Kilgore College signed an articulation agreement with East Texas Baptist University Nov. 1 that will offer students at KC and ETBU access to more enhanced educational opportunities.

Signing the agreement was Dr. Brenda Kays (KC president) and Dr. Blair Blackburn (ETBU president).

Kays said the agreement will serve as a benefit to students at both institutions.

“Kilgore College has much to gain by working with the universities in our region for the benefit of our students,” Kays said. “The articulation agreement with ETBU will provide our students with additional options as they continue their educational journey. President Blackburn clearly understands the purpose of community colleges and knows the value our transfer students can bring to the university environment. We look forward to our partnership with ETBU to further student success.”

Blackburn said ETBU is committed to working with schools in the region to benefit students. “We are grateful to Dr. Kays’ leadership in enhancing our educational partnership with Kilgore College,” Blackburn said. “Transfer students make valuable contributions to the ETBU community. As a community college graduate, I personally know the value of the two-year college experience and how my education prepared me for university study.” ETBU is also offering a guaranteed $11,000 scholarship to KC Phi Theta Kappa students who pursue their bachelor’s degree at ETBU.

The intent of the agreement is to encourage completion of the associate’s and bachelor’s degrees.

Cultural Awareness Day is Nov. 16

The International Student Association at KC will host its annual Cultural Awareness Day Thursday, Nov. 16, in the Devall Student Center Ballroom.

The event, set for 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., will feature cultural artifact exhibits, art displays, a fashion show and food provided by the international students at KC. There will also be music and dances performed by the students. For additional information, call Estonia Graves, Admissions & International Specialist, at 903-983-8200.

Fred Gore

Fred Gore is Kilgore College’s new vice president of administrative services and chief financial officer, who officially began his duties at KC Oct. 16.

“I was thrilled for the opportunity to come back to Texas, but I was especially excited to work on a job such as this one to help support a college such as Kilgore College which obviously has a lot of pride in its history and rightfully so,” Gore said.

He graduated from The University of Texas at Austin’s Honors Business Program with a bachelor’s of business administration, earned a master of business administration in finance and accounting from Missouri State University and is currently pursuing a doctorate of business administration in higher education finance from the University of South Florida Muma College of Business.

Gore has worked 31 years as a CPA and 25 years in the non-profit business world, which says he will really help with the technical part of accounting at KC.

He comes to KC from Southeastern University in Lakeland (Fla.) where he served as associate vice president of finance.

“The folks I’ve come in contact with here at the college have been so nice and first-class. It really makes you want to come to work in the morning,” Gore said. “It’s been really impressive.”

He said he’s most looking forward to seeing what’s ahead for the college and being part of the team to shape the college’s future.
The Kilgore College Strategic Plan tasks us with “establishing and strengthening relationships with service area business, industry and educational partners.”

This week we had the opportunity to work toward that end through an articulation agreement with East Texas Baptist University (ETBU).

KC is partnering with ETBU through a new articulation agreement that was signed on Nov. 1. The agreement will offer students at KC access to enhanced educational opportunities for university study.

With priority admission and scholarship consideration for eligible students, ETBU will provide an accessible and affordable pathway to bachelor’s degree completion.

I am appreciative of ETBU president, Dr. Blair Blackburn, for his visionary leadership and his clear understanding of the level of instructional excellence provided by KC.

Each time that we are able to articulate a smooth segue for our students through such an agreement, we bring further benefit to our students who wish to continue their educational journey.

In conversations following the official signing ceremony, it became evident that Dr. Blackburn and his staff seek to further solidify the partnership between our two institutions. I am positive that future conversations in the months to come will produce added benefits and for that I am extremely thankful!

Let me close by wishing each of you a blessed Thanksgiving! I am thankful that I get to work beside each of you as we continue to change the lives of our students through quality instructional programs and services offered at KC. I hope that you will find time for a little bit of rest and relaxation over the holidays.

Until next month,

Dr. Brenda Kays
KC president

Good News:

Congratulations to Adrienne Jackson, health occupations support specialist, for the birth of her first grandbaby, David Alexander Jackson, Aug. 16. He weighed 8 lbs. and 8 oz. and was 19.75 inches long. David is the son of David Jackson, Jr. (who is a student in the East Texas Police Academy) and his fiance’ Clarisa Vareia.

Softball signs eight players for 2018

The Kilgore College softball team will hold a signing ceremony 12:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, in the Devall Student Center’s Devall Room. The eight high school seniors introduced will start playing for KC in the fall of 2018. KC will begin its sixth softball season in school history in January under head coach Leslie Messina.

KC will receive $3M Title III grant

Kilgore College has been selected to receive a U.S. Department of Education 2017 Part F Title III Strengthening Institutions grant worth $2,998,352 over a five-year cycle. KC was one of only two two-year colleges to receive a Part F grant and the only Texas college to be awarded a grant from either of the two Title III programs. Only seven colleges nationwide received the Title III grant out of 103 institutions that applied. The grant will be used at KC to upgrade the college’s technology infrastructure, improve student retention and drastically increase the number of online class options at KC with about 50 online courses being designed or redesigned. More info here
November Calendar:

3. Softball signing, Devall Room, 12:45 p.m.
4. Basketball (M) at TJC Classic in Tyler, 2 p.m.
4. SAT testing, Old Main Building, 8 a.m.
5. Basketball (W) at Seminole St, Seminole (Okla.), 2 p.m.
5. Basketball (M) at TJC Classic in Tyler, 2 p.m.
6. Daylight Saving Time ends
7. Basketball (W) vs. Paul Quinn, Masters Gym, 5:30 p.m.
8. TRIO “I’m First!” Table, Devall hallway, 11 a.m.
8. First Generation Celebration, Devall Ballroom, 6 p.m.
9. Veterans Day Celebration, Devall Ballroom, Noon
10. Basketball (W) in Tyler vs. Hill College, 3 p.m.
11. PTK Induction Ceremony, Devall Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.
11. Veterans Day
12. Basketball (W) vs. ABC, 3 p.m.
12. Basketball (M) vs. Cy Fair, Masters Gym, 3 p.m.
13. Laredo Border Patrol Recruiter, Devall hallway, 3 p.m.
13. Savannah College of Art, Devall hallway, 1 p.m.
14. Basketball (W) vs. Hill College, Masters Gym, 7 p.m.
15. ET District Physical Therapy, Devall Ballroom, 6 p.m.
16. Cultural Awareness Program, Devall Ballroom, 11 a.m.
17. Basketball (M) vs. Tomball, Masters Gym, 6 p.m.
18. EPT Lineman Rodeo in Henderson, 9 a.m.
18. EPT Lineman Graduation, Woodruff Bldg., 3:30 p.m.
18. VBM Classic Twirling Contest
19. Basketball (W) at Paul Quinn in Dallas, 2 p.m.
19. Basketball (M) vs. Cedar Valley, Masters Gym, 4 p.m.
20. Basketball (W) vs. San Jacinto, Masters Gym, 5:30 p.m.
20. Basketball (W) at Paul Quinn in Dallas, 2 p.m.
21. Basketball (M) vs. Tomball, Masters Gym, 6 p.m.
21. EPT Lineman Rodeo in Henderson, 9 a.m.
22-24. Thanksgiving holidays
22. Basketball (W) vs. Seminole State, Allen, TX, Noon
23. Basketball (W) vs. Collin College, Allen, TX, Noon
23. Basketball (W) vs. Collin College, Allen, TX, Noon
24. Basketball (W) vs. ET Flight, Masters Gym, 4 p.m.
24. Basketball (M) vs. ET Flight, Masters Gym, 4 p.m.
25. PTK Meeting, CA 104, 5 p.m.
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26. EPT Lineman Graduation, Woodruff Bldg., 3:30 p.m.
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28. KC Foundation Scholarship Lunch, Devall, 11:30 a.m.
28. PTK Induction Ceremony, Devall Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.
29. Basketball (W) at Blinn College in Brenham, 5:30 p.m.
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30. Ambassadors Chili Cook-Off, Miller Plaza, 5-7 p.m.

Order from the KCEOPA bake sale fundraiser

KCEOPA is taking pre-orders through Nov. 10 for its bake sale for the Thanksgiving holiday. This event will raise vital funds which will provide scholarships to deserving students. Check your KC e-mail for current items to order. Items will not be prepared until they are sold. Items will be available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis. To order items, contact Ronda Lee via e-mail or call her at 903-988-7401. Payment is due either prior to or on the delivery date. They accept cash or checks made payable to KCEOPA.

PTA program holding YETI raffle as fundraiser

The KC Physical Therapist Assistant Program is having a raffle for $1,000 worth of merchandise donated by East Texas AMBUCS. The raffle prize includes many different YETI items and outdoor gear, two YETI roller bulls, two YETI Colsters, one YETI Rambler gallon jug, two lawn chairs, an Eno hammock and much more all stuffed inside a YETI cooler. All proceeds will support the PTA students attending the Texas Physical Therapy Association Annual Conference in Corpus Christi and/or the American Physical Therapy Association National Combined Sections meeting in New Orleans, La., as well as offset their membership dues. Tickets are only $5 each or five tickets for $20. The drawing will be held Nov. 16 and the winner doesn’t have to be present to win. To purchase a raffle ticket or for more information, e-mail Carla Gleaton.

It’s time to RSVP for Christmas Luncheon

All KC employees are asked to RSVP to Mary Martin for the annual KC Christmas Luncheon and Service Awards set for 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 15, in the Devall Ballroom. Please RSVP by Nov. 20 and plan on bringing non-perishable food items and/or toiletries to the luncheon as donations for the KC Student Food Pantry.

Employees win prizes for costumes

The KC Hospitality Committee held a Halloween costume contest for employees. KC faculty and staff voted online for favorite costumes and selected the top three winners.

- **First place**: Lesley Pacini (residential life support specialist) who was dressed as Mary Poppins
- **Second place**: Jeff Williams (environmental safety, construction & Facilities manager), dressed as Jeff the Pirate
- **Third place**: Dr. Mary Heiden (music & dance department chair and instructor) who dressed as Captain Hook.

First place won a $100 gift certificate from the KC Bookstore, second place won a $50 gift certificate from the KC Bookstore and third place won a $20 Pizza Hut gift certificate donated by the KC Purchasing Department.

**DATA: Did you know?**

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**NOTE:** Some students are enrolled at more than one location. Category totals will sum to more than the total number of unduplicated students enrolled. Percentages based on duplicated totals.

Data provided by the KC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness.

**November birthdays**

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