



## **KCKCC Prepares for 2019 Commencement Exercises; Be Prepared for Security Changes**

Graduation at KCKCC is quickly approaching, and plans are already underway for the annual celebration.

There will be two commencement ceremonies, both on Thursday, May 23 at the KCKCC Field House, 7250 State Ave. Commencement participants must attend the ceremony that corresponds with the certificate or degree that they have earned. Seating at both ceremonies is on a first come, first served basis. The doors will open one hour prior to the commencement ceremony. Reserved seating is available for those who require accommodations due to a medical disability.

The ceremony for those students who have earned an associate of applied science and certificates will be at 2 p.m. Graduate check-in begins at 1 p.m. The ceremony for those students who earned an associate of science, associate of arts or associate of general studies will be at 7 p.m. Graduate check-in begins at 6 p.m.

### **Security Changes**

This year, KCKCC will continue to use metal detector screening for everyone entering the Field House. All items, including clear bags and clutch purses, are subject to search at the entrance of the Field House. KCKCC is asking that everyone remove items from their pockets during the security check in process prior to approaching the metal detectors. This includes removing billfolds, cell phones, keys, change, etc. These measures will likely increase time necessary to enter the event, so please take that into account when deciding on an arrival time. In an effort to enhance safety and expedite entrance to the Field House, KCKCC has also implemented a clear bag guideline.

Clear tote bags that do not exceed 12" x 12" x 6" and one-gallon plastic freezer bags will be allowed. In addition, small handheld clutch purses no larger than 4.5" x 6.5" will be permitted. No other bags will be allowed inside the Field House. No items can be left or stored at the gates. Questions about graduation safety protocol can be directed to KCKCC Campus Police at 913-288-7636.

For more information on 2019 commencement exercises including graduation fees, visit <https://www.kckcc.edu/student-resources/graduation/index.html>. Information is also available by contacting a Graduation Specialist at 913-288-7519.



## **KCKCC Hosts 2019 Blue Devil 5K & Kids Trot**

The KCKCC Wellness & Fitness Center hosted the 2019 Blue Devils 5K & Kids Trot May 4. The course winds through the KCKCC campus on the roads, walking paths and sidewalks. Following the race, participants were able to enjoy an all-you-can eat pancake breakfast.

Winners of the 5K included:

- Overall Winner - **Sammy Obando**
- Overall Winner (Female Division) - **Erin Cowgill**
- Overall Winner (Male Division) - **Sammy Obando**
- Overall Winner (10-years to 15-years Female Division) - **Allyssa Cervantes**
- Overall Winner (10-years to 15-years Male Division) - **Kamran Eshan**
- Overall Winner (16-years to 19-years Female Division) - **Hla Ku Paw**
- Overall Winner (16-years to 19-years Male Division) - **Ethan Hacker**
- Overall Winner (20-years to 29-years Female Division) - **Ta Ehpaw Gaw**
- Overall Winner (20-years to 29-years Male Division) - **Christienne Lewis**
- Overall Winner (30-years to 36-years Female Division) - **Shawna Crilly**
- Overall Winner (30-years to 39-years Female Division) - **Rachelle Cervantes**
- Overall Winner (30-years to 39-years Male Division) - **Samuel Stepp**
- Overall Winner (40-years to 49-years Female Division) - **Brandi Biswell**
- Overall Winner (40-years to 49-years Male Division) - **Brian Powers**
- Overall Winner (50-years to 59-years Female Division) - **Judy Smith**
- Overall Winner (50-years to 59-years Male Division) - **Michael O'Connell**
- Overall Winner (60-years to 69-years Female Division) - **Gloria Sanchez**
- Overall Winner (60-years to 69-years Male Division) - **Curtis Smith**
- Overall Winner (70-years to 79-years Female Division) - **Marlene Ayers**
- Overall Winner (70-years to 79-years Male Division) - **Rich Ayers**
- Overall Winner (80-years to 89-years Female Division) - **Seiko Roberts**
- Overall Winner (80-years to 89-years Male Division) - **Gordon White**
- Overall Winner (90+ Female Division) - **Elaine Kramer**

For a list of complete winners, visit the KCKCC [website](#).

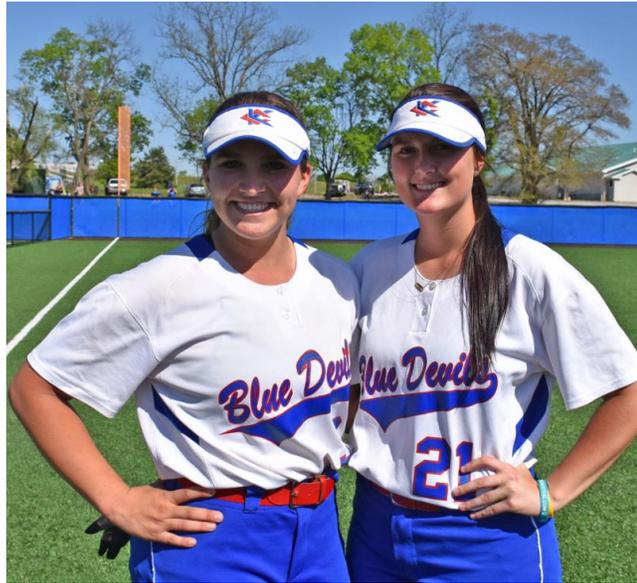


## Blue Devils' Playoff Goal: Snap Hesston 23-Game Streak

On March 30, KCKCC blanked Hesston 4-0 at Hesston.

The Larks (34-11) have not lost since - 23 straight wins heading into Saturday's re-match with the Blue Devils in the NJCAA Region VI DII District D tournament at the Hummer South Field in Topeka.

A win would advance the Blue Devils (36-18) against the Johnson County-Murray State winner; a loss and KCKCC will meet the loser of that game. The remaining games of the double elimination tourney will be played Sunday starting at 10 a.m. with the winner advancing to the national tournament.



Shay Grosstephan (13-6) will pitch the opener; Mackenzie Pinkerton (16-10) will start the second game. Both are freshmen. Grosstephan scattered six hits, striking out six and walking one in the 4-0 win at Hesston. She also had a 2-run home run.

In 133 innings this season, Grosstephan has given up 156 hits, struck out 69 and walked 53 in compiling a 4.21 earned run average. Pinkerton has pitched 151 innings, striking out 130, walking 87 and allowing 180 hits for a 4.82 ERA. As a staff, Blue Devil hurlers have held opponents to a .262 batting average.

The Blue Devils will be facing one of the Jayhawk's best in Hesston's Chelsea Smith. Boasting a 2.08 earned run average, Smith is 20-4 with five saves. She's appeared in 33 games, 23 as a starter with 15 complete games. In 145 innings, she's given up 90 hits, struck out 227 and walked 61.

# KCKCC Hosts Spring End of Year Bash

KCKCC celebrated the end of the spring semester with the annual End of Year Bash. In addition to food truck vendors in the math/science courtyard, there were games and activities in Lower Jewell including giant Connect Four and bull riding.



## KCKCC Basketball News



### Young to Southern Arkansas

An All-American is going home - to Southern Arkansas University.

A 2017 graduate of Magnolia High School who

earned All-American honors while helping lead KCKCC to the 2019 NJCAA DII national basketball championship, Kisi Young will continue her basketball career in her home town of Magnolia.

In Young, the Muleriders are getting a dynamic player capable of playing anywhere from point guard to power forward. Second on the team in rebounds (8.7) and third in scoring (10.6), Young shot the ball better than anyone in KCKCC history.

### Moore To Texas State

Lillie Moore is taking her skills to NCAA Division I basketball at Texas State University in San Marcos.

A 6-0 sophomore from Magnolia, Ark., Moore was a key contributor in KCKCC's winning the NJCAA DII national championship.

A member of the Sun Belt Conference, Texas State finished 9-9 in conference play and 14-17 overall this past season.

A member of the All-Tournament team at the NJCAA national, Moore earned All-Region and All-Jayhawk Conference honors both seasons at KCKCC. Second in scoring (14.7) and third in rebounding (8.1), Moore shot 53.0 percent from the field. She started in 35 of KCKCC's 36 games this season.

Named to the 2019 NJCAA DII All-American second team, Young was also named to the All-Tournament team at the national tournament and All-Region and All-Jayhawk Conference first team selection.



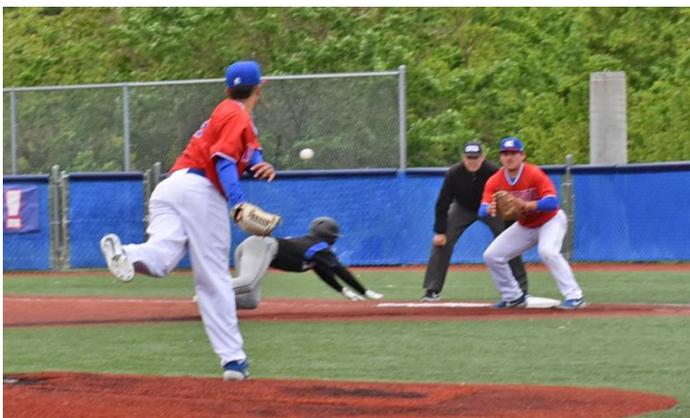
## Legislators Give KCKCC Basketball Standing Ovation

Highlighted by a standing ovation from Kansas state legislators, KCKCC's national basketball champions were honored at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka.

Hosted by State Rep. Dr. Valdenia Winn, head Blue Devil coach Joe McKinstry and assistant coach Timeka O'Neal brought the championship plaques to the podium for a photo opportunity before Winn was joined by other Wyandotte County legislators in saluting the team with a resume of the Blue Devils' road to the national championship with special emphasis on playoff wins over Johnson County and Highland that earned a national tournament berth.



## Barton Backs Blue Devils to Elimination Wall with 6-2 Win



KCKCC's Blue Devils dug themselves a first inning hole Thursday from which they could not dig their way out.

Jumping in front 3-0 in the first, Barton County grabbed the upper hand in the Region VI baseball playoffs with a 6-2 win. Game 2 of the best-of-three series is set for 2 p.m. Friday. A KCKCC win will force a third game Saturday; a loss will end

the Blue Devil season.

The Cougars took advantage of two hit batsman and a walk in taking the 3-0 lead in the first. Loading the bases after a leadoff triple by Andrew Stewart, designated hitter Charlie Peyla scored all three with a bases-clearing triple to right center.

KCKCC got a run back in the bottom of the first. Eduardo Acosta opened the inning with a leadoff triple and scored on Kevin Santiago's sacrifice fly. But the Blue Devils could manage only five other hits and one run the rest of the way against Barton's Zach Curry and Joe Richter.

Barton widened its lead to 5-1 with single runs in the fourth and fifth innings. Peyla

drove in his fourth run of the game with a two-out double that kayoed KCKCC starter Osvaldo Mendez in the fourth. Mendez allowed six hits and four runs, striking out seven but walking two and hitting three. The Cougars' run in the fifth came without a hit against reliever Hunter Paxton, scoring on a hit batsman, walk, sacrifice bunt and a ground ball.

## KCKCC Program Spotlight



KCKCC Admissions led a tour of the KCKCC Technical Education Center's automotive and collision repair programs with future Blue Devils earlier this week.



Check out KCKCC's newest billboard on the 18th St. Expressway as you are heading toward the Argentine Neighborhood. KCKCC are excited to start offering classes at Wyandotte High School this fall!

## 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](mailto:krogge@kckcc.edu) for more information.

#KCKCCProud #KCKCCImpact #BlueDevil100Stories

[Click here to see the first 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>

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## **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!

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# KCKCC EVENING CLASSES AT WYANDOTTE HIGH SCHOOL FALL 2019

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



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### **Classes To Be Offered:**

#### **General College Credit Courses:**

*BIOL 121 General Biology*  
*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 Valarie con preguntas 913-288-7660.

**Please call KCKCC Admission's Office for  
enrollment information 913.288.7600.**

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