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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow ACHS Members,

Welcome to the 2025 ACHS Conference and the kickoff of our year-long celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the Association of College Honor Societies. ACHS was founded on December 30, 1925, just a short distance from where our conference is being held this year. Seventeen individuals representing eighteen organizations were present at that first meeting. At the organization's meeting in 1926, the charter members were reported as Phi Beta Kappa, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Omega Alpha and Order of the Coif. At this meeting, the organization was officially given the name of Association of College Honor Societies.

The Conference Committee, led by Vice President Lara Noah, has done an outstanding job putting together an informative and engaging conference this year. I hope you will enjoy all the sessions! While the conference content is key, another critical component of the conference is the networking afforded by this in-person meeting. I hope you will take the time to renew old friendships, establish new relationships, and leverage the wisdom of the assembled representatives to elevate your honor society to the next level.

A big thank you goes out to our many sponsors and partners who are supporting and attending the conference to share what they can offer to your honor society. We are dependent on these valued relationships for the success of ACHS and this conference so make sure to visit with each of them to learn more about what they can offer. I would like to make a special mention of Shilene Aaron, Sales Account Manager from Visit KC for their generous sponsorship of our Welcome Reception on Thursday evening.

I would also like to express my appreciation to the members of our Association Management Company, Redstone Agency Inc., for their work in helping make the conference a success. You will have the opportunity to meet our new Executive Director, Sophia Sameni, and our Senior Event Planner, Chantelle Bonham, during the conference. Please welcome them to the ACHS family and thank them for their efforts in leading the day-to-day operations of this amazing organization.

Sadly, this conference marks my swan song on the Board of Directors. It has been my honor to serve on the Board for the past 6 ½ years and as president for the past two years. It has been a challenging time for the Association, but I believe we are on firm footing for success as we enter the second century of promoting the standards and ideals of honor society excellence. I look forward to working with the new Board members and staying engaged through committee work or wherever else I am needed.

Most Sincerely,

Curt Gomulinski (Tau Beta Pi)
ACHS President



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All conference sessions will occur on the 3rd floor of the Hotel Kansas City.

Thursday, Jan. 30

Conference Central (1 pm - 6 pm) 3rd Floor Foyer
Partner Central (5:00 pm - 6:30 pm) The Library Room

1:00 pm **Conference Attendee Check-in (ends at 6 pm)**
3rd Floor Foyer

Drop by to meet some of the new ACHS administrative team and to get your name badge and welcome goodies!

2:30 pm **Conference Welcome**
President's Ballroom

Join us as we welcome ACHS colleagues, both old and new, to our centennial year conference! Be ready for a game designed to help us network this week and throughout the year. Yes, there will be a prize or two!

3:00 pm **The Dorothy Mitstifer Keynote Lecture: What's Next: A History-Informed Future**
President's Ballroom

Dr. Michele D. Smith, Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at the University of Missouri-Kansas City

4:00 pm **Coming Trends: Hands-on Activity**
President's Ballroom

Eileen Merberg, Alpha Lambda Delta Executive Director. Let's learn from the past as we shape the future. We'll collaboratively analyze key trends in honor societies, discuss their implications, and share actionable ideas for navigating the future.

5:00 pm **Evening Reception Sponsored by Visit Kansas City!**
The Library Room

Please join Visit Kansas City and our other wonderful partners and exhibitors in "Partner Central" for drinks and hors d'oeuvres before heading out for the evening.

6:30 pm **Dinner on Your Own**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Jan. 31

Conference Central (7 am - 6 pm) 3rd Floor Foyer
Partner Central (8:30 am - 12 pm and 1:30 - 6:30 pm) The Library Room

7:30 am Continental Breakfast for all Attendees

President's Ballroom

Drop by to meet some of the new ACHS administrative team and to get your name badge and welcome goodies!

8:00 am Breakfast Discussion Groups

President's Ballroom

Introduced by Steve Loflin (NSCS) and Kim Switzer (Sigma Lambda Chi), you won't want to miss two rounds of our favored roundtables with topics such as Advisor Success, Enrollment Trends, Executive Office Management International Chapters, Leveraging Student Internships and Member Benefits.

9:30 am ACHS 101

President's Ballroom

Society membership in ACHS is more important than ever. Join Eileen Merberg (Alpha Lambda Delta) and Lara Noah (Alpha Chi) for a brief history of honor societies, how ACHS came about, and an overview of the resources and benefits ACHS membership provides you and your honor society.

10:30 am What's New in Artificial Intelligence

President's Ballroom

Mr. Khánh Vũ, CEO of the Society of Asian Scientists

11:30 am 2-hour Break for Lunch

Enjoy our host city by checking out the nearby dining options.

1:30 pm Visit Partner Central (with coffee bar)

The Library Room

Visit "Partner Central" and enjoy a hot drink with the Partners.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, Jan. 31 (continued)

2:00 pm **Building an Integrated Life**

President's Ballroom

Dr. Thomas Vansaghi, Associate Professor of Nonprofit Leadership, William Jewell College

3:00 pm **ACHS Committees Speed-Greet**

President's Ballroom

Grab a seat and let our wonderful committee chairs take turns visiting your table to share a little about what their committees do and just how important our committee structure is to the mission of ACHS.

4:00 pm **ACHS Council Meeting**

President's Ballroom

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Council Meeting, especially if you are your society's voting representative. Voting for new board leadership and discussing proposed amendments to the Bylaws happens here.

5:30 pm **Stamp Your Passport Exhibitor Reception**

The Library Room

Join us to decompress and enjoy visiting with our wonderful partners and conference supporters. Remember, your fully signed "passport" will be your Saturday door prize entry for prizes.

6:30 pm **Dinner on Your Own**

Saturday, Feb. 1

Conference Central (7 am - 1 pm) 3rd Floor Foyer

ACHS Centennial Anniversary Luncheon (1 pm - 2:30pm) Tudor Ballroom, 4th Floor

7:30 am **Continental Breakfast for all Attendees**

President's Ballroom

Join us for breakfast, networking, and spontaneous discussion. If you have something special you'd like to discuss, feel free to claim a table and put up your own table sign.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, Feb. 1 (continued)

- 9:00 am** **Governance Highs & Lows**
President's Ballroom
- In a panel discussion moderated by Curt Gomulinski (Tau Beta Pi), society leaders will discuss a variety of issues surrounding society and board governance. Panelists: Vinnie Birkenmeyer (Lambda Sigma), Marianne Fallon (Psi Chi), Melissa Martin (Phi Upsilon Omicron), Eileen Merberg (Alpha Lambda Delta), and Lara Noah (Alpha Chi).*
- 10:00 am** **Reviving Recruitment in the Post-Pandemic Era**
President's Ballroom
- Dr. Alan Grant, Omicron Delta Epsilon Faculty Advisor and Professor of Business and Economics, Baker University*
- 11:00 am** **ACHS Council Business Meeting**
President's Ballroom
- This will be the time for any unfinished Council business from Friday and for greeting the newly elected officers to the ACHS Board of Directors. We'll also hold the drawings for our Partner Passport prizes! Please clear the ballroom quickly at the end so that hotel staff may start setting up for the luncheon.*
- 11:45 am** **Intermission**
Hotel Lobby
- Grab a drink in the lobby and say your goodbyes. If you need to check out of the hotel today, you can do so at this time. Feel free to bring your luggage with you to the luncheon if needed for a quick departure afterward.*
- 1:00 pm** **ACHS Centennial Anniversary Luncheon (1 - 2:30 pm)**
Tudor Ballroom - 4th floor
- Come celebrate 100 years of ACHS with a beautiful lunch and a special gift* –followed by a memorable discussion with Mollie Brown (Alpha Kappa Mu), Jim Froula (Tau Beta Pi), and Jane Hamblin (Mortar Board), ACHS leaders from the last few decades. We'll conclude with a formal toast to the past and future of ACHS!*

**Our appreciation goes to Award Concepts, Inc. for co-funding and creating our centennial keepsake.*



SPEAKERS



Dr. Alan Grant

Omicron Delta Epsilon Faculty Advisor and Professor of Business and Economics, Baker University

Alan Grant, the Barbara A. and Charles Duboc University Professor at Baker University, is the incoming Executive Secretary/Treasurer for the Omicron Delta Epsilon International Honor Society for Economics. He has served as an ODE faculty advisor since 2008, and as an ODE board member since 2012.

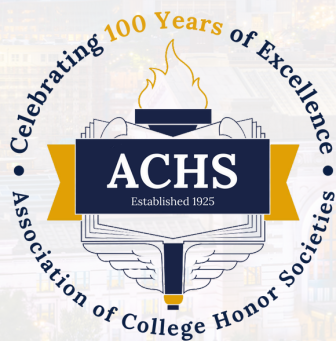


Mr. Khánh Vũ

CEO Society of Asian Scientists

Khánh immigrated to the U.S. from Vietnam at the end of the war and holds a degree in chemical engineering from the Colorado School of Mines. His passion for supporting young adults led him to serve as Director of the Multi-Cultural Engineering Program (MEP), a program he was involved with since its inception in 1989 as a student. In the early 90s, Khánh co-founded the Asian Student Association, which eventually merged with SASE. He began his journey with SASE as a volunteer in 2010 and became CEO & Executive Director in 2011, as SASE's first full-time employee.

Under his leadership, SASE expanded to over 90 chapters, partnered with 90+ Asian Employee Resource Groups (ERGs), built a team of 11 staff members, and became the largest API organization in terms of reach, conference size, and leadership impact.



SPEAKERS



Dr. Michele Smith

Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students at the University of Missouri-Kansas City

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Dr. Thomas Vansaghi

Assoc. Professor of Nonprofit Leadership, William Jewell College

Dr. Thomas Vansaghi has over 25 years of experience in public service, higher education, and the nonprofit sector. He has held leadership roles in state government, higher education, and nonprofit organizations, including serving as executive director of the North American Primary Care Research Group and a tenured professor of nonprofit leadership at William Jewell College. In 2023, he became director of the Pryor Leadership Studies Program. A long-time advocate for social justice, he has also taught courses on race and identity and served as interim executive director of Citizens of the World charter school. Dr. Vansaghi holds a B.A., MPA, and Ph.D. in Political Science and Public Affairs, and has provided nonprofit consulting services for over two decades.



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