



## **KCKCC Fire Science Program Receives Grant**



The KCKCC Fire Science Program recently received a grant from the Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Foundation to purchase life saving harnesses and escape systems - equipment essential to the program's rescue training.

The mission of the Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Memorial Foundation is to provide fire departments in need with safety training and personal life safety systems. Also known as the Joey D Foundation, the foundation was created in 2013 as a way to help

train and equip firefighters with vital equipment. It was founded by people directly impacted by what is known as the FDNY "Black Sunday" when three firefighters lost their loves and another three suffered life-changing injuries. The reason - because they had no way to escape from a burning building except through a fifth floor window.

Since the foundation was founded, it has awarded grants for fire departments and training programs to purchase personal bailout systems for firefighters. The foundation also provides training seminars.

Todd Miles, director of KCKCC's fire science program, wrote in a letter to the foundation - "without this grant, our department would not have been able to provide our students with this equipment and training. Grants like this will show the college community and surrounding departments that hire our students that this Fire Science Program wants to keep our firefighters as safe as possible."

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## **Arkansas Duo Eye National Tourney in Home State**

Double-doubles in basketball are usually reserved for double digit figures in points and rebounds or points and assists.

But any of those statistics pale in

comparison to the double-double that KCKCC women's coach Joe McKinstry pulled off two years ago at Magnolia High School in Magnolia, Ark.

As a freshman, Lillie Moore earned all-conference honors; Kisi Young was the Lady Blue Devils' Player of the Year. This season the former Magnolia standouts have KCKCC ranked No. 4 in Division II of the NJCAA and assured of no worse than a share of the Blue Devils' first-ever Jayhawk Conference Division championship with two games to go. The Blue Devils finish regular season play at home Saturday against Johnson County.



A power forward at 6-1, Moore is averaging 15.0 points and 8.1 rebounds while shooting 55.4 percent from the field. Young is averaging 10.4 points, 8.7 rebounds and shooting 64.0 percent while playing a wing position at just 5-foot-9. In conference play, Young leads in shooting percentage and is third in rebounding; Moore is fourth in scoring, rebounds and shooting percentage.

Ranked No. 4 in the latest NJCAA Division II rankings and assured of no worse than a tie for KCKCC's first-ever Jayhawk Conference DII championship, the Blue Devil duo would like nothing better than to get KCKCC a berth in the national tournament in their home state. The national tournament will be played in Pioneer Pavilion in Harrison, Ark., March 19-23.

## KCKCC Program Spotlight



Some of our KCKCC students decided to make the best of all the recent snow and show their Blue Devil spirit at the same time! Terrific snowman Blue Devils!



A behind the scenes photo from a photo shoot the KCKCC Marketing & Outreach Department had earlier this week! Stay tuned for some new marketing photos featuring our very own KCKCC students!

**"Have a Heart Healthy Valentine's Day" Event is a Success**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the KCKCC Wellness & Fitness Center's "Have a Heart Healthy Valentine's Day" event.

The Pioneer Career Center in Leavenworth had 43 participants throughout the day, with each of them walking a mile.

KCKCC-TEC had more than 32 walkers, walking a total of 55.5 miles.

At the KCKCC Wellness & Fitness Center, they used the recumbent bikes. There were two bikes reserved all day for the event - one bike was for employees and the other was for wellness and community members. The wellness member/community member bike had 12 participants and completed 67.87 miles. The employee bike had 12 participants and completed 77.65 miles.



The purpose of the "Have a Heart Healthy Valentine's Day" event was to encourage cardiovascular exercise as a way to promote a healthier way to celebrate Valentine's Day. Each location also had a drawing for two gift cards.

Thank you everyone for participating!

## Blue Devils Need Win for Outright Championship



Fittingly perhaps, the toughest NJCAA Division II women's basketball race is coming right down to the wire.

A KCKCC home court win over arch-rival Johnson County Saturday will give the Blue Devils their first outright DII championship in history and their first Jayhawk Conference title since 1996-97. A Blue Devil loss throws the conference race into an unprecedented four-way tie for first and a playoff seeding's nightmare.

Four teams, all ranked in the Top 10 nationally, would share first place - No. 4 KCKCC (25-4), No. 7 Highland (22-4), No. 9 Johnson County (26-3) and No. 10 Labette (19-10). Two of those teams will get first round byes, the other two will host either Fort Scott or Hesston.

Highland created the possible logjam Wednesday by winning a foul-marred 94-88 fiasco over KCKCC in Highland. The win snapped a six-game Blue Devil winning streak and avenged an earlier 78-72 KCKCC win.

No such records are available, but this is one for the books. A total of 106 free throws were attempted and ironically each team made 37 of 53 (.698). There were 65 fouls called, 32 on KCKCC, 33 on Highland. Five Blue Devils fouled out taking 49 points off the floor; Highland lost three to fouls and 19 points.

Most damaging were the five quick whistles against Nija Collier, the Blue Devils' leading scorer and rebounder and five-time KJCCC Player of the Week, who played just nine

minutes. Collier left with 5:36 remaining and 10 points and six rebounds. Starters Brodi Byrd and Leneajha Evans followed shortly thereafter and Kisi Young and Lexi Watts picked up their fifth fouls in the final 20 seconds.

Saturday's 2 p.m. game against JCCC will mark the final regular season home game for sophomores Niji Collier, Lillie Moore, Lizzie Stark, Caitlyn Stewart, Camryn Swanson, Lexi Watts and Kisi Young.

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## Highland Escapes, Last Second KCKCC Shot Misses

But for a couple of inches, KCKCC would hold the biggest upset of the year in the Jayhawk Conference.

On the road at No. 4 ranked Highland Wednesday, the Blue Devils had Daiyon Taylor's rebound shot bounce off the front of the rim at the horn in a heartbreaking 60-59 loss.



The win kept the Scotties (26-2) tied with Johnson County for first place in the conference while the Blue Devils (14-15) remained tied with Labette for third place with one game to go - a home game with Johnson County (25-4) at 4 p.m. Saturday, which is also Sophomore Day. Highland and JCCC are both 8-1 in the league; KCKCC and Labette 4-5.

A 69-61 winner over KCKCC earlier, the Scotties opened a 27-16 lead late in the half and seemingly were in control with a 31-24. Not so by any stretch of the imagination. Field goals by Jonathan Richmond and Kelyn Bolton and 3-pointer by Calvin Slaughter got the Blue Devils even 31-31 and set up perhaps the most hotly contested second half of the season.

Ahead 56-53 with 5:21 left, KCKCC fell behind 57-56 before Slaughter regained the lead 59-57 with a basket and one of two free throws with 2:17 remaining. Tristen Hull pulled Highland back even with two free throws and after a Blue Devil turnover, Jaquan Daniels made one of three free throws with 55 seconds left and a 60-59 Highland lead.

The Blue Devils got two more chances - a turnover cost them the first opportunity but they got the last chance on a Scottie miscue with nine seconds left - a short base-line jump shot Taylor that was blocked by the 6-7 Hull. Taylor, however, got the rebound and falling away, had his game-winning attempt hit the front of the rim.

Saturday's game will be the final regular home season contest for three Blue Devil sophomores - Malcolm Tate, DuVonte' Beard and Arother Ratliff.

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## 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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**HOMETOWN SHOWDOWN!**

# **KCKCC vs. JCCC**

**Friends and Family Day**

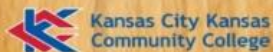
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**KCKCC  
STUDENTS  
AND  
EMPLOYEES**



**WEAR YOUR BLUE CREW  
SHIRTS FOR FREE STUFF!**



**Kansas City Kansas  
Community College**



**WE NEED YOU!**

**Bring your friends and  
family as we support our  
KCKCC BLUE DEVILS!**

**SATURDAY**

**FEBRUARY 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**Women's Game @ 2 pm**

**Men's Game @ 4 pm**



**GO BIG BLUE!!!!**



**Ranked 4<sup>th</sup> Nationally**



**WANT TO IMPROVE  
YOUR EDUCATION?**



**LOOKING FOR SKILLED &  
WELL-TRAINED EMPLOYEES?**

## **KCKCC will offer classes at Wyandotte High School beginning Fall 2019!**

**Come and share your educational and business needs with us!**

### **General Sessions**

**Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**  
6:00 – 7:00pm

*at El Centro*  
650 Minnesota Avenue  
Kansas City, KS 66101

*and*

**Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**  
6:00 – 7:00pm

*at El Centro*  
650 Minnesota Avenue  
Kansas City, KS 66101

### **Business Sessions**

**Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 – 8:30am

*at El Centro*  
650 Minnesota Avenue  
Kansas City, KS 66101

*and*

**Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30 – 6:30pm

*at KCK Library,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Auditorium*  
625 Minnesota Avenue  
Kansas City, KS 66101



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