**British Consul General plants tree in honor of Queen Elizabeth’s 70th year on throne**

Her Majesty’s British Consul General Richard Hyde was on campus Sept. 6 to visit with college administration and plant a tree as part of the “Queen’s Green Canopy,” an initiative honoring Queen Elizabeth’s 70th year on the throne.

Hyde met with Dr. Brenda Kays, KC president, and college administration to learn more about KC, the college’s role in economic development and to discuss the Marshall scholarship – a postgraduate scholarship for Americans to study at any university in the United Kingdom.

After the tree planting, Hyde was escorted by a group of KC’s world-famous Rangerettes and Texas Shakespeare (TSF) actors in full-costume to visit the home of TSF productions in Van Cliburn Auditorium.

**KC Athletics Hall of Fame is Sept. 30**

KC will honor former standout athletes, coaches and contributors at its annual Hall of Fame Weekend with a golf tournament and banquet on Sept. 30.

The golf tournament will be held at Tempest Golf Club beginning at 9 a.m. and the KC Athletics Hall of Fame Banquet will be held that same evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Devall Ballroom.

**This year’s inductees:**

- 1986-87 Women’s Basketball Team
  - Andrea Gamble (women’s basketball, 2011-13)
  - Trevor Diggs (men’s basketball, 1997-99)
  - Lane Johnson (football, 2008)
  - Ricardo Colclough (football, 2001)

- Scott Schumacher (basketball coach, 1995-2008)
- Jack Moore (contributor)
- Sylvia Hoffman (Olympic Bronze Medalist and women’s basketball player at KC from 2007-09).

**Sammons takes over as controller**

Brazy Sammons began duties at KC’s Controller in June. She is a Kilgore ISD graduate and earned a BBA from Stephen F. Austin State University (2007) and an MBA from The University of Texas at Tyler in 2011.

Sammons comes to KC with over 13 years of non-profit accounting and finance experience from Christus Health and Good Shepherd Medical Center. With her extensive knowledge in financial reporting, state reporting and treasury management, she will be an asset to the college.
INNOVATION GRANTS!

During our fall Convocation, I announced that the KC Board of Trustees had approved and increased a set-aside of $60,000 to foster innovative ideas at KC. On Aug. 25, I notified everyone that the fillable KC Innovation Grant form was now available. The only “catch” associated with the grant is that interested faculty/staff members must complete a grant application to apply!

The Innovation Grant application is relatively simple to complete and may be accessed by following the following steps:

1. Visit AccessKC
2. Go to “employees”
3. On the left-hand side of the screen, under quick links, you will find the “Innovation Grant Application.”

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 $60,000. The Innovation Committee will select the grant recipients and will look for applicants who propose new methods and ideas to improve efficiency and effectiveness. Applicants are encouraged to “think outside the box!”

The application deadline is Oct. 3. Awards will be announced no later than Nov. 1. Funds will be made available on or before Dec. 1, and must be expended during the college’s fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 2023.

Awardees will be asked to do a short oral presentation during the January 2023 Convocation and present during a Student Success Board Committee Meeting and Board of Trustees meeting.

Contact me with any questions. I hope your semester is off to a great start, and I look forward to reading about your innovative ideas. The Innovation Committee will select the recipients of these grant dollars. Don’t wait. Apply now!

Until next month,

Dr. Brenda Kays
KC president

FOLLOW DR. KAYS ON TWITTER! @KC/BrendaKays

Birthdays

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Hats off to Brandon Walker (associate dean, arts & sciences) for his tireless efforts and many miles on the roadways to work at KC’s dual credit locations. Lisa McCreary (Henderson ISD dual credit/CTE coordinator) put it best when she said, “I just wanted to take a moment to brag on Mr. Walker. Navigating the new MFA process with a couple of hundred KC dual credit students has been quite the challenge, but Brandon made a trip to Henderson last week to personally assist those still struggling. He is a pleasure to work with and I am grateful for his support.”

Congratulations to Meredith May (assistant department chair, history instructor) for being selected as Texas Bank & Trust’s “People of the Community Who Make a Difference.” May is the chairperson for the Walk to End Alzheimer’s and is passionate for this cause because of her family’s struggles with this disease.

Donate to student food pantry

The KC Student Food Pantry is in need of several items. If you are making a grocery run, please consider purchasing something from the list below and bringing it Amy Reed (switchboard operator) in the Devall Student Center.

- Tuna
- Vegetable soups
- Oatmeal
- Ravioli
- Chili
- Vienna sausages
- Peanut butter jelly
- Canned fruit

Also, Longview Community Ministries will host a mobile food pantry at KC-Longview on Sept. 13, Oct. 11, and Nov. 15, from Noon to 1 p.m. For more information visit LCM online or students can pick up food in person (506 N. 2nd Street in Longview) Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sign up for active shooter training

If you haven’t already done so, please sign up for Active Shooter Training. It is for full-time faculty and staff. In the last few months, KCPD has been offering this training, and has already trained more than 120 of the staff and faculty on campus. This training is extremely important for everyone to take as a way mitigating the risks associated with an active shooter event. It is the college’s goal to achieve 100% attendance to this training. All classes are 8 a.m. to noon in Room 109 of the Kenneth Whitten Applied Technology Building. To sign up, send an email to RMI@kilgore.edu.

Upcoming trainings:

| Friday, Sept. 9 | Wednesday, Oct. 5 |
| Wednesday, Sept. 23 | Friday, Oct. 14 |
| Tuesday, Sept. 27 | Friday, Nov. 18 |
| Friday, Sept. 30 |
SEPTEMBER

On-Campus Calendar

9, Active Shooter Defense Class, ATC, Room 109, 8 a.m.
TABPHE East Texas Chapter, Old Main, Room 139, 4 p.m.
10, Upward Bound Family Fun Day, Mike Miller Plaza, 10 a.m.
12, UT Tyler Recruiter, Devall Hallway, 10 a.m.
13, Requistion Training for new hires, Devall Ballroom, 9 a.m.
14, Requistion Refresher Training, Devall Ballroom, 9 a.m.
Requistion Refresher Training, Devall Ballroom, 2:30 p.m.
15, DEI Food & Fun, Mike Miller Plaza, 11 a.m.
16, Softball vs. Jarvis Christian, The Ballpark at KC Commons, 1&3 p.m.
19, COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic, Carpeted Gym, 10 a.m.
23, Active Shooter Class, ATC, Room 109, 8 a.m.
24, Softball vs. G1 Allusions, The Ballpark at KC Commons, TBA
26, Property Tax Hearing, McLaurin Board Room, 5:45 p.m.
KC Board of Trustees Meeting, McLaurin 2nd floor, 6:30 p.m.
27, Active Shooter Class, ATC, Room 109, 8 a.m.
28-29, TSR Grant Training, Devall Ballroom, 9 a.m.
29, DEI Spoken Word Artist, Dodson Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.
30, Active Shooter Defense Class, ATC, Room 109, 8 a.m.
KC Hall of Fame Golf Classic, Tempest Golf Club, 9 a.m.
KC Hall of Fame Banquet, Devall Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.

DATA: Did you know?

Degrees and certificates awarded during the 2021-22 academic year:

- Academic Transfer Degrees (AA, AS, AAT): 406
- Workforce Degrees (AAS): 288
- Certificates: 548*

*includes 304 police and fire academy certificates

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ABOVE: KC’s Counseling and Accommodations hosted its first Resource Fair on Wednesday, Sept. 7, in the Devall Student Center. The event featured 29 agencies and organizations who had valuable information on what might be available not only at KC, but also in the surrounding community. Students were able to visit with groups in charge of mental health care, medical care and financial literacy, as well as learn more about on-campus offerings such as the food pantry, TRIO and tutoring & support services. Another event is planned for the Longview campus from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, in the Hendrix Building. Please encourage your students to visit. Call Melissa Dobbs at (903) 983-8203 for more info.

Learn more about TABPHE Sept. 9

All KC employees are invited to an informational session from the East Texas Chapter of the Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education (TABPHE). The meeting is set for 4 to 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9, in Room 139 of the Old Main building.
Since 1973, the TABPHE has been a dynamic organization which provides a statewide vehicle for a diverse, multicultural workforce to learn, share, direct, lead and influence the educational system. For more information, email Portia Scott (Assistant Department Chair, Language Development) at pscott@kilgore.edu.

COVID-19 clinics held in carpeted gym

KC is hosting a COVID-19 vaccination clinic set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, in the Carpeted Gym. This is a free event that is open to the community. No appointments are required. An additional vaccination clinic is set for 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, in the Carpeted Gym.

What are the updated COVID-19 protocols at Kilgore College?

As a reminder, KC has updated its COVID-19 protocols for employees, students and visitors. Take a moment to familiarize yourself with the updated procedures, and if you have any questions, please email Human Resources.

September is Hispanic Heritage month with events planned

The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) committee at KC is celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month throughout September. It will host a "Food & Fun" event on Thursday, Sept. 15, in the Lee Mall/Mike Miller Plaza from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
On Sept. 29, KC welcomes Mexican-American spoken-word artist David A. Romero who will present "The Latinx Giant." His presentation will provide a brief summary of Latinx history in United States and will also provide context for understanding the differences between the terms Latinx, Chicanx and Hispanic. It is a celebration of Latinx culture through ongoing struggles with racism, victories won in civil rights and economic opportunities, and a preview of what is to come.

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