Kilgore College will once again honor former standout athletes, coaches and contributors at its annual Hall of Fame Weekend Oct. 6-7.

A benefit golf tournament is set for Friday, Oct. 6, and Hall of Fame inductees will be introduced during a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, in the Devall Ballroom on the Kilgore campus.

It’s not too late to sign up to play in the golf tournament or make reservations to attend the luncheon.

Entry fee for the golf tournament is $75 per player or $150 per team. Tickets to the luncheon are $15 each.

The golf tournament will be a two-man scramble at Meadowbrook Country Club in Kilgore sponsored by KC, CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Francis Hospital, UT Tyler and Aramark.

Hall of Fame members will also be recognized during halftime of the KC versus New Mexico Military football game 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7, at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium in Kilgore.

All proceeds will benefit KC Athletics.

For more information contact Kristan Propes at 903-988-7537 or kpropes@kilgore.edu.
Welcome new employees!

Kilgore College welcomes its new Executive Director of Development, Askala Harris. Harris comes to KC from The University of Texas at Austin where she served as the Associate Director for Development and Alumni Relations. Her office is located in the McLaurin Administration Building and she can be reached at aharris@kilgore.edu or 903-983-8187.

Kilgore College welcomes Patrick Brophy, Institutional Research Data Specialist. Brophy comes to KC from Texas A&M University where he was an IT technician. His office is located in the McLaurin Administration Building. He can be reached at pbrophy@kilgore.edu or 903-988-3702.

FACULTY & STAFF reports

Three photographs by KC photography instructor O. Rufus Lovett have been selected for an exhibition of 100 best works by alumni of Texas A&M University-Commerce (East Texas State University), at the VisCom Gallery in the Universities Center at Dallas. The exhibit was juried by Lana Rigsby, DJ Stout and Jack Summerford. The opening reception is Oct. 19 from 6-8 p.m. and the show will be on display until Nov. 16. The VisCom Gallery is on the 4th floor of 3005 Pacific Ave. in downtown Dallas.

Ronda Lee (Learning Specialist/ Student Support) has been selected for the first E* Leadership Program hosted by the Kilgore Chamber of Commerce. The program (formerly Leadership Kilgore) is designed to provide more in-depth corporate leadership training and encourage community leadership.

Good News:

The 14-year-old nephew of Karen Tutt (adjunct instructor of child development), Montana Jordan, is an actor on the CBS television show, Young Sheldon. Montana (of Ore City) plays Sheldon’s older brother, George. The show premiered on Sept. 25 and will be on the air Thursday nights beginning in November. The show is a prequel to the sitcom The Big Bang Theory.

Chemistry instructors will hold demonstrations at Longview WOW

Kilgore College chemistry instructors will host an event at The Longview World of Wonder Science Museum (WOW) on Saturday, Oct. 7. They will be there doing demonstrations and hands-on activities starting at 11:30 a.m. The demonstrations are designed for all ages. They also have other exciting exhibits and activities. The hours on Saturday are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and admission is $8. The address is 112 E. Tyler St. Longview, TX. For more information call 903-212-4969 or visit www.longviewwow.org.

Student Nursing Association offering $25 flu shots

The KC Student Nursing Association will offer flu shots from 8 to 10 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, on both the Kilgore and Longview campuses (locations TBA). Each shot will cost $25. The event is a fundraiser for SNA as part of a community service project. They will accept cash or check only (made payable to Student Nursing Association). You must RSVP by Friday, Oct. 6, to kstone@kilgore.edu.

Welcome new employees!

I received word this week that 97 KC faculty and staff have volunteered to join one of the Guided Pathways Task Forces that are being formed. That is phenomenal news and very reflective of your dedication to our students and their success!

As you recall, the concept of Guided Pathways was introduced to the KC community in our strategic plan. For KC, Guided Pathways is an organizing framework that depicts how we want KC to look and function. However, if we are truly going to transform ourselves into a college equipped for the 21st century and the needs of a corresponding generation of students, we must have broad engagement. One group or committee at the college can’t make this happen. Hence, that is why the task forces are being formed—to let everyone have input and to give everyone a voice.

The work of the task forces will be diverse. Six unique, yet related, student success topics were chosen by the Pathways Leadership Team. The areas chosen reflect crucial areas that must be addressed if we are going to move forward as an institution. All 97 volunteers will be assigned to one of the six task forces according to their area of expressed interest. The task forces will each engage in analyzing and evaluating current practices and make recommendations for the improvement/redesign/evaluation of those processes, practices, and/or policies. Our volunteers will make use of our student data and incorporate student feedback into their analysis. We elected to employ task forces instead of committees for this work in order to signal that each group will be in effect only for the duration of accomplishing its assigned task. A definite beginning and end.

The robust feedback garnered from the task forces will be incorporated into the work of Guided Pathways at the college. My pledge to you is that your work on a task force will not be in vain. This isn’t a fruitless exercise where results will just be placed upon a shelf to gather dust. Instead, the feedback of the task forces will translate into goals and objectives to be achieved on our Pathways journey.

The Pathways Leadership Team and the Student Success Council will be responsible for shepherding and communicating the results of the work of our 6 task forces. Depending on the scope, recommendations will be implemented starting immediately or integrated into our strategic plan. Results will be evaluated and tweaks made as necessary—mirroring institutional effectiveness at its finest.

If you somehow missed out on volunteering and are now feeling “left out,” contact Dr. Staci Martin to see if there may be possibly a chance for you yet to participate. Wouldn’t it be great if we could make or break 100 participants all working to positively impact the lives of our students?!?

Until next month,
News & Reminders:

Special events planned for Homecoming Week

With Homecoming week fast-approaching, the Student Government Association has some awesome events planned for the KC student body. Homecoming Week is set for Oct. 16-21. The week will be capped off by the football game versus Trinity Valley Community College 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium.

Pep Rally & Lunch: On Thursday, Oct. 19, KC will host a Homecoming Pep Rally at 11:30 a.m. in the Lee Mall/Mike Miller Plaza. Following the pep rally, students and employees will be fed a free barbecue lunch.

Homecoming Court Reception: Also on Oct. 19, there will be a Homecoming Court Reception at 6 p.m. in the McLaurin Administration Building.

T-Shirt Trade-Out: In addition to the traditional barbecue and pep rally, KC will have its first-ever T-shirt Trade-Out! During Homecoming Week students are asked to bring a T-shirt from their high school, university/college or their hometown. Students should bring these shirts to the residential life (housing) office and in exchange, they will receive a KC Homecoming 2017 T-shirt. All T-shirts collected will be donated to a local rescue mission.

T-Shirts for sale for employees: For employees who would like a KC Homecoming 2017 T-shirt (at right) to wear to the pep rally, please complete the form emailed to you and take it to the Cashier’s Office on the Kilgore or Longview campus. T-shirts for employees cost $10. All proceeds generated by T-shirt sales will be used to fund future SGA events and activities (it also helps make T-shirts free for students). A SGA representative will deliver purchased T-Shirts the week before homecoming. For more information contact Ashley Mason at 903-988-7520 or amason@kilgore.edu.

Student Nurses Association hosting blood drive Oct. 5

The KC Student Nurses Association will host a blood drive by Carter BloodCare 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 5, in the parking lot of the KC Health Science Center. For more information call Mary Harwell at 903-921-8154.

KC-Longview hosting raffle to benefit food pantries

KC-Longview is holding a raffle to help fund the KC Food Pantries on the Kilgore and Longview campuses. The raffle winner will receive a Vera Bradley weekender bag. Raffle tickets are $3 each or two tickets for $5. KC employees were emailed a form to fill out to purchase a raffle ticket. Please make checks payable to Kilgore College with “Food Pantry Raffle” in the memo line. The drawing will be held on Oct. 31. Bring by or send form and payment to the KC-Longview Office no later than 7 p.m. on Oct. 30. For more information contact Dawn Wilson at dwilson@kilgore.edu or 903-236-2051.

Golden Z-Club for students will meet Oct. 3

Kilgore College has a new club on campus for women students, the Golden Z-Club. The club is for students who are interested in improving the community and empowering women. The club will meet 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, in Room 122 of the Woodfin Center. Sponsors of the club are Schlunda Hall, Doris Johnson, Rene’ Wiley and Charleen Worsham. For more information contact Schlunda Hall 903-988-3704 or schall@kilgore.edu.

Lee, Propes take on new positions at KC

With the retirements of Kasey Nisbett and Gail Jackson, Jimmy Rieves is happy to introduce the two people who will take their places. Ronda Lee is now the new Learning Specialist in charge of the tutoring lab, retention and the new student orientation. Kristan Propes is the new support specialist for the student success and athletic department.

ABOVE: Area high school counselors attended KC’s Annual Counselors Luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the Devall Student Center Ballroom. Among the topics discussed were admissions to KC, resources for counselors and Guided Pathways. Photo by Manny Almanza/KC
**Calendar**

5. SNA Blood Drive, HSC Building Parking Lot, 10 a.m.
7. Hall of Fame Luncheon, DSC Ballroom, 11 a.m.
   - Drill Team Day, Dodson/Rangerette Gym, 7 a.m.
   - SAT Testing, Old Main Building, 8 a.m.
   - Football vs. NM Military, Kilgore, TX (Hall of Fame), 5 p.m.
9. PTK Meeting, CA-104, 5 p.m.
   - Homecoming Voting, DSC Hallway, 8 a.m.
10. Homecoming Voting, DSC Hallway, 8 a.m.
11. KCEOPA, McLaurin Bldg., 2nd floor, 11:30 a.m.
   - KC Board of Trustees Meeting, McLaurin Bldg., 2nd Floor, 6 p.m.
12. American Honors Dinner, DSC Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.
   - KC Foundation Meeting, Devall Room, 11:30 a.m.
13. ETPA Graduation Ceremony, DSC Ballroom, 9 a.m.
14. Football vs. TVCC, Kilgore, TX (Homecoming), 3 p.m.
15. KCC 3 Redneck Tenors, Dodson Auditorium, 7 p.m.
16. Homecoming Court Reception, McLaurin Building, 6 p.m.
17. Football vs. TVCC, Kilgore, TX (Homecoming), 3 p.m.
18. PTK Meeting, CA-104, 5 p.m.
20. Homecoming Hangout, Lee Mall/Mike Miller Plaza, 7 p.m.
21. Football vs. TVCC, Kilgore, TX (Homecoming), 3 p.m.
23. PTK Meeting, CA-104, 5 p.m.
24-27. Children’s Opera, Dodson Auditorium, See website
27. ACT Testing, Old Main Building, 8 a.m.
   - Football at TJC, Tyler, TX, 3 p.m.
28. Religious Symposium, DSC Ballroom, 3 p.m.
30. Movie Night, Lee Mall/Mike Miller Plaza, 7 p.m.

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**Employees encouraged to join TCCTA**

All KC faculty are encouraged to join the Texas Community College Teachers Association. Dues are $45 with $15 back from KC (If you want the liability insurance, it’s an additional $55). Comprised of educators from every teaching discipline, as well as counselors, librarians and administrators, TCCTA members come from all public and independent two-year colleges in Texas. TCCTA is the largest organization of postsecondary educators in Texas. It helps lobby the Texas Legislature on your behalf. To join, contact Nina Verheyden for more information. Or join online at [www.tccta.org](http://www.tccta.org).

**It’s not too late for employees to join KCEOPA**

Open to all KC employees, the Educational Office Personnel Association (KCEOPA) promotes professional development while providing members with a spirit of unity, a fun social environment and a sense of accomplishment. The association’s goals are to:
1. Raise funds for annual KC scholarships,
2. Deliver the highest quality of service to KC and the community and
3. Increase efficiency, grow professionally and communicate effectively.

If you are not interested in becoming a member, you have the option to make a one-time scholarship donation. Annual dues are $10. For more info, e-mail Emily Hammett at ehammett@kilgore.edu.

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**Music Department will present ‘Pinocchio’**

The Kilgore College Music Department will present the children’s opera "Pinocchio" Oct. 24-27 in Dodson Auditorium on the Kilgore campus.

The production, by Denise Page Caraher with music from operas by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, is an exciting show using the traditional fairy tale with original music and new, fun lyrics.

All performances, performed by KC students, are free and open to the public with daytime performances geared toward area school children. Each performance will last about an hour.

Groups of 10 or more need to call to reserve seats, but smaller groups are welcome to attend any performance without reservations. No reservations are required for the Tuesday night performance.

More than 2,000 school children have already made reservations to watch the play. For more information or to reserve seats, email Melanie Sullivan at msullivan@kilgore.edu or call her at 903-988-7527.

**Performance schedule:**
- Tuesday, Oct. 24: 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 25: 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 26: 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 27: 7 p.m.

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**DATA: Did you know?**

**During 2016-17, KC awarded the following number of degrees:**

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**TOTAL:** 703

Data provided by the KC Office of Research and Institutional Effectiveness

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**ABOVE:** Rowdy the Ranger dances with a student at the annual KC Kickoff Sept. 7 in the Lee Mall/Mike Miller Plaza. **Photo by Jamie Maldonado/KC**