



*Winter 2023*

## **Catching up with KC**

**Kilgore named one of top 150 Community Colleges in the nation by Aspen Institute**



The Aspen Institute has named Kilgore College as one of the 150 institutions eligible to compete for the \$1 million Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, the nation's signature recognition of high achievement and performance among two-year colleges. The institutions selected for this honor stand out among more than 1,000 community colleges nationwide as having high and improving levels of student success as well as equitable outcomes for Black and Hispanic students and those from lower-income backgrounds. Read more about this incredible opportunity [here](#).

## Evelyn Blalock Women's Basketball Classic held Jan. 1-2 in Masters Gymnasium



This photo is from Evelyn Blalock's 1990 National Championship KC Women's Basketball team. The legendary coach was remembered with the 2-day Evelyn Blalock Classic that kicked off 2024 in Masters Gymnasium. [Go here](#) to read more about the coach and the tournament. To be involved in next year's event, please contact [Merlyn Holmes](#) or Lady Rangers head coach [Stephanie Williams](#).

## CDL Driving Track races ahead



Kilgore College officially broke ground for its new CDL Driver Training Track to begin construction of a large driving track, classroom facility and warehouse training building as part of a major expansion of the KC Transportation Institute. The new track, located at 4931 FM 349 in Kilgore – next to the Texas Department of Public Safety Commercial Driver's License Testing Office, is a collaborative partnership with the Kilgore Economic Development Corporation, and the City of Kilgore in the design and approval process of the project that will be constructed by RLM General Contractors. [Go here](#) for a video of the day's events and view more photos from the groundbreaking [here](#).

**We've been busy this Fall!**



Sophomore students Vililami Wolfgramm, Ranger football player from Fort Worth, and Emma Sheneman, Rangerette from Austin, were selected by the KC Student Body as Homecoming King and Queen. The No. 3 ranked Rangers went on to beat Tyler Junior College Apaches, 55-18 in the last regularly scheduled home game of the season. This was the 131st meeting between KC and TJC. KC now leads the series 67-62 with two ties.

To see more photos from KC Rangers' run to the National Semi-finals, visit [our Flickr page](#). Also, keep up with all KC Athletics at [kcrangernation.com](http://kcrangernation.com).

## **JaDean Bolton Roberts relives adventures of 1969 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade**



Jadean Bolton Roberts recently reminisced about her days as the KC Ranger Band Drum Major and she and her husband's days on the Kilgore campus. Read her story [here](#).

## Alumni in the News

**Antique helmets find new home near Fire Academy classes in Tech-Voc Building**



In conjunction with a special 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Sept. 11, KC also unveiled a rare fire helmet display recently donated to the KC Fire Academy. Sixteen antique fire helmets – dating from as far back as the 1800s from Austria, Switzerland, Scotland, France, Germany and the United States – were recently donated by Eddy Hadaway.

A unique fire extinguisher collection is also on loan from Kilgore Fire Department firefighter, Zachary Sivertsen, alumnus of KC FireAcademy #102 (graduated in 2017). The collection includes extinguishers dating back to the late 1800s, including a small Pyrene Pump Extinguisher that was patented in 1912. Visit the exhibit in Building 25 on the Kilgore campus. Check out photos of the day [here](#).



**Do you know these KC Cheerleaders?** This photo is courtesy of Jadean Bolton Roberts. Whoever can identify them will receive a free Ranger Yearbook, (dependent upon availability). Additional yearbooks are available with a donation to the KC Foundation. Email [Rachel Stallard](mailto:Rachel.Stallard) for more details.

## Foundation News

### **Scholarship recipients thank those who gave with November luncheons**

Each year, those who have endowed scholarships, along with the recipient students, are able to meet each other at a luncheon held the week before Thanksgiving break. This is the second year that the event has outgrown the Devall Student Center Ballroom on the Kilgore campus and has spanned two days. We are so thankful for all who contribute to our students' success.



## **Martin Luther King Jr. Dual Credit Program Breakfast set for Friday, Jan. 12, 2024**

We are excited to host the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Dual Credit Program Breakfast at 7:30 a.m., Friday, Jan. 12, in the Devall Student Center Ballroom located on the Kilgore campus.

The KC Dual Credit Program provides an opportunity for academically strong high school students to enroll in college-level courses that simultaneously fulfill their high school graduation requirements and college courses. All proceeds from sponsorships will benefit this program which is designed to transition high school dual credit students to full-time students at Kilgore College.

To get involved, contact [Merlyn Holmes](#), Executive Director of the Kilgore College Foundation and Community Relations, either by email or by calling 903-988-7521.

## Wrap up your year with a gift to Kilgore College

Go to [GIVING](#) and make a donation to one of nearly 300 projects destined to make a difference in the lives of current Kilgore College students.

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