

KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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*Fall 2021*

## **Hard work + Kirkwood scholarships**

support ag business student  
Dylan Kortenkamp's success



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Dear friends,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones healthy and well. We've been through a lot since the beginning of 2020, and unfortunately, it looks as if our battle with COVID-19 will continue to have its ups and downs. But despite this fact, there has been some good news on the vaccine front, which gives me a positive feeling about the future.

In keeping with that upbeat outlook, something very exciting is happening at Kirkwood that I'd like to tell you about. Since our bond measure passed a few years ago, the college has been hard at work making improvements

to the facilities on campus. We've already completed major construction and renovation projects with the new auto tech building and the recreation center as well as Washington Hall, home to Kirkwood's stellar Agricultural Sciences programs. But perhaps the most exciting project is our new student center in Iowa Hall.

When finished, the center will dramatically improve the student experience at the college by focusing on ways to engage students more fully in college life programs, academic support, and student services. We've reimagined the space from the student perspective in order to meet their needs, encourage involvement, and build community.

The student center will be a dynamic environment that will improve service, wayfinding, and student accessibility. Students will be able to apply for admission, choose classes, finalize financial aid, talk about careers, and get support and counseling — all under one roof. Our diverse student population will also be supported with spaces for students of similar backgrounds and will encourage interaction between diverse groups. It will really be a hub for all students, whether that's taking care of college business, getting something to eat, taking part in student life activities, studying, or meeting with friends.

The building will be something special and I can't wait to show it off to our community once it's ready. Construction is expected to be completed in the fall of 2022.

Hopefully, we'll be able to put this challenging time in the rearview mirror soon. However, no matter the difficulties we face together, Kirkwood will continue to be ready to provide our seven-county area with the education and training needed to support our students and a strong regional economy.

Please enjoy the latest issue of Currents and thank you for your support of Kirkwood Community College.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lori Sundberg  
President

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Gifts at every level have a direct impact on Kirkwood students and enable us the opportunity to provide an exceptional learning experience.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## OCTOBER

- 17 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Clarke College**  
Johnson Hall  
9 a.m.
- 17 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Culver-Stockton College**  
Johnson Hall  
Noon
- 17 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Grand View University**  
Johnson Hall  
3 p.m.
- 20 Kirkwood Volleyball vs. Southwestern Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
6:30 p.m.
- 21 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Iowa Wesleyan University**  
Johnson Hall  
6 p.m.
- 23 Kirkwood Men's Basketball | RVC Jamboree**  
Johnson Hall  
TBA
- 26 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Mount Mercy University**  
Johnson Hall  
6 p.m.

## NOVEMBER

- 1 Kirkwood Men's Basketball vs. Mount Mercy University JV**  
Johnson Hall  
6 p.m.
- 4 - 6 Musical: "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"**  
Ballantyne Auditorium  
7:30 p.m.
- 7 Musical: "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee"**  
Ballantyne Auditorium  
2 p.m.
- 10 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Black Hawk College - Moline**  
Johnson Hall  
5:30 p.m.
- 10 Kirkwood Men's Basketball vs. Mount Mercy University JV**  
Johnson Hall  
7:30 p.m.
- 11 Lunch and Listen Series**  
234 Cedar Hall  
11:15 a.m.
- 13 Kirkwood Instrumental Jazz Ensembles**  
Ballantyne Auditorium  
7:30 p.m.
- 16 Lunch and Listen Series**  
234 Cedar Hall  
11:15 a.m.

- 16 Kirkwood Men's Basketball vs. John Wood Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
6 p.m.
- 18 Lunch and Listen Series**  
234 Cedar Hall  
11:15 a.m.
- 19 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Spoon River College**  
Johnson Hall  
7:30 p.m.
- 20 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Bryant & Stratton College (WI)**  
Johnson Hall  
3 p.m.

## DECEMBER

- 1 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Marshalltown Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
5:30 p.m.
- 1 Kirkwood Men's Basketball vs. Marshalltown Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
6 p.m.
- 2 Steel Band Ensemble**  
Ballantyne Auditorium  
11:15 a.m.
- 3 Kirkwood Concert Choir and Jazz Transit**  
Ballantyne Auditorium  
7:30 p.m.
- 8 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Des Moines Area Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
5:30 p.m.
- 8 Kirkwood Men's Basketball vs. Des Moines Area Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
7:30 p.m.
- 11 Kirkwood Concert Band and Wind Ensemble**  
Ballantyne Auditorium  
7:30 p.m.
- 18 Kirkwood Men's Basketball vs. Illinois Central College**  
Johnson Hall  
3 p.m.

## JANUARY

- 8 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Iowa Central Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
1 p.m.
- 8 Kirkwood Men's Basketball vs. Iowa Central Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
3 p.m.
- 12 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Southwestern Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
5:30 p.m.

- 12 Kirkwood Men's Basketball vs. Southwestern Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
7:30 p.m.
- 20 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. North Iowa Area Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
5:30 p.m.
- 20 Kirkwood Men's Basketball vs. North Iowa Area Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
7:30 p.m.
- 22 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Iowa Western Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
1 p.m.
- 22 Kirkwood Men's Basketball vs. Iowa Western Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
3 p.m.

## FEBRUARY

- 2 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Iowa Lakes Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
5:30 p.m.
- 2 Kirkwood Men's Basketball vs. Iowa Lakes Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
7:30 p.m.
- 8 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Southeastern Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
5:30 p.m.
- 10 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Ellsworth Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
5:30 p.m.
- 10 Kirkwood Men's Basketball vs. Ellsworth Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
7:30 p.m.
- 19 Kirkwood Women's Basketball vs. Northeast Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
1 p.m.
- 19 Kirkwood Men's Basketball vs. Northeast Community College**  
Johnson Hall  
3 p.m.

For a full listing of college events, visit [www.kirkwood.edu/calendar](http://www.kirkwood.edu/calendar).

# HARD WORK + KIRKWOOD SCHOLARSHIPS

## SUPPORT AG BUSINESS STUDENT'S SUCCESS



I knew Kirkwood had one of the best ag schools in the country.”  
– Dylan Kortenkamp



The 2-year college  
**LEADER IN  
AGRICULTURE.**

It's hard to believe Dylan Kortenkamp is just 19 years old.

Already, he hauls grain and livestock with his own semitruck and trailers to help him buy into his family's farm in northeast Iowa. Dylan is clear eyed and diligent in his plans and how to achieve them. He knows a good education is key; he found that in Kirkwood's Agriculture Business program.

“I knew Kirkwood had one of the best ag schools in the country,” Dylan says.

Two scholarships from the Kirkwood Foundation have covered most of his tuition costs: a GROWMARK Foundation scholarship for the 2019 – '20 academic year and a Cargill scholarship this coming academic year. Dylan will graduate with his A.A.S. in May 2022, begin working full time on the farm, and expand his trucking business.

Farming is in his blood. Originally from Winthrop, Iowa, Dylan lives outside of Aurora, just down the road from his parents' farm, on an acreage they own. His parents have livestock and 200 acres.

“I've always known I wanted to be on the farm,” Dylan says. “I knew I'd have to do something else besides farm because it wouldn't support two families.”

As a high school senior, Dylan bought the semi and two trailers to haul livestock and grain for the family farm. He now hauls for others as well. Even with a full load of classes in spring 2021, Dylan worked on the farm and hauled grain and livestock.


Dylan was accepted at Kirkwood as a high school junior, but since he had a full, two-year scholarship in Agribusiness at Des Moines Area Community College, he started there; it was also a chance to be away from home, on his own.

“But it wasn't the right environment for me,” Dylan says. “I knew Kirkwood is where I wanted to come. I also wanted to be part of the family farm. It wasn't OK with me to be gone from the farm for two years.”

At Kirkwood, he could help at home and earn his degree.

“I came to learn the business side of farming,” he explains.





“Eventually, I’ll be farming full time. I’ll grow my trucking company to help with the farm and add that income.”

Kirkwood has been the right fit. Small classes allow him to get to know classmates and teachers and make it more comfortable when asking questions.

“I love all my teachers. They’re super helpful,” he explains. “If you have questions after hours, you can meet one-on-one with them. You learn more that way and have that knowledge for your future.”

Good role models have clearly influenced him. At age 20, his dad had built his first hog building. Like his dad, Dylan is on the right path.

“He was always way ahead,” Dylan says. “He knew what he wanted and what he had to do to get there.”





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Kirkwood is a welcoming place, no matter what your background is, I felt safe and comfortable at Kirkwood, accepted for who I am.”  
– Serge Konga

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# KIRKWOOD SCHOLARSHIPS

## ALUMNUS FEATURE

### SPUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT TOWARD DREAM

Serge Konga knew the meaning of “commitment” long before he mastered English. It fits the solid focus this Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) native has had since his arrival in the U.S. in 2015. Kirkwood Community College is key to his ongoing success since.

Serge left the DRC for Iowa City, where his mother had lived years before, to pursue his childhood dream of building his own business. He knew he needed a good education in business to someday establish and grow his own multinational business. He immersed himself in learning English, started his studies at Kirkwood, and worked three part-time jobs so he could support himself as well as his wife and young son, who also live here, and his mother and some of his siblings in the DRC.

When he first arrived in the U.S., Serge says his English was “a catastrophe.” In January 2016, he started taking free English classes at Kirkwood’s Learning Center on the Iowa City campus and his English proficiency greatly improved. In May 2016, he switched to for-credit English Language Acquisition (ELA) classes at Kirkwood.

“That’s the way to go for those from non-English-speaking countries,” he says. “Start with English classes, then begin your major studies.”

He then worked part time at the Learning Center helping new students and immigrants from around the world learn about Kirkwood, register for English classes, and start courses to gain their General Equivalency Degree (GED) or Pathways to Success. He also helped translate for French speakers (DRC is a French-speaking country) and was an office assistant.

By 2018, he was ready to begin studying Business Administration at Kirkwood.

“Kirkwood was the best option because it was affordable,” Serge says. He also felt comfortable because the campus is small enough that he could study in the library and student areas, and it was easy to get from one class to the next.

“Also, Kirkwood is a welcoming place, no matter what your background is,” Serge adds. “I felt safe and comfortable at Kirkwood, accepted for who I am.”

Best of all, Serge emphasizes, were the scholarships and college support from the Kirkwood Foundation that helped cover tuition and other expenses: Project START (Supported Training and Retraining) for academic and financial assistance; a study abroad scholarship; the Louis Hill Jr. Memorial Endowed Scholarship for Accounting

students with a minimum 3.0 GPA and demonstrated leadership qualities; a free laptop through the Laptop Assistance Program; and Work-Study.

Through his study abroad experience, Serge worked with student teams in Australia on special projects, observing events and then offering recommendations on improving operations and logistics, training, and marketing — all valuable learning experiences for a future business owner.

The scholarships were vital, Serge says, or he could not have eased back on all of his part-time jobs and focused on his studies. Instead, he worked one part-time job and managed to support his family without student loans. He also was on the Dean’s List every semester.

Serge graduated from Kirkwood in May 2021 and began his full-time studies in Business Administration at the University of Iowa, majoring in Finance with a minor in International Relations. This fall he will be a junior and hopes to graduate in 2023 or 2024.

He credits Kirkwood with giving him the support that kept him moving forward.

“Kirkwood has helped me a lot over the years,” he says. “It made a big difference.”



— Save the Date! —

# Celebration of Success

Join us for a gourmet dinner, delicious desserts, and a heartwarming program honoring successful alumni, leaders in higher education, and valuable business partners.

Thursday, April 28, 2022 • 6 p.m.  
The Hotel at Kirkwood Center



## 2022 Honorees:

**GreatAmerica Financial Services**  
President's Award

**Jody Donaldson**  
Trustee's Award

**Cassandra Brower**  
Distinguished Alumni

**The late David Junge**  
Distinguished Alumni

**John Oxley**  
Distinguished Alumni

**Ron Rausch**  
Distinguished Alumni





“Everybody has a story. And there’s something to be learned from every experience.” – Oprah Winfrey

Through my role at Kirkwood, I am fortunate to frequently hear stories and reflections from Kirkwood alumni. I adore those who share praise to the college for what they experienced as a student, how Kirkwood impacted their career pathway, or how someone from Kirkwood made a lasting impression. There are several reasons alumni enjoy reflecting on their experience, and I am heartened by every single one of them.

I would like to share a recent note I received from a Kirkwood alumna, Kristin, who shared this story about a friend and fellow alumna who impacted the life of a new Kirkwood student:

*“Tina, an '07 Nursing graduate, was contacted by a former patient and told that she had made quite the influence on the family member’s then four-year-old granddaughter. While the family member was recovering in the hospital, Tina gave the child one of her old name tags, removing her own name and adding the child’s name. Tina involved her in the patient’s care and undoubtedly made a lasting impression. This past June, the child’s parent reached out to Tina and said, ‘You may not remember us but you made a difference in my daughter’s life many years ago and she will be graduating high school this week.’ The family invited Tina to the graduate’s upcoming grad party and shared that she has been accepted into the Kirkwood Nursing program! I love this story of Kirkwood Nursing grads leading future Kirkwood Nursing students. When Tina shared this story, she was so moved that this family reached out to her that she had tears as she spoke. She said she remembered this child and the patient all these years later. She couldn’t wait to attend the grad party and hug this soon-to-be Nursing student. What a powerful story!” – Kristin '05, currently employed at UnityPoint*

In May 2021, we celebrated the accomplishments of 2,000 Kirkwood graduates! We are pleased to welcome them to our Kirkwood Alumni & Friends group. One such graduate was Serge, who filled his social media with pure joy and expressions of gratitude after earning his college degree. As fellow graduates, can you recall the day you submitted your final paper or took that last test? Or the day you walked across the stage and accepted your diploma? Those were incredible milestones and ones that unite all of us as Kirkwood graduates and proud alums!

Alumni stories are treasures to the college. We relish the difference we have made, and continue to make, for all students, in all programs, today and in the future. It is my hope you will continue sharing your Kirkwood story with us and those around you.

Warm regards,

Jody Donaldson  
Director of Advancement

## Alumni Leadership Council

- Cassandra Brower '16  
Iowa State University
- Elizabeth (Cepeda) Buch '18  
Urban Dreams
- Steven Crane '97  
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- Tina Kubovec '16  
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- Ashlee Vander Hoek '08  
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FEATURE

# CREATING A LEGACY NOW AND FOREVER

Darwin Boelts and Dakota Parks Schorg were special people whose families and friends honored them in a unique way: an endowed scholarship with Kirkwood Community College.



An endowment is a wonderful way to honor someone who is living or deceased. Endowed funds can be created through outright gifts of cash or appreciated assets, gifts of life insurance or retirement plan assets, a bequest in a will, or through a life income gift such as a charitable gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust. Once the endowment is established, a fixed percentage of its annual value is designated to the scholarship or program each year, reinvesting additional earnings and building up the fund over time. Because use of the fund is restricted to a small portion each year, the fund can last in perpetuity. Donors who endow a scholarship are invited to join the Samuel J. Kirkwood Society, which hosts a special evening at The Hotel at Kirkwood Center each fall. For more information about endowments, please contact us at 319-398-5442.



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## FIREFIGHTER'S SCHOLARSHIP PERPETUATES LEGACY, HELPS OTHERS

Darwin Boelts never doubted his decision to become a firefighter. It was his passion, which led him to encourage others to consider it. His own inspiration made it easy.

That enthusiasm never flagged in his 30 years with the Waterloo Fire Department. Sadly, shortly after retiring at age 55, Darwin was diagnosed with brain cancer. He died on July 12, 2019.

But his legacy lives on, thanks to the Darwin D. Boelts Memorial Scholarship established by his wife, Maribeth, with the Kirkwood Foundation. It's the perfect honor for a man who loved helping others; it funds and supports students in Kirkwood's Fire Science program.

Maribeth credits her sister Judith Wightman (also married to a firefighter) with suggesting the scholarship in Darwin's name to help others become firefighters.

"I thought that was a great idea," Maribeth says. "It seems very fitting for him. He really believed in the work. He was proud of his job

and enjoyed learning the science of fire."

When Maribeth and Darwin were dating, he decided to pursue firefighting. He completed his training through Hawkeye Community College and the Iowa Firefighting Academy and was also certified as a paramedic.

Throughout his career, Darwin rarely discussed fire scenes, Maribeth recalls. After one horrible fire that killed a mother and two children, he never spoke of it. But he was deeply sad and quiet, she says.

"He was really humble," Maribeth remembers. "He was quiet but he had a lot of courage."

Many cancers are now associated with firefighting because of the chemicals firefighters are exposed to — from structure fires that release toxic chemicals and some of the materials used to suppress fires. Darwin knew that, Maribeth says, and yet he had no regrets.

"There are a lot of risks," she

explains. "But he said he would do it all over again. He was a positive, forward-thinking person."

After his diagnosis, Darwin researched the cancers now linked to firefighting. Some states now provide firefighters with healthcare coverage after retirement. Darwin helped pursue that for Iowa firefighters. A legislative bill providing five years' coverage for retired firefighters passed the House this year and should reach the Senate this fall.

Family members helped fund Darwin's scholarship when it was established in 2019; last year it was fully funded, so it has already begun to provide financial support to Kirkwood Fire Science students.

Maribeth misses Darwin fiercely, she says, and stays in touch with his fellow firefighters. The scholarship keeps his spirit alive.

"I got my first 'thank you' from a student this spring," Maribeth says with a smile. "That is really meaningful to me. I will save every one of those I get."



## DAKOTA PARKS SCHORG OX YOKE INN® MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



It's incredible, all that support. It definitely puts a smile on our faces in hard times. And it keeps him alive, in a sense."

– Marsha Schorg

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Dakota Schorg started work at the Ox Yoke Inn® as a dishwasher when he was 17. From there, he progressed through each workstation in the Amana restaurant until, after just five years, he held the top job: lead cook.

Bill Leichsenring, president and CEO of the Ox Yoke Inn®, could see that Dakota was a natural for a culinary career.

"He really worked his way through and was very focused. That was his goal, and he made it," Bill recalls. "I asked him, if he was interested, if he would enroll in Kirkwood's culinary program and continue working for us. He was."

Sadly, Dakota died in a car accident on his way to work Jan. 15, 2020. But those who loved him have kept his spirit alive through a remarkable memorial scholarship in his name at Kirkwood. Dakota was unable to attend Kirkwood's Culinary Arts program, but he can now give that chance to deserving

graduates at Benton Community Schools where Dakota graduated from in 2017.

The fundraising effort to endow the scholarship is especially heartwarming. Leichsenring, his family, and Ox Yoke Inn® customers funded it through sales of an Ox Yoke Inn® special, the "Dakota Delight" sandwich based on Dakota's favorite food: a pretzel-crust chicken breast with Alfredo sauce and Parmesan cheese. More than 1,600 sandwiches were sold.

Dakota's parents, Dan and Marsha, and his sister Montana invited 40 friends and family members to a Celebration of Life at the Ox Yoke Inn® on what would have been Dakota's 23rd birthday. There, Leichsenring surprised them by presenting an enlarged check for \$5,562 — the balance to fully fund the Dakota Parks Schorg Ox Yoke Inn® Memorial Scholarship. The first scholarship will be awarded in 2022.





“I just thought what an appropriate time to make that announcement and present the check,” Leichsenring notes. “We were honored to present it.”

Dakota’s mom describes the surprise as a priceless moment.

“I’m speechless with it,” she says. “It’s incredible, all that support. It definitely puts a smile on our faces in hard times. And it keeps him alive, in a sense.”

The Dakota Delight remains on the Ox Yoke Inn® menu, along with the story of its inspiration, Dakota Schorg.

“Some customers say they have to try it just for that reason,” Leichsenring says. “Others just got hooked. We’ll continue fundraising through those sales and build the scholarship.”



## CREATING A BETTER FUTURE IS EASIER THAN YOU THINK

Do you want to make a significant gift that will help educate Kirkwood students for generations to come?

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### Interested?

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# HONORING OUR KIRKWOOD RETIREES

We offer our sincere congratulations to the year-end retirees below. Their life's work has made a profound and lasting impact. Students, faculty, and colleagues will have wonderful memories of them as their role model, mentor, and friend. We thank them for making a difference.

| Retiree           | Years of Service | Department                               |
|-------------------|------------------|--|
| Dominique Greene  | 36               | Facilities & Security                    |
| Jim Crowther      | 35               | Iowa City Campus                         |
| Rich Underwood    | 35               | Communication/English/Media              |
| Joe Sedlacek      | 33               | Math/Science                             |
| Kim Becicka       | 30               | Continuing Education & Training Services |
| Saul Mekies       | 30               | Iowa City Campus                         |
| Marianne Taylor   | 28               | Communication/English/Media              |
| Betty Adams       | 27               | Iowa City Campus                         |
| Maggie Thomas     | 27               | Allied Health                            |
| Sue Bennett       | 26               | Human Resources                          |
| Cate Sheller      | 25               | Math/Science                             |
| Stephanie Bredman | 23               | Continuing Education & Training Services |
| Arlin Karsten     | 23               | Agricultural Sciences                    |
| Melanie Nollsch   | 23               | Social Sciences                          |
| Gary Jorgenson    | 22               | Industrial Technologies                  |
| Betty Haar        | 19               | Facilities & Security                    |
| George Patterson  | 18               | Social Sciences                          |
| Deb Wilson        | 18               | Human Resources                          |
| Laurie Worden     | 18               | Workplace Learning Connection            |
| Bob Fults         | 17               | Facilities & Security                    |
| Sandy O'Brien     | 16               | Business & IT                            |
| John Williams     | 16               | Industrial Technologies                  |
| Mary Beth Freeman | 15               | Bookstore                                |
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| M.J. Klemme       | 14               | Business & IT                            |
| Evone Vognsen     | 14               | Continuing Education & Training Services |
| Carrie Anderson   | 13               | President's Office                       |
| Ann Melsh         | 12               | Facilities & Security                    |
| Sue Neil          | 12               | Workplace Learning Connection            |
| Michael Chapman   | 11               | Heritage Area Agency on Aging            |
| Debra Forbes      | 11               | Nursing                                  |
| Jim Rinderknecht  | 11               | Facilities & Security                    |
| Kristi Murdock    | 10               | Agricultural Sciences                    |

The Kirkwood Foundation's "Honoring Kirkwood Retirees by Extending their Legacy" initiative celebrates retirees while helping those who are so dear to their heart — Kirkwood students. The Kirkwood Foundation will make a donation in the retiree's honor to the fund of their choice. We then offer their colleagues and the greater Kirkwood community the opportunity to honor their service to Kirkwood by making additional donations in their name. If you have fond memories of a Kirkwood retiree as your teacher, role model, mentor, or friend, we encourage you to consider a donation in their honor at [www.kirkwood.edu/foundation/give](http://www.kirkwood.edu/foundation/give).





## FREE ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR KIRKWOOD ALUMS

Kirkwood Alumni & Friends is excited to announce a new, energizing, free opportunity exclusive to Kirkwood alumni and friends: Kirkwood Alumni Lifetime of Learning. Join us each month for free online learning opportunities to explore and grow in areas such as career advancement, personal and professional development, and health and family.

Each month, Kirkwood Alumni Lifetime of Learning will offer three to four one-hour webinars with a variety of engaging topics picked especially for you. Kirkwood Community College supports lifelong learning and is committed to your ongoing accomplishments. Join us as often as you like with a simple online registration and a single click to participate. For a list of programs and to register, go to <https://alumlc.org/kirkwood>.



*Thank you for making these programs available. This was a most mentally stimulating hour! We appreciate the value-added moments such as these you share with us.” — Steve C.*

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# Kirkwood

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