ALL ABOARD!

Recognition dinner is Saturday
The 26th annual Staff Recognition Event will be Saturday at the Quality Inn and Suites in Bradley.

The 44 employees being honored for their years of service to the college are:
- **30 years**: Pat Cordes, Steve Monts, Al Widhalm and Brian Yeoman.
- **25 years**: Debbie Blomer, Vicky Dubie, Dave Meredith and Pablo Acevedo.
- **20 years**: Pam Ash, Stephen Dockemeyer, Cyndy Riordan and Dennis Sorensen.
- **15 years**: Doris Benjamin, Mchele Buikema, Cathy Collings, Penny Dickerson, Rick Elliott, Kathy French, Jim Grims, Beth Kohn, Lea Leveque, Sue Marczak, Mary Jo Martyn, Bonnie Simpson and Chris Zunke.
- **10 years**: Joey Ahuja, Julie Anderson-Muniz, Dan Harris, Prosper Hevi, Robert Ling, Dwayne Musick, Kari Sargeant, Kren Bayston, Robert Gifford, Brenda Newman and Terry Larkin.

The event has been designed by the social committee as a one-night getaway on the Cavalier Cruise Line.
The evening starts at 5:30 p.m. with social hour. Everyone boarding between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. will be offered a special commemorative photo opportunity.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The recognition program will begin at 7:45 p.m. Entertainment will follow the recognition program at approximately 8:30 p.m. The entertainment will be, "Mission Improvable," an improv group that will count on audience help to make their skits funny and lively.

One final boarding note, there will not be individual name cards for guests this year. Instead, each place setting will have a card to indicate the person’s main course choice during dinner. If the server sees the captain's wheel is face-up, you will receive orange roughy. If the anchor is face-up, you receive chicken and roast beef.

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**Saturday classes offered widely, here's results**

In the spring semester, Saturday classes were offered campus wide at KCC for the first time. Julia Walsh, director of Learning Services, tracked the outcomes for this trial project.

Student success and retention were tracked for all 29 Saturday classes. The results showed that 75 percent of the 336 students who initially enrolled passed their classes with a grade of C or higher.

"I consider this an excellent rate for a community college," said Julia. "The whole idea is to use the data to develop course delivery formats that foster student success."

A survey of 97 Saturday enrollees showed that 85 percent would consider taking another Saturday course and 90 percent would recommend a Saturday class to a friend.

The most common concern brought up in the replies was the lack of weekend food service and book store hours.

Both Saturday classes and the data collection process have proved to be innovations worthy of being followed up on. Expanded Saturday offerings are planned for future semesters and the data tracking system is being considered for wider implementation.

"This process is something that the institutional effectiveness AQIP team will be looking at to implement on a larger scale," said Sam Hill.

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**The Teaching and Learning Center is open**

The college's new Teaching and Learning Center, a resource area for faculty, is now open in Room...
L341.

The room offers areas dedicated to several aspects of teaching and learning: meeting, talking, researching, computing and learning.

An open house and several other events are already scheduled for the room. The open house will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday. A schedule of upcoming events is attached.

By the numbers, the room includes:

- 2 computer stations and 1 scanner,
- 1 small meeting table with 4 rolling chairs,
- 12 laptop computers,
- 1 video camera with editing software,
- 1 bookcase with reference materials and books from the Learning Resource Center,
- 1 large meeting table with 12 chairs, a presenter's station and multimedia projector, and 2 couches and 1 chair for "soft seating."

The Teaching and Learning Center also is the college's test site for wireless Internet.

A coffee maker and single-cup hot water machine for tea will soon be installed. A small stereo system for musical background is coming to the room as well.

The person to contact to reserve the room for meetings and workshops is Jeffrey Bathe. He also is the contact for check-out of LRC resources from the room and for using any of the electronic equipment (except for the computer stations and wireless Internet).

For more information on the Teaching and Learning Center, contact Jeffrey at Ext. 8372 or e-mail jbathe@kankakee.edu.

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**AQIP Quality Corner**

This week for the AQIP Quality Corner, you are reminded that the AQIP committee has established an e-mail and phone link for questions and comments about AQIP.

To contact John Babich, the AQIP communications chair, use this link QCC@kankakee.edu or phone ext. 8666.

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**United Way campaign**

The United Way of Kankakee County's fall campaign is off to a rousing start.

Last Monday at the kickoff event, the college provided lunch for all donors and 29 staff members won prizes ranging from Bears tickets, a Gale Sayer's autographed photo, a digital camera, Rival crockpot, stereo system, DVD player and movie, floral arrangements, gift certificates to local businesses, silk floral arrangements, fall decorations, a Hawaiian shirt, and 12 mum plants.

The United Way campaign is continuing until Nov. 24.

For information on the local impact of United Way, visit www.myunitedway.org.

At the conclusion of KCC's fundraising campaign, there will be another chance for everyone who donates to win something as a "thank-you" gift.

That list of prizes includes a round of golf for two at the Elks, four silk floral arrangements, a poker game, a $20 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble, a $20 gift certificate to Chicago Dough Co., a $50 gift certificate to T.C. Styles, a $25 gift certificate to Heavenly Ham, a fruit basket, and a $20 gift certificate to Blockbuster Video.

"Here's your opportunity to make a contribution to the United Way which does so much good in our community and to have a chance at some wonderful prizes," said Pat Posing, co-chair of this year's KCC fund drive.

Contact Pam Mack or Pat to make a donation to the United Way campaign. They will be happy to assist you.

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**Radiography enters new cooperative agreement**

Beginning with the Spring 2005 semester, KCC's radiography program will assign three students to the new clinical education center at OSF Saint James - John W. Albrecht Medical Center in Pontiac.

Two persons from the freshman class and one from the sophomore class will complete their spring rotation at the hospital.

"St. James is a state-of-the-art hospital," said Ed Viglia, director of the radiography program. "By state-of-the-art, we mean the total hospital is computer based and the radiography department is totally digital. Very little film is used and it has connections to all floors and to doctors in the system.

This means they can look at the patient's newest chest X-ray for example while making rounds.

Patient care is enhanced also by the use of wireless patient notes from the medical and nursing staff to the computer during nursing rounds.

"Darla (Jepson) and I are excited to have a new clinical site with the digital advantage." Darla is the professor in the program.

Ed said that after the spring, it is probable that two or three additional students will have St. James as their clinical site. That addition will bring the total students in the radiography program to 25.

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**Printing deadlines**

To guarantee having a book or handout ready at the start of the Spring semester, please turn in the materials to the Media Department by the following dates:
Both dates are selected to give the Media Department a reasonable amount of time to complete printing before the semester begins.

If you have any questions, call Sue Marczak at Ext. 8264.

3 accept KCC positions

Two people have recently begun working at KCC, while another has accepted a new position within the college.

Bridgett Fifer is the new Coordinator of 21st Century Community Learning Center Curriculum and Services.

Bridgett will assist in coordinating programs and services for the students and families of Momence School District. She also will assure the goals and objectives of the program are met.

Previously, Bridgett worked as a program coordinator for 21st Century Learning Center for Columbia College and the Chicago Public Schools. She has also worked for KCC's Upward Bound programs as a workshop instructor.

Bridgett has a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and Sciences from Northern Illinois University in DeKalb.

Bridgett's office is located in Room L205 and she can be reached at ext. 8537.

Sherry Kinzler is the new coordinator/interpreter for Special Populations Instructional Services.

Sherry provides services to students with special needs, including sign language services/wheelchair accessibility and note takers for students. She also acts as a support resource for faculty in working with students with special needs. Previously, Sherry worked as a freelance sign language interpreter.

Sherry has a bachelor's degree from Columbia College in Chicago in sign language interpreting and is nationally registered with the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

Sherry's office is located in Room L325, and she can be reached at ext. 8632.

Lauri Zumwalt is now the director of 21st Century Community Learning Center in Momence.

She will develop programs and services for students in kindergarten through 12th grade in the Momence school district.

Previously, Lauri was the coordinator of academic services for the Educational Talent Search program.

Lauri has a bachelor's degree in English from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington and a master's degree in education administration from the University of Illinois.

She has also completed the coursework for her doctorate from the University of Illinois in higher education administration.

Lauri's office is located in Room L205, and she can be reached at ext. 8535.

For early holiday shopping, visit the Hoopla

The annual Homespun Holiday Hoopla will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Board Room and adjacent President's conference room.

Everyone is invited to stop by to see and/or buy the creations of our talented staff members and their relatives. There will be holiday music and refreshments.

Twelve crafters will showcase their creations. The Hoopla specializes in offering homemade items for the holidays and for year-round use.

There will be primitive or rustic woods and seasonal items, winter decorating and gift items, floral arrangements for the holidays, potpourri, ceramics, stained glass, candles, baby bibs, purses, glass items, gift baskets, other Christmas decorations, homemade breads, homemade cookies and candies, and other goodies.

The Hoopla—now in its 16th year—is a great way to get a jump on holiday shopping. Some crafters even plan to take special orders on items to be ready for before the KCC winter break.

For more information, contact Cathy Collings at ext. 8206 or Ellen Skelly at Ext. 8279.

Sick leave bank accepting donations

The Supportive Staff Sick Leave Bank is now accepting donations.

Donation forms are available in the Human Resources office on the second floor and on the O: share drive, in the KCC folder in the SSAC folder. The navigation path is O:\Share\KCC\SSAC.

Participating in the sick leave bank is voluntary. Each full-time supportive staff member has the option to donate two, one or zero sick leave days from his or her personal bank of paid sick days.

For more information on the sick leave bank, go to the O: share drive and click on the "SSAC" folder, where there is a Word document called "Supportive Staff Sick Bank Procedures." You also can contact Carol Webber in the Human Resources office, Ext. 8127 or e-mail cwebber@kank.akee.edu.

16 celebrate November KCC anniversaries

The following 12 full-time employees celebrate employment anniversaries in November.

Robert Kuh, Workforce Investment Act, 11/3/03
Karen Ridgway, Workforce Investment Act, 11/4/01
Vicky Dubie, Physical Plant Department, 11/5/79
Joyce Cochran, Student Services, 11/8/93
Michelle Driscoll, Student Services, 11/11/97
Don Frye, Workforce Investment Act, 11/11/85
Pam Yates, Information Technology Services, 11/12/85
Sharon Hoogstraat, Student Services, 11/15/83
Take a hike (or a 15-minute walk) ... during your breaks each day

The Wellness Committee is urging interested persons to schedule 15 minute walks around the halls of the campus during breaks.

"Walking promotes bone density, relieves stress and provides circulation stimulation through the increased heart rate," said Wellness Committee member Carol Webber.

Here are some KCC distance statistics: A person who walks 17 times around the gym on the blue line has traveled a mile. The outside vita course is 1.1 mile in length, and a trip to West Campus is .2 miles from the Science Building door.

The gym is open on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Supervisors are encouraged coordinate the times of the breaks so that everyone who wishes to will be able to take a walk.

More information on the value of walking can be found at www.americaonthemove.org.

The menu will be posted on Tuesday, November 2.

Please take a break for your health.

KCC cafeteria hours:
Monday - Thursday: 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Friday: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Please make sure to check out the food service menu!

Phone: 815-985-2704
Email: kccfoodservices@kankakee.edu