



**Western
Kansas
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Association**

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 *Merry* 
Christmas!!

Good Tidings for Christmas & Happy New Year

WKMA Sponsors 8th Annual Kansas Workforce Summit

The upcoming 2009 Kansas Workforce Summit, *"Taking Education, Economic Development and Employment to the Next Level: Mass Collaboration, Peer Production & Web 2.0,"* will be held January 21 and 22 at the Topeka Capitol Plaza. WKMA is proud to present Anthony Williams, co-author of *Wikinomics*. Williams is a Senior Fellow at nGenera Insight and is an expert on the impacts of new technologies on social, political and economic life. Governor Kathleen Sebelius is again invited to open the Summit along with Department of Commerce Secretary David Kerr. Ron Crouch returns this year, bringing an update from the Kentucky Data Center. This year's Summit will feature a legislative workshop with Speaker-Elect of the Kansas House of Representatives Mike O'Neal, President of the Senate Steve Morris, and Lt. Governor Mark Parkinson. Other presenters include Robert Stonehill, Larry Dixon, and U.S. Department of Labor representative Byron Zuidema. Additionally, WKMA is very excited to have Larry Isaak, President of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact presenting *"Expanding Postsecondary Access and Success: Emergency Care Needed."*

A sell-out event is once again anticipated for the 2009 Summit. Registration is limited to 300 participants, and this year's seminar is filling up quickly! Standard registrations at \$209 per person will be accepted through January 14, with late registrations at \$259 per person accepted

thereafter. Registration information and forms as well as links to complete Kansas Workforce Summit information are available on our website.

If you have already registered, be sure to reserve your room at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kansas, 785-431-7200. Mention you are attending the Kansas Workforce

GOVERNOR SHIRLEY MCLOUGHLIN

Congratulations Shirley McLoughlin, WKMA Administrative Assistant from 1998-2004, on recently being elected Governor of the Kansas Kiwanis District! Shirley has dedicated many hours to the local Kiwanis chapter since becoming a member in 1996. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

For more information on Kiwanis or becoming a member, visit www.kiwanis.org or contact Shirley directly at (620) 855-3161.



From the left: The late Linda Canaday, John McLoughlin, Shirley McLoughlin and International President Don Canaday.

Membership Renewals

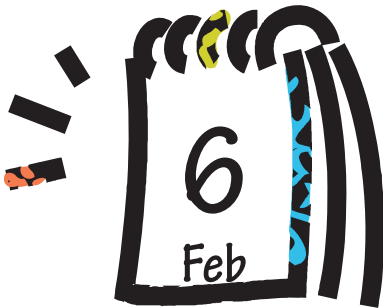
Active Members

BCI Manufacturing, Hugoton
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 Crop Quest Agronomic Services, Dodge City
 Cross Manufacturing, Inc., Lewis
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"Thank You!" to all of our members. We appreciate your support!

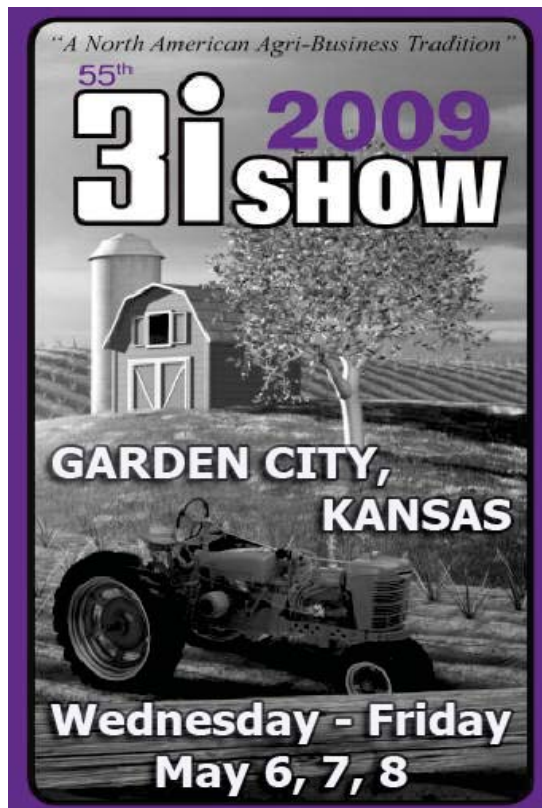


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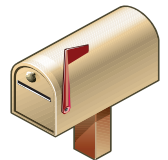
WKMA Annual Meeting
 Friday
 February 6, 2009
 Dodge City Country Club

**NEW PRODUCT
 AWARD
 NOMINATIONS
 WANTED**

Entry Deadline January 12



**Member
 Correspondence**



WKMA is corresponding more and more through email. If you received this newsletter in the regular mail, it means we do not have a valid email address by which to send information. If you have an email address, please send us a quick note so that we may add it to your contact information.

We are now emailing members information received which may be helpful to their business.

2008-2009 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Western Kansas Manufacturers Association supports students from Western Kansas attending area community colleges, technical schools and universities through the annual scholarship program supported by the sale of the Commemorative 3i SHOW belt buckles. Today's youth depend on scholarships to make post-secondary education possible. We are pleased to announce the following scholarships have been awarded to freshman students for the 2008-2009 school year. ***Congratulations to these recipients:***

- Barton County Community College \$500.00 scholarship to **Jenna Stremel** from Dodge City. Jenna is majoring in Physical Therapy.
- Colby Community College \$500.00 scholarship to **Aarika Heyl**. Aarika is a Business Administration major who graduated from Wallace County High School in Sharon Springs.
- Garden City Community College \$500.00 scholarship to **Andrew Staats**. Andrew graduated from Garden City High School and plans to major in Engineering or Physics.
- North Central Kansas Technical College \$500.00 scholarship to **Joel Dix**. Joel is a Welding Technology student who graduated from Stockton High School.
- Northwest Kansas Technical School \$500 scholarship to **Kevin Balluch** and **Trina Lazo**. Kevin Balluch is a graduate of Quinter High School and is enrolled in Engineering. Trina Lazo is enrolled in Business Technology.
- Seward County Community College \$500.00 scholarship to **Marina Vergara**. Marina is majoring in Business Administration.
- Fort Hays State University \$700.00 scholarship to **Garrett Martin**. Garrett graduated from Stanton County Community High School and is majoring in Physics.
- Kansas State University \$700.00 scholarship to **Spencer Kaufman** from Dodge City. Spencer is studying Engineering Technology.
- University of Kansas \$700.00 scholarship to **James Baughman**. James is a Stockton High School graduate majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

Scholarships for the current school year are still available at Dodge City Community College and Southwest Kansas Technical School for freshman students enrolled in Industrial Engineering, Pre-Engineering or Business Administration. If you know a student attending one of these schools, please refer them to their school financial aid office to inquire.



WKMA would also like to thank those individuals and businesses who support this scholarship program through their purchase of the commemorative 3iSHOW belt buckles. This program would not be possible without your support!

Buckles for the 2009 3iSHOW in Garden City are currently available. Visit the Merchandise tab at www.3ishow.com to view this year's buckle and for ordering information, or call (620) 227-8082. Past years' buckles are also available for purchase.

2009 Kansas Governor's Exporter of the Year Award

Candidate Nomination Form

Please complete and submit by mail or fax **NO LATER THAN JANUARY 25, 2009** to:

Kansas International Trade Coordinating Council
c/o Kansas Department of Commerce, Trade Development Division
1000 S.W. Jackson St., Suite 100
Topeka, KS 66612-1354

Phone: (785) 296-4027 Fax: (785) 296-5263

TTY: (785) 296-3487

Company:					
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip:	
Phone: ()		Fax: ()		E-mail:	
Contact:			Title:		
CEO:					
Year Established:		Year Began Exporting:		Number of Kansas Employees:	
Export Sales as % of Total Sales:		2007-2008	2006-2007	2005-2006	2005-2008
2007:		Increase or Decrease % in Export Sales:			
2008:					
Description of Product or Service:					
Public or Private Corporation/Company:					
Address of Parent Corporation (if applicable):					
Person/Organization Submitting Nomination:					
Address:			Phone:		

KITCC is an independent council that operates with the facilitating assistance of the Kansas Department of Commerce. Council activities are designed to:

- Provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among international business professionals throughout the state.
- Identify and recognize for-profit Kansas corporations that excel in international business through the Governor's Exporter of the Year Award.
- Enhance Kansas' international business by showcasing successful Kansas exporters as role models.
- Provide secondary and post-secondary educational institutions with up-to-date information about international activities of successful Kansas firms.
- Serve as advisory group to develop strategies for further internationalization of business and industry in the state of Kansas.

See the Kansas Department of Commerce Web site for more information: www.kansascommerce.com.

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