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## Board notes

The following items are highlighted from the board of trustees agenda, Monday, July 13, 2009.

### 10th day enrollment

Overall, summer enrollment numbers increased 16.46 percent in headcount and 18.46 percent in credit hours.

### Advanced Technology Education Center

The board is giving consideration to build the Advanced Technology Education Center (ATEC), and they heard a presentation from the architects about conceptual designs. The building is planned to house the alternative energy program, which has been expanding under the direction of Professor Tim Wilhelm. The architects met with KCC staff to determine program and space needs, study various site locations, as well as floor plans and design options to create preliminary designs. It is anticipated that state funding may be available to fund most of the project. The preliminary designs are available from Kari Sargeant in the office of marketing and public information. The board will decide at a future date whether to proceed with planning for possible construction.

### Personnel policy revisions

The board accepted a first reading of personnel policy revisions to include bicycle commuter reimbursement benefits. It will conduct a second reading in August. Additional information will be provided before the effective date.

### Mutual aid agreements

The board learned about collaboration among members of the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium (SMHEC) to develop a mutual aid agreement. The agreement would provide for non-monetary aid in the form of technical assistance, personnel, equipment loans, etc., should a catastrophic event occur at a member campus. No aid is required, but if available resources allow,

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institutions have a framework for mutual assistance.

#### Grant awards and other recommendations

The board approved a recommendation to accept the following awards:

Illinois Community College Board - \$17,100, these Local Foods Agricultural Program funds will be used to purchase equipment for the development and implementation of a local foods project.

Workforce Board funds to the Workforce Investment Act in Kankakee and Livingston counties - \$2,160 to upgrade assistive technology software and hardware; \$484,618, to serve eligible adults; \$688,673, to serve eligible dislocated workers; and \$139,544 to serve eligible youth.

The board approved recommendations for chargebacks and staff tuition reimbursements, and approved requests to purchase concrete repair, parking lot striping, and a replacement vehicle for the college's fleet.

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### New information regarding annuitants association

At its meeting June 23, KCC's chapter of the State University Annuitants Association chose new officers for the coming year.

The president is Claire McElroy, treasurer is Larry Rabideau, secretary is Pat Posing, social secretary is Bonnie Bergeron, legislative chair is Thom Dolliger and SUAA directors are Steve Liehr and Ric Edwards.

Membership in SUAA is open to all members of SURS, including current faculty and staff, annuitants, their spouses and survivors. Members of SUAA monitor state funding for the SURS pension program and the State Health Insurance Plan, the appropriation of mandated state contributions, the compounding of annual increases for both retirees and survivors.

The SUAA chapter is a mechanism to keep in contact with retirees, to voice concerns about your retirement and to be involved and contribute to improving benefits for all SURS retirees.

All employees who contribute to SURS are invited to join the KCC SUAA chapter by contacting Claire, the new chapter president, at (815) 933-3430 or [cmcelroy@kcc.edu](mailto:cmcelroy@kcc.edu).

Editor's note: the above phone number for Claire is corrected from the number which was published July 13.

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### Employment information

Four employees have accepted positions on KCC's staff.

**Allyson Eckhoff** has been hired as a new specialist III in the Livingston County office of Workforce Services.

In this position, Allyson will conduct intake interviews to determine

whether or not an individual will be eligible to receive schooling grants.

Previously, Allyson worked for the Pontiac Elks Lodge and Golf Course.

She has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb and a master's degree in psychology from the University of Phoenix.

Allyson can be reached at (815) 842-6535 and her office is at the Livingston Workforce Services office in Pontiac.



**Eddie Anderson Jr.** is the new coordinator of Upward Bound support services in Student Services.

In this position, Eddie will advise Upward Bound participants, encouraging them to take full advantage of the academic and personal support services offered by the program. He will also challenge students to maximize their full potential and prepare them for post-secondary success.

Previously, Eddie was principal of a charter high school in Benton Harbor, Mich. He also worked for eight years at Lake Michigan College, a community college in Benton Harbor.

Eddie has an associate degree from Lansing Community College in Michigan, and said "I am proud to be a community college graduate." He also has a bachelor's degree in business administration from Siena Heights University in Adrian, Mich. and a master's degree in educational leadership from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo.

Eddie can be reached at ext. 8566 and his office is in Room L20D.



**Jacob Fansler** is the new network manager III in the Information Technology Services department. In this position, Jacob will install, configure, and support KCC's network devices and servers.

Previously, Jacob worked for Peddinghaus in Bradley as the network administrator. He attended KCC for one and a half years and finished an associate degree at Coastal Carolina Community College in Jacksonville, N.C.

He has both a bachelor's and a master's degree in computer science from Governors State University in University Park.

Jacob can be reached at ext. 8905 and his office is located in Room L364.



**Angela O'Donnell** is a new specialist III in the office of Workforce Services.

In this position, Angela will assist members of the community in accessing the necessary education or job training needed to find gainful employment.

Previously, Angela worked in the registrar's office at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kan.

She has a bachelor's degree in social work from Illinois State University in Normal and two master's degrees, in educational leadership and in political science, both from the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Angela can be reached at ext. 8973 and her office is located at the Kankakee Workforce Services office, in downtown Kankakee.

One other employee has recently joined the staff.

**Christina Simon** is the new assistant professor/academic coordinator of clinical education for the Physical Therapist Assistant program.

A longer introduction will be included in a future *Update*.

Four employees have recently left the college.

Gary Wright, operations manager, WKCC in marketing and public information, employment ended effective June 30, 2009.

Fred DeHaan, executive director of the KCC Foundation, employment ended effective June 30, 2009.

Rachel Hernandez, part-time instructor, adult and community education, employment ended effective May 14, 2009.

Dianne Wells, part-time materials technician I in marketing and public information, employment ended effective June 30, 2009.

#### [Grant employment ramifications from Illinois budget](#)

Because the Illinois state budget has not been finalized, KCC has been notified by some grant agencies that funding for certain grant programs is unavailable at this time.

As a result, the operations of the Young Parents Program in the Adult and Community Education Department have ceased effective July 14. The program's staff are now on leave pending grant funding notification. At this time, the employees will continue to receive benefits.

Also, the college has received notification that some Young Parents Program funding has been lost, and two positions in the Young Parents Program will be eliminated, effective Aug. 1.

In a similar situation, grant funding notification for the Career Pathways program has not been received, and one part-time employee will also be on leave until funding information is received.

When notification of funding levels are received, staff may be reinstated as funding allows. Additional information will be shared as it becomes available.

"We are sorry that the budget crisis in Illinois is having this negative impact on public service employees such as these at KCC," said Judy Marwick, vice president for instruction and student services. "We are looking forward to a speedy resolution of budget issues at the state level."

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## Anniversaries are observed by 20 employees

The following 15 full-time employees celebrate their KCC employment anniversaries in July:

**Debra Hoyer-Denson**, Corporate and Continuing Education, 7/1/98

**Judith Marwick**, Instruction & Student Services, 7/1/05

**Oshunda Carpenter Williams**, Student Services, 7/1/07

**Rebecca Wilder**, Institutional Advancement, 7/2/07

**Kari Sargeant**, Marketing and Public Information, 7/6/99

**Harold Dotson**, Physical Plant Department, 7/9/02

**Robert LeMaire**, Math, Science, & Engineering, 7/13/90

**Novalla Coleman**, Workforce Investment Act, 7/15/08

**Judy Spence**, Student Services, 7/18/94

**Kimberly Pollok**, Health Careers Division, 7/21/08

**Debra Emling**, Admissions and Registration, 7/23/90

**David Cagle**, Business Affairs and Human Resources, 7/23/07

**Virginia Makepeace**, Math, Science, and Engineering Division, 7/24/07

**Bernadette Bosley**, Learning Services, 7/30/07

**Paul Carlson**, Business & Technology Division, 7/31/00

Other staff who are also celebrating July anniversaries are:

**Perry Pitchlynn**, Adult and Community Education, 7/1/04

**Wallace McNeal**, Adult and Community Education, 7/3/00

**Michael Keys**, Student Services, 7/5/06

**Glen O'Connor**, Career Pathways, 7/11/05

**James Grimes**, Student Services, 7/31/89



## Legal program hosts info session

The Paralegal/Legal Assistant Studies program will hold an information session on Monday, July 27.

The public is invited to attend. The open house will begin at 7 p.m. in the Iroquois Room. At the session, program representatives will provide an overview of the program, including job opportunities, program requirements and costs. An opportunity for questions and answers will be included.

"The KCC Paralegal/Legal Assistant Studies program focuses on practical knowledge and because case studies, research, writing, and other essential skills are emphasized, students in the program are well prepared for employment," said the program's coordinator, Kris Condon.

The program is approved by the American Bar Association. Two degrees are offered, a two-year associate degree for those who plan to immediately enter the workforce or to transfer into a four-year bachelor's degree program, and a one-year certificate for those already holding a bachelor's degree.

KCC has partnership agreements for paralegal graduates with Illinois State University in Normal, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, and St. Mary-of-the-Woods in Indiana.

Both programs include intensive training in writing and current technology, as well as a required internship at a law firm or other legal organization.

For more information, phone Kris at ext. 8216 or e-mail [kcondon@kcc.edu](mailto:kcondon@kcc.edu).

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## Board member selected to state committee



Richard Frey, a member of KCC's board of trustees, has been selected for the Executive Committee of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association.

The committee reviews and recommends the association's governmental actions.

Dick also was appointed as the South Suburban Regional Chair of ICCTA. The regional chair plans and conducts meetings for the five south suburban community colleges, Joliet Junior College, Moraine Valley Community College, South Suburban College, Prairie State College, and KCC.

Dick has served on KCC's board of trustees since 2000. He also worked for KCC for 33 years until retiring in 2000 as dean of Adult and Community Education.

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