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FHSU Hosts KAAN Conference, Everyone Loves It

Hays, Kansas—Members of KAAN gathered at Fort Hays State University in September for a day of idea sharing, professional development, and good times. This was the 15th annual KAAN Conference and the second to be held at FHSU.

Presentation topics included training, FERPA, campus safety, teaching student success, advising undecided students, embracing changing policies, understanding faculty advisor needs, religio-spirituality, probation, peer advisors, and others. Rob Pettay won the Best of KAAN Award for his presentation, *Motivational Interviewing in Advising: Working with Students to Change*. He will represent the Wheat State by delivering this presentation at

the Region 7 NACADA Conference in Branson, Missouri on March 3-5, 2008.

The Conference was kicked off by Robyn McKay's keynote address, *Finding Flow*. To watch her keynote address, click on this link:

<http://vodreal.fhsu.edu/ramgen/ctelt/advising/mckay2.rm>.

Following a pasta meal, the afternoon was concluded with a rousing hot topics session and awards presentation. Kris Downing from JCCC received the Advising Publication Award for her article, "Big Green Book-Money Management Survival Guide for Johnson County Community College Students." Ann Schwartz from JCCC earned the Supportive Advisor Award. Also, KAAN-KAAN's went to Pamela Erickson, Caroline Fox, Patti Griffin, and Donna Menke for their extensive work with the KAAN Steering Committee.

Kansas Academic Advising Network

This is an open call for resources.

One addition to the KAAN website you may have noticed is the Resources link. Our hope is to use this link as a way to proliferate and publicize new techniques, ideas, and other information that may be helpful to our hard-working ever-vigilant advisors.

Introducing our new Steering Committee:

Past Chair	Becky Boyd
Chair	Rob Pettay
Vice Chair	Abbie Coffin
Secretary	Debbie Forsyth
Treasurer	Janet Jensen
Reg VII Liaison	Donita Winters
Membership	Jennifer Ankerholz
Newsletter	Dan McCarthy
Conference Host	Becky Boyd
Conference Site	Johnson County Community College

This is a feature article about that ugly shirt.

In an on-going expose we attempt to track down the meaning behind the figurative baton of KAAN, the Hawaiian shirt passed from chair to chair at the annual conference.

First fact, we explored the shirt's past. Accordingly, we went straight to Membership guru Bob Rozzelle from

Wichita State University. Rozzelle said, "As employees of colleges and universities within the great State of Kansas, we (the then Steering Committee) pooled our expansive personal resources and purchased the shirt at a DAV Store." The first person with the honor to wear the shirt was Rich Robbins from Washburn University. This was ten years ago. Since then it has become KAAN tradition for the former Vice-Chair to don the sartorially questionable shirt. "One criterion was that the shirt should not cause the Chair to be prideful of his/her appearance," said Rozelle, "I think we were successful." Like vapors off the unwashed shirt, the mythos rose into the twenty-first century, where Abbie Coffin's eyes water for the day she can wear the shirt.

**Setting the Stage for Student Success:
Academic Advising in the Spotlight**



Don't forget about the
Region VII NACADA
Conference in Branson, MO
going on March 3-5, 2008.
for details go to this address:

http://www.nacada.ksu.edu/Regional_Divisions/region7/confindex.htm.

Don't Forget to Mark Your Calendar Nine Months in Advance

Friday 19 September 2008

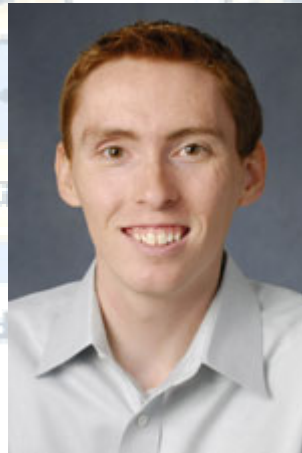
In the Carlson Center at Johnson County Community

2008 KAAAN Conference

Contact Conference Host Becky Boyd (blboyd@jccc.edu) with questions

Trivia response winner from Issue 4:

Preston Nicholson of KU, who correctly guessed that William Seward Burroughs once cut off the little finger on his left hand to either avoid military service or to initiate himself into the Crow Indian tribe.



Today's trivia question:

Who was the first female mayor in the United States?

If you have the answer, email Dan McCarthy (ddmcmcc@ku.edu) to be honorably mentioned in Issue 6 of the glorious KAAAN Newsletter.