Over the last several months, the Office of Institutional Advancement at Kaskaskia College has continued to work hard at building relationships and friendships within the communities we serve in the hopes of raising philanthropic resources to assist the college in raising money for students through Foundation Scholarships and the Special Assistance fund, as well as funding for facilities that will enhance the growth of the college.

**Trenton Education Center Campaign:**
- Campaign officially kicked off on May 5th
- Goal is to raise $900,000 within the western Clinton County Region
- Over $425,000 has been raised to date
- With the help of KC staff and community members from Trenton, we are sharing the project with a number of individuals, service clubs and organizations, businesses and industries, cities and villages and school districts within the region and acquiring support through signed resolutions and monetary contributions to the project

**Foundation Scholarships:**
- Foundation Scholarships continue to grow, providing more opportunities for qualified students to receive financial assistance. For the 2012/13 school year, there are 223 awards available, for a total of $129,100 to be awarded in scholarship money. This is a $12,000 increase from last year
- The 2012 Kaskaskia College Foundation Golf Tournament was held Friday, June 22, 2012 at the Greenview Golf Club in Centralia. We are estimating approximately $13,000 net from this one day event. All proceeds will be used for Foundation Scholarships to be awarded next year

**Sports & Wellness:**
- Fundraising continues for the flooring for the KC Sports Athletic Training Facility. Each athletic team has established goals and initiated fundraising activities to assist the KCSA in achieving their pledge obligation. They have approximately $22,000 left to raise
- Following completion of the flooring project, fundraising efforts will begin for expanding the Sports Complex with a goal of raising a little over $600,000.
Veteran’s Tribute Project:
- Construction for the Veterans Tribute Phase 1A is underway to include two walls containing the names of area veterans, and the majestic eagle sculpture that will sit on a pedestal and serve as a centerpiece for the plaza.
- The Office of Institutional Advancement continues to work closely with the committee members for this project to achieve their goal. We assist with mailings, providing committee members with necessary marketing materials, as well as tracking and acknowledging campaign contributions.
- Events continue to be planned as fundraisers for the project with the Office of Institutional Advancement assisting with the planning and coordinating of these events.

Arboretum:
- The Office of Institutional Advancement worked with the Grounds and Maintenance Department to ensure that new trees for the Arboretum were planted in accordance with donor wishes. There were thirty new plantings on the main campus this spring, along with five in Vandalia and one in Salem.
- Kaskaskia College was honored to receive Tree Campus USA recertification for 2011. This was the second year in a row that we received this honor.
- The Kaskaskia College Arboretum has opened its offerings to include shrubs in addition to trees so we can offer a lower price point for donors as well as provide landscaping for our new buildings on campus.

Alumni & Friends:
- The Office of Institutional Advancement has spent a great deal of time and effort in assisting with the revitalization of the Alumni & Friends Association.
- The KC Alumni and Friends Association pledged $60,000 to receive naming rights for the new Fitness Trail. It has been named the “KC Alumni & Friends Fitness Trail”. The Alumni & Friends Association plans to fulfill their pledge obligation during the 2013 fiscal year.
- The fifth annual KC Family Reunion & Open House is being planned for Saturday, Sept. 22nd with a goal of showcasing the campus to potential students and inviting the general public to see all of the changes and enjoy a fun day with their families. Many new activities are being planned for this year’s event including the Portrait of A Soldier Exhibit that will be on display in the Lifelong Learning Center Sept. 11th through Sept. 22nd.
- Again this year, the Alumni & Friends will award six Foundation Scholarships in the amount of $500 each to qualified KC students.
- This year the Alumni & Friends Association engaged their STAT members to assist with fundraising efforts to include selling carnations for Valentine’s Day and seeking items for the Quarter Auction that was held in March. They also helped decorate the hall for the Mardi Gras Dance held last February.
- KC Alumni Night at the Gateway Grizzlies Game is being planned for Friday, August 24th.
• A Mouse Race is being planned as the fall fundraiser for the Alumni & Friends Association to be held in November
• Attendance at the Mardi Gras Dance continues to grow, so much so that we found it necessary to change the venue from Bretz Wildlife to the Knights of Columbus Hall in Carlyle that will accommodate over 500 people