

2010 KASFAA Award Recipients  
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**2010 Outstanding Service – Connie Corcoran**

Associate Director, Emporia State University

Connie began working in financial aid at Emporia State University in 1998 where she currently serves as the Associate Director as well as President of KASFAA. If she thought she would be elected, Connie would never have agreed to run for a KASFAA office. She is humble enough to believe she would be the other candidate. She stepped into her leadership role at a very financially trying time for KASFAA. Despite this and her many responsibilities over the last two years, she has never lost sight of improving the bottom line for KASFAA. It has been wonderful to watch her in action.

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**2010 Meritorious Achievement Award – Donna Carter**

Associate Director, Wichita State University

Donna started her student financial aid career at Wichita State in 1990. She has been busy in KASFAA leadership for many years and has served on several committees before taking over as a most conscientious and very capable Treasurer. She carries out the duties of this position with quiet efficiency while always making herself available to lend assistance to our association when needed. She has presented at conferences and has provided leadership on the training committee and many others. She definitely has not been afraid to get involved.

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**2010 Hall of Fame Award – Keith Fitzsimmons**

Director of Student Financial Accounting, KU Medical Center

Keith is currently Chair of the Fiscal Officers Committee. He has served on this committee for most of his 24 years in KASFAA. He has been a KASFAA presenter, a conference moderator, and a KASFAA Board Member numerous times. He has taken the lead role in insuring that the Fiscal Officers meet once a year for an all day workshop. His enthusiasm and wit certainly keep fiscal officers aware of the important role all financial aid administrators play in the life of a student. He is always available as a mentor to those new to the management of the Perkins Loan Program. Several times he has had a countdown for retirement but he works on in great service to students and colleagues.

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**2010 Special Recognition** - *This award was established as a “token of appreciation” to recognize individuals who have left the association and/or profession. These awards are given at the recommendation of the Board of Directors.*

Michael Arp, Sallie Mae  
Crystal Bruntz, Fort Hays State University  
Brent Carpenter, USA Funds Services  
Kelly Hoggatt Russell, Manhattan Area Technical College  
Mark Hudson, US Bank  
Brenda Meagher, Bethany College  
Michelle Pursel, EdFund  
Julia Rombough, Pinnacle Career Institute  
Mark Schilmoeller, NelNet