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President offers 'Bytes' beginning this week

Employees will have an opportunity to provide information and feedback to Dr. John Avendano at a number of Campus Bytes sessions, beginning this week.

"These informal gatherings are structured for open dialogue and to get to know everyone better," Dr. Avendano said. "Occasionally, there may be a discussion topic in addition to open dialogue."

The dates and times are:

Tuesday, Sept. 8 from 5 to 6 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Note: Feedback for the AQIP Systems Portfolio will be the theme on Sept. 8 and 14.

Thursday, Oct. 22, 8 to 9 a.m. and 5 to 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 8 to 9 a.m. and 2 to 3 p.m.

All sessions will be at Digital Grounds in the Hammes Café.

AMATYC welcomes KCC prof to ACCCESS



An assistant professor of mathematics is on a mission to stamp out the bad reputation of the subject she teaches.

"Through my work as an instructor at Kankakee Community College, I attempt to help students understand and appreciate that mathematics is part of their day-to-day lives and that they need not be intimidated by it," said Martha Makowski, who has taught math at KCC since August 2008. "My goal is to have students learn to ask for and explore connections with mathematics."

Martha has been chosen as a fellow of the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC) project for Advancing Community College Careers: Education, Scholarship and Service (ACCCESS). Project ACCCESS, funded by the National Science Foundation, selected 24 community college mathematics professors who are new to the profession from across the country to be ACCCESS fellows.

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Fellows participating in the AMATYC Project ACCESS develop, implement, and evaluate a project at their home institution. They also learn more about the culture and mission of two-year colleges, and participate in two national meetings with programs developed particularly for new faculty. Participants also stay in touch throughout the year through an online network which includes distinguished mathematics educators.

"Students appreciate the attempt to show them that mathematics does not have to be a dull subject, even if it is difficult at times," Martha said. "My goal is to have students learn to ask and explore for themselves connections within mathematics. As part of this I ask my students at least once a week to write about a connection they made between the day's material and something that they have learned previously. I also unify assignments by the theme that they must communicate their understanding of the problem, solution, and connections between steps."

"I am excited about the prospect of Martha's participation in project ACCESS," said Judy Marwick, vice president for instruction and student services. "Her participation in project ACCESS will not only benefit her and her students but will benefit, on a larger scale, other faculty and students at Kankakee Community College. The college and its students will benefit from ideas, projects, or initiatives that Martha proposes based on her experience with the ACCESS fellows.

"Martha has enthusiasm for teaching mathematics and a creative approach to helping students understand mathematical concepts. She has mentioned an interest in working with the professor of electrical technology to develop real world examples relating to renewable energy that can be integrated into appropriate mathematics courses."

In particular, Martha said she hopes to develop coursework for the Technical Math sequence so students in the Electrical Technology programs find it relevant for field work.

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Employment news

Four assistant professors have recently joined the faculty.

They are:



Mary Cahoe is a new assistant professor of nursing for the Health Careers Division.

In this position, Mary will teach lecture & clinical sections full-time in the RN and LPN programs.

Mary has worked as a registered nurse for 27 years in various units at Iroquois Memorial Hospital. Most recently, she worked as the team coordinator for Iroquois Memorial Hospice. She has also been an adjunct professor at KCC for the past three years in the nursing program.

Mary has a master's degree in nursing from the University of Phoenix, a bachelor's degree in nursing from Lakeview College in Danville; and an associate degree in nursing from KCC.

Her office is located in Room M119 and her phone is ext. 8812.



Kenneth West is a new assistant professor in the Humanities and Social Science Division.

In this position, Kenneth will be teaching philosophy, ethics, and death & dying courses.

Previously, he taught philosophy at Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, Fla.

Kenneth has a master's degree in philosophy from Yale Divinity School at Yale University, New Haven, Conn.; and a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

His office is located in Room L308 and his phone is ext. 8734.



Linda Berg is a new assistant professor of nursing for the Health Careers Division.

In this position, Linda is currently teaching for the certified nursing assistant program and is teaching third semester registered nursing students.

Previously, Linda was vice president of patient services at Iroquois Memorial Hospital in Watseka, and an adjunct professor for KCC.

She has both an Associate in Applied Science and a Bachelor of Science degree with a nursing major from Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind. Linda also has a master's degree in nursing education and restorative nursing care.

Linda's office is in Room W106 and her phone is ext. 8807.



Chelise Slowik is a new assistant professor of art in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division.

She is teaching Basic Drawing, Figure Drawing and Art History courses.

Previously, she taught art at Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais for 12 years, and she also was an adjunct professor at KCC over the last one-and-a-half years.

Some people might recognize Chelise's name because her husband, Jerry, is a KCC graduate and teaches here part time.

Chelise has a bachelor's degree in art from Olivet Nazarene University. She also has two master's degrees, one in education from Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo., and one in painting from Governors State University in University Park.

Her office is in Room R118 and her phone is ext. 8717.

No accounts payable checks 10/8

There will be not be an accounts payable check run on Oct. 8.

Items which need to be paid in the Oct. 1



check run need to be turned in to Angela Kunce or Kristi Hendershott by 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 28.

Requests received after Sept. 28 will be paid in the Oct. 15 check run.

The Accounting Office asks everyone to plan accordingly to make sure checks are available when needed.

ANGEL training and support details are here . . .

Submitted by Donna Smith, director of instructional technology, faculty development and the Learning Resource Center

ANGEL training and support for faculty is available in the Teaching & Learning Center (Room L341).

Training descriptions and the most current schedules are at <http://www.kcc.edu/FacultyStaff/ktlc/Pages/TLCWorkshops.aspx>.

To attend, please reserve at least two days prior by e-mailing angelhelp@kcc.edu.

One-time offer: evening ANGEL I, II and III training Sept. 11 and 18, 4-8 p.m.

ANGEL Overview (one hour or online prior to ANGEL I): Online or Sept. 10, noon - 1 p.m.

ANGEL I (two hours): Sept. 16, 1-2:15 p.m. ANGEL II (two hours): Sept. 24, noon - 2 p.m.

ANGEL I and II combined: Sept. 11, 4-8 p.m.

ANGEL III (three hours): Sept. 18, 4-8 p.m.; or Sept. 28 and 30, 1-2:15 p.m. both dates

General Weekly Schedule for Open Lab (when there isn't a training course in session): Monday, 1-2 p.m. & 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Tuesday, noon - 2 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-2 p.m. & 8-9 p.m.; and Thursday, noon - 2 p.m.

Say yes to mugs, no to Styrofoam

Re-usable mugs made from recycled plastic are available for \$3.

Those who purchase the mugs can bring them back to Food Service and pay only \$1 for refills on soft drinks, tea and coffee. Water refills are free.

Mugs can be purchased in the student activities office, Room L116 by the auditorium. The mugs are being offered in response to a request from students to help reduce the use of Styrofoam cups on campus.

Save A Life Tour lands at KCC on 9/9



The National Save A Life Tour - High Impact Alcohol Awareness Program will be at KCC



Wednesday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A 45-minute lecture will kick off the tour at 10 a.m. with the presenter relating his personal experience with a life altering DUI incident. The

lecture also will include current national statistics, information about the drinking and driving simulation experience, information about motor skills from a sober perspective.

Drinking and driving results in more than 500,000 deaths and injuries each year according to the National Save a Life Tour.

The Save A Life Tour has been endorsed by high schools and colleges across the country and by the U.S. Navy, Marines, Air Force and Army, along with numerous insurance companies, and hospitals nationwide.

Remembering 9-11

In honor of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, the office of Student Activities would like to encourage all faculty, staff and students to attend a brief ceremony in the college courtyard by the flag poles on Friday, Sept. 11.



There will be a moment of silence at 8:45 a.m., followed by brief remarks and the singing of the National Anthem.

Monster.com presents . . .College Advantage

Monster.com will present College Advantage from 11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Sept. 23 in the Iroquois Room.

Designed for first-year college students, College Advantage is a free 60-minute, interactive presentation delivered by a professional speaker. Participants will receive a guidebook to fill in during the presentation, and some will be involved on-stage activities.

College Advantage is designed to help students achieve the best possible result from their college experience. Topics will include:

- How setting SMART goals right away will make a big difference
- The importance of strong academic performance
- A unique and powerful approach to time management
- Winning strategies for activities to put you first in line for the best jobs
- An inside look at employer interview strategies

The event is free, and no reservations are required. It is sponsored by the office of Career Services in cooperation with Monster.com

Art exhibit begins next week

"RAICES ▪ ROOTS," an art show during National Hispanic Heritage Month, will be on display Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 in the Learning Resource Center Art Gallery.



The show will feature works by René Hugo Arceo, Joe Compean and Sergio Gomez. A reception with the artists will be Tuesday, Sept. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. with comments and discussion at 7 p.m.

The exhibit title, "RAICES ▪ ROOTS," refers to the common thread among the artists. Each man's Latino heritage has influenced his work, and each has had a successful art career and has exhibited many times in Chicago and abroad. Where the artists differ, though, is in the medium and style of their work. Gomez works in painting and drawing, Compean works with photographic and installation medium, and Arceo is a printmaker.

Volunteers needed at College Fair

On Monday, Sept. 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. the area-wide College Fair will be held at KCC.

Typically, at least 400 high school students and their parents attend the event. Faculty and staff who would like to talk to prospective students and parents, as well as distribute information, are invited to assist at KCC's table.

Each year, high school guidance counselors in our area coordinate this college fair to include more than 75 colleges and universities. In the past, it has been held at Northfield Square Mall.

To volunteer to help at the College Fair, please contact Michelle Driscoll at ext. 8524 or mdriscoll@kcc.edu.

Please note, KCC also is hosting a College Fair earlier in the day on Sept. 21, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The daytime fair is mainly attended by KCC's students, although the public is invited.

Who's who

Congratulations to Donna Smith on being included in the 2009-10 edition of Strathmore's Who's Who.

The anthology recognizes and selects key executives, professionals and organizations in all disciplines and industries for outstanding business and professional achievements.

Get ready, Hoopla time almost here



October is just around the corner, and so is the holiday shopping season.



The traditional kickoff--at least at KCC--to the holiday season is the Homespun Holiday Hoopla. The Hoopla is an extravaganza showcasing homemade items from KCC employees and their close relatives.

The 21st annual Hoopla will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19 in the Board Room and adjacent President's Conference Room.

To reserve a booth at the show or for more information, contact Liz Becvar at ext. 8253 or e-mail ebecvar@kcc.edu

Entry deadline is Oct. 30.

Everyone invited to join river cleanup

Groups from KCC will be part of the 27th Annual Kankakee & Iroquois River Clean Up Saturday, Sept. 19 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

KCC's Rotaract Club and Phi Theta Kappa will participate, and all other employees and students are invited to join them.

Registration and start-off points are Momence Island Park, Shamrock Golf Course, Aroma Park Boat Launch, Beckman Park boat launch, Bird Park boat launch, Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsmans Club, Kankakee Sportsmans Club and the Kankakee River State Park concession stand.

For information about meeting the KCC groups the morning of Sept. 19, contact Susan LaMore at ext. 8208.

Thanks for assistance

Recently, a car which wouldn't start led to an act of kindness.

Here's what happened, in the words of Jo Irigoyen of the Information Technology Services department.

"I was so excited to be leaving KCC on Aug. 20 and starting my East Coast vacation with my kids.

"However, my car would not start in the staff parking lot. Laima Boese was driving by and stopped to lend a hand. She offered jumper cables, a cell phone and some mechanical advice. She also recommended a repair shop in Manteno, and even drove me there to drop off my car keys for a tow. She then drove me to my home.

"Although she does not feel that she did anything extraordinary, I feel that she did. She took time out of her commute home at the end of a long day, to help me when I was stranded. She couldn't have been nicer. Although I thanked her personally, her willing spirit and sincere concern for my situation warrants public acknowledgment for her unseen good deed."

Chef made to order for KCC

If you missed Chef Auston Minnich creating individually prepared entrees last week, he has promised to do it again.



From Aug. 31 to Sept. 2, Auston showed off his flare for both short order cooking and showmanship. The menu each day included an array of fresh vegetables chopped and diced for the main entree and then sautéed.

Until the next event, Food Service will continue to offer daily specials filled with healthy ingredients and fresh taste.

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