



## **KCKCC Debate Earns National Championship**

Congratulations to the KCKCC Debate team who swept all three Debate Events last weekend in unprecedented fashion bringing back three Gold National Titles and a Debate National Sweepstakes Championship from the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament.

In Sweepstakes, KCKCC took 1st place Gold in Debate and 2nd place Silver in Overall (combining Debate and Speech). Royal Sullivan won Gold in International Parliamentary Debate defeating Chabot College in the Final Round; Never Rose won Gold in NFA Lincoln Douglas Debate defeating Chabot College in the Final Round and Sullivan and Rose both won Gold in Team Parliamentary Debate defeating El Camino College in the Final Round. In addition Sullivan took Bronze in NFA Lincoln Douglas Debate.

Sullivan was one of nine students out of 370 to receive a Student Fellowship Award; alum and assistant coach David Bowers was one of nine coaches to receive a Fellowship Award and Joaquin Mariscal received an Award of Merit for his service to the tournament.

Rose was also named the Top Speaker in Lincoln Douglas Debate for the whole National Championship tournament and Sullivan was named 3rd best overall speaker in Lincoln Douglas Debate for the whole National Championship Tournament.





## KCKCC Hosts the Wyandotte County Ethnic Festival

KCKCC hosted the 2019 Wyandotte County Ethnic Festival April 13 in the Field House. More than 50 organizations, countries and ethnic groups from Wyandotte County were represented at the festival through booths as well as onstage entertainment. In addition, Gordon Criswell and Dr. Hira Nair were honored with the Legends of Diversity Award. Criswell is the assistant county administrator for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County.





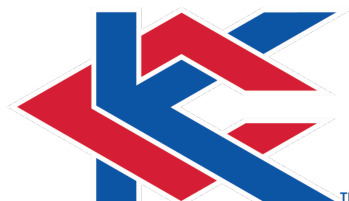


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## Limited Tickets Remain for Hall of Fame Event

Time remains to purchase tickets for the 2019 Mid-America Education Hall of Fame Awards & Scholarship Event.

The event is from 6 to 10 p.m. April 27 at the Dr. Thomas R. Burke Technical Education Center. Individual tickets are \$100 and can be purchased from the foundation's [website](#).



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.

This year's honorees are Leon Brady, Rebecca Dukstein, Dr. Jacqueline Vietti and Michael and Guadalupe Dean.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Sharon Clay, director of development for the KCKCC Foundation, at [sclay@kckcc.edu](mailto:sclay@kckcc.edu) or by calling 913-288-7353.

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## KCKCC's Joe McKinstry National Coach of the Year



Joe McKinstry is the NJCAA DII National Coach of the Year for the second time in four years. The NJCAA coaching award is McKinstry's third this year. Voted Jayhawk Conference Coach of the Year, he also won the national tournament coaching award.

McKinstry got his 100<sup>th</sup> win this year and now has 105 wins in 136 game in his four years at KCKCC. The Blue Devils finished 32-4, the third most wins in history. They also won the Jayhawk Conference Division II championship for the first time and led every national tournament game by at least 20 points culminated by an 84-59 cruise in the championship game.

The national championship enhanced further the strength of the Jayhawk Conference which has put teams in the Final Four each of the last six years (three titles, two seconds and a third).

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# KCKCC's Nija Collier National Player of the Year

The best player in NJCAA Division II women's basketball was not a starter.

The first KCKCC player to be named NJCAA DII Player of the Year, Nija Collier is also the first Jayhawk Conference player to receive the NJCAA's most prestigious award. She also heads the NJCAA All-American first team - and yet she started only five games on the Blue Devils' road to KCKCC's second NJCAA National Championship in four years.

The MVP of the national tournament, Collier was also the KJCCC Player of the Year, a two-time national Player of the Week and six-time KJCCC Player of the Week. She's the sixth KCKCC first team All-American joining Aneta Kausaite, Jurgita Kausaite, Stephanie Brown, Cierra Gaines and Cheyenne North.

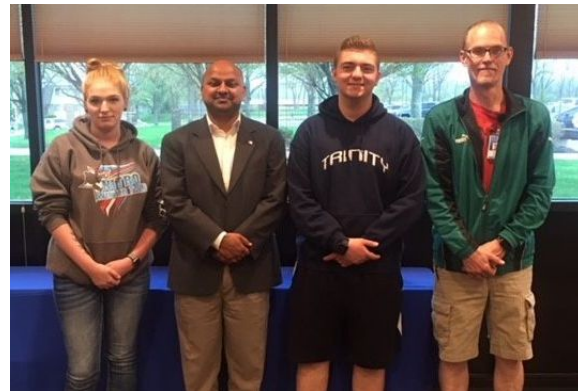
Fast-breaking on every possession, the better conditioned Blue Devils scored the most regular season points in the nation (89.1 per game) and outscored foes by 26 points a game. Collier led the way with 17.3 points and 9.7 rebounds and shooting 58.5 percent from the field. And she did not load up against weaker teams. In three games against nationally ranked Johnson County she scored 25, 15 and 25 points and hauled in 31 rebounds. In a 124-37 win over Hesston, she played 11 minutes and scored 14 points.



## KCKCC Program Spotlight



KU Career Development presented to KCKCC's upcoming RN graduates on resumes, interviewing, career opportunities and professional etiquette at their institution and within industry. Emily Harvey, KCKCC alum, Gina Salazar and Sarah Hicks presented.



Welcome to the April new hires of KCKCC. We are excited you are here and welcome you to the Blue Devil family!

## KCKCC to Host "Get Hired-Kansas City" Career Expo

Looking for a job? Want to change careers? Then mark your calendars for Kansas City Kansas Community College's 2019 "Get Hired-Kansas City" Career Expo.



The expo is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 25 at the Jack Reardon Convention Center, 520 Minnesota Ave. in Kansas City, Kan. The event is free and open to the public with special services for veterans. Over the last several years, a high number of those who were interviewed at the career expo were hired on the spot. This year, more than 90 employers will be present. The Get Hired Kansas City Career Expo is a joint effort with Congresswoman Sharice Davids, KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier and Unified Government Mayor/CEO David Alvey.

New this year is the location. The Career Expo is moving downtown to increase accessibility for all community members. Staff will also be available to assist applicants with creating and printing resumes, completing online or paper applications and career assessments.

The career expo's resource partners include Workforce Partnership, KCK Housing Authority, Made Men, J.E. Dunn, Connections to Success, The Yellow Brick, Greenbush, Catholic Charities and NBC Community Development.

For more information on the Get Hired Kansas City Career Expo, call 913-288-7880.

## KCKCC Sweeps for 9th Softball Win in Last 10 Games

KCKCC returns to the torrid Jayhawk Conference softball race Thursday after sweeping a non-conference doubleheader 4-3 and 9-1 at Southwestern Iowa Tuesday.



Locked in a four-way tie for second place, the Blue Devils square off against Labette in Parsons at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Blue Devils' final road conference twin bill of the season. Johnson County (13-3) leads the conference with Highland, Hesston and Cowley sharing second with KCKCC, all at 11-5., with Labette another game back at 10-6.

With nine wins in their last 10 games, the Blue Devils' improved their overall record to 32-14 with the two wins at Southwestern.

A clutch 2-run triple by Alexis Rymer in the fifth inning rallied the Blue Devils to their 4-3 win in the opener. Trailing 3-2, Devin Purcell was hit by a pitch and Kaylee Arnzen singled to set up Rymer's game-winning three-base hit.

KCKCC took an early 1-0 lead on singles by Arnzen and Alaina Howe and Britney Smith's RBI ground ball in the second only to have Southwestern score three times in the bottom of the inning on a double, single and an error. The Blue Devils cut their deficit to 3-2 in the fourth. Rymer was hit by a pitch, moved up on a single by Jennica Messer and scored on Brittney Beck's infield grounder.

## Human Resources Update

Explore Career Openings



Find your place at Kansas City Kansas Community College. We are not just a great place to get an education. It is also a great place to work. KCKCC was voted the 2018 best places to work in Kansas City, Kan. by Zippia.

To view a list of current external and internal opened positions at KCKCC use the following links below:

**External postings:**

<http://kckcc.applicantstack.com/x/openings>

**Internal postings:**

<http://kckcc.applicantstack.com/x/openings-internal>

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## **Dramatics Continue as Blue Devils Edge Cowley**



Stung by 3-1 opening game loss to Jayhawk Conference leader Cowley College Thursday, KCKCC rebounded furiously in the nightcap, scoring five runs in the first inning on the way to a 7-6 10-inning win.

The split kept Cowley (19-3) in first place and KCKCC (20-6) in third behind Johnson County (16-4) in a three-team race that will resume Saturday when the Blue Devils and Tigers meet again at 1 p.m. in Arkansas City.

This has been a season for late-inning dramatics for the Blue Devils and

Thursday's second game was no exception. Matt Schrick, a freshman outfielder from Atchison, Kan., delivered the biggest hit of his young collegiate career - his first triple to straight-away center field that opened the bottom of the 10th inning. After a ground ball out, the Tigers walked the bases-loaded only to have pinch-hitter JT Goodfellow foil the strategy with a single up the middle and set off yet another wild Blue Devil celebration.

The hit made a winner out of Gaby Ramos (4-2), who pitched three scoreless innings of relief on the heels of two scoreless frames by Xavier Morin. Morin came on in relief after Cowley had opened the sixth inning with two doubles and a single on the way to taking a 6-5 lead. A right-hander from Gardner-Edgerton, Morin gave up a tie-breaking single but escaped further damage and then pitched a hitless seventh inning. Ramos took it the rest of the way, allowing three hits in three scoreless innings.

Trailing 2-0 going into the bottom of the first inning, five of the first six Blue Devils to come to the plate lashed base hits. Singles by Eduardo Acosta and Eric Hinostroza ignited the rally, both scoring on Jose Sosa's double to the left-field fence. Singles by Tyler Henry and Kemper Bednar and Griffin Everitt's ground ball to first scored two more and the fifth run came when Bednar alertly raced home as Everitt was caught in a rundown on an attempted steal of second.

Carlos Soto got the start for KCKCC, giving up two runs on just one hit in the first, a two-out, two-run single by Daniel DeSimone after the Tigers had loaded the bases on two walks and a hit batsman. George Specht's home run to right cut the Blue Devil lead to 5-3 in the second. Paxton came on in the third after Soto's sixth walk and pitched two scoreless innings before Cowley's three straight hits to start the sixth.

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It was a full house for Thursday's Academic Symposium regarding suicide prevention among students and veterans. It was led by recently retired KCKCC professor Dr. Tom Hall and co-hosted by the Center for Teaching Excellence and the KCKCC Military and Veteran Center.



KCKCC hosted the Spring 2019 Health Fair April 17. The fair featured a variety of exhibitors including counseling, chiropractor, blood pressure/height/weight checks, oral health and HIV/STD information as well as a visit from KC Wolf.

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Kansas City Kansas Community College Presents:

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## *Indian Heroines of History & Mythology*

**Saturday, April 20, 2019**

*6PM- Reception 6:30PM- Performance Begins*  
*Performing Arts Center*

*\$10 General Admission*

*\$5 KCKCC Students*

*Proceeds benefit student scholarships.*

*7250 State Ave, Kansas City, KS 66112*

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