R25 merges all scheduling components

All college room and event scheduling is now managed by Resource 25.

Usage of Resource 25--R25 to those who use it often--is the college’s standard method for scheduling events at every step. To view the R25 browser-based interface, go to http://r25.kcc.edu.

Those steps include . . .

Planning an event date: Use R25 to make sure there are no conflicts before reserving space.

Scheduling the room(s): Contact your area's event scheduler to reserve the room(s).

Requesting all necessary event resources and services: Through its workflow component, R25 includes all the options involving the media department, Physical Plant, food service, Learning Resource Center and Information Technology Services. The event scheduling form is no longer necessary for requesting resources and services, such as ITS support, equipment, etc.

Communicating event needs: Event needs are stored within that event, reducing the need for phone calls, e-mails or personal visits.

R25 should include all college events--whether they are scheduled on campus or off-campus.

A day of partial service upcoming in Student Services

Due to a staff training session, the Student Services office will have limited staff available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 14. Advisement, registration, and financial aid services will be available, but on a limited basis that day.

Faculty members and others having contact with students are asked to pass this information along to students so they may plan accordingly.

Full service will resume on Monday, Sept. 17.

Transfer fair is today

KCC will sponsor a Transfer College Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today, Monday, Sept. 10, in the first floor Atrium Area at KCC.

More than 35 public and private colleges and universities will be represented at the College Fair, sponsored by KCC's Transfer Center.

For more information about the Transfer College Fair, visit the fair or contact Susan LaMore at ext. 8208 or e-mail slamore@kcc.edu.
Learning services offers Fall '07 resources

The Learning Services department offers varied resources to support the efforts of faculty and students. The tutor schedule, workshop schedule, testing information, and a guide to online support for faculty and students through the Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) are available on the O Share drive.

Faculty members are encouraged to share this information with students.

The pathways to them are:
- Tutor schedule - O:\Share\KCC\Tutor Schedule
- Academic Skills Center workshops - O:\Share\KCC\Academic Skills Workshops
- Testing Center - O:\Share\KCC\Testing Center
- Guide to responsibilities - O:\Share\KCC\TLC

Printed copies of these brochures are posted outside the tutor labs on the third floor (Rooms L335 and L339) and also can be picked up from the department's message centers.

More information about the testing center, including hours, are at http://www.kcc.edu/hs/choosing/testing/index.asp or go to www.kcc.edu click on "testing" in the quick links menu.

A physical challenge - it's time!

You don't have to "weight" any longer.
It's time to unveil the exciting challenge being offered to employees this fall.

The "Weigh In - Weight Off" fitness and wellness contest will be Sept. 17 to Dec. 14. This team-centered activity will give a no-pressure way for employees to undertake new fitness objectives and to have support from other team members.

The basics:
Each team can choose a name and will be assigned a signature color.
There will be three group "weigh-ins" - no individual's weights will be posted.
The team with the highest percentage weight loss at the final weigh-in will be declared the champions.
Prizes will be awarded.
"We want people to succeed with their fitness and wellness goals," said Michelle Driscoll, a team leader and contest organizer.
"Participants are encouraged to be part of a support system to exercise and attain personal goals. Everyone should do this in a safe way, too, to ensure they make lifestyle changes by using weight loss journals, monitoring blood pressure and cholesterol, and utilizing other methods throughout the contest."
A luncheon or dinner also is being planned for all participants. It will feature a healthy meal and presentation by a nutritionist.
Those interested can receive further information and sign-up anytime from 4:30 to 5:30 Tuesday, Sept. 11 in the Governors Room or noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12 in the Governors Room. Individuals who register will be assigned to a team. Teams must have four to six members.
The Weigh In - Weight Off program materials and prizes are being sponsored by the Wellness Committee.

For more information about the contest, contact Michelle at mdriscoll@kcc.edu or ext. 8524.
Veterans Club starting

A club to optimize the education experiences of veterans is being formed at KCC.

The next two meetings will be Wednesday, Sept. 19 from noon to 1:30 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Both meetings will be in the Cavalier Room and will follow an open format, meaning participants can arrive at any time.

At each meeting, there will be representatives from KCC and the veterans community available to answer questions about education and services available to veterans.

Refreshments also will be provided.

The club is being spearheaded by Jim Ryan, an adjunct faculty member, and Paul Carlson, Business Division chair, who serves as club sponsor.

Faculty and others who have contact with students are asked to share information about the club with students.

Public forum discusses governor's veto of local services

*Editor's note: the following is a press release sent by the office of state rep. Lisa Dugan. The event will be held at KCC. In an e-mail to Dr. Weber, Dugan said "I understand that base funding for KCC was reduced by the governor and also that a program for those with special needs was cut completely. I encourage as many people as possible to attend so the community support of the need for this funding is known."

In response to Gov. Blagojevich's recent veto of funding for important local projects and assistance grants, state Rep. Lisa Dugan (D-Bradley) will host a public hearing to give local governments, emergency responders, women's shelters and other organizations a chance to explain how the governor's actions will adversely affect their operations.

"The governor has tried to characterize his decision to slash these funds as a moral crusade, but the lives of thousands of local residents will be affected and, in some cases, made much worse by the governor's actions," Dugan said. "There has been such a terrible outcry, both in our area and throughout the state, that we need to provide a forum for these groups to tell their stories and convince the Senate to join the House in overriding the governor's vetoes.

"The hearing will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of KCC. The event is open to the public and concerned residents are encouraged to attend.

"The governor has maliciously and misleadingly claimed that these programs, projects and grants are nothing more than unnecessary pork, with the implication that their recipients are undeserving of the funds," Dugan said. "The governor is wrong. This hearing will demonstrate why and help to build support for reversing his ill-informed, unfair cuts."

Faculty members named to Who's Who

Congratulations to the KCC faculty members who have been
named to various Who's Who publications.


Sonia is an adjunct faculty member, teaching Spanish courses.

Kris Condon's biography is being included in the newest edition of Who's Who Among American Teachers®. It is the fourth time she has been part of Who's Who, with other years being 2002, 2005 and 2006.

Kris is a professor for the Business Division and Corporate and Continuing Education, including serving as coordinator for the Paralegal/Legal Assistant Studies program.

Judy Oosterhoff's biography will be included in the newest edition of Who's Who Among American Teachers®.

Judy is a professor for the nursing department.

Sudipta Roy's biography will be included in the 2008 edition of Who's Who in America®, scheduled for publication in October 2007. Last year, she was included in Who's Who Among America's Teachers®.

Sudipta is an assistant professor for the Math, Science and Engineering Division.

To be in Who's Who Among American Teachers®, college professors must be nominated by students included in The National Dean’s List®, the college-level anthology from the publishers of Who's Who Among American High School Students®.

Get ready, Hoopla time almost here

It's almost October, so the holiday shopping season is closing in.

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 19th annual Hoopla will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15 in the Board Room and adjacent President's Conference Room.

To reserve a booth at the show or for more information, contact Cathy Collings at ext. 8206 or Ellen Skelly at ext. 8279, or e-mail Cathy or Ellen.

Entry deadline is Oct. 31.

International phrases

This month's featured international language phrases are Spanish.

The phrases and translations are being provided by Deisy Davila, coordinator of English as a Second Language Bridge Program.

Get the introductory phrases by Clicking here: Spanish.

Equal access - We want to hear from you!

Submitted by Sherry Kinzler, coordinator/interpreter for Learning Services

It is the goal of the Special Populations
department to create a campus wide team approach to serve all individuals at KCC.

To do this, we need to hear from you! If you have any questions, concerns, comments, or complaints regarding the Special Populations department procedures and processes, please send an e-mail to Sherry Kinzler at skinzler@kcc.edu, stop by Room L326 or call ext. 8632.

The best way to success is communication!