2 faculty earn ICCTA award nominations

Submitted by the Faculty Development Committee

Annually, the Illinois Community College Trustees Association presents a number of awards to students, graduates, trustees and faculty members.

Two KCC faculty are among this year’s nominees, Tim Wilhelm in the Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Member Award category, and Mary Decker in the new Outstanding Part-Time Faculty Member category.

To see the full nominations for Tim and Mary, go to the Teaching & Learning Center Special Events page, http://www.kcc.edu/FacultyStaff/departments/ktlc/Pages/specialevents.aspx.

Along with other nominees from around the state, they will be recognized at the ICCTA annual meeting and awards ceremony on June 4 in Springfield.

Congratulations to Tim and Mary on their nominations!

Tim Wilhelm

Tim is program coordinator for Electrical Technology, and has worked at KCC since August 1997.

"Best instructor I’ve had since kindergarten, and that’s only because she was hot!" one of his students said on a recent student evaluation of instruction.

To transform information into knowledge, Tim uses a technique he
calls "imaginative discovery," step-by-step story-telling--sometimes accompanied by an original song--to help students grasp and remember the important concepts. He also looks for innovative ways to keep students interested and obtain practical experience.

"His passion for his own increase in knowledge is fueled by his drive to serve his students," said Paul Carlson, Technology and Business Division chair. "He has students climbing around on the roof of the Technology Building erecting photovoltaic arrays. He has them using computer-based solar mapping devices to identify the sunlight patterns at various locations on campus. He has even begun the process of purchasing and building wind turbines on the KCC campus, for student use and KCC sustainability efforts."

Tim also has been instrumental in developing a renewable energy curriculum at KCC. He was the primary faculty contributor to two successful Fall 2009 grants, the $279,600 Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation grant and a $400,000 Federal Appropriation grant.

Mary Decker

Since 1999, Mary has taught speech, English I and English II as an adjunct faculty member. Plus, she has almost 40 years of experience as a K-12 educator and administrator.

Mary prefers to assess at the top level of Bloom's taxonomy. She uses authentic assessment in her courses to evaluate student understanding of material. In Fall 2009, Mary taught an Introduction to Mass Communication course which she also developed. It culminated in a group media project. Each student contributed articles toward a magazine entitled "The Konnect: For KCC Students by KCC Students."

"When I first walked in to Mrs. Decker's English II class, I was extremely arrogant about my abilities as a writer," said former student Erin Couch. "I believed I was at the peak of my talents and there was nothing I could learn from her class. Within the first three weeks of her class, my arrogance and ego had vanished completely. They were replaced with a great sense of humility, a desire to improve my writing skills to meet her high standards, and a deep sense of admiration, respect, and affection for her as a teacher."

"Mrs. Decker expects the most out of her students and does not settle for less," said another student, Jordan Nugent. "She strives to make her students better. I will always remember her as the person who showed me the drive for learning and wanting to be better in everything I do. What more could you ask for from a teacher?"

Adjunct union elects Executive Board
During the second week of April, the Adjunct Faculty Union held elections for its Executive Board.
The following new officers will begin their two-year terms May 1:
President: Mary Decker
Vice president: Ronald Shank
Secretary/treasurer: Alice “Tinker” Parker
Senator: Scott Lemenager
Congratulations Mary, Ron, Tinker and Scott!

Graduation information

Information for faculty and administration

Faculty and administrators will be seated in the southeast corner of the gymnasium for Commencement on May 15.
Faculty and administration will gather in the lower level of the College Center prior to proceeding to the gym. Please arrive by 9:30 a.m. on May 15. The procession of faculty and administrators will be led by David Cagle, director of human resources.
We hope you’ll stay afterward for the reception and mingle with our graduates and their parents in the College Center!

Commencement to be carried live on WKCC

KCC’s 41st annual Commencement Ceremony will be broadcast live over WKCC 91.1 FM and www.WKCCRadio.org beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday May 15.
The event will be re-broadcast Monday, May 17 at 5 p.m. and will be available as an Internet podcast to hear any time.

Remind students about buyback

Faculty members are asked to remind students about the bookstore’s spring buyback dates.
The dates and times are:
**May 10 through May 17**
Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
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 15 pages of writing or highlighting to qualify for buyback.
Those with questions can phone the bookstore at ext. 8590.
Films on Demand: A New Resource in the LRC

Submitted by Karen Becker, assistant director, Learning Resource Center

The Learning Resource Center has recently acquired access to Films on Demand, a searchable digital repository of more than 10,000 videos and video clips.

Through this resource, students and faculty have access to clips appropriate to classroom or online use. The videos and clips are digitally accessible and can easily be used in Angel as well as the classroom. They also are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I highly encourage faculty and staff to use this resource. The link to the repository is found at http://digital.films.com/featuredVideos.aspx. Throughout the summer and into the fall, additional training, tutorials, and information will be provided. In the meantime, contact LRC staff with questions.

Info on International Friendship Day scholarship and raffle winners

Submitted by Elise Schultz, Cultural Diversity Committee

Scholarship contest

A new feature of KCC International Friendship Day 2010 was the Scholarship Contest.

The purpose of the contest was to give students an opportunity to share their inter-cultural knowledge or experiences with the college community. It was part of an increased academic focus for the event. Three finalists were selected to compete for a free KCC course donated by the KCC Foundation. The winner of the contest was selected by secret ballot, cast by attendees.

The scholarship winner was Tyler Zabel, for his presentation "Remembering Ahmed: A Voice for the Voiceless." The speech recounted experiences of Aaron Hughes, a friend of Tyler's who is a fellow member of the group "Iraq Veterans Against the War." The speech also pointed out some effects of war on civilian populations and soldiers. Zabel left the military as a conscientious objector after four years of service and is in his second semester at KCC. He is considering degrees in psychology or English.

Runners-up in the Scholarship Contest were Kathy Mabus and Rosemary Nowicki. Mabus, on the left, described her experience teaching English in Korea last semester as part of the Korean TaLK program. The program, sponsored by the Republic of Korea, gives American college students the opportunity to teach
English to children in communities outside major urban areas. Nowicki, on the right, spoke about her experience as the grandmother of a child adopted internationally. She also explained how small contributions to international charities can make a huge difference in the life of a child in impoverished circumstances abroad. Each runner-up received a certificate and a KCC gift basket.

The Diversity Committee thanks the KCC Foundation and the College for the prize donations.

Drawing winners

To enter the International Friendship Day drawings, individuals had their “KCC Passport” stamped at each display and attended a presentation in the Iroquois Room; or they volunteered at one of the country or organization displays.

Three drawings were held, and the prizes were a large KCC gift basket and two $50 gift certificates to the Hammes Bookstore.

The winner of the gift basket was James Wadley, who volunteered at the PSI: KCC display, representing the U.S.A. Wadley took the U.S. Government class as a general education requirement and liked it so much he decided to become active in the PSI: KCC club. He plans to graduate in Spring 2011 with an Associate in Fine Arts degree.

The winners of the bookstore gift certificates, donated by Hammes Bookstore and Judy Marwick, were students Emily Bishop and Kristopher Landeck. Congratulations to our winners!

The Cultural Diversity Committee appreciates the donations and support of this event by the administration and the college community!

14 celebrate May anniversaries

The following 10 full-time employees celebrate KCC employment anniversaries in May.

Stella Maushund, Physical Plant Department, 5/5/97
Kenneth Crite, Small Business Development Center 5/7/90
Cynthia Riordan, Learning Services, 5/17/84
David Massey, Information Technology, 5/17/04
Laurel Soper, Marketing and Public Information, 5/19/87
Jean Zak, Student Services, 5/20/04
Kim Harpin, Learning Services, 5/24/00
Sheila Pfaff, Humanities and Social Sciences, 5/28/85
Elise Schultz, Student Services, 5/28/08
Allen Weaver, Adult and Community Education, 5/30/00
The other four employees who are celebrating May anniversaries are:

Susan Lowry, Learning Services, 5/9/05
Bob Kuh, Student Services, 5/12/09
Kristi Garcia, Adult and Community Education, 5/15/08
Dana L’Ecuyer, Child Development Center, 5/19/05

Summer Update deadline
From May 26 to July 28, the deadline to get articles in Update will be noon Wednesday for the following Monday's issue.
In addition to submitting articles and article ideas in person, you can e-mail them to eskelly@kcc.edu.
Articles should be submitted to Ellen Skelly in marketing and public information. You can contact Ellen at ext. 8279.

Events this week

Art exhibit reception: 5/6
The 2010 KCC Student Art Exhibition will be on display until 8 p.m. May 6 in the Learning Resource Center lower level gallery.
The works on display are from a wide range of mediums, including paintings, charcoal drawings, photography and 3-D designs. All works were created in classes at KCC.
The gallery hours are 7:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 7:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fridays; and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.
The public is invited to a closing reception for the artists from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 6. Refreshments will be served.
For more information, phone Sheila Pfaff at ext. 8704.

Office 2007 updates class: 5/5
Training for KCC employees is continuing
The office of Corporate and Continuing Education has created a training schedule for KCC employees which runs through early August.
Training options include the final two sessions of a one-day workshop to learn new features in Office 2007.
These workshops will be 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room D122.
Participants can choose between May 5 and May 12. The training
schedule includes time for lunch and breaks. Pre-registration is required.

Please call Juli Gereg at ext. 8206 or e-mail igereg@kcc.edu to reserve a space.

**Full training schedule information**

View the full training schedule by visiting the faculty and staff pages on KCC's website, Corporate and Continuing Education site, and choosing the employee training icon pictured above.

Or, go straight to the list at [http://www.kcc.edu/coned/Pages/kccemployeetraining.aspx](http://www.kcc.edu/coned/Pages/kccemployeetraining.aspx).

Choices include 45-minute courses, called "What's it All About?” on a variety of topics; eight-hour computer courses in Word 2007, Excel 2007 and Access 2007, offering half of one continuing education unit upon completion; and two- and four-hour topical Workshop Format courses.

To enroll, contact Juli Gereg at ext. 8206. Approval may be needed, so please check with your supervisor prior to enrolling.

The training sessions are a result of the needs assessment that Corporate and Continuing Education conducted earlier this year.

---

**Comic hypnotist: 5/5**

Renowned comedy hypnotist Frederick Winters will be on campus Wednesday, May 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Workforce Development Center Conference Hall.

Winters entertains audiences at colleges and universities across the country.

"I love entertaining college and corporate crowds and demonstrating the incredible powers of the human imagination," said Winters. "But more importantly, the crowds have a great time, too."

He was voted 2006 entertainer of the year by Campus Activities magazine, making him one of the top five campus acts in the country.

For more information contact Sarah Zirkle, coordinator of student life and sports information, at ext. 8628, or e-mail smcintosh-zirkle@kcc.edu.

---

**High school info session with free pizza: 5/8**

High School seniors are invited to a KCC information session, 5 to 6 p.m. Saturday, May 8 at Perky's Pizza, within Hidden Cove Sportsplex in Bourbonnais.

Free pizza and soft drinks will be provided. Information will be available about college programs and options. Information about KCC student services such as student activities and financial aid also will be available. There will be time for questions and answers.

Reservations are requested, but not required. For more
Lindsay Springer Benefit: 5/8

Lindsay Springer, daughter of Julia Waskosky, was diagnosed at age 31 with breast cancer in June 2008.

After surgery and treatment, the cancer spread into her spine and hip. She is currently undergoing radiation therapy, with more surgery to follow.

A Trivia Night and Silent Auction benefit will be held for her beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 8 at Concord Presbyterian Church, 338 Covington Drive, Waterloo, Illinois. Cost is $10 per person.

Donations and registrations can be mailed to Cathy Ward, 5612 Cardinal Drive, Waterloo, IL 62298. Checks can be made payable to "The Springer Fund."

Please note: the church is an alcohol-free facility, and participants are invited to bring soft drinks, water, other non-alcoholic drinks, and snacks.

Julia is dean of Learning Services.

Upcoming events

Mark your calendars

Retirement reception: 5/10

A retirement reception for the employees retiring at the end of the Spring 2010 semester will be 1:30 to 3 p.m. Monday, May 10 in the lower level of the College Center.

The party will honor Cyndy Clapp, Mike Mahoney and Nick Watson.

There will be a brief ceremony at 2:30 p.m., followed by a trip to the staff grove.

Please mark your calendars at this time and plan to join this collegewide celebration on May 10.

Cyndy, Mike and Nick all will retire effective May 31.
Summer facility hours details

Summer facility hours

Facility hours during the summer will be from 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The college’s main campus will be closed on Fridays and Saturdays, May 21 to July 31.

Exceptions

Exceptions include Friday, June 4 and Saturdays, June 12 and July 17, which have previously scheduled events.

There are two weeks with holidays, Memorial Day on May 31 and the Independence Day observance on July 2. Regarding work schedules, during those weeks, full-time employees will need to account for 32 work hours, four days of eight hours each, instead of 40. The college will be closed Monday, May 31 and will be open Tuesday, June 1 through Friday, June 4. It will also be closed July 2.

For business reasons, a few offices located off the main campus, such as the Fitness Center at the OAK Orthopedic Sports Arena and others, may remain open on Fridays.

Work schedules

Each full-time employee must account for exactly 40 hours per week, with no work day longer than 10 hours without approval from the vice president for business affairs and human resources. Please remember that a 30 minute break is required. The workday should begin no earlier than 6:30 a.m. Please work with you supervisor to determine which options work best for yourself and the department.

Work options include:
(1) Work Monday through Thursday, 10 hours each day
(2) Work Monday through Thursday, a total of 32 to 39 hours, and account for the remaining hours to reach 40 by using vacation, comp time, and/or unpaid time off while keeping full-time benefits.

Procedural notes

- Work schedule options can be altered week to week, if needed.
- Because some administrators may choose to work reduced hours at reduced pay, administrators will be required to complete individual time sheets to ensure proper payroll amounts. They are found at O:\Share\KCC\Human Resources. The file name is Administrator Time Sheet. Have them signed by your immediate supervisor, and submit them to Human Resources each pay period during the summer months.
- Supportive staff employees already complete time sheets, so no change is required in their documentation.
- The business of the college must be maintained. Supervisors will coordinate staff hours and need to ensure continued operations.
- Supervisors may not be able to accommodate all requests for
Camera available for photo needs

The media department has a procedure in place when photos and prints of photos are requested.

The department will loan a Canon digital camera to those who would like photos taken of college events and program activities. The camera will be loaned out after being reserved and on a first-come, first-served basis.

In order to borrow the camera, the person making the request completes a camera sign-out form—including the date and time when it will be returned.

Media personnel also can loan a card reader to download and store the photos, or will make a CD of the photos. These options are available upon request.

Photos for press releases, news articles and collegewide marketing materials will still be taken by media personnel. The same guidelines as in the past for scheduling those appointments still apply.

For more information about the camera usage policy, contact Kari Sargeant, director of marketing and public information at ext. 8256 or e-mail her ksargeant@kcc.edu; or Ellen Skelly, coordinator of publications at ext. 8256 or e-mail her eskelly@kcc.edu.

Thanks-a-Gram

The Employee Morale Committee is encouraging employees to use a longstanding device to take part in a new way of recognizing each other.

Thanks-a-Grams are available at http://www.kcc.edu/FacultyStaff/resources/Pages/default.aspx and in print in marketing and public information.

Recent 'Thanks-a-Gram':

To: Elizabeth Becvar
From: Rich Schultz
I would like to recognize Liz Becvar for her service to me personally and the sustainability efforts here at KCC. She has been a reliable resource to me whenever I have needed help to plan, organize and accomplish an event or meeting. Good examples are
the periodic meetings of the Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee and the Council for Community Sustainability. Her help in reserving the required space and manning the exhibit table at this year’s sustainability EXPO is another. She is always helpful and reliable and is able to anticipate what may be needed to have a successful event or activity. I appreciate her assistance and support!

Green flash sustainability message
Submitted by Rich Schultz, coordinator of Sustainability Center, sustainability & planning

Another successful Sustainability Expo was held at KCC April 22, the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day. This was the second year an expo was included in KCC’s Sustainability Week events. Several hundred people visited the 41 exhibitors who offered information regarding wind turbines, electric boats, hybrid vehicles, recycled content products, home energy efficiency products and services, and much more. There was a diesel powered motorcycle--faculty member Chris Spracklin’s toy--and an "Energy Wall" created by the Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative to demonstrate the best types of insulation for homes.

During Sustainability Week, cell phones were collected to benefit Harbor House and there was a special effort to recycle batteries. The result: 31 cell phones and about 245 pounds of batteries were brought in! On Tuesday, April 20, more than 30 faculty, staff, and students helped prepare the pond area for seeding as part of the ongoing project to create a functional and aesthetic wetland habitat. Thanks to all who helped!

Questions? Comments? Contact me at ext. 8243 or Bert Jacobson, dean of Sustainability and Planning, at ext. 8242.

Sports camps offered

This summer, KCC will sponsor seven summer sports camps for athletes in grade school through high school. Full-time KCC employees can enroll their children for a 15 percent discount off the prices listed here.

Girls Basketball Introductory Camp, 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, June 14 to 17. For girls entering fifth through eighth grades. Participants receive a T-shirt and camp participation certificate. Cost is $75.

Boys Baseball Camp, 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, June 14 to 17. Rain date: Friday, June 18. For boys ages 7 to 14. Participants receive a T-shirt and camp participation certificate. Cost
Girls Volleyball Camp (Introductory), 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 14 to 16. For girls entering fifth through seventh grades. Participants receive a T-shirt and camp participation certificate. Cost is $50.

Girls Volleyball Camp (Advanced), 1 to 4 p.m., Monday through Wednesday, June 21 to 23. For girls entering eighth through 10th grades. Participants receive a T-shirt and camp participation certificate. Cost is $50.

Girls Softball Hitting Camp 1, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, June 15. For girls 8 to 12 years old. Cost is $40.

Girls Softball Hitting Camp 2, 1 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, June 15. For girls 13 to 17 years old. Cost is $40.

Boys Basketball Camp, 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday, June 21 to 24. For boys entering fifth through eighth grades. Participants receive a T-shirt and camp participation certificate. Cost is $65.

Registration deadline for each camp is two weeks before the camp begins. For sports camps registration information, phone the Athletics Office at ext. 8600 or e-mail jvasquez@kcc.edu.

Con'grad'ulations section next week

Next week, Update will print a section for employees and immediate family members to congratulate this spring's graduates.

If someone in your family is graduating this spring--from kindergarten, grade school, high school, KCC or another college--let us know and we'll print it.

Please provide: The graduate's name, the KCC employee's name, the relationship to the KCC employee (son, daughter, mom, dad, spouse, etc.), school he/she is graduating from, age and the degree being conferred (if applicable).

Example: Lou VonPelt is graduating from Peanut State University in Georgia with a degree in agriculture. Lou is the brother of Benjamin L. VonPelt, assistant football coach in athletics.

Please e-mail graduate information by May 6 eskelly@kcc.edu or send in interoffice mail to Ellen Skelly in the Marketing and Public Information office.