Greetings!
Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to enter another exciting school year in full swing! This is the first issue of the Guidance Newsletter, designed especially with you in mind. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you connected and current with the happenings at KC. I would also like to introduce this edition by thanking you all for your support and patience over the past few months as I transitioned into the Recruitment position. I look forward to seeing you all again this Fall!

Amy Troutt
Coordinator of Student Recruitment

Kaskaskia College to Launch Pre-Engineering Program \textbf{FALL 2009}

Kaskaskia College is pleased to announce the launch of its new Pre-Engineering Program that will start with the upcoming Fall Semester. The Pre-Engineering program is designed for students to complete their first two years of a baccalaureate degree in engineering at Kaskaskia College. This core curriculum will allow students in Pre-Engineering at Kaskaskia College to be able to transfer to a four-year college as a junior majoring in mechanical, civil, manufacturing, industrial, electrical, and computer engineering.

The core curriculum has been developed in cooperation with the engineering divisions at transfer institutions such as Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and the Missouri University of Science and Technology at Rolla.

To complete the Pre-Engineering program in two years at Kaskaskia College, the calculus sequence (starting with MATH 160-Calculus I) should begin in the first fall semester.

Students interested in taking the Pre-Engineering Program should consider enrolling in MATH 160 (Pre-Calculus) during the summer term preceding their first fall semester at KC to prepare for the Calculus Sequence.

Students who plan to transfer to a four-year institution are strongly advised to discuss their goals with the pre-engineering coordinator/advisor, Eric Hofelich, at Kaskaskia College to plan a program that meets their needs. See sample program below.

Persons interested in engineering science should possess a high school diploma or GED, strong math, science (including algebra, geometry, trigonometry, physics or chemistry) and writing skills.

Overall job opportunities in engineering are very good, with some specialties in higher demand. Areas of employment include manufacturing, office buildings, laboratories, industrial plants, construction sites, oil and gas exploration and production sites, alternate energy research and development and public facilities, including roads, bridges and water and pollution control systems.

For more information go to www.kaskaskia.edu/PreEngineering or contact Eric Hofelich at 618-545-3359.
Honor’s Program

Kaskaskia College has established the Honors Program to recognize students who have demonstrated, or who evidence the potential for consistent academic excellence. The participants will be selected by a committee of faculty, staff, and students. Honor students will be eligible to apply for designated honors courses which will appear on student transcripts and the Honors Program will be clearly indicated on transcripts. In keeping with the general mission of KC and to maintain a balance among all academic opportunities, the Honors Program proposes to meet the specific needs of those students who demonstrate special and exceptional academic talent.

Objectives of the Honors Program are to provide a cultural and intellectual environment that will encourage and support honors level work; to benefit culturally and intellectually the entire College community; to strengthen articulation with four-year institutions; to serve as a focal point for the development of innovative programs, services, and courses; to improve and expand the overall image of Kaskaskia College; to provide special recognition and rewards for truly outstanding students; and to provide faculty with opportunities for additional academic vitalization.

To be considered for admission to any aspect of the Honors Program, a high school student must meet all of the following criteria.

An ACT of 26 or above (an equivalent SAT composite) OR upper ten percent of high school graduating class
Review of high school transcript
Letters of recommendation from two members of the high school faculty
Entrance essay on what the student hopes to gain from a college education.

Students accepted into the Honors Program receive the following benefits:

• $150 scholarship per semester towards books and supplies in the KC Bookstore
• Early registration (one week before all other students)
• An assigned counselor/faculty advisor
• Recognition on the graduation program
• Recognition as they walk across the stage at graduation
• Special assistance with transferring to a four-year college or university
• Field trip for Honors Program students
• Public recognition at an on-campus ceremony

Recognition at a Board of Trustees meeting

Deadlines
Applications must be received by May 15 for the Fall Semester and by December 15 for the Spring Semester.
Forward letters of recommendation, completed application, transcripts, and entrance essay to Kaskaskia College, Attn: Eric Hofelich.

For more information and applications, go to http://www.kaskaskia.edu/honors/ or

Contact: Eric Hofelich (618) 545-3359 Honor’s Program Coordinator
**Kaskaskia College Honors Band**

During the Spring Semester, the Kaskaskia College Music Department hosted the 1st Annual Kaskaskia College Honor Band featuring students from several area high schools.

This event provided an opportunity for local students to work with and learn music from an internationally known composer and educator. Students were selected based upon information submitted by their directors; specifically their musical abilities and general commitment to music.

Guest conductor was Dr. Jared Spears, Professor of Music Emeritus at Andrew State University in Jonesboro Arkansas.

Honor Band musical selections included the following: “Silvercrest March” by James Swearingen, Charles A. Wiley’s “Old Scottish Melody”, “Flourish for Wind Bands” by Vaughan Williams, and “Fallen, Fallen is Babylon” and “At a Dixieland Jazz Funeral” both composed by Dr. Jared Spears.

Special thanks to all of the students who made our 1st year a success! We greatly appreciate the time and effort that you gave to this event.

**Many Students Take Advantage of Coal Mining Classes at Kaskaskia College’s Nashville Education Center**

Students from Southern Illinois are continuing to enroll in the new Coal Mining classes that are currently being offered at the KC’s Nashville Education Center.

The Coal Mining Program gives students the knowledge to gain employment in the field. The students will learn all aspects of mining. In the field of underground mining, the students will study roof control, ventilation, mine law, accident prevention, personal protection equipment, electrical hazards, the use of self rescuers, and the various methods of mining. In the field of surface mining they learn about safety in and around surface mines including safety around equipment, blasting, and reclamation.

Students enrolled in this program have the option of taking courses to complete an Associate Degree in Coal Mining or receive a Certificate in Coal Mining depending on their desires. With the addition of the coal mining classes, students will be able to earn a degree without traveling great distances.
Thanks to each of you who assisted with the Registration visits conducted in March and April. I know the process takes quite a bit of time and effort on each of your parts as well, and it is certainly appreciated. We hope that the on-site registration opportunities continue to be a service to your student population. The chart to the right shows the overall results of those visits.

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Summer/Fall 2009 On-Site Registration Results

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KC Guidance Counselor Day!

We will once again be hosting the Fall Guidance Counselors Day at KC. I would like to extend an invitation for all of you to attend. Items on the agenda include a web-navigation session hosted by our IT department—learn to navigate the KC website with ease, including instructions on how dual credit enrolled students use their KC ID to access web resources and transcripts. You will also receive updates on what’s new and what’s on the horizon for academic programming and general college updates. This is a great opportunity to check out what new opportunities are waiting for your current students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

When: Tuesday, September 15, 2009
9:00am—12:30pm

Where: KC Main Campus, Lifelong Learning Building

RSVP: to Amy Troutt at atroutt@kaskaskia.edu by September 4