

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.	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. Josh 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!

**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 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*
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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