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New this week

Website visual redesign is complete

The visual redesign of KCC's home page at www.kcc.edu is now live.

With this page available, it completes the visual redesign of the entire website, which began in May 2009. Changes to the pages include new page layouts, and additional photos. Also, there was extensive rework of content and structure in the Corporate and Continuing Education, WKCC, Library, Athletics, Faculty and Staff, and KCC Foundation subsites.

"Except for the subsites mentioned, this project focused on the visual design of the site, not the content," said Laurel Soper, coordinator of web technology and digital media. "We encourage all staff and faculty--especially content owners--to review the site and send us feedback."

Next, the web services team will focus on improving the content and structure of the faculty and programs subsites.

To view a graphical summary of changes made to the home page, visit http://www.kcc.edu/FacultyStaff/departments/mediaservices/Documents/2010KCCHomePage.pdf.

Volunteers needed

We need your help!

Volunteers are needed to staff KCC's booth at the Iroquois County Fair.

"This is a family-oriented rural county fair that has a fun and relaxing atmosphere," said Lauri Zumwalt. "Our booth is inside the commercial building where things are cleaner and a little cooler."
Workers are needed at the following times:
Wednesday, July 14: 4-6 p.m., 6-8 p.m.
Thursday, July 15: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 2-5 p.m., 5-8 p.m.
Saturday, July 17: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., 2-5 p.m., 5-8 p.m.
Sunday, July 18: noon - 4 p.m.
The booth will offer information about KCC and the Iroquois County Satellite Center.
Here's some additional information: To volunteer during regular work hours, supervisor approval is required. Supervisors are encouraged to support volunteers as long as it is not detrimental to college operations. Include time as regular time worked on your time sheet. Note that any time spent outside the normal workweek is on a voluntary basis only; comp time will not apply. Volunteers will be reimbursed for mileage at the standard college-approved rate and will be provided a free pass for entry into the fair.
To volunteer, contact Michelle Driscoll at ext. 8524 or e-mail mdriscoll@kcc.edu and include "Iroquois Fair" in the subject line.

Note the fall preregistration payment deadline
Please make students aware that those who pre-registered for Fall 2010 courses have until 5 p.m. July 22 to pay for or make arrangements to pay for the courses.
Students will be dropped from courses for failure to meet this deadline. Registration continues until Aug. 21, and fall classes begin Aug. 23.

Mailer going out
The Fall 2010 class schedule will be available in Student Services before the end of the day July 15.
The schedules should arrive in people's homes within a day of arriving on campus. Each employee is encouraged to take four or five mailers to give friends and family to put at their workplaces.
As the printed schedules arrive, KCConnect also will have the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 schedules available online. To see them online, go to http://connect.kcc.edu. Choose "Search for credit classes." No login is needed to search for classes.
This will be the final schedule mailed to all residents of the district.
For the Spring 2011, a limited number of class schedules still will be printed to be available at KCC and select community locations.
Registration is underway for Fall 2010 classes, which begin the week of Aug. 23. Online registration for Spring 2011 classes will begin Oct. 18 for current students and registration begins Oct. 25 for everyone.
Employment news

**John Willard** is the new highway construction careers training program manager. He will facilitate the Highway Construction Careers Training Program, designed to assist women, minorities and the disadvantaged to receive training necessary to apply for a highway construction trades apprenticeships.

The program is offered through a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and is being administered through the Illinois Community College Board.

John is a semi-retired union ironworker who spent much of his career as the apprentice coordinator. In addition to his KCC job, he is co-owner and office manager of Accurate American Inspecting and Consulting, LLC in Bonfield, which specializes in structural steel welding, bolting and coating inspection.

John also has completed a number of KCC courses. His office is in Room D119 and his phone is ext. 8205.

**Fred Schultz** is the new site supervisor for Wackenhut Security at KCC. Other new officers are transitioning into working for KCC's security detail. Once the transition is complete, the other officers from Wackenhut will be introduced.

Nine employees have recently left the college.

- Ashley Bell, supervisor I, family assessment/home visitor, employment ended effective June 30.
- Ethel Carr, specialist I/home visitor and doula, Young Parents Program, employment ended effective June 30.
- Heather Dillander, director of financial affairs, employment ended effective June 30.
- Velette Fitch, supervisor II, home visitor for Adult and Community Education, employment ended effective June 30.
- Delphine Gordon, supervisor II, Family Group Services, employment ended effective June 30.
- Beth Kohn, director of the Young Parents Program, employment ended effective June 30.
- Judith Marwick, vice president for instruction and student services, employment ended effective June 30.
- Yolanda Mosby, specialist II/doula, Young Parents Program, employment ended effective June 30.
- Tina Talmadge, coordinator of career planning services in Student Services, employment ended effective June 30.

Program aims to help people get IDOT work
KCC will offer a new Highway Construction Careers Training Program designed to increase the number of women, minorities and disadvantaged individuals working on Illinois Department of Transportation highway construction projects.

Participants must have a valid Illinois driver's license, be 18 years or older, have a high school diploma or GED and be interested in working in the construction trades.

Participants will take part in an intensive eight-week program to learn the skills necessary for acceptance into the highway construction trades and the opportunity for a career with high wage earning potential. Topics in the training include Math for the Trades, Job Readiness, Technical Skills Coursework and OSHA 10 Certification.

Two program orientations are being offered in July.

The first will be Thursday, July 15, 1-4 p.m. at the KCC Education and Employment Center, 202 N Schuyler Ave. in Kankakee. The entrance is on Oak Street.

The second will be Thursday, July 22, 5-8 p.m. in the KCC Workforce Development Center.

The Highway Construction Careers Training Program is funded by the Illinois Department of Transportation and administered by the Illinois Community College Board.

For more information, contact John Willard, KCC manager of the Highway Construction Careers Training Program, at jwillard@kcc.edu or ext. 8205.

Thank you received

Plas and Jackie Thomas have sent the college a thank you card. Addressed to "Our KCC family," it read, "You have the nicest way of being kind and the most wonderful way of making others feel special. Thank you for your kindness and the gift card for K-mart."

The Thomas' lost their home in Pembroke Township when it was destroyed by a tornado June 6. Plas is a van driver for TRiO Talent Search and Young Parents programs.

Community event: Options CIL Wheel-A-Thon

Options Center for Independent Living will have its first-ever "Wheel-A-Thon" Saturday, Sept. 18 at Perry Farm in Bourbonnais.

The two goals of this event are to raise community awareness of the importance of accessibility and raise much needed funds for Options Center for Independent Living. Business sponsorships and team participation are available.
Options CIL offers services to increase opportunities for people with disabilities to live active, productive lives.
For more information or to sign up, please call Dorci Schoolman at Options CIL at 815-936-0100.
Options Center for Independent Living is a non-residential, not-for-profit, community-based organization that promotes independent living for people with disabilities. Its primary service area includes Kankakee and Iroquois counties.

Event this week

Learn about Datatel's new interface: 7/6 or 7/7

A demonstration of the newest version of Datatel's User Interface will take place in Room D140, the Workforce Development Center Conference Hall, on Tuesday, July 6 from 2-3 p.m. and again on Wednesday, July 7 from 10-11 a.m.
This version of the User Interface will eventually replace the current version.
All users of the Colleague Student Information System are encouraged to attend one of the sessions and learn what will be new.

Upcoming event

Iroquois Golf outing: July 23

The KCC Foundation is holding its sixth annual Iroquois County Scholarship Golf Outing Friday, July 23 at the Shewami Country Club in Sheldon.
The relaxed scramble-style golf event begins with lunch at noon, followed by a shotgun start at 1 p.m. It will conclude with a steak dinner at 5 p.m.
Registration is $85 per golfer, which includes cart and greens fees, lunch, steak dinner, drinks, awards and prizes. Those who register by July 9 can enjoy the outing at the reduced price of $75 per golfer.
Since 2005 when it began, all proceeds from the event supplement KCC Foundation scholarships for graduates of Iroquois County high schools--Central, Donovan, Iroquois West and Watseka--as well as Sheldon and Stockland residents who attend Milford High School.
The Shewami Country Club is approximately six miles east of Watseka, at 1726 N. 2580 E. Road in Sheldon.
For more information, to register as a golfer or to find out about sponsorship opportunities, contact Becky Wilder at ext. 8251.

News and information
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: Pat Lavelle, Stella Mausehund, Vicky Dubie, Priscilla Stampley and Fred Schultz
From: Rich Soderquist

These individuals all came together in an effort to rescue 6 baby ducklings that were trapped not once, but twice in sewer inlets in the south parking lot.

Without waiting for trained animal control authorities, in the midst of potentially hazardous traffic and at the risk of life and limb, they fought against serious injury from the adult animal, while extricating the newly born from two dangerous subterranean caverns, and relocated them after an exhausting trek to the north lawn of campus.

Seriously, if they had not taken the time and effort to help, all 6 animals would have perished in the storm sewers. GREAT JOB!

Green flash sustainability message

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

Water: an issue of global and local importance

Here in the Midwest, we are generally blessed with abundant fresh water. We draw from lakes, streams, rivers and wells. Locally, the Kankakee River is a more than adequate major water supply source. We just turn on the tap, and, there it is.

But there are parts of the U.S. and the world where adequate water supplies are scarce or nearly non-existent. Water has been diverted from the Colorado River to create farms (Imperial Valley, Calif.) and cities (Las Vegas) where there would otherwise be deserts.

It is important not to just have water available, but for it to be a safe and reliable source.

Here are facts from the "National Geographic" April 2010 issue:
-- About 70% of the world's fresh water is locked in ice. Most of the rest is in aquifers which we are draining faster than the natural recharge rate.
-- Two-thirds of earth's water is used to grow food.
-- Americans use about 100 gallons of water per day.
-- Millions of the world's poorest people subsist on less than five gallons of water per day
-- 46 percent of people in the world do not have water pipes in their homes. Women in developing countries walk an average of 3.7 miles to get water!
-- Globally, one in eight people lack access to clean water; and 3.3 million people die each year from health problems related to contaminated water.
-- As the world's population grows by 83 million people each year, demand for water will continue to increase unless we change how we use it.


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