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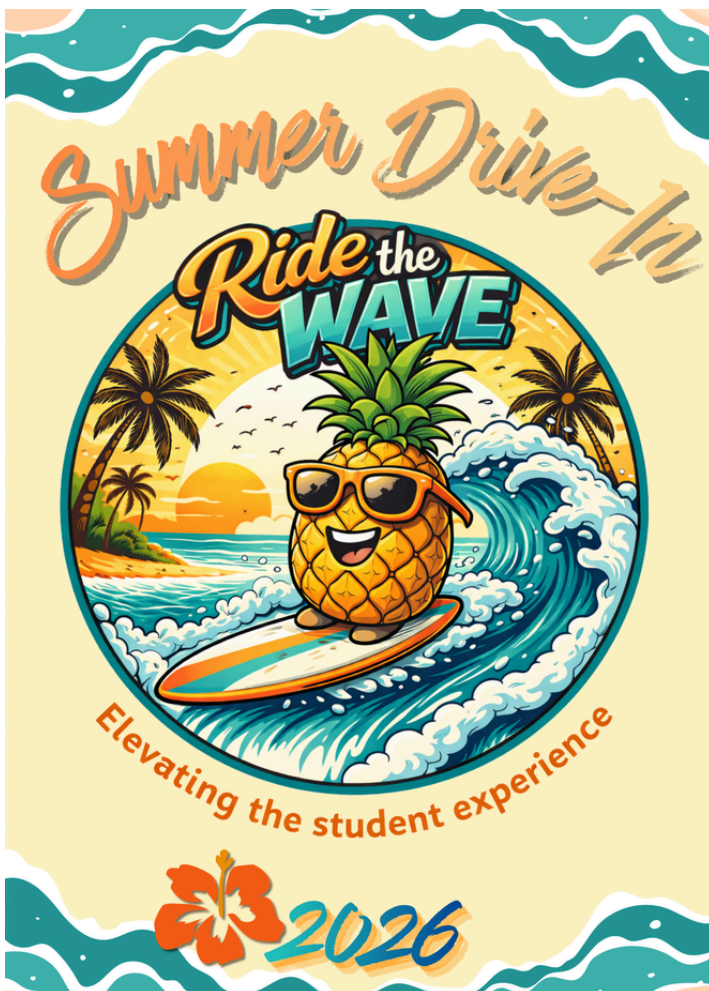
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There is still time to register for the 2026 KACRAO Summer Drive-In Workshop, "Ride the Wave: Elevating the Student Experience", on July 14, 2026 at Hutchinson Community College, Stringer Fine Arts Center.

Link to register:

<https://www.kacrao.org/summer-drive-in-workshop>

Transfer Challenges: How Admissions & Registrars can help.

BY CHARLES PEITSCH

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Transfer season: a time when students see new beginnings and smooth transitions and institutions see transcript holds, unclear records, and emails about credits that “should have transferred automatically.” As the pool of college students gets smaller, the value of transfer students increases and Admissions and Registrars can work together to help the transition process.

Challenges with transfer students

As anyone in admissions will tell you, there are plenty of challenges:

- Confusion about official vs. unofficial transcripts, especially when students assume anything sent from a college qualifies.
- Transcript holds due to prior balances, delaying records students need to move forward.
- Clearinghouse reports listing past enrollments students don't recall or expect to matter.
- Multiple transfer institutions, creating fragmented academic histories that are hard to piece together.
- Limited understanding of the transcript request process and how often it can be completed online.
- “In progress” transcripts being mistaken for final official documents.
- Difficulty aligning transfer coursework with program and major requirements across institutions.

Steps Admissions members have taken to address challenges

Admissions offices have met these challenges by:

- Sending transcript request links directly to students to reduce delays.
- Improving visibility of transcript request instructions online.
- Clearly outlining missing document requirements and following up with students.
- Developing more coordinated transfer-focused support structures.
- Supporting tools like transfer portals to help students see how credits apply.

What Registrars can do to help

Registrars can also use their expertise to help Admissions recruit and prepare new transfers.

Registrars can:

- Educate students early on what makes a transcript official.
- Keep transcript request steps simple and highly visible.
- Improve clarity around transcript status and requirements.
- Identify transfer intent earlier when possible.
- Help transfers transition from admissions to advisors
- Communicate clearly with transfer students and keep admissions in the loop.

Teamwork makes the dream work

Transfer challenges often come down to unclear expectations, fragmented records, and the challenge of a new school with new rules. By working together, Admissions and Registrars can reduce confusion and delays and help transfer students move forward with as little friction as possible.

KACRAO Kernel: Gratitude

BY TERRI VAN SLYKE

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One of my favorite authors, Jon Gordon, just released a new book in May called *The Power of Positive Habits*. One of the first habits discussed in the book is about taking “Thank-You Walks.” Gordon credits this practice as “life changing.” At the time, he had become negative and discouraged due to challenging circumstances and was actively searching for ways to shift his negative mindset. During that search, he came across an article that stated, “it’s difficult to be stressed when you are thankful.” Inspired by this idea, he began taking intentional Thank-You Walks. Within one week, he noticed a significant shift in his attitude, energy, and spirit.

It seems like a simple practice, yet how often do we truly pause to focus on what we’re grateful for. We are constantly surrounded by negativity—whether through media, daily stressors, or the pressures of keeping up with the Joneses. Social media has only intensified this, making it easier than ever to focus on what’s missing or wrong rather than the blessings we have. It’s easy to fall into the cycle of comparison and negativity without even realizing it.

But what if you chose to rewrite the negative narrative with gratitude?

Just as negativity can spread quickly, positivity is equally contagious. Imagine being the one person in your personal and/or professional life who makes a conscious, daily effort to shift the tone to gratitude. What if you intentionally named your blessings and modeled a different perspective? That small, consistent choice could not only transform your own mindset but also inspire those around you to carry gratitude forward.

Reflection: Is your mindset positive or negative? What intentional steps can you take to focus on gratitude?

Challenge: Take a Thank-You Walk every day this week. Tell yourself what you are grateful for.

If you have a suggestion for a KACRAO Kernel, please contact Terri Van Slyke at professionaldevelopment@kacrao.org.

KACRAO Summer Fun!

SUMMER WORD SEARCH



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2026 KACRAO Conference



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**SAVE THE DATE for KACRAO 2026:
September 23-25, 2026,
in Manhattan, KS**

**Watch the KACRAO Annual
Conference page for registration
and hotel information.**

**All sessions will be held at the
Hilton Garden Inn Conference
Center.**




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