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Kansas Association of Colleges and Employers

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President's Corner

Dana Nordyke

Kansas State University

We are excited for the upcoming 2018 KACE Conference, Building Connections between College Career Centers and Employers! Thank you to Gary Handy and the Conference Planning Team for their work in making this an enjoyable and beneficial experience. After a full year of planning, we hope you are equally as excited about the line-up of keynotes, breakouts, and entertainment!

Whether you are joining us in Wichita or winding down the semester at home, I invite you to:

- 1. Give yourself permission to relax, de-stress, learn, laugh, and meet new people.*
- 2. Step back from your email and be here in the moment with us. It will be there when you return.*
- 3. Explore topics you might not usually dive into. Step out of your comfort zone.*
- 4. Network with attendees from other organizations and invite others to join your circle.*
- 6. Think about a pressing topic or challenge in your role or in your office and make it a point of discussion among peers.*
- 7. Remember all voices are important and worthy of being heard.*

In most industry areas, we are seeing an uptick in job postings and an increased need to find the right candidate. The Kansas Association of Colleges and Employers has a long history of connecting colleges and employers...dating back to 1947, in fact. You can read more about the background of the KACE organization on our website: kaceweb.org. As we spend time in the Old Town district of Wichita for the KACE conference at the end of the month, it seems fitting to reflect not only on KACE's history but on how you have helped to shape the organization over the years (and how you can help shape the future).

Please check out the committee sign-ups for ways to get involved in KACE beyond the conference. It is through this involvement, I have met some of the best friends and colleagues I could have ever imagined.

It has been a pleasure serving as your 2018 KACE President.

Sincerely,

Dana Nordyke



2018 KACE Leadership

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Dana Nordyke, Kansas State University

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Annual Conference Planning

Gary Handy, Washburn University

Bylaws

Paul Hancock, Kansas City Kansas Community College

Membership

Natalie Cook, University of St. Mary's

Site Selection

Rhiannon Johnson, University of Kansas

Special Events

Tatia Shelton, Metropolitan Community College
Co-Chair: Julie Anderson, OMNI Employment Management Services

Technology and Communication

Brandi Wriedt, Truman State University
Co-Chair: Katie Sawyer, McPherson College

It's never too late to join a committee and getting to know your colleagues!

Do you want to stay connected with KACE members year round? Be sure to connect with us on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), Facebook and [blog](#). Share articles, announcements, and new discussion topics on any of these profiles!



Conference Hashtag

Use conference hashtag #kace2018 again this year to join in a Twitter contest! More details to follow!



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Annual KACE Conference



This year's event highlights include tours of Chance Rides and Hyper Pet, a holiday themed melodrama, keynotes focusing on positive culture in work and life and Kansas economic and demographic trends, and fifteen breakouts by your fabulous colleagues! You won't want to miss this!

Registration

[Register today!](#) Once you register, you may [pay your registration fee](#).

Conference fees:

- Current KACE college/university or employer member: \$150
- Graduate student: \$60
- Non-KACE member: \$200 ***If you are not a current member, we encourage you to [become a member](#) before you register to get the discount and other KACE benefits! Memberships will run through July 2019.



From our colleagues at Pittsburg State University:

Hope everyone had a wonderful Independence Day!

I believe most of you have heard that David Hogard (Assistant Director for Employer Relations) accepted an exciting opportunity that came his way this spring. After nearly 23 years in the Office of Career Services, David began serving the Kelce College of Business as the Director of Academic Advising, Career Readiness, and Enactus on July 1st. Happily, David will continue to collaborate with us on career-related events for business majors. We roasted and toasted him throughout last week, including a presentation at his reception by the mayor proclaiming David P. Hogard Day! :)

I am also pleased to announce that beginning July 1st Heather Busch filled the position of Employer Relations Coordinator. Heather completed her Master of Science in Human Resource Development from PSU in May and has worked in Career Services for six years. She will bring tremendous talent to this position. Kim Hull has had a title change to Assistant Director for Career Development and Student Employment.

Our goal is for Kim & Heather to attend the KACE conference, where I know you will give Heather a warm welcome.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

Thanks,
Mindy

KACE Scholarship Winners

Natalie Cook

University of St. Mary's

The Membership Development Committee is proud to announce the recipient of the 2018 KACE Presidential Scholarship, Dana Nordyke (Kansas State University and the recipient of the 2018 KACE Current Membership Scholarship, LaRae Vowiell.

The committee was fortunate to have excellent applicants this year, and we're excited to hear about LaRae's time at the American Counseling Association.



KACE Award Winners

Rhiannon Racy

The University of Kansas

The following awards will be presented at the annual KACE Conference. We look forward to hearing about great contributions from 2018 and celebrating the winners!

=== Career Services Member of the Year Award ===

In recognition of outstanding contributions by a Career Services member to KACE during the past year.

=== Chairperson of the Year Award ===

In recognition of the outstanding contributions by a KACE committee chairperson during the past year.

=== Employer Member of the Year Award ===

In recognition of outstanding contributions by an employer to KACE during the past year.

=== Rookie of the Year Award ===

In recognition of outstanding contributions by a member who is in their first year of membership.

=== Technology Award ===

In recognition of outstanding contributions to KACE or to their profession through the development of innovative programs and services. Contributions for this award are not limited to KACE, but can also be to either the Career Services or Human Resources professions.

=== Outstanding Committee Member Award ===

In recognition of outstanding contributions by a KACE committee member during the past year.

=== Brad Barackman Bridge Award ===

In recognition of the KACE member who implemented, over the past year, an outstanding program that serves as an effective "bridge" between employers and Career Services. Contributions for this award are not limited to KACE, but can also be to either the Career Services or Human Resources professions.

KACE Member Spotlights

Ashley Kruger

University of Kansas, School of Business

Whether you're new to KACE or are seasoned veteran, we want to hear your story! By taking ten minutes to submit a [Member Spotlight Form](#), you can take a small, but meaningful step towards connecting with other KACE professionals.



Summit on Access, Persistence and Completion

Mako Miller, Kauffman Scholars

In September 2018, Mako gave a presentation at the Summit on Access, Persistence and Completion, hosted through Metropolitan Community College.

Career Decision-Making and Improving Career Capital for Students of Color and First-Generation College Students

Workshop Description: As with most college retention programs, much of the work centers on creating academic, social, and mentoring experiences to help our first-generation and students of color graduate. Although many of these students took advantage of many of these opportunities, most were still not prepared for life after graduation. What was missing during the college experience that left these highly involved students ill-prepared and what can we do to increase career access for first-generation students and students of color while they are in college? From the book, *Closing the Opportunity Gap: Identity-Conscious Strategies for Retention and Student Success*, see how infusing identity-conscious career exploration and programming can help students of color and first-generation students find more success after college."

Mako loved her experience! Feel free to email her with questions: mmiller@kauffmanscholars.org

Your Newsletter Contributions are Encouraged!

Your contributions keep the newsletter fresh! Thank you to those who contributed to this newsletter! Please feel free to share ideas and stories with Ashley [Kruger \(akruger1@ku.edu\)](mailto:akruger1@ku.edu)



New KANSASWORKS App Launches

Phyllis LaShell, KANSASWORKS

To better assist job seekers with finding great employment in Kansas, the Kansas Department of Commerce and KANSASWORKS are pleased to introduce the new KANSASWORKS app, available on both Apple and Android devices.

This free app was designed to make it easier for Kansans to find work in the state. Once installed, the app will be able to find jobs through keyword and title searches or by zip code.

“Our agency is working hard to bring new business to the state and help companies that already call Kansas home to grow and become great successes,” said Robert North, Interim Secretary of the Kansas Department of Commerce. “To grow a business anywhere, you need a pipeline of qualified employees to fill open positions. If we can make finding and hiring great workers easier, and at the same time help Kansans find rewarding employment, then this app will be a huge benefit to the state.”

Features of the app include:

- Simple job search in Kansas
- Search by job title, location and radius you’re willing to commute
- View jobs that suite your goals
- Connect with employers via KANSASWORKS.com, save jobs and share with friends
- Bookmark your favorite jobs for follow up
- Find a local KANSASWORK Workforce Center

“KANSASWORKS has been busy leveraging technology to assist employers and job seekers in our state, and this app is the latest effort to make it easier to help make matches between the needs of our employers with job seekers on the market,” said Mike Beene, Director of Employment Services at the Kansas Department of Commerce.