



KCKCC Music and Audio Engineering Programs Receive Five *DownBeat* Student Music Awards

KCKCC's Music and Audio Engineering programs have been honored not once, not twice, but five times in *DownBeat* Magazine's 42nd Annual Student Music Awards.

The Standard Vocal Jazz Ensemble received Community College Outstanding Performance awards in both the Large Vocal Jazz Ensemble and Blues/Pop/Rock Group categories and singer/guitarist Michael Schley was cited as a Community College Outstanding Soloist on The Standard's recording of "Afro Blue." The RSS Trio, featuring drummer Antonio Reyes, organist Mark Slimm and Schley, received a Community College Outstanding Performance award for Small Jazz Combo. Finally, sound engineer Brady Rose (a 2018 KCKCC graduate) received a Community College Outstanding Recording award for Engineered Studio Recording.

This recognition of a single community college is astounding. In 2018, no community college received more than two separate awards and in 2017, no community college received more than three.

KCKCC was also recognized by *DownBeat* in both 2017 and 2018. In 2017, The Standard received a Community College Outstanding Performance award for Large Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and audio engineer Jordan Lankhorst received a Community College Outstanding Recording award for Live Studio Recording. In 2018, audio engineer Brady Rose was named the Community College winner in the Engineered Studio Recording Category.

These five *DownBeat* awards represent the culmination of an academic year in which the KCKCC Music and Audio Engineering programs have repeatedly received national recognition. The Standard gave feature performances at the national conferences of both the Jazz Education Network and the National Association for Music Education, and professors Jim Mair (Instrumental Music Program Director), John Stafford II (Choral Music Program Director), Dr. Ian Corbett (Audio Engineering Program Director) and Dr. Justin Binek (Music Theory/Jazz Studies) have traveled extensively both nationally and internationally as performers, teachers, adjudicators and clinicians.

DownBeat Magazine has the widest circulation of any jazz magazine in the United States. Dedicated to "Jazz, Blues, and Beyond," *DownBeat* was founded in 1934, and is best known for its album reviews, annual surveys of both readers and critics and its awards, including the Lifetime Achievement Award, the Hall of Fame and the Album of the Year. The *DownBeat* Student Music Awards were established in 1978.



KCKCC Hosts Annual Kansas City Jazz Summit

Jazz music filled KCKCC this week as the 2019 Kansas City Jazz Summit returned to the main campus. The Jazz Summit caters to jazz groups at the middle school, high school and college level in both competitive and non-competitive sessions. It is a collaborative effort between the KCKCC Music Department, Audio Engineering Department, Theater and the Intercultural Center. Awards are given for outstanding soloists, woodwinds, brass and rhythm section performers. The jazz summit also includes the Basically Basie division, a competitive category on Thursday of the Jazz Summit. Groups are required to pick three songs from an established list of Count Basie repertoire.



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 or by calling 913-288-7353.

Acosta's Four Hits Propel Blue Devils Past Rockhurst



Eduardo Acosta did what a good leadoff man is asked to do in KCKCC's 13-3 win over Rockhurst University JV Tuesday.

Normally an outfielder given the starting nod at shortstop, Acosta rapped out two singles, a double and a triple in four trips to the plate, scored three times and drove in five runs as the Blue Devils (35-13) head into their final Jayhawk Conference series of the season.

Firmly entrenched in third place with a chance to overtake Johnson County for second place, KCKCC will return home against the Red Ravens Saturday at 1 p.m.

The Blue Devils lashed out 14 hits against Rockhurst. In addition to Acosta's four hits, freshman Joshua Salazar homered, Jose Sosa and Traice Hartter doubled and singled and Kevin Santiago singled twice.

KCKCC used four pitchers in the game shortened to seven innings by the 10-run rule. Jake Martin worked the first three innings, allowing two hits and an unearned run. He struck out four, walked three. Max Storch struck out four in two hitless innings; Jose Amaro allowed two hits and a run in one inning and Josiah Crowley worked the seventh, allowing three hits and a run.

KCKCC Program Spotlight



The KCKCC Learning Commons hosted an Open House Tuesday. It was an opportunity for students, staff and faculty to tour the new spaces, meet staff and watch demonstrations.



We were happy to see so many from the Leavenworth community come out to this year's Pioneer Career Center Easter Egg Hunt!

KCKCC-TEC Presents Industry Partner Award to Shor-Line



Cheryl Runnebaum, dean of career and technical education and Marshall Dominguez, community outreach coordinator at the Dr. Thomas R. Burke Technical Education Center, presented Shor-Line with an Industry Partner award Wednesday, as thanks for their continued partnership with the college.

Shor-Line continues to reinvent and add products to its line of products to assist animal care professionals in providing the best quality of care to their customers. As part of its commitment to supporting the

training and development of welders and those in the manufacturing industry, the company allows KCKCC to use their equipment and hires qualified welding graduates.

KCKCC President Works with Veterans Community Project

KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier helped with the Veterans Community Project April 22. The mission of the Veterans Community Project is to eliminate homelessness among veterans by providing transitional-housing and enabling access to exceptional 360-degree service solutions. This has led to the creation of the tiny house village in Kansas City, more commonly referred to as the Veterans Village.

In contrast to traditional homeless services, a tiny-home provides the veteran with privacy, a sense of security and the ability to reintegrate at a comfortable pace. KCKCC is proud to be involved with this initiative.



Congresswoman Sharice Davids Visits KCKCC

Rep. Sharice Davids visited KCKCC April 19 where she toured both the KCKCC Main Campus and the Dr. Thomas R. Burke Technical Education Center. In addition, she visited the Veterans Center and met with students and staff.



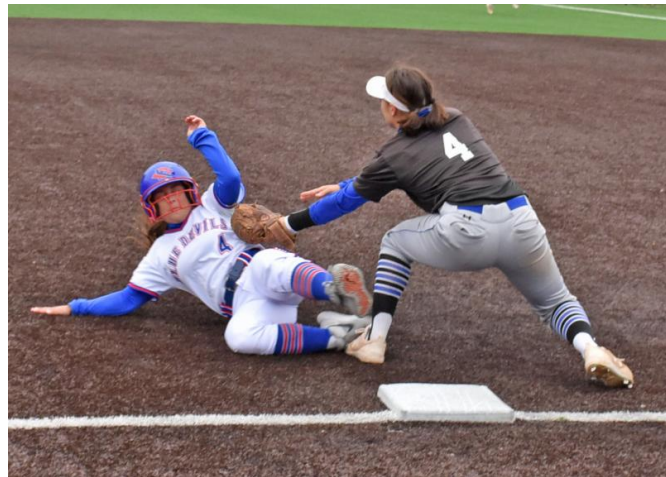
Blue Devils Deal No. 10 Crowder 3rd Loss of Season

When it comes to prestige wins, KCKCC got a big one Tuesday.

Led by the pitching of Shay Grosstephan and the power of Kaylee Arnzen, the Blue Devils dealt Crowder College a 4-3 setback - only the third loss in 51 games for the Roughriders, who came into the game ranked No. 10 in the NJCAA Division I national rankings.

The Blue Devils also led the second game 1-0 early and trailed only 2-1 before the Roughriders (49-3) flexed their muscles, pounding out nine hits off two pitchers in a 12-run fifth inning on their way to a 14-1 win.

The Blue Devils built a 4-0 lead in the opener and then held on as Grosstephan pitched out of two late inning jams to get the win. Crowder scored an unearned run in the fourth and two in the sixth on Morgan Montgomery's ground rule double with the bases loaded. With the tying run on third and lead run on second, Grosstephan struck out Kaylee Bemo to end the inning.



The Roughriders also had the tying run on third in the seventh inning before Grosstephan got cleanup hitter Paxton Wildeman to fly out to Paris Forshey in left field for the final out.

KCKCC managed only five hits against Aspen Younce but four figured in the Blue Devil scoring. Back-to-back two-out singles by Alaina Howe and Jennica Messer gave the Blue Devils a 2-0 lead in the second inning and Arnzen provided what proved to be the game-winning runs when she followed a single by Devin Purcell with a monster home run to left-center in the third. It was the ninth of the season for the sophomore first baseman.

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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