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Schedule at a Glance

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Registration Open & Information Booth Open
9:00 - 11:30 AM	Pre-Conference Session: "Enduring: The Power and Practice of Purposeful Leadership" with Zach Mercurio
1:00 - 1:15 PM	Opening Session: Welcome & Business Meeting
1:15 - 2:15 PM	Keynote Address - Zach Mercurio
2:15 - 4:30 PM	Interest Sessions, Corporate Partner Fair and Breaks
6:00 - 10:00 PM	Dinner and Entertainment hosted at Venue 1235

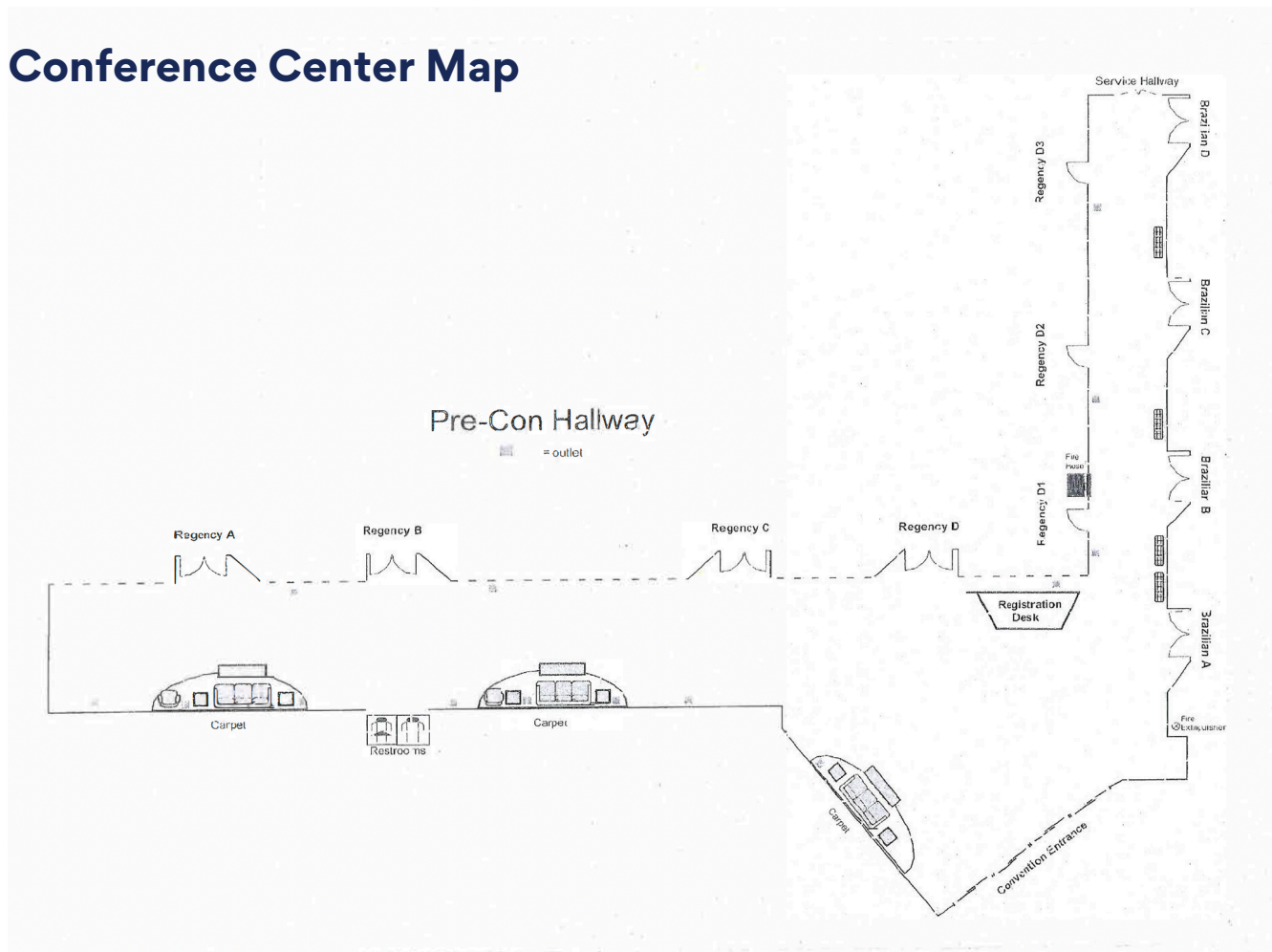
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM	Registration Open & Information Booth Open
8:30 - 11:30 AM	Interest Sessions, Corporate Partner Fair, Town Halls, and Breaks
11:30 - 1:15 PM	Lunch and Business Meeting
1:15 - 4:30 PM	Interest Sessions, Corporate Partner Fair and Breaks
4:30 - 5:30 PM	Past President's Reception
6:00 - 10:00 PM	Dinner & Entertainment in Downtown Lawrence on Massachusetts St. - shuttles provided.
	*Note - meal not provided by the conference. Guides will lead groups to various restaurants.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Registration Open & Information Booth Open
8:30 - 10:30 AM	Round Tables, Interest Sessions and Breaks
10:30 - 11:30 AM	Closing Speaker - Dr. Cameron Piercy
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Closing Business Meeting

Conference Center Map





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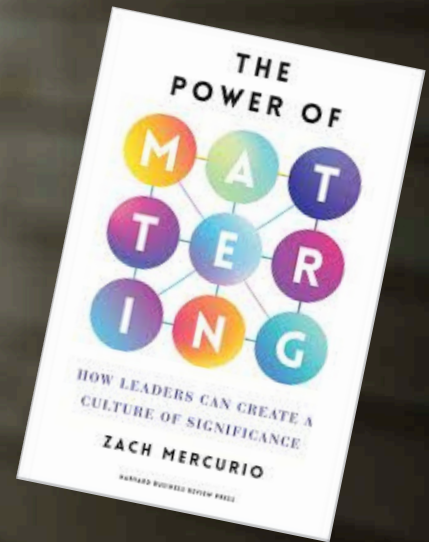
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OPENING SPEAKER



ZACH MERCURIO

Zach Mercurio, Ph. D., is a researcher, leadership development facilitator, and speaker who specializes in purposeful leadership, mattering at work, meaningful work, and positive organizational psychology. He's the author of *The Power of Mattering: How Leaders Can Create a Culture of Significance* (Harvard Business Review Press, 2025) and *The Invisible Leader: Transform Your Life, Work, and Organization with the Power of Authentic Purpose*.

Zach advises leaders in organizations worldwide on practices for building cultures that promote well-being, motivation, and performance. Some of his clients include the U.S. Army, USA Wrestling, Delta Airlines, Marriott International, The Government of Canada, and The National Park Service. He also serves as one of author Simon Sinek's "Optimist Instructors."

Zach holds a Ph.D. in organizational learning, performance, and change from Colorado State University, where he serves as a senior fellow in the Center for Meaning and Purpose and as an Instructor in the Organizational Learning, Performance, and Change program. His research on meaningful work has been recognized by the Association for Talent Development, the Academy of Management, and the Academy of Human Resource Development. Zach's thinking on leadership and meaningful work has been featured in *The Harvard Business Review*, *Forbes*, *Psychology Today*, *ABCNews*, *The Denver Post*, and *Thrive Global*. He lives in Fort Collins, CO, with his wife, two sons, and two adopted dogs.

DR. CAMERON PIERCY

Cameron W. Piercy (PhD, University of Oklahoma) is an Associate Professor of Relationships and Digital Media. He is the founding director of the Human-Machine Communication Lab. He researches dynamic socio-technical networks facilitated by new media, especially in organizational contexts. His dissertation, “Strength of weak ties and the modern job search,” won the NCA Human Communication Technology Division outstanding dissertation award. His research is published in communication, technology, organization science, and psychology journals including: Communication Research, New Media & Society, Computers in Human Behavior, International Journal of Business Communication, and Mobile Media & Communication.

Dr. Piercy teaches undergraduate and graduate classes focused on teams and groups, human-machine communication, computer-mediated communication, organizational communication, and social network analysis.

LEADERSHIP

Brandi Brenner - President

Brandi is an Outreach and Recruitment Specialist for the School of Health Professions' U-CHaMP Program at the University of Kansas Medical Center. She attended Wichita State University, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration. Brandi also holds a Master of Science in Education from Newman University.

As a former K-12 educator and adjunct faculty member at both Butler Community College and Cowley College, she has a heart for education and continuous learning. In 2018, she began a career in higher ed recruitment at Pittsburg State University. At the beginning of this year, she joined KUMC SHP to continue higher education recruitment and help build the new U-CHaMP program; which provides mentorship and scholarship opportunities to underserved students pursuing a degree in health professions..

Brandi has served on numerous KACRAO committees and in various leadership roles. She is a member of AACRAO's State & Regional Leadership, Asian American & Pacific Islander, and Women's Caucuses.

She resides in Wichita, KS, with her husband and two French bulldogs. She has four adult daughters and enjoys coffee, baking, listening to a good podcast, traveling, and spending time with family and friends



Eric Sanford – President-Elect

Eric serves as University Registrar at Friends University in Wichita. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Bible/Educational Ministry and Bible/Family Ministry, with a minor in Youth Ministry, from Manhattan Christian College, and a Master of Arts in Leadership from Hope International University in Fullerton, California.

With more than 20 years of experience in higher education, Eric has worked in Student Life and Registrar roles at Manhattan Christian College, Washburn University, and Friends University. His career also includes ministry and nonprofit work that has taken him to Arizona, California, Missouri, and Texas.

Eric became involved with KACRAO after attending the 2016 conference in Manhattan. Since then, he has served on multiple committees—including Local Arrangements, Program, and Publications—and on the board as Vice President for Association Services and Vice President for Professional Development, where he started the KACRAO Kast. He has also presented at the AACRAO Annual Conference and currently serves with AACRAO's State & Regional Leadership group and is a member of Peer Mentoring.

Outside of work, Eric enjoys working out, baking, traveling, reading, and spending time with family and friends. He also shares his home with two lively miniature dachshunds who keep life noisy and fun.



LEADERSHIP

Chris Huang - AACRAO Board of Directors Representative

Chris Huang, serves as AACRAO's Vice President for Information Technology and is the Vice President for Academic Systems and Completion Strategy at Ivy Tech Community College – Systems Office. Chris' experience in higher education began as an admissions counselor at his alma mater, Calvin University (nee College). Most of his career has been as a registrar at small and mid-size, private and public colleges and universities. Prior to joining Ivy Tech, Chris was the Associate Chancellor and Registrar at Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Chris' AACRAO involvement includes being a past chair of the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Caucus, past chair of the State and Regional Relations Committee, and as past vice-chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Chris lives in Northwest Indiana (considered part of Chicagoland) with his wife, Carla, and has two children, Alex who is studying accounting at Purdue University, and Morgan, who is in high school.



*Thank you to our
leaders and volunteers!*

KACRAO is strong, vibrant, and thriving because of your dedication and service in 2024–2025. We are deeply grateful for the time, energy, and passion you share to make our organization successful!

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TUESDAY 09.23

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Regency Ballroom / DoubleTree

Local Arrangements and Program Committee Meeting

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Lawrence Beer Co.

Executive Council Meeting

7:00 - 10:00 pm

**Join us at
Lawrence Beer Co.**

826 Pennsylvania St,
Lawrence, KS 66044

Members of the Executive Council will be meeting at Lawrence Beer Co. for dinner. Please join us for dinner, networking and socializing. (Dinner is on your own.)

WEDNESDAY 09.24

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

DoubleTree Conference Lobby

Registration & Information Booth Open
Corporate Partner Booths Open

1:00 - 1:15 pm

Regency Ballroom

Call to Order of the Annual Meeting, Session One - President, Brandi Brenner, University of Kansas Medical Center

Welcome: University of Kansas Leadership

Presentation of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes - Marissa Nuss, Fort Hays State University

Presentation of 2025-2026 Proposed Budget:
Treasurer, Casey Wallace, University of Kansas

Presentation of 2025-2026 Slate of Executive Council Officers: President, Brandi Brenner, University of Kansas Medical Center

1:15 - 2:15 pm

Regency Ballroom

Opening Keynote Speaker - Zach Mercurio

Enduring: The Power and Practice of Purposeful Leadership

2:15 - 2:45 pm

DoubleTree Conference Lobby

Corporate Partner Fair, Member Networking, and Break

2:45 - 3:30 pm

New KACRAO Workshop | Regency Ballroom
Presenters: New KACRAO Committee

Welcome to KACRAO! Intended for first-year Registrar and Admissions professionals, this introductory session will give you an overview of KACRAO, its structure and member services, and our affiliation with AACRAO. Additionally, it's a great opportunity to meet other new professionals and gain some valuable tips on how to excel in your position.

Harnessing Analytics to Drive Student-Centric Operations | Regency I

Presenters: Carla Beltran, Senior Field & Events Marketing Manager; Lindsey Ohls, Director of Partnerships - CourseDog

Traditionally, academic processes such as scheduling, curriculum management, the catalog, and assessment lived in isolation, making it difficult to access valuable data. Today, new solutions bring these disparate processes and associated data together. Discover how unified data in academic operations can unlock fresh insights and analytics that drive student retention and strengthen the financial stability of your institution.

Veterans Compliance | Regency II

Presenter: Andy Bohn, Cowley College

This will be a roundtable discussion related to VA Compliance and Educational Benefits, as well as updates on new or changing laws related to the US Department of Veterans Affairs Education Benefits.

Table Talk: Stop & Share | Regency III

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WEDNESDAY 09.24

2:45 - 3:30 pm

Mental Conditioning: Focusing on the Fundamentals while Navigating Change (An Application of The R.I.S.E. Playbook) | *Brazilian A*

Presenter: Terri Van Slyke, University of Kansas School of Nursing

Building on insights from Terri's The R.I.S.E. Playbook, this session will take a deeper dive into mental conditioning. As higher education professionals who balance mentoring students with managing our own challenges, it's vital to focus on the fundamentals that ground us in times of change and uncertainty. Whether you are experiencing change in your personal life or professional environment, this session will provide you with actionable takeaways to adapt and maintain a positive mindset, cultivate resilience to stay grounded during transitions, sustain personal and professional growth, and lead with clarity and confidence.

2+2=More | *Brazilian B*

Presenters: Andrew Wimp & Jennifer Pfortmiller, Kansas State University

Learn how much MORE can come from developing 2+2's and articulation agreements between the university and community colleges in the state of Kansas. Explore the intricacies that make up this incredible win-win-win situation with students and the institutions who partner in these agreements.

2:45 - 3:30 pm

KACRAO 2035: Mission Debrief & Forward Trajectory | *Brazilian C*

Presenters: Barb Wells, Kansas State University & Jilly Michael, Baker University

Buckle up for a Summer Drive-In follow-up session as we continue the journey launched at KACRAO 2035: The Future of Higher Ed. Whether you attended the Summer Drive-In or are joining the mission for the first time, this interactive session will explore emerging themes in enrollment management, share key takeaways from the July convening, and spotlight innovations across Kansas institutions. Attendees will engage in collaborative reflection, and future-focused discussion as we set coordinates for the next phase of our shared work. Let's realign our flight path and ensure a successful orbit in the ever-evolving higher education galaxy.

Leading Change When Everything Seems Uncertain | *Brazilian D*

Presenter: Diego Esparza, Hutchinson Community College

Change is a constant in today's professional landscape. Whether you are an emerging professional, mid-career leader, or seasoned executive, navigating change effectively requires distinct skills, perspectives, and strategies tailored to each career stage. This panel will explore how professionals can lead through change at various points in their career journey, sharing insights and practical advice to help attendees thrive amid uncertainty and transformation.

We want your feedback!

Please complete session evaluations using the QR or through the KACRAO app.



WEDNESDAY 09.24

3:30 - 3:45 pm

DoubleTree Conference Lobby

Corporate Partner Fair, Member Networking and Break

3:45 - 4:30 pm

New Counselor Workshop | Regency Ballroom

Presenter: Martecia Cooper, Butler Community College

Welcome to KACRAO! Intended for newer or first year admissions professionals, this session is about life in the admissions office. Meet other new admissions professionals, learn good practices for recruitment, discuss questions you may encounter and how to handle them.

Parchment Does That Too? Streamlining Admin Workflows from Admissions to Credentials | Regency I

Presenters: Matt Dudas & Nate Cronk, Regional Sales Managers - Parchment

Tired of juggling disconnected tools and outdated processes? In this session, explore how forward-thinking institutions across Kansas are using Parchment beyond transcripts. From streamlining staff workflows to supporting learner mobility, see how one comprehensive platform and trusted partner can help you connect your Admissions, Registrar, and professional learning initiatives in more efficient, learner-centered ways, including: Automating transcript processing for admissions and transfer with Receive Premium + Data Automation. Expanding learner success with alternative credentials and Comprehensive Learner Records (CLRs). Supporting learners with workforce-aligned skills communications through certificates, and digital transcripts and diplomas.

3:45 - 4:30 pm

Planning for College Certification | Regency II

Presenter: Brandi Brenner, University of Kansas Medical Center

Become a certified presenter for the KACRAO Planning for College workshop. The Planning for College presentation is a FREE opportunity for students to gain valuable information on how to plan for college!

**Must have one year of recruitment experience to attend.*

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Expanding Partnerships Through Dual Admission Programs | Brazilian A

Presenter: Courtney Carlton, Kansas State University

Learn how early planning, guaranteed admission, and a dedicated transfer coach can turn transferring into a smooth, stress-free step toward success.

New Registrar Workshop | Brazilian B

Presenter: Casey Wallace, University of Kansas

Welcome to KACRAO! Intended for newer professionals in the registrar's office, this introductory session will give you an overview of KACRAO. You will learn about various topics and issues within the registrar's office.

WEDNESDAY 09.24

3:45 - 4:30 pm

Ideas in Action: A Smarter Way to Manage Deadlines | *Brazilian C*

Presenter: Liz Smith, University of Kansas

Managing recurring deadlines in the registrar's office can be complex, high-stakes, and time-consuming. This session will demonstrate how a production calendar was developed to streamline processes, improve accountability, and provide a clear high-level view of critical deadlines across the academic year. Participants will see how a calendar can be adapted in innovative ways to meet evolving needs. Walk away with practical strategies and ideas you can adapt for your own office to boost efficiency and stay ahead of the next deadline.

Building & Strengthening Faculty Partnerships | *Brazilian D*

Presenters: Casey Fraites-Chapes & Matt Skirven, University of Kansas

Faculty and academic leadership are critical in supporting the mission of Enrollment Management, Registrar, and Admissions teams. They can be your biggest supporters and excellent collaborators, or they can pose challenges and roadblocks in helping you implement your ideas and innovations. In this session, we'll explore how the OUR at the University of Kansas approaches these important relationships. Attendees will also have the opportunity to reflect on and share innovative ideas they've implemented to strengthen connections and gain support from academic leaders at their institutions.

4:30 - 6:00 pm

DoubleTree Hotel Lobby and Boulevard Grill

Social Hour - On Your Own

6:00 - 10:00 pm

*Venue 1235
1235 N 3rd St, Lawrence*

Dinner & Evening Entertainment

Shuttles will travel from the hotel to the venue throughout the evening.



**Join a KACRAO Committee
in 2025-2026!**

**Sign up at the registration table in the lobby
or scan the QR code.**



THURSDAY 09.25

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

DoubleTree Conference Lobby

Registration & Information Booth Open
Corporate Partner Booths Open

8:30 - 9:15 am

A Commencement Spectator's Point of View: From Clapping, to Crying, to Experiencing the WOW Factor! | *Regency I*

Presenter: Bradyn Weber, Regional Campus Lead - Parchment

This session dives into what truly makes a commencement ceremony memorable. From the emotional power of a well-timed photo, to the importance of getting every name right, we'll explore the balance between digital and printed programs, the role of name display software, and how to deliver that WOW factor through seamless flow and thoughtful touches. You'll also gain practical tips on engaging the audience, using your team (and vendors), and creating a ceremony that resonates with every guest from the front row to the back.

National Student Clearinghouse | *Regency II*

Presenter: National Student Clearinghouse

This session offers a comprehensive introduction to the suite of National Student Clearinghouse services designed for enrollment management professionals. It demonstrates how clearinghouse solutions streamline enrollment functions, improve data accuracy, and empower strategic decision-making across the student lifecycle. Key services include Third Party Ordering for secure and efficient document requests, Electronic Transcript Exchange for rapid and reliable transcript delivery, and Slate Integration for seamless data transfer between systems. Additional solutions further enhance operational efficiency and support the evolving needs of enrollment teams.

Table Talk: Stop & Share | *Regency III*

Simply walk in, sit at a table and start a conversation with another KACRAO member. Very simple and rewarding!

8:30 - 9:15 am

Balancing AI with Human-Centered Service | *Brazilian A*

Presenter: Aaron Hamilton, Wichita State University

AI is here and permeating higher education. It is critical that we balance the convenience and efficiency AI can provide with the reality that we work in a human-centered industry. Come discuss hear how Wichita State is utilizing AI in their OneStop Student Service area and share your experience in this interactive session.

Big Ideas vs Small Resources: Learning to do More with Less | *Brazilian B*

Presenters: Kendra Grizzle, Sterling College, & Michele August, Central Christian College

This session will explore different perspectives on how to do more with less. Small schools or departments may have less technology, funds, people, and training, and still need to be creative and find solutions that are out of the box to advance the mission of serving students and others. Join us as we take some big concepts and make them manageable with less.

Find Your Exit Buddy - Tips & Tricks for Successfully Navigating the CPC Circuit | *Brazilian C*

Presenter: Amy Morris, Neosho County Community College

The CPC Travel Circuit can be overwhelming, especially for new recruiters. This session offers tips for building connections, creating a buddy system, and representing both your institution and KACRAO with professionalism. Whether you're a first-time traveler or a seasoned recruiter, you'll leave with strategies to make this year's circuit smoother and more successful. Let's make sure everyone has their Exit Buddy to make this year's circuit the best one yet!

THURSDAY 09.25

8:30 am - 9:15 am

FERPA, Feelings & Family Texts: Partnering with Parents for Success | *Brazilian D*
Presenter: Renee Olson, University of Kansas

Families care deeply about their students' success, and they want to feel connected and included. In this session, we'll talk about real ways to involve parents and families as partners, not just on the sidelines. You'll leave with simple, practical ideas to help families feel welcomed, informed, and part of the college experience, no matter where they come from or what their family looks like. Come ready to share, laugh, and leave with tools you can use right away!

9:15 - 9:45 am

DoubleTree Conference Lobby

Corporate Partner Fair, Member Networking, and Break

9:45 - 10:30 am

There's No Place Like Home | *Regency Ballroom*

Presenters: Lynnette Hilty, Hutchinson Community College, & Kyle Stacken, Fort Hays State University

How do we inspire high school students to see the value in staying close to home for college? This session will focus on strategies to promote local colleges as first-choice options by highlighting affordability, family support, community connections, and strong academic opportunities. Learn how to shift mindsets, build partnerships with schools and families, and showcase that a successful future can start right here because - There's No Place Like Home.

9:45 - 10:30 am

AI at Work: Breaking Through Registrar and Admissions Bottlenecks to Deliver Superior Student and Staff Outcomes | *Regency I*
Presenters: Logan Hill, Enterprise Account Executive; Kolyn Hill, Print Clerk - Grooper

Streamline your admissions and registrar operations like never before! Join us to see how AI-powered automation transforms even the most stubborn bottlenecks into breakthroughs automating tedious tasks like GPA and credit calculations, reading transcripts (even high school transcripts), and normalizing messy student data (handwriting) from any source. In this helpful session, discover how to leap from legacy manual work to lightning-fast, decision-ready information that feeds instantly into your Student Information System letting your team focus on what matters and moving students from application to enrollment at record speed. Don't miss this opportunity to learn the secrets of document processing innovation that's reshaping the future of higher education.

Emerging Trends and Policy Actions: The Impact on Kansas' Private Colleges | *Regency II*

Presenter: Matt Lindsey, Kansas Independent College Association President

Matt will share a birds-eye view of the major big-picture challenges facing private colleges like those in Kansas and the broader trends shaping their future. He'll also break down recent policy developments at both the state and federal levels, highlighting their potential impact on institutions and the students they serve. To end on a forward-looking note, Matt will offer practical insights and strategies that campus leaders and staff can use to not just weather the storm but guide their colleges toward long-term success.

THURSDAY 09.25

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Intake for Internationally Trained Professionals | *Brazilian A*

Presenters: Julie Clark, Kansas Board of Regents, and Lee Kreimer, Career Ladder

Walk with me through the intake process of a potential "ready to work" learner who has a credential from another country.

Adapting to Change: International Admissions, I-20s, and Visas in Today's Climate | *Brazilian B*

Presenter: Celeste Yaluk, University of Kansas

As global mobility evolves, institutions must remain agile in navigating the landscape of international student enrollment. This session will explore current trends, challenges, and developments impacting international enrollment, with a specific focus on admissions, I-20 issuance, visa processes, and maintaining compliance in an unpredictable regulatory environment.

Keep Calm and Document On: Adapting to Staff Changes | *Brazilian D*

Presenter: Jeff Roberts, University of Kansas

Staff turnover is inevitable, but it doesn't have to derail your operations. In this session, we'll share real-world challenges our team faced during periods of staff transition, what went wrong, how we adapted, and the steps we're taking to build greater continuity and resilience. Join us for practical insights on creating documentation strategies that support smoother transitions, preserve institutional knowledge, and prepare your team for the unexpected.

10:30 - 10:45 am

DoubleTree Conference Lobby

Corporate Partner Fair, Member Networking, and Break

10:45 - 11:30 am

Admission Town Hall | *Brazilian C & D*

Moderator: Kyle Stacken, Fort Hays State University

Registrar Town Hall | *Brazilian A & B*

Moderator: Sheila Markowitz, Emporia State University

Enrollment Management Town Hall | *Regency I*

Moderator: Brea Turner, Hutchinson Community College

11:30 am - 1:15 pm

Lunch Business Meeting and Awards Ceremony | *Regency Ballroom*

Call to Order of the Annual Meeting, Session Two - President, Brandi Brenner, University of Kansas Medical Center

Corporate Partner Recognition - Corporate Liaison, Lynnette Hilty, Hutchinson Community College

Corporate Sponsor Presentations

AACRAO Update - Chris Huang, AACRAO Vice President of Information Technology

2025 Awards & Accolades - Past-President, Brenda Carmichael, Flint Hills Technical College

Introduction of 2025-2026 Coordinators & Chairs - President-Elect, Eric Sanford, Friends University

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THURSDAY 09.25

1:15 - 1:30 pm

DoubleTree Conference Lobby

Corporate Partner Fair, Member Networking, and Break

1:30 - 2:15 pm

AACRAO and You: Better Together | Regency Ballroom

Presenter: Chris Huang, AACRAO Vice President of Information Technology

Join us for an interactive session with an AACRAO Board Member, who will share national projects and advocacy efforts AACRAO is leading that impact your daily operations, from policy changes to technological advancements in our field. Additionally, come learn how you can benefit and contribute to AACRAO's vast resources, professional development opportunities and collaborative networks to serve your professional needs.

Empowering the Student Journey: KSU's Full-Spectrum Approach with CollegeSource | Regency I

Presenters: Tyler Henry, Assistant Registrar for Academic Technology, KSU; Aleta Carlberg, Transfer Solution Specialist, CollegeSource, Chris Starkey, uAchieve Functional Sales Specialist, CollegeSource

Kansas State University is leveraging the complete portfolio of CollegeSource products (TES, Transferology, and uAchieve) to support students at every stage of their educational journey, from recruiting, transfer, and enrollment through graduation. In this session, KSU will share their recent experience upgrading to uAchieve Cloud, offering an honest look at the change process, sharing the highs and lows, and key lessons learned. Discover unexpected capabilities of the CollegeSource tools to transform your workflows and stay agile in the ever-evolving academic landscape.

1:30 - 2:15 pm

Ch- Ch- Ch- Changes in Financial Aid | Regency II

Presenters: Ginger McBride & Sicilee Shannon, Kansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

Members of the Kansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (KASFAA) Outreach Training Committee will present federal and state financial aid changes followed by an opportunity for audience members to ask the financial aid questions they've always wanted answered.

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Developing a Successful Student Ambassador Program for the Next Generation | Brazilian A

Presenter: Terri Van Slyke, University of Kansas School of Nursing

Join us for an interactive session focused on building, supporting, and growing a successful Student Ambassador program. We'll explore proven strategies for training ambassadors, fostering long-term engagement, and expanding your program effectively. As we navigate evolving student needs, we'll also discuss how understanding the unique characteristics and motivations of Gen Z and Gen Alpha can enhance your program's impact. This session will include opportunities for participants to share their own experiences, challenges, and innovative ideas, creating a collaborative environment to learn from one another. This session hopes to provide you with practical insights and fresh perspectives to empower your ambassadors and drive your program forward.

THURSDAY 09.25

1:30 - 2:15 pm

Navigating the latest Title IX Regulations: Updates and Best Practices | *Brazilian B*
Presenter: Sherri Conard, Butler Community College

This session will provide a clear and practical overview of the federal regulatory updates to Title IX. We'll examine key changes impacting campus policies and procedures, and share best practices for implementing compliant, equitable, Title IX processes. Attendees will leave with strategies to help foster their institution's culture of accountability.

From Community to K-State: A New Era of Transfer Support | *Brazilian C*
Presenters: Kaylee Busick, Kansas State University

Kansas State University has launched an innovative new initiative to support community college students on their journey to becoming Wildcats. Meet the Transfer Navigators, dedicated team members embedded directly within Kansas community colleges to provide personalized, one-on-one transfer guidance. This session will explore how K-State Transfer Navigators are helping students map out their academic pathway, understand transfer credit, and navigate the transfer process in their pursuit of a bachelor's degree at K-State.

1:30 - 2:15 pm

Building Your Collaboration Community | *Brazilian D*
Presenters: Casey Wallace & Angela Karlin, University of Kansas

In this session, we will explore strategies and best practices for fostering a collaborative relationship between financial aid offices and the Office of the Registrar. By working together, these departments can enhance student services, streamline processes, and ensure compliance with institutional and federal regulations. You will develop strategies for collaborative problem-solving to address common challenges, such as enrollment verification, academic progress, and student eligibility. Attendees will gain insights into communication techniques, data-sharing protocols, and joint problem-solving approaches that can lead to more efficient and effective operations.

2:15 - 2:30 pm

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THURSDAY 09.25

2:30 - 3:15 pm

Leading with Innovation | Regency I

Presenter: Sherry Reed, Education Solution Specialist, Territorium

How LERs are helping Higher Education Adapt to Change Higher education institutions of all sizes are adapting to change by integrating CLRs/LERs in their programs in different ways. The LER/CLR is a multifaceted solution to answer different challenges of student retention, enrollment growth, and the increasing demand for career-relevant education. Territorium, LifeJourney, enhanced with built-in badging, stackable achievements, and a digital credential wallet, coupled with AI-driven precision in matching skills with optimal job opportunities, not only serves the learners' immediate educational needs but also equips them with a dynamic toolkit for lifelong career development. The new Talent Marketplace is helping employers find skilled learners and advancing their careers. Attend this session and learn how institutions are implementing Territorium, LifeJourney, and creating dynamic reporting for administrators and faculty, as well as multiple benefits for students, faculty, and employers.



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2:30 - 3:15 pm

Your Higher Ed Career, Elevated: Tools for Advancement | Regency II

Presenter: Diego Esparza and Brea Turner, Hutchinson Community College

Advancing in the higher education profession requires more than just experience – it demands strategic planning, intentional growth, and a clear understanding of the evolving landscape of higher education. This session will explore key pathways for professional advancement, including developing leadership competencies, expanding professional networks, pursuing advanced credentials, and leveraging mentorship opportunities. Participants will gain insights into identifying career goals, navigating institutional structures, and positioning themselves for leadership roles. Whether you are early in your career or seeking your next step, this session will provide practical strategies and tools to help you move forward with confidence and purpose.

Table Talk: Stop & Share | Regency III

We are excited to offer Table Talk: Stop & Share again this year as a programming option if a breakout session doesn't appeal to you, but you want to stay engaged. This will be a place to discuss trending and hot topics in higher ed. Simply walk in, sit at a table, and start a conversation with another KACRAO member. Very simple and rewarding!

Travel Time Blues - Mental Health while on the Road | Brazilian A

Presenter: Marissa Nuss, Fort Hays State University

Staying mentally healthy in the depths of travel season! Tips and tricks that could help with the travel time blues.

THURSDAY 09.25

2:30 - 3:15 pm

Unlocking Potential- Helping Struggling Student Thrive | *Brazilian B*

Presenters: Stacey Jones & Cara Baker, Highland Community College

This session will explore effective strategies for supporting students with diverse needs. Participants will learn how to recognize and address students who may struggle with traditional academics but excel in hands-on learning environments. The session will cover practical approaches for fostering student success with a focus on improving executive function skills and accommodations. By understanding the strengths and challenges of these learners, educators can create inclusive, supportive environments that empower all students to thrive and achieve their full potential in all educational settings. Learning Objectives 1. Identify key aspects of brain development 2. Recognize potential deficiencies in executive function skills 3. Apply strategies to nurture these areas to support students in reaching their full potential.

How to develop a SEM Plan | *Brazilian C*

Presenter: Pete Belk, Johnson County Community College

Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM) is a data-informed, intentionally designed college-wide system of policies, procedures, strategies, and activities that work together to support the recruitment, enrollment, retention, and graduation/transfer of a diverse population of students. Learn the basic framework to develop your institution's SEM plan.

FERPA 101 | *Brazilian D*

Presenters: Casey Wallace, University of Kansas, & Gina Crabtree, Wichita State University

Yes, FERPA can be FUN! We'll test your FERPA knowledge and talk about those FERPA situations that challenge us. Bring your questions and your expertise to share.

3:15 - 3:45 pm

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3:45 - 4:30 pm

KBOR: Systemwide Associate Degrees, Systemwide General Education, & Math Pathways Initiative | *Regency Ballroom*

Presenters: Jenn Bonds-Raacke and Samantha Christy-Dangermond, KBOR Representatives

During this session, directors from KBOR's Academic Affairs will discuss the five Systemwide Associate Degrees, the Systemwide General Education Framework, Math Pathways initiatives, including corequisite developmental support, and associated policies and timelines.

From Compliance to Collaboration: Supporting Statewide Initiatives with Catalog and Curriculum Solutions | *Regency I*

Presenter: Tyler Bowen, Senior Account Executive, CourseLeaf

As state-level curriculum initiatives expand, registrars are increasingly expected to ensure alignment, communication, and compliance across academic departments. In this session, we'll explore how Johnson County Community College (JCCC) leverages its catalog and curriculum management software to support key Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) initiatives, including Developmental Education changes using English and Math Multiple Measures Math Pathways redesign, Systemwide General Education and Transfer Degrees, Excel in CTE, Seamless Transfer Coursework, and General Transfer Initiatives. Whether you're navigating new policy mandates or fostering campus-wide academic coordination, this session will highlight practical strategies for using technology to transform compliance tasks into campus collaboration opportunities.

THURSDAY 09.25

3:45 - 4:30 pm

**Executive Council, Coordinators, & Chairs
Transition | *Regency II***

Presenter: Eric Sanford, President-Elect,
Friends University

Executive Council, Coordinators, and Chairs, current and incoming, will meet to discuss upcoming meetings, reports for the consent agenda, and transition into and out of KACRAO leadership roles

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**Identifying and Overcoming Challenges for
Online and Nontraditional Learners |
*Brazilian A***

Presenter: Sarah Kells, Kansas State University

Online, adult, and nontraditional students face unique challenges that differ from traditional college students. In this session, we will discuss these challenges and share how different units across Kansas State University work together to support these students from inquiry to graduation. We will also highlight key strategies that have helped increase applications and enrollment for this population.

**Admissions has been good to me - Now
What's Next? | *Brazilian B***

Presenter: Bill Rinkenbaugh, Butler Community College

Admissions opened the door to a career in higher education. This session will discuss how it started and how it continued to my current position in higher education. Decisions were being made that were in the best interest of my career and my family, stresses of trying to reach my goals and the pressures that were included.

3:45 - 4:30 pm

**Fraudulent Applications, Transcripts, &
Diplomas....What Do We Do?? | *Brazilian C***

Presenters: Lynnette Hilty, Hutchinson Community College, Mandy Tetrick, Butler Community College, & Meredith Long, Butler Community College

During this round table session, we will discuss what schools are doing to work through the ever-growing problem of fraudulent applications. Best practices of what your school might be doing to fight the issue. Are you using fraud detection software? Do you have a team of people working together? What does onboarding a new student look like? And, how will you be working with the new Federal Financial Aid Guidelines to verify a student's identity?

**Generational Diversity in the Workplace |
*Brazilian D***

Presenters: Wynnter Colsten, Neosho Community College, Brenda Carmichael, Flint Hills State University, and Oscar Silva, Seward County Community College

The workplace has become a melting pot of different generations working together to achieve a common goal. This can create both challenges and opportunities. Join us as we take a deep dive into the world of Generational Diversity.

4:00 - 5:30 pm

DoubleTree Conference Lobby

Tour the University of Kansas campus.

4:30 - 6:00 pm

DoubleTree President's Suite

Past President's Reception

6:00 - 10:00 pm

Mass Street - Shuttles will be available

Dinner & Entertainment | *On your own.*



KACRAO's annual conference service project for 2025 will support the Ballard Center, a 501(c) non-profit organization that partners with individuals and families to achieve stability through early childhood education and needs-based services in Lawrence and Douglas County.

All conference participants are encouraged to donate items, such as nonperishables, diapers, and miscellaneous hygiene products are in high demand. The collection will be delivered at the conclusion of the annual conference.

All conference attendees who contribute a donation will receive a raffle ticket for a prize to be raffled at the conference closing session on Friday.

CONFERENCE SERVICE PROJECT



FRIDAY 09.26

8:30 - 9:20 am

Road Warriors | *Regency Ballroom*

Presenter: Amy Morris, Neosho Community College

Welcome to Life on the Road! Intended for first year Admissions Road Warriors, this session is about life outside of the Admissions Office. Discuss the upcoming CPC routes, how to handle high school visits and learn travel tips and tricks for those of us who have been on the road.

Enrollment Management & Senior Leadership Roundtable | *Regency I*

Moderator: Brenda Carmichael, Flint Hills Technical College

Private College & University Registrar Roundtable | *Brazilian A*

Moderators: Teri Awbrey, Manhattan Christian College & Kendra Grizzle, Sterling College

Public & Municipal University Registrar Roundtable | *Brazilian A*

Moderator: Matt Skirven & Casey Fraites-Chapes, University of Kansas

Community & Technical College Registrar Roundtable | *Brazilian A*

Moderator: Nancy Unruh, Garden City Community College

9:20 - 9:30 am

Break, Check-out of Hotel Room

9:30 - 10:20 am

Community & Technical College Admissions Roundtable | *Regency I*

Moderators: Krysti Yuen, Butler Community College & Lynnette Hilty, Hutchinson Community College

KBOR Math Pathways and Systemwide General Education Q&A Roundtable | *Regency III*

Moderator: Sheila Markowitz, Emporia State University

NAIA Registrar Roundtable | *Brazilian A*

Moderator: Kendra Grizzle, Sterling College

Private College & University Admissions Roundtable | *Brazilian B*

Moderator: Randolph Castor, University of St. Mary

Public & Municipal University Admissions Roundtable | *Brazilian C & D*

Moderator: Kyle Stacken, Fort Hays State University

10:20 - 10:30 am

Break, Check-out of Hotel Room

10:30 - 11:30 am

Regency Ballroom

Closing Speaker - Dr. Cameron Piercy

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FRIDAY 09.26

11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Regency Ballroom

Closing Business Meeting

Call to Order of Annual Meeting, Session Three

Call for Old Business & Passing the Gavel:

President, Brandi Brenner, University of Kansas Medical Center

Call for New Business: President, Eric Sanford, Friends University

Presentation of Gavel Award: Brenda Carmichael, Flint Hills Technical College

KACRAO Conference 2026 Invitation: Barb Wells & Eric Chace, Kansas State University

Door Prizes: Matt Skirven & Casey Wallace, University of Kansas

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2025 GLENN LYGRISSE KACRAO SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

COMMUNITY COLLEGE -

Kennedy Timm, Rawlins County High School - Colby Community College

My name is Kennedy Timm and I recently graduated from Rawlins County High School in Atwood, Kansas. This fall I will attend Colby Community College to begin my prerequisites and continue working toward a career in dental hygiene. Throughout high school, I was involved in various extracurriculars and had the opportunity to intern at a local dental office, which sparked my interest in oral health care and helping others feel confident in their smiles. I would like to thank KACRAO for awarding me this scholarship and supporting me in my future.

TECHNICAL COLLEGE -

Kamden Keller, Ellis High School - Fort Hays Tech North Central

My name is Kamden Keller, and I recently graduated from Ellis High School. This coming fall I will be attending Fort Hays Tech North Central while pursuing a combined associate's degree in general business. I then plan to use this degree to pursue a career as an insurance agent alongside my dad who has been in the field for multiple years. I want to thank the KACRAO scholarship selection committee for selecting me. This scholarship will do me a big favor when it comes to achieving my dreams of working alongside my dad and developing a great future lifestyle!

PRIVATE COLLEGE -

Olivia Wright, Beloit Jr.-Sr. High School - Sterling College

My name is Olivia Wright. I recently graduated from Beloit Jr.-Sr. High School. In the fall, I will be attending Sterling College and majoring in Biology/Pre-Physical Therapy. I am involved in many activities, which is one of the reasons I want to become a physical therapist. I want to help others heal so they can get back to the activities they enjoy. I am very grateful to KACRAO for selecting me for this scholarship and supporting me on my educational journey!

PUBLIC UNIVERSITY -

Dagim Reed, Cunningham High School - Kansas State University

My name is Dagim Reed, and I recently graduated from Cunningham High School in Cunningham, Kansas. This fall, I will attend Kansas State University to study Construction Science and Management, as well as Business. In high school, I took several hands-on classes like woodworking, welding, and carpentry, which sparked my interest in the construction field. My involvement in sports and leadership roles taught me discipline, teamwork, and the importance of strong communication skills I'll bring with me into college and my future career. I'd like to sincerely thank KACRAO for awarding me this scholarship and helping support my educational and future goals.

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Laura Cross Distinguished Service Award

KACRAO's highest award is presented to the individual who has served in the Admissions, Records, Registrar, or Enrollment Management profession for a substantial portion of their career and made significant contributions to KACRAO.

1987	Hazel Schelper, Bethany College	2002	Don Foster, Kansas State University
1987	Joe LeCluyse, Johnson County Community College	2003	Paul Kyle, Butler Community College
1988	Dr. Lee Dodson, Washburn University	2004	Neil Hoelting, Wichita State University
1988	Marge Blank, Kansas City Kansas Community College	2005	Jim Shortt, Manhattan Area Technical College
1989	Deborah Castrop, Colby Community College	2006	Diane Barnes, Wichita State University
1990	Ralph Decker, Southwestern College	2007	Joey Linn, Fort Hays State University
1990	Walter Gehlback, KU Medical Center	2008	Glenn Lygrisse, Butler Community College
1991	Dick Elkins, Kansas State University	2009	Bill Wynne, Wichita State University
1991	James Parker, Pittsburg State University	2010	Dr. Cindy Derritt, University of Kansas
1991	John Triggs, Washburn University	2011	Rodney Frey, Bethel College
1992	Don Stump, Kansas City Kansas Community College	2012	Heather Eckstein, Pittsburg State University
1992	Ev Kohls, Butler Community College	2013	Nikki Geier, Garden City Community College
1992	Russ Wentworth (Ret.), Wichita State University	2014	Melinda Roelfs, Pittsburg State University
1993	Laura Cross, Wichita State University	2015	Gina Crabtree, Wichita State University
1994	Rosalie Pennington, Barton Community College	2016	MargE Shelley, Johnson County Community College
1996	Dick Elkins, Kansas State University	2017	Kirsten Allen, Butler Community College
1997	Beth Tedrow, Garden City Community College	2018	Nancy Unruh, Garden City Community College
1998	Gary Royse, Butler Community College	2019	Lori Crowther, Barton Community College
1999	Gunile DeVault, Kansas State University	2020	Casey Wallace, University of Kansas
2000	Lee Christensen, Pittsburg State University	2021	Aaron Hamilton, Wichita State University
2000	Pat Long, Johnson County Community College	2022	Pete Belk, Johnson County Community College
2000	Pat Mahon, Fort Hays State University	2023	Tammy Tabor, Garden City Community College
2001	Ev Kohls, Butler Community College	2024	Jon Armstrong, Fort Hays State University

Beth Tedrow Outstanding New Professional Award

This award is presented to an individual who has been in the Admissions, Records, Registrar or Enrollment Management profession for less than six years and is an active KACRAO member having served on at least one association committee. The recipient must also be involved in one or more campus committees. This award recognizes new professionals for achievements, involvement and potential in admissions and registration.

1999	Heather Eckstein, Pittsburg State University	2012	Tana Cooper, Barton County Community College
2000	Chris Meiers, University of Kansas Medical Center	2013	Dr. Brent Yoder, Hesston College
2001	Jon Armstrong, Seward County Community College	2014	Maggie Harris, Barton Community College
2002	Chad Steinkamp, Butler Community College	2015	Mandy Tetrick, Butler Community College
2003	Gina Helget, Johnson County Community College	2016	Michelle Ponce, Butler Community College
2004	Todd Moore, Hutchinson Community College	2017	April Cozine, Wichita State University
2005	Ben Schears, Cowley College	2018	Chris Neary, Highland Community College
2006	Sherri Conard, Butler Community College	2019	Megan Chambers, Butler Community College
2007	Kala Steffen, Barton Community College	2020	Rachel Cronn, Fort Hays State University
2008	Jayre Lee, Garden City Community College	2021	Kyle Stacken, Fort Hays State University
2009	Mysti Byrd, Pittsburg State University	2022	Bryan Crouch, Flint Hills Technical College
2010	Tony Fuentes, Pittsburg State University	2023	Brandi Brenner, Pittsburg State University
2011	Amy Jo Troyer, Emporia State University	2024	Andy Bohn, Cowley College

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Richard N. Elkins Special Service Award

This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and special dedication to KACRAO by recognizing active members who have made, or are continuing to make, significant contributions to KACRAO.

1988	Dick Elkins, Kansas State University	2007	Beth Tedrow, Garden City Community College
1992	Gunile DeVault, Kansas State University	2008	Carla Rausch, Washburn University
1994	Louise Cummings-Simmons, Bethany College	2009	Shirley Rueb, Newman University
1995	Don Foster, Kansas State University	2010	Gina Crabtree, Wichita State University
1995	Rich Morrell, University of Kansas	2011	Ev Kohls, Butler Community College
1996	Jerry Hedrick, Seward County Community College	2012	Dr. Lee Furbeck, University of Kansas
1997	Richard N. Elkins, Kansas State University	2013	Aaron Hamilton, Wichita State University
1998	Hoyt Sunderland, Wichita West High School	2014	Nancy Unruh, Garden City Community College
1998	Mel Schremmer, Phillipsburg High School	2015	Lori Crowther, Barton Community College
1999	Glenn Lygrisse, Tabor College	2016	Pete Belk, Johnson County Community College
2000	Joyce Reger, Wichita Public Schools	2017	Tammy Tabor, Garden City Community College
2001	Don Foster, Kansas State University	2018	Bobby Gandu, Wichita State University
2002	Ange Peterson, Pittsburg State University	2019	Casey Wallace, University of Kansas
2003	Bill Wynne, Wichita State University	2020	Maggie Harris, Barton Community College
2004	Melinda Roelfs, Pittsburg State University	2021	April Cozine, Wichita State University
2005	Diane Barnes, Wichita State University	2022	Michelle Ponce, University of Kansas School of Medicine
2005	Rich Morrell, University of Kansas	2023	Tana Cooper, Barton Community College
2006	Heather Eckstein, Pittsburg State University	2024	Chad Steinkamp, Wichita State University
2006	MargE Shelley, Johnson County Community College		

Ev Kohls Equal Opportunity Award

This award is presented to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to ensuring access to higher education for underrepresented student populations.

1988	Marshall Jackson, University of Kansas	2006	Kim Starks, Hutchinson Community College
1989	Mary Navarro, Wichita Public Schools	2007	Mary Collins, Pittsburg State University
1990	Lydia Gonzales, Garden City Community College	2008	Itzel Rodriguez, Garden City Community College
1991	Lavonna Spencer, Wichita State University	2009	Alicia Martinez Newell, Wichita State University
1992	Rudy Ortiz, Dodge City Community College	2010	Precious Porras, University of Kansas
1993	Alice Brummell-Jenkins, Sumner Academy	2011	Dr. Christie Brungardt, Fort Hays State University
1994	John Augusto, Washburn/Garden City Community College	2012	Eric Wilkinson, Kauffman Foundation
1994	Patrice Olysas, Newton High School	2013	Maria Hernandez, Dodge City High School
1995	Ed Franklin, Johnson County Community College	2014	Cara McNorton, Kennedy Elementary
1996	Dwight Jones, Wichita High School South	2015	Kaye Monk-Morgan, Wichita State University
1997	Reverend Walter, Simpson Minister	2016	Baudillo Hernandez, Barton Community College
1998	Dr. Placido Hoernike, Fort Hays State University	2017	Alicia Sanchez, Wichita State University
1999	Alice Jenkins, Sumner Academy	2018	Hector Martinez, Garden City Community College
2000	Grady Landrum, Wichita State University	2019	Kyle Ellison, Real Men, Real Heroes, Inc.
2002	Debbie Lloyd, Dodge City High School	2021	Brandon Gay, Colby Community College
2003	Holly Dressler, Johnson County Community College	2022	Dr. Tankersley-Bankhead, KC Scholars
2004	Melinda Lewis, El Centro, Inc.	2023	Dr. Alan Bearman, Washburn University
2005	Darryl Neighbor, Wichita State University	2024	Dr. Gregory Roberts, Dodge City Community College

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Diane Barnes Mentor Award

This award is presented to an individual who has served as a dedicated and inspiring mentor to Admissions and Registration professionals.

2010 Heather Eckstein, Pittsburg State University
2011 Nikki Geier, Garden City Community College
2012 MargE Shelley, Johnson County Community College
2013 Kirsten Allen, Butler Community College
2014 Dr. Joey Linn, Fort Hays State University
2015 Debbie Greve, Pittsburg State University
2016 Hugo Perez, Hutchinson Community College
2017 Corbin Strobel, Hutchinson Community College

2018 Chad Steinkamp, Wichita State University
2019 Tammy Tabor, Garden City Community College
2020 Leslie Quinn, Johnson County Community College
2021 Jon Armstrong, Fort Hays State University
2022 Gina Crabtree, Wichita State University
2023 Lori Crowther, Barton Community College
2024 Christina Long, Hutchinson Community College

Legacy Award

This award is presented to an individual who has made a significant impact to KACRAO and higher education and is now retiring from the profession.

2022 MargE Shelley, Johnson County Community College

2024 Corbin Strobel, Hutchinson Community College

Certificate of Appreciation

The Certificate of Appreciation is presented to an individual who has demonstrated significant support of the Association's activities and mission.

1984 Bill Smith, Salina High School
1984 John Ewert, Tabor College
1984 Rich Davis, Wichita State University
1985 Hugh Haire, Allen County Community College
1985 Ray McKinney, Pratt Community College
1985 Russell Graham (posthumous), Coffeyville Community College
1986 Irene Feak, Wichita State University
1986 William C. Cummins, Butler Community College
1986 Zelma Farr, Fort Hays State University
1987 Bill Scott (posthumous), Cowley Community College
1987 Dr. C. Ray Baird, Pittsburg State University
1987 Jerry Snyder, Scott City High School
1988 Jim Warren, Derby High School
1988 Lyle Welch, Holton High School
1989 Cheryl Thalheim, McPherson High School
1989 Keith Rickner, McPherson High School
1990 Bob Blackman, Olathe High School
1990 Bob Ingel, Leavenworth High School
1990 Stanley Henderson, AACRAO Representative
1991 Horton Flaming, Augusta High School
1991 Mary Chubb, Baldwin City High School
1992 Dr. Ed King, Shawnee Mission East High School
1993 Larry Fowler, Garden City Community College
1993 Randy Burwell, Iola High School
1994 John Burgardt, Topeka High School
1995 Helen Anderson, Chanute High School
1995 Mark Bandre, Tabor College
1996 Joyce Reger, Wichita Public Schools
1997 Susan Johnson, Oswego High School

1998 Don Foster, Kansas State University
1998 Jody Schlup, Kansas State University
1998 Joy Moeckel, Fort Hays State University
1998 Marco Rivera, Kansas State University
1999 Allen Fitzgerald, Sacred Heart High School (Salina)
1999 John Wilkerson, Flint Hills High School
1999 Johnny Roy, Labette County High School
1999 Kay Dunning, Erie High School
1999 Marvel Castor, Russell High School
1999 Pat Atkins, Hugoton High School
2000 Barbara Schountz, Pittsburg State University
2000 Brenda Selman, University of Kansas
2000 Lisa Pinamonti, University of Kansas
2000 Lynnette Brummett, Kansas State University
2000 Marylinn Peaslee, KSCA
2000 Pat Flynn, Fort Scott Community College
2000 Tom Green, Newman University
2000 Victoria Jackson, Wichita NE Magnet High School
2001 Karl Kandt, Emporia State University
2001 Melinda Fiken, Colby Community College
2002 Dave Zachman, Russell High School
2002 Don Foster, Kansas State University
2002 Don Wedel, Flint Hills High School
2002 Patt Hess, University of Kansas Medical Center
2002 Sharon Mangels, El Dorado High School
2003 Lanny Carpenter, Riley County High School
2004 Cheryl Bowen, Parsons High School
2004 Chris Meiers, University of Missouri
2004 Larry Hill, Chanute High School
2004 Susan Cooper, Kansas State University

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2004 Melba Gahagan, Altoona-Midway High School
2005 Pam Lloyd, Riverton High School
2005 Brad Young, Bluestem High School
2005 Ken Valentine, Douglass High School
2007 Ann Koch, Maize High School
2007 Debi Hudson, St. Teresa's Academy
2007 Karen Kreutzer, Campus High School
2008 Lynn Perez, Pratt Community College
2008 Ryan Ruda, Garden City Community College
2010 Aaron Hamilton, Wichita State University
2010 Chris Meiers, University of Kansas Medical Center
2010 Fonda Briles, University of Kansas Medical Center
2010 Gina Crabtree, Wichita State University
2010 Heather Eckstein, Pittsburg State University
2010 Joy Mildfelt
2010 LeRoy Rooker, AACRAO
2010 Melinda Roelfs, Pittsburg State University
2010 Penny Cook, Pittsburg State University
2011 Cheryl Semmel, USA/Kansas
2011 Jim Flax, Wichita Public Schools

2011 Teresa Maly, Emporia High School
2013 Casey Wallace, Johnson County Community College
2013 Mert Barrows, Fort Scott Community College
2014 Casey Wallace, University of Kansas
2014 Dr. Edward Berger, Hutchinson Community College
2014 Dr. Edward Hammond, Fort Hays State University
2014 Dr. Lee Furbeck, University of Kansas
2014 Brian McDow, University of Kansas
2014 Dr. Dennis Day, Johnson County Community College
2014 Randy Myers, Hutchinson Community College
2016 April Cozine, Wichita State University
2017 Michelle Ponce, Butler Community College
2017 Elaine Henrie, Emporia State University
2017 Rachel Cronn, Fort Hays State University
2017 Benjamin Herron, MyMajors
2018 Aaron Hamilton, Wichita State University
2018 Barbara Nagel, Kansas State University
2019 Lai-L Daugherty, Butler Community College
2023 Steve Luoma, Washburn University
2023 Lori Gibbon, Newman University
2024 Bill Rinkenbaugh, Butler Community College

Honorary Members

Honorary Membership is awarded to an individual who has made significant contributions to the Association as an active member, but is no longer eligible for institutional membership. Examples of those who might be most strongly considered for honorary membership would be individuals who have left the profession, including recent retirees.

1984 Chuck Gavin, CEEB
1984 Don Davis, ACT
1985 Leon Burch, Bethany College
1992 Don Stump, Kansas City Kansas Community College
1992 Dr. Lee Dodson, Washburn University
1992 Ev Kohls, Butler Community College
1992 Russ Wentworth (Ret.), Wichita State University
1994 Jan Jantzen, Emporia State University
1995 Bill Schulte, Emporia State University
1995 James Kellerman, Fort Hays State University
1995 Ken Snow, Baker University
1995 Sister Dorothy, Saint Mary College
1995 Wally Carlson, Cloud County Community College
1996 Deborah Boulware, University of Kansas
1996 Louise Cummings-Simmons, Bethany College/Baker University
1997 Richard N. Elkins, Kansas State University
1997 Theron Johnson, Colby Community College
1999 Barbara Dawes, Kansas State University
2000 Barbara Schountz, Pittsburg State University
2000 Brenda Selman, University of Kansas

2000 Pat Flynn, Fort Scott Community College
2000 Pat Mahon, Fort Hays State University
2000 Peggy Hoytal, Donnelly College
2000 Tom Green, Newman University
2001 Joel Keller, Hutchinson Community College
2002 Don Foster, Kansas State University
2004 Chris Meiers, University of Missouri
2005 Ange Peterson, Pittsburg State University
2005 Pat Robinson, Emporia State University
2005 Roger Schieferecke, Fort Hays State University
2007 Forest Smith, Cowley College
2007 Lee Christensen, Pittsburg State University
2008 Beth Tedrow, Garden City Community College
2008 Betty Kruse, Colby Community College
2010 Dr. Pat Long, Baker University
2010 Gunile DeVault, Kansas State University
2011 Glenn Lygrisse, Butler Community College
2011 Julie Katz, Kansas State University
2011 William E. Wynne, Wichita State University
2013 Nikki Geier, Garden City Community College
2014 Deanne Duerksen, Tabor College

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2014	Dr. Carla Rasch, Washburn University	2022	MargE Shelley, Johnson County Community College
2016	Jayre (Lee) Zimmerman, Garden City Community College	2024	Corbin Strobel, Hutchinson Community College
2020	Paul Kyle, Johnson County Community College	2024	Megan Chambers, Kansas State University
2021	Larry Moeder, Kansas State University		

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1961	Kansas Wesleyan University	Evelyn Clark, Friends University
1962	University of Kansas	Worth Fletcher, University of Wichita
1963	McPherson College	C.E. Taylor, Hutchinson Junior College
1964	Kansas State College of Pittsburg	Margaret Bloomquist, Bethany College
1965	Emporia State University	James J. Lewis, Kansas State University
1966	Sterling College	Carl Fahrbach, Wichita State University
1967	Southwestern College	William Kelly, University of Kansas
1968	Washburn University	E. Douglas Norton, Kansas State College of Pittsburg
1969	Hutchinson Junior College	Murrel Snyder, Southwestern College
1970	Fort Hays State University	Clint Weber, Emporia State University
1971	Sacred Heart College	Sister Anastasia Jilg, Sacred Heart College
1972	Bethel College	Robert L. Boring, Kansas City
1973	Emporia State University	Laura M. Cross, Wichita State University
1974	Johnson County Community College	V. James Sherer, Dodge City Community College
1975	Wichita State University	Lee Christensen, Kansas State College of Pittsburg
1976	Kansas State College of Pittsburg	Vernell Waltner, Bethel College
1977	Kansas State University	Dennis Michaelis, Colby Community College
1978	Kansas City Kansas Community College	Jerry Dallam, Kansas State University
1979	Dodge City Community College	James Parker, Pittsburg State University
1980	Washburn University	Beth Tedrow, Garden City Community College
1981	Wichita State University	Russell Wentworth, Wichita State University
1982	University of Kansas	Richard Elkins, Kansas State University
1983	Hutchinson Community College	John Triggs, Washburn University
1984	Fort Hays State University	Don Foster, Kansas State University
1985	Johnson County Community College	Everett Kohls, Butler County Community College
1986	Kansas State University	Debbie (Castrop) Boulware, Hutchinson Community College
1987	Dodge City Community College	Jan Jantzen, Emporia State University
1988	Wichita State University	Carla Rausch, Washburn University
1989	Pittsburg State University	Don Stump, Kansas City Kansas Community College
1990	KCTI and Kansas Wesleyan	Bill Rinkenbaugh, University of Kansas Medical School
1991	Emporia State University	Barbara Dawes, Kansas State University
1992	Garden City Community College	Patricia Long, Johnson County Community College
1993	Hutchinson Community College	Bill Wynne, Wichita State University
1994	Barton County Community College	Louise Cummings-Simmons, Bethany College

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1996	Wichita State University	Paul Kyle, Butler County Community College
1997	Pittsburg State University	Pat Mahon, Fort Hays State University
1998	Fort Hays State University	Ange Peterson, Pittsburg State University
1999	Johnson County Community College	Joel Keller, Hutchinson Community College
2000	McPherson College	Diane Barnes, Wichita State University
2001	Kansas State University	Joey Linn, Fort Hays State University
2002	Dodge City Community College	Lisa Miller, Pratt Community College
2003	Emporia State University	Heather Eckstein, Pittsburg State University
2004	University of Kansas	MargE Shelley, Johnson County Community College
2005	Butler County Community College	Rich Morrell, University of Kansas
2006	Hutchinson Community College	Jon Armstrong, Seward County Community College
2007	Pittsburg State University	Gina Crabtree, Wichita State University
2008	Garden City Community College	Melinda Roelfs, Pittsburg State University
2009	Wichita State University	Chris Meiers, University of Kansas Medical Center
2010	Washburn University	Ben Shears, Cowley Community College
2011	Fort Hays State University	Aaron Hamilton, Wichita State University
2012	Johnson County Community College	Nancy Unruh, Garden City Community College
2013	Dodge City Community College	Pete Belk, Johnson County Community College
2014	University of Kansas	Kirsten Allen, Butler Community College
2015	Bethany College, Bethel College, Hesston College, Central Christian College of Kansas, Kansas Wesleyan University, McPherson College, Sterling College, Tabor College	Kirsten Allen, Butler Community College
2016	Kansas State University	Maggie Harris, Barton Community College
2017	Emporia State University	Casey Wallace, University of Kansas
2018	Garden City Community College	Lynnette Hilty, Hutchinson Community College
2019	Wichita State University	Michelle Ponce, Butler Community College
2020	Fall Virtual Series	Tana Cooper, Barton Community College
2021	Colby Community College	April Cozine, Wichita State University
2022	Johnson County Community College	Megan Chambers, Kansas State University
2023	Washburn University	Brenda Carmichael, Flint Hills Technical College
2024	Dodge City Community College	Brandi Brenner, University of Kansas Medical Center

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