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 $800,000 has been raised to date to include the gift of the building from the City of Trenton valued at $511,000.
- 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 2013/14 school year, there are approximately 225 awards available, for a total of over $133,000 to be awarded in scholarship money next school year. Students may begin registering for scholarships online when they return from the Holiday break until the March 15th deadline.

**Sports & Wellness:**
- Fundraising continues for the flooring for the KC 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 $15,000 left to raise for this project.
- 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.
- Approximately $415,000 has been raised to date for this project.
- 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.
- 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. An application was submitted for recertification for 2012.
- 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.
- Arbor Day was again observed this spring at both the Vandalia and Main campuses.

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 was held on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. The event was well attended by prospective students and the general public. Many new activities took place this year, including the Portrait of A Soldier Exhibit.
- Again this year, the Alumni & Friends will award six Foundation Scholarships in the amount of $500 each to qualified KC students.
- Membership has grown immensely over the past year reaching the 500 mark to include Annual, Triple Crown, STAT, and Charter Members.
- KC Alumni Night at the Gateway Grizzlies Game was held on Friday, August 24th.
- The Alumni & Friends hosted a Mouse Race at the Roundhouse Winery on Nov. 10th with proceeds from the event benefitting scholarships and other Alumni initiatives.
• Mardi Gras Dance is being planned for Saturday, February 16, 2012. 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. This has become a much anticipated “Friend Building” Event.

• FY 2012 Alumni & Friends Fundraising Events included:
  ➢ STAT Valentine’s Day Carnation Sales having a net profit of $200
  ➢ Quarter Auction having a net profit of $3,200
  ➢ Mouse Race with a net profit of approximately $3,500 to $4,000.