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

Ex-Student of the Year
Shelley Wayne
Wayne is the assistant director and choreographer for the Rangerettes and was recently awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Texas Dance Educators Association. She was a ‘Rette from 1985-87.

Distinguished Alumna
Wilda Rodriguez Andrews
Andrews, of Henderson, has been a Life Member of the Rangerettes Forever since its inception in 1979 and established the Carroll and Wilda Andrews Scholarship in 2001.

Distinguished Alumna
Joanne Rambo Hankins
Hankins, a Life Member of the Rangerettes Forever, continues to volunteer at summer camps, the Rangerette Showcase, Rangerette Revels and the Gussie Nell Davis Dance Classic.

Honored Retiree
Archie Whitfield
Whitfield spent 15 years working at KC and is very special to the college for his dedication and his efforts to help KC on a continued basis. In 1985 he began work at KC, serving as Director of College Relations until 2000.

For more info and bios of the above award recipients visit www.kilgore.edu/homecoming

Health Science Center

About 100 people officially celebrated the Health Science Center’s open house Sept. 28 and were given tours of the new facility located in the former Laird Memorial Hospital Building.

The center houses four health science programs under one roof for the first time in college history: Associate Degree of Nursing, Physical Therapist Assistant, Radiologic Science and Surgical Technology.

The center houses 16 state-of-the-art classrooms, laboratories, faculty offices and student lounges.

HSC Open House: James Walker (KC Board member), Paula Carter (Surgical Technology program director/instructor), Ursula Dyer (Radiologic Science program director/instructor), Louise Wiley (Dean of Math Science and Health Sciences), Carla Gleaton (Physical Therapy program director/instructor), Dayna Davidson (Associate Degree Nursing program director/instructor) and Scott Andrews (KC Board member) cut the ribbon to officially open the Health Science Center Sept. 28. Photo by Jon Vashey/KC
President’s Perspective

Preaching the Gospel

This morning, the first day of October, I participated in the creation of a video that can be posted on the web and serve as an appeal for our third Annual Campaign for Excellence. Some of the script included these points:

- The Kilgore College legacy is 80 years strong
  - KC is committed to excellence. While we have a strong legacy and great history, we are looking to the future and meeting the needs of tomorrow’s students.
  - We want to build on what we have, but recognize that everything comes with a price tag.
  - Looking ahead, there are a number of opportunities for growth in programs, with the right facilities, faculty and equipment – we are seeking partners who share our vision and want to be a part of the continued legacy of Kilgore College.

- The time to give is today
  - More and more students are reliant on some form of financial aid.
  - Today’s student cannot rely on family contributions to aid in their higher education.
  - More than 80% of students receive financial assistance through grants or scholarships.
  - College would simply not be possible for many of these students if not for donors providing funds for scholarships.

- Every dollar is important
  - State funding to KC has declined to approximately 26% of our overall operating budget.
  - This is a small fraction of funding needed to move Kilgore College into the future.
  - 84% of donors give $500 or less. Every gift is valued and important to the sustainability of KC.

- NOW is the time
  - We want to preserve the legacy that the founders of Kilgore College envisioned more than 80 years ago.
  - We want to be here to continue to prepare the leaders of tomorrow for their future.
  - The legacy will continue, but only with your help!

And so, I think it was Francis of Assisi to whom this phrase is attributed: “Preach the Gospel. Use words when necessary.” If we as a community of educators, together with our elected Board and our Foundation Board set the example, it will greatly help us out in the community as I try to connect our needs with individuals who want to invest in Kilgore College. By setting the example, we preach the Gospel, letting everyone know we believe in what we do and the tremendous worth of Kilgore College! I urge, encourage, and plea with you to be an active participant, regardless of the level.

Thanks for considering this!

President Dr. Bill Holda

FACULTY & STAFF

John Raulston, history instructor, was selected by one of his students (Collin Neal) as his “Most Influential Educator.” Raulston was Neal’s honored guest at the Henderson I.S.D. Education Foundation’s Tradition of Excellence Banquet on May 19. Raulston teaches dual credit government classes for KC at Henderson I.S.D.

Kilgore College hosted an all-day All-State Choral Workshop on Saturday, Aug. 23. Clinicians for the 54 participants from Regions 4 and 21 were KC voice faculty members Jeanne Johnson, Melanie Sullivan, Jim Taylor and Kristen Threadgill. Music teachers accompanying the students praised the workshop for being well-organized and useful.

KC welcomes new hire December Hill, the college’s new Purchasing/Accounts Payable Assistant in the Business Office. Hill handles Office Depot, Walmart and gas card payables. Please send those receipts to her as well as any Office Depot packing slips you may receive. She is located in the Purchasing Office on the second floor of the McLaurin Administration Building. Her extension is 8106.

Welcome to Jaymi Blankenship, the Baptist Student Ministries’ new director. He comes to the BSM from First Baptist Church of Silsbee where he served as the Minister of Students and Families. Jaymi and his wife Kara have one daughter, Kiersten, age 5.

Corrosion Technology instructor Kenya Ray recently passed NACE CP3 (Cathodic Protection Technologist) course and exam, which means she is eligible for the CP3 certification, which she will apply for soon.

Good News!

Nina Verheyden, math instructor, won a First Place Blue Ribbon at the State Fair of Texas for her zucchini relish. She also was awarded Honorable Mention for her bread-and-butter pickles.

News & Reminders

‘Chunkapalooza’ set for Oct. 18 at KC Demo Farm

The KC Ag Student Association will host the annual Chunkapalooza 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the KC Demo Farm. All student organizations are encouraged to build mechanical contraptions to see how far they can “chunk” pumpkins. There will be prizes awarded for first through third place (based on chunking distance) and a prize for “dramatic” presentations. To enter the contest or for more information, contact Dr. Karl Steddom at 903-983-8656 or e-mail him.

KCEOPA raises enough money to endow scholarship

The Kilgore College Educational Office Personnel Association (KCEOPA) has proudly raised enough money (more than $15,000) to create a permanent endowed scholarship to benefit future KC students.

Above: Leah Gorman, KC’s Director of Development, awards the KCEOPA a plaque Sept. 23 for creating the endowed scholarship. KCEOPA members pictured include: Jeannie Butler, Deborah Metcalf, Rene’ Wiley, Jane Hanlon, Barbara Praet, Rosemary Owens, Leah Goman, Paddy Waddell, Melissa Johnson, Karen Scibona, Ronda Callaway, Gail Jackson, Amy Smith and Kathy Knighton. Photo by Jon Vashey/KC
Theatre will present ‘Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead’ Oct. 7-12

The Kilgore College Theatre Department will present Tom Stoppard’s comic masterpiece “Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead” beginning Oct. 7 in Van Cliburn Auditorium on the Kilgore campus.

The play is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, Oct. 7-11, with a matinee performance 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12.

General admission tickets are $10 for adults, $7 for students and $5 for KC students with a student ID.

The play is appropriate for all ages, but children under the age of seven will not be admitted. Late arrivals will also not be admitted.

The box office will open one hour prior to each performance.

For reservations, e-mail the KC Theatre Box Office at boxoffice@kilgore.edu or call 903-983-8126. Reserved tickets may be picked up at the box office beginning one hour before curtain the day of each performance.

The play is directed by Micah Goodding, theatre instructor, and is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

About the play:
Acclaimed as a modern dramatic masterpiece, “Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead” is the fabulously inventive tale of Hamlet as told from the worm’s eye view of the bewildered Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, two minor characters in Shakespeare's play. In Tom Stoppard's best-known work, this Shakespearean Laurel and Hardy finally get a chance to take the lead role, but do so in a world where echoes of Waiting for Godot resound, where reality and illusion intermix, and where fate leads our two heroes to a tragic but inevitable end.

“This is a most remarkable play. Very funny. Very brilliant. Very chilling.”
–The New York Times