

2026 Spring Convocation & Opening Week Activities



Monday, January 5, 2026

Convocation
Devall Ballroom

11:30 – 12:15 p.m.	<i>Arrival & Lunch</i>	Devall Ballroom
12:30 p.m.	Welcome	Ms. Kara Sharman
12:35 p.m.	Introduction of New Employees	Mr. Chris Craddock
12:45 p.m.	Employee Service Awards Presentation	Mr. Chris Craddock
1:15 p.m.	President's Message	Dr. Staci Martin
1:45 p.m.	Pathways	Mr. Donny Seals
2:00 p.m.	Imagine 2.0	Ms. Kara Sharman
2:15 p.m.	Announcements	Ms. Kara Sharman
2:20 p.m.	Release	

* Lunch will be provided beginning at 11:30
Dress for convocation day is casual. Jeans and tennis shoes are encouraged!

Opening Week Activities

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 6:00p.m. Star Day – Kilgore & Longview Campuses
Kilgore – Library, Longview – Hendrix Building
(Stations remain open until all students in line at 6:00p.m. have been served.)

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Accommodating Students in the Classroom Ms. Lacey Carter
Location: Woodfin & Virtual
Zoom link: **NEED UPDATED LINK**

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. General Faculty Meeting Mr. Donny Seals
Location: Van Cliburn Auditorium

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Liberal & Fine Arts Divisional Meeting Mr. Jase Graves
Location: VCA

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Public Services & Industrial Technologies Divisional Meeting
Location: ATC 109 Mr. Brandon Belkin

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Business & STEM Divisional Meeting Mr. David Rangel
Location: ES 134

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Health Sciences Divisional Meeting Dr. Jennifer Bray
Location: Torrence Health Science Education Center

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. eLearning Dr. William Stowe/Mr. Brian Johnson
Virtual:
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87973672254?pwd=UxV2mFawZFbpQ9UffMB5MJKHfmb2C9.1>

Thursday, January 8, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 4:00p.m. Star Day – Virtual via Zoom

9:00-10:00 Annual Planning – Instructional Programs, Directors/Chairs

10:00-11:00 Annual Planning – Academic Department Chairs

11:00-12:00 Annual Planning – Non-Instructional Department Heads

Location: McLaurin 2nd floor

Dr. Rachel Abouras/Ms. Ursula Dyer

Annual Planning meetings are designed for leaders in programs, academic instructional areas, and non-instructional areas who are responsible for annual assessment of their area. Those who supervise these leaders (such as Deans and VPs) are welcome to attend, as well. If you are unsure if your area is designated to participate in Annual Assessment, please contact Dr. Rachel Abouras at X8291

Friday, January 9, 2026 – MLK Dual Credit Scholarship Breakfast
By Invitation

Saturday, January 10, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Star Day – Kilgore Devall Student Center

Monday, January 12, 2026 – First Day of Spring Classes

Monday, January 12, 2026 & Tuesday, January 13, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Administrative Changes – Advisors
Library; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Longview Advising Offices (Suite 100); 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Virtual via Zoom; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.