



Catching up with KC

College News

Dr. Mike W. Jenkins



Kilgore College is mourning the loss of Dr. Mike Jenkins, Executive Vice President of Internal Collaboration & Strategic Initiatives, who passed away on Nov. 30 after a courageous battle with lymphoma.

Dr. Jenkins faithfully served KC for 35 years, impacting countless lives with his positive, encouraging spirit.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

Dr. Brenda Kays' Retirement Celebration



Kilgore College hosted a come-and-go retirement celebration honoring the presidency of Dr. Brenda Kays on Thursday, Feb. 19, at the Torrence Health Science Education Center.

The event took place from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the center, located at 1610 S. Henderson Blvd. in Kilgore. Guests stopped by to celebrate Kays's leadership and service to the college and community.

The celebration was open to the public and recognized her leadership and service to KC since she became president in 2016.

During her tenure, Kays championed student success, academic innovation, and community engagement. Under her leadership, the college launched new academic programs, strengthened partnerships, expanded campus facilities, and increased opportunities for students and the communities KC serves.

Campus improvements during her presidency included major renovations to facilities, energy-efficiency upgrades across campus, construction of a new health science education center, and initiatives designed to help students succeed academically.

Upon announcing her retirement, Kays was named president emeritus by the KC Board of Trustees in recognition of her service to the institution.

[SEE PHOTOS HERE](#) and **[HERE](#)**

Sponsor a Seat



Take Your Seat!

CLAIM YOUR PLACE IN THE AUDITORIUM'S NEXT ACT

Kilgore College is eager to announce an exciting opportunity to show support in a meaningful way through its "Take Your Seat!" Fundraising Campaign for Dodson Auditorium. You will have the opportunity to celebrate the memory of a loved one, honor an arts lover, or promote your business or organization. These seats have never been available for naming, so now is your chance! You will have the opportunity to "Take A Seat!" in the spotlight, and enjoy having your name, a sentiment, or the name of another person you wish to honor engraved on an elegant brass plaque placed on the arm rest of each seat. The engraving you select guarantees that you or your loved one will be a visible part of Dodson Auditorium for years to come.

YOU CAN DEDICATE A SEAT TO:

- AN INDIVIDUAL, COUPLE, OR FAMILY • IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE
- FOR YOUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, OR PARENT
- WITH THE NAME OF YOUR BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION
- MARKING A BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, OR OTHER SPECIAL OCCASION

DONATION LEVELS:

1ST FLOOR - \$500 PER SEAT

BALCONY - \$300 PER SEAT



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Seat donations are 100% tax-deductible. Please note that the dedication of a seat does not guarantee that specific seat assignment in our auditorium, and seats sponsors must still purchase tickets for any performance at Dodson. Specific seat dedication is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sponsor your seat today by visiting giving.kilgore.edu and selecting the Dodson Seating Campaign Link. Join us in supporting the future of the arts at Dodson!

Support the future of the arts at Kilgore College by sponsoring a seat in the historic W.L. Dodson Auditorium. Opened in 1952, this special venue has long been a cultural cornerstone for East Texas, hosting everything from graduation ceremonies to the iconic Rangerette Revels.

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HIT - THE - HAT

**GIVE TODAY. HIT THE HAT.
CHANGE A LIFE. PRESERVE A LEGACY.**

Hosted by the Kilgore Rangerette Forever Foundation, "**Hit The Hat**" is an **annual fundraising appeal that benefits the Rangerettes** by directly assisting with scholarships, travel, and overall expenses while they attend Kilgore College.

**We need you to help us "Hit The Hat"!
Donate to scholarships, general needs, or both!**

HIT - THE - HAT

**OUR LONG-TERM VISION IS BOLD: TO BUILD A \$30 MILLION ENDOWMENT
THAT WILL FULLY SCHOLARSHIP THE RANGERETTES FOREVER.**

Thanks to generous supporters, **\$2 million is already endowed**, and this year we are working to raise \$225,000 to move us closer to that goal!



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Alumni News

Priscilla "Prissy" Abshier Sliva



Stephen F. Austin State University celebrated a momentous occasion at its 2026 annual gala, honoring Kilgore College and SFA graduate Priscilla “Prissy” Abshier Sliva for her extraordinary generosity. Sliva’s remarkable philanthropic gift, made in loving tribute to her beloved uncle, has left a lasting impact on the university and its renowned arts programs.

As a result of Sliva’s contribution, SFA announced the renaming of three cornerstone facilities: the Denard Haden School of Theatre and Dance, the Denard Haden Performance Hall, and the Denard Haden Dance Studio. These newly dedicated spaces will serve as vibrant centers for creativity, education, and performance, inspiring generations of students and artists to come.

Sliva’s alma mater, Kilgore College, also celebrates her achievements and her ongoing dedication to higher education and the arts. The SFA community looks forward to the bright future made possible by her visionary support and the newly named Denard Haden facilities.

Alumni & Friends Easter Egg Hunt

**KILGORE COLLEGE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESENTS**

AGES PRE-K TO 3RD GRADE

MARCH 28 | 10AM

ALUMNI & FRIENDS
EASTER EGG
Hunt

BOUNCE HOUSE • EGG HUNT
CHARLIE'S SNO-BALLS
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**Alumni & Friends
Golf Tournament**



We're thrilled to announce that preparations are underway for our upcoming Annual Golf Tournament! This event promises to be bigger and better than ever, and we want you to be part of it.

To ensure you receive all the latest updates, be sure to keep an eye on your inbox and follow us on Facebook. We'll be sharing contests, sneak peeks, and essential information leading up to the big day.

Thank you for being part of our golf family. We can't wait to share more details soon, and we hope you're as excited as we are!

Foundation News

MLK Breakfast



KC's annual Dual Credit Scholarship Breakfast was held on the Friday before Martin Luther King Jr. Remembrance Day. It brings together dual credit students, campus speakers, and local sponsors to encourage high schoolers in KC's service area to get a jump on a college education whenever possible.

[SEE PHOTOS HERE](#)

Scholarship Luncheons



Last November, Kilgore College came alive with our annual Scholarship Luncheons, marking two memorable occasions. One luncheon was dedicated

to the legendary Rangerettes, while the other brought together a diverse group of exceptional students from all disciplines.

A spirit of celebration filled the room as attendees gathered to honor academic excellence and share ideas for tomorrow's successes. The luncheons provided a vibrant space to forge connections, reflect on accomplishments, and inspire future ambitions.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who participated in these celebrations and helped empower the leaders of tomorrow.

[SEE PHOTOS HERE](#)



Can you guess the year that Prissy Sliva was Captain of the Rangerettes? 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](mailto:Rachel.Stallard@kilgorecollegefoundation.org) for more details.

Kilgore College officially began holding classes in the fall of 1935, the same year it was established. Please let us know if you guessed correctly!

Spread the Warmth This Winter: Your 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.

Thanks

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