

THE VOLUNTEER STAR

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KANSAS VOLUNTEER COMMISSION
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2024 CIVIC ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE

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CIVIC ENGAGEMENT CONFERENCE

APRIL 10, 2024

Co-hosted by the Kansas Volunteer Commission and Emporia State University School of Humanities and Social Sciences



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UNIVERSITY**

The [Kansas Volunteer Commission](http://www.kanserve.org) and [Emporia State University](http://www.emporia.edu) School of Humanities + Social Sciences are excited to announce the 2024 Civic Engagement Conference. The conference will be held Wednesday, April 10, at Emporia State University Memorial Union in Emporia, KS. The theme of the conference is “Empowering Kansas through Civic Engagement”.

The [\\$25 registration](#) includes continental breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, and networking opportunities.

View the complete schedule, including sessions, speakers and the keynote speaker, here: [Conference Schedule \(ksde.org\)](#)

HAPPY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH FROM THE KANSAS VOLUNTEER COMMISSION



This Women's History Month, we are grateful for the many women who move our mission forward and get things done across Kansas.



MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!



Women's History Month

During #WomensHistoryMonth, we remember those who have shattered glass ceilings so that future generations can learn, explore, and lead. We honor their work today by providing all young people with equitable access to opportunities and support: www.mentoring.org/whm #MentoringAmplifies

IMPORTANT DATES

- AmeriCorps Week - March 10 - 16
- International Women's Day - March 8
- International Transgender Day of Visibility - March 31

CELEBRATING

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT RESEARCH SURVEY

[Inspiring Service](#), a Cincinnati-based nonprofit, is conducting a research project on nonprofit volunteer recruitment strategies to inform the creation of a capacity-building tool for nonprofits to assist volunteer managers with developing and executing volunteer recruitment strategies. You are invited to help sculpt the future of volunteer management by completing this [survey](#)!

The deadline to complete this survey is Friday, March 22, 2024. By participating in this survey, you will be among the first to gain access to this capacity-building tool we are creating! Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Katie Padmore at katie@inspiringservice.org.

GIVE BACK KANSAS CHALLENGE OPEN



Corporate Volunteer Engagement
Challenge with Prizes:
<https://bit.ly/Givebackks>

Your company could win a \$1000 grant from
Volunteer Kansas to donate to a nonprofit of
your choice.



The Give Back Kansas Challenge is an eight-week challenge that engages Kansans in employer-supported volunteering, both during and outside the workday. The Kansas Volunteer Commission and Volunteer Kansas are excited to co-partner in this challenge because much research shows the connection between employer-supported volunteering and improved employee engagement, employee wellness, organizational commitment, job satisfaction, and retention. There is also research connecting employee engagement with increased profitability and productivity.

There is no cost to participate, and the challenge is open to ANY employer in Kansas (for-profit, non-profit, education system, and government).

[Employers Sign Up Here](#)

**BUTLER COUNTY DEPARTMENT ON AGING RSVP
EARNS SERVICE ENTERPRISE ACCREDITATION**



In March 2024, the Kansas Volunteer Commission notified the Butler County Department on Aging, RSVP Program that it was the 9th nonprofit in the state to become Service Enterprise Accredited! The Service Enterprise program is administered by ALIVE (Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement) and strengthens nonprofit capacity through the fundamental and strategic use of volunteers and their skills to address community needs, according to

A Service Enterprise is an organization that strategically leverages volunteers to achieve operational efficiency and more significant social impacts. "Through the dedicated efforts of volunteers, our organization significantly enhances its ability to fulfill its mission. Volunteers serve as a driving force behind our initiatives, bringing passion, diverse skills, and a sense of community engagement. Their invaluable contributions amplify our impact, allowing us to reach more individuals, overcome challenges, and implement programs with greater efficiency and effectiveness. The collaborative spirit of our volunteers not only strengthens our organizational capacity but also fosters a deeper connection with the communities we serve, creating a positive ripple effect that extends far beyond the immediate goals of our mission. In essence, volunteers play a pivotal role in propelling our organization towards the realization of its overarching objectives, creating a lasting and meaningful impact." - Crystal Noles, Director.

Research conducted by the TCC Group, a national program and evaluation firm, found that organizations operating as Service Enterprises outperform peer organizations on all aspects of organizational effectiveness and are more adaptable, sustainable, and capable of scaling their work. 80% of Service Enterprise organizations report increased volunteer and skill-based volunteers. The Service Enterprise program is a national change management program that helps organizations gain a greater return on volunteer investment to better achieve their mission.

For more information regarding Service Enterprise, please participate in the Informational Session below.

SERVICE ENTERPRISE INFORMATIONAL SESSION



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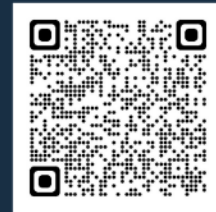
SERVICE ENTERPRISE

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

MARCH 21st 3PM - 4PM CST



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STAFF & COMMISSIONER SPOTLIGHT

Brown v. Board 70th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration Meeting 1/23/2024



Front Row: Terry Crowder (Buchanan), Carolyn Campbell (McKinley), Barbara Davis (Monroe), Karlene Williams (McKinley), Pastor May Hall (St. John AME Church), Wanda Dixon (Buchanan), Sandra Lassiter (Washington), Marquise Burnett (Monroe)

Second Row: Cindy White (LTD Inc.), Dr. Beryl New (Monroe), Norma Avery (Washington), Foster Chisholm (McKinley), Pat Smith (Monroe), Michael Toombs (Artist), Nicholas Murray (BvB Staff), Dr. E. Bernard Hurd (Monroe and Pastor Calvary Baptist), Patricia Hurd (First Lady Calvary Baptist)

Third Row: Donna Rae (Historian), Sara Fizell (Artsconnect), Donald Perkins (Washington), Marty Patterson (Organizer), Pastor D.C. Clark (Shiloh Baptist)

Present But Not In Picture: Rodney Harmon and Jeffrey Tully (BvB Staff)

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COMMISSIONER CAROLYN CAMPBELL AND OTHERS PLAN REMEMBRANCE FOR THE 70th ANNIVERSARY OF BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

2024 marks the 70th anniversary of Brown v. Board, which was a Supreme Court decision that declared state laws establishing separate public schools for black and white students to be unconstitutional.

Recently, Arts Connect Topeka convened a planning committee of adults who attended public schools during that time, including Commissioner Carolyn Campbell (pictured above). Carolyn shared that she attended McKinley Elementary School in North Topeka from kindergarten through 6th grade.

The Brown v. Board 70th Anniversary Homecoming Celebration is planned for "May 18, 2024. As they commemorate this historic occasion, they invite you to be a part of the festivities that honor the legacy of Brown v. Board and reflect on the progress made in the pursuit of educational equality. The Homecoming Celebration promises a vibrant atmosphere with inspiring speakers, thought-provoking discussions, and engaging activities that highlight the significance of former students, faculty, and staff of Buchanan Elementary School, McKinley Elementary School, Monroe Elementary School, and Washington Elementary School.

Learn more and register at: <https://www.nps.gov/brvb/homecoming.htm>

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AMERICORPS WEEK MARCH 10-16, 2024

AmeriCorps Week March 10-16

*Celebrate 30 Years
of AmeriCorps*



#AmeriCorpsWeek



Celebrate 30 years of @AmeriCorps March 10 - 16, 2024!

Thank the millions of Americans who have worn the @AmeriCorps to strengthen our communities, address our nation's most pressing issues, and transform the lives of those served and those who serve.

Learn more: AmeriCorps.gov/AmeriCorpsWeek

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2024 MINI GRANT SERIES TIMELINE

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Guidelines and Application release dates

ELEMENTS OF EFFECTIVE PRACTICE FOR MENTORING

Releases: 1/05/2024

YOUTH CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Releases: 2/09/2024

JUNETEENTH NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Releases: 3/22/2024

SOCIAL JUSTICE & CAPACITY BUILDING

Releases: 4/26/2024

RURAL & INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

Releases: 5/31/2024

9/11 NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Releases: 7/05/2024

MLK NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

Releases: 10/04/2024



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Mission of Managers of Volunteer Engagement (M.O.V.E.) is to build and engage a network of volunteer managers and cultivate a volunteerism culture.

M.O.V.E. Topeka

Meets the Third Wednesday of Each Month
9:00 to 10:00 AM

To learn more, please visit www.moveks.org.
Or reach out via [Facebook](#).

M.O.V.E. Kansas

Statewide-Virtual

Meets the Fourth Thursday of Each Month
9:00 to 10:00 AM

To learn more, please email
mpearson@uwkawvalley.org

Volunteer Managers Network

United Way of the Plains

2023 Dates T.B.D.

12:00 to 1:00 PM

To learn more, please email Abel Frederic

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NOTE: The above dates, times, and locations are subject to change.

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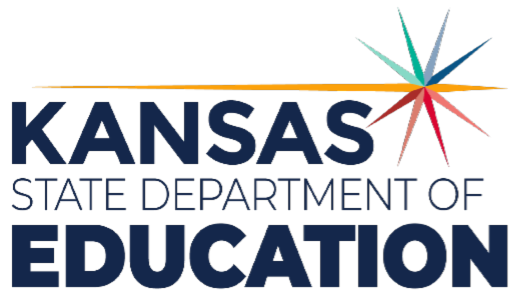
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