



## **KCKCC Selects Dr. Beth Ann Krueger as Vice President of Academic Affairs**

Following a nationwide search, Dr. Beth Ann Krueger has been selected to serve as vice president of Academic Affairs at Kansas City Kansas Community College. Dr. Krueger is anticipated to begin her new role at KCKCC in early February.

Krueger currently serves as dean of Mathematics and Science at Cochise College in Sierra Vista, Ariz., where she has been since 2014. She also served seven years as science faculty at Central Arizona College, as chief academic officer/dean of Academic Affairs at Miles Community College in Miles City, Mont. and as director, Center for Distance Learning at Laredo Community College in Laredo, Texas. In addition to her U.S. experience, Dr. Krueger spent time in Shenyang, Liaoning Province, China as a visiting professor of English. Her Ph.D. is in Education Administration from the University of Texas-Austin.



The search advisory committee chose to recommend to KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier three finalists for the VPAA position based on academic credentials, experience and leadership criteria. The finalists visited the college for interviews Dec. 17 and 18 where they spent time meeting with various groups including faculty, staff, students and community members, the Dean's Council and Dr. Mosier, among others.

Dr. Krueger brings to KCKCC a breadth of experiences gained from positions at institutions in multiple states, previous experience as a chief academic officer, Higher Learning Commission accreditation and assessment knowledge, as well as experience working on Complete College America and Achieving the Dream programs.

"This is an exciting, growth time for Kansas City Kansas Community College, and we very much look forward to welcoming Dr. Krueger to KCKCC and adding her as part of the college team," said President Greg Mosier.

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**"Filling the USA Skills Gap One Warrior at a Time"**

Congratulations to Staff Sergeant Josh Doughty who is the first graduate of KCKCC's "Filling the USA Skills Gap One Warrior at a Time" program. This innovative partnership between the United States Army and KCKCC allows enlisted service members to spend their final 16 weeks of active duty getting trained in a technical program in which there is a huge shortage of skilled labor. These programs include Welding Technology, Commercial and Residential Equipment Technology, Heating and Refrigeration Technology and Machine Technology.

KCKCC is pleased to be a part of this wonderful program that is benefiting our military services members as well as addressing the growing shortage of skilled labor.



## Iowa Western Needs Late Rally to Escape Blue Devils

KCKCC battled Goliath toe-to-toe for 36 minutes Saturday before fading against the biggest team the Blue Devils will face all season.

Boasting a quartet of forwards 6-foot-8 to 6-11, Iowa Western erased a 7-point deficit in the final eight minutes for a 71-59 win. The win boosted the Reivers' record to 13-2 while KCKCC finished pre-holiday play at 4-10.



On paper the game should have been a mis-match - Iowa Western's four-man rotation of 6-11 Emmanuel Ugboh, 6-8 Parker Hazen, 6-9 Esahia Nyiwe and 6-8 Amadou Sylla against KCKCC's front line of 6-6 Jonathan Richmond, 6-5 Arother Ratliff, 6-5 DuVonte' Beard and 6-6 Daiyon Taylor.

And yet it was the Blue Devils who held a 48-41 lead with 9:34 remaining. Iowa Western

finally went ahead 50-49 with 7:33 left and it was 61-56 with 3:45 to go before the Reivers finally escaped, punctuating a 10-3 finish with rim-jarring slam dunks by the 6-11 Ugboh and guard Caleb Huffman. Up until then, there were eight ties and nine lead changes.

Defensively, the gutty Blue Devils held the Reivers' well under their season scoring average of 84.6 and 25-of-59 shots for 42.4 percent, also well under their season's average of 48.2 percent. KCKCC also had four less turnovers (15-11) but couldn't match Iowa Western on the boards. Limiting the Blue Devils to just two offensive rebounds, the Reivers dominated 43-27 with 14 of the rebounds coming on the offensive end.

Idle for the next three weeks, the Blue Devils resume action Jan. 8 when they'll play seven games in 15 days, five of which will be at home starting with the Blue Devil Classic Jan. 11-12 against On Point Academy and Metropolitan Community College (formerly Penn Valley).

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## ESOL Celebrates End of Semester & Graduation

Congratulations to the Fall 2018 graduates of KCKCC's English for Speakers of Other Languages program. During the Dec. 14 event, students in both the morning and evening classes had the opportunity to attend the celebration with their families and were presented certificates acknowledging their hard work. Great job Blue Devils!



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## KCKCC Program Spotlight



It was a great day with KCKCC volunteers supporting Wreaths Across America at the Veteran Cemetery in Leavenworth Dec. 15. A big thanks to all who took time out of their day to support this great cause.



What a fun semester! Traci Dillavou's Public Speaking students presented excellent rebuttal speeches for their final Dec. 14. Way to go class!

## Win Sends No. 6 KCKCC Women Into Holiday Break

KCKCC's women's basketball team will take a four-game win streak and No. 6 national ranking into a well-earned holiday break.

Playing for the 16<sup>th</sup> time in a span of just six weeks, the Lady Blue Devils boosted their season's record to 14-2 Friday with an 83-55 home court win over Des Moines Area Community College (DMACC). Idle for the next three weeks, the Blue Devils return to action Jan. 8 when they take on Saint Mary JV in Leavenworth.

One of the most balanced offensive attacks of the season got KCKCC past Des Moines Area. Five Blue Devils scored between 11 and 14 points and three others had at least six.

Sophomore Nija Collier and freshman Lenaejha Evans led with 14 points each. Caitlyn Stewart added a season high 12 points and Camryn Swanson and Lillie Moore 11 each. Caroline Hoppock chipped in with eight at a key stretch of the game; Brodi Byrd scored seven and Kisi Young six.

While KCKCC never trailed, the Blue Devils led only 22-17 after one quarter and 27-23 with 5:10 left in the half before pulling away with an 11-2 run. Byrd started it with a 3-pointer and Hoppock scored eight straight points, six on back-to-back treys to boost the lead to 38-27. Leading 42-29 at the half, it was still only 61-46 before the Blue Devils opened leads of up to 29 points in the final quarter.

When the Blue Devils resume play, they'll follow up the Saint Mary road game Jan. 8 with four straight home games in a span of 11 days capped by the kickoff to the Jayhawk Conference season against Labette Jan. 23.



## KCKCC Foundation Honors Scholarship Recipients



The KCKCC Foundation recognized the Spring 2019 Scholarship Award recipients Dec. 10.

During the annual KCKCC Foundation Award Social, scholarship recipients had the opportunity to interact with foundation staff as well as donors who make students scholarships possible.

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teaching, learning and engaging the community to transform lives. Foundation leadership raises funds for college programs, projects and special initiatives and administers scholarship programs designed to provide KCKCC students with academic and professional growth opportunities, with a commitment to facilitating key partnerships between the college and the community. For more information on the foundation or to apply for future scholarships, visit their [website](#).

Congratulations to all of our scholarship winners!!



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