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## Graduation programs are this weekend



At KCC's 40th annual commencement ceremonies, 391 students will receive associate degrees and certificates.

The ceremony will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16 in the gym.

Elaine P. Maimon, Ph.D., president of Governors State University in University Park, will deliver the commencement address.

The KCC class of 2009 is made up of 127 students receiving pre-baccalaureate degrees (82 A.A. degrees, 41 A.S. degrees, one A.E.S. degree, one A.A.T. degree, and two A.F.A degrees); 28 A.G.S. degrees; and 236 occupational degrees (53 advanced certificates and 183 A.A.S. degrees).

The oldest graduate is 61 and the youngest is 17. The average age of the graduates is 28. The pinning ceremony for graduates of KCC's associate degree nursing program will be at 7 p.m. Friday, May 15 in the gym. A pinning ceremony for radiography graduates was held May 8.

All faculty and staff members are invited to attend the ceremonies. Graduation for the GED program will be June 26 at 6 p.m. in the College Center.

There will be refreshments after each ceremony in the College Center.

[Special attachment - Congratulations 2009 graduates.](#)

## In-service preview now available -

It's never too soon to add a 'date' to your calendar.

So, attached is the [agenda of primary activities](#) for faculty in-service, Wednesday, Aug. 19 and Thursday, Aug. 20 including an all-staff breakfast and social hour.

More information will be available in August.

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Due to campus being closed on Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day, voucher requests need to be received by Angela Kunce in the Business Office by the end of the day Friday, May 22 if a check is needed for the May 28 check run.

The Accounting Office asks you to plan accordingly to ensure checks are available when needed.



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## New hours for the Learning Resource Center



Beginning the week of May 18, the Learning Resource Center will have new hours.

**Interim weeks, May 18 to June 5:** 7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fridays. Closed Memorial Day, May 25, and Saturdays, Sundays.

**Summer term, June 8 to Aug. 1:** 7:45 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fridays. Closed July 4, Saturdays, Sundays.

**Interim weeks, Aug. 3 to Aug. 21:** 7:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fridays. Closed Saturdays, Sundays.

**Fall 2009 semester hours, beginning Aug. 24:** 7:45 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fridays; and 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Sundays.



## KCC Hammes Bookstore summer hours

Beginning the week of June 8, the KCC Hammes Bookstore will begin new summer hours.

The hours will be Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; closed on Fridays.

Summer hours will continue through the end of July.

The bookstore will return to its regular hours Aug. 3.



## College hours



The week of May 18 to 22, KCC will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday.

The above information also was published in the Summer & Fall 2009 class schedule.

## Flex time option info

2 extra weeks offered this year

In response to staff requests, summer flex time will be offered again, and will be expanded by two weeks.

Flex time will be offered the weeks between May 18 and July 27. Two weeks will be excluded due to holidays, and they are the weeks of May 25 and June 29.

Administrators and supportive staff who follow the procedures can elect to work either four 10-hour days or four nine-hour days and one four-hour day per week during this period. The procedures have remained the same as last year.

Flex time procedures:

1. Written approval of the scheduling request must be obtained through the chain of command up to the vice president for the area. The dean of Student Services will review schedules for Student Services employees.

2. To be eligible, supportive staff members must have less than 30 hours of compensatory time. Compensatory time for this purpose is the sum of the "Comp time cumulative total" and the "Straight time cumulative total." Those with more than 30 hours of compensatory time are advised to lower that total, working with their supervisor.

3. Absences from work during flex time will be recorded as the amount of time the employee is scheduled to work for the day of absence; for example, 10 hours.

4. A full-time administrator or full-time supportive staff employee may select some, none or all of the weeks for flex time as coordinated with the work area supervisor.

Next week's *Update* will include a detailed list of questions and answers about the program. Those who have questions before that time are invited to contact David Cagle, director of human resources, at [dcagle@kcc.edu](mailto:dcagle@kcc.edu) or ext. 8128.

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## Casual Friday option begins May 15

2 extra dates offered this year

Beginning May 15, and on Fridays through Aug. 14, employees will have the option to participate in casual days.

Casual days are offered on the following dates: May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7 and 14.

-- Participation is optional.

-- Jeans may be worn if accompanied by a collared shirt with "Kankakee Community College" on it or if accompanied by a business casual shirt and a KCC name badge or staff ID. KCC shirts are sold at the Hammes Bookstore and a limited selection is available in marketing and public information. Prices vary at both locations. Visit the bookstore or Linda Chouinard for more information.

Name badges can be ordered from Janet Fager, [jfager@kcc.edu](mailto:jfager@kcc.edu) or ext. 8124. Everyone with a staff ID should use the one already issued. Those who do not have one can visit the Learning Resource Center. Bring a photo ID when requesting a staff ID. The Human Resources office has purchased "staff ID clips," available at the front counter of the Accounting Office. Also, the staff in the LRC are available to punch a hole in staff IDs so the clips can be worn.

-- Employees are asked to use good judgment in choosing appropriate jeans. Inappropriate jeans include those with patches, fraying, excessive length, low-rise cut and/or very faded.

-- Those who choose not to wear jeans should wear their normal work attire; or they can wear a KCC collared shirt along with their normal attire.

-- All employees groups can participate.

-- Please use good judgment in choosing whether to wear jeans. Depending on what is scheduled for a particular day, jeans may or may not be appropriate. Professional appearance is important, and all employees share the responsibility of representing the college.

Questions regarding casual days should be directed to Vicki Gardner, vice president for Business Affairs and Human Resources.

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## Decals expire in 3 weeks

Parking decals expire May 31.

Decals for 2009-10 are available in the Office of Business Affairs and Human Resources between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. At that time, you will verify the vehicle information on file and pick up your new decal(s).

New decals must be displayed by June 1.

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## Heavy competition ends with a loss ... of weight

Submitted by Michelle Driscoll, contest coordinator



Congratulations to all teams in the "Weigh In ... Weight Off" contest for a great finish!

The teams weighed in the week of May 4 and the totals have been calculated.

The contest started with eight teams and 35 employees. All eight teams made it to the finish line with 30 employees weighing in. As a group, we lost 189.5 pounds!

The noncompetitive Red team, a.k.a "Fitness Buddies" enjoyed participating in the contest and cheering on the other teams. Congratulations to Kathy Weber who won a pedometer for successfully maintaining her weight.

Here are the competition results:

7th place, Purple team, a.k.a. "The Young and the Restless" at

1.89%

6th place, Yellow team, a.k.a. "LOADD" at 2.48%

5th place, Blue team, a.k.a. "On the Lighter Side" at 2.54%

4th place, Green team, a.k.a. "Waisting Away" at 2.71%

3rd place, Pink team, a.k.a. "Club Ped" at 4.75%

2nd place, Lime team, a.k.a. "Melt-a-Weights" at 4.79%

As always, there can only be one winner. Congratulations to the 1st place, Orange team, a.k.a. "Men's Table" at 7.06%! Each team member--Steve DePasquale, Bruce Myers and Glen O'Connor--was awarded a \$100 grand prize.

All of the teams have done an excellent job and should be proud of their accomplishments. The contest may have ended, but hopefully many have made some lifestyle changes which will continue.

Prizes for the contest were sponsored by the Wellness Committee. Also, special thanks to the Fitness Center staff, Dennis Clark, Gary Sien, and Cari Babich, who conducted weigh-ins and to Amy Hertz for reviewing participant's menu plans and presenting at the brown bag luncheon.

Again, congratulations to all the teams for your commitment to wellness!

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## Remind students about buyback

Faculty members are asked to remind students about the bookstore's spring buyback dates.

The dates and times are:

--May 13 to 15

--Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m; and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students should bring a state-issued identification or a KCC student ID card. Books must be in "like new" condition with no more than 10 pages of highlighting to qualify for buyback.

Those with questions can phone the bookstore at ext. 8590.

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## Student group conducts used textbook drive



Phi Theta Kappa will conduct a used textbook drive during buy-back Days, May 13 to 15.

A collection box will be outside the Hammes Bookstore for staff and students to deposit textbooks that are outdated and no longer used. Books that are not eligible for the donation program include those more than five years old, course packets made at a college's copy center, custom publications, academic journals, mass-market paperbacks, books in poor condition, and books with no ISBN number.

The donated textbooks will be sent to Better World Books to fund and support literacy initiatives locally, nationally and around the

world. The organization chosen for this semester's book drive is the National Center for Family Literacy.

As an example of the impact of the donations:

- 100 books provides five literacy programs with a subscription to a national magazine

- 250 books purchases a new lending library for a family literacy program

- 500 books provides a training scholarship to a teacher

For more information about Better World Books, visit

<http://www.betterworldbooks.com>.

Questions may be directed to Susan LaMore, an adviser for KCC's Phi Theta Kappa chapter.

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## Softball squad makes 14th trip to nationals

The KCC softball team has a running record of 43 wins and nine losses and is seeking more wins as it enters the National Tournament this week.

The team claimed its 11th Region IV championship in a row after defeating Moraine Valley C.C. 6 to 1 on Saturday, May 2. They are currently ranked No. 7 in the nation.

Along with the title, the team came home with several honors. Coach Dennis Clark was awarded the Division II Region IV Coach of the Year. He has earned 886 wins so far in his head coaching career. Three players--Tara Buchanan, Brittany Morgan and Heather Gradishar--were named to the Division II Region IV All-Tournament Team.

The national tournament is in nearby Normal, at Champion Fields, from May 14 to 16. Game times and opponents will be announced on Monday, May 11 on the athletics Web page, [www.kcccavaliers.com](http://www.kcccavaliers.com).

Congratulations and best wishes to the softball team.

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## 15 summer College 4 Kids classes available

Topics ranging from dinosaurs to Lego-inspired galactic battles will be offered among 15 courses in this summer's College 4 Kids program offered by Kankakee Community College.



**The courses for kids entering first through third grades:**

Diggin' Dinosaurs, Adventures in Abstract Art, The Spectacular Solar System, Super Science Experiments and Adventures in Art Expressionism.

**The courses for kids entering grades four through eight are:**

Lego Robotics: Dinosaur Safari Park, Lego Robotics: Galaxy Battle, Lego Robotics: Mission to Mars, and Lego Robotics: Ocean Odyssey.

**The courses for kids entering grades five or six through eight are:**

Camp CEO; Keyboarding 4 Kids; PCs for Me: Introduction to Computers; Sprechen Sie Deutsch? Basic German; Math Blasters: Fractions, Decimals, and Percentages Review; and Where in the World? Geography Review.

[View a program flier by clicking here](#), or visit [www.kcc.edu/college4kids](http://www.kcc.edu/college4kids) to download a full brochure and registration form. Information also is available in the office of Corporate and Continuing Education, ext. 8200.

## Prairie Fire event included 3 awards



Three KCC students were honored for creating the "Best of Prairie Fire" at the Prairie Fire reception, held May 4.

Kira Plotts received a third place award for her poem "Inhale"; Brandon Pyle received second place for his poem "Chaos"; and Megan Askew received first place for her personal essay titled "Fear." The pieces were judged by Mark Lanting and Deborah Renville, faculty members; and Hyrum LaTurner, chair of the Division of Humanities and Social Sciences.

In addition to readings by Plotts, Pyle and Askew, KCC students Robert Sherfey, Paje Champney, Adrien Benoit, Patrick Robinson and Eric Fitts also read selected pieces at the reception.

This year's Prairie Fire features 34 works of poetry and writing. Copies of Prairie Fire are available in division offices and from Deborah, who serves as Prairie Fire adviser. Contact her in Room L316, by e-mail at [drenville@kcc.edu](mailto:drenville@kcc.edu) or phone ext. 8728.

In the photo (left to right): Kira Plotts, Brandon Pyle, Megan Askew and Deborah Renville.



## Details on 3rd annual Sustainability week



More than 3,600 pounds of unused electronic equipment was collected to be recycled during the third annual KCC



Sustainability Week, held April 20 to 24.

Electronic waste was collected throughout the week, and among the 3,639 pounds of donations were nine televisions, approximately 36 computer monitors and 10 computers.

"These materials were removed for recycling by Recycle for Illinois, Inc. at their Peoria area processing facility," said Rich Schultz, coordinator of sustainability.

Approximately 240 pounds of batteries and five cell phones were collected.

"The batteries were taken to a local recycler and the phones were donated to KC-CASA for conversion for use by their clients," Rich said.

KCC Sustainability week also included a number of events and displays.

Two free movies regarding the fate of electric cars and the future of food production were shown and four presentations were held. Presentation topics included renewable energy; the philosophy of permaculture, a design concept which mimics natural ecology; and discussion of green building projects located in Kankakee and Chicago.



The Sustainability Expo held in the evening on Earth Day featured 41 vendors offering displays and information on wind turbines, electric boats, commuter bicycles, plug-in electric cars and other facets of sustainable lifestyles. The expo was attended by several hundred visitors.



A sculpture called "Solar Earth" also was displayed. Solar Earth has solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays to collect solar energy, which is stored in a battery. At night, the energy powers lights that depict levels of energy used among major cities throughout the world. Solar Earth was shown at KCC courtesy of Legat Architects of Chicago.

More information on sustainability is available at [www.kcc.edu/sustainability](http://www.kcc.edu/sustainability).

## Cleanup nets beach balls, a wig...and more

On the morning of May 2, 18 Phi Theta Kappans, advisers, Rotarians and guests held a road clean-up in Kankakee.

The group cleaned two miles of Route 17 West, starting at the County Health Department. The



stretch of road that was cleaned has been "adopted" by the Rotary Club of Kankakee.

"The weather was great and there was tons of garbage for us to find," said Olivia Nottke, recording secretary for Phi Theta Kappa. "Among other things, we found a wig, caution tape, beach balls and even a rain coat. Some things that we discovered from this experience is that more people throw garbage from their cars when they leave Kankakee on Route 17 west then when they are coming into town on that road. So, the next time you are in your car and drinking that nice cold soda, wait until you get home to dispose of it."

Following the clean-up, a cookout at Limestone Park was enjoyed by participants.

This initiative is one of several community projects that Phi Theta Kappa and the Rotaract Club participate in each year. For further information on this and other club projects, contact Susan LaMore, adviser for both organizations, at ext. 8208.

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