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Congrats Lady Blue Devils! NJCAA Region 6 Champs National Tourney Bound

Dominant Performance Sends KCKCC to National Tourney



As Julius Caesar once famously said and The Beatles later immortalized, "They came... they saw...they conquered."

And boy did they conquer! With a national tournament berth on the line, KCKCC's No. 7 ranked Lady Blue Devils took control early and never looked back in an 84-71 thrashing of No. 6 Highland to win the NJCAA DII Region VI championship at Hartman Arena in Park City Tuesday.

With their first Jayhawk Conference title safely tucked away, the sweep of the region championship is the first ever and sends the Blue Devils (29-4) to the NJCAA national tourney in Harrison, Ark., March 19-23. Sixteen teams will qualify for the double elimination tourney with pairings to be announced next Tuesday.

Tuesday's game was never in doubt after the Blue Devils bolted to a 35-26 lead in the waning minutes of the first half and then built leads of 19 and 20 points in the final half. It was 79-61 when KCKCC Coach Joe McKinstry emptied his bench with 2:11 remaining.

So dominant were the Blue Devils that they won convincingly despite giving up a whopping 25 turnovers. Of Highland's 71 points, 33 came off turnovers, mostly the result of 13 Scottie steals. Another 24 Highland points came off eight 3-pointers (six in the final quarters).



Miss Kansas Visits Students at KCKCC



KCKCC was proud to host Miss Kansas Hannah Klaassen Wednesday afternoon.

Klaassen was named Miss Kansas in June 2018 and is from Arkansas City, Kan. Before taking a year off to perform her Miss Kansas duties and responsibilities, she had completed her sophomore year at Tabor College in Hillsboro, Kan. She will return to Tabor this fall to compete her bachelor's degree in psychology.

Klaassen spoke with KCKCC students about

her experiences as Miss Kansas and mental health, which is her platform issue, during a lunch and learn in the Intercultural Center. She spoke of the Miss America process as well as her future goals once her reign comes to an end this summer.





KCKCC Program Spotlight



Students finished their charcuterie presentations Thursday! Nice job first time learning about cured meats and making pates!



Students in the Physical Therapist Assistant program got an introduction to kinesiotaping this week. Big thanks to Brian Klamm PT for taking time away from the clinic to educate our students on this!

KCKCC Now Recognized as a SVA Official Chapter



KCKCC was just named as an official chapter of the Student Veterans of America organization.

Student Veterans of America is open to all students, not just military-affiliated students.

Being a chapter also opens up a number resources for KCKCC's veteran students. These include:

- Scholarship opportunities
- Leadership training
- Community service opportunities
- Networking opportunities with other chapters

KCKCC SVA will be attending an all Kansas SVA symposium on March 23 and 24 to meet other Kansas Chapters and learn best practices in building KCKCC's SVA chapter.

For more information on how to join SVA stop by the Veterans Center or call 913-288-7593.

Blue Devils Home Sunday After Sweeping Labette

Sweeping Labette in opening Jayhawk Conference action on the road Thursday, KCKCC returns home Sunday to open its home conference campaign.

A doubleheader with Labette, the games were originally scheduled for Saturday but were pushed back a day in hopes of better weather. First pitch will come at 1 p.m. The Blue Devils made quick work of Thursday's opener against Labette, winning 11-1 in just five innings behind the pitching of Orlando Ortiz and then riding the bat of catcher Griffin Everett to a 7-5 9-inning win in the nightcap in games played on the campus of Pittsburg State University. The wins were the sixth and seventh in a row for the Blue Devils, who improved to 9-5.

A freshman from Lincoln, Neb., Everett drove in four runs with a single, double and home run in the 7-5 second game win. Everett's two-run homer, the first of his college career, tied the game in the second inning and his two-run double in the fifth scored what proved to be the decisive runs.

Sophomore Carlos Soto (3-1) got the win with outstanding relief efforts from Max Storch and Jose Amaro. Soto worked the first six innings, allowing four runs on four hits, walking two and striking out five.



Storch struck out two in one inning of relief; Amaro got the save, allowing one hit and fanning two after coming on in the eighth with two on and none out.

KCKCC Spotlight



The Pioneer Career Center celebrated Mardi Gras March 5 with an event at the school. In addition to food and games, there was a live band. What a great way to celebrate!



Congratulations to KCKCC students Ashley Nooner and William Kelley, who were named as Kansas State Phi Theta Kappa award winners March 7. Great work!!

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

