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# **KCKCC recognizes Faculty Members**

Congratulations to KCKCC faculty members Patrick Dunn, adjunct professor in fire science; Victor Ammons, assistant professor of psychology and Dr. Gregg Ventello, professor of English. Dunn and Ammons were recognized with the TEACH (Teaching Excellence and Colleague Honor) Award, given to faculty members each semester who have made a difference in the lives of their students.



The TEACH Award is co-sponsored by Faculty Senate and the Center for Teaching Excellence. It is a peer nominated and peer reviewed award, given to both a full-time and an adjunct winner every semester. Winners receive a \$100 gift card, a framed certificate, their names engraved on a plaque at the Center for Teaching Excellent, and a teaching showcase is held in their honor the following semester.

Ventello received the Henry Louis Excellence in Teaching Award. Nominations for the award must address a faculty members' consistent excellence in the classroom, engagement beyond the classroom and vision, purpose and innovative practice in teaching, among other items.

The award was named after Dr. Henry Louis, who was a history professor and then dean of the Social and Behavioral Sciences division from 1967 until 2005. Louis was committed to our students, our community and the mission of the college. He was a passionate educator who valued diversity and was instrumental in helping to develop the Intercultural Center on campus.

## No. 9 KCKCC Women Win Pair, Tough Tests Ahead

Safely through an exhausting challenge that included two games and a four-hour bus ride in a span of 37 hours, the road suddenly gets much tougher for



KCKCC's No. 9 ranked women's basketball team.

Balanced scoring with different leaders highlighted the 92-50 win over William Penn and 86-56 home court win over Washburn. Because of injuries and team suspensions, eight players have carried the entire offensive load with each of eight scoring at least seven points in each game with one exception.

Sophomore Nija Collier led the way at William Penn with a game high double-double 21 points and 14 rebounds while front line teammates Lillie Moore added 18 points and 6 rebounds and Kisi Young 11 points and 9 rebounds.

It was the outside shooters who led the way against Washburn Monday. Boyd and Swanson each had four

3-pointers and it was their five field goals from the perimeter that got KCKCC in front to stay 26-15. Brodi finished with 17 points and Swanson with 14 while Moore and Collier dominated inside. Moore had 17 points and 8 rebounds, Collier 8 points and 12 rebounds. Hoppock and Watts added 9 points each and Young 8 in another well balanced attack.

# **KCKCC Volunteers at Stand Down Event**

On Nov. 2, faculty, staff and students from KCKCC volunteered to support the Heart of America Stand Down event that provided much needed assistance to homeless veterans in the Kansas City area.

The event brought together hundreds of community service groups and organizations from Kansas City to provide assistance and help rid the barriers that prevent homeless veterans from re-entering society as engaged, productive citizens and live more fulfilling lives. Assistance offered included medical, substance abuse, legal issues, taxes, housing and utility assistance, family counseling, spiritual, mentorships, educational and employment opportunities and haircuts. Approximately 450 veterans and dependents attended the event this year.





## **Tests Toughen for KCKCC Teams in Lindsey Classic**

KCKCC basketball teams take on their toughest tests of the early season when they host the annual 8-game Keith Lindsey Classic Friday and Saturday.

The unbeaten and No. 9 ranked Lady Blue Devils will try to win



their fourth game in a row when they take on St. Louis Community College (1-0) at 6 p.m. Friday and North Central Missouri College (1-2) at 4 p.m. Saturday.

The Blue Devil men (1-1) will open at 8 p.m. Friday against Prep Link Year, a prep basketball academy located in Branson, Mo. On Saturday, they'll face North Central Missouri in a 6 p.m. tipoff.

Tournament action gets underway Friday with a women's game between Hesston and North Central at 2 p.m. followed by a men's contest between Labette and North Central Missouri at 4 p.m. Play on Saturday will begin at noon and will match Hesston and St. Louis with a men's game between Labette and Link Year Prep at 2 p.m.

Saturday's women's game between KCKCC and North Central Missouri will have particular interest because four of North Central's first five opponents are members of the Jayhawk Conference. The Lady Pirates have lost to Fort Scott 75-66 and Johnson County 81-61 of the Jayhawk Conference while defeating Ellsworth 67-57.

#### FRIDAY

WOMEN 2 p.m. - Hesston vs. North Central Missouri Missouri 6 p.m. - KCKCC vs. St. Louis MEN 4 p.m. - Labette vs. North Central

8 p.m. - KCKCC vs. Link Year Prep

SATURDAY

Noon - Hesston vs. St. Louis 4 p.m. - KCKCC vs. North Central Missouri Missouri 2 p.m. - Labette vs. Link Year Prep 6 p.m. - KCKCC vs. North Central

## **KCKCC Program Spotlight**



The Sigma Phi Sigma Fraternity at KCKCC, Mortuary Science program hosted a pumpkin carving contest in October. These KCKCC fraternity members were celebrating Halloween and also using this a team building opportunity. What a fun way to work on team building skills!



Jim Mair and the KCKCC Jazz Trio performed at the Mason Jar Nov. 6. If you missed out, no problem! They will be there from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday in November!

### KCKCC and Bellevue University Enter Into New Partnership



KCKCC and Bellevue University are introducing a new way to make the most of your associates degree and making the path to a bachelor's

degree a lot easier. Bellevue University believes all of the credits earned at KCKCC are worthy of transfer, and Bellevue will accept ALL of them.

Transfer your entire associates degree, and you can complete a bachelor's degree at Bellevue in as little as 18 months through the university's online cohort program. Better yet there are zero transfer fees and zero application fees.

For more information, contact Bellevue University's rep Brady Beckman, who is now on KCKCC's campus full-time in the Student Success Center! You can reach him by email at <u>bbeckman@bellevue.edu</u> or by phone at 816-702-9205.

## Blue Devil Men's Basketball Roll to 104-54 Win

Shooting nearly 60 percent from the field, the Blue Devils raced to a 104-54 win over Saint Mary JV in Leavenworth Monday night.

Four Blue Devils scored in double figures and two more had eight or more points in the 104-54 win at Saint Mary. In all, 13 players got into the contest and all scored.



Jalen Davis, a 6-2 guard from Houston, led the way, scoring 23 points on 9-of-11 shooting while 6-2 guard Calvin Slaughter, of Macon, GA., had 17 points, missing only one of seven shots including 4-of-5 from 3-point range. Sophomores Malcolm Tate and DuVonte' Beard added 11 and 10 points respectively; freshman Cody Dortch of Paragould, Ark., chipped in with nine and sophomore Tana Johnson of F.L. Schlagle eight.

KCKCC also dominated the rebounding 34-19 with sophomore Tyson Beringer leading with nine along with three blocked shots and three assists. Beard and Jonathan Richmond, of Columbia, Mo., added six rebounds each.

The Blue Devils made 37-of-62 shots for a torrid 59.6 percent including 13-of-24 from 3-point range while limiting Saint Mary to just 18 field goals and 47.3 percent shooting.

## KCKCC Jolts No. 3 Highland in Conference Stunner



KCKCC's 2018 volleyball season came to an end Saturday, but not before the Lady Blue Devils landed the biggest Jayhawk Conference upset blow in recent years.

Athletic Director Tony Tompkins called it "Awesome." "Fantastic" agreed Coach Mary Bruno-Ballou in the wake of KCKCC's stunning 3-2 win over No. 3 Highland, much to the dismay of a partisan home crowd in a raucous, jam-packed Highland gymnasium.

Just five days earlier, the No. 3 ranked Scotties had staked their claim to the No. 1 ranking with a 3-0 home court thrashing of Coffeyville. The win sealed the Jayhawk East championship and No. 1 seed in the District M pairings for the Lady Scotties, who came into the playoffs with 24 straights wins after their only losses to No. 1 Parkland and No. 4 Johnson County.

But that was before taking on a gutsy gang of Lady Blue Devils, who quieted the crowd with their best performance of the season. Highland took the opening set 25-15, but visions of an easy romp to the district finals were quickly dispelled as the Blue Devils took command. Trailing 12-5 in the second set, KCKCC rallied for a 25-23 win and then jumped in front 10-5 in a 25-18 third set win.

Highland got the match back to even with a 25-22 fourth set win before KCKCC surged to 6-3 and 8-4 leads on the way to a 15-10 clinching win. Bruno-Ballou said a switch

offensively from a 6-2 to a 5-1 was the key to the Blue Devils' comeback in the second set.

The win sent KCKCC into the championship against No. 4 Johnson County, who had to rally for a 3-2 win over Neosho County. The Cavaliers dropped the first two sets 25-18, 25-21 before winning the final three 25-12, 25-21, 15-10.

That set up a championship match that started at 10 p.m. After taking a 25-17 opening win, JCCC (27-7) held on 25-23 in the second set and then won the third 25-14 and a berth in the national tournament. The final match did not end until nearly midnight but Bruno-Ballou refused to blame the late start for the loss. The loss ended KCKCC's season at 19-16. The best season in history for Highland, the Scotties finished 34-3.

