



KCKCC Women's Basketball Wins NJCAA National Championship Game



KCKCC has returned to the pinnacle of NJCAA DII women's basketball, winning the 2019 National Championship with an 84-59 thrashing of win over Union County, NJ.

The championship is the second for the Blue Devils, who won the 2016 national title by an average of 19 points per game. This year, the margin was nearly 18

points a game, and the final score nearly the same (KCKCC won 81-59 in 2016).

The Blue Devils led each of their first three national tourney games by 20 or more points, and the championship game was no different. Cheered on by a raucous boisterous crowd, the Blue Devils held the Owls scoreless for the first five minutes while opening a 10-0 lead. Ahead 17-10 after one quarter, the Blue Devils widened the lead to 40-22 at halftime and stretched it to 30 points in the second half. And it could have been more had they not missed shots usually made.

Nija Collier led the early surge, scoring 15 points and grabbing six rebounds on the way to being named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Collier finished with 20 points, 12 rebounds and four assists. She was joined on the all-tournament team by the Magnolia, Ark., duo of Kisi Young and Lillie Moore. Young had 13 points and 9 rebounds; Moore 12 rebounds and 6 points. In addition, Coach Joe McKinstry was named the NJCAA National Coach of the Year.

The Blue Devils limited the Owls to 10 of 34 first half shots (,294) in building the 40-22 halftime lead and 33.8 percent for the game (27 of 80). In addition, the defense gave up just two of 19 3-point attempts (.105). KCKCC also monopolized the rebounding 52-39 including 22 off the offensive boards while shooting 40.3 percent from the field (31 of 77) and .27.6 from 3-point (8 of 29).

The championship continued the Jayhawk Conference's unparalleled success in the national tournament. In the last six seasons, the Jayhawk has had teams in the Final Four each year. In addition to KCKCC's two championships, Johnson County won in 2015

and was second in 2017; Highland was second in 2014 and third last season. This year, four conference teams finished in the Top 10 in the NJCAA national rankings.

The NJCAA is also selling National Championship apparel. Visit the NJCAA [website](#) for more information.



2019 Mid-America Education Hall of Fame Honorees Announced; Awards & Scholarship Event April 27

The Kansas City Kansas Community College Foundation has announced the award winners who will be recognized at this year's Mid-America Education Hall of Fame Awards & Scholarship Event.



The event is from 6 to 10 p.m. April 27 at the Dr. Thomas R. Burke Technical Education Center. Individual tickets are \$100 and can be purchased from the foundation's [website](#). In addition, there are still a variety of sponsorship opportunities available ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Visit www.kckcc.edu/foundation/events/hall-of-fame/sponsorship.html for more information on becoming a sponsor of the hall of fame event.

The Mid-America Education Hall of Fame started in 1996 as a way to recognize individuals, organizations and corporate supporters in the community who have made notable contributions to education. Hall of Fame inductees are selected based on a demonstrated commitment to education, their effort to improve the quality of life in the community through a commitment to education, increasing educational opportunities for others and supporting significant changes that have improved the quality of education.

The 2019 honorees are - Leon Brady, Rebecca Dukstein, Dr. Jacqueline Vietti and Michael and Guadalupe Dean.

For more information on the Mid-America Education Hall of Fame, contact Sharon Clay, director of development at KCKCC, at 913-288-7353 or by email at sclay@kckcc.edu.

Soto Shutout Gets Blue Devils Split at Fort Scott



KCKCC rebounded from a disappointing come-from-behind extra inning 5-4 loss with a 5-0 shutout at Fort Scott Wednesday.

Sophomore Carlos Soto of Kissimmee, Fla., turned in his best pitching performance of the season in blanking the Greyhounds in the second game.

The loss left the Blue Devils (12-2) in third place in the Jayhawk Conference standings behind Johnson County (8-0) and Cowley (7-1). Fort Scott (10-4) and Blue Devils will conclude their four-game series at KCKCC Saturday at 1 p.m.

Soto allowed just four hits, striking out seven, walking two and hitting three. The Blue Devils (23-7) backed Soto with 12 hits including a double and two singles by Griffin

Everett, three Jose Sosa singles and a Kemper Bednar double. KCKCC took a 1-0 lead in the first on singles by Traice Hartter, Kevin Santiago and Sosa's bunt single for the RBI and then added three runs in the fourth.

After singles by Sosa, Everett and Jose Acosta loaded the bases, Tyler Henry singled in one run, Matt Schrick's sacrifice fly scored a second and Bednar doubled in the third. Sosa's third hit scored the Blue Devils final run in the seventh.

The Blue Devils took a 4-3 lead in the top of the eighth in the opener on a two-out double by Eric Hinostroza after Schrick drew a walk only to have the Greyhounds score twice in the bottom of the inning off reliever Gaby Ramos. With one out, Fort Scott tied the game on a single, stolen base and single and then won it on an infield throwing error.

Orlando Ortiz pitched the first six innings, scattering nine hits while allowing three runs, one of which was unearned. He struck out seven, walked four and left nine men stranded on base. Hinostroza doubled twice and Acosta doubled and singled for four of KCKCC's six hits.

KCKCC Program Spotlight



KCKCC welcomes the March new employees! We hope you have settled into your new positions and are having a great time as the newest Blue Devils!



Polly Hawk and the Women in Literature Class recited readings on the topics of feminism, peace and nonviolence as part of KCKCC's Women's History Month events

KCKCC Featured on "La Ley y Sus Derechos"



Shelley Cetin, instructor in KCKCC's Adult Education program, appeared on AM 1340's radio program "La Ley y Sus Derechos" earlier in March.

She was invited on the program, which was all in Spanish, to tell the Hispanic community about a program KCKCC offers to immigrants giving them the opportunity to learn English at a low cost.

Cetin's appearance on the radio program was the result of a challenge issued by Sue

Grosdidier, the State Administrator for GED of the Kansas Board of Regents. Grosdidier visited KCKCC last fall, and one of the talking points of her presentation to Adult Education was that enrollment numbers could be helped by finding new ways to inform the public about ESL and GED classes. She challenged everyone in the department to find a way to tell the public about what Adult Education is and about what KCKCC does in its program.

What a terrific opportunity to promote KCKCC and its Adult and Continuing Education programs!

For more information on KCKCC's [Adult and Continuing Education programs](#), call 913-288-7660.

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 \$20 per person through March 31. 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. Early bird 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>

Grosstephan Pitches, Bats Blue Devils to Two One-Run Wins



A pair of outstanding pitching performances by Shay Grosstephan and Faith Maslak led KCKCC to a pair of one-run wins that went right down to the wire Wednesday.

The Blue Devils scored twice in the bottom of the seventh to rally to a 4-3 win over Southeast Community College, of Beatrice, Neb., and then stranded the tying run on third in a 2-1 second game wine.

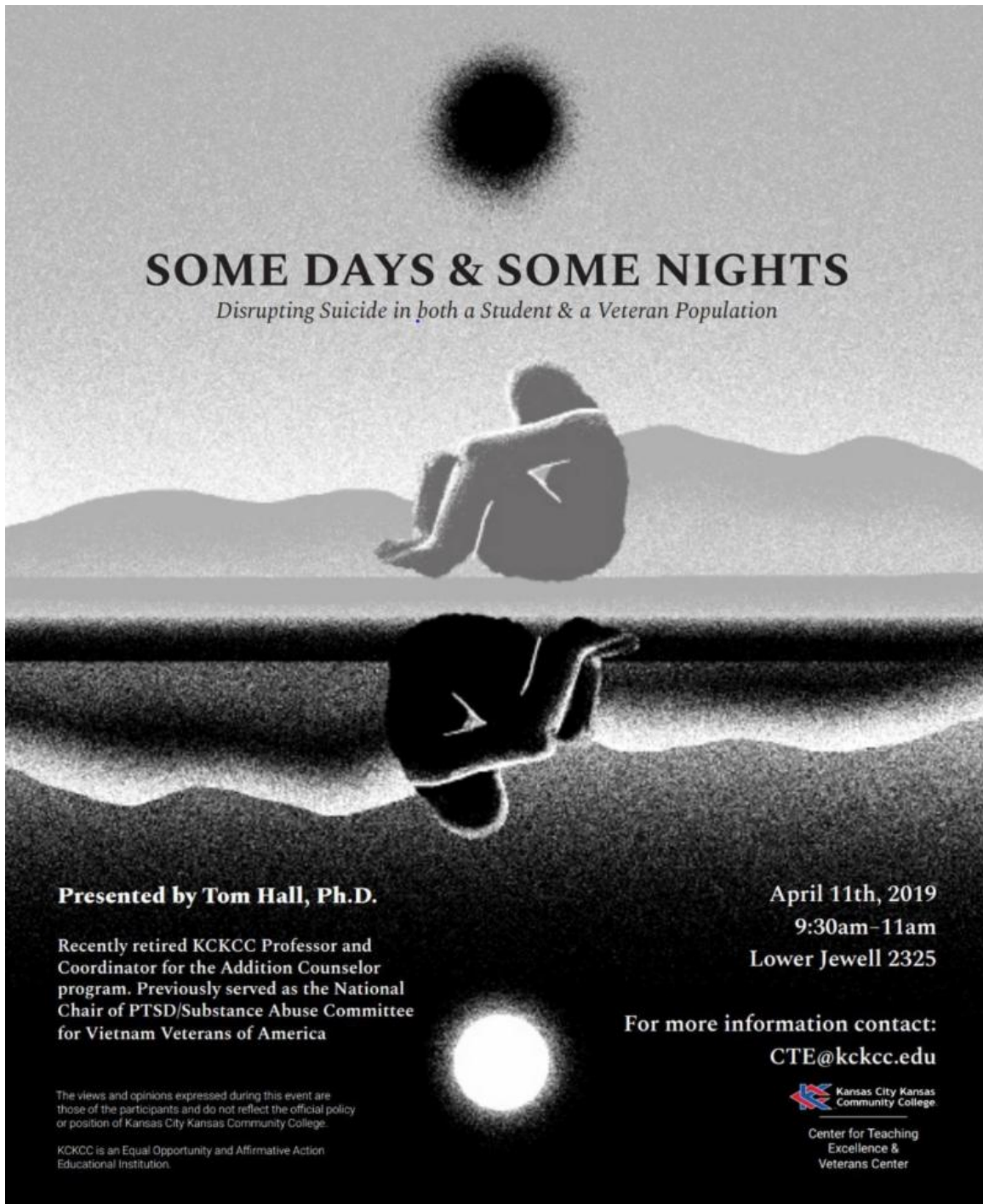
The wins boosted the Blue Devils' record to 17-7. The Blue Devils will resume Jayhawk Conference play at Hesston Sunday at 2 and 4 p.m. They'll then play North Central Missouri in Trenton Monday and then return home against North Central on Tuesday.

Trailing 3-2 in the bottom of the seventh in the first game, Basehor-Linwood sophomore Britney Smith led off the inning with a triple and scored the game tying run on Hannah Redick's single. Inserted as a pinch runner, Turner sophomore Gracie Gentry stole second and scored the game-winner on Grosstephan's single, her fourth hit and second RBI of the game. Devin Purcell and Grosstephan each had doubles and Birttney Beck drove in the Blue Devils' other run.

Mackenzie Pinkerton started on the mound for KCKCC, allowing two runs on three hits, walking one and striking out before Grosstephan came on in relief in the third inning. She gave up three hits and an unearned run while fanning three and walking two.

Maslak, a sophomore from Raymore, Mo., allowed just four hits and had a shutout until

Southeast scored an unearned run in the top of the seventh of the second game. With the tying run on third, Grosstephan got a ground ball to second to end the game. Maslak walked one and struck out two in improving her record to 5-1.



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 Addition Counselor program. Previously served as the National Chair of PTSD/Substance Abuse Committee for Vietnam Veterans of America

April 11th, 2019

9:30am-11am


Lower Jewell 2325

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