Stroud guest speaker at Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11

**Veterans Day Art Contest winners will also be named at annual event**

Kilgore College will host a Veterans Appreciation Celebration 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, to give employees and the community an opportunity to thank local veterans and remember those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

The celebration will be held in the Devall Student Center Ballroom.

KC history instructor David Stroud will be featured as the guest speaker.

Stroud was born in Tyler and graduated from Henderson High School. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served a tour in Vietnam as an infantryman with the 3rd Marine Division FM before becoming a drill instructor at Paris Island, S.C. He is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin State University where he was a history major.

He has taught history at KC for 37 years, beginning in 1977. Stroud is also an author with five books to his credit.

The celebration will be a come-and-go event with refreshments, door prizes and music.

KC’s Camerata Singers will perform and the Barksdale Air Force Base Honor Guard will attend the event.

“We would like to show our veteran students how much we appreciate their service,” said Rebekah Metcalf, KC veterans benefits coordinator.

“Please help make this a great celebration for these men and women who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.”

All area secondary schools and KC students were invited to participate in an art contest last month and winners will be announced at the event.

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**Registration for current students begins Nov. 3 on both campuses**

Registration for Christmas Mini and spring classes will begin Monday, Nov. 3, for current students.

New students to Kilgore College or students who are returning after a lapse in enrollment can register beginning Monday, Nov. 10.

Faculty advisers will be available by appointment Nov. 3 through Nov. 25 on both the Longview and Kilgore campuses.

If a returning or transfer student has no developmental requirements, he/she can register online until midnight on Jan. 6 through Campus Connect at www.kilgore.edu.

Christmas Mini courses will begin Dec. 15 and the spring semester begins Monday, Jan. 12.

Kilgore.edu features a “Spring 2015 Registration Guide” and “Available Courses Search” which gives more information and lists available classes.

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**McGee-Benson named ‘Star Over Longview’**

Kilgore College is pleased to announce that Bobbie McGee-Benson has been named as a “2015 Star Over Longview.”

Benson, who serves as the director of adult education and literacy at KC-Longview, will be honored at the annual Stars Over Longview banquet Jan. 18 at Maude Cobb Convention Center in Longview.

This year’s event, “Women Who Rise to the Occasion,” will feature Lee Woodruff, best-selling author and contributing correspondent for the television show, CBS This Morning.

Individual tickets for the awards ceremony and luncheon are $30. Tickets go on sale Nov. 3.

MORE INFO
Better Begins Here

As we approach the 84th Legislative Session that begins in January, those of us in the community college community want to make an impact with the important role we play in the future of the State of Texas. To that extent, we will be launching a statewide campaign entitled “Better Begins Here” that can be customized for Kilgore College.

A better Texas begins with community colleges
Community colleges build the job-ready skills that launch careers, power new business, and drive the thriving Texas economy. Be part of it. Better begins here.

Better earnings begin with community colleges
Community colleges build career-ready skills and work habits that help students land rewarding jobs, take on more responsibility and earn higher wages. Better begins here.

Better futures begin with community colleges
Working with local school districts, community colleges help students prepare for rewarding college careers by building the skills, habits and attitudes that lead to success. Better begins here.

Better communities begin with community colleges
Community colleges strengthen local businesses and neighborhoods by creating a diverse, skilled workforce that earns, spends and contributes close to home. Better begins here.

If you care to view a brief video that was prepared around this theme, you can VIEW IT HERE.

I hope that you will join me and all of the community college leaders in Texas as we spread the good word about the tremendous role community colleges, and in particular Kilgore College, play in making the earnings, futures, communities and Texas much, much better. And that begins right here!

Annual Campaign for Excellence kicks off

It’s time again to kick off the Annual Campaign for Excellence for Kilgore College. The development office has produced a marvelous video to use to appeal to potential donors. The video was shot and edited by Lucas Kitchen, son of Larry Kitchen. Please take a few moments to watch the video and see what an impact your giving can have on KC.

Employee participation is extremely important. It sends a huge message to our community and potential donors when we have a large percentage of employee participation. Employees can participate through payroll deduction or a one-time gift through cash, check or credit card. All gifts are tax deductible. The size of the gift does not matter, what does matter is that you participate in some way.

If you have any questions, please call Leah Gorman at Ext. 7521.

FACULTY & STAFF

Congratulations to Dr. Staci Martin on successfully defending her dissertation Oct. 13, completing a Doctor of Education in Higher Education Administration from Texas Tech University.

Kilgore College welcomes new hires Wade Cates, Tracy Atkins and Charmyn Tumey. Cates began his career with KC Aug. 25 as an Admissions Counselor working in the department of Admissions and Registrar. Atkins began working at KC on Sept. 2 as a Process Technology instructor. Tumey began working at KC Sept. 8 as the Adult Education & Literacy Lead Teacher and Coordinator working at KC–Longview.

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The KC Agriculture Student Association volunteered at the annual Harvest Festival at the Longview Fairgrounds Oct. 23 in several capacities.

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Oct. 9-10, KCECC staff attended the Changing the Odds Conference Dallas. The theme of the conferences was “Expect Momentous Outcomes. Imagine Every Child’s Potential for Lifelong Success.” Guest speakers included authors, neuropsychologists, clinical psychologists and educators. They shared original research on brain development, empathy, achievement, and practical strategies for helping children that can be implemented into any environment. Staff attending this conference were Lara Pauley, Child Development & Education Instructor/Program Coordinator; Katie Moses, CD&E Instructor/ECC Director; Janet Baxter and Dora Owens.

Good News!

Congratulations to Barker Hale, who won the KC Athletics Hall of Fame Golf Tournament at Southern Hills Country Club Oct. 17 with his golfing partner Reagan Sanford. Hale is the director of administrative services for Workforce Development and Continuing Education at KC–Longview.

News & Reminders

Wesley providing free Thanksgiving lunch for students

The Wesley Center will provide free Thanksgiving meals to any students who will be on campus for Thanksgiving Day. The meal is free, but students are encouraged to RSVP so that the center knows how many to expect. Please share this invitation with athletes, students from out-of-state, international students or any other students who will not be able to be with family on Thanksgiving. The Wesley Center will open at 11 a.m. Thanksgiving Day and lunch will begin at noon. For more information, contact Rev. Amy Hodge at 903-984-6922.

Election Watch Party set for Nov. 4 in Devall Ballroom

The Government Department will host an election night watch party at the Devall Student Center Ballroom 6 p.m. Nov. 4. The event will last until the votes are counted for the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate and the Texas elections. KC employees are also invited to the event. There will be free pizza, chips, snacks and refreshments available.
NOVEMBER

1. Spring Financial Aid Deadline
   - Men's Basketball vs. Houston Prep, Masters Gym, 3 p.m.
   - Lady Rangers at McLennan Classic, Waco, TX
2. Faculty Art Exhibit Begins, Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Center
   - PTK Member Meeting, CA-104, 5:15 p.m.
   - Men's Basketball vs. Cedar Valley, Masters Gym, 7 p.m.
3. Daylight Saving Time ends (fall back)
4. Spring/Christmas Mini Registration Begins-Current Students
5. Faculty Art Exhibit Begins, Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Center
   - PTK Meeting, CA-104, 5:15 p.m.
   - Men's Basketball at TJC Classic, Tyler JC, 4 p.m.
7. Men's Basketball vs. Lone Star College, Masters Gymnasium, 7 p.m.
8. Lady Rangers vs. Angelina College, Masters Gym, 5:30 p.m.
22. Men's Basketball at Lee College, Baytown, TX, 6 p.m.
23. Thanksgiving holidays (campus closed)
29. Lady Rangers vs. E.T. Flight, Masters Gym, 4 p.m.

Participate in the KCEOPA Bake Sale

KCEOPA is planning a fund-raising pre-order bake sale for the upcoming holiday season. They are counting on your help to make this fundraiser a success. This event will raise vital funds which will provide scholarships to deserving students. Items will not be prepared until they are sold. Items will be available for purchase through Nov. 12. Sales are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once you decide which item(s) you want to purchase, contact Barbara Prater either via e-mail or phone (Ext. 8189). They will accept cash or checks made payable to KCEOPA.

E-mail Carla Gleaton or call her at Ext. 8148 to purchase tickets. Proceeds from the raffle will offset expenses for half of each PTA students’ professional American Physical Therapy Association dues and/or attendance at the Texas Physical Therapy Association Student Conclave.

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physical Therapy hosting raffle

The KC Early Childhood center thanks the ‘celebrity’ pumpkin judges for the second annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Celebrity judges included Ebony Allison-Dennis, Tony Addie, Melissa Haden & the KC Ranger Cheerleaders, Coy Lothrop, Rachel Stallard, Dr. Mike Turpin, Meaghan Sullivan, Becky Johnson and KC Ag students Hannah Bolt & Sean Combs.

VIEW THE WINNING PUMPKINS ON FACEBOOK

ECC thanks ‘celebrity’ pumpkin judges

The Physical Therapy Club is raffling off a $500 Visa gift card and tickets are only $5 each or five tickets for $20. The drawing will be Nov. 20. You must 18 or over to win but you do not have to be present to win.

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