



KCKCC Employees Honored at Annual Recognition Event

Kansas City Kansas Community College recognized several employees during the 2019 Employee Recognition and Retirement Dinner.

The annual recognition event was held May 3 at the Dr. Thomas R. Burke Technical Education Center. In addition to a dinner, faculty and staff awards were given out in several areas. Recognition was also given to those retiring this year as well as years of service pins.

Outstanding Staff Employee of the Year - Michael Smith, fleet specialist

Henry Louis Excellence in Teaching Award - Dr. Ewa Unoke, professor/coordinator of political science & pre-law programs

Vision Award (Faculty) - Robert Beach, assistive technology specialist

Vision Award (Staff) - Cristobal Buenrostro, electrician, Facility Services

Dean's Choice Award (Faculty) - Rochella Bickford, reading coordinator

Dean's Choice Award (Staff) - Darryl Kline, maintenance/CAD coordinator



Michael Smith 2019 Outstanding Staff Employee of the Year Recipient

Michael was nominated because of the dedication, excellence and hard work he devotes to the students, faculty, and staff who rely on him. In the time that he has been in his position, he has greatly streamlined the process. He is an unsung hero of the college. His role seems small, but numerous departments depend on him to conduct the business of the college.



Dr. Ewa Unoke 2019 Henry Louis Excellence in Teaching Award Recipient

Dr. Ewa Unoke was nominated because he inspires his students to make themselves exceptional. He mentors his students in the classroom, during simulations, and in the clubs he advises. He was inspired by Dr. Louis to consider his students first in all his dealings at KCKCC and he is very passionate in his service to his students.



Robert Beach was nominated because of his commitment to the college and the students. He believes it is important to give all individuals access to education and the technology they need to be successful in reaching their goals. He also brings his knowledge and expertise to institutions nationwide and helps make a name for Kansas City Kansas Community College across the country.



Cristobal Buenrostro was nominated because he consistently demonstrates excellence in performing his job duties. He goes up and beyond on all his work by helping anyone in need. He motivates our Spanish speaking community and points them to the correct people to talk to so they can better themselves. He goes beyond his job duties by being a positive representation of KCKCC.



Rochella Bickford 2019 Faculty Dean's Choice Award Recipient

Rochella was nominated because she has demonstrated extreme competency in regards to knowing the standards of teaching reading and what is needed to reach the college students. She makes herself available to adjuncts and their students since adjuncts do not have office hours. Her nominator said, "In all my years of being in public education, I have never met anyone as kind and helpful as she is."



Darryl Kline 2019 Staff Dean's Choice Award Recipient

Darryl Kline has been committed to KCKCC since 1988. He is constantly assisting whenever and wherever he sees a need. No matter what project he may be working on he will stop to help another coworker or students when they are having an issue. This past year he has shown us what it is to be resilient and graceful in the face of a tragic loss.

Ross Excited About Blue Devil Softball Recruiting

Lana Ross has gone near and far as she continues to build the softball program at KCKCC, landing what has the makings of an outstanding freshmen class.

Limited in recruiting in her first season as head coach because of her late hiring last July, Ross' first team nevertheless won 38 games and reached the Region VI championship game. This fall, she'll have 10 promising newcomers to blend in with seven returning starters from this year's 38-20 squad.

Six of the newcomers come from Kansas and Missouri including five from the immediate Kansas City area. They'll be joined by two pair of teammates, one duo from Oklahoma, the other from New Zealand. Heading the list is a pair of Lansing High School standouts, right-handed pitcher Bradi Basler and infielder Haley Masisak. They'll be joined by two members of the PSA Messer club team, shortstop Madison Pope, of McLouth, Kan. and first baseman Madison Prough, of Olathe South.

Taylor Farr, an outfielder from Platte County High School, has the quickness and experience to be a defensive force in the outfield while Abby Henson of Pleasant Hope, Mo., will provide right-hand power at third base. Henson plays on the Prospects Elite club team.



KCKCC Hosts Annual Kansas City Jazz Camp

The Kansas City Jazz Camp is a week long summer day camp held at KCKCC each summer. The program serves approximately 50 music students ranging from 13-years to adult. The ability levels range from beginner to advanced. The camp focuses on jazz

improvisation skills in a small group or “combo” setting.



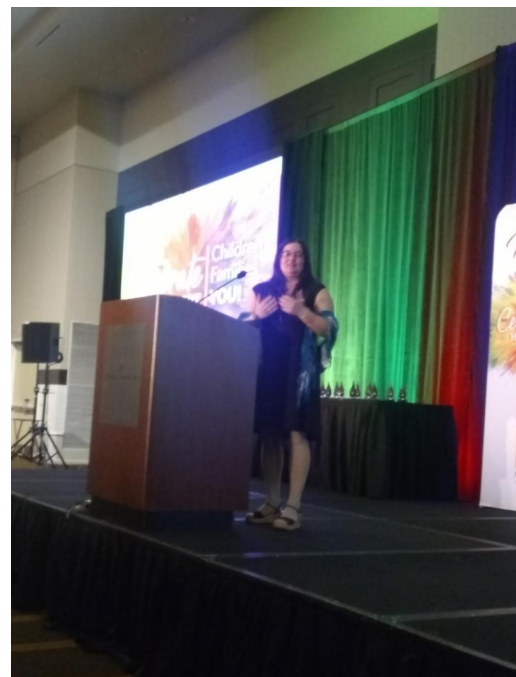
Alumni Corner

KCKCC Represented at Regional Head Start Conference

Jolene Morel, administrative assistant in the KCKCC Foundation and KCKCC alum, spoke at the Regional VII Head Start Conference May 21 and 22 at the Overland Park Convention Center.

Morel spoke with parents, staff and Head Start teachers about their accomplishments and then co-presented a Breakout Session with Becky Whitney, community navigator at Project-Eagle Connections. They focused on Mental Health strategies and how to use some of these strategies to help families and improve staff wellness.

Morel is a recipient of the 2014 Regional VII Head Start Parent of the Year Award and is a 2016 graduate of KCKCC. She was nominated to speak at the conference by Project Eagle/Early Head Start of Kansas City, Kan.



KCKCC Softball Players Excel on Field & in Classroom

Members of the KCKCC softball team excelled not only on the playing field but in the classroom.

On the field, six Blue Devils were named to the NJCAA Region VI All-District D team for 2019. Academically, the team had a combined 3.59 grade point average as six players had perfect 4.0 GPA's, sophomores Kaylee Arnzen, Britney Beck, Gracie Gentry and Britney Smith and freshmen Hannah Redick and Shay Grosstephan.



Arnzen, Redick and Grosstephan were joined by Devin Purcell on the All-District team. Smith and Mackenzie Pinkerton were selected on the second team.

Equaling the second most wins in KCKCC history, the Blue Devils (38-10) defeated tri-champion Hesston twice in the District D playoffs before losing to nationally ranked Johnson County 4-2 in the championship game.

KCKCC Program Spotlight



Students in KCKCC's Computer Aided Drafting Program spent time volunteering at Basehor High School last week working with emergency services to collect and deliver water and cleaning supplies to the tornado victims. We love seeing our Blue Devils helping in the community!



KCKCC was pleased to attend the Greater Kansas City Hispanic Development Fund's Scholarship Program Awards Ceremony May 30. Congratulations to all of the honorees!

KCKCC Launches 100 Stories of Impact Campaign



As KCKCC plans for our centennial in 2023, we are collecting stories of IMPACT. We know that KCKCC has a great impact, and the personal 100 stories shared by alums, faculty, staff and community members will help tell our story.

Videos will be posted monthly, so if you have a story to share contact Kelly Rogge at krogge@kckcc.edu for more information.

#KCKCCProud #KCKCCImpact #BlueDevil100Stories

[Click here to see the this month's story of Impact!](#)

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>

KCKCC Partners With T-Bones to Offer Free Tickets



Are you ready for some baseball?! All teachers as well as KCKCC faculty and staff get FREE admission to T-bones baseball every Sunday through Friday this summer!

Just show your ID at the box office and sit in the Blue Devil Den!

And be on the lookout for special giveaways throughout the summer at select baseball games!



Door Prize Winners

The following individuals won door prizes at today's picnic. If we haven't already delivered your prize, it is available for pick up from Faith Moody in Room 3384 (Student Accessibility and Support Services)

BARBARA BIGGS
EMILY BRATTIN
BASIL BROOME
LORI CHAFFIN
MIHIR CHAND
LAQUITA CHUKWUKEREZE
RON CLIPPERTON
DEBORAH COWICK
NICHOLE DANIELS
PERLA ESCOBAR
BROOKE FLEENER
PETER GABRIEL

MARCIA IRVINE
SUSAN KLAMM
KIM LELAND
TANYA LONG
JOANNE MCINTOSH
SHAUN PATE
SARA RECK
KELLY ROGGE
JOSEPH STARKEY
LESLEY STROHSCHIEIN
BOB TESCH
BETTY TOWNSEND

KCKCC EVENING CLASSES AT WYANDOTTE HIGH SCHOOL FALL 2019

TOME CLASES NOCTURNAS DE KCKCC EN WYANDOTTE HIGH SCHOOL OTOÑO 2019!



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BLUE 101 College Success/Better Life Utilizing Education
ENGL 101 Composition I
MATH 105 College Algebra
PSYC 101 Psychology
SPCH 151 Public Speaking

Developmental Courses:

ENGL 0099 Pre-Composition
MATH 0097/MATH 0099 Elementary Algebra
READ 0091 Introduction to College Reading Skills
READ 0092 College Reading Strategies

Administrative Office Professional Courses:

BUSN 1151 Keyboarding
BUSN 0140 Essential Career Skills
BUSN 1153 Speedbuilding
BUSN 2253 Customer Service
BUSN 0250 Obtaining Employment
CIST 0111 Microcomputer Business Applications

GED and ESL courses will be offered in the evenings from 5:30pm – 8:20pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Call Valerie Piercey for information about GED and ESL 913-288-7660.

Inscribirse en cursos de inglés o completar el diploma de educación general. Llame a Valerie con preguntas 913-288-7660.

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