



KHA Convention News
July 23, 2025

Thursday's Highlights

The 2025 Kansas Hospital Association Annual Convention and Trade Show kicks off bright and early at 7:15 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 4, with the KHA Political Advocacy and Grassroots Breakfast. This year's speaker, [Pete Davis](#), will present *Purposeful Commitment in an Age of Infinite Browsing: How to Foster Real Civic Engagement for Stronger Communities and a Healthier Democracy*—an inspiring look at how commitment and action can strengthen both civic life and health care.

At 9:45 a.m., the convention's keynote speaker, [Ryan Campbell](#), will deliver his powerful presentation, *What's Your Pink Cadillac?* sharing lessons of resilience and mental health from his life as the youngest solo pilot to fly around the world—and the journey through trauma that followed.

At 10:55 a.m., [Janine Stange](#) will present *How You Made Them Feel: A Daughter's Perspective*—a moving tribute to the impact of caregivers through a deeply personal lens.

[Schedule Update](#): Please note a change to this year's schedule. The KHA/HVK Luncheon and Allied Organizations Luncheons have been rescheduled for Thursday, Sept. 4, and the KHA Awards Luncheon will take place on Friday, Sept. 5.

At noon, all convention attendees are invited to participate in the KHA/HVK Luncheon and Allied Organizations Luncheons, a valuable networking opportunity with hospital and allied leaders from across Kansas (ticket required). Membership in an allied organization is not required to attend.

Next, at 2 p.m., [Kyle Scheele](#) will take the stage with *Becoming an Idea Factory*, breaking down the myth that creativity is a rare gift and showing how anyone can unlock innovation through practical, learnable habits.

Be sure to explore the Trade Show, opening at 3:00 p.m., showcasing a full floor of exhibitors and innovation. Stick around for the Trade Show Reception, beginning at 4:30 p.m., where snacks, drinks and networking await right on the show floor.

Then, join us for the top-secret KHA Party at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 4! With games, food, drinks and prizes, this fun-filled event, made possible by our generous hospitality agents, including APS, is free for all attendees. It's a perfect way to unwind and connect.

The [2025 KHA Annual Convention, Mission: Possible](#), will be Sept. 4-5, at the Hyatt Regency Wichita/Century II Convention Center in Wichita. [Registration materials](#) may be downloaded from the [KHA website](#). [Online registration](#) is available. Because of ongoing supply chain issues, please register by Friday, Aug. 15, to ensure meal availability.

Questions regarding the KHA Annual Convention and Trade Show can be directed to Melissa Willey (mwilley@kha-net.org) or Hayley Finch-Genschorck (hfinch@kha-net.org) at (785) 233-7436.
--Hayley Finch-Genschorck

Beware of Spam Calls and Emails

We have been made aware of spam and phishing attempts via email and phone calls from unauthorized third-party vendors. These fraudulent messages often claim to offer attendee lists, hotel booking assistance or other services related to the KHA Convention and Trade Show.

Please be advised that KHA does not partner with any third-party vendors for convention-related services. All official communication will come directly from KHA staff, using email addresses ending in @kha-net.org.

If you receive any suspicious messages or have questions about the convention or trade show, we encourage you to contact KHA directly for clarification at (785) 233-7436 or mwilley@kha-net.org.
--Hayley Finch-Genschorck

Tips for Registering Online for the KHA Convention

Many of you have already used our online registration for the Kansas Hospital Association Convention, and we thank you! Remember, your name badge is your admission ticket to all KHA sessions, the trade show and the KHA party. If you pay for any additional functions not included with your registration fee, the ticket codes will appear on the back of your name badge and admit you to those extra functions.

You can only register yourself and a guest (up to two tickets per event) at one time. For instance, if you only register yourself and mark 10 tickets for the Political Advocacy Breakfast, our system will not process the other tickets because it can't identify whose records to apply this information to in our database. To purchase all 10 tickets, you must register each person individually, including the applicable registration fees. Also, please register for the convention and purchase your tickets simultaneously for a smoother process.

- To register online for KHA's convention, go to www.kha-net.org, click on '[Education](#)' and '[Register Online](#)' or go directly to <https://registration.kha-net.org>.
- From the 'Please select the event you wish to attend from below:' click on the down arrow and scroll down to KHA 2025 Convention and click 'Next.'
- Type in these required fields: first name, last name (do not include your title in this field) and email address (it will add your information exactly how you type it). You will receive a runtime error if you type in an inadequate email address (for instance, one that doesn't contain an @). Click 'Next.'
- Start typing your organization name in the drop-down window (if it doesn't appear, try the acronym or start typing the word 'The' first if you are, for example, with The University of Kansas Health System), select it and click 'Go.' All member organizations are listed. If you don't choose a member organization, our system will charge you the non-member rate.
- Check the box next to the event and then click 'Register.'

- Do not leave any required fields blank or you will receive a runtime error.
- Enter the credit card number without dashes or spaces and the expiration date on your credit card as mmyy (NO SLASH). For example, January 2026 expiration would be 0126. Click only once on the 'Process Card' button. Please note: double-clicking on 'Process Card' will duplicate the charge.
- If you receive an error message, please contact us immediately so we can identify the problem before your credit card is processed multiple times. KHA will refund you for any duplicate charges; however, we are working to minimize unnecessary processing.
- You will receive an automated email receipt shortly after registering online (or if our staff registers you in-house), provided your correct email address is in our system. If you are registering other people on your staff and need to track that information, please don't forget to ask them for a copy of their receipt.

If you have questions or if you are unable to register, please contact our [KHA Education Department](#) at (785) 233-7436. Thank you.