KsCC is now accepting proposals for the 2014 Campus Compact Heartland Conference. Deadline to submit is May 15.

Funding now available for student and faculty projects

Kansas Campus Compact is excited to announce two mini-grant opportunities - one designed for faculty the other for students.

Faculty applicants can use funds for any combination of three areas: developing a research project to enhance and advance the field of service-learning and community engagement; to travel to and attend or present at a conference to enhance their understanding of service-learning or civic engagement; and holding an event on campus to discuss and raise understanding of service-learning or civic engagement.

Campus Compact selects next president

The Campus Compact Board of Directors announced April 1 that Dr. Andrew Seligsohn has been appointed the next president of the (national) organization, effective June 2014. He succeeds Maureen F. Curley who is retiring after serving in the role since 2006. Seligsohn currently serves as Associate Chancellor for Civic Engagement and Strategic Planning at Rutgers University–Camden.

Newman Civic Fellows recipients named

Boston, MA – From across the country, college and university presidents have nominated promising student leaders who have demonstrated an investment in their community to be Newman Civic Fellows. Through service, research, and advocacy, these Fellows are making the most of their college experiences to better understand themselves, the root causes of social issues, and effective mechanisms for creating lasting change.

In Kansas, seven students received the honor of being named Newman Civic Fellows for 2014/2015: Chase Blasi (Newman University), Ashlie Koehn (University of Kansas), Michelle Zorn (Butler Community College), MaryAlice Coulter (Johnson County Community College), Zach Martin (Hutchinson Community College), and Jenny Herbig (University of St. Mary).
Students who are looking for opportunities to take leadership for a community-designated project can also apply for funds under a separate request for proposals. They are to select a project from one of three tracks: K-12 education, sustainability, and Hunger/homelessness.

Funded projects are to take place during the 2014/2015 academic year. For more information, visit the KsCC website.

The deadline to apply for both is May 10.

As Associate Chancellor for Civic Engagement at Rutgers–Camden, Seligsohn oversaw the comprehensive leveraging of resources to positively impact and integrate students and faculty with the community.

Prior to Rutgers–Camden, Seligsohn was the Director of Civic Engagement Learning at Princeton University. He also served as a faculty member in the Department of Political Science at Hartwick College from 2001-2007, where he earned tenure and promotion to the rank of associate professor.

Seligsohn holds a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota and a B.A. from Williams College.

As these students tackle community challenges, they provide fresh energy and perspective, inspire and mobilize others, and develop their own skills and potential. This year, the Fellows will leverage an even greater capacity for service and change through online networking. In keeping with their generation’s emphasis on networks over hierarchies, Newman Civic Fellows will share ideas and materials to further their work through an exclusive online community.

The Newman Civic Fellows Award is sponsored by the KPMG Foundation.