Dodd
John was a student at KC from 1977-80 and has worked with the Shakespeare Festival since 1987. He currently serves as the festival's managing director.

Ex-Teacher of the Year
Sarah Keith
Sarah worked for KC for 31 years, starting the Medical Laboratory Program and the Student Success Programs. She later served as Director of Student Development.

Ex-Teacher of the Year
Lane Barnett
Lane worked at KC from 1977-2008 teaching nursing and surgical technology, helping the program become nationally accredited.

Honored Retiree
Dana Ransom
Dana worked 51 years in education, 12 of those at KC, as director of counseling, school relations, placement and testing.

Read complete biographies of the above award recipients at www.kilgore.edu/homecoming.asp

Homecoming Events

Oct. 1 @ 7 p.m. Powder Puff football game at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium in Kilgore
Oct. 2 @ 11 a.m. Homecoming Pep Rally in Masters Gymnasium
Oct. 2 @ 6:30 p.m. Homecoming Court Banquet at Meadowbrook Country Club in Kilgore
Oct. 5 @ Noon Ex-Students Luncheon in Devall Ballroom (reserve a seat by e-mailing Paula Jamerson at pjamerson@kilgore.edu)
Oct. 5 @ 3:30 p.m. Cheerleader Demonstration in Parks Fitness Center
Oct. 5 @ 4 p.m. Rangerettes Forever Banquet in Devall Ballroom (reserve a seat by visiting www.rangerette.com)
Oct. 5 @ 4:30 p.m. Twirler Alumni Meeting at Napoli’s Restaurant in downtown Kilgore
Oct. 5 @ 7 p.m. KC Football vs. Blinn College at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium
Oct. 12 @ 9 p.m. Homecoming Dance in Devall Ballroom

Above: 2012 Homecoming Queen & King, Du'Sharme Davis and Morris Williams II. Photo by Jon Vashey/KC
Lots going on!

I realize that “lots going on” is not a very eloquent or esoteric introduction to this newsletter article. However, I am not sure that there is a better way to describe the many activities of the college at this point.

This coming weekend contains a busy Homecoming schedule, with times scheduled to honor former students and employees, to celebrate Rangerette, band and twirler alumni groups, and to hopefully enjoy a football victory.

We have been busy working with our architects on the updates to the facilities master plan. Hopefully, our Board of Trustees will approve this planning process at our October meeting and by the early Spring, we will have a specific plan to move campus beautification and improvements forward.

We are also working with Northeast Texas Community College on a consortium to standardize our business practices and install a new software system to replace Poise. The potential to tremendously upgrade our flexibility and processes is very promising. Much more information coming on this front.

We continue to work on some immediate improvements to the physical plant, foremost of which is the removal of the Ivan Liberal Arts Building. We are still trying to get information on salvage, asbestos abatement and building removal that will allow us to proceed.

We have been invited to join the initial five colleges in Texas Completes (Lone Star, Dallas, Alamo, El Paso and South Texas), to go beyond the vision of Achieving the Dream and to work on more college completions in degree achievement, transfer and employment in the workplace. Kilgore, Odessa and Austin have been invited to join the original five colleges.

Kilgore College is partnering with the Kilgore Economic Development Corporation as they establish and fund an advanced manufacturing academy. They are going to begin with advanced welding and plan to expand the program to include many other advanced skills. We are excited to be partners with KEDC.

We are working closely with our area superintendents to deliver increased career and technical courses aligned with HB 5, passed in the last legislative session. There are tremendous opportunities for us to offer technical dual credit courses, far beyond what we have previously offered. Additionally, many of our superintendents have reached out to KC for an increased presence, TSI testing on site, and more linkage with their schools.

There is much more happening – too much to include in this message. All of us will be challenged to continue to serve at a more intense level as we meet the needs of our community. What a great challenge!

Have a good semester!

Carol Gibson, English instructor, was invited to attend and give a literature research presentation at The Oxford Roundtable at Oxford University in England, July 26 through Aug. 1, 2013. The Roundtable took place at Oxford’s medieval Brasenose College. Her presentation was titled “Rossetti’s Reformation of Religion,” based on the unusual life of England’s Victorian-era poet and artist Dante G. Rossetti who evolved a personal religion based on the “divinity” of his poetry and paintings. The written version of her paper will be published in one of the Oxford Journals.

Congratulations to William Stowe, biology instructor, who recently became Dr. William Stowe. He earned a Doctorate in Learning Technology and a minor in higher education administration from the College of Information of The University of North Texas.

Gus LaFosse, English instructor, has written a book called “The Truth About Walls and Bridges” that highlights his four months spent living on the streets in Shreveport, Fort Worth and Los Angeles to help learn more about ministering to the homeless population. The book, written in a Christian perspective, tells of his experiences and what they taught him. LaFosse is offering a copy of the book in exchange for any donation amount to his ministry, Friendship Community House. You can donate through the FCH website at www.friendshipcommunityhouse.org.

Congratulations to Clint and Sarah Jackson, son and daughter-in-law of Gail Jackson, Professional Support Assistant for the Athletic office and New Student Orientation, on the birth of their son, Cameron Blake Jackson. Cameron was born Sept. 17, weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21½ inches long. Also, welcoming little Cameron is Jo Little, grandmother, and great aunt Ann Thrower, math instructor.

Vietnam Veteran will speak about his book Oct. 14

Michael Dan Kellum, retired United States Marine Corps 1st Lieutenant, will speak Monday, Oct. 14, about his award-winning book series, American Heroes: Grunts, Pilots and ‘Docs.’ The presentation is set for 2 p.m. in KC’s Watson Library. The books won awards by the 2012 Next Generation Indie Book Awards and 2012 Stars & Flags Book Awards military category. Lt. Kellum, a Longview resident, served a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1970. His two books relate the combat stories involving 1,019 Marines and 42 Navy Corpsmen as well as other U.S. servicemen for a total of 1,109 men. Various Marine ground units and air squadrons are covered in the two books. Their personal accounts of war tell of the sacrifice and courage of Marines and their “Docs”. For more information go to www.michaeldankellum.com.

Encourage students to apply for Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship makes it possible for the nation’s top community college students to complete their bachelor’s degrees by transferring to a four-year college or university. The Foundation provides up to $30,000 per year to each of approximately 75 deserving students selected annually. Deadline to apply is Nov. 7. More info click here.

More News & Reminders on next page
**OCTOBER**

**calendar**

1, Fall Graduation Application Deadline  
Lead Academy Tour, Ballroom, 9 a.m.

2, Homecoming Pep Rally/Lunch, Masters Gymnasium, 11 a.m.  
Softball vs. NTCC, Stream-Flo Park, 1/3 p.m.  
Homecoming Court Banquet, Meadowbrook Country Club, 6:30 p.m.

3, Rangerette Homecoming Party, Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.

5, SAT Administration, Old Main, 8 a.m.  
Ex-Students/Teacher/Honored Retiree Luncheon, Ballroom, Noon  
Ranger Cheerleaders Performance, Parks Fitness Center, 3:30 p.m.  
Rangerettes Forever Homecoming, Ballroom, 4 p.m.  
Football vs. Blinn (Homecoming), 7 p.m.  
Softball vs. UT Tyler, in Tyler, times TBA

8-9, Ranger Yearbook Club Photo Day, Ballroom, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

10, BSM – Laugh at Everything Skit, Ballroom, Noon  
Laser Tag (Student Activities), Carpeted Gym, 6 p.m. to midnight

8-12, Theatre Performance, “The Elephant Man,” 7:30 p.m.

13, Theatre Performance, “The Elephant Man,” 2:30 p.m.

12, Football vs. Northeast Oklahoma A&M, R.E. St. John Stadium, 3 p.m.  
Softball vs. Louisiana Tech, Ruston, La., times TBA  
Softball vs. Northwestern State University, Ruston, La., times TBA  
Homecoming Dance, Ballroom, 9 p.m. to midnight

16, Boss’ Day Luncheon, Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.

18, Hall of Fame Golf Tournament, Southern Hills Golf Course in Gladewater

19, Ranger Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet, Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.  
Football vs. Southeast Prep, R.E. St. John Stadium, 3 p.m.

21, QUEST II courses begin (eight weeks)

26, ACT Administration, Old Main, 8 a.m.  
Softball vs. Houston Baptist University, in Houston, 1/3 p.m.  
Football vs. TJC, in Tyler, 3 p.m.

27, Ranger Cheer Competition, Masters/Carpeted Gym, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

30, Tarleton State Recruiter, Devall Student Center, noon to 2 p.m.

29-Nov. 1, Children’s Opera Performance, Dodson Auditorium

30, Ranger Ambassador Bake Sale, Devall Student Center, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

31, Blood Drive (Chemistry Department), Ballroom, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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**Consider giving to the State Employee Charitable Campaign**

Consider donating a portion of your paycheck each month to local charities through The State Employee Charitable Campaign. The SECC is the only statutorily authorized workplace campaign for state agencies and higher education employees throughout Texas. A directory of local charities can be found at [www.seccctexas.org](http://www.seccctexas.org). Tax deductible gifts can be maximized by payroll deduction to fit any budget, or you may make your check payable to SECC after you have made your decision. For more information, call Leah Gorman, KC’s director of development, at (903) 988-7521 by Oct. 24.

**Remind students about The Zone’s free tutoring services**

Please remind students that The Zone is open and tutors are available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The computer lab is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. for computer use and study. For more information, contact Kasey Nisbett, KC’s student success learning specialist, at (903) 988-7491.

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**10/31**

**Blood Drive**

- **Location:** Ballroom
- **Hours:** 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.