



Veterans Day at KCKCC

KCKCC celebrated Veterans Day Nov. 12 with a flag raising at the flag poles on Main Campus. Following the flag raising, KCKCC's Jim Mair performed "The Star Spangled Banner" and guests were invited to a reception in the college's new Veterans Center. KCKCC wants to thank all of the brave men and women who have served our country, and we honor them for their sacrifice.



KCKCC's Nija Collier is National Player of the Week

One of the best week-long performances in KCKCC women's basketball history has earned Nija Collier NJCAA National Player-of-the-Week honors.

Also the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference

(KJCCC) Player-of-the-Week, Collier is only the second Blue Devil player to sweep the national and Jayhawk awards. Cheyenne North earned the national and KJCCC awards on the way to leading KCKCC to the NJCAA Division II national championship in 2015-16.

Averaging 18 points, 14.3 rebounds and 3.7 blocks, the 6-0 sophomore power forward from Detroit, Mich., led the No. 9 ranked and unbeaten Lady Blue Devils (6-0) to wins over Washburn JV, St. Louis Community College and North Central Missouri.

Collier leads the nation in blocks (3.2) and is second nationally in rebounding (13.8). She also leads the Blue Devils in field goal percentage (.608), free throw percentage (.875) and 3-point percentage (.440).



KCKCC Choral Students Perform in New York

Students in KCKCC's Choral Music Department had the opportunity this week to participate in the United States premiere of Paul Mealor's Requiem - The Souls of the Righteous at Carnegie Hall. The performance was part of The Great War event, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. KCKCC was among the 200-members of the Distinguished Concerts Singers International.

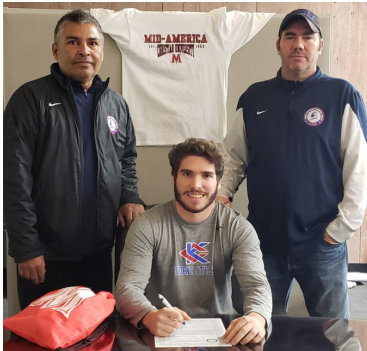


6th Annual Turkey Games





KCKCC's Valles Signs with Oklahoma Soccer Power



Hector Valles came to KCKCC to learn English - and play soccer.

Today, the native of Valencia, Spain, is signed and sealed to continue his education at Mid-America Christian University (MACU) in Oklahoma City, Okla. A soccer power as a member of the Sooner Athletic Conference, MACU (12-5-1) is headed for this fall's NAIA national tournament.

A member of KCKCC's 2017 team that won Jayhawk Conference and Plains District championships and the college's first ever national tournament appearance, Valles was captain of the 2018 Blue Devil team.

Valles chose Mid-America Christian from offers from 30 NAIA and NCAA DII colleges because of financial considerations. KCKCC Coach Ruben Rodriguez said his academic success was a major factor in earning 30-40 offers from other colleges and universities.

KCKCC Program Spotlight



KCKCC's Art Gallery celebrated the opening of its latest exhibit, "Unspoken Violence" by George C. Mayfield Studio, with a reception Nov. 9. The project promotes awareness for domestic violence, child abuse and bullying in schools. The exhibit runs through Dec. 17, so if you have some time, be sure to stop by!



KCKCC is pleased to welcome our November new hires. Welcome to the Blue Devil family and good luck in your new positions!

Big Second Half Foils KCKCC Men vs. Allen County

Longtime rival Allen County broke open a tight contest early in the second half and raced to an 84-64 win over KCKCC Tuesday.

It was the first meeting of the two teams in three years. For more than 30 years, the two teams collided twice a year as members of the Jayhawk Division I Conference. KCKCC moved to Division II in 2013-14. The two teams will meet again next Tuesday in Iola as part of a men-women doubleheader.

Allen County improved to 5-1 with the win while the Blue Devils fell to 1-4 heading into a road game against Park University JV in Parkville Friday at 7 p.m.

Freshman Andre Boykins, who was 4-of-8 from the field including 2-of-3 3-pointers, was the lone Blue Devil in double figures. Boykins also shared the KCKCC rebounding lead with Daiyon Taylor, each with six. Calvin Slaughter added eight points, Jalen Davis, Kelyn Bolton and Taylor Turner seven each and Jonathan Richmond and Malcolm Tate six a piece.



Entrepreneurship & Workforce Center

Entrepreneurship, workforce and innovation has gone global!

While we have been busy this last two weeks showing off to our local high schools and showing up as others move through their entrepreneur journey we have also been preparing for “Show Time” at the Global Entrepreneur Week in Kansas City.

We are connecting the present with the future by collaborating with our up and coming workforce and co-creating opportunities for their futures. The next time you visit the room of Sheyvette Dinkens, Business Facilitator at Wyandotte High School, look up and see our KCKC logo above her door. This week we spoke to a group of more than 40 Jr. high school students from “Gear Up” who learned about developing an entrepreneur mindset, and it was our privilege to host HEDC’s first FAST TRAC graduates to support their journey of business growth and entrepreneurship.



Need A Career that is a Good Fit?

For more information about the Entrepreneurship & Workforce Center, call 913-288-7880 or email EnhanceU@kckcc.edu. Information is also available on the website at [HOT JOBS - LOG IN NOW!](http://HOTJOBS-KCKCC.COM)



Chiefs Tickets Still Available in KCKCC Fundraiser



You still have the opportunity to see the Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium and help the KCKCC Foundation at the same time!

Tickets are \$33.50 and \$10 of each ticket will be donated to the foundation to be used toward student scholarships.

Games that remain are:

- Dec. 9 - Ravens vs. Chiefs, noon
- Dec. 13 - Chargers vs. Chiefs, 7:20 p.m.
- Dec. 30 - Raiders vs. Chiefs, noon

Click [here](#) to purchase Kansas City Chiefs tickets go to the Ticket Fundraiser website. Be sure to enter code KCKCCEF!

KCKCC Women Win 7th Straight; Play MCC Saturday

With a seventh straight win safely tucked away, KCKCC's surging Lady Blue Devils take to a road that suddenly gets a whole lot tougher.

Only two junior varsity opponents remain among the nine games before the holiday break and six of the next seven games are away from the friendly confines of the KCKCC Field House.

It all starts Saturday when the Blue Devils play Metropolitan Community College (3-2) on the Penn Valley campus at 5 p.m. A women's-men's doubleheader at Allen County follows Tuesday night and single game at North Central Missouri Nov. 27 before KCKCC gets back home against William Penn JV Nov. 29.

The unbeaten and No. 9 ranked Blue Devils made quick work of Saint Mary JV Thursday, bolting to a 29-5 first quarter lead on the way to a 95-61 win. Just 2-of-12 from the field, the Lady Spires stayed nearly stride for stride in the middle two quarters thanks to their perimeter shooting. Outscored just 45-40 in the middle two periods, the Spires were 11-of-25 from 3-point.



Five Blue Devils scored in double figures. Named NJCAA National Player of the Week on Wednesday, Nija Collier led the way with 25 points and 18 rebounds. Lillie Moore added 16 points and six rebounds, Camryn Swanson 14 points including four 3-pointers, Lenaejah Evans 13 points and Brodi Byrd 10.

Remember the KCKCC Foundation on Giving Tuesday

Looking for a way to support KCKCC students this holiday season? Consider donating to the KCKCC Foundation on Giving Tuesday, which is Nov. 27! Your donation will help provide scholarships to KCKCC students. Even better, Facebook is matching up to \$7 million in donations made on Giving Tuesday, which means your donation could go even farther. Visit the KCKCC Foundation's [Facebook](#) page on Giving Tuesday to make your donation!!



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Big Upset Accented KCKCC Volleyball Improvement

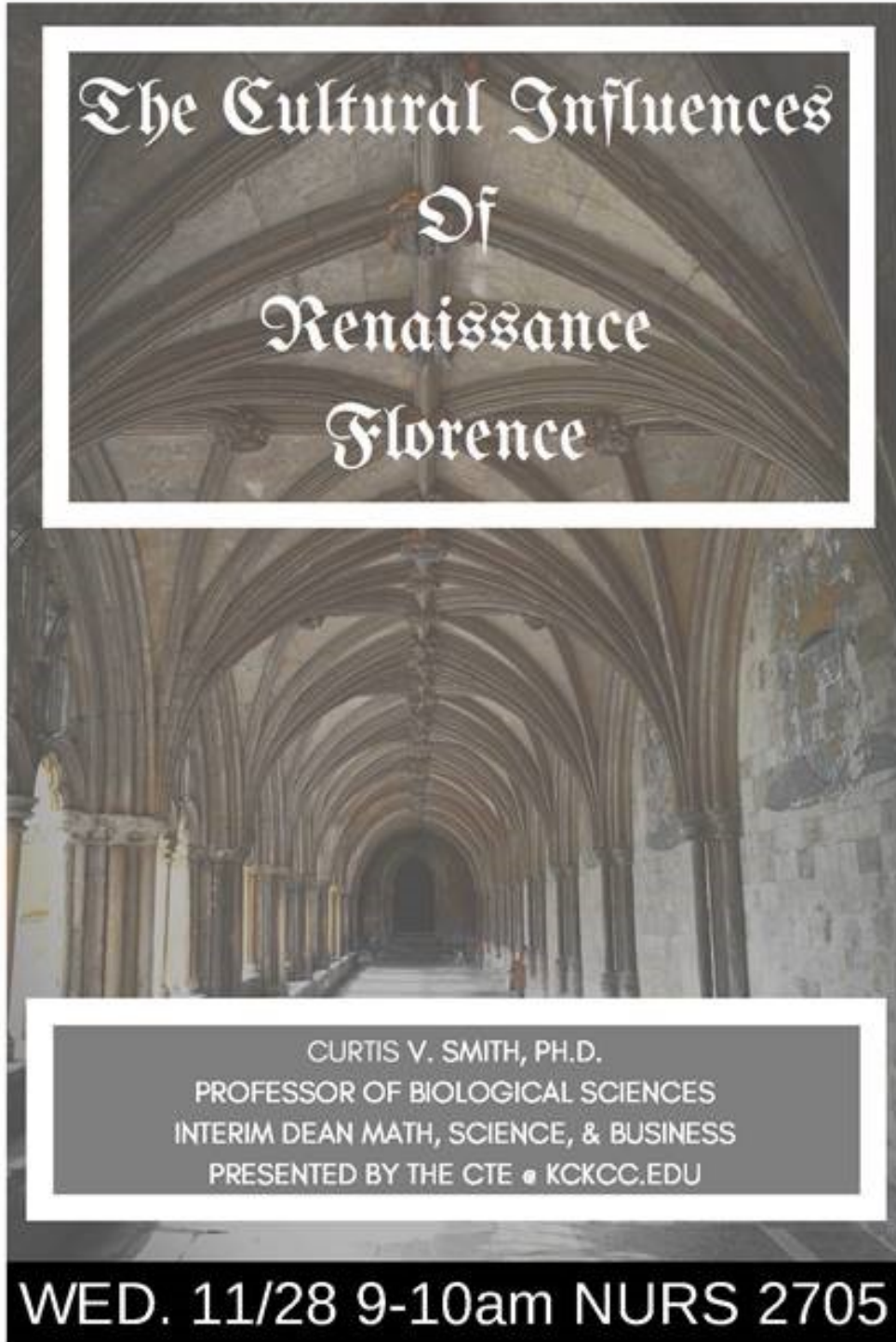
What the record book for 2018 will show is that a young KCKCC volleyball team compiled a record of 19 wins, 16 losses.

What it won't tell you is the 19 wins came playing the toughest NJCAA Division II schedule in the nation; that 15 of the losses came to teams ranked in the Top 20 teams in the nation at one time or another; that five wins came over ranked teams and that the Lady Blue Devils closed out the season with the biggest Jayhawk Conference upset in several years.



Even better, nine freshmen will be returning next season along with three commitments already in the fold. Two Blue Devils earned post-season honors. Randi Johnson, a sophomore middle blocker from Lee's Summit who led the team in kills with 381, was named to the All-Region VI first team and Jayhawk All-Conference second team and freshman outside hitter Amilex Lopez was named to the All-Region second team and earned Jayhawk Conference honorable mention after finishing second in kills (303).

The improvement was accented in the Region VI playoffs when the Blue Devils stunned No. 3 ranked Highland 3-2 at Highland just five days after the Scotties had blanked No. 1 Coffeyville 3-0. The win snapped a streak of 24 wins in a row for Highland, which finished with a best ever 34-3 record.



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