Hall of Fame Weekend set for Oct. 9-10

KC will honor former standout athletes and contributors at its annual Hall of Fame Weekend Oct. 9-10. A benefit golf tournament is set for Friday, Oct. 9, and Hall of Fame inductees will be introduced during a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, in the Devall Ballroom on the Kilgore campus. MORE INFO

Homecoming brunch Oct. 24 in Devall Ballroom

Alumni Relations will honor the Ex-Student, Ex-Teacher, Distinguished Alumnae and Honored Retirees of the Year at the Homecoming Brunch 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24, in the Devall Ballroom. Admission is free to the brunch, but reservations are appreciated. To reserve a seat or to get more information, call 903-983-8182.
The Move Toward Guided Pathways

As we all know and have experienced, there is often a “fad of the month” to be embraced by higher education or public education which will transform student success results. The move toward “Guided Pathways” may be a fad, but it also represents the future direction for America’s community colleges.

In their book, Redesigning America’s Community Colleges: A Clearer Path to Student Success, authors Thomas R. Bailey, Shanna Smith Jaggars and Davis Jenkins propose that we must move from “cafeteria colleges” to colleges with clear pathways for our students. In the description of their book, we read the following:

“In the United States, 1,200 community colleges enroll over ten million students each year—nearly half of the nation’s undergraduates. Yet fewer than 40 percent of entrants complete an undergraduate degree within six years. This fact has put pressure on community colleges to improve academic outcomes for their students. Two-year colleges can substantially increase their rates of student success, if they are willing to rethink the ways in which they organize programs of study, support services, and instruction.”

“Community colleges were originally designed to expand college enrollments at low cost, not to maximize completion of high-quality programs of study. The result was a cafeteria-style model in which students pick courses from a bewildering array of choices, with little guidance. The authors urge administrators and faculty to reject this traditional model in favor of ‘guided pathways’—clearer, more educationally coherent programs of study that simplify students’ choices without limiting their options and that enable them to complete credentials and advance to further education and the labor market more quickly and at less cost.”

What does this mean for Kilgore College? We may move away from the “undecided major.” We may create “meta-majors” that possibly parallel the “endorsements” in HB5 for public school students. We may require students to follow a degree plan and require them to interact with an advisor if they want to deviate from the plan.

We have seen the increased success in our technical and allied health programs where students have a clear career goal and a very specific plan of courses. As we try to improve our student completion rate and connect students more quickly with a career, clear guided pathways may hold much promise. This movement may not be a “fad of the month.”

Larry Kitchen, art instructor, placed in the top 10 of an international art competition, the Gas Station Challenge, by James Gurney. The contest asked artists to paint a gas station on location in black and white gouache.

Jim Taylor, Jeanne Johnson, Melanie Sullivan and Kristen Threadgill presented a “Start from Scratch” All-State Choral Workshop for 125 area high school students on campus Aug. 29. The workshop prepared them for their regional auditions leading up to the All-State performance.

Mary Kates, developmental math instructor, was awarded the 2015 Texas Association for Developmental Education Professional Development Scholarship to attend the College Academic Support Programs conference in Allen. The $500 award is given to support professional development and academic scholarships of educators in the field of developmental education.

Brian Hoberecht, head men’s basketball coach, will speak at the Nike Championship Basketball Clinic Oct. 3 at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla.

KC Chorale will present concert Oct. 13 in Kilgore

The Kilgore College Chorale will present a fall concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, in Van Cliburn Auditorium. The concert will feature the 30-voice chorale and the women’s ensemble, the Camerata Singers. It will feature a wide array of choral music styles, from love songs and classics, to the crazy and the comedic. For more information, contact Dr. Jim Taylor at jtaylor@kilgore.edu or (903) 808-7812.

ETCC fall concert set for Oct. 20 in Longview

The East Texas Community Chorus will present its fall concert 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at First United Methodist Church in Longview. Choral selections will include Sing Praises to the Lord (the closing chorus to George Frideric Handel's tenth anthem), Ave Maria, Alleluia and Hosanna. The second half of the program will be comprised of the suite from Brahms’ Liebeslieder Waltzes, nine Romantic Era love songs. The KC Youth Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Tristan Roberts will also perform. For more information, contact Dr. Jim Taylor at jtaylor@kilgore.edu.

Use the Red Alert system to help at-risk students

The Student Success department reminds all faculty that it is very important to take advantage of using the Red Alert System for students you feel might be at-risk. The students will be directed to additional resources to help them be successful. For more information, email Kasey Nisbett.
**OCTOBER Birthdays**

- 10/5 JJ Eckert
- 10/6 Toledo Montgomery
- 10/6 Courtney Jenkins
- 10/7 Monika Kajstura
- 10/7 Shannon Sisk
- 10/8 David Adamson
- 10/11 Ann Thrower
- 10/11 Dustin Law
- 10/13 Paige Wood
- 10/14 Kelly Kaemmerling
- 10/19 Tim Bright
- 10/21 Elena Ignatchenko
- 10/22 Willie Gooden
- 10/22 Jerry Morris
- 10/24 Becky Johnson
- 10/24 Catherine Elueze
- 10/25 Nate Whitten
- 10/26 Ray Jackson
- 10/27 Mary Stephens
- 10/30 Jamie Henson
- 10/30 Annette Morgan
- 10/31 Montez Easley

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**Calendar**

1. Fall Graduation Application Deadline
2. Football at NEO Miami, OK, 2 p.m.
3. Softball at UT Tyler Tourny, Tyler, TX, 11:30 a.m., 2:30, 4 p.m.
4. SAT Testing, Old Main, 8 a.m.
5. Tarleton State Recruiter, DSC Hallway, 10 a.m.
6. Counselor Luncheon, DSC Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.
7. TRIO Advisory Meeting, DSC Conference Room, 10 a.m.
8. “Diary of Anne Frank”, VCA, 7:30 p.m.
9. Hall of Fame Luncheon, DSC Ballroom, 11:30 a.m.
10. Football vs. Cisco College, Kilgore, TX, 5 p.m.
11. Softball vs. Texas Elite Gold, Kilgore, TX, 11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
12. Chunkapalooza, KC Demo Farm, 2 p.m.
13. “Diary of Anne Frank”, VCA, 2:30 p.m.
14. PTK Meeting, CA 104, 5:15 p.m.
15. Speaking Engagement, DSC Ballroom, 1:30 p.m.
16. LeTourneau University Recruiter, DSC Hallway, 10 a.m.
17. KC Chorale & Camerata Concert, VCA, 7:30 p.m.
18. KCEOPA Meeting, DSC Conference Room, 10 a.m.
19. Presidential Scholarship Luncheon, Devall Room, 11 a.m.
22. Boss’ Day Luncheon, DSC Ballroom, 11 a.m.
23. Football at Blinn College, Brenham, TX, 3 p.m.
24. Softball at RXIV Round Robin, Mt. Pleasant, TX, TBA
25. Kilgore Premiere “Sweethearts of the Gridiron”, Dodson, 3 & 7 p.m.
26. - Dec. 11, Quest II Classes
27. UT Tyler Recruiter, DSC Hallway, 9 a.m.
28. Homecoming Pep Rally, Tennis Courts, 11 a.m.
29. Softball at SFASU, Nacogdoches, TX, 2 & 4 p.m.
30. Rettes’ Homecoming Dinner, DSC Ballroom, 6 p.m.
31. Chemistry Dept. - Mole Day, DSC Ballroom, 11 a.m.
33. NACE ET Seminar, DSC Ballroom, 8 a.m.
34. PTK Membership Info Meeting, CA 104, Noon
35. Rettes’ Forever Homecoming Brunch, DSC Ballroom, 10:30 a.m.
36. Student & Alumni Homecoming Luncheon, DSC Ballroom, 12:30 p.m.
37. Football vs. TJC (Homecoming), Kilgore, TX, 3 p.m.
38. Softball at Houston Baptist, Houston, TX, TBA
39. Student & Alumni Homecoming Luncheon, DSC Ballroom, 12:30 p.m.
40. Football vs. TJC (Homecoming), Kilgore, TX, 3 p.m.
41. Softball at Houston Baptist, Houston, TX, TBA
42. Halloween Party, DSC Ballroom, Ranger Ambassadors, 7 p.m.
43. KC Children’s Opera, Dodson, 7:30 p.m.
44. KC Children’s Opera, Dodson, 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
45. Halloween Party, DSC Ballroom, Ranger Ambassadors, 7 p.m.
46. KC Children’s Opera, Dodson, 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
47. PTK Induction Ceremony, DSC Ballroom, 1 p.m.
48. KC Children’s Opera, Dodson, 1 p.m.

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**Chunkapalooza set for Oct. 10 at KC Agriculture Demo Farm**

The public is invited to the KC Agriculture Student Association’s annual “Chunkapalooza Pumpkin Chunkin’ Contest” set for Saturday, Oct. 10, at the KC Agriculture Demonstration Farm in Overton. Gates will open at 1 p.m. The event is free to attend and pumpkin chunkin’ will begin at 2 p.m. The event will feature a pumpkin patch, hay ride, farmer’s market and several educational exhibits showing the research KC is doing with the Texas A&M Center in Overton. There will also be a pumpkin painting contest for kids 12 and under with judging at 3 p.m. The farm will close at 4 p.m. For more info, call Karl Steddom at 903-983-8656.

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**Diary of Anne Frank opens Oct. 8**

The KC Theatre Department will present Wendy Kesselman’s gripping new adaptation of the *Diary of Anne Frank* by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett beginning Oct. 8 in the Van Cliburn Auditorium on the Kilgore campus. The play is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 8-10, with a matinee performance 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11. General admission tickets are $10 for adults, $7 for students and $5 for KC students with a student ID. The play is appropriate for ages 12 and up but children under the age of 7 will not be admitted. Late arrivals will also not be admitted. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.kilgore.edu/drama](http://www.kilgore.edu/drama) or by phone at 903-983-8126.