



KCKCC Women Win 1st Jayhawk Championship in 22 Years; Square Off in the Regional Semi-Final Saturday



For the first time in 22 years, KCKCC's Lady Blue Devils wear the crown of Jayhawk Conference champion.

A 64-60 win over nationally ranked Johnson County Saturday wrapped up the Lady Blue Devils first NCAA Division II conference championship and KCKCC's fourth in history. The Blue Devils shared the 1995 NJCAA Division I conference championship with eventual national champion Independence and then won back-to-back titles in 1996 and

1997.

To win the championship in the toughest DI conference in the nation, the No. 7 Blue Devils (8-2) had to sweep the No. 10 Cavaliers for the first time since 1997, a sweep that dropped JCCC (6-4) into fourth place behind No. 6 Highland and No. 9 Labette, both 7-3.

With a JCCC win Wednesday over Fort Scott, the Blue Devils (26-4) will face the Cavaliers for a third time this season in a Region VI semifinal at 4 p.m. Saturday. Labette will play at Highland Saturday. The Region VI title game will be played at 5 p.m. March 5 at Hartman Arena in Park City, Kan., which is on the north side of Wichita. The winner will advance to the national tournament March 19 to 22 in Harrison, Ark.

This year, four of the Top 10 teams in the NJCAA DII women's rankings are in the Jayhawk Conference - Highland No. 6, KCKCC No. 7, Labette No. 9 and JCCC No. 10. In the last five national tournaments, the Jayhawk has two national champions (KCKCC 2016, JCCC 2015), two seconds (JCCC 2017, Highland 2014) and one third (Highland 2018).

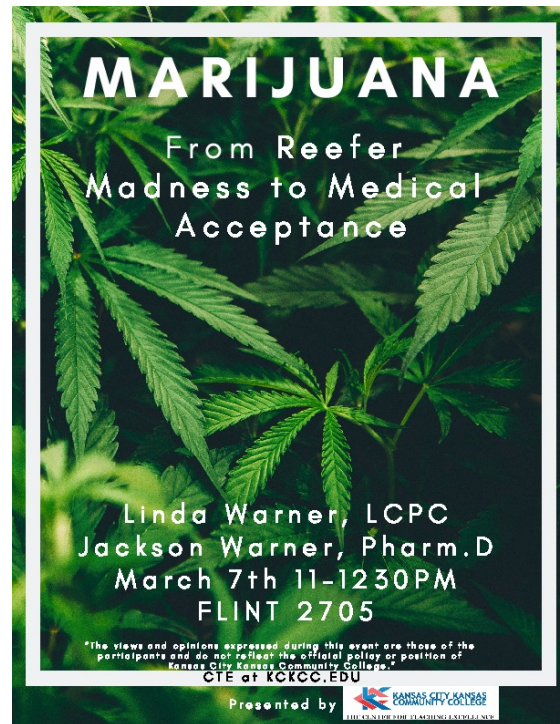
KCKCC to Host Academic Symposium

Looking at the Impacts of Medical Marijuana

The Kansas City Kansas Community College's Center for Teaching Excellence's Academic Symposium series continues with a look into the growing trend of medical marijuana.

"Marijuana: From Reefer Madness to Medical Acceptance" is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 7 in Upper Jewell on the KCKCC Main Campus, 7250 State Ave. The symposium, which is presented by the KCKCC Center for Teaching Excellence, will be led by Linda Warner, LCPC, director of counseling and advocacy at KCKCC and Jackson Warner, Pharm.D. It is free and open to the public.

Warner said she became interested in medical marijuana because of health concerns of her aging parents. She said her mother was seeking information about CBD oil to treat fibromyalgia when the medication she was taking produced intolerable side effects. In addition, her father has Parkinson's disease and has profound tremors in his hands.



There are four objectives for those who attend the symposium:

- To understand the history of cannabis as a medication and how it came to be classified by the federal government as a Schedule 1 drug, which puts it in the same category as heroin
- Understand the processes around research and development of marijuana for medical use
- To know how medical professionals are treating patients with various types of cannabis products and how that would impact clinical practice in Kansas with the enactment of the proposed HB 2163 legislation
- Assess the pros and cons of the movement from medical marijuana to legal recreational use as has been done in other states

For more information about this academic symposium or others, contact KCKCC's Center for Teaching Excellence at 913-288-7121.

KCKCC Program Spotlight



The KCKCC Chamber Choir did a terrific job at its first KMEA performance Feb. 22! Great job Blue Devils!

Michael Hockley, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army - Kansas East met with KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier Feb. 26 to discuss the college, programs and the new Veterans Center.

KCKCC Student Senate Hosts Evening Student Reception



The KCKCC Student Senate hosted this semester's Evening Student Reception Feb. 26.

During the reception, students celebrated Black History Month and had a Blue Devil Chili Cook-Off where students could bring in their best chili recipes for a chance to win the grand prize.

The photo shows just one of the many evening ESL classes from the Community Education Building who attended this terrific

event.

Thanks to everyone you participated!

Weather Puts Hold on Promising Softball Team

The weather has not been kind to Lana Ross in her first season as head softball coach at KCKCC.

Snow, ice and cold has already forced postponement of three home games in February with no let-up in sight. The Blue Devils were able to work in a doubleheader against perennial power Crowder Community College in Neosho, Mo., Crowder running its record to 10-0 with 7-1 and 8-0 wins Monday.

The inclement weather has not, however, kept the Blue Devils from early morning work on fundamentals under the watchful eyes of Ross and assistant Jenn Strohman.

Four sophomores return from the 2018 squad headed by Kaylee Arnzen, who led the Lady Blue Devils in virtually every offensive category including home runs where her 13 round-trippers placed her eighth in Region VI and No. 16 nationally heading into the NJCAA Division II playoffs. The Blue Devil leader in hitting at .451, Arnzen also led the team in hits (51), extra base hits (24), runs-batted-in (37) and slugging percentage (.894) as the designated hitter.



The other returning sophomores are outfielders Brittney Beck of Bushton, Kan., who hit .225 in 34 games last season; Paris Forshey of Bonner Springs, Kan., who batted .216 in 22 games and pitcher Faith Maslak of Raymore, Mo. who pitched in 15 games, all in relief.

They'll be throwing to freshman Jennica Messer, of McLouth, Kan. with sophomore Brittney Beck of Bushton as backup. Beck will also see outfield duty. Arnzen will be joined on the infield by sophomore Britney Smith of Basehor-Linwood at second; Redick at short and freshman Alaina Howe of Eudora, Kan. at third.

Defensively, the outfield should be a strength with Forshey in left; Devin Purcel of Eudora in center and Alexis Rymer of Piper in right. Gracie Gentry, a lefthanded sophomore slap hitter from Turner, will see backup duty in both the infield and outfield as well as contend for the starting job as designated hitter. The Blue Devils are picked to finish fifth in the Jayhawk Conference race behind Johnson County, Cowley, Highland and Labette.

KCKCC Spotlight



KCKCC President Dr. Greg Mosier presented the KCKCC Student Senate this week with an original acrylic painting that he completed. What a terrific way to show Blue Devil pride!



Students from the Wyandotte High School Human and Public Services Academy spent time Feb. 26 with KCKCC's EMT and Paramedic students learning about EMS and the skills necessary to care for patients.

12-Minute Scoring Drought Ends Blue Devils' Season



KCKCC's men's basketball season came to an end Wednesday, victim of the longest scoring drought in Blue Devil history.

Scoreless for nearly 12 minutes to start the second half, the Blue Devils could not recover in a 60-55 loss to Fort Scott in opening round play of the Region VI playoffs. The loss ended KCKCC's season at 14-17 while Fort Scott (16-15) moves into semifinal round play at No. 2 ranked Highland (27-2) Saturday.

Clashing for the third time this season, there were six ties and four lead changes in a see-saw first half. The Blue Devils had a 15-9 edge in rebounding, converted half their shots (11-of-22) and knocked down six 3-pointers in 14 attempts - certainly no indication of what was to come.

The Blue Devils lead was 34-31 at halftime thanks to the scoring of Taylor Turner and Calvin Slaughter's 3-pointer to beat the halftime horn. Unfortunately, by the time Malcolm Tate made a 3-pointer with 8:10 left in the game, Fort Scott had built a 43-34 lead, scoring 12 straight points by taking advantage of nine missed field goal attempts, two errant free throws and six turnovers.

Once the lid came off, the Blue Devils quickly cut the lead to 45-42 only to have Fort Scott's Tanner Lackey notch his fourth 3-pointer of the night with 6:03 left. Lackey's fifth trey was even more damaging. The Blue Devils again closed to 51-46 only to have Lackey's 3-pointer open the lead to 54-46 with 3:16 left and KCKCC could never get closer than six points until the final 10 seconds.

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>

Relief Pitching Helps Blue Devils Even Record

Buoyed by a pair of strong relief performances, KCKCC got back to the .500 mark Tuesday with a 7-5 win over Butler County in El Dorado.

It was the third straight win for the Blue Devils (5-5), who started the season with four straight losses. The Blue Devils are scheduled to open at home this weekend.



Sophomore Max Storch and freshman Xavier Morin each pitched two innings of hitless baseball in preserving the win for freshman Matthew Fred. A lefthander from Olathe South, Storch gave up no hits and no runs in the sixth and seventh innings before Morin pitched the final two frames. A righthander from Gardner-Edgerton, Morin gave up one run on a walk and ground ball to earn the save.

Brady Holder and Jose Sosa supplied the Blue Devil power, each driving in two runs. Holder provided what proved to be the winning runs when he followed a Tyler Henry single with a two-run home run to left on a 2-2 pitch. The home run in the top of the fourth gave KCKCC a 6-4 lead.

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Kansas City Kansas Community College presents

Women's History Month 2019



Mixing Peace & Politics

Susan Ruiz, Carol Marinovich & Rosalyn Brown

Monday, March 4, 2019, 12:00 to 1:00pm

Jewell Student Center, Lower Level, Room 2325



Feminism, Peacebuilding and Women's Global Advocacy

Dr. Carol Coburn, Avila University

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 11:00am to 12:15pm

Jewell Student Center, Upper Level Student Lounge

RBG

Documentary on Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Wednesday, March 6, 2019, 11:00am to 12:00pm

Art Gallery

Dying without Conclusion: Women Writers on Peace & Nonviolence

Polly Hawk & Women in Literature Class

Monday, March 25, 2019, 10:00 to 10:50am

Intercultural Center

Journey to Normal

Documentary of Women Veterans

Tuesday, March 26, 2019, 5:30 to 7:45pm

Technical Education Center, Multi-Purpose Room

Her Heart

KCKCC Women Artists' Reception

Thursday, March 28, 2019, 3:00 to 5:00pm

Art Gallery

Women's History Month Programs are co-hosted by Women & Gender Advocacy, the Counseling & Advocacy Center, Women's Studies, AAUW, the Intercultural Center, the Art Gallery, the Veterans Center, and Students for Global Peace. For more information, please contact Jen Gieschen, 913.288.7193.

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