KC Athletics Hall of Fame Weekend set for Oct. 29-30 in Kilgore

KC will once again honor former standout athletes, coaches and contributors at its annual Hall of Fame Weekend Oct. 29-30.

A benefit golf tournament is set for Friday, Oct. 29, and Hall of Fame inductees will be introduced during a luncheon at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, in the Devall Ballroom on the Kilgore campus.

Entry fee for the golf tournament is $75 per player. Tickets to the luncheon are $20 each.

Hall of Fame members will also be recognized during halftime of the KC versus Trinity Valley football game 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium in Kilgore.

Also, the college looking for hole sponsors for the golf tournament or any business for door prize donations.

For more information, contact Kristan Propes at (903) 988-7537 or kpropes@kilgore.edu.

More information is also available at www.kilgore.edu/halloffame.

The newest inductees for the Hall of Fame for the 2021 season*:

Football player Gary Robinson played football at KC from 1972-73 and served 30 years in the Texas public school system as a football coach at Duncanville, Nacogdoches, Cushing and Alto high schools.

The 1981 KC football team led by head coach Jim Miller and assistant coaches Marion Turner and Jim Prewit led the 1981 Rangers to an 8-2 season, earning a Texas Junior College Football Conference Co-Championship.

Women's basketball player Alex Bowman played for the Lady Rangers from 2001-03 under head coach Scotti Wood, compiling a 41-22 record.

Contribution Dr. Jack Roberson served as the team doctor at KC (for football & basketball) for many years and was a proud KC athletics supporter until his death in 1989.

Spirit of Excellence Award** to Steve McCarty who played on the 1961-62 football teams, then played at SFA. He served as athletic director at SFA where he established himself through the 1990s and early 2000s as one of the top athletic administrators in the Southland Conference.

Spirit of Excellence Award** to Gene Powell who played football at KC from 1951-52. His freshman year, the Rangers were 9-2, winning the Texas Rose Bowl Championship. In 1955, Powell started working in the oil & gas industry at Oil Well Supply. He ventured off on his own in 1963, operating under the name Gene Powell and E-Tex Well Service. In 1982, Gene Powell and E-Tex Well Service became known as Gene Powell Investments, Inc., where he continues his success today.

* Inductees were announced in 2020, but the Hall of Fame banquet and golf tournament were postponed due to COVID-19

** The Spirit of Excellence Award is for former KC athletes or coaches who have carried on the Ranger tradition of excellence to achieve an impressive level of distinction in his or her career field.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

KC employees who go “Above & Beyond”

Delinda Spencer

Delinda Spencer goes above and beyond anyone I have ever worked with. She shows such compassion and dedication to the students and their parents and her co-workers. She works so hard every day to help when at all possible. I have honestly never seen such dedication before in a supervisor. It amazes me daily to see her work and dedicate herself to this college. I have seen her bend over backwards to assist people and I have seen her be so diligent in how she handles people she cannot help.

And even when we all know sometimes things are beyond our control, Delinda knows how to talk to those people in ways they will understand and helps diffuse any tensions. She is an awesome example of radical hospitality we get to see in action every day. I am honestly proud to be on her team.

- by April Morey
Support Specialist, cashier's office

Ebony Allison-Dennis

Radical Hospitality describes Mrs. Ebony Allison-Dennis. She is pleasant and hardworking. She goes above and beyond to assist students. In addition, she makes new staff members feel right at home.

One of my students had difficulties getting transportation to classes. I informed Mrs. Dennis of the situation. She connected the student to a program which helped the student to acquire a bus pass, so that the student could continue to attend classes.

While working with this student, she and I discovered that the student was also homeless. Mrs. Dennis provided her contact information with the local women’s shelter. Mrs. Dennis knows that getting an education is an inclusive process.

When I became a developmental English instructor at Kilgore-Longview and met Mrs. Dennis, she said, “If you need any help with anything, just let me know.” I found out those were not just words to her. She lives them.

- by Iler Boyd
Developmental English instructor
HAPPY FALL!

The weather and the calendar are providing us with indicators that Fall may be approaching, but I don’t think it will be “sweater weather” any time soon. September rushed by in a flurry of activity, KC’s Fall I term is almost complete, and Fall II will launch on Oct. 18! Before you know it….we will be registering for Spring 2022.

October’s arrival signals that it won’t be long until we are enjoying spooky movies compliments of Ethan Herring and Kilgore College’s 3rd Annual Horror Movie Festival. If you haven’t voted for your favorite movie yet, there is still time. Ethan reports that he’s received 80 unique votes with two full weeks left in the polls! VOTE HERE!

During Convocation, I mentioned that the KC Board had approved the 2021-2024 Strategic Plan that would launch on September 1. Many thanks again to all faculty and staff who participated in a listening session or recruited students to participate! Without your voices and the voices of our students, this plan would not have been as dynamic as what it turned out to be. The 21-24 Plan is posted online at: www.kilgore.edu/strategicplan, and I am positive that you will find your voice and the voices of your colleagues and our students reflected somewhere in the document.

In the September newsletter column, I wrote about the upcoming Innovation Grant application and selection process. Please remember to get your applications in no later than Nov. 1. I look forward to reading about your ideas. The Innovation Grant application is relatively simple to complete and may be found by visiting www.kilgore.edu/innovation-grants. Now is your chance to receive some “seed money” to fund your great idea, benefit our students and continue to move us forward as a college! Grant awards may go to one or multiple applicants. There is no application minimum or maximum, but KC will not award more than $25,000. The Innovation Committee will select the grant recipients and look for applicants who “think outside the box!”

Until next month,

Dr. Brenda Kays
KC president

President’s Perspective by Dr. Brenda Kays

KC Theatre presents ‘The Servant of Two Masters’ Oct. 7-10

KC Theatre will present a modern version of the 18th century classic, “The Servant of Two Masters,” set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 7-9, with a matinee performance 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10. Two exclusive morning performances are also scheduled for area schools and community organizations set for Oct. 7-8, which will feature an educational presentation and discussion with the play’s cast and crew after the show. Look for an email with instructions on how KC full-time faculty can receive two complimentary tickets. For more information, visit www.kilgore.edu/drama, or email the KC Theatre Box Office at boxoffice@kilgore.edu.

Artwork from Longview Museum of Fine Arts on display at Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Center

The Kilgore College Visual Arts Department presents “After Solomon” by artist Lorianne Hubbard through Dec. 8 in the Anne Dean Turk Fine Arts Gallery on the Kilgore campus. Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Admission is free. For more information, contact Larry Kitchen, gallery director, at (903) 983-8166 or lkitchen@kilgore.edu.

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On-Campus Calendar

OCTOBER

2. SAT Testing, Old Main, 8 a.m.
   HS ‘Rette Recruitment Day, Multiple Areas, 9 a.m.
   Football vs. Navarro, R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium, 3 p.m.

6. Bake Sale-Int’l Student Club, CANTN Building, 10 a.m.
   Bake Sale-Int’l Student Club, Old Main, 10 a.m.
   Bake Sale-Int’l Student Club, Devall Hallway, 10 a.m.

7. Bake Sale-Int’l Student Club, Devall Hallway, 10 a.m.
   LeTourneau Recruiter, Devall Hallway, 10 a.m.

7-10. KC Theatre presents, “The Servant of Two Masters”

11. COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic, Carpeted Gym, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

14. PTA Club – Fun in the Plaza, Lee Mall/Miller Plaza, 1 p.m.

20. Basketball (W) Scrimmage vs, TC, Masters Gym, 5:30 p.m.

21. PTA Club – Fun in the Plaza, Lee Mall/Mike Plaza, 1 p.m.

22. Softball vs. Texas College, Ballpark at KC Commons, 1/3 p.m.

23-24. VBM Twirling Classic, Masters Gym, 8 a.m. / 1 p.m.

23. Big Hair Cake Day, Rangerette Gym, 11 a.m.
   Football vs. Snow College, R.E. St. John, 3 p.m.

25-30. Kilgore Horror Film Festival, Dodson Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

28. Visual Arts Day, Dodson Auditorium, 10 a.m.

30. Community Kids Performance Day, Rangerette Gym, 8 a.m.
   Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet, Devall Ballroom, 11 a.m.
   Football vs. Trinity Valley, R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium, 3 p.m.

Law retiring in December after 15 years; Scibona takes over as assistant to president

Congratulations to Nancy Law on her plans to retire in December after 15 years of service to KC.
"I am excited for Nancy and I know that you join me in thanking her for the years of dedicated service to KC and our students," said Dr. Brenda Kays, KC president.

With Law moving to the business office as Executive Assistant to the Chief Financial Officer, Karen Scibona has officially transitioned into the role of assistant to the president.
"Karen will be a great asset to the board and to this office. I know that you will truly enjoy working with her as much as I do," Kays said.

In the interim period, Law will work closely with Scibona to transition the work of the board and the office efficiently and effectively into Karen’s hands.
"Nancy has also graciously agreed to share her KC knowledge and expertise with Terry Hanson as he transitions from the budget to establishing his office and team," Kays said.

Items needed for food pantry

The KC student food pantry is in need of items. To drop off items on the Kilgore campus, bring them to Amy Reed at the Visitor Center in the Devall Student Center. On the Longview campus, drop them off to Will Massey in the Hendrix Building. For more information, call Amy Reed at (903) 983-8189 or email her.

Items needed:
- Canned meat
- Canned fruit and veggies
- Healthy Snacks
- Rice, Pasta and Sauces
- Peanut Butter & Jellies
- Soups
- Pickles and olives
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Shaving Cream and razors
- Soaps
- Toothpaste and tooth brushes
- Laundry soap

Next vaccination clinic set for Monday, Oct. 11

KC is hosting COVID-19 vaccination clinics for the community in the fitness center. The next clinic is set for Monday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Both the Pfizer (2 doses) and Johnson & Johnson (1 dose) will be available. Persons 12 to 17 years old will only be offered the Pfizer vaccine, and they must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian at the vaccine clinics. Appointments are recommended; however, walk-ins are welcome. Times can be scheduled by visiting www.NETHealthCOVID19.org, or by calling (903) 617-6404.
Monica Smith, campus life specialist, thanks everyone who contributed to the Clubs/Organizations “Meet & Greet” on Sept. 30. Smith said the attendance was great and she got a lot of positive feedback from students.

“If you were unable to participate today there will be many more to come,” Smith said.

Photos by Courlyn Brown/KC Marketing

Hispanic Heritage Month runs through Oct. 15

National Hispanic Heritage Month is from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15. Currently, 23% of KC students are Hispanic, meaning KC is nearing eligibility as a Hispanic Serving Institution which requires a minimum 25% of the student population. What can you do to serve this segment of our student population? Read this article that has research on who Hispanic students view as role models and the characteristics desired by students. As a member of the KC community, YOU’RE A ROLE MODEL! If we each commit to “Radical Hospitality,” we can all display these desirable role model characteristics to attract more Hispanic students.

What characteristics of role models are desired by students?

- Is encouraging
- Has information that can help me
- Has overcome barriers
- Actively reaches out to me with helpful information
- Easy to find and readily available

Information provided by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. For more information, contact David Rangel at drangel@kilgore.edu.

DATA: Did you know?

4,184 students were enrolled in Continuing Education courses during the 2020-21 year. This is a 12% increase over the prior year.

Data provided by the
KC Office of Organizational Effectiveness & Excellence