

# 2026 Spring Convocation & Opening Week Activities



Monday, January 5, 2026

Convocation

Devall Ballroom

11:30 – 12:15 p.m.	<i>Arrival &amp; Lunch</i>	Devall Ballroom
12:30 p.m.	Welcome	Ms. Kara Sharman
12:35 p.m.	President Emeritus Message	Dr. Brenda Kays
12:55 p.m.	Introduction of New Employees	Mr. Chris Craddock
1:05 p.m.	Employee Service Awards Presentation	Mr. John Edmonson Mr. Chris Craddock
1:25 p.m.	Pathways	Mr. Donny Seals
2:40 p.m.	Imagine 2.0	Ms. Kara Sharman
2:55 p.m.	Interim President Message	Dr. Staci Martin
3:30 p.m.	Announcements	Ms. Kara Sharman
3:30 p.m.	Release	

\* Lunch will be provided beginning at 11:30

Dress for convocation day is casual. Jeans and tennis shoes are encouraged!

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\*\*There will be no PT Convocation in Spring 2026; we will resume PT Convocation in Fall 2026.

# 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.)*
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.      Power BI Training for Instructional Department Leadership  
Location: Virtual      Ms. Natalie Bryant  
This training is designed for leaders in programs and academic instructional areas. Those who supervise these leaders (such as Deans) are welcome to attend as well.  
A Zoom Link will be sent to those invited to this training. A duplicate training will be offered on Thursday, January 8 at 1:00 pm. Please choose the one that works best for your schedule.
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.      Accommodating Students in the Classroom      Ms. Lacey Carter  
Location: Woodfin & Virtual  
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83561388658?pwd=JZq0JDaK5YJyJubbaqSigW15gcvgE.1>

## 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.      Industrial Technologies Divisional Meeting  
Location: ATC 109      Mr. Brandon Belken
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      Public Services Divisional Meeting      Mr. Johnny Zackary  
Location: TV 107
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      Business & STEM Divisional Meeting  
Location: ES 134      Mr. David Rangel
- 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  
Location: Virtual  
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87973672254?pwd=UxV2mFawZFbpQ9UfMB5MJKHfmb2C9.1>

## 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 Departments & Transfer Program Chairs  
11:00-12:00 Annual Planning – Non-Instructional Department Heads  
Location: McLaurin 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*
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**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.

**Friday, January 16, 2026** – MLK Dual Credit Scholarship Breakfast  
By Invitation