



KCKCC Women Ranked No. 1 in Preseason Poll

For the first time in history, KCKCC is the No. 1 ranked team in NJCAA DII women's basketball.

Receiving all but one first place vote, the defending national champions lead a quartet of Jayhawk Conference teams ranked in the Top 12 in the NJCAA's preseason poll of Division II teams. Johnson County is ranked 8th, Labette 11th and Highland 12th.



The No. 1 ranking comes despite the fact the Blue Devils return only two players who played the entire 2018-19 season - and one of them will not be available to start the season which begins Nov. 1. Caroline Hoppock, a versatile 5-10 guard/forward who played in all 36 games last season, suffered a concussion and will be sidelined indefinitely.

That leaves 5-5 guard Brodi Byrd as the only full-time returnee. Byrd moved into the starting lineup at mid-season and averaged 8.9 points and 3.0 rebounds in 22 starts. Carson Chandler, a 5-8 guard, is also back after playing only the spring semester. However, she is sidelined with a leg injury.

While KCKCC has won two national championships, the Blue Devils were never ranked better than No. 3 in either national championship season although Johnson County and Highland achieved the No. 1 ranking last season. There's no poll taken after the national tournament.

The Blue Devils host Graceland JV in their opener Nov. 1, and then entertain St. Louis Community College the next night. What most likely will be billed as the "Game of the Year," KCKCC will play No. 2 Kirkwood in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Nov. 9. A two-game classic, KCKCC also plays Southeastern Iowa Nov. 8.

KCKCC Celebrates First UKHS GED Graduates

The first students participating in the "Because We Care" GED Program, which was created through a partnership with KCKCC and the University of Kansas Health Systems, received their GEDs Oct. 22 in a ceremony at the University of Kansas Medical Center campus.



Launched in December, this partnership allows employees of UKHS who have not earned their high school diploma, to earn their GED during the normal work day. Employees stay on the clock and attend classes right on the medical center's campus. KCKCC provides the instruction. Students are also paired with mentors that they meet with throughout the process. During the ceremony, three UKHS employees graduated with their GED certificate. There are currently 24 employees in the GED program. Five of those students are one test away from completing the program.

Other program partners include The Roasterie, Heartland Coca-Cola and Fautless Linen. UKHS employees also have the opportunity to contribute to the initiative.

Congratulations to Timothy Mora, Reyna Hernandez and Christina Beck for completing their GED!

KCKCC Women Host First Soccer Playoff Saturday

KCKCC's young women's soccer team stamped its first trip to the Region VI playoffs with authority Sunday afternoon.

Scoring three goals in the first nine minutes, the Lady Blue Devils' 6-1 win over Coffeyville not only wrapped up a first time playoff berth but it will be a played at home - 1 p.m. Saturday against Barton County (8-7), the defending Region VI champion.

KCKCC is the No. 4 seed and Barton the No. 5. The winner will play the winner of the Johnson County (No. 8) and Cloud County (No. 1) game. In the other half of the bracket, No. 6 Butler County plays at No. 3 Hutchinson on Saturday while No. 2 Cowley College hosts No. 7 Dodge City on Sunday. The first round winners will advance to the semifinals at the home of the higher seeded team on Oct. 31.

Coach Shawn Uhlenhake was pleased with a near shutout of Coffeyville, a team that had defeated the Blue Devils 5-3 earlier in the season. The Red Ravens did not score until the final 1:43. Finishing 12-3 overall and 9-3 in the Jayhawk, the win over Coffeyville enabled KCKCC to avenge each of its three losses.

The Blue Devils got a record-setting performance by freshman forward Melissa Siegel, who had assists on all six KCKCC records. Sophomore Kayla Deaver and freshman Maddy Broeker each had a pair of goals; freshmen Corrine Hughes and Jaidyn Yingling one a piece.



Blue Devils Blank Coffeyville; Begin Playoffs at Cloud

A 2-0 winner over Coffeyville Sunday, KCKCC's men will take on a familiar rival in opening Region VI soccer playoff action.

The Blue Devils will open play at Cloud County at 2 p.m. Sunday. The game will be played at the Concordia High School field and will be the third year in a row the two teams have collided in the playoffs. KCKCC used a 1-0 win in the second round of the 2017 regional on the way to a berth in the NJCAA DI national tournament but lost a 1-0 heartbreaker to Cloud in last year's opening round.



The Blue Devils scored the only goal they would need just four minutes into Sunday's 2-0 win over Coffeyville. Freshman Elijah Bathily took a pass from sophomore Leonard Bonelli across the middle for the goal. The Blue Devils then scored an insurance goal early in the second half, sophomore Marcus Kawah taking a crossing pass from freshman Javier Blanco for the goal.

The Blue Devil defense excelled, allowing Coffeyville only four shots as freshman goalkeeper Bosco Pery recorded the shutout with two saves. The Blue Devils, meanwhile got off 19 shots including 15 on goal, 13 of which were turned away.

KCKCC Spotlight



English as a Second Language Adult Education instructor Nathan Horowitz presented his Academic Symposium, "People of the Ecuadorian Ranforest" Oct. 23 in Upper Jewell.



The KCKCC Veterans Center was proud to support the Kansas Army National Guard's Departure Ceremony at KCKCC-TEC Oct. 20. A great turnout to support the deploying unit!

Support the KCKCC Foundation with Chiefs Football

The Kansas City Chiefs Ticket Fundraiser is back for the 2019 season with even more opportunities to cheer on your favorite football team and support the KCKCC Foundation at the same time!

Tickets can be purchased to any home Chiefs game this season. There are a variety of ticket prices and locations throughout Arrowhead available, and \$10 of every ticket sold goes to the KCKCC Foundation Scholarship Fund.

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



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Blue Devils 'Must Win' in Home Volleyball Finale

KCKCC will need help to get into the NJCAA DII volleyball playoffs.

KCKCC's 3-1 loss at No. 10 ranked Highland Wednesday night coupled with Allen County's stunning 3-2 upset of No. 11 ranked Cloud County dropped the Blue Devils (3-6) a game back of Allen (4-5) heading into the final games of the season next Wednesday.



The Blue Devils (17-13) host Hesston (12-15) at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday while Allen County (18-12) plays at Fort Scott (27-4), which just vaulted into No. 3 in the latest NJCAA DII rankings. A KCKCC win and Allen County loss would deadlock the two teams in a seventh place tie at 4-6 and vault the Blue Devils into the playoffs by virtue of a 3-1 KCKCC win in the only meeting of the two teams Sept. 18.

The Blue Devils will have a little extra incentive in that the home finale will be Sophomore Night for eight sophomores - Tara Mattingly, Gracie Golay, Malaysia StClair, Lauren Leavendusky, Allayah Stillwell, Natalia Vega Aponte, Madison Wright and Amilex Lopez.

After losing 25-14 in the opening set at Highland Wednesday, the Blue Devils won the second set 25-21 before the Scotties closed out the match with 25-19, 25-20 decisions despite outstanding performances by the back line of Mattingly, Lopez, Wright and Aponte.

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 for more information.

#KCKCCProud #KCKCCImpact #BlueDevil100Stories

[Click here to see the this month's 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:

<https://kckcc.applicantstack.com/x/careers>

Internal postings:

<http://kckcc.applicantstack.com/x/openings-internal>

KCKCC Hosts Will to Succeed Health Fair

KCKCC was pleased to participate in the Will to Succeed Health Fair, which was hosted on the KCKCC Main Campus Oct. 19. Powered by Aetna Better Health of Kansas and Special Olympics Campus as well as NFL Hall of Fame Offensive Lineman Will Shields, community members had the opportunity to visit with various organizations to learn about exercise and healthy eating for all ages.



2-Mile Halloween Walk

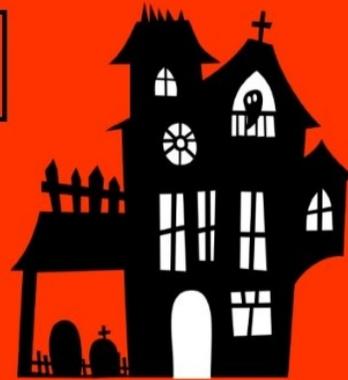
Wednesday, October 30th



4:00PM



Prizes for the Best Costumes!



Starts at KCKCC Wellness & Fitness Center

(Upper Health Professions Building)

Hosted by KCKCC Health Initiative and Wellness Program

100 Stories of **IMPACT**



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