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A Message from the President of KACRAO

On behalf of the membership of the Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, I would like to welcome all Kansas high school counselors back for another exciting fall semester. The 2001-02 academic year promises to be both challenging and rewarding for all of us.

Throughout the years, KACRAO and KSCA have worked together for the betterment of students in the state of Kansas. This past year was no exception. Heather Eckstein, Associate Director of Admission and Enrollments Services, at Pittsburg State University was the KACRAO liaison to KSCA and Cheryl Bowen, from Parsons High School, was the KSCA liaison to KACRAO. At the KCA conference in Great Bend, both organizations shared an exhibitor table and handed out many give-a-ways to the participants of the conference. This partnership was a definite success.

For the coming year, KACRAO will be seeking associate memberships in both KSCA and KCA. In doing this, we feel the communication lines will grow even stronger. Plans are also being made for KACRAO to present a session titled "Planning for College" at the KCA conference in Overland Park. This session will be very informative for all participants.

Please do not forget about the KACRAO web site at www.kacrao.org. This can be an extremely helpful tool since all of the post-secondary schools in Kansas that are KACRAO members are listed on the site. We also have information about the scholarships that KACRAO awards every year.

If you ever have any questions, comments or concerns about KACRAO, feel free to contact me at any time. I look forward to hearing from you.

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KACRAO Offers Expert Advice on College Choices

KACRAO offers "Planning for College" workshops as a public service for Kansas high school students and their parents. These workshops are designed to help high school students become aware of the issues involved in selecting a college or university, are offered in cooperation by the member institutions of KACRAO—community colleges, Regent's universities and private colleges.

Workshop presenters are admissions staff members from Kansas colleges and universities who are certified and trained to present these sessions. Presenters must have at least one year of professional experience prior to applying for certification. Following training sessions, presenters are added to the list of professionals available for high school presentations.

The workshops are presented without any bias towards or against any institution. While the workshop presenter works for a member institution, he or she has agreed to present the workshop objectively, allowing students and parents to judge for themselves the best institution for their students. Financial aid information is a standard portion of the workshop.

For more information, or to arrange a "Planning for College" workshop at your high school, contact Kim Lay, Planning for College Chair, at Coffeyville Community College, at (800)782-4732 or by e-mail at kimlay@raven.ccc.cc.ks.us.

Website has much to offer

Almost two years ago, KACRAO officially launched their website (www.kacrao.org). The website has evolved into an invaluable resource for members. Professional development information, conference links, and membership directories are just a few of the things that are available to members. The website has allowed the association to cut down on the large volume of printed materials that used to be published throughout the year and also allows information to be distributed much quicker!



Although the website has become a great professional development tool for KACRAO, we would like to extend our resource to others. Feel free to visit our site. We would love to know what type of information we could provide online to high school counselors and prospective students about higher education and our association. We welcome your input! For more information or comments, please feel free to contact Chris Meiers at cmeiers@kumc.edu.

College Planning Conferences Set for Fall 2001

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| SEPTEMBER 24 | 25 | 26 KACRAO Conference Manhattan | 27 KACRAO Conference Manhattan | 28 KACRAO Conference Manhattan |
| OCTOBER 1 1:00 Hutchinson 7:00 Barton CCC | 2 9:45 Russell 1:45 Hays | 3 1:00 Phillipsburg 7:00 Oberlin | 4 9:00 Colby CC | 5 |
| 8 1:00 Osawatomie 7:00 Olathe North | 9 1:00 Hiawatha 7:00 Sumner Academy | 10 9:00 Ottawa 1:30 Oskaloosa 6:30 Shawnee Mission East | 11 8:30 Manhattan 1:30 Topeka-Exp. 7:00 Lawrence | 12 |
| 15 1:00 Dodge City 7:00 Scott City | 16 9:00 Garden City 1:30 Seward CCC 7:00 Ulysses | 17 1:00 Pratt CC | 18 | 19 |
| 22 9:00 St. Mary Pittsburg 1:00 Riverton 7:00 Chanute | 23 9:00 Coffeyville 1:00 Allen CCC 7:00 Emporia | 24 7:00 Leavenworth | 25 | 26 |
| 29 1:45 Junction City 7:00 Marysville | 30 7:00 Salina South | 31 1:30 Cloud CCC 7:00 Chapman | NOVEMBER 1 | 2 |
| 5 1:00 Cowley 7:00 McPherson | 6 9:00 Future's Fair | 7 1:00 Butler CCC 7:00 Newton | 8 | 9 |

Membership looks to update database

One of the great resources that KACRAO provides to its members is the Kansas High School Directory. This directory is an invaluable resource for admissions professionals in over eight states. The directory contains contact information, visitation policy information, and a listing of the guidance counselors at each high school. Starting last year, the directory was placed on a password-protected website for members to utilize. This provides members with a more accurate directory due to the fact that as changes are made, the website is updated as opposed to a traditional paper copy.



Earlier this month, letters were sent out to each high school guidance counselor's office in state asking to update their respective schools directory information. KACRAO sincerely appreciates it if you return this information as soon as possible to ensure that we have the most accurate information before recruiters start to schedule visits. If you have not received the letter, please contact me. If you have any questions or would like more information, I would be more than happy to talk to you.

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Students win KACRAO Scholarships

Jill Sowers, daughter of Rue and Marilyn Sowers of Goodland, and Missy Jasso, daughter of Paula Jasso of Topeka, have each been awarded the Kansas Association Of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers Quality Leadership Scholarship. Ms. Sowers and Ms. Jasso will receive \$500 college scholarships to attend a Kansas school of higher education.

Scholarship winners were selected following the completion of scholarship applications and personal essays. The initial application requires a minimum score of 22 on the ACT college entrance exam, a grade point average of at least 3.2 on a four-point scale, three letters of recommendation including one from the high school counselor, and evidence of leadership experience. Any student graduating from a Kansas high school was able to apply, with over 375 students applying.

Jill Sowers, from Goodland High School, plans to attend Kansas State University. Her activities included Volleyball, Basketball, Track, Future Career and Community Leaders of America, Scholar's Bowl, National Honor Society, Peer Counselor, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and Wrestling Manager.



Missy Jasso, from Topeka West High School, plans to attend the University of Kansas. Her activities included Spanish Club, German Club, French Club, Debate, Forensics, Spirit Club, National Honor's Society, Mexican-American Youth Organization, Student Council, and Students Taking Action in Topeka. Along with those activities, Ms. Jasso also attended Girls' State, Girls' Nation, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference, and was an alternate for the World Leadership Conference.



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Some words from our President-Elect

On behalf of the Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (KACRAO), I would like to extend a special greeting to each of you as you begin a new year. As you know, KACRAO works to facilitate information, scholarships and opportunities for secondary students and their parents regarding the selection of a higher education institution.

KACRAO looks forward to continuing the positive relationship we have built with high school counselors over the years. Together, we are able to assist students in reaching their higher education goals.

For more information about KACRAO, visit our web page, www.kacrao.org. You will also find links to all of the post-secondary schools in Kansas that are KACRAO members. This is a service we provide to students and counselors to make on-line college visits convenient.

Again, best wishes for a productive 2001-02 academic year. I look forward to working with you and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.

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