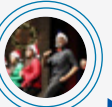
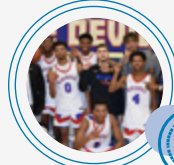
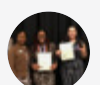


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2019/2020 KCKCC Annual Report





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390 scholarships were awarded in 2020 totaling \$390,058. Over 3,500 scholarships have been awarded since 2003.

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Organized as a separate 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Foundation's mission is to attract philanthropic support that enhances our students' educational and workforce training experiences, while enriching the communities we serve (EIN: 48-0947391).

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On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Kansas City Kansas Community College it is my pleasure to share with you the College's 2019-2020 annual report.

This has certainly been a year of unique challenges as the college faced the uncertainties created by COVID-19. But despite the challenges and uncertainties, KCKCC has had a successful year in providing high quality educational experiences for all of our students. The year began with the start of our new 3-year strategic plan which has four broad objectives: 1) Student Success; 2) Quality Programs and Services; 3) Employee Engagement; 4) and Community Engagement. These four objectives will be the drivers for our college over the next three years in providing the educational opportunities our students and our community need.

This report identifies some of the many important initiatives that were launched or continued during the year that support the college's four objectives and for which the board is very supportive and appreciative.

A huge "thank you" must go to the college administration, faculty and staff for another successful year in the face of the virus that caused the disruption of educational services in March. Under the leadership of President Mosier, the college rallied together and put in place a plan to address the needs of our students both academically and socially. Safety was the first priority in planning for the re-opening of classes and facilities for both students and employees. The second semester ended, virtual graduation ceremonies took place, and summer classes have begun. Kansas City Kansas Community College is open and thriving.

The Board of Trustees are extremely proud of the ongoing work being done by the college on behalf of our students and community. And the future holds even greater things ahead. It is truly an exciting time to be a Blue Devil!

SINCERELY,

Ray Daniels, Ed.D.
Chair KCKCC Board of Trustees



... Strong!



I am so very thankful for the incredible work done by the KCKCC faculty and staff this year! Due to everyone's dedication and determination, our Blue Devils began the year with greatness, preparing our students to be successful in the classroom, on the court and fields, and in life.

We started the year with new technology-enhanced classrooms, updated student common spaces and the reopening of the on-campus childcare center. Going to where people need us the most, we proudly expanded our services to the community, offering courses for the first time at Wyandotte High School, the University of Kansas Hospital and the Amazon fulfillment center. Throughout the fall and into the spring, we continued with KCKCC students thriving and achieving excellence in academic, athletic and co-curricular events.

In March, when the Coronavirus sent the world into a global pandemic, the heart and spirit of Kansas City Kansas Community College Blue Devils was felt by all. Faculty, staff and students rose to the occasion as all classes were moved online to allow for social distancing and keeping our community safe. And on May 25, when the world changed again with the death of George Floyd, the faculty and staff rose again to let their voices be heard as we collectively vow to condemn racism and bigotry, and increase our efforts to achieve diversity and inclusion for all people, no matter our difference.

Being an institution of learning, it is critical that we learn from the lessons of this year. Each of us must do our part to create a world of greater equity for all and opportunities for social and economic mobility for our underserved and disenfranchised communities.

As we look forward into the future, into a year of ambiguity and the unknown, our path is clear as we are driven by our mission to: Inspire individuals and enrich our community one student at a time.

This annual report tells more than the story of our year, it speaks to the remarkable passion, dedication, perseverance and indomitable spirit of our staff, faculty and students. Together, working as one, I know there is nothing we cannot achieve! #BlueDevilStrong!

SINCERELY,

Dr. Greg Mosier
President

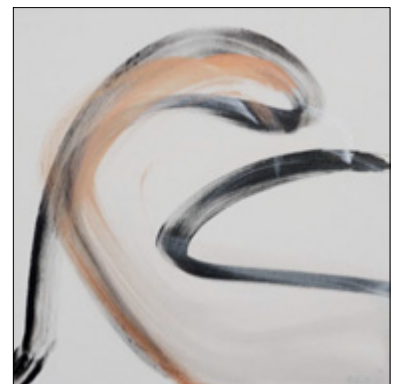
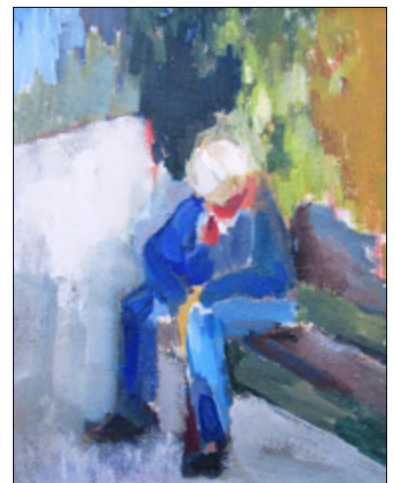


FORGING AHEAD
A Year in KCKCC Success

RITA BLITT ANNOUNCES DONATION OF ARTWORK TO KCKCC

PARTNERSHIPS

Kansas City-based artist Rita Blitt selected KCKCC to display several of her paintings throughout KCKCC's Main Campus and KCKCC-TEC. The donation is being made in an effort to help bring museum quality artwork to those who may not otherwise have the opportunity to see it. Pieces have been selected and installation will begin in Summer 2020. Blitt's works have been featured in more than 70 solo exhibitions and have been showcased in many museums and private collections including the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, the John F. Kennedy Library, the National Museum of Singapore and the Kennedy Museum of American Art, among others.



Paintings by Rita Blitt. Left 1994.0106 acrylic on paper, 30x32 inches. Top right: *Man on Park Bench*, 1964.0012, acrylic on canvas, 20x16 inches. Bottom right: *Thelonious Monk I*, 2009.0003, acrylic on canvas, 24x24 inches.

KCKCC CONTINUES TO MAKE PLANS FOR DOWNTOWN LOCATION

COMMUNITY

KCKCC is continuing to collaborate with business and community leaders to create a one-of-a-kind community education center in downtown Kansas City, Kansas. Partnering with KU, YMCA, Wyandot Behavioral Health Center, and High Aspirations this center will offer students and community members a holistic approach to education and provide services such as ESL and GED classes, technical and academic programs, and 4-year programs among other services.



KCKCC APPROVED AS A SECOND CHANCE PELL PROGRAM INSTITUTION

PARTNERSHIPS

KCKCC was accepted into the Second Chance Pell Program. Second Chance Pell allows financial aid to be provided to individuals who are incarcerated in federal correctional facilities, providing education and training opportunities to these students in order for them to improve their skills and prepare for life after their incarceration.

Above: A rendering of the KCK downtown location plan. Right: “Behind the Scenes with Laurence Fishburne” films in the KCKCC Learning Commons.

KCKCC APPROVES NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Kansas City Kansas Community College released its 2020-2023 Strategic Plan, entitled “Centennial Path” in August. The plan, which was approved by the KCKCC Board of Trustees during its June 2019 meeting, provides direction as the college approaches its 100th anniversary in 2023. Within the plan are the college’s newly created Mission and Vision Statements. In addition, the Strategic Plan identifies four priorities – Student Success, Quality Programs and Services, Employee Engagement and Community Engagement. Within each of these priorities are several goals and initiatives.

KCKCC FOUNDATION RECOGNIZES 2020 MID-AMERICA EDUCATION HALL OF FAME HONOREES

FOUNDATION

The Kansas City Kansas Community College Foundation announced the 2020 Mid-America Education Hall of Fame honorees in April. This year’s recipients are Alan Hoskins, the Leavenworth Public School Foundation, Maxine Drew, Mary Ann Flunder (posthumously) and Pamela Louis-Walden. The Mid-America Education Hall of Fame started in 1996 as a way to recognize individuals, organizations and corporate supporters in the community who have made notable contributions to education. Hall of Fame inductees are selected based on a demonstrated commitment to education, their effort to improve the quality of life in the community through a commitment to education, increasing educational opportunities for others and supporting significant changes that have improved the quality of education.

DOCUMENTARY TEAM FILMS AT KCKCC

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

“Behind the Scenes with Laurence Fishburne” was on campus in March filming for an upcoming documentary that will focus on KCKCC and the partnerships the college is creating with USD 500, J.E. Dunn, the Kansas City YMCA and others to build a KCKCC site downtown. The award-winning documentary series highlights news stories and innovative concepts through both short-form and long-form documentary presentation. The documentary is expected to air on public broadcasting later this year.



U.S. REPRESENTATIVE SHARICE DAVIDS VISITS KCKCC

COMMUNITY

KCKCC was pleased to have U.S. Representative Sharice Davids on campus Jan. 24. In addition to visiting with faculty, staff and students, she spent time in the Student Success Center, the Veterans Center and even played ping pong with some of our students.



LITTLE LEADERS OF KCK OPENS

PARTNERSHIPS

KCKCC was excited to participate in the ribbon cutting of the Little Leaders of KCK Childcare Center Oct. 2. The center, which is located on the KCKCC Main Campus, celebrated its first day of school Oct. 7. Children spend half of the day engaged in educational opportunities in the areas of literacy, math, self-help and social skills. The other half focuses on arts and crafts, music and movement, art and music appreciation and hands-on science experiments. The idea is to promote child development while getting them ready to enter elementary school.

Above:: Sharice Davids meets with students and employees on campus. Right: Students are greeted with renovated classrooms and common spaces.

NEW SPACES WELCOME KCKCC STUDENTS FOR FALL SEMESTER

PURSuing EXCELLENCE

Summer 2019 was a busy one at KCKCC. In addition to the typical summer projects, there were big changes made in the student area known as the “Watering Hole” as well as to four new technology-enhanced classrooms. The Humanities Watering Hole, located on the lower level of the Humanities Building, is a popular study spot on the KCKCC Main Campus. It was freshly painted with a new color scheme and a brand new mural was completed by artist Vania Soto. New furniture was added to make the area more conducive to studying, socializing or just relaxing. The four new student classrooms, located in the Social and Behavioral Sciences Hallway across from the President’s Office, are equipped with three or four large wall monitors (depending on the size of the room) and individual white boards and all of the classrooms have mobile furniture. The mobile furniture allows the professor to easily configure and reconfigure the room to support different methods of instruction and active learning strategies.



KCKCC-TEC UNVEILS NEW EQUIPMENT MADE POSSIBLE BY HONEYWELL GRANT

PARTNERSHIPS

KCKCC was pleased to welcome representatives from Honeywell to the Dr. Thomas R. Burke Technical Education Center Feb. 26. The purpose of the visit was to recognize Honeywell for the donation they made to the college, which helped to purchase new equipment for students in the Machine Technology Program. The \$62,500 machine technology grant from Honeywell helped the college to purchase a 5-axis CNC machine. The grant also supports Honeywell's HOPE Scholarship program for students who are interested in pursuing careers in manufacturing. Several KCKCC students are part of this program. Learning how to operate the 5-axis CNC machine is a skillset that will better prepare KCKCC students to be career ready after their completion of the KCKCC program.



KCKCC RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP GIFT AT ANNUAL BANQUET

PARTNERSHIPS

KCKCC received a scholarship gift of \$1,750 Feb. 1 from the Unified Government's Black History Committee. The annual scholarship banquet highlights the achievements of African Americans while also providing scholarships. Several individuals from KCKCC and as well as some KCKCC Board of Trustees attended the event.



KCKCC AND DONNELLY SIGN ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

PARTNERSHIPS

KCKCC students won't have to go very far to continue their higher education goals thanks to a transfer program with another local college. KCKCC and Donnelly College entered into an articulation agreement Dec. 9, which was signed by both KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier and Msgr. Stuart Swetland, president of Donnelly College. Donnelly College's Associates to Bachelor's Completion Program is designed to allow students the opportunity to reduce their cost of education while completing a bachelor's degree.



Middle left: KCKCC students learn how to operate the 5-axis CNC machine. Dr. Mosier thanks Honeywell for the donation. Bottom left: Members of the KCKCC community stand with a scholarship check from the Unified Government's Black History Committee. Above: Dr. Greg Mosier and Msgr. Stuart Swetland sign the articulation agreement. Below: Dr. Mosier testifies to the Senate Commerce Committee in Topeka.

KCKCC TESTIFIES IN TOPEKA

ENGAGEMENT

KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier along with Tami Bartunek, vice president of strategic initiatives and outreach, traveled to Topeka Feb. 6 to testify to the Senate Commerce Committee about the great benefits community colleges bring to our communities. KCKCC was invited to make the presentation by Committee Chair, Sen. Julia Lynn and gave information about the educational and economic disparities across Wyandotte County (from East and West).



KCKCC HOSTS SUCCESSFUL M-PACT VOCAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

MUSIC

KCKCC hosted the m-pact Vocal Festival Nov. 14 and 15, which included master classes and workshops as well as a public concert. A non-competitive festival, vocal jazz ensembles, contemporary a capella groups and other small choral ensembles had the opportunity to work hands-on with the award-winning group.



KCKCC BEGINS OFFERING CLASSES AT WYANDOTTE HIGH SCHOOL

PARTNERSHIPS

As a way to expand educational opportunities to the eastern portion of Wyandotte County, Kansas City Kansas Community College began offering classes at Wyandotte High School in August 2019. Classes are offered in the evening and include general college and developmental courses. Black & Veatch's growSTEM and the KC STEM Alliance partnered with KCKCC's Kids on Campus in Summer 2019 for fun STEM activities. Middle school students had the opportunity to complete hands-on building of FIRST Tech Challenge robots in teams with high school mentors as well as some Sporting KC players.

KCKCC SHOWS SUPPORT FOR THE KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

COMMUNITY

The Kansas City Chiefs became Super Bowl Champions Feb. 2 and KCKCC showed their support leading up to the big event. From group photos to Chiefs Spirit Week, Blue Devils were out in force showing their Chiefs pride.



KCKCC HOSTS FLAG RAISING CEREMONY FOR SEPT. 11

SUPPORTING VETERANS

KCKCC held a remembrance flag ceremony Sept. 11. It was followed by a Patriot Walk at the KCKCC track and an Open House at the KCKCC Veterans Center.



KCKCC'S 95TH-ANNUAL CANDLE LIGHTING CEREMONY

FOUNDATION

KCKCC held its 95th-Annual Candle Lighting Ceremony Dec. 4. The ceremony highlighted students in the KCKCC Music Department and Theatre Department as well as KCKCC Foundation Scholarship Donors and Recipients. Among the groups performing were the Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Funk Band and The Standard Jazz Choir as well as the Intercultural Holiday Showcase presented by the KCKCC Intercultural Center.



KCKCC SELECTED TO LEAD NEW ENTREPRENEURSHIP INITIATIVE

PARTNERSHIPS

Kansas City Kansas Community College and the Kansas City, Kansas community were selected to be a part of creating an innovative entrepreneurial environment thanks to NetWork Kansas' Entrepreneurship Community Partnership. KCK was one of five communities selected by NetWork Kansas for the E-Community Partnership. KCKCC's Entrepreneurship & Workforce Department was one of the 2019 applicants and will be the location of the program in KCK as well as serve as a co-leader in the process. Other co-leaders include Kira Hopkins, CEO of Entrepreneur Business Basics and Donnetta Watson, CEO of the National Black MasterMind Group. The partnership will be formally announced Friday during the KCK Entrepreneurship Workgroup.

TWO KCK NATIVES HONORED AT WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY EVENT

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

KCKCC celebrated Women's Equality Day Aug. 23 where two KCK icons were recognized - former KCK Mayor and lifelong educator Carol Marinovich and Kansas State Representative Kathy Wolfe Moore. Women's Equality Day commemorates the granting of women the right to vote in the United States. First proposed in 1878, women known as suffragettes worked peacefully for more than 70 years to gain equal voting rights. Some would try to pass suffrage acts in individual states. Others organized parades, vigils or even hunger strikes. After President Woodrow Wilson changed his position and started supporting a woman's right to vote, other politicians soon followed his lead. On Aug. 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was certified as law, and since 1972, every president has issued a proclamation for Women's Equality Day.



Left: Student's and employees dance and sing at the annual Candle Lighting. Above: Carol Marinovich and Kathy Wolf More are recognized by co-presenters Dr. Vietti and Dr. Lane at the KCKCC Women's Equality Day.

KCKCC HOSTS ANNUAL WYANDOTTE BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

COMMUNITY

KCKCC hosted the annual Wyandotte County Back to School Fair Aug. 3 on the Main Campus. A variety of free resources were available to students and parents including school supplies, vision and dental screenings and physicals, among other things.



KCKCC HOSTS EXPUNGEMENT FAIRS

COMMUNITY

KCKCC, in partnership with the Wyandotte County District Attorney's office, hosted a series of expungement fairs in Summer 2019. The fairs helped individuals who have a criminal record through the expungement process by providing a variety of resources to make the process easier. Depending on how serious the crime is, convictions or diversions can be expunged three or five years after the case is satisfied, giving individuals a chance to start over with no criminal record.

KCKCC VOLUNTEERS AT HEART OF AMERICA STAND DOWN EVENT

SUPPORTING VETERANS

KCKCC faculty, staff and students volunteered June 7 at the Heart of America Stand Down for Veteran's event. Heart of America Stand Down brings together hundreds of community service groups and organizations from the Kansas City area to provide assistance to help rid the barriers that prevent homeless veterans from re-entering society as engaged, productive citizens, living fulfilling lives. Assistance offered includes medical, substance abuse, legal issues, taxes, housing and utility assistance, haircuts, family counseling, spiritual, mentorships, educational and employment opportunities. Almost 500 veterans and dependents participated in the event.



Left: School resources are distributed to KCK families. Above: KCKCC volunteers help at the Stand Down event.



CREATING THEIR FUTURE
A Year in Student Success

KCKCC STUDENTS NAMED TO ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Two KCKCC students were named to the Kansas All-State Academic Team – Alia Peoples and Madelyn Snodgrass. Kansas is one of 39 states participating in the All-State Academic Team program. Introduced in 1994, the program is a way to provide scholastic recognition to Phi Theta Kappa members.

Below: Alia Peoples and Madelyn Snodgrass pictured with KCKCC board members and president.



KCKCC STUDENTS GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY

The Kansas City Kansas Community College Honors Psychology Class helped the homeless by making two sleeping mats out of plastic grocery sacks. Made of 1,000 bags each, students donated the mats to Cross Lines Community Outreach in Wyandotte County. Cross Lines helps people living in poverty who are struggling to make ends meet through three programs – basic needs, housing stabilization and hunger relief.

KCKCC'S JAZZ STUDIES PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION FROM DOWNBEAT MAGAZINE

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Students and faculty from KCKCC's College's Jazz Studies program received six honors in DownBeat Magazine's 2020 Student Music Awards. The Standard Vocal Jazz Ensemble, directed by KCKCC Associate Professor of Music John Stafford II, was named both the Community College Winner in the category of Blues/Rock/Pop Group and a Community College Co-Winner in the Large Vocal Jazz Ensemble category. Additionally, singer Noah Haskin was recognized as an Outstanding Scat Soloist for his solo on Standard's recording of Justin Binek's original composition "Reparations." Singer/saxophonist Adam Bender received a Community College Outstanding Performance award in the Vocal Jazz Soloist Category. Finally, KCKCC Assistant Professor of Music Dr. Justin Binek directed the 2019 Oklahoma Choral Directors Association All-State Jazz Chorus, which received an Outstanding Performance award in the Honors Vocal Jazz Ensemble category and featured singer Sarah Teel, who received Outstanding Soloist recognition for her work in the ensemble.

KCKCC WINS BIG AT FIRST REGIONAL ESPORTS EVENT

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

A group of Kansas City Kansas Community College students were crowned champions in a first-ever Midwest Regional eSports Event. Sponsored by the Student League for Intercollegiate Esports (SLICE) and the Association for the Promotion of Campus Activities (APCA), the regional tournament included students and esports teams from 14 colleges and universities. Teams competed in Smash Brothers, Rocket League and Fortnite. The tournament was Nov. 9 in Chicago, Ill. KCKCC took the overall first place trophy, beating Richland Community College, and Destin Williams placed first in Smash Brothers, dominating the preliminary rounds where he went undefeated. The final match was extremely close with Williams winning in the final seconds of the last match. In addition, KCKCC placed first in Rocket League, beating a mixed team with students representing Waubensee Community College and Richland in the finals.

Right: The official KCKCC ad featured in June 2020 edition of Downbeat magazine.

TUNED TO PERFECTION



Congratulations to our students and faculty for the following 2020 *DownBeat* Student Music Awards!

Blues/Pop/Rock Group

Community College Winner: The Standard Vocal Jazz Ensemble
John Stafford II, Director

Large Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Community College Co-Winner: The Standard Vocal Jazz Ensemble
John Stafford II, Director

Outstanding Scat Soloist

Noah Haskin for "Reparations" with The Standard Vocal Jazz Ensemble
John Stafford II, Director

Vocal Jazz Soloist

Community College Outstanding Performance: Adam Bender
Justin Binek, Instructor

Honors Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Outstanding Performance: 2019 Oklahoma Choral Directors Association All-State Jazz Chorus
Justin Binek, Director

Outstanding Soloist

Sarah Teel for "Taking A Chance On Love" with the 2019 Oklahoma Choral Directors Association All-State Jazz Chorus
Justin Binek, Director

JAZZ FESTIVALS AT KCKCC

[Kansas City Vocal Jazz Academy](#)

September 12th, 2020

[Kansas City Jazz Workshop](#)

November 16th-18th, 2020

[2nd Annual m-pact Vocal Festival](#)

November 19th-20th, 2020

[11th Annual Kansas City Jazz Summit](#)

April 27-30, 2021

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Available for Fall 2020

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The Standard Vocal Jazz Ensemble

DRAMATIC SHOT, COMEBACK CLINCH 1ST CONFERENCE TITLE

PURSuing EXCELLENCE

Not only will 2020 go down as the year the Kansas City Chiefs ended 50 years without a Super Bowl, it is the year KCKCC's men's basketball team ended 50 years without a conference championship. Trailing by 14 points with seven minutes remaining, the Blue Devils surged from behind for a dramatic 71-67 win over Highland Feb. 19 that wrapped up the first Jayhawk Conference championship in the 51-year history of the conference and KCKCC's first conference championship since the 1968-69 season, the last year of the old Interstate Conference.



BLUE DEVILS RALLY TO GAIN NATIONAL TOURNEY BERTH

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

It was – the greatest comeback in KCKCC basketball history. Trailing nationally ranked Johnson County by 13 points with eight minutes to go in Hutchinson March 6, the Blue Devils not only stormed from behind for a 75-68 win, but won going away – all the way to the NJCAA DII national tournament in Danville, Ill. The second trip to the nationals for the KCKCC men in five years, it's also the fourth time in that span that KCKCC has had a team in a national basketball tournament, the Blue Devil women winning national championships in 2016 and 2019. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, all NJCAA basketball tournaments in addition to all spring sports were cancelled.

FIRST NATIONAL RANKING FOR KCKCC WOMEN'S SOCCER

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Lady Blue Devils learned they were nationally ranked for the first time in the 8-year history of the sport – No. 19 in the latest NJCAA Division II national poll.

104 KCKCC Student-Athletes Recognized

PURSuing EXCELLENCE

More than 100 KCKCC student-athletes were recognized for their success in the classroom Feb. 5. A total of 104 student-athletes in eight sports were honored at the annual Academic Achievement Night activities held between the women's and men's basketball games in the KCKCC Field House. The student-athletes were honored for attaining grade point averages of 3.0 or higher.

Left: The KCKCC Men's Basketball team. Below: The KCKCC Women's Soccer team. Bottom: Student athletes are recognized at KCKCC.



KCKCC TAKES TOP HONORS AT CULINARY COMPETITION

PURSUING EXCELLENCE

Through their hard work and dedication the KCKCC Culinary Arts Team took Gold and earned Best in Show at the JCCC High School Culinary Competition Feb. 7. KCKCC competed against 14 other teams across Kansas and Missouri, and students were awarded \$5,000 in total for scholarships. Team members included – Nataly Duran, junior at Washington High School; Bao Yang, senior at Wyandotte High School; Tatyana Shores, senior at Journey School of Choice in the Turner School District; Liliana Rodriguez, senior at Wyandotte High School and Axuni Ontiveros, senior at Washington High School. The students attend the Dr. Thomas R. Burke Technical Education Center through the college's high school program. The team is coached by Chef Justin Mitchell.

KCKCC CELEBRATES FIRST UKHS GED GRADUATES

PARTNERSHIPS

The first students participating in the "Because We Care" GED Program, which was created through a partnership with KCKCC and the University of Kansas Health Systems, received their GEDs Oct. 22 in a ceremony at the University of Kansas Medical Center campus. Launched in December 2019, this partnership allows employees of UKHS who have not earned their high school diploma, to earn their GED during the normal work day. Employees stay on the clock and attend classes right on the medical center's campus. KCKCC provides the instruction. Students are also paired with mentors that they meet with throughout the process. During the ceremony, three UKHS employees graduated with their GED certificate. There are currently 24 employees in the GED program. Five of those students are one test away from completing the program.

KCKCC HOSTS VIRTUAL GRADUATION

PURSUING EXCELLENCE

Because of the ongoing effects of COVID-19, KCKCC made the decision to cancel the traditional in-person graduation and instead hold a Virtual Graduation May 21. The ceremony premiered on the KCKCC Facebook page as well as the KCKCC YouTube page and Vimeo and featured graduation speakers, photos from the past year and recognition of all graduates.





Left: Students celebrate graduating from their homes. Top cluster: Culinary students display their winning works from the JCCC High School Culinary Competition. Above: The first UKHS GED class celebrates together.



EMBRACING CHANGE

A Year in Employee Success

MAKERSPACE SERIES BEGINS WITH PAINTING WITH THE PREZ

ENGAGEMENT

The Learning Commons at KCKCC kicked off its 2019 MakerSpace Sept. 12 series with Painting with the Prez. Students, staff and faculty joined KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier as he demonstrated the art of poured painting as well as the various techniques required to make unique designs. Each participant had the opportunity to create a painted canvas during the event.



FAMILY FUND MEMBERS RECOGNIZED

FOUNDATION

The KCKCC Foundation recognized members of the Family Fund Nov. 21. The Family Fund is an employee giving program and allows KCKCC faculty & staff to support student scholarships.



KCKCC FACULTY WIN FALL 2019 TEACH AWARDS

PURSuing EXCELLENCE

KCKCC celebrated its faculty this semester by awarding the annual TEACH Awards. Given in both the Fall and Spring semesters, the TEACH Award, which stands for Teaching Excellence and Colleague Honor, recognizes one full time faculty member and one adjunct faculty member for making a difference in the lives of their students. The Fall 2019 TEACH Award winners are Dr. Curtis Smith, professor of science and Angela Biondo, adjunct associate professor of composition. Dr. Ewa Unoke was awarded the 2019 Henry Louis Excellence in Teaching Award.



KCKCC MARKETING DEPARTMENT WINS NATIONAL AWARD

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

KCKCC's marketing department received a Silver Paragon Award from the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations. The winning work was in the Computer-Generated Illustration category for an illustration of former KCKCC basketball player Nija Collier created by Taylor Bolls, graphic designer at KCKCC. The NCMPR Paragon Awards competition drew nearly 2,000 entries from 261 colleges across the country. Judging was done by more than 90 professionals. Great job Blue Devils!



Top Left: KCKCC Family Fund members gather together to celebrate the scholarship fund. Bottom Left to right: Dr. Ewa Unoke, Dr. Crutis Smith, and Angela Biondo. Above: The NCMPR Paragon award winning illustration.

KCKCC FACULTY MEMBER RECEIVES AWARD FROM NISOD

NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Dr. Hira Nair, professor and secondary education coordinator, received a NISOD Excellence Award. The awards were established in 1991 to provide NISOD members with an opportunity to recognize individuals for doing extraordinary work on their campuses.



CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Congratulations Dr. Nair for winning such a prestigious honor and providing students at KCKCC with excellent instruction.

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RUSSELL, CHRISTENSEN INTO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

PURSUING EXCELLENCE

An All-American and one of the Midwest's most respected athletic trainers were inducted into the KCKCC Athletic Hall of Fame Nov. 15. The first Blue Devil to be named to the NJCAA DII Volleyball All-America first team, Blair Russell was joined by long-time KCKCC Athletic Trainer Rodney Christensen as the 20th and 21st members of the Hall of Fame. Their official induction was between KCKCC's women's and men's basketball games during the annual Keith Lindsey Classic.



Above:: Blair Russel (left) and Rodney Christensen (right) receive their Athletic Hall of Fame awards.

Students celebrate graduating
from home. Story on page 18.

A photograph of two graduates, a man and a woman, wearing blue graduation caps and gowns. They are standing outdoors on a grassy lawn, high-fiving each other. The woman is on the left, looking up at the man with a joyful expression. The man is on the right, smiling and looking down at her. In the background, there are green trees and a white building with a grey roof.

GREATNESS *through* **PERSEVERANCE**

**2020 presented the world a new challenge with COVID-19.
Through perseverance KCKCC stepped up to the challenge
to serve our students and community.**

KCKCC LOCATIONS CLOSED UNTIL MID-MAY; SPRING 2020 SEMESTER FINISHES ONLINE

COMMUNITY

KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier announced March 13 that the college would implement several actions in an effort to minimize the spread of the coronavirus and help to protect the campus community. This included closing all KCKCC locations, extending Spring Break by one week and ultimately finishing the Spring 2020 semester online. Students who had to complete clinicals and other hands-on training to finish their coursework were allowed back on campus at the end of May to do so. In addition, many classes for Summer 2020 were moved to online only. Students in courses that required lab time or other hands-on coursework returned to campus in July.

KCKCC SUPPORTS WYCO HEALTHCARE WORKERS

COMMUNITY

KCKCC donated much needed supplies to healthcare workers in Wyandotte County as they continued to fight COVID-19. This included gloves, gowns, shoe and head covers, face shields and masks.

Below: Boxes of medical supplies fill a KCKCC room before being sent to Wyandotte healthcare workers.

KCKCC OPERATES COVID-19 TESTING SITE

COMMUNITY

KCKCC partnered with various Wyandotte County agencies and offered a free COVID-19 testing site in the parking lot of the Dr. Thomas R. Burke Technical Education Center. This gave community members an opportunity to be tested for the virus if they were experiencing one or more of the common COVID-19 symptoms. KCKCC also served as a testing site in June.



KCKCC LAUNCHES STUDENT RELIEF FUND

COMMUNITY

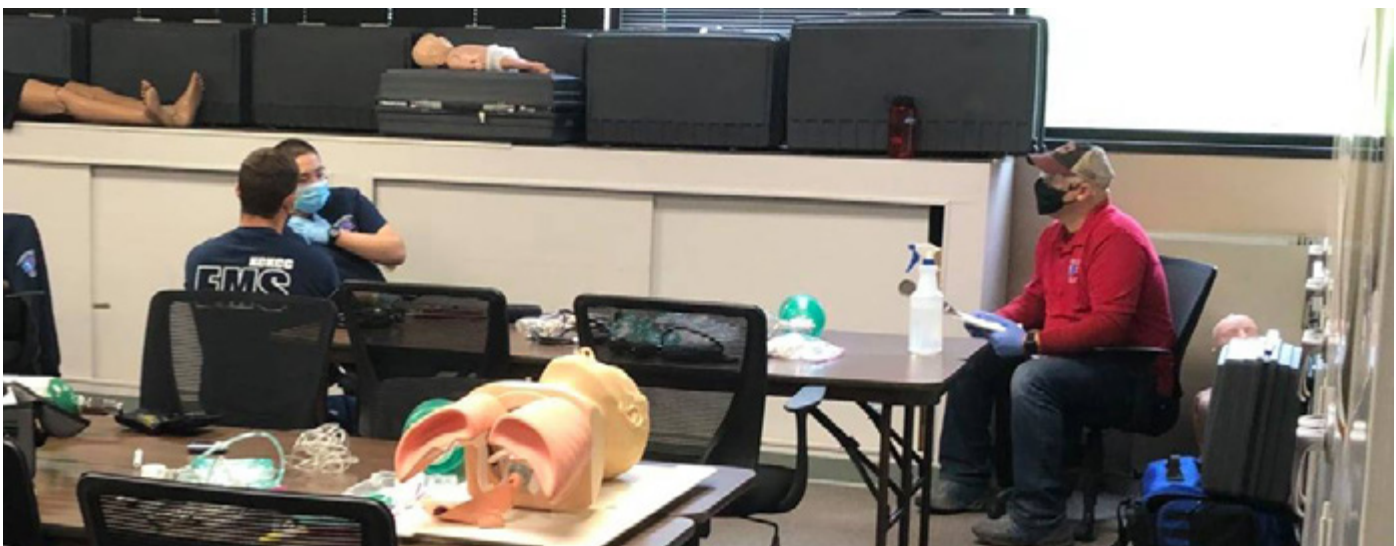
The COVID-19 pandemic drastically disrupted the lives of all KCKCC students', putting an even heavier financial burden on many of them. Many students experienced financial issues with housing, remote learning, food insecurity, travel, medical expenses, utilities, etc. In response, the KCKCC COVID-19 Student Relief Fund was created to provide emergency aid to students. The college's goal was to meet students' basic needs to help them stay in school and complete the semester. Any student enrolled in a degree or certificate program who were unable to meet essential expenses due to a temporary or unexpected hardship were eligible to apply. More than 200 students submitted applications.

KCKCC RELEASES BLUE DEVILS COMEBACK PLAN

PURSuing EXCELLENCE

KCKCC's Blue Devils Comeback Plan to reopen all locations was released in May. It was guided by information collected from several organizations with expertise in the field of disease control and public health preparedness. Key documents that were considered when developing this plan were - Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Institutions of Higher Education (Center for Disease Control), Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas (Kansas, Office of the Governor) and ReStartWYCO (Wyandotte County Health Department/U.G.). The comprehensive plan provided a guide of best practices and contains requirements KCKCC implemented to help ensure the health and well-being of the entire college community. This plan began May 18, the day all locations reopened to faculty, staff and the community and continued to be in effect through the summer 2020 term. The American Association of Community Colleges highlighted the plan in May on both their website and social media accounts.

Below: EMS students wear facemasks and social distance during class.





Above: President Dr. Greg Mosier follows entrance procedures outlined in the Blue Devils Comeback Plan by getting his temperature checked. Bottom left and right: Students wear face masks while participating in class exercises.



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