College recognizes most outstanding employees

Kilgore College honored its Most Outstanding Employees at opening day ceremonies this year. Each year, KC employees vote for peers who they think are “most outstanding” at what they do. Categories include Executive/Management/Supervisory; Professional/Technical/Support; Administrative/Office Support; and Faculty.

DR. BRENDA KAYS
President
Kilgore College
Executive/Management/Supervisory

KAREN SLOBONA
Professional Support Assistant
Arts & Mathematical Sciences
Administrative/Office Support

LAURA BOGENSHUTZ
Coordinator
Administrative & Student Services
Professional/Technical/Support

ANNA NIMZ
Head women’s basketball coach
Faculty

KC holding open forums for VP of Administrative Services & CFO job candidates

KC is hosting open forums to give faculty and staff the opportunity to learn more about three finalists vying for the job as the next Vice President of Administrative Services and Chief Financial Officer.

Two more open forums are scheduled for 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 5, and Thursday, Sept. 7.

The forums will be held on the second floor of the McLaurin Administration Building.

KC faculty and staff are invited to attend the forums to learn more and ask questions of the candidates.

KC mourns loss of instructor Dr. Rob Williams

He was a favorite among students, known for his wit and sense of humor - or as one student described him online, “Dr. Frank R. (Rob) Williams was fall-out-of-your-chair-laughing funny.” Williams, longtime psychology instructor at Kilgore College, passed away Aug. 31 in Kilgore.

His wit and humor will be missed by his KC Family.

He is survived by his wife Cheryl, daughter Becca and his grandchildren Tyler and Mariah.

A celebration of life for Williams will be held 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, at Rader Funeral Home in Kilgore.

Photo Above: Laura Williams speaks to faculty, staff and administration Aug. 30 during the first open forum for finalists for the position of Vice President of Administrative Services and Chief Financial Officer.

Staff Photo/KC

The family has requested instead of flowers to make a donation to flood relief efforts.

The family also asks for those who attend the celebration to share an anecdote about Rob, but no one should feel obligated to do so.

Dr. Rob Williams was a favorite among KC students. Williams passed away Aug. 31 at the age of 70. File Photo/KC

Party in the Plaza

Party in the Plaza, sponsored by KC Campus Ministries, was held Aug. 22 at the Lee Mall/Mike Miller Plaza. Hundreds of KC students and employees attended the event.

Photo by Jamie Maldonado/KC
GUIDED PATHWAYS...

From Theory to Practice, then on to Impact

During convocation, we talked at length about Guided Pathways and why it was crucial, from both a student as well as an institutional vantage point, that Kilgore College adopt the Pathways model. The data, our data, definitely underscores the urgency of ensuring that our students start out on a structured pathway to completion.

Many times though, it is not the impassioned speakers nor the black and white quality of our student data that really drives home the “why” of Guided Pathways. Instead, it is the voices of our students, as they recount personalized experiences with the institution, that really drive home why a cultural change is imperative.

I was reminded of that fact last week during a conversation that I had with Dr. Staci Martin. Dr. Martin worked in the Office of Admissions and Registrar during late registration last week and she told me about an encounter that she had with a student. Six years ago, this student enrolled in courses at Kilgore College after graduating from Overton High School. Unfortunately, although goal-oriented by nature, she didn’t have a clear end goal or the “why” of attending and finishing college. We didn’t start nor keep her on a pathway to completion.

She was a bright individual whose test scores indicated that she was college-ready. She took and passed four freshman courses, but felt that she was floundering without clear direction. Hence, she dropped out after one semester and later started work full-time in an entry-level position.

Turn the calendar ahead six years and she is now back for the fall 2017 semester with the goal of becoming a nurse. Unfortunately, she is no longer able to go to school full-time as she must work to support herself. Imagine where she could be today if she had been guided to a clear pathway from the beginning. She could be finished with her nursing degree, gainfully employed, and earning a family-supporting wage.

She is the “why” for Guided Pathways.

Until next month,
News & Reminders:

**Good News:**

The KC Upsilon Delta chapter of Sigma Kappa Delta (The English Honor Society) has been designated as an Ivy Chapter for outstanding promotion of the society and its mission on campus in 2016-17. Faculty members and sponsors of the chapter in 2016-17, Jason Graves, Heather Fitch and Gus Lafosse, have been recognized by the national organization for their “dedication and steadfastness in keeping the Upsilon Delta Chapter active and thriving last school year.” Sigma Kappa Delta has 131 chapters nationwide and Executive Director Sheila Byrd indicates that the KC Upsilon Delta chapter is a “leader among us.”

Latinos en Accion thanks the KC faculty, staff and students for supporting the organization’s Taco Sale during Late Registration. LEA sold 631 tacos over the two-day span and the students in the organization truly appreciate your support. They hope it was a tasty start to your week! It also thanks Aramark for helping the club with supplies. Sponsor of Latinos en Accion is Manny Almanza.

**News & Reminders:**

Departmental business line now open at Cashier’s Office

All three cashier windows are now open on a daily basis at the Cashier’s Office to better serve the college. There is also one window now clearly marked and designated for departmental business only and two of the cashier windows are now designated as student business. The Cashier’s Office asks that all employees bringing deposits for college business to use this window. This will prevent employees from having to wait in the student business lines. Although the office is aware you will need to work around your schedule, we are requesting that deposits are brought to the Cashier’s Office in the morning if possible. Also please try to refrain from bringing deposits between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. when the cashiering staff is taking lunch breaks. Also, as a friendly reminder, remember that no one other than Devall Center Business Office employees are allowed inside the Cashier’s Office. All business must be transacted at the window.

*Update information online for Human Resources*

If you haven’t already done so, please go online and update your information for Human Resources. The online questionnaire only takes about five minutes to complete. Instructions on how to update the form can be found by clicking here.

*Please don’t access O: drive computer files until Sept. 5*

Over Labor Day weekend, the IT Department will move everyone’s home folders (also known as the O: drive). This is being done for two reasons. First, the storage unit holding this information is experiencing hardware failures due to age. Second, the amount of storage space available on this unit is limited. The home folders will be moved to a new storage unit that has more available storage space. The movement of files will begin at 4 p.m. Sept. 1 and continue until 1 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 5. During this time, please do not access the files in your home folder. The departmental files (also known as the Z: drive) will be available and can be accessed.

**Welcome New Employees!**

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Calendar

1. Campuses close at 2:45 p.m.
   - International Welcome Party, Lone Star, TX, 3:30 p.m.
2. Labor Day Holiday (Campuses closed)
3. Parker University Recruiter, DSC Hallway, 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.
   - Open Forum-KC CFO Candidate, McLaurin Bldg., 4:15 p.m.
4. Upward Bound Summer Orientation, Devall Ballroom, 6:30 p.m.
5. KC Kickoff, Lee Mall/Mike Miller Plaza, 11:30 a.m.
   - USAF Recruiter, DSC Hallway, Noon
   - KC CFO Candidate Open Forum, McLaurin Bldg., 4:15 p.m.
   - KC Fire Academy No. 101 Graduation, Woodruff Bldg., 6:30 p.m.
6. ACT Testing, Old Main Building, 8 a.m.
   - KC Softball Round Robin, Kilgore, TX, 1 & 3 p.m.
7. Football vs. Arkansas Baptist College. Kilgore, TX, 7 p.m.
8. Community Concert: ABBA FAB, Dodson Auditorium, 7 p.m.
9. Softball at Weatherford College, Weatherford, TX, 1 & 3 p.m.
10. Softball vs. Cisco College, Kilgore, TX, 1 & 3 p.m.
11. Softball at LeTourneau Univ., Longview, TX, 11 a.m., 1 & 3 p.m.
12. Football at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, Miami, OK, 6 p.m.

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.

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.

Student organizes supply drive for hurricane victims

Nick Gaviria, KC’s student president of Latinos en Accion, had several family members who sustained extreme damage to their property during Hurricane Harvey.

Gaviria organized a supply drive to help folks in the Houston area by collecting needed supplies for victims of Hurricane Harvey from KC faculty, staff and students.

He will deliver the items to the Sheldon ISD area of Northeast Houston Sept. 2.

He is also coordinating efforts with a sheriff’s deputy who is a personal friend and is assigned to that precinct.

Thank you, Nick!

Photo Above: Student Nick Gaviria speaks Sept. 1 with Bob Hallmark of KLTV news about the Hurricane Harvey supply drive he organized. Gaviria, a Marine veteran, said the Marines taught him not to run from a crisis, but to run toward it to offer assistance. Jamie Maldonado/KC