

The College Current



Featured Information

2026 College Conversation: Shaping Our Future Together

Join us for this year's College Conversation, an opportunity for faculty and staff to come together, connect across the College, and engage in dialogue about our shared future. Through facilitated discussions, we will discuss student success, research, and communication, and consider how the College can support these priorities moving forward.

Your voice and experiences are essential to this conversation, and we hope you will join us as we learn from one another and help shape the future of our community.

Monday, Oct. 26

3:30 p.m.

Kansas Union Ballroom

*Reception to follow

[RSVP Here](#)

CARES Program Applications Open

Applications are now open for our CARES (career advancement/research enhancement semester) Program, which provides associate professors with dedicated time to advance their scholarship toward promotion to full professor. The award offers a semester of teaching release and reduced service, along with funding to support research and course replacement. Two awards will be granted this year, for **Fall 2027** or **Spring 2028**.

Please submit all materials to cares@ku.edu by **Oct. 31**.

[More info](#)

Curricular Changes and Catalog Content Editing

Get assistance submitting curricular changes or editing your catalog content by coming to a CIM/CAT office hours session. There are three opportunities this semester:

- Monday, Oct. 12, 9 to 11 a.m. in Strong 210
 - Wednesday, Nov. 4, 2 to 4 p.m. in Strong 210
 - Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1 to 3 p.m. in Strong 210
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New IRISE Course Modules

As part of the IRISE character development project, we now have two online course modules currently live which can be accessed below. The first is a video of Dr. Sarah Ngoh interacting with students from her protest literature class, along with supporting materials about the virtues associated with the IRISE values; the second is a video of Dr. Lisa Sharpe-Ellis interacting with chemistry students, again, with supporting materials about the virtues associated with the IRISE values.

Courage, Curiosity, & Open-Mindedness

Curiosity, Intellectual Humility, & Intellectual Tenacity

Staff Appreciation Week is here!

Staff Appreciation week is here and it's happening all week! Please use the link below to see the schedule of events for the week. This year's activities include a happy hour with trivia, free professional head shots, a community outreach opportunity, and more! We appreciate our hard-working staff so much.

Schedule of events

Deans OER Grant Initiative

The Office of the Provost has approved an initiative developed by the Dean's Council with the support of KU Libraries to incentivize the adoption of OER in high enrolling courses, particularly those with high rates of DFW (grades of D & F, and withdrawals) and costly course materials. Base levels of \$5,000 (for individual proposals) and \$10,000 (for team proposals) may be provided to qualifying courses. An additional incentive of \$5 per student in a single semester (capped at \$1000 or 200 students) is available.

The Libraries are now accepting applications for the 2026-2027 academic year. Review of the applications will begin on **Nov. 4**. This initiative enjoys

the support of members of the College Dean's Office, Jayhawk Academic Advising, and the Office of Academic Programs and Experiential Learning. We anticipate funding 2-3 courses per fall and spring semester over a three-year period. Additional details are available on [the Deans' OER Initiative site](#).

Questions? Contact oyer@ku.edu.

Chairs & Directors

November Chairs & Directors Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 4

3:30 to 5 p.m.

Kansas Room, Kansas Union

Events & Opportunities

Transfer Student Appreciation Event

On **Wednesday, Oct. 21** College Undergraduate Academic Services will join our campus partners for a Transfer Student Appreciation event as part of National Transfer Student Week. We will be on Wescoe Beach from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to make connections, answer questions, give out cool College prizes, and ask our transfer students for feedback on their experience as transfer students in the College. Students can play trivia with a chance to win prizes and make connections with the College as their home at KU.

Faculty Luncheons

The College Dean's Office is hosting another year of faculty luncheons. These casual luncheons are intended to provide faculty with a chance to mingle with College leadership, collaborate on ideas or just share in conversations with your peers.

Come to as many as you'd like and please RSVP to future lunches for catering purposes. All luncheons will be from **11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Locations will be announced in the future, please see the full schedule below.

- Thursday, Oct. 22 - hosted by Senior AD Ben Eggleston
- Friday, Nov. 20 - hosted by Executive Dean Jen Roberts
- Thursday, Dec. 17 - hosted by AD Maria Orive
- Monday, Feb. 15 - hosted by AD Tara Welch
- Thursday, Mar. 25 - hosted by Executive Dean Jen Roberts
- Friday, Apr. 23 - hosted by AD Jie Zhang

RSVP for the October lunch

Crimson & Blue Day

KU's annual open house event for prospective students is this Friday!

College Majors Fair

Friday, Oct. 16

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Burge Union, Forum CD

Departments need to arrive no later than 9:35 a.m. to set up and need to be packed up by 1:15 p.m.

Questions? Reach out to [Josh DeBoer](#) and [Shelby Herring-Mitchell](#).

The College & Campus Cupboard by CUAS

The College is excited to partner with Campus Cupboard to have donation bins available at many of our larger College Meetings! Our goal is to become a leader in support efforts by associating attendance of College meetings with donating to such a wonderful resource for our campus.

Led by College Undergraduate Academic Services, Donation bins will be stationed at the upcoming College Conversation on Oct. 26 in the Kansas Union Ballroom and will be at the November and December Chairs & Directors meetings. We will also be including meetings in the Spring, and that information will be released at a later time.

We look forward to making this a tradition for the College!

On the Horizon

- Friday, Oct. 16 - Crimson & Blue Day
 - Monday, Oct. 19 & Tuesday, Oct. 20 - Fall Break - No classes
 - Monday, Oct. 26 - College Conversation
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Helpful Links

Find all of the latest College news here:

[Research Review](#)

[The College Connection](#)

[College Undergraduate Academic Services Newsletter](#)

[The College Current](#)

Contact Executive Dean Roberts

Want to email Dean Roberts or request her appearance at your event?

Email Dean Roberts

Appearance Request

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