



## DR. STACI MARTIN

10TH PRESIDENT  
KILGORE COLLEGE



# A NEW CHAPTER AT KILGORE COLLEGE



Dr. Staci Martin named KC's 10th president.

The KC Board of Trustees officially appointed Dr. Staci Martin as KC's 10th president during its May 11 meeting, marking the beginning of a new chapter in the college's 90-year history.

Dr. Martin was previously named the lone finalist for the presidency during the board's April 20 meeting following a national search that drew approximately 80 applicants.

“Being selected as president of Kilgore College is the highest honor of my career,” Dr. Martin said. “I am grateful to the Board of Trustees for placing their faith in me to serve KC in this role, and I will do my best to be a good steward of this great institution while it is in my care.” ”

KC will celebrate Dr. Martin's appointment with a series of special events in June.

Additional details about both events will be announced soon.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION

## Presidential Investiture & Welcome Events

JUNE 16 & 17



**PRESIDENTIAL  
INVESTITURE CEREMONY**  
10:00 A.M. | JUNE 16  
DODSON AUDITORIUM

A formal ceremony honoring Dr. Martin's installation as KC's 10th president, featuring college traditions and ceremony.



**PRESIDENTIAL  
WELCOME RECEPTION**  
4:00 – 6:00 P.M. | JUNE 17  
DEVALL BALLROOM

An open reception for faculty, staff and community members to meet and welcome Dr. Martin as KC's new president.

*More details to follow!*

## Sharman new VP of Operations, Watson HR director

KC has named **Kara Sharman** vice president of operations, effective April 1, leading the college's newly formed Operations Division.

Sharman will provide executive leadership and oversight for human resources, auxiliary enterprises, facilities, and communications and public relations.

She has served as KC's director of human resources since July 2022 and has been a member of the college's Strategic Leadership

Team. In that role, she has provided leadership in compliance and organizational development, while supporting key strategic initiatives.

As part of the leadership transition, **Jessica Watson** has assumed the role of director of human resources. Watson has worked full time at KC for more than five years and most recently served as HR manager. **Luz Cervantes** has moved into the role of HR coordinator.



**Kara Sharman** - VP of Operations



**Jessica Watson** - Director of HR

# Haduch new VP of student services

Kilgore College has named **Dr. Brett Haduch** vice president of student services, bringing 15 years of experience in Texas community colleges to the role.

Dr. Haduch most recently served as dean of student success for Online College at Houston City College, formerly known as Houston Community College. Throughout his career, he has focused on student success, leadership and support services within the community college setting.

He earned a doctorate in higher education from the University of North Texas, along with a Community College Leadership Certificate, and is also a Licensed Professional Counselor.

Dr. Haduch said he is excited to begin his new role at KC and looks forward to becoming part of the campus community.



**Dr. Brett Haduch** - VP of Student Services

## PREVIEW DAY: A big success

Kilgore College welcomed nearly 200 prospective students and their families to campus April 17 for its annual Spring Preview Day, giving future Rangers an inside look at campus life, academic programs and student opportunities.

The event provided prospective students with the opportunity to explore KC's campus, connect with faculty and staff, learn more about academic pathways and student services, and gain valuable information about the admissions and enrollment process.

**Callie Blakeley**, KC's director of admissions, said the event's success reflects the strong support across

campus.

"Spring Preview Day was another tremendous success, and we are incredibly grateful for the faculty, staff and campus departments who helped make the day possible," Blakeley said. "It truly takes a campus-wide effort to create a welcoming and informative experience for prospective students and their families, and we appreciate everyone who played a role."

Spring Preview Day serves as one of KC's key recruitment events each year, helping prospective students experience the college firsthand as they consider their next educational step.



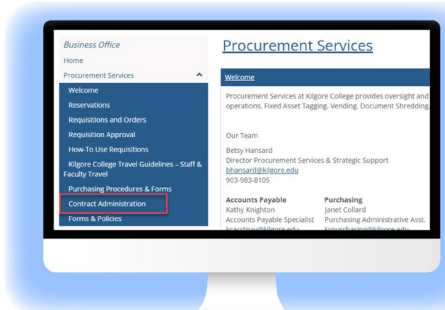
## KC LAUNCHES CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION WEBSITE

KC has launched a new contract administration website designed to help faculty and staff navigate the college's contracting process more efficiently.

Available through Procurement Services in AccessKC, it provides standard templates for commonly requested agreements, along with guidance and answers to frequently asked questions related to contracts and approvals. The website improves access to contracting resources and helps streamline processes for departments across the college.

Faculty and staff can use the site to locate the forms and information needed for a variety of contract-related requests, reducing confusion and helping move agreements through the approval process more efficiently.

Employees needing assistance with contract-related matters may contact Procurement Services at [contracts@kilgore.edu](mailto:contracts@kilgore.edu).



## Marketing adds team member

KC's Marketing, Communications and Public Relations Department has added a new team member with the hiring of **Annabelle Phillips** as graphic designer and social media coordinator.

Phillips, of Hallsville, joined the department this month and will assist with a wide range of marketing and communications efforts. A 2025 KC graduate, Phillips earned an Associate of Arts in graphic design and brings both creative talent and familiarity with KC.



**Annabelle Phillips** - Graphic Designer



## TICKETS ON SALE FOR SEASON 41

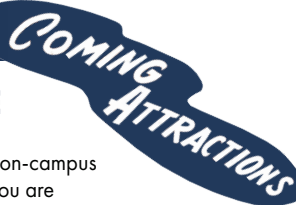
Tickets are now on sale for the 41st season of the Texas Shakespeare Festival, bringing another summer of professional theatre to KC's Van Cliburn Auditorium.

The 2026 season lineup features a mix of Shakespearean classics, literary adaptations, musical theatre and family-friendly performances, including *Hamlet*, *Emma*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *1776*, *The Reluctant Dragon & Dear Jack*, *Dear Louise*. The festival also will feature Chinese Theatre Night and talent show as part of the season's offerings.

General public ticket sales opened May 8, with options ranging from individual show tickets to season packages. Ticket prices for the mainstage productions — *Hamlet*, *Emma*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *1776* — begin at \$40, while discounted season packages and special promotions, including half-off Sunday evening performances, are also available.

Presented as East Texas' only professional theatre, the TSF has long been a summer tradition for audiences across the region, combining nationally recruited professional actors, directors and designers with exceptional theatrical productions on the Kilgore campus.

For more info, visit: [www.texasshakespeare.com](http://www.texasshakespeare.com).



VIEW NEW CALENDAR ONLINE

With the inception of the college's new website, all on-campus events can be [viewed online by clicking here](#). If you are sponsoring or hosting an event and it is not on the calendar, please [email Judy DeRouen](#) so she can add it to the online calendar.

# Birthdays

## MAY 2026

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 5/1 - Anna Halton      | 5/13 - Craig Doyle     |
| 5/1 - Caitlyn Jimerson | 5/14 - Donna Davis     |
| 5/4 - Olivia Moore     | 5/17 - Isaih Frausto   |
| 5/4 - Dorothy Puckett  | 5/19 - Caleigh Challis |
| 5/5 - Zachary Carnes   | 5/20 - Karen Dilday    |
| 5/6 - Kimberly Ellgass | 5/21 - Jenna Cruz      |
| 5/6 - John Flanagan    | 5/23 - Dana Blair      |
| 5/7 - Jason Robbins    | 5/23 - Kara Sharman    |
| 5/9 - Beverly Betts    | 5/24 - Robert Byrd     |
| 5/10 - Stacie Ervin    | 5/24 - Warren Egerton  |
| 5/11 - Charlotte Poe   | 5/29 - Travis Moore    |
| 5/12 - Bonnie Gale     |                        |

## JUNE 2026

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 6/2 - Lori George-Richard | 6/17 - Stephen Heim     |
| 6/2 - Trisha Herrick      | 6/17 - Tanton Johnson   |
| 6/3 - Mary Thomas         | 6/18 - Janet Sledge     |
| 6/3 - Lori Grisham        | 6/18 - Kelly Ansley     |
| 6/3 - Natalie Wade        | 6/19 - Kenneth Struggs  |
| 6/4 - Angela Lambright    | 6/19 - Quinn Ponder     |
| 6/4 - Danny Darden        | 6/21 - Kelsey Phillips  |
| 6/4 - Curt Hill           | 6/23 - Raquel Perez     |
| 6/5 - Joseph Kirchoff     | 6/24 - Jennifer Edwards |
| 6/5 - Johnny Zackary      | 6/24 - Kate Yglesias    |
| 6/5 - Joseph Lewis        | 6/25 - Amber Paredes    |
| 6/5 - Jackson Massey      | 6/27 - Stephanie Freed  |
| 6/6 - Schlunda Reese      | 6/30 - Tammy Wright     |
| 6/7 - John Dodd           | 6/30 - Kristen Turner   |
| 6/8 - Lori Solley         | 6/30 - Rachel Abouras   |
| 6/8 - Jessica Jester      |                         |

## JULY 2026

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 7/1 - Scott Reinert    | 7/15 - Karl Riley          |
| 7/1 - Shaunda Kwiatek  | 7/16 - Alana Bills         |
| 7/3 - Stephen Harvey   | 7/17 - Yvonne Bethune      |
| 7/4 - Elizabeth Leamon | 7/17 - Susan Yellott       |
| 7/5 - Natalie Bryant   | 7/17 - Jason Berglund      |
| 7/5 - David Jamison    | 7/19 - Anthony Dean        |
| 7/6 - Tate Nicks       | 7/20 - Jordan Collard      |
| 7/7 - Joshua Brooks    | 7/25 - Jaelyn Magness      |
| 7/8 - Reagan Silvey    | 7/26 - Tony Addie          |
| 7/9 - Leigh Kirby      | 7/27 - Courtney Pruitt     |
| 7/10 - Carolyn Morales | 7/28 - Alvin Farmer        |
| 7/10 - Cole Kruger     | 7/29 - Julie Franklin      |
| 7/13 - Deborah Metcalf | 7/29 - Rachel Ford         |
| 7/14 - Angela Turner   | 7/30 - Teresa Van Schuyver |

## AUGUST 2026

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| 8/2 - Lori Truman         | 8/18 - Alejandro Castillo |
| 8/4 - Stephanie Arriola   | 8/19 - Callie Blakeley    |
| 8/6 - Brigida Romano-Ryan | 8/19 - Julie Leming       |
| 8/7 - Heather Fitch       | 8/20 - Jamie Allsop       |
| 8/7 - Jeffrey Sims        | 8/22 - Meaghan Simpson    |
| 8/10 - Judy Derouen       | 8/24 - Peter Cunningham   |
| 8/10 - Cody Edwards       | 8/26 - Richard Jones      |
| 8/10 - Jerri Soenz        | 8/27 - Tashauna Morris    |
| 8/11 - Karen Dulweber     | 8/28 - Jessica Teague     |
| 8/11 - Nicole Jimmerson   | 8/30 - Pauline Bryant     |
| 8/11 - Martha Woodruff    | 8/31 - Maria Martinez     |
| 8/17 - Tracie Marshall    | 8/31 - Debbie Williams    |

# KC presents Blue Ribbon Medals of Excellence at graduation

Kilgore College honored 478 spring graduates during two commencement ceremonies held last week, celebrating student achievement while also recognizing distinguished individuals whose success and service reflect the college's mission.

In place of traditional commencement speakers, KC presented its Blue Ribbon Medals of Excellence for Alumni Success and Student Success, recognizing outstanding alumni and community leaders for their contributions to education, leadership and service.

During the 2 p.m. commencement ceremony, the Blue Ribbon Medal of Excellence for Alumni Success was presented to **Saudia Roundtree**, while **Sheriff Maxey Cerliano** received the Blue Ribbon Medal of Excellence for Student Success.

At the 6 p.m. ceremony, **Dr. Wynn Rosser** was honored with the Blue Ribbon Medal of Excellence for Alumni Success, and **Bettye H. Craddock** received the Blue Ribbon Medal of Excellence for Student Success.

The Blue Ribbon Medals of Excellence for Alumni Success and Student Success are presented during KC commencement ceremonies to recognize and celebrate the partnerships between the college and accomplished alumni, community members and businesses whose work supports the institution's mission and commitment to student success.

Complete biographies of this year's Blue Ribbon Medal of Excellence recipients are available at [www.kilgore.edu/blue-ribbon](http://www.kilgore.edu/blue-ribbon).



Saudia Roundtree



Sheriff Maxey Cerliano



Dr. Wynn Rosser



Bettye H. Craddock

# Johnson Voted Best of East Texas by Kilgore News Herald Readers

Kilgore College History Professor **Brian Johnson** has been named Best KC Instructor by readers of the Kilgore News Herald. This recognition reflects his outstanding dedication to student success, engaging teaching style & commitment to academic excellence.



## In Memoriam

**Kathy Barber** passed away on April 13. She devoted 37 years of service to Kilgore College before retiring in 2015. Barber joined the KC theatre faculty in 1989 and served as associate artistic director for the Texas Shakespeare Festival from 1989 to 1998. Before returning to KC and her first love of teaching, she worked professionally on Broadway, in regional theatre and in grand opera.



Kathy Barber

## KC board approves grants to enhance campus police technology, safety

The board of trustees recently approved two grant-related resolutions aimed at enhancing technology and officer safety for KCPD.

One resolution approved the requisition of a grant through the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Grant Program to fund portable computer systems for KCPD patrol vehicles. The in-car computer systems will provide officers with immediate access to real-time information, including dispatch data, records and report-writing tools, directly from their vehicles.

KCPD Chief **Andre Belaski** said the technology will reduce time officers spend in the office and increase their visibility and availability on KC campuses by allowing access to the same resources currently available



at police department desktop workstations.

The board also approved a grant resolution for the purchase of rifle-resistant body armor for KCPD officers. The equipment is designed to provide enhanced protection in high-risk emergency situations, including active shooter incidents.

Chief Belaski said the body armor will improve officer safety and increase survivability while helping safeguard the campus community.

## Board approves auto tech lab expansion in CA Building

The KC Board of Trustees approved an expansion of the college's automotive technology instructional space during its May 11 meeting, a move that will significantly enhance hands-on training opportunities for students.

The project will add two new vehicle lifts while relocating alignment equipment, along with tire and brake equipment, into the expanded lab area. College officials said the improvements will effectively double the program's current lab space and create a more functional learning environment for both traditional college students and dual credit students.

**Ezekial Harber**, KC's lead automotive instructor, said the expanded space will better position the program to meet growing instructional needs. "This expansion will allow us to better serve our current



students while also creating a dedicated space designed to support the dual credit automotive courses we will be teaching on campus," Harber said.

"We're creating a stronger hands-on learning environment to better serve our students."

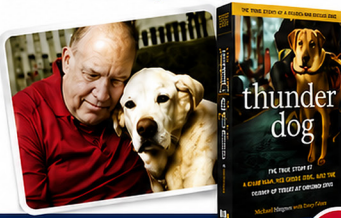
The expanded automotive lab is expected to provide students with increased access to industry-relevant equipment and enhanced training opportunities.

# SHARE YOUR STORY. HONOR. REMEMBER. REFLECT.

Kilgore College Invites Community to 9/11 Memorial Exhibit at Watson Library

As we approach the **25th anniversary of September 11**, Kilgore College is preparing a special **9/11 Memorial Exhibit at Watson Library**. As part of this exhibit, we invite members of our community to share their personal reflections—where you were that day and how the events of 9/11 have impacted your life.

The exhibit will feature these stories alongside videos, photographs, and artifacts connected to the **World Trade Center towers**, creating a space for remembrance, reflection, and honoring the lives affected by that day.



Where were you when you first heard about the events of September 11, 2001?

What was your first reaction when you learned what had happened?

How did that day change your perspective on life or the world?

What moments from that day stay with you the most?

Did you witness any acts of kindness, courage, or unity that day?

Why is it important for future generations to remember this day?

**We Invite YOU to Share Your Story.**

**VOICES OF REMEMBRANCE:  
A COMMUNITY REFLECTION**

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**MEMORIAL EXHIBIT AT WATSON LIBRARY  
AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 18  
FREE Admission**

**"Thunder Dog" by Author Michael Hingson**  
Book signing immediately following each event.  
For the full schedule go to [kilgore.edu/remember](http://kilgore.edu/remember)  
Books will be available for sale at the Watson Library



**SUBMIT YOUR STORIES BY JULY 31, 2026**

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