

2026 Fall Convocation & Opening Week Activities

Monday, August 17, 2026

Convocation

Dodson Auditorium

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.	Arrival & Breakfast*	<u>Devall Ballroom</u>
9:30 a.m.	Welcome at <u>Dodson Auditorium</u>	Kara Sharman
9:35 a.m.	Introduction of New Employees	Manny Almanza
10:00 a.m.	President's Message	Dr. Staci Martin
10:30 a.m.	Divisional Updates Administrative Services Student Services Instruction Operations Kilgore College Foundation Information Technology KCPD Updates	Brazy Sammons Dr. Brett Haduch Donny Seals Kara Sharman Merlyn Holmes Jim Pulliam Chief Andre Belaski
12:00 p.m.	Announcements	Jesseca Watson

* Breakfast will be available at 7:45AM in the Devall Ballroom.

** Dress for convocation is business casual; jeans and KC t-shirts are encouraged!

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	New Employee Orientation Location: McLaurin Administration Building, invitations will be sent	HR Team
2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Part-Time Staff Convocation Location: Devall Ballroom	

Opening Week Activities

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Star Day – Kilgore & Longview Watson Library & KC Longview Hendrix Building <i>(Stations remain open until all students in line at 6:00 p.m. have been served.)</i>	
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Adjunct Faculty Convocation Location: BSM (809 Nolen St, Kilgore, TX 75662)	Instructional Deans

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	General Faculty Meeting Location: Van Cliburn Auditorium	Donny Seals
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Liberal & Fine Arts Divisional Meeting Location: Van Cliburn Auditorium	Jase Graves
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Public Services Divisional Meeting Location: TV 107	Johnny Zachary
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Industrial Technologies Divisional Meeting Location: ATC 109	Brandon Belken
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Business & STEM Divisional Meeting Location: ES 134	David Rangel
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Health Sciences Divisional Meeting Location: Torrence Health Science Education Center	Dr. Sheri Gillis
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	eLearning Virtual: Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82214536169?pwd=C5RzvmNJSppivmdASY8bLcaxQYTCpv.1	Dr. William Stowe/Brian Johnson

Thursday, August 20, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Core Curriculum Assessment Location: Watson Library, 2 nd Floor <i>*for selected faculty by invitation only. Lunch provided.</i>	Dr. Rachel Abouras
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Friday, August 21, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Annual Planning: Building Your Action Plan in Watermark Virtual, Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86114290250?pwd=9W7pnGZgZzgYJ6GLYOVre16lzzsjLq.1 <i>Required for individuals responsible for Annual Planning for their program/department.</i>	Dr. Rachel Abouras
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Virtual Office Hours: Institutional Effectiveness Virtual, Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84725237863?pwd=rnBIfYao2pDroAJwJqcrGvK8MLZW0a.1 <i>Optional, drop-in session for individuals responsible for Institutional Effectiveness processes (Annual Planning and Program Review) for their program/department.</i>	Dr. Rachel Abouras/Ursula Dyer

Saturday, August 22, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Star Day – Kilgore & Virtual
 Devall Student Center or Watson Library
(Stations remain open until all students in line at 3:00 p.m. have been served.)

Monday, August 24, 2026 – First Day of Classes

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Administrative Changes – Advisors
 Kilgore: Library, 1st Floor
 Longview: Normal Office locations, Hendrix Building Suite 100

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Administrative Changes – Advisors
 Library, 1st Floor
 Longview: Normal Office locations, Hendrix Building Suite 100