



# THE CURRENT

KACRAO'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023

## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello KACRAO,  
I hope your spring semester has gone well. I am excited about the upcoming programming and outreach opportunities to enhance your membership.

Thank you KACRAO for letting me represent you at the annual AACRAO Conference that was held in Colorado. This was my first time attending AACRAO and it was a great experience and I learned a lot. Our organization was praised multiple times during the state and regional meetings. KACRAO has been blessed with so many great leaders. AACRAO encouraged us to be active in our state legislatures and continue to build our organization. During our last executive council meeting we discussed what does KACRAO mean to us, stay tuned for our stories. KACRAO provides each of us professional development, mentorship, knowledge and family/friends for a lifetime. KACRAO has been a huge part of my career and I am so glad that I took the plunge to get involved. Involvement includes joining a committee, taking a position with a committee, coordinator or a role on the executive council. The opportunities are endless, how are you going to write your KACRAO journey?

What's next? Summer Drive in committee is planning the conference which will be held on Wednesday, July 12th, at Salina Area Technical College. This is a great opportunity to network and focus on leadership. Hope to see you there. LAC and the program committee is working hard on planning the annual conference, if you have sessions that you would like to present or topics you would like discussed please contact Hugo Perez at [h\\_perez@fhsu.edu](mailto:h_perez@fhsu.edu).

Brandi Brenner VP for Association Services/Membership Coordinator has been working hard on cleaning up memberclicks. Please take a moment and review the members associated with your organization. Eric Sanford, VP for Professional Development has shared the podcasts from AACRAO and has the vision to start a podcast or zoom meetings for members.

A huge thank you to our Executive Council, Chairs and Coordinators for your hard work, you help make KACRAO shiner. Our next meeting Tuesday, June 13, 2023 @ Washburn University/Conference Venue all members are welcome to attend. Thank you KACRAO for your dedication to students. Best of luck with recruitment, graduation and enrollment.

Brenda Carmichael  
KACRAO President



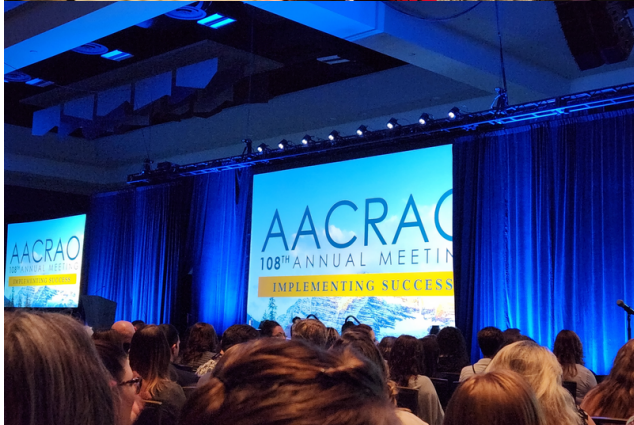


# SUMMER DRIVE-IN

JUNE 12TH 10-3  
AT SALINA AREA  
TECHNICAL COLLEGE



Summer Drive-In will be held Wednesday, July 12th, from 10am - 3pm (registration is from 9:30am-10am). Our guest speaker will be NCCC Women's Basketball Coach JJ Davis.



A Wichita, Kansas native, JJ Davis has been called one of the most inspirational speakers of his generation. His passion for self-care and burnout will change the culture of your organization. With charisma, passion, and an ability to connect, JJ's mission is to inspire two million people around the world and inspire individuals to be the best version of themselves. JJ challenges us daily to change the trajectory of our lives by not allowing our past to hinder our future. JJ's influence on social media with his daily tip, daily thought and a one minute motivation continues to touch people around the world. He is determined to use his gift to make this world a better place by challenging audiences to value themselves and to discover their true purpose for living. When he is not traveling, JJ serves as a Division One Junior College Women's Basketball Head Coach at Neosho County Community College. He resides in Chanute, Kansas with his wife.

AMY MORRIS  
SUMMER DRIVE-IN WORKSHOP COMMITTEE CHAIR  
DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS  
NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

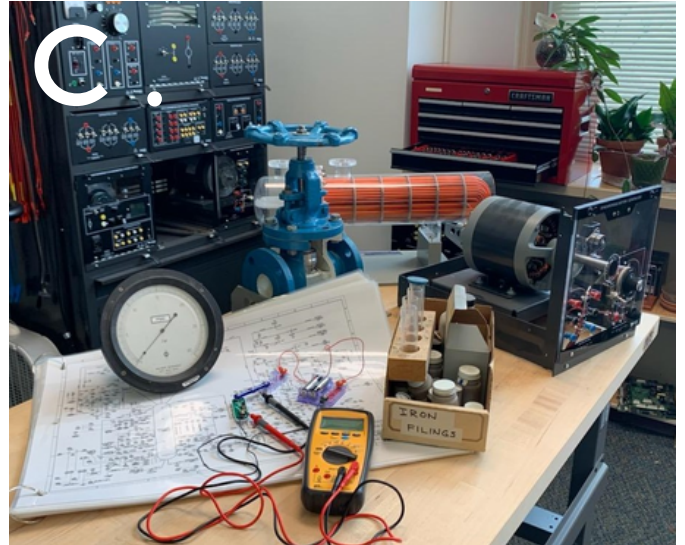


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# CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT



## LET'S PLAY CAN YOU NAME THAT CAMPUS?



*Answers are  
on the next  
page.  
NO PEEKING!*



# CAN YOU NAME THAT CAMPUS?



## **A. Shiftspace- Wichita State University**

Wichita State University's campus offers a wide variety of Fine Arts Degrees, both in Performing Arts and Studio Arts. One unique experience that we offer is our student-run Art Gallery, located in downtown Wichita! Shiftspace offers students an opportunity to gain direct experience in the art scene, as well as connecting our campus to the local community through the art sphere."



## **B. Alvin the Alligator- Southwestern College**

The campus' unofficial mascot for four decades became affiliated with Southwestern College in 1959 when members of the Pi Epsilon Pi fraternity brought a pair of six-inch alligators back from vacation. Before long an SC biology professor became the keeper of Pi and Ep (names of the original pair.) When Pi ate Ep, the survivor was renamed "Alvin" and soon became a highlight of campus tours. Alvin the Alligator died on January 13, 2000, and an autopsy reveals that he is really a she. Alvin was preserved by a taxidermist and is on permanent display in "his" home in Mossman Hall.



## **C. Power Plant Technology-Flint Hills Technical College**

Power Plant Technology at Flint Hills Technical College is an exclusive major in the state of Kansas.

Being one of the only power plant training programs in Kansas, Power Plant Technology provides students with an understanding of five types of power plants; coal, nuclear gas, hydroelectric, and solar power. Skills from classroom, laboratory and internship experiences will give Power Plant Technology majors the skills to operate, install, service and repair power plant equipment. FHTC's 2022 Job Placement Report indicates that the average annual salary for Power Plant Technology is over \$50,000.



## **D. STAC Partnership - Salina Area Technical College**

Salina Tech began a partnership with the Kansas Army National Guard in 2018. The partnership is titled Synchronous Training for Academic Credit (STAC). Through this partnership, Active Duty, Reserve, and National Guard soldiers who take Military Occupational Specialty courses for maintenance at the Kansas Army National Guard training site are eligible to simultaneously earn college credit for their military training in welding, machining, and heating/ventilation/air conditioning (HVAC). Soldiers attend a 6-week training at the Kansas Regional Training Institute just down the street from Salina Tech. Then, Salina Tech faculty grade the students' final projects. Through the STAC partnership, soldiers may complete an AAS degree in Technical Studies.

To date, 51 individuals have earned college credit through this partnership, 9 students have earned an AAS degree, and 4 more candidates are eligible to graduate in May 2023!



# MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Mental health issues are on the rise on college campuses across the country. Better and accessible screening as well as earlier diagnosis of mental health conditions are critical to getting quality treatment and improving one's quality of life. This has allowed more students with mental health conditions to go on to college and be successful.  
-mhanational.org



**SUPPORT MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA AND LIGHT UP FOR MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH! MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA IS ASKING PEOPLE TO LIGHT UP IN GREEN DURING THE MONTH OF MAY TO HELP SPREAD AWARENESS.**

"All people, no matter where they are at on their mental health journey, are deserving of support, resources, fulfillment and a community that cares."

1. One in five adults experienced mental illness in 2021.
2. Depression is a leading cause of disability worldwide.
3. 47.2 of U.S. adults with mental illness received treatment in 2021.

"Mental Health By the Numbers." *National Alliance on Mental Health*, April 2023, <https://www.nami.org/mhstats>. April 27th, 2023.

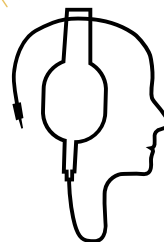


## COLLABORATE

SALINA AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND FLINT HILLS TECHNICAL COLLEGE JOINED FORCES TO DISCUSS ADMISSIONS AND FOR A MOCK VISIT AT FHTC.



**Want to see your campus in the next newsletter? Submit a photo and description to Ashley Johnson, Chair of the KACRAO Publications Committee! [asjohnson@fhtc.edu](mailto:asjohnson@fhtc.edu)**



## H.E.A.R.D

**HEARD is AACRAO's Higher Education and Real Diversity podcast.**

# KACRAO **EXECUTIVE UPDATES**



*Reminder*

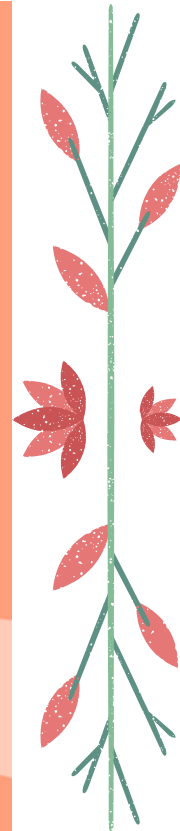
**TIME FOR SPRING  
CLEANING**

Help Clean-Up MemberClicks

Changes to your institution's membership?  
Login to the KACRAO site and visit the Member  
Center to submit additions or removals for  
your institution

[KACRAO.ORG](https://KACRAO.ORG)

Questions?  
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## **Executive Council Meeting**

The KACRAO Executive Board Retreat was held on February 21st at Friends University. Approval of minutes, consent agenda, treasurer report and conference updates were discussed. New business included Summer Drive-In and corporate membership.

### **Future Executive Meetings**

All meetings will begin at 10 am.

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 @ Washburn University Conference Venue

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 @ Washburn University Conference Venue

*What's  
Next?*

**2024 ANNUAL KACRAO  
CONFERENCE UPDATES,  
CPD UPDATES, MEET THE  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE,  
AND MORE!**





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