



Celebrate Diversity at the WyCo Ethnic Festival



Music, dancing and ethnic foods will fill the Kansas City Kansas Community College Field House as part of the 2019 Wyandotte County Ethnic Festival: A Human Family Reunion.

The Wyandotte County Ethnic Festival is from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 13 in the KCKCC Field House, 7250 State Ave. Admission and parking are free. Ethnic food will be available for

purchase.

The goal of the festival is to celebrate Wyandotte County's greatest asset - its diversity.

More than 50 organizations, countries and ethnic groups from Wyandotte County will be represented at the festival through booths as well as onstage entertainment. Clarence Small, of the Kansas City, Kan. NAACP, will once again serve as master of ceremonies. The Wyandotte County Sheriff's Department's Honor Guard will present the colors and Shawn and Gloria Derritt will perform "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful."

Another annual tradition is the awarding of the Legends of Diversity Award. This year's honorees are Gordon Criswell and Dr. Hira Nair. Criswell is the assistant county administrator for the Unified Government of Wyandotte County. He has worked more than 30 years in state and local government management and 20 years as a clinical social worker for a non-profit organization. He serves on the board of the United Way and Bethel Neighborhood Center. Nair is coordinator of the Teacher Education Program and professor of Psychology at KCKCC. She serves on the college Intercultural Council, the Campus Art Committee and on the Board of the Wyandotte County Ethnic Festival. She functions as the academic liaison and community outreach member of the Executive Committee of the India Association of Kansas City and also promotes and educates college students from diverse ethnic backgrounds to become art curators by serving on the Andrew W. Mellon Undergraduate Curatorial Fellowship committee at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Recently Nair received a Federal Education partnership grant for Underserved and Place-bound students.

Everyone attending the festival will receive a souvenir program with a blank “passport” page that can be stamped at the various booths. All filled passports turned in at the Martin Luther King booth will be eligible for a prize drawing. Countries that will be represented this year include Kenya, India, Mexico, Turkey, Guatemala, Nigeria, Ireland, Croatia, Japan, Italy, Israel, Brazil, China, Germany and Lithuania, among others.

The Creative Children’s Corner, coordinated by the KCKCC Intercultural Center, will be located just inside the fieldhouse. Students majoring in the education program under Dr. Hira Nair will manage the Children’s Corner.

The food court area will include ethnic foods from countries such as India, Jamaica Blackbelt Bar-b-que, Serbian, BisYan Catering (Gambia), Kenya and Mexico. In addition African American cuisine and Healthy Foods by Naturally Designed will be have food booths. There will be free filtered water and mint tea.

The Wyandotte County Ethnic Festival Inc. is made possible by the support of KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier and the KCKCC Administration; the KCKCC Campus Police and the KCKCC Buildings and Grounds Staff. The festival’s Gold Sponsors are the Unified Government of Wyandotte Council - Department of Human Service and Partners in Primary Care. Other sponsors and community partners include the KCKCC Intercultural Center, Imagine! Magic Productions, Gene and Karen Hernandez, Judy and Curtis Smith, El Centro, All-Star Awards & Ad Specialties, Burke Travel, Payless Office Products and KCKCC Trustee Ray Daniels.

The festival is organized by WyCo Ethnic Festival Inc., Karen Hernandez, Barbara Clark-Evans, Clarence Small, Dr. Hira Nair, Dr. Curtis V. Smith, Marquis Harris and Shai Perry. For more information on the ethnic festival, visit www.freewebs.com/wycoethnicfestival/.

KCKCC Hosts Celebration Rally for Basketball Team

KCKCC hosted a Celebration Rally for the 2019 NJCAA Division II Women’s Basketball National Champions March 29. During the celebration, attendees had the opportunity to hear from players and Coach Joe McKinstry, take photos with the team and get autographs. Congratulations to the KCKCC Lady Blue Devils!



KCKCC Softball Splits Games with North Central



KCKCC traded doubleheader softball splits with North Central Missouri Monday and Tuesday.

Blanked 5-0 in the opening game, the Blue Devils won an 8-inning 5-2 thriller in the second game at Trenton Monday. KCKCC made it two in a row with a 5-4 home win in Tuesday's first game but the Blue Devils were blanked 2-0 in the nightcap.

The Blue Devils (20-10) swing back into Jayhawk Conference play at noon and 2 p.m. Saturday at Neosho County. The Blue Devils are at Metropolitan-Maple Woods Sunday, home against Fort Scott Monday and at Park University JV Tuesday.

KCKCC scored three runs in the top of the eighth inning in the 5-2 win at North Central Missouri Monday. Loading the bases on singles by Alexis Rymer, Mackenzie Pinkerton and Jennica Messer with one out, the Blue Devils went ahead 3-2 on a passed ball and scored two more on Hannah Redick's two-run single. KCKCC's first runs came in fourth when Alaina Howe belted a game-tying two-run home run.

The rally made a winner out of Mackenzie Pinkerton (6-6), who scattered seven hits, walked two and struck out two in going the 8-inning route. The Blue Devils were limited to singles by Kaylee Arnzen, Rymer and Brittney Beck in the opening game 5-0 loss. Shay Grosstephan suffered only her second loss in 10 decisions, allowing eight hits, walking one and fanning one.

North Central won the nightcap 2-0 by limiting the Blue Devils to seven hits, three by Rymer who doubled and singled twice. Pinkerton, Redick, Devin Purcell and Britney Smith had the other hits. Pinkerton (6-7) took the loss, allowing 10 hits and walking one.

KCKCC Program Spotlight



KCKCC hosted a Taste of Africa event April 3. It was an opportunity for students, staff and faculty to experience the culture and foods from the five major regions of Africa.



KCKCC was pleased to support the KCK Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting April 4. Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly was among the guest speakers at this year's event.

Visit KCKCC's New Digital Access Studio



KCKCC has a new Digital Access Studio for students to explore their creative side.

The Digital Access Studio is located in the lower level of the Learning Commons. It features technology and instruction to help students explore, understand and engage in their creativity through digital multimedia.

The studio includes:

- Adobe Creative Cloud
- Photoshop
- After Effects
- Illustrator
- One Button Recording Studio
- Easy-to-use video and audio recording
- Green Screen Capabilities

Hours for the Digital Access Studio are Monday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information contact Carrie Dimino at 913-288-7202.

Register Now for the 2019 Blue Devil 5K & Kids Trot

A KCKCC tradition returns this spring with the 2019 Blue Devil 5K & Kids Trot.

The Blue Devil 5K, which is in its 15th year, is at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 4. The course winds through the KCKCC campus on the roads, walking paths and sidewalks. The Kids Trot follows at 9 a.m. and is geared toward children 11-years and younger. Childcare volunteers will provide activities for the children from 7:30 to 9 a.m., so parents can participate in the run/walk. Registration for the 5K is \$25 per person through April 20. The Kids Trot is \$10. Registration for both the Blue Devil 5K and the Kid's Trot includes a T-shirt, Finisher's Medal, Goodie Bag and an all-you-can eat pancake breakfast following the event. About 200 people participated in the 5K and Kids Trot in 2018.



Awards will be given to the top overall male and female finishers. In addition, the winner of each age group will receive an award and a prize. Children in the Kids Trot will run in heats based on age groups. Distances will range from 25 meters to one-quarter of a mile. No strollers are allowed.

For more information about the Blue Devil 5K Run/Walk and Kids Trot, visit www.kckcc.edu/student-resources/wellness-fitness-center/blue-devil-5k-kids-trot.html. Information is also available by calling the KCKCC Wellness & Fitness Center at 913-288-7610. An entry form must be filled out for each registrant.

Registration can be completed at www.imathlete.com/#/legacy?url=%2Fevents%2FEventOverview.aspx%3FfEID%3D71261%26fQuery%3D%26z%3D1543845707952.

Registration can also be completed in person at the KCKCC Wellness Center. Volunteers are also needed. For information on how to volunteer for the Blue Devil 5K Run/Walk and Kids Trot, call 913-288-7370.

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>

Six Pitchers Allows Just Six Hits as Blue Devils Take Pair



If it is true that a baseball team is only as good as its pitching staff, then it's no surprise KCKCC has won 25 of its last 27 games.

Six Blue Devil pitchers combined to allow Metropolitan-Maple Woods to just three runs and six hits as they led KCKCC to 5-1 and 8-2 wins Tuesday. Originally scheduled for Maple Woods, the games were moved to KCKCC's all-weather infield with the Blue Devils the visiting team.

Matt Fred, Jose Amaro and Max Storch teamed to give up four hits and no earned runs in the 4-1 opener. Fred allowed three hits, struck out seven and walked two in four scoreless innings. The lone Maple Woods' run came on a two-out outfield error against Amaro in the seventh. Amaro struck out four and walked two in 2 2/3 innings before Storch came on for the final out.

Eric Hinostroza and Traice Hartter each had three hits and JT Goodfellow two in an 11-hit Blue Devil attack. KCKCC took a 1-0 lead in the third on a walk and back-to-back singles by Hartter and Hinostroza. Trey Hoover stretched lead to 3-0 in the sixth with a two-run double following a walk and Kemper Bednar bunt single. The final two runs came in the seventh on a single by Hartter, triple by Hinostroza and single by JT Goodfellow.

Jake Martin had a no-hitter in his four innings as starter in the 8-2 second game win. He struck out five and walked two. Xavier Morin was touched for two runs in the fifth on a walk, single, balk and double before he retired the final four hitters he faced, two on strikeouts. Hunter Paxton faced just three hitters in a scoreless seventh.



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SOME DAYS & SOME NIGHTS

Disrupting Suicide in both a Student & a Veteran Population



Presented by Tom Hall, Ph.D.

Recently retired KCKCC Professor and Coordinator for the Addiction Counselor program. Previously served as the National Chair of PTSD/Substance Abuse Committee for Vietnam Veterans of America

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9:30am-11am

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