



KACRAO NEWS

Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

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Hello KACRAO,

I hope your spring semester has gone well. I don't know about you, but I am already excited about the upcoming programming that will be offered this summer and fall.

In early April the Kansas reception at AACRAO was hosted at the Local in Minneapolis. We had eighteen members and friends at the reception. We also celebrated the leadership that Paul Kyle, JCCC, provided as he completed his term as President of AACRAO. And, I think we all enjoyed learning that Monty from K-State has a bit of pool shark in him!

I was fortunate to attend some great sessions on behalf of KACRAO.

In addition to learning what other regional and state organizations are doing we were updated on some new initiatives at AACRAO. One that, was particularly interesting to me, is reaching out to House and Senate members. AACRAO encouraged us to be active in our state legislatures if possible. Tammy Tabor, Vice President of Outreach, is going to initiate contact by sending an introductory letter with details about our membership and who we serve with legislators in the State of Kansas.

One other exciting development that Michelle Ponce, Vice President of Professional Development, and her committee are working on is a New KACRAO Professionals workshop that will offer helpful resources and leadership as we welcome new professionals to our organization. She seeks Registrars who are interested in joining her committee. Please contact her directly at mponce4@butlercc.edu if you are interested in learning more.

Mark Britton will soon be emailing membership renewal information. We will be updating to a new MemberClicks Membership Database in December. When you complete your renewal this year please ensure you are reviewing all your "child" members closely and removing any person who should no longer have an active membership. This will help immensely when we transition to the updated system (which will be easier for you to add and remove members from).

We are lucky to have amazing individuals in our organization. If you haven't nominated someone to serve on the 2017-2018 Executive Board you can still do so by visiting www.kacrao.org. It is also time to recognize someone who has impacted the organization by nominating him/her for one of our prestigious awards. You can find information about the awards and past recipients at kacrao.memberclicks.net/awards-and-accolades. Maggie Harris is soliciting nominations now and I encourage you to submit your nominations early!

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"The single biggest way to impact an organization is to focus on leadership development. There is almost no limit to the potential of an organization that recruits good people, raises them up as leaders and continually develops them."

-John Maxwell

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Around the State

Kansas, Betsy DeVos views

Kansas education officials concerned about U.S. Department of Education appointment

Kansas officials representing state and local school organizations are worried about stances Betsy DeVos, appointed U.S. Secretary of Education Feb. 7, has on public education. DeVos has been a longtime advocate of school choice and vouchers, which compete with the very institution she now represents – U.S. public education. Below is a summary of comments reported in a Topeka Capital-Journal article published Jan. 10.

“She has no regard for public education,” said Ann Mah, D-Topeka, the newest member of the Kansas State Board of Education. “I can’t see her doing anything good for public education, and I’d be quite concerned about huge block grants going to states based on their willingness to do what I would consider bad things for kids.”

Kansas Education Commissioner Randy Watson says districts in rural areas of Kansas can’t offer school choice but more flexibility needs to be offered within the traditional, public school setting, especially at the high school level. “We need more kids to have post-secondary education,” Watson says, suggesting the diverse post-secondary options students can obtain in Kansas.

Suzan Patton, superintendent of Pratt USD 382. is also concerned about DeVos promoting school vouchers and charter schools. “We think it’s best for kids to explore options for getting an education, whether that’s school-within-a-school, or virtual school,” Patton says, suggesting options within the public school system.

Check out the complete article at: <http://cjonline.com/news/state-government/2017-01-10/reaction-kansas-education-officials-mixed-potential-devos>

Chris Neary, Admissions Representative at Highland Community College

Other KACRAO Updates

Roxana Peraza stepped in to fill a vacated Local Arrangements Co-chair role along with Lyndel Landgren. The LAC could benefit from a few more members. If you are interested contact Roxana at rperaza@esu.edu.

Karissa Swanson and her committee have scheduled the Drive-In Workshop for July 13 at Butler Community College.

Hugo Perez along with his committee have been putting the finishing touches on the College Planning Conferences.

Lynnette Hilty and the Program Committee have solicited session ideas and are hard at work putting the Conference Program together.

April Cozine already has sites signed up to host the 2017 Apply Kansas Application Campaign, and welcomes more schools to join.

*Casey Wallace
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Uncertainty looms for int'l students, U.S. immigration policy

Immediate immigration policy actions by U.S. President Donald Trump coupled with an apparent hate crime shooting of an Indian international student have raised concerns of international enrollment at colleges across the U.S. International students and their families, accounting for about one million people, have begun weighing other options to enrolling at U.S. schools. Deciding to stay home or to attend schools in other countries such as Canada and Australia could have a major impact on U.S. enrollment numbers, the American economy, and inclusivity of thought that drives innovation.

Read details in The Wichita Eagle story, published on Oct. 20, 2016: <http://www.kansas.com/sports/article109538887.html>.

Dillon Cott, Admissions Representative at Wichita State University

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Evaluating Early FAFSA

Created with low-income students in mind, the early Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, sought to give students more financial information earlier to aid in their decision-making process. Two early indicators have shown ineffectiveness in pursuit of this goal. Statistics on early FAFSA applications show that the students who applied to the early FAFSA application were just the opposite: high income (non-Pell), dependents, whose parents attended college. Further, only 57% of the schools polled by the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators said they would communicate financial aid packages early – 30 percent of which only a few weeks earlier in contrast to the 3-month change in FAFSA application date. With these indicators in mind, this article offers some points to consider when evaluating the effectiveness of early FAFSA in its inaugural year.

Read details in the RealClear story, published on Jan. 24:

[www.realclearedducation.com
/articles/2017/01/24/
who_is_really_benefiting_from_early_access_to_federal_student_aid_110106](http://www.realclearedducation.com/articles/2017/01/24/who_is_really_benefiting_from_early_access_to_federal_student_aid_110106)

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AACRAO Professional Development: Did You Know?

The American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, or AACRAO, offers a number of meetings, online courses, webinars, publications, communication opportunities and FERPA resources for its member institutions. KACRAO is a state association affiliated with AACRAO.

Meetings: If you are able to attend in person, there are some great opportunities for you to do so between the Annual Meeting, hosted in the spring, the SEM Conference, hosted in the fall, and the Technology and Transfer Conference, hosted in the summer.



Online Training: Online trainings provide a cost effective and interactive option and a range of topics. Admissions Counselor/Recruiter 101, Registrar 101, Essentials of SEM, Essentials of Project Management and Managing the Admissions Office are all courses currently available. These courses typically run in four week formats and a professional development certificate is issued for participants completing the course from AACRAO. Not only does AACRAO offer webinars, an archive is available on demand for prior webinars. Best of all, these all appear to be FREE! Just register online and they'll send a link to the recording.

Publications: There seems to be no shortage of books relative to topics facing your offices for your professional development needs! Stay up to date with a large selection of ListServs to subscribe, as well as follow the AACRAO Connect for interesting articles!

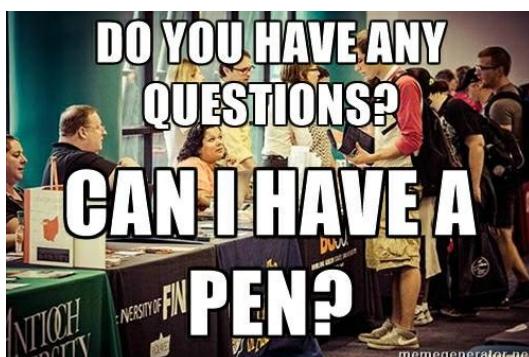
AACRAO offers a variety of FERPA training and consulting, compliance audits and vendor product reviews and a library of publications for its members.

Check all of these opportunities out at aacrao.org! AACRAO is a non-profit, voluntary professional association of more than 11,000 higher education professionals who represent 2,600 institutions in more than 40 countries. KACRAO is one of 14 state/regional affiliated associations based in North America.

Michelle Ponce, Vice President for Professional Development, Admissions Counselor at Butler Community College



KACRAO Road Warriors



WARRIOR MENTALITY: See this meme and others on the KACRAO Road Warriors Facebook page. Thanks to Chandler Kirkhart for posting!



The KACRAO 2017 Conference will be held in September 27-29, 2017, in Emporia, KS. Details forthcoming.

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