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Jazz social - everyone's invited



Everyone is invited to a jazz social Tuesday, Sept. 15 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the south patio.

It will be a chance to connect with fellow faculty, staff and students, to share stories and relax.

The jazzy soundtrack for the night will be from the collection of WKCC radio host Willie Dixon and other

WKCC 91.1 FM sources.

There will be light refreshments, good music and great conversation.

Please attend!



Blue Cross Blue Shield quick reference

In-network benefit highlights

Following are Blue Cross Blue Shield in-network benefit highlights:

- Lifetime benefit maximum: \$5,000,000
- Deductible: \$500
- Physician office visit: \$20 co-pay, then paid at 100%
- Diagnostic procedures: X-rays, blood test, mammograms (outside physician office): No co-pay, paid at 100%
- Emergency room visit: \$100 co-pay, then paid at 80%
- Prescription drug card: \$10/\$40/\$60
- The complete 2009 benefits highlights, along with the complete benefit booklet can be viewed at O:\Share\KCC\Human Resources\Employee Benefits Summary.

Anyone with questions or concerns about your BlueCross BlueShield insurance, please contact Jane Clark at ext. 8146.

President offers 'Bytes' on Monday



Employees have an opportunity to provide information and feedback to Dr. John Avendano during a Campus Bytes session this week.

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"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."

Upcoming dates and times are:

Monday, Sept. 14 from 11 a.m. to noon. Feedback for the AQIP Systems Portfolio will be the theme.

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.

Fire drills scheduled

Fire drills have been scheduled for 9:05 a.m. and 5:35 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 6.

Faculty will need to plan for the alarm in order that there are not tests scheduled for that time. All staff should review fire evacuation procedures before the drill.

In order that there is some degree of realism to the drill, faculty should not forewarn students. During the drill, everyone should cooperate to assist students in leaving the building and staying a reasonable distance from the buildings.

Project Quick Start offers job training to 44 dislocated workers

KCC is recruiting for two programs which will begin in January and cover tuition, fees and other expenses for dislocated workers.



"Project Quick Study," funded by the Grundy Livingston Kankakee Workforce Board, will give up to 44 students the opportunity to complete KCC programs, with up to 20 students earning KCC's Practical Nursing Program certification, up to 13 students earning Phlebotomy and Medical Coding Certificates, and up to 11 earning Phlebotomy Certificates.

In all, up to \$263,000 will be awarded, covering tuition, fees, books and other associated program costs, such as uniforms.

"The goal of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was to get additional funding for programs like these as quickly and efficiently as possible," said Elisabeth Dunbar, executive director of the Grundy Livingston Kankakee Workforce Board. "These Recovery Act funds are specifically targeted to serve dislocated workers, people who lost their jobs in the past two years, through short-term training. KCC's 'Project Quick Start' will do exactly that with short-term training options that will put participants through training and return them to the workforce quickly."

The Workforce Board received a total of \$2.4 million in Recovery

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Act funds for this and similar programs.

For those who enroll in the Practical Nursing program, classes will begin in January and will be completed within a year. To qualify, students must possess current Certified Nursing Assistant certification, or successfully complete CNA coursework that will begin in October. The grant will support tuition and fees for these prerequisite classes.

There will be two breaks of two weeks each. The KCC Practical Nursing degree is a 37 credit-hour program.

Upon successful completion, students will be prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination exam in January 2011. The NCLEX is the qualifying examination to earn the credential of licensed practical nurse.

"The demand for nurses continues to grow, and the nursing department at KCC is excited to have the opportunity to help individuals who want to become nurses achieve their goals through this grant," said Kim Mau, director of KCC's nursing programs. "Project Quick Study will give us the opportunity to educate 20 additional practical nurses who will be able to enter a promising field with job security. We are excited about the impact these nurses will have upon our community."

Those who enroll in the Phlebotomy/Medical Coding certification track will complete coursework within 18 months and will be prepared for entry into the workforce. Phlebotomy coursework includes 6 credit hours of study. The Medical Coding Specialist program includes 23 credit hours of coursework.

In all, 24 students will be offered tuition, fees, books and other associated program costs to complete the Phlebotomy Assistant or Coding Specialist programs. Training will begin in January and will be finished by Feb. 28, 2011.

"This program is the very definition of quick turn-around training," said Mary Jo Martyn, KCC assistant director of Workforce Services. "We hope to rapidly make a difference to people who lost their jobs. Within 12 to 18 months of starting training, they will be ready to accept jobs in these fields."

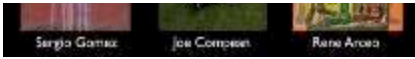
Job placement assistance is part of the program, Mary Jo added.

To learn more about enrollment in one of the Project Quick Start programs, contact Mary Jo at mmartyn@kcc.edu or ext. 8964. To enroll, the student must meet all program entry requirements and be an eligible dislocated worker as defined by the Workforce Investment Act.

Art show begins this 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.

Arceo is a native of Cojumatlan, Michoacan, Mexico. He moved to Chicago in 1979 and studied fine arts at the School of the Art Institute in Chicago from 1981 to 1985. Arceo has participated in group and solo exhibitions in the United States, Mexico, Canada, Poland, France, Nicaragua and Spain.

Compean is an eclectic photographer specializing in photo-documentary. Compean is a first generation Mexican-American, and was born in Chicago. He is a graduate of Columbia College of Chicago, where he studied photography. Since 2001, Compean has been working on a project about Mexican Baseball. He said it is one way to explore another melding of American and Mexican culture.

Gomez is originally from Puebla, Mexico. He moved to the Chicago area with his family when he was 16. Gomez's work has been shown in venues such as The National Museum of Mexican Art, the Museum of Science and Industry, Northern Indiana Arts Association, and the Beverly Art Center. He is a full time art faculty member at South Suburban College.

Employment news

An assistant professor has recently joined the faculty.

Al Ponton is a new assistant professor for the nursing program, in the Health Careers Division.

In this position, Al will teach both theory and lecture components for the Nursing Assistant program.

Al has more than 20 years of emergency room experience with Riverside Medical Center. He also is a Licensed Paramedic. Most recently, he worked for the Chicago Fire Department, in the medical administration and regulatory compliance division. He also was a KCC adjunct professor for the past two years, teaching the clinical component for the Nursing Assistant program.

Al is a graduate of KCC's Practical Nursing, Registered Nursing,



and Paramedic Supervision programs.

His office is located in Room W106 and his phone ext. 8836.

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.

Sessions this month include...

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

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

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

The 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.

KCC Sports Report returns to WKCC



The KCC Sports Report is back every Wednesday on WKCC.

On the show, Sarah Zirkle, KCC coordinator of student life and sports information, brings in a variety of guests to discuss KCC sports programs including volleyball, Soccer, softball and baseball.

Listeners can get a sports fix on the KCC Sports Report, Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 5:20 p.m. on 91.1 FM, WKCC Public Radio. You also can listen on your computer anywhere at www.wkccradio.org.

New data available!

The [Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Planning & Research](#) has several new data reports available online:

1. The [Community College Survey of Student Engagement \(CCSSE\) 2009 Highlights Report](#) provides students' responses about their satisfaction



and engagement.

2. The [SEI Institutional Report-Summer 2009](#) provides an overview of the summer 2009 course evaluations.

3. The FY2009 Annual Headcount Report, Summer 2009 10th Day Report, and Enrollment Trends 2005-2009 provide [enrollment data](#).

Visit www.kcc.edu/kccdata to view these reports and other KCC data. If you have any questions, please contact OIEPR at 802-8259.

Video contest offers iPod Shuffles as top prize



Students are invited to compete in a KCC video contest with a top prize of up to four iPod Shuffles to the winning team.

The assignment is to make a creative, original work aimed at potential KCC students aged 18 to 24 years old. To participate, students must be enrolled in at least one credit hour class.

"Entrants are encouraged to use the slogan 'Start here. Finish anywhere.' in the theme, dialog or imagery," said Kari Sargeant, director of marketing and public information. "They also are encouraged to infuse one or more of the college's strengths into the video, including affordable tuition, small class sizes, personal attention and the diversity and variety of classes offered."

The top three entries will be posted on KCC's Web site.

The contest runs until Monday, Nov. 30. Full contest rules and entry forms will be online by Sept. 21.

The activity is a joint effort between the recruitment and marketing offices.

College Fairs are in one week

KCC will host College Fairs from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21.

The evening college fair, coordinated by high school guidance counselors in our area, will include more than 75 colleges and universities. In the past, it has been held at Northfield Square Mall.

More than 50 public and private colleges and universities are expected to attend the 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. fair.

Current high school students, college students and the public are invited to attend either event.

For event information and a current list of colleges which have responded that they will attend the morning event, visit www.kcc.edu and look under "Upcoming Events."

For more information about the College Fair, phone Susan LaMore at ext. 8208 or e-mail slamore@kcc.edu.

United Way drive begins Sept. 23

Come help kick off the KCC United Way Drive and "Give a Little Bit" on Wednesday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Cavalier Room.



Refreshments will be provided for those who donate and there will be a drawing for prizes at 2 p.m.

All donations go to United Way of Kankakee County and 99 cents of every dollar donated stays here. Please remember that United Way of Kankakee County supports more than 40 local programs and service providers and serves more than 60,000 people per year.

Please come and make a pledge or donation on Wednesday, Sept. 23.

Monster.com presents ... College Advantage

Submitted by Tina Talmadge, coordinator of career planning services

All KCC students--especially freshman--are invited to attend College Advantage, a free, interactive presentation to help achieve the best possible result in the search for a degree and great career.

The event will be Wednesday, Sept. 23 from 11 a.m. to noon in the Iroquois Room.

College Advantage is a free 60-minute, highly interactive presentation for first-year college students. The program is delivered by a professional speaker and students will be involved in on-stage activities. Participants will also be provided with a guidebook to fill in during the presentation that they can keep for future reference.

The presentation provides information topics such as:

- 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.

Mass e-mail policy reminder

A clarified mass e-mail procedure is in effect.

Mass e-mails can be sent if all three of the following apply:

1. The information was not available when the last *Update* came out.
2. Action is needed before the next *Update*.
3. The information is relevant to the vast majority of employees.

There are a limited number of employees who can send messages to all staff. In order to have an e-mail sent to all staff, contact Kari Sargeant or Ellen Skelly in the marketing office with the information.

Before requesting a mass e-mail, all employees are asked to remember that *Update* is sent weekly, and most communication to all staff should be planned in order to be published in *Update*. There are always occasional exceptions which can be made when circumstances warrant it.

For more information about the mass e-mail policy, contact Kari, the director of marketing and public information.

AV orders: Quick 3-step guide

Submitted by Cathy Becker, technician I in the Learning Resource Center

It's a great time to order AV materials for classroom use--and it can be done in just three easy steps!

1. Complete the AV Preview-Firm Order Form (O:\Share\KCC\LRC Resources) in its entirety, remembering to get approval for a firm purchase from your division chairperson.

2. Send the completed order form to Cathy Becker in the Learning Resource Center. Contact Cathy at ext. 8406 (or cbecker@kcc.edu) with questions. Also, AV Purchasing Procedures (O:\Share\KCC\LRC Resources) give detailed directions to help you through the process.

3. Since the entire process can take up to four months, please keep the following schedule in mind when ordering a video/DVD: To order items for use during spring semester, submit orders in August or September; to order items for use during fall semester, submit orders in January or February; ordering ends in March.

Free text and e-mail alerts available

KCC has implemented a text and e-mail alert system.

It allows subscribers to receive emergency notifications via text, e-mail, or both. Messages will be sent in emergency situations such as college closing and severe weather.



The service is free; however, cell phone providers may charge for receipt of text messages.

Please make sure students are aware of this service. To subscribe, go to www.sheriffalert.com.

The service is offered in conjunction with the Kankakee County Sheriff's Office.

Recognition dinner planned for November

The 2009 Recognition Dinner is being planned for Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Kankakee.

Invitations will be sent for the event in October. A groovy good time is being planned.

Thirty-eight full-time employees who mark their fifth, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th and 35th service anniversary at KCC in 2009 will be honored. They are:

35 years--Brian Yeoman.

30 years--Vicky Dubie, Debbie Blomer and Dave Meredith.

25 years--Stephen Dockemeyer, Cyndy Riordan and Dennis Sorensen.

20 years--Doris Benjamin, Michele Buikema, Penny Dickerson, Rick Elliott, Kathy French, Beth Kohn, Mary Jo Martyn and Chris Zunke-Classen.

15 years--Valette Fitch, Frank Martin, Marcia Papineau, Mary Posing and Judy Spence.

Ten years--Karen Bayston, Robert Gifford, Dan Harris, Prosper Hevi, Robert Ling, Dwayne Musick, Brenda Newman and Kari Sargeant.

Five years--Oshunda Carpenter Williams, Linsey Cuti, Sherry Kinzler, Patrick Klette, Angela Kunce, David Massey, Herman Martinez, Sarah Zirkle, Pam Nault and Jean Zak.

Next blood drive will be 9/24



The American Red Cross will take blood donations from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 24 in the Iroquois Room.

The Red Cross encourages eligible participants to make a donation. In most cases, the entire donation process takes about one hour. Participants must have at least 56 days since their last whole blood or 112 days since their last double red cell donation.

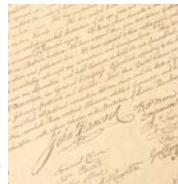
The blood drive is sponsored by KCCs Student Advisory Council. For more information or to set up an appointment, phone ext. 8100. Walk-in appointments also are available.

The American Red Cross of Kankakee County has served area residents for more than 90 years.

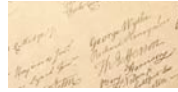
Celebrate the anniversary of the U.S. Constitution

On Thursday, Sept. 17, KCC will hold a celebration of the 222nd anniversary of the creation of the U.S. Constitution with a program in the College Center.

"At a time when most people know who won American Idol last season as opposed to who won the



American Revolution, an event such as this is a must," said Cheryl Overton, KCC adjunct professor who teaches American government courses.



Events begin at 12:30 p.m. in the College Center with KCC student Tia Turrell singing "America the Beautiful." There will be historical readings by KCC assistant professor Scott Kistler and comments from Kankakee County Clerk, Bruce Clark, State Rep. Lisa Dugan, and a special presentation by Kankakee native Jim Ryan.

The celebration will conclude before 1 p.m. with attendees joining Colin Powell via Internet in reciting the Preamble of the Constitution and singing the National Anthem.

"Faculty and staff are urged to encourage students to attend this academic event," Cheryl said.

The federal government requires educational institutions to commemorate this moment in U.S. history.

KCC also will offer a voter registration area in the College Center Sept. 14 to 17.

For more information about Constitution Day events, contact Sheila Pfaff at ext. 8700 or e-mail spfaff@kcc.edu.

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 Sportsman's Club, Kankakee Sportsman's 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.

Thank you for condolences



I would like to extend my appreciation to everyone at KCC for their expressions of sympathy following the loss of my mother. Your thoughtfulness will not be forgotten!

-Dennis Sorensen

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