



Catching up with KC

Foundation News

Blue Star Gala



AN EVENING CELEBRATING KILGORE COLLEGE STUDENT SUCCESS

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The KC Foundation's inaugural Blue Star Gala was a resounding success. Held March 22 at the Maude Cobb Convention Center in Longview, it raised \$177,563 to support the construction of the Ranger

Achievement Center.

More than 600 attendees attended the event for an evening of celebration and giving.

Highlights included 24 title sponsors, 71 sold tables, and 109 auction items. Guests enjoyed a truck raffle, games, and performances by the Rangerettes, Faith Copeland, and KC Connection. KC faculty, staff, and students volunteered throughout the evening, making it a genuine community effort.

Executive Director Merlyn Holmes expressed gratitude to the entire KC community for helping make the college's first-ever gala memorable and impactful.

[SEE PHOTOS HERE](#)

Denard Haden Dance Studio



A ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 18 marked the grand opening of the Denard Haden Dance Studio at KC, honoring the legacy of the first choreographer of the world-famous Rangerettes.

The newly renovated facility was made possible by a generous donation from Priscilla 'Prissy' Abshier Sliva, a former Rangerette and lifelong supporter of KC. Her contribution ensures that future dancers have a state-of-the-art space to cultivate their talents.

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Blue Ribbon Medals of Excellence



KC presents Blue Ribbon Medals of Excellence for student and alumni success.

Instead of graduation speakers, KC presented Blue Ribbon Medals of Excellence for Alumni Success and Blue Ribbon Medals of Excellence for Student Success.

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Priscilla “Prissy” Abshier Sliva



How a Rangerette, her choreographer uncle & a lighter pom changed the dance world!

When Gussie Nell Davis came to Kilgore in 1940, she realized she needed to learn how to dance and teach others how to dance as well. So, she called Denard Haden.

Haden was already a successful dance instructor in the area. When he met Miss Davis, he had opened a dance studio in Nacogdoches and was widening his circle to include classes in Henderson and the Blue Room of the Kilgore Hotel.

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Alumni News

Alumni & Friends Easter Egg Hunt



KC Alumni Association held a fantastic family-friendly Easter Egg Hunt for the community on Saturday, April 12.

E5 Farms brought a petting zoo, which the kids loved, and Charlie's Snoballs kept everyone cool with treats. Plus, the Easter Bunny made a special appearance! It was such a fun day for all!

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Ranger Shootout Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament

KILGORE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
PRESENTS

**2025
ALUMNI
AND FRIENDS
GOLF TOURNAMENT**



RANGER SHOOTOUT

**10 OCT
2025**

TEMPEST GOLF CLUB
568 E. Wilkins Rd · Gladewater · TX · 75647
Registration at 8am, Shotgun start at 9am

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**TOURNAMENT
FEES
\$700**
4 PERSON TEAM
INCLUDES

Tournament entry, cart fees,
range balls, food & drink
provided on the course.

- 2 mulligans per player
- 1 buy a drive per player
- 1 putting contest per player

CONTESTS

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams awarded

- Putting Contest
- Closest to the Hole
- Longest Putt

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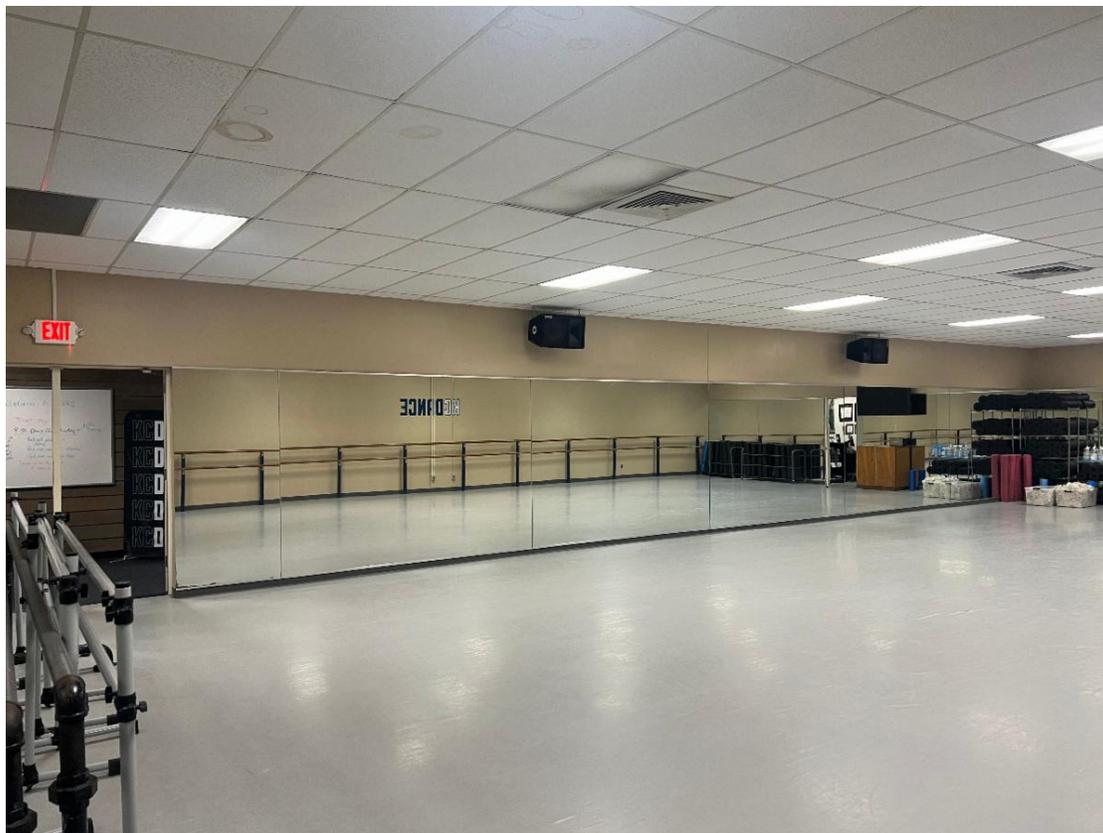
Get ready to tee off for a great cause!

We are excited to announce the upcoming Kilgore College Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament, taking place on October 10th at the beautiful Tempest Golf Club.

We are sold out of teams, but we still have prize, flag and hole sponsorship opportunities still available. This is a fantastic opportunity to support Kilgore

College. Click [here](#) to learn more and sign up today!

See photos from last year's tournament [here](#)!



What year was the original dance studio built? Everyone who guesses correctly will be entered into a drawing to receive a free Ranger Yearbook of your choice (dependent upon availability). Additional yearbooks are available with a donation to the KC Foundation. Email [Rachel Stallard](#) for more details.

The iconic photo pictured in the previous newsletter of the world-famous Kilgore College Rangerettes was taken of the first line in 1940, capturing the spirit and talent of this remarkable group.

Spread the Blooms This Spring: Your Generous Donations Make a Difference!

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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