



## **Military Appreciation Dinner**

The KCKCC Veteran Center hosted a Military and Veteran student appreciation dinner May 9. Congratulations to all of the veterans and students who were recognized!



## **Blue Devils Escape One Elimination Game, but Not Second**

KCKCC's best softball season in more than a decade came to an end Sunday, but not without a whale of a fight.

Faced with winning three games in one day, the Blue Devils won a pressure-packed 1-0 decision over Murray State (Okla.) in an elimination game, and then had the tying runs on base in the bottom of the seventh before Johnson County escaped with a 4-2 championship game win in the NJCAA DI District D tournament in Topeka.



Advancing to the district semifinals for the first time since 2014, the Blue Devils finished the season 38-20 while Johnson County (24-12) advances to the NJCAA DII national tournament in Clinton, Miss., May 22-25.

Both games went right down to the final pitch Sunday starting with the 1-0 win over Murray State (25-21-1). Shay Grosstephan took a 5-hit shutout into the bottom of the seventh when Murray State mounted its only serious scoring threat of the game - a one-out triple to the fence in right-center field. The Aggies put the tying run on second on their only walk of the game, but Pinkerton finished with a game-ending

strikeout on a 3-2 pitch.

JCCC jumped in front 2-0 in the second inning of the second game, scoring the runs on three singles and an errant throw on a squeeze bunt. The uprising might have been worse had not Blue Devil catcher Brittney Beck caught a runner wandering too far off third.

KCKCC got one run back in the third on a single by Beck, double by Hannah Redick and Devin Purcell's run-scoring sacrifice fly. The Cavaliers got that run back in the fourth on a one-out triple and a squeeze bunt and the game settled into a pitcher's duel between Pinkerton and Kerrigan Dixon (15-4). JCCC added what proved to be a huge insurance run in the top of the seventh on a double and two-out single.

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## **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.

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# Barton Ends KCKCC Baseball Season 7-3

An outstanding KCKCC baseball season came to an abrupt and disappointing end May 10.

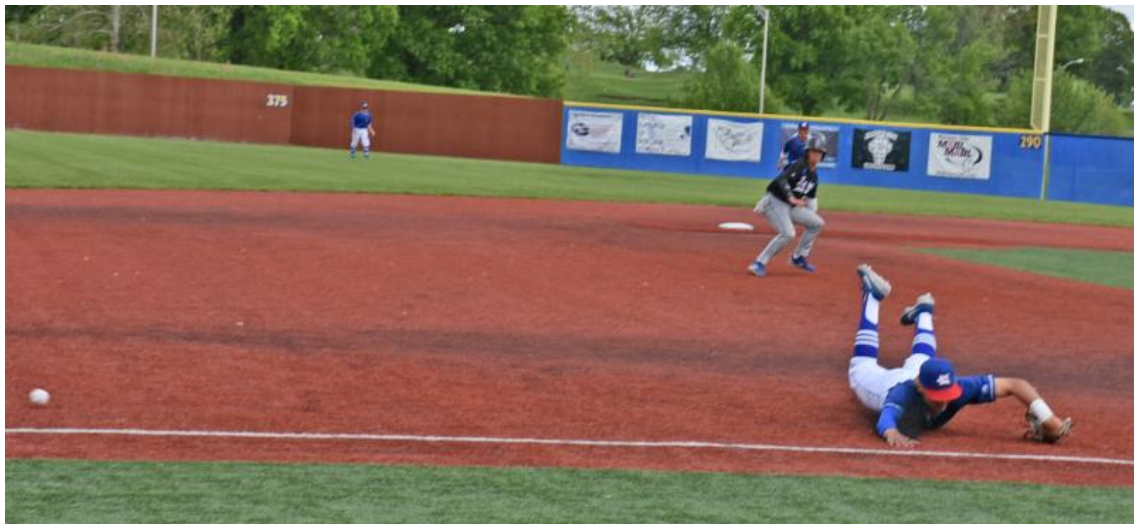
Locked in a 3-3 deadlock after nine innings, the Blue Devils were knocked out of the NJCAA DI regional tournament by a 4-run Barton County 10<sup>th</sup> inning hit explosion in a 7-3 setback. The loss ended KCKCC's season with a 39-16 record while Barton County moves on in defense of last year's regional championship with a 35-20 record.

The Blue Devils got a terrific pitching performance from sophomore Orlando Ortiz, who gave up just six hits and three runs in nine innings. He struck out seven and walked one but hit three batters, one of whom scored.

Offensively, KCKCC jumped out to a 3-1 lead. The Blue Devils forged a 1-1 tie in the second inning, scoring on Brady Holder's two-out bunt single after a leadoff single by JT Goodfellow. The Blue Devils knocked out Barton starter Easton Smith with three hits in a 2-run third. After singles by Eric Hinoestroza and Tyler Henry, Goodfellow's squeeze bunt scored one run and Traice Hartter singled in another.

But that's when four Barton relief pitchers slammed the door on the Blue Devils' offense, allowing only three hits and two walks over the final seven innings. The Blue Devils' biggest chance to score again came in the sixth when Kemper Bednar singled, stole second and went to third on a single by Eduardo Acosta. But with runners on second and third, Barton's Jacob Ensz struck out the next two hitters. Jose Sosa walked and got as far as second in the seventh but the Blue Devils managed only one hit over the last four innings, an infield single by Hinoestroza, his third hit of the game.

The Blue Devils' 23-9 record in the Jayhawk East was KCKCC's best in the last four seasons. A solid third in the conference, KCKCC finished a game out of second and three games out of first.



**KCKCC Program Spotlight**



KCKCC was pleased to attend the 2019 Mayor's State of the Unified Government address May 14!



Congrats to these Kansas City, Kan. School District graduates on graduating high school with their associate degree from KCKCC - Oliver Vera, AAS, July 2019 graduate, Harmon High School and Saul Orozco, AA, May 2019 graduate, Wyandotte High School.

## 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>

## 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!

## NJCAA Player of the Year Choose UCM



By nature, Nija Collier is not a greedy person - until it comes to national championships.

Leading KCKCC to the 2019 NJCAA DII national basketball championship was not enough for the 6-foot sophomore who was named NJCAA DII National Player of the Year. Turning down several offers from NCAA Division I colleges and universities, Collier committed to the University of Central Missouri (UCM).

Few if any DII schools offer a better opportunity to win on a consistent basis than the Jennies of UCM. In the 36 years of women's basketball, the program has had only two losing seasons. The 2018 national champions, the Jennies also won the national title in 1984 and have been to the national tournament nine times. Huge fan favorites in Warrensburg, the Jennies had one of their worst seasons (14-14) in 2006-07 and still ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the nation in attendance. UCM also made it possible for

Collier to play immediately - something the Division I schools could not do.

In Collier, UCM is getting the national and Jayhawk Conference Player of the Year plus her teammate, 5-9 guard Camryn Swanson. The team leader in scoring (17.3), rebounds (9.7) and blocked shots, Collier shot 58.5 percent from the field.

Their timing is also excellent. The Jennies graduate both of their top 3-point shooters, All-American Paige Redmond and Sydney Crockett, and both Collier and Swanson are outstanding in that department. Collier was a 40 percent shooter from 3-point this season while Swanson's 87 threes are an all-time KCKCC best. Ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> nationally this past season, UCM finished 27-5 after being eliminated from the DII tournament on a 3-pointer with 0.5 seconds remaining.

Collier's goal coming out of high school was to play DI and she had her chances. Three DI schools right out of her back yard of the Detroit area offered - Western Michigan, Eastern Michigan and Central Michigan along with Illinois State, Indiana State, Murray State and Delaware State.

## KCKCC 3-Point Record Holder to UCM

First a national championship, now a dream destination.

After helping KCKCC win the 2019 NJCAA DII women's national

championship, Camryn Swanson will continue her basketball career at the University of Central Missouri (UCM) in Warrensburg.

Swanson will be joined at UCM by her roommate and best friend, Nija Collier, the NJCAA DII Player of the Year for 2019.

KCKCC's national championship, its second in four years, was also a factor in the decision. UCM won the NCAA DII national championship in 2018 and was ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> nationally this past season before being eliminated by a 3-point shot at the horn in tournament play.



What the Jennies will be getting in Swanson is one of the most prolific 3-point shooters in KCKCC history. Her 87 3-pointers this season are an all-time best and her 128 over her 2-year career ties her for the all-time best. Swanson had 11 games with four or more threes including one game of seven that is second best at KCKCC and another of six games. Playing in all 36 games, she averaged 8.6 points.

In the national tournament in Harrison, Ark., Swanson had five 3-pointers in the Blue Devils' 82-68 win over Pima (Ariz.) to get KCKCC to the semifinals. She added a trio of threes and 11 points in the championship game as the Blue Devils (32-4) destroyed Union County (NJ) 84-59.

Winning the national championship was far easier than getting to the national tourney. The Blue Devils led every game in the national by at least 20 points but to get to the national tournament required wins over two Top 10 teams - Johnson County (JCCC), which was ranked No. 1 most of the season, and No. 6 Highland.

Swanson will major in Criminal Justice at UCM with a goal of going to law school and becoming an attorney.

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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  
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