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REUNION AND REINVENTION

BY ASHLEY JOHNSON

The 2022 KACRAO Annual Conference was held on September 28th-30th at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, KS. Highlights include presence and presentation from AACRAO President, Rhona Kitch, guest speaker and performer, Judson Laipply, return of mentor-mentee program, and over 50 interest sessions to attend. Wednesday evening entertainment encompassed dinner and drinks at Boulevard Brewing. Thursday evening included the past presidents reception and a Happy Hour at the DoubleTree Hotel. Thank you Local Arrangements, Program Committee and JCCC for hosting this year!

The leaves have made their journey from shades of green to russet colors of fall and are now fading away on the ground. The end of the fall semester is nearing, winter coat season has begun, peppermint flavors are in, and everything is trying to soak up the brief moments of sunshine as our hours of sunlight diminish. The season may be cooling down, but for collegiate registrars and admissions, the season is just starting to heat up! Take a break from the chaos and check out some photos from this year's annual conference!

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello KACRAO,

It is hard to believe that the end of the Fall semester is upon us! I hope everyone will be able to enjoy their break and relax!

The Executive Council, Coordinators & Chairs had our Retreat on November 29th, we reviewed the annual conference, vendor contracts, Apply Kansas and the Strategic Plan. It was really exciting to see your elected officers, as well as the Coordinators and Chairs. Our goal is to provide resources and opportunities to our members and I am excited to see what we can accomplish this year.

In everything we do, we build the opportunity for each of us to build a strong network across the state. I strongly believe that building a personal and professional network will enable you to seek out when you need help, take advantage of calling or emailing others with difficult questions and support.

Throughout the year we will provide professional development opportunities. The newest podcast is H.E.A.R.D, Higher Education and Real Diversity. The hosts discuss navigating the complexities of DEI topics and their perspectives on giving grace, building community, and setting boundaries in DEI work. <https://www.aacrao.org/resources/newsletters-blogs/HEARD>

Each of us provide a support to our students on campus and the more knowledge and resources we gain from conferences, reading or listening to podcasts will help our students succeed. "Success is a journey not a destination." — Ben Sweetland

The next Executive Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 from 10 am to 1pm @ Friends University.

I am honored to lead our organization this year. If at any time you have questions, ideas or concerns please reach out to me or anyone on the Executive Council.

Take care,

Brenda Carmichael

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2022-23 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Executive Council

President: Brenda Carmichael, Flint Hills Technical College
President-Elect: Hugo Perez, Fort Hays State University
VP for Professional Development (two-year term): Eric Sanford, Friends University
VP for Outreach (two-year term): Brandon Burke, Cowley College
Treasurer-Elect: Casey Wallace, University of Kansas
Secretary: Samantha Garcia, Garden City Community College
Admissions Advocate-at-Large: Emily Witherspoon, Dodge City Community College
Records/Registration Advocate-at-Large: Lori Gibbon, Newman University

Coordinators

Historian/Constitution: Kristen Allen, Butler Community College
Technology: Eric Volden, Seward Community College
Corporate Liaison: Michelle Ponce, University of Kansas School of Medicine
Planning for College: Elizabeth Britton, Pratt Community College

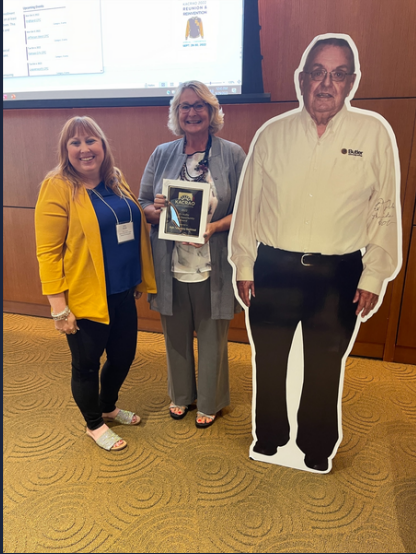
Chairs

College Planning Conference Committee: Kyle Stacken, Fort Hays State University
Local Arrangements Committee: Stephanie Lanning, Washburn University
Publications Committee: Ashley Johnson, Flint Hills Technical College
Scholarship Committee: Chad Steinkamp, Wichita State University
Summer Drive-In Workshop Committee: Amy Morris, Neosho County Community College
Audit Committee: Lori Crowther, Barton Community College
KC Metro College Expo Committee: Bryan Crouch, Flint Hills Technical College and Rhinon
Minster, Johnson County Community College
Apply Kansas Chair: Lynnette Hilty, Hutchinson Community College

*What's
Next?*

Did you have a favorite session you attended at the KACRAO conference? How are you implementing what you learned from the session into your work? You can be in the next KACRAO newsletter by submitting a brief summary on to asjohnson@fhctc.edu.

2022 AWARDS & ACCOLADES



EV KOHLS AWARD: DR. TANKERSLEY-BANKHEAD, KC SCHOLARS

BETH TEDROW AWARD: BRYAN CROUCH, FLINT HILLS TECH COLLEGE

DIANE BARNES AWARD: GINA CRABTREE, WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

RICHARD N ELKINS AWARD: MICHELLE PONCE, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

LAURA CROSS AWARD: PETE BELK, JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LEGACY AWARD: MARGE SHELLEY, JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE







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