



**KACE**

Kansas Association of Colleges and Employers



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**2009 KACE Conference Review**

*Wendy Shoemaker, KACE President  
The University of Kansas*

"Energizing", "Excellent speakers, fantastic time with colleagues", "The connections you make at this conference are worth the price of admission". These were just a few of the positive comments we received from participants from this year's KACE conference. Thank you KACE members and sponsors for making this a wonderful annual conference. This year we aimed to help "light your way" through this tough economy by helping you connect with friends and colleagues, arm you with good information about the state of the US economy and providing you with an enriching self reflection experience through our main keynotes, Gregg Levoy and Mary Lucas. I think a few of us are still digesting the meal from Buca Di Beppo!

The KACE member survey was reviewed at the business meeting and is now posted on [www.kaceweb.org](http://www.kaceweb.org). In order to guide the KACE board with future decisions and key movements within the organization, a Strategic Planning Committee was formed, consisting of members who represent a broad range of the KACE Constituency: college, employer, east, west, etc. If you have comments about the survey or are interested in joining the Strategic Planning Committee, please contact [wshoe@ku.edu](mailto:wshoe@ku.edu). The committee will meet early next year to review the results of the survey and begin the process of researching recommendations for the KACE Board.

This year, we reinstated an old tradition of passing out KACE pins and awarding 5, 10, 15 year pins. 5 year pins were given to Traci Klasing, Loretta Patterson, Wendy Shoemaker, LeAnn Cunningham, Jennifer Mehnert, Susan Wade, Mike Theobald, Judy Rychlewski, June Coleman-Hull, and Linda Anderson (Wallis). 10 year pins were given to Jill Pletcher, Steve Green, Jan Mead, and Sandi Dale. And finally, Ann Hartley and Gina Frigault were congratulated and thanked for their commitment to KACE for the past 20 years. Thank you!

Next year, the conference will be held in Wichita, KS on November 3-5 at the Hilton Garden Inn. See you there!

**Still Opportunities to Get Involved With Committees**

*Kelly Burns  
Baker University*

**Want** to get involved with a committee, but haven't signed up yet? No worries! There are still plenty of spots available on a variety of committees.

Joining a committee is a great way to get to know your KACE colleagues and to grow professionally.

If you would like to join any of the following committees, please contact the committee chair (email addresses can be found in the online directory at [www.kaceweb.org](http://www.kaceweb.org)).

**By-Laws & Constitution Committee**

*Chair: James Barraclough*

**Membership Committee**

*Chair: Sandi Dale*

**Special Projects Committee**

*Chair: Karl Kandt*

**Public Information Committee**

*Chair: Kelly Burns*

**Technology Committee**

*Chair: Patty Soucy*

**Experiential Education Committee**

*Chair: Beth Medley*

**'10 Conference Planning Committee**

*Chair: Jessica Ross*

**'11 Site Selection Committee**

*Chair: LeAnn Cunningham*



**Comeback Sauce For YOU!**

*Mary Bichelmeyer Lucas  
Author, Lunchmeat and Life Lessons*

Hi, Everyone ...

Sending a little post speech "Comeback Sauce" your way.

I want to THANK YOU again for asking me to join you on Friday at your annual meeting. I was so touched by your response. The feedback really was amazing.

Thought you might like to see what I wrote on the website about the experience . . .  
[www.HeartsWeLeaveBehind.com](http://www.HeartsWeLeaveBehind.com)

There were so many people who came up to me afterward and commented that my Dad reminded them of a loved one they had lost. The HeartsWeLeaveBehind site is available to anyone who might want to write their own stories about their loved ones as a tribute and to share with others or if they just want to make a contribution in their names.

I am really proud of the new site as a way of furthering the legacy of sharing lost loved ones' life lessons while giving back to those left behind.

Please help me spread the word, and click on the site yourself to add your own contributions.

Again thank you for the opportunity and I so hope our paths will cross again in the near future.

Warmest Regards,  
**Mary**

**WEN Donations a Success!**

*Susan Wade  
Baker University*

Thank you for your generous donations to the Women's Employment Network (WEN)! KACE members gave approximately \$200 in cash donations as well as over \$1300 in professional clothing for WEN clients. If you made a donation and have not received a thank you or donation receipt (and would like one), please contact Amie Hankel, Director of Development at WEN ([ahankel@kcwen.org](mailto:ahankel@kcwen.org))

**Getting To Know . . .**

**Jessica Ross, KACE President Elect**

**Job Title:** Administrator, Learner Success

**College/Univ:** Wichita Area Technical College

**Education:** MS Community Counseling, Pittsburg State University. Currently pursuing PhD in Community College Leadership, Colorado State University.

**Years in KACE:** This is my second year

**What you enjoy most about your work:** I enjoy the diversity of my position, working with all areas of student services including career services. In addition, I look forward to encouraging students to reach their goals, especially those students who have come back to school after years in the workforce and those who make sacrifices to improve their lives and the lives of their children.

**Interests/Hobbies:** Floral design, landscaping, golf and social media

**Favorites:** In no particular order and not necessarily in combination, Mexican food, Diet Coke, Basset Hounds and the Colorado mountains.

**Interesting Facts:** I just received my US Passport this month and am looking forward to an upcoming trip to Mexico in the spring!



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