



Kansas Mentors Connection  
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*Greetings and Happy Mentoring Month from Kansas Mentors! We wish you continued success with your mentoring efforts in this New Year.*

### **CELEBRATE NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH THIS JANUARY**

As included in our December edition of the KM Connection, Kansas Mentors has gathered a collection of resources available on our website to help you in your promotional efforts. Resources include posters where you can add your organization's logo and contact information; visit the page here: <http://www.kansasmentors.org/nmm.htm>

Also, Governor Sebelius recently signed a proclamation declaring January Mentoring Month in Kansas. A copy of the proclamation is attached to this e-mail. Kansas Mentors will continue to promote Mentoring Month statewide and hopes to launch a facebook page later in the month. Look for Kansas Mentors advertisements on local cable and radio networks throughout the state this month, as well as at K-State men's basketball games.

### **SAVE THE DATE: STATE CONFERENCES**

#### **Connections for Success: After-School & Community Education Conference**

March 5 & 6, 2009 at the Topeka Ramada Inn

A conference for all who are interested in youth development and community building; hosted by the KS Enrichment Network & the KS Community Education Association.

For more information visit: <http://www.kansasenrichment.net/>

#### **3rd Annual Governor's Conference on Mentoring**

April 14, 2009 at the Topeka Capital Plaza Hotel

Keynote speakers include Devone Boggan, a nationally recognized training and technical assistance provider, and Dr. Andy Tompkins, former KS Commissioner on Education. Registration and agenda information coming soon; hosted by Kansas Mentors and the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center at Greenbush.

### **RECENT KM HAPPENINGS**

Kansas Mentors recently added a part-time intern to the Kansas Mentors staff. Danielle Hallgren is a December graduate of Kansas State University. Danielle will be working with the program this spring, focusing her efforts on training and technical assistance outreach, as well as developing a state employee recruitment program. Danielle brings experience in program development and video production. Danielle can be reached at [dhallgren@kdheks.gov](mailto:dhallgren@kdheks.gov).

As many of you are aware, Coach Snyder recently returned to Kansas State University as the new head football coach. This presents a wonderful opportunity for

Coach to continue to make an impact on the lives of young people and we wish him the best with this endeavor. Coach remains dedicated and committed to the state's mentoring efforts as Co-Chair of Kansas Mentors' two councils and will continue to contribute to the program when his schedule allows.

*Do you have an event or announcement you would like included in the newsletter? Send items to [mentor@kdheks.gov](mailto:mentor@kdheks.gov) and we'll try to incorporate them as much possible.*

*January also marks the beginning of Kansas' legislative session. This Mentoring Month, contact newly elected officials to inform them on the mentoring efforts happening in your area of the state. For contact information visit: <http://www.kslegislature.org>*