KC one of eight East Texas community colleges to receive grant to help scale Texas Pathways

**KC RECEIVES GRANT**

Kilgore College is one of eight East Texas community colleges that received funding from a $960,000 grant from the Texas Success Center to help with scaling essential practices of the Texas Pathways model.

The Texas Success Center, a division of the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC), received the grant from the T.L.L. Temple Foundation.

For KC’s portion, it received an award of $126,472 to employ a success coach dedicated to working with workforce dual credit students at Longview and Henderson high schools.

The coach will monitor student progression toward a credential while in high school and will ensure that students can easily monitor their progression and learn what is needed to complete their program at KC after high school.

**ETOM exhibit features MLK, Civil Rights Movement**

The East Texas Oil Museum at Kilgore College will present “The Road to the Promised Land: Martin Luther King Jr. and the Civil Rights Movement,” an exhibition by Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The traveling exhibit will be on display through Dec. 12 at the ETOM.

Featuring photographs, facsimiles of landmark documents and quotations by Dr. King and others engaged in the struggle for civil rights, “The Road to the Promised Land” surveys the Civil Rights Movement from the emergence of Dr. King as a civil rights leader in the Montgomery bus boycott of 1955 through the 1990s.

For more information, contact Olivia Moore at (903) 983-8297 or omore@kilgore.edu.

**RADICAL HOSPITALITY**

**KC employees who go “Above & Beyond”**

Brandon Walker

“A brandon Walker is not only a great mathematics instructor, but he goes the extra mile with his students to make sure they achieve to the highest of their abilities. I’ve known Brandon as a colleague for years and I’ve never seen him too tired to help one of his students in need. Students rave about Mr. Walker and his everlasting ability to encourage, support and propel students to new heights. His radical hospitality extends not only to his students but to anyone he encounters on campus. When I think of radical hospitality, he’s one of the first people I think of because of his kind, gentle and positive attitude. His personality is infectious and he always strives to help his students any way he can.”

- Laura Mulanax, Health Science Academic Advisor

**KC Theatre will present ‘A Christmas Carol: The Radio Play’, Radio advertisements available to purchase**

Kilgore College Theatre’s performance of Charles Dickens’ beloved classic, “A Christmas Carol,” will be filmed and released this holiday season to view remotely from the comfort of your home.

“This unique production is styled as an early 20th Century radio drama, with a talented cast of actors bringing life to a host of memorable characters and live Foley sound effects,” said Micah Goodding, KC theatre instructor.

To purchase a “virtual ticket” to a filmed version of the play, visit www.kilgore.tix.com.

Tickets are $5 for KC students and $10 for adults. The film will become available for ticket-holders on the day of Thanksgiving.

As part of the production, KC Theatre is offering the chance to purchase radio advertisements that will be read during one of the show’s commercial breaks.

“We can feature your own, personal ‘Carol-Gram’ as part of our production,” Goodding said.

“Whether you’re a local business spreading some holiday cheer, or if you want to send season’s greetings to friends and family members, we’ll help you do so in style.”

To purchase a Carol-Gram and become an official sponsor of this special holiday event, please follow this link to fill out a short form. For more info, email Micah Goodding at mgoodding@kilgore.edu.
Making Connections

The first pillar of our current strategic plan focuses on connecting students to the college. One of the main targets for connection is our high school students. Experts agree that not all students need a four-year degree. Still, all students need some post-secondary education and training to be competitive in an ever-evolving job market and earn a living wage.

KC has various outreach and recruiting efforts to connect with high school students in our service area. While we enjoy a successful dual credit enrollment, we seem to struggle to enroll our high school graduates. Approximately 30 percent of students who earn college credit from KC while in high school are not enrolling after high school. Not only are these students not enrolling with KC, but they aren’t enrolling at any other four-year or two-year college either. In addition, the college-going rates of all graduates at many of our service area high schools are below 50 percent.

College graduates approved the current KC Connection program approximately two years ago, allowing high school graduates who took dual credit courses with KC while in high school to carry forward the 40 percent discount once enrolled at KC. Approximately 100 students took advantage of this program for fall, yet that is a pittance compared to the number of students who took dual credit courses with us.

Obviously, despite our best efforts, the chain connecting high school students to KC has a few weak links. However, there is excellent news on the horizon! Two partners have stepped up to help us connect high school students, whether they have participated in dual credit or not, to KC. The T.L.L. Temple Foundation and rootEd Alliance have agreed to fund the salaries to place college employees in some of our service area high schools.

Funding will hire a full-time success coach, who will split time between Longview and Henderson high schools. The T.L.L. Temple Foundation will partner with us, specifically on connecting CTE (workforce) dual credit students to KC to complete a workforce credential at KC after high school graduation. Longview and Henderson high schools were chosen to participate in this venture because those two schools were ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in CTE dual credit students in our service area last fall.

Funding from rootEd Alliance will be used to hire three full-time success coaches to promote a college-going culture in rural high schools. The success coaches will be housed at Gilmer, Gladewater & the Northeast Texas Career Technical Education Center in Overton (serving Overton, West Rusk & Leverett’s Chapel high schools).

We’ve also been fortunate to use grant dollars from rootEd Alliance to hire a director who will help pull this team of four together for a concerted effort to connect more high school students to post-secondary education! This team will be housed at KC during the summer and will help students formally transition from high school to college enrollment.

Manny Garcia will be leading the teams responsible for increasing the number of students who successfully matriculate to post-secondary education experiences. Manny brings a wealth of knowledge to the position, and I look forward to working with him in this capacity. The new success coaches (listed below) are all experienced student advisors and will fit well with our ISD partners.

While we hope the vast majority of those students will be selecting KC, at least for the first two years, our coaches will be helping students recognize their educational goals no matter where they lead. Each grant has specific success metrics that must be met for funding to continue.

We will track our progress through data gathering and analysis. Due to the experimental nature of these new opportunities and the demand for data gathering, analysis, and continuous improvement, Dr. Staci Martin will supervise the overall initiative with assistance from Natalie Bryant.

Warm wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Welcome new full-time employees!

Manny Garcia, Director of High School Student Success
Shelly Gribble, High School Success Coach/Advisor
Kristyl Hester, High School Success Coach/Advisor
Daniel Parker, High School Success Coach/Advisor
Kelley Shorette, High School Success Coach/Advisor

College News

Donate to the KC Student Food Pantry

If you are making a grocery run, please consider purchasing something from the list below for the KC Student Food Pantry and bringing it by Barbara Prater’s office, Suite 165 in the Devall Student Center.

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On-Campus Calendar

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**Winners selected for Halloween Costume Contest**

The KC Hospitality Committee held the third annual Halloween Costume Contest for employees Oct. 30. KC faculty and staff voted online for favorite costumes and selected the top five winners.

1. **First Place**: Jase Graves (Department Chair, Instructor, English Language Development Dept.) as Freddie Mercury
2. **Second Place**: Chris Gore (Dean of Enrollment Management & Student Success) as “Travelocity Gnome off his meds”
3. **Third Place** (tie): Adrienne Jackson (Support Specialist - Health Occupations) as “Hippie Chick” & Mary Shaw (Instructor, Biology) as “It’s in the syllabus!”

**Procurement Services: Helpful ways to stretch your budgets**

With the new fiscal year in full swing, here are some helpful ways to stretch your budget:

- **Shop the Purchasing COVID-19 Store** for any supplies needed before getting supplies on your own. We have gloves, hand sanitizer, disinfectant spray and refills, as well as wipes and dry towels. Just email kcpurchasing@kilgore.edu for assistance.

- **When shipping packages please ship using Fed EX through the KC Bookstore**. We get up to a 40% discount and the discount is available for both business and personal shipping.

- **Please ask for Procurement Services’ assistance** in sourcing items to get the best price.

- **Be sure to check with Procurement Services to see if they have an account at a store** that you may be shopping at (online or in person). This will prevent you from missing out on potential discounts, tax exemptions and other offers/coupons that may be available.

**Rangerette Christmas Show set for December at LeTourneau Univ.**

The Rangerette Christmas show for 2020 will be held at Longview’s LeTourneau University Belcher Center in order to maximize the audience while maintaining proper social distancing. Tickets can be purchased online through The Belcher Center Box Office. Tickets are $20 each. To purchase online, click here.

The Christmas show began in 2011 and is now an annual tradition. It is a community event including the KHS Hi-Steppers, Kilgore area dance studios, guest performers and features the Rangerettes. It is a Broadway style show and a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season.

**KC mourns death of former employee**

Scotti Wood, who spent five seasons as Kilgore College’s women’s basketball coach and led the Lady Rangers to 90 wins during that span, died on Oct. 3. Wood was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma in March.

In five seasons at Kilgore, Wood carved out a 90-63 record. She led the Lady Rangers to the regional tournament four times and had just one losing season.

Wood was the second coach in the history of the Lady Rangers’ program, taking over for Hall of Fame coach Evelyn Blalock for the 1998-99 season and leading KC to a 16-12 record. Scotti is survived by her husband, Dr. Bill Holda, former KC president.