



FOREVER

KILGORE COLLEGE RANGERETTES

NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2016

MAGIC TRIP

The Kilgore College Rangerettes are headed in March to Walt Disney World, where they will be guest performers at the Contest of Champions. Thanks to former assistant director Laura Barnett Davis ('77) for this opportunity.



PHOTO/JIMMY DEFLIPPO, WALT DISNEY WORLD NEWS

Revels 2016: 'The Show Must Go On'

RANGERETTE REVELS 2016 runs 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, April 6–9 with a matinee 1 p.m. Saturday. For tickets, call the Revels box office at 903-983-8179. For more ticket information, email revels@kilgore.edu.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

New leader kicks off her term

Greetings Forevers,

What an exciting time for Rangerettes Forever! As we conclude our extraordinarily successful 75th anniversary, I am honored to begin my role as president and follow Megan DeHoyos' leadership. I am surrounded by a group of Forever officers and a board of directors who are as eager as me to ensure success in the coming months.

The 75th anniversary generated renewed interest and enthusiasm in our organization. Optimizing our member's passion — and reaching out to those who are currently not members or not lifetime members — are priorities. To grow our numbers is to increase our depth and resources. Encouraging and fostering lines and decades to reconnect and celebrate our unique heritage is paramount as we continue supporting regional chapters and class reunions.

Also important to Forevers is the latest news from Kilgore College and the Rangerette organization. To that end, our Rangerette.com website is undergoing an update to improve distribution and accessibility. The previous board of directors addressed the initial phase of effort, and we'll further ensure our Web presence continues to serve the needs of Hopefuls, Rangerettes, Forevers, friends, families and the Showcase. A new website is in our immediate future; it'll integrate seamlessly with the college. I'll keep you updated on our progress.

Dana Blair and Shelley Wayne continue to raise the bar for Rangerettes, and the Forevers organization continues to support them and their vision. State funding for community colleges continues to dwindle without relief in sight. Families feel the pinch of increased costs



**BEVERLY
ROCHIN
SWATZELL**
36TH LINE



Beverly Rochin Swatzell in uniform. PHOTO
COURTESY OF BEVERLY ROCHIN SWATZELL

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for higher education. Central to our mission is support for scholarships that enable many young, talented women to have an opportunity for higher education. Our largest fundraiser — summer mini-camps — will continue, and new initiatives are planned as we move forward.

Join me as we introduce, explore and achieve new and exciting endeavors in our Rangerette/Forever world. Let's take this journey together to celebrate our legacy, support our organizations and prepare for the future.

Forever yours,
Beverly Rochin Swatzell, '75-'77, 36th Line
Rangerettes Forever president

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for 2016 Kilgore College Rangerette summer camps: elementary day camp (grades 1–4) June 14; middle school (grades 5–8) June 15–18; high school session 1 (grades 9–college) June 19–22; and high school session 2 June 23–26. Contact Paula Jamerson via email at pjamerson@kilgore.edu or 903-983-8187 to volunteer.

Swinging into spring



RANGERETTE PHOTO

Freshman Swingsters were selected after tryouts in December. They are, bottom row, from left: Lyneé Elliott, Flower Mound; Barbs Vega, Katy; Skylar Morgan, Mount Pleasant; Madison Cashion, College Station; Morgan Covin, Gilmer; Ramsey Shobe, Pflugerville; Emma Cox, Rockwall; Cameron Maldonado, Austin; Lauren Ligon, Richardson; and Gabby Azios, Cedar Park. Cashion is head freshman Swingster. Sophomore Swingsters are, top row, from left: Korinne Manjarres, Allen; Kelsey Moore, Plano; Maryelle Stephenson, Fate; Madeline Doerr, Frisco; Sarah Higgins, College Station; Lainey Bergen, Beaumont; Emily Shymkiw, Austin; and Ashley Hibbs, Allen. Madeline Doerr is head sophomore Swingster. ★



ANNIVERSARY HONOR U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert visited the Kilgore College Rangerettes in November to present a plaque in recognition of the team's 75th anniversary. RANGERETTE PHOTO



Keep our plates on the road

Purchase a Kilgore College Rangerettes license plate or extend the term of an existing one at MyPlates.com. MyPlates sometimes discontinues specialty plates if an organization does not meet the 200 registered plate minimum, according to the website. To order your plates, click here or call 888-769-7528.

Honoring Mike Miller



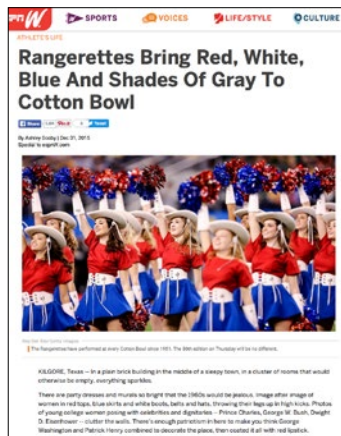
Sophomore Rangerettes Samantha Fink, left, Emily Shymkiw and Mary Williford stroll through Mike Miller Plaza, named for the late friend and supporter of the Kilgore College Rangerettes. New sidewalks are in place connecting campus through the area where the former Martha Pfaff Ivan Liberal Arts Building stood. The structure was demolished in 2014. KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTO/JON VASHEY

Lifetime memberships make great Revels gifts

Searching for a gift for your adopted Kilgore College Rangerette? Or a present for your favorite Forever? Purchase a membership to Rangerettes Forever at Rangerette.com. Annual dues are \$20, but you can become a lifetime member for \$150 — at any time. Life members receive a 7-by-9-inch plaque. Membership benefits include priority purchasing for Revels tickets, travel opportunities and social events.

RANGERETTES IN THE NEWS

Black and white and red, white and blue all over ...



Click here to read "Rangerettes Bring Red, White, Blue And Shades Of Gray To Cotton Bowl" on ESPNW.com.



Click here to read "As College Football Playoff Grows, It Doesn't Need To Be Super" in The New York Times.



Click here to read about Deana Bolton Covin, second Rangerette director, in "Major Triumphs: SFA alumna recalls lifetime of cherished memories" on the Stephen F. Austin State University website.

PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

Dr. Bill Holda passes his baton to Dr. Brenda Kays



Left: Bill Holda hits a K-Girl pose with Rangerettes in January before his last day as Kilgore College president. RANGERETTE PHOTO
Above: Brenda Kays is the ninth KC president. Click here to read more about Holda and Kays in the Jan. 29 issue of *The Flare*.
KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTO

Eloise Ashley steps into new role

BY ASHLEY AUSTIN JONES

As the new administrative assistant for the Office of Institutional Advancement, Eloise Ashley is poised to make the transition into this position as seamless as possible.

Ashley is a Kilgore native and attended both Kilgore High School and Kilgore College. She received a bachelor of arts degree from LeTourneau University. As an employee of KC for 16 years, she has worked primarily in the admissions office.

Ashley is no stranger to the Kilgore College Rangerettes organization.

"I also had the pleasure to work for (Zwick Management) and Erin Oian Boyd while working part time in the



ASHLEY

GND for three years," Ashley said.

For now, Ashley has no plans to make any major changes to her new position in the Office of Institutional Advancement, saying it's "baby steps for now."

"I have humongous shoes to fill!" Ashley said of her predecessor. "I am one that's not afraid of challenges, but sweet Sherry Ransom has set an unattainable bar and made such a loving and lasting impression for this position. She is always willing to help when needed."

Ashley looks forward to fulfilling her role as a liaison for alumni.

"Because I worked very early on in Nolen Hall, when the Rangerettes were housed there, and in GND, I know some of the Rangerettes and have met a lot of the Foreverers over the years that I worked at the GND," Ashley said. "I look forward to working with this esteemed organization." ★

'Sweethearts' tour to end with Fort Worth festival

Kilgore College Rangerettes documentary "Sweethearts of the Gridiron" plays its last festival July 14-17, a few weeks before the film is released to the public, according to the SOTG Facebook page.

For Fort Worth Indie Film Showcase showtimes and additional information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/FWIFS>

Follow "Sweethearts" on social media for updates:

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SweetheartsOfTheGridiron

Twitter: @SweetheartsGrid



On & off the field

Performances continue
after football season

BY KYLEY KORNEGAY

FOOTBALL

The Kilgore College Rangers defeated the Tyler Junior College Apaches in their final regular-season game Oct. 24 and made their way to the first **PLAYOFF GAME**. They defeated Trinity Valley Community College, went to a **SECOND PLAYOFF GAME**, took down Navarro College, and won the **SOUTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE FOOTBALL CONFERENCE**. The Rangers went on to Copperas Cove to play in the **HEART OF TEXAS BOWL**, but unfortunately were defeated, 35-21. The Kilgore College Rangerettes were there to cheer them on, performing their traditional high kick and their 2015 field jazz for these games.

PARADE

Kilgore begins the Christmas season with its **ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE**, and the Rangerettes marched in it. With the little red coats and shiny streamers, the Rangerettes sure knew how to grab the crowd's attention with their traditional parade routine.



Sophomore Korinne Manjarres performs at a playoff game.
PHOTO/MIGUEL MANJARRES



CHRISTMAS SHOW

The Rangerettes kicked off their Christmas season with their annual Christmas show, **MIRACLE ON NOLEN STREET**. The show brought a variety of dances to celebrate the season with a jazzy opener, Santa tap and the traditional kick production. Local studios also showcased their Christmas routines. Click here to watch the show's finale.

The Christmas show finale. PHOTO/MICHELLE CAMPBELL

COTTON BOWL

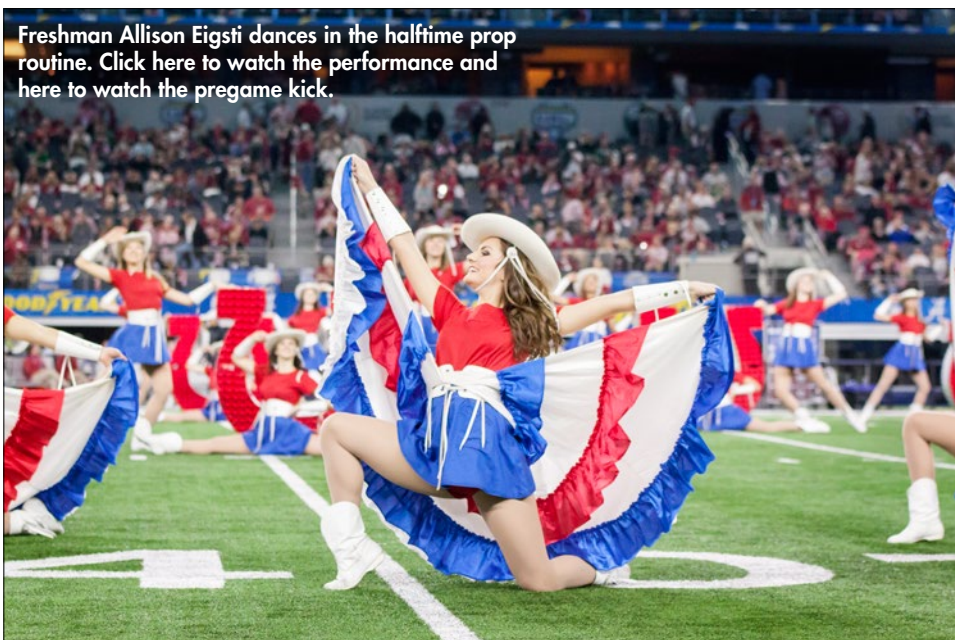
The 80th annual Goodyear **COTTON BOWL CLASSIC** was a great way for the Rangerettes to ring in the New Year. As Alabama defeated Michigan State, the Rangerettes performed the traditional high kick at pregame and their 2015 horseshoe field prop routine at halftime. ★

Right: Rangerettes stand at attention during the Cotton Bowl pregame.

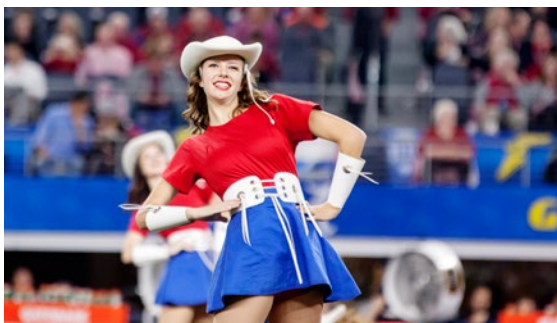
PHOTOS/RICHARD NGUYEN



Freshman Allison Eigsti dances in the halftime prop routine. [Click here to watch the performance](#) and [here to watch the pregame kick](#).



Above:
Rangerettes
during
pregame.
Right:
Sophomore
Maddie Cothrun
performs.
Cover:
RANGERETTE
PHOTO



COMING SOON

Here's where you can see Rangerettes next:

RANGERETTE REVELS:

Show dates are 7 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, April 6–9 with a matinee 1 p.m. Saturday. For tickets, call the Revels box office at 903-983-8179.

KILGORE COLLEGE DANCE CONCERT:

7 p.m. Friday, April 29, in Van Cliburn Auditorium

Kicks & Cadence

Tales from the continued adventures of Foreverers and supporters



Honored:
Dana Blair,
left, Jeanne
Johnson
(40 years)
and Ginger
Holley (30
years).

KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTO

Kilgore College honored Rangerette director **DANA BLAIR** for her 30 years of service at its annual service awards luncheon in December. Other honorees with Rangerette ties: **LEAH GORMAN**, director of development with the Office of Institutional Advancement, 15 years; **DAYNA MCCOY DAVIDSON** ('77), associate degree nursing program director/instructor, 15 years; and **PAULA JAMERSON**, coordinator of alumni relations, 25 years.



From left: Leah Gorman, Sandy Teel, Brenda Brown and Dayna Davidson.

KILGORE COLLEGE PHOTO



PHOTO COURTESY OF LISA HOLLABAUGH DALTON

LISA HOLLABAUGH DALTON ('79) received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the Texas Dance Educators Association's January convention. Dalton was director of the South Garland Southern Belles for 28 years and at Eisenhower High School in Houston for two. She has worked for NCA Superstar and Mike Miller and Associates and now for Encore Creative Productions.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF ASHLEY ATWOOD

ASHLEY (MARTIN) ATWOOD, 61st Line, completed "The Veil," for which she was stand-in and photo double for actress Lily Rabe. The film is streaming on Netflix.

Atwood, right, with Lily Rabe at the screening of "The Veil" in early February at the Egyptian Theatre in Hollywood.

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Share your successes and milestones! We want to hear about your exciting new jobs, promotions and achievements. Tell us about weddings and new family members, too. Email your news to RetteForeverNews@gmail.com. Include a high-resolution, color photo and caption information.

ERIN CUMMINGS ('97) appeared opposite Richard Dreyfuss and Blythe Danner in "Madoff," a miniseries on ABC that aired in early February.



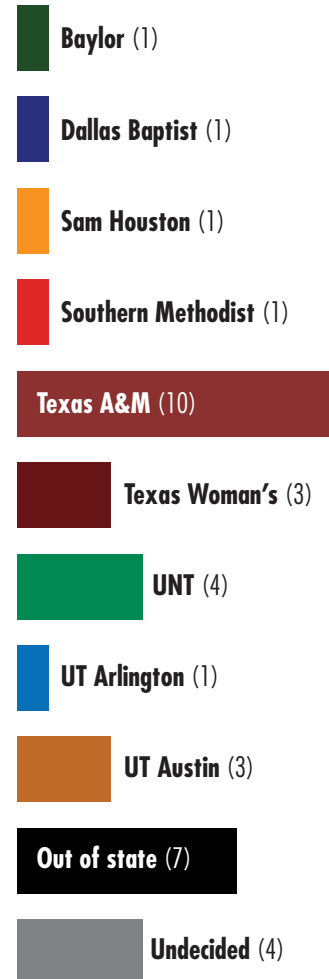
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THEIR JOURNEY CONTINUES

Here's where 75th Line members are headed after Kilgore College

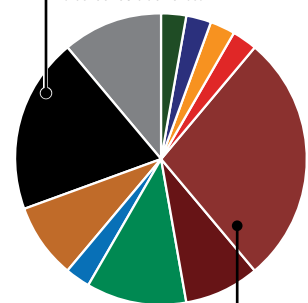
Name	College	Major
Alaina Bergen-Henengouwen	Texas Woman's University	dance education
Emily Bovshow	University of Texas at Austin	dance education or communications
Maddie Cothrun	Texas A&M University	dance science
Kristen Crawford	Texas A&M University	education of kinesiology
Bess Detar	University of Oklahoma	marketing
Madeline Doerr	Oklahoma State University	dance performance
Kiersten Dornak	Sam Houston State University	health sciences
Samantha Fink	undecided	dance education
Camille Funk	Dallas Baptist University	education of kinesiology
Breanne Gardener	University of North Texas	graphic arts
Britney Gardener	Minot State University (North Dakota)	English
Brianna Georgie	Oklahoma City University	dance
Jenna Gerwels	Texas A&M University	nutrition
Emily Hawk	Texas A&M University	allied health
Elsi Hernandez	undecided	psychology and Spanish
Ashley Hibbs	Texas A&M University	recreation, parks and tourism science
Sarah Higgins	University of Texas at Austin	health promotions
Daniela Kayser	Texas A&M University	anthropology
Kyley Kornegay	Texas A&M University	recreation, parks and tourism science
Morgan London	Baylor University	public relations
Brooke Luna	Texas Woman's University	dance education
Korinne Manjarres	University of Oklahoma	dance education
Alex Marin	University of Texas at Arlington	interdisciplinary studies
Hannah Marucci	undecided	education
Kelsey Moore	Southern Methodist University	dance and early childhood
Shivani Naik	undecided	undecided
Katie Parkhurst	Texas Woman's University	nursing
Emily Shymkiw	University of Texas at Austin	kinesiology/pre-med
Haley Spencer	University of Oklahoma	health and exercise science
Sam Stapper	Texas A&M University	special education
Maryelle Stephenson	University of Louisville (Kentucky)	sports media
Haley Thompson	University of North Texas	education
Melonie True	Texas A&M University	elementary education
Morgan Van Dresar	Texas A&M University	interdisciplinary studies
Samantha Wafer	University of North Texas	counseling
Mary Williford	University of North Texas	English

BY THE NUMBERS



19.4 PERCENT

of 75th Line members plan to attend a school outside Texas.



27.8 PERCENT

plan to attend Texas A&M University. Whoop!

Visiting dancers work with Kilgore College Dance Department students during a clinic Jan. 30. RANGERETTE PHOTO



Dance Classic provides opportunity to recruit for Rangerettes, dance department

BY LAINEY BERGEN-HENENGOUWEN

Hundreds of girls gathered on the Kilgore College campus Jan. 30 as a result of the Gussie Nell Davis Dance Classic. Eager to experience more of this beautiful art form were several dancers from Austin. These students participated in a Kilgore College Dance Department clinic hosted by the Dance Club officers and current KCDD students. The clinic accommodated dancers of all ages and allowed the Sun Dancers from Austin to experience the dance department in a master class and tour of the Rangerette Showcase.

Students were divided into two age groups, which alternated from taking a master class to roaming the Rangerette

Showcase. The dance class began with an intense warmup, followed by technique traveling across the floor and a style-based combination in the center. Dancers

Dancers left the class feeling confident and challenged.

and stylish apparel. The Sun Dancers also watched an 18-minute video from Overton Films, which tells the story of the Rangerettes' origin, while also showcasing the Rangerettes' current

left the class feeling confident and challenged.

In the Rangerette Showcase, all were free to admire the memorabilia that covers the walls and to purchase the new

activities. Following the video, the dancers participated in a question-and-answer period with current Rangerettes and Forever.

Overall, it was a successful day in the promotion and recruitment for the Kilgore College Dance Department, as well as the Rangerettes. Dancers returned home with sore bodies, smiles on their faces and new insight to all of the things Rangerettes do besides high-kicking.

If you or someone you know is interested in booking a Kilgore College Dance Department clinic, contact Angela Falcone at afalcone@kilgore.edu.

Lainey Bergen-Henengouwen is a 75th Line Rangerette and a lieutenant.



Always a classic

The Kilgore College Rangerettes perform at the Gussie Nell Davis Dance Classic Jan. 30 in Master's Gymnasium on the Kilgore College Campus. All proceeds from the American Dance/ Drill Team contest benefit Rangerette scholarships. The event has generated more than \$100,000 in scholarship money over the past few years, according to ADTS. Click here to learn more about the contest in an article from the Kilgore News Herald. RANGERETTE PHOTO