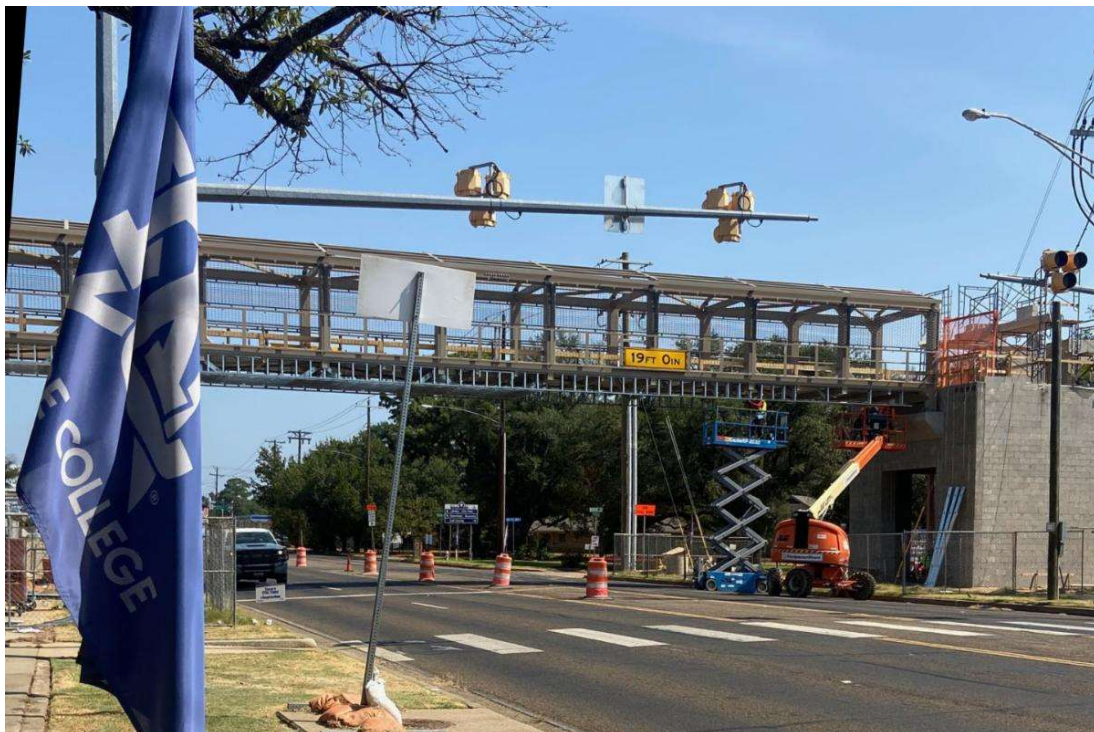




*Summer 2023*

## **What's Kickin' at KC**

**Kilgore Campus Pedestrian Bridge  
set for November crossing  
Halff Associates, RLM Contractors  
building ADA compliant structure**



Work is steadily progressing on the U.S. Hwy. 259 Pedestrian Bridge, complete with elevators. The project is currently on track to reopen later this fall. Kilgore native Michael Medford, vice president / operations manager of Halff Associates came home to watch the project get started. Read his story [here](#). Check out some photos of Dedication Day on our [Flickr Album!](#) Watch the bridge being installed by joining us on the [Bridge Cam](#).

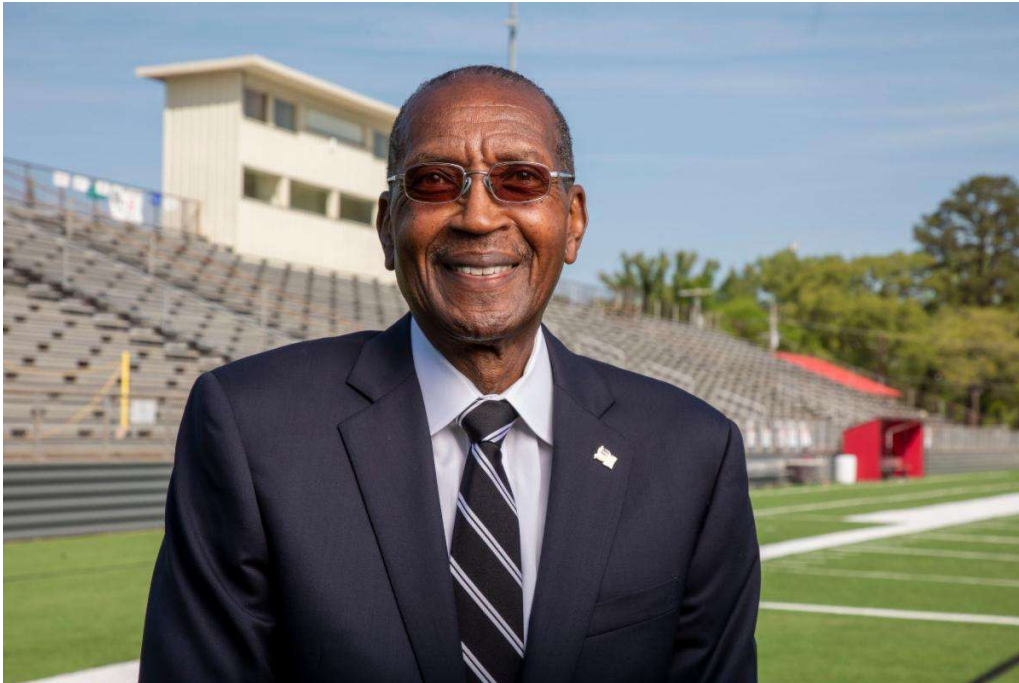
## Cruce Stark Hall gets \$2.2 mil in renovations to modernize 52-year-old living space



KC reopened Stark Hall on Aug. 16, after eight months of expansive renovations to the residence hall. Tours followed the ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony. Renovations to the dormitory by Riley Harris Construction include communal restrooms converted into individual, private bathroom pods; replacement of windows, new paint throughout the entire interior of the facility, refurbished hallways, refinished terrazzo floors throughout, refurbished concrete stair steps, additional lighting in the hallways, installation of ceiling fans in all dorm rooms and renovated lobby bathrooms.

Stark Hall was built in 1970 and is the tallest building in Kilgore. It is primarily used to house student-athletes and comfortably houses 178 students. To see more photos from the day, visit our Flickr album [here](#).

## Dr. George Woodrow, KC's first African-American QB, returns to campus for visit



Meet Dr. George Woodrow, an outstanding KC alum, book author and educator. He will be inducted into the KC Athletic Hall of Fame in October in honor of his time both on- and off- the football field. [Read more](#) in this article by Jack Stallard, special contributor to KC.

## KC Athletics Hall of Fame golf tournament, brunch set for Oct. 20-21



KC will honor former standout athletes, coaches and contributors at its annual Hall of Fame Weekend Oct. 20-21. A benefit golf tournament is set for Friday, Oct. 20, and Hall of Fame inductees will be introduced during an induction brunch at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, in the Devall Ballroom on the Kilgore campus. To cap off the weekend, there will be an alumni softball

KC Hall of Fame inductees for 2023:

- **Men's basketball team:** (1997-1998, head coach Scott Schumacher)

game at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at The Ballpark at KC Commons. Any former Ranger softball players are encouraged to play.

Entry fee for the golf tournament at The Tempest Golf Club is \$150 per player or \$600 for a four-person team (includes green fees for 18 holes, cart usage, KC cap and lunch). Tickets to the brunch are \$25 each. Inductees will also be introduced at halftime of the Hall of Fame football game set for 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, where the Rangers will face Trinity Valley Community College at R.E. St. John Memorial Stadium in Kilgore.

"We always look forward to the Hall of Fame event because it is one of the most inspirational and motivational events of the year," said Courtney Pruitt, athletic director. "It is such a hard task to narrow down all of the great student-athletes and contributors who have come through our doors over the years to select a few outstanding people each year to honor."

For more info, contact Leonor Alvarez at (903) 988-7537 or [lavarez@kilgore.edu](mailto:lavarez@kilgore.edu). To download a registration form for the golf tournament or the banquet, visit [www.kcrangernation.com](http://www.kcrangernation.com). All proceeds from the Hall of Fame will benefit KC athletics.

- **Men's basketball player:** Richard Evans (1997-1998)
- **Women's basketball player:** Patricia Beckworth Nelson (1989-90)
- **Football player:** Dr. George Woodrow (1968-1969)
- **Softball coach:** Leslie Messina, (2013-2020)
- **Contributor:** Jack Stallard
- **Spirit of Excellence award:** Dr. Marshall Watson



## Foundation Board member, alum keeps enthusiasm for KC projects



Melissa Melton Marcott, owner of Marco Inspection Services, keeps KC revved up in the mind of everyone she meets. The Cruise for Success sponsor enjoys helping in many aspects of promoting the college as a Foundation Board Member. Read [more about her here](#).

## Alumni in the News

**Shirley Arredondo starts scholarship for her mom, Joanne Rambo Hankins**



When Joanne Rambo Hankins, known as “Miss Jo,” became a Kilgore College Rangerette on the 6th line in 1945, she could not have foreseen that her experience would connect her with 83 generations of Rangerettes, while also impacting future students through a newly created scholarship in her honor.

Her daughter, Shirley Arredondo, along with other members of her family announced over Christmas 2022 that the Joanne Rambo Hankins “Miss Jo Rangerette Scholarship” had been created to preserve Miss Jo’s legacy not only today, but for the ever-growing future of the Rangerette organization. [Read more](#) about Hankins’ story, written by current Rangerette and KC Public Information Intern Ivana Kostaske.

## Foundation News

### **We gave away a car!**

KC hosted its fourth annual Cruise for Success car giveaway in tandem with a crawfish boil on April 20 in the Lee Mall/Mike Miller Plaza. The event featured the 10 finalists, followed by the drawing for the brand new Chevrolet Malibu, courtesy of Patterson Chevrolet - Kilgore. Following the drawing, KC Residential Life hosted a campus- wide crawfish boil for all KC employees, students and special guests.

Thank you to our Cruise for Success sponsors: Patterson Chevrolet of Kilgore, Torrence Racing, CAPCO Contractors, Inc., Marco Inspection Services, LLC, Republic Services and FASTSIGNS.

Thank you to our Monthly Prize sponsors: Back Porch, Brookshires Kilgore, Chick-Fil-A, East Texas Preferred Properties, Insight Eyecare, Kilgore Eye Care Center, Marvin Hall and Ronnie Spradlin.



## Designer Purse Bingo improves chances for KC Foundation / Longview Realtors scholarship growths



The KC Foundation had a highly successful Designer Purse Bingo on Saturday, June 3, at Maude Cobb Convention Center in Longview. The event, presented by the Longview Area Association of Realtors, helped raise funds for KC scholarships. Each of the 14 games saw a winner walk away with a brand-new designer handbag. Raffle winners won a Louis Vuitton Marceau Chain Handbag and a Dewalt 60V Cordless Flexvolt Brushless Saw. They also had silent auction prizes, as well as a live auction for a trip. Check out the excitement of the evening by visiting [our Flickr page](#).

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