

Hello KACRAO!

Welcome back to campus! I hope everyone was able to enjoy their holiday season and some relaxation!



I just wanted to share a couple items from the Executive Council, Coordinators & Chairs.

The Glenn Lygrisse/KACRAO Scholarship application is on our website! Four (one per school type) \$500 awards are available, which may be used at KACRAO member institutions. The deadline to apply for the scholarship is March 15, 2019 so be sure to share the scholarship information with your colleagues, any HS counselors with whom you work, and, of course, your prospective students.

It's time to nominate your fellow colleagues to provide leadership and continue to help keep our organization strong. Please take the time to nominate a KACRAO Institutional Member to fulfill one of the following Executive Council roles for the 2019-2020 KACRAO year. The nomination form and position descriptions can be found on our website and the deadline is February 28, 2019.

Our next Executive Council Meeting will be held on Monday, February 11th from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on the campus of Pratt Community College. All members are welcome to attend!

If you have not had the opportunity yet, make sure you join our Facebook Group!

[KACRAO - Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers](#)

Michelle Ponce, Butler Community College



KACRAO President

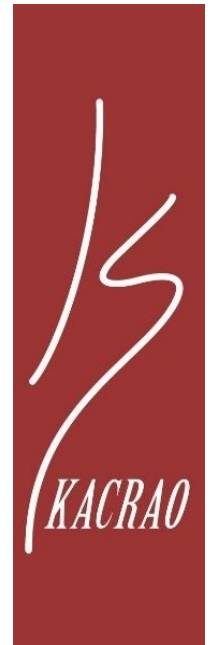


Colvin Center for Allied Health

Seward County Community College has a new facility going up on campus. On December 5th faculty and staff broke ground for the new Colvin Center for Allied Health. The new center will be a one level building, compared to the current Allied Health building that is three floors. With summer of 2019 looking as the moving date into the new building, Simulation Facilitator and Clinical Nursing Instructor, Kate A. Mulligan, feels that the new addition, "will help Allied Health feel more a part of the college and we will be able to collaborate with other departments more effectively."

The current Allied Health building is located off campus and any students wanting to attend class for their program have had to commute a few minutes across town to make it to and from classes on main campus. This will be a bonus, having the new facility on Seward's main campus. Students will benefit from the proximity as well as from the additional space and classrooms that will be able. Mulligan further explained that there would also be a new Simulation Lab that would be set up to imitate real healthcare settings. "It is exciting that the Sim Lab will incorporate all of the Allied Health fields," Mulligan said, "so we are able to create real-life scenarios for students in Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, Medical Lab Technology, and Surgical Technology." Mulligan added that being able to join all the fields together for scenarios is incredibly beneficial to students because, "working in the healthcare field requires a lot of teamwork."

When asked what she thought would remain the same with the Allied Health programs despite the new building, Mulligan responded "Our desire to provide the best education for our students and our commitment to ensuring they succeed long after they leave Seward County Community College." The new facility has sparked excitement in a lot of staff members and Mulligan is ready to take advantage of this new opportunity to keep recruiting students into the Allied Health fields and continue the tradition of "making a strong impact in our community and the surrounding communities."



The 2019 KACRAO Scholarship information is now available for applicants on our website at:

<https://kacrao.memberclicks.net/kacrao-scholarship>.

Four \$500 awards are available, which may be used at KACRAO member institutions (one per school type: four-year public, four-year private, community college, and technical college). The awards are not need-based and may be used in conjunction with other awards.

To be eligible for consideration for these scholarships, students must:

- Be in their senior year at a Kansas high school;
- Have a cumulative seventh semester GPA of at least 3.25 on a 4.0 scale;
- Submit an application, which includes uploading a one-page essay, letter of reference, and resume.

The deadline to apply for the scholarship is March 15, 2019. Successful award recipients will be notified in May and posted on the KACRAO website after May 15, 2019.

Please share the scholarship information with your colleagues, any HS counselors with whom you work, and, of course, your prospective students.

Get to Know Our Students!

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What made you decide to come to America for college ?

I decided to come to America for college because America is the first power of the world. Besides, American Universities and colleges rank among the best in the world. This means, American Universities and colleges have high quality training with outstanding instructors. Plus American degrees are very valuable and marketable all over the world. So, studying in America will make me be a qualified and competent person, and will allow me to get a job easily.

How did you narrow down your decision to a school in Kansas ?

I narrowed down my decision to come to Kansas for several reasons. In fact, Kansas has a beautiful and extensive state university system, and many of Kansas' schools have been highly ranked in national surveys for their graduate programs and overall educational value. Moreover, Kansas schools offer a choice of both large and small campus environments. Besides, the city is not far and has many attractions such as the Kansas Aviation Museum, Museum of World Treasures, Botanical Gardens, and the Sedgwick County Zoo. So, with a large, diverse population and plentiful historic sites, festivals, and attractions, this Midwestern state offers me a unique cultural experience as an international student.

Why did you choose your current College ?

I chose my current college because it has a small and peaceful learning environment. Moreover, NCCC has small class sizes, outstanding, committed and supportive instructors and staff. It also provides free tutoring in order to help students to have excellent results. Further, the college has got various club activities and a nice residence hall.

How was the Admissions process? (Long, easy, informative, etc.)

I found the admission process to be very easy for me. Actually, the process was very simple at NCCC and fast, thanks to the dynamic and excellent admissions advisor. It consisted in filling an online application form and then sending her the required documents to be accepted. Then, you will have your acceptance letter and new I-20 issued to you.

Now that we are in the Spring semester, do you enjoy where you are at and your major ?

I really enjoy where I am currently because I feel comfortable and at ease thanks to the assistance provided by the staff, and the instructors as well. I also enjoy my major because the instructors are very good and committed, and this allow me to have a 4.00 GPA.



What is your favorite thing about Kansas so far ?

My favorite thing about Kansas is the nice environment and people, who live here. I also enjoy the historic sites and the food as well.



Get to Know Our Students!

Seward County Community College international student, Edwin Yemoh, 25, has a lot to say where his education is concerned. Edwin is originally from Ghana, West Africa and has experienced a significant culture shock coming to Kansas. However, Edwin made it very clear that he is grateful to be able to pursue an education in the United States. Edwin did answer these questions for me:

What made you decide to come to America for college?

Edwin explained that the biggest reason that he decided to come to America for school is due to the lack of infrastructure that exists in Ghana. According to Edwin, "Three hundred seventy-five thousand students graduate from high school each year and public universities only accept three hundred thousand." That means that seventy-five thousand students are left without the opportunity of college. Edwin further explained that lack of infrastructure also makes for a lot of competition to get into a university and it's not always easy especially for those that cannot afford it. Sometimes the only way that students have an "in" is who they know, that knows someone, that knows someone. For those students that unfortunately don't make the cut, they are left with the option to learn a trade or go trading in streets. Or as Edwin referred to it, "getting your daily bread."

How did you narrow your decision to a school in Kansas?

"I was looking more at cost of attendance and I had my visa in Kansas." When Edwin first came to Kansas, he arrived at Wichita State University. "I wanted to go to Wichita, but couldn't afford it, so I went back home and re-applied to Seward."

How was the Admissions process? (long, easy, etc.)

"It wasn't long," Edwin explained. "I applied and in a few weeks I got my acceptance letter." Edwin added that the process was simple, short, and straight to the point, or overall, just easy.

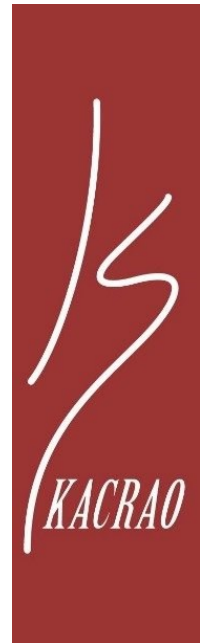
Now that we are in the Spring Semester, do enjoy where you are at and your major?

"It has been my dream." "I love to be educated," Edwin said, "knowledge is power." Edwin also added that he really likes the degree that he chose. He is currently working on his Associate of Arts.

What is your favorite thing about Kansas so far?

A surprising answer, but Edwin really enjoys the farmland in Kansas. "We had a little garden in front of our house." Edwin explained that his dad taught him about plants and once some of them were ready to be picked they would incorporate them into their meals. One of Edwin's first jobs back in Ghana was working on his school's farm, too.

As far as meals, Edwin also really misses the sea food back from. No fish in Kansas compare to the fresh fish in Ghana that he grew up eating on the coast.



Student O-fish-ally Charged

After two years, a man has been charged with Animal Cruelty for eating a student's pet fish at Louisiana State University. There is no definite answer on why the man *swallowed* the fish, nor is there any answer to the question of his health following the act. What we do know, is he is hooked on this crime. More information can be found at [Inside Higher Ed](#).



Recruitment Communications

Ellucian published an [article](#) recently about the communications that affect a student's decision on their future college choice.

- 87% of student who received personalized communications said that it was an important factor in the college decision.
- 85% of alumni agree they would donate more often if they knew their money was funding organizations or initiatives with which they were involved as a student.

What are some ways to create a more personal experience for the prospective student before they even decide to attend your institution?

Current Job Openings

University of Kansas
Associate Registrar

Emporia State University
Admissions Counselor

Hutchinson Community College
Coordinator of Enrollment
Management

Find these postings and more at
[kacrao.memberclicks.net/job-
opportunities](http://kacrao.memberclicks.net/job-opportunities)

KACRAO Member Spotlight

Steve Grenus, Washburn University

What is your name and position at your institution?

Steve Grenus, University Registrar

How long have you been at your institution and how long have you been a member of KACRAO?

2 years at Washburn; 5 years as a KACRAO member

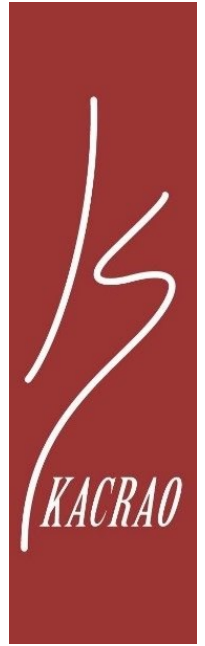
What is your favorite thing about KACRAO?

The people and collegiality among the members and institutions.

What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?

Cookie Dough

*Check your emails from the Publications Committee Members, you might be our next spotlight!



Mascots of Colleges Universities

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Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today. -Malcolm X