



## Fall 2018 Convocation

KCKCC kicked off the Fall 2018 semester with Convocation Aug. 13 at the KCKCC-TEC. In addition to a presentation by Dr. Greg Mosier, president of KCKCC, faculty and staff had the opportunity to participate in breakout sessions to work on ideas for the college's Mission and Vision statements. What a terrific way to kick off another exciting academic year!



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## KCKCC Student Receives National Volunteer Award

KCKCC student Lah Paw was awarded the President's Volunteer Service Award at Tuesday's KCKCC Board of Trustees meeting.

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes those in the United States who have achieved a certain number of volunteer hours within a 12-month period. For adults, at least 100 hours must be completed. Awards are offered in multiple levels - Bronze, Silver and Gold. Recipients receive a personalized certificate, an official pin, medallion or coin and a congratulatory letter from the president of the United States.



Over the course of the last academic year, Paw completed 600 service hours in the community. Trustee Don Ash, who is also a past recipient, presented the award. Great job!

## KCKCC Spotlight



Paul Hancock, coordinator of Employment Services in Workforce Development and Sharon Clay, director of development in the KCKCC Foundation, attended the Fairfax Industrial Association's luncheon Aug. 15 where U.S. Congressman Kevin Yoder was a guest speaker. Yoder spoke about the importance of community colleges and technical education in an aging workforce.



KCKCC was happy to host the Wyandotte County Back to School Fair Aug. 4. Hundreds of KCK families were on campus to get ready for the new school year. In addition to free school supplies, families were able to get free haircuts, dental screenings, physicals and immunizations, among other services.

## Employee Recognition

### Taylor Bolls, Graphic Designer

Bolls was selected as Director of Education for AIGA's Kansas City Chapter. AIGA is the national professional association for design. According to the organization's website, AIGA is the "profession's oldest and largest professional membership organization for design – with more than 70 chapters and more than 25,000 members. From content that defines the global practice to events that connect and catalyze, we work to enhance the value and deepen the impact of design across all disciplines on business, society, and our collective future."

Bolls will be working with the Education Committee to put together events to help all students (high school and college) who are interested in becoming creative professionals.



## **John Stafford, Director of Choral Activities**

Stafford joined the Bass/baritone section of Kantorei KC this summer. The first concert season of Kantorei materialized in 2010 with the group's Christmas concert. Kantorei carefully selects the finest professional singers available and tasks them all with being in charge of the artistic process.

Stafford was a 2015 recipient of the John & Suanne Roueche Excellence Award for outstanding teaching and leadership at the community college level. He has also received two teaching awards, within the past two years, from KCKCC for Recruitment and Teaching Excellence. Among his professional activities - serves as the Jazz Chair of the Kansas Choral Directors Association and is member of National Association for Music Educators, Jazz Educators Network and American Choral Directors Association. Also, Stafford has served as Director of Choral Music at Community Christian Church in Kansas City, MO since 2014.

## **Sign Up for KCKCC Foundation's Family Fund**



The KCKCC Family Fund is an annual giving campaign the foundation provides so that all employees have the opportunity to give in a gratifying and simple way to support KCKCC student scholarships.

Donations are tax deductible and go directly into the KCKCC Foundation Scholarship Fund. If there is a specific scholarship you would like to support, it can be designated.

The easiest way to participate is to have your donation taken out through payroll deduction. Donations must be a minimum of \$5 per paycheck. Donations to the Family Fund can also be made through check, cash or credit card in the KCKCC Foundation Office.

For more information about how you can donate to the Family Fund, contact Sharon Clay at 913-288-7353 or by email at [sclay@kckcc.edu](mailto:sclay@kckcc.edu).

## **KCKCC Students Receive Scholarships**

Two KCKCC students recently received scholarships from the Kansas City Kansas Women's Chamber of



Commerce.

Tyana Sullivan, works at Byrd Dance and Gymnastics as a Gym Instructor. Her long term goal is to become a lawyer. She wrote in her essay, " I finally decided to come back to school after I had my son in 2016 because I wanted a better education for a better career so I can give him a better life."

Stephanie Leonard works full time at Providence Medical Center as a Medical Assistant. Her goal is to become an RN. One of her references wrote "Stephanie is proof that at any age, any stage in life, you can go back to school and achieve your goals."



The KCK Women's Chamber of Commerce awards scholarships each year to non-traditional female students enrolled in a post-secondary institution and a resident of the Kansas City metropolitan area. Congratulations to both of our students for their accomplishments.

## Alumni Corner

### KCKCC Alum First African-American Mrs. Missouri

After three first-runner-up pageant finishes in a row, Dr. Brandy Palacios finally took home the crown. Last month she took home the title of Mrs. Missouri 2018, and will compete in the national Mrs. America Pageant in Las Vegas Aug. 18 - 25.



In 2017, Palacios finished as first runner up in Mrs. Missouri. That was followed up by a first-runner-up finish in the Mrs. Eco Missouri Pageant, and a similar finish in the Mrs. Missouri USA pageant.

"This year, I didn't know if I was going to do it again," Palacios said. "But I met so many great people in the pageant that year."

So, she pulled on her inner strength, and decided to prepare before trying it again. Preparation made all the difference. In the year between the pageants, she worked with coaches and polished up her act. One coach helped with her wardrobe, walking and stage presence. Another helped with her messaging. Her platform is "Creating STEMsational Kids."

Palacios is especially proud to be the first African-American Mrs. Missouri. However, Kansas has reason to be proud of her too. Palacios was born in Missouri, but she was raised in Wyandotte County. She attended KCK public schools, graduating from Sumner Academy.

She attended Tuskegee University, majoring in biology, with hopes of becoming a

medical doctor. However, in her senior year, she hit burn-out and discovered the field of physical therapy at a college career fair. She then attended KCKCC receiving an Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapy Assistant. In 2015 she receive her doctorate degree in physical therapy from the University of St. Mary's in Lansing, Kan. Brandy is married to Robert Palacios a firefighter with the Kansas City Missouri Fire Department.

**\*\* Do you know of a KCKCC alum that we should feature in an upcoming issue of On Campus? Send information, including a phone number and/or email address to Sharon Clay at [sclay@kckcc.edu](mailto:sclay@kckcc.edu). \*\***

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**Kansas City Kansas Community College presents:**  
**Women's Equality Day 2018**

*Honoring ...*

**Dr. Jacqueline Vietti**

**Program, Award & Luncheon**

**Friday, August 24, 2018**  
**12:00 noon to 1:30 pm**

**Jewell Student Center**  
**Upper Level Lounge**

**RSVP: 913.288.7640**  
**Or [lenglish@kckcc.edu](mailto:lenglish@kckcc.edu)**

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