

**FORT SCOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES – SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2026 – 12:00 p.m.
Ellis Fine Arts Building**

The Board of Trustees of Fort Scott Community College met in special session on July 16, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. in the Ellis Fine Arts Building.

PRESENT: Ronda Bailey, Destry Brown, Chad Cosens (via Teams), Marilyn Hoyt, Chad McKinnis, Doug Ropp

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: President Dr. Jack Welch (via Teams), Clerk Lindsay Hill, Dr. Larry Guerrero, Vanessa Poyner, Gina Shelton, and other faculty, staff, and community members.

1.0 Call to Order

Chair Doug Ropp called the meeting to order at 12:00p.m. with roll call of the board members by the clerk.

2.0 Flag Salute & Invocation

Completed.

3.0 Leadership Reports & Updates

Reports were received from Academic Affairs, Advancement, Athletics, Finance & Operations, Student Affairs, and the President.

4.0 Review of July 20th – Agenda Items

The Board reviewed agenda items for the July 20 regular meeting.

5.0 Personnel

No executive sessions were held. No action was taken.

6.0 Board Member Training

There was no board training.

7.0 Adjournment

Destry Brown moved to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn Hoyt seconded.
Motion approved 6-0.

The Board adjourned at 12:47pm.

Board Chair: _____

Date: _____

Attest:

Clerk, Board of Trustees _____

Date: _____

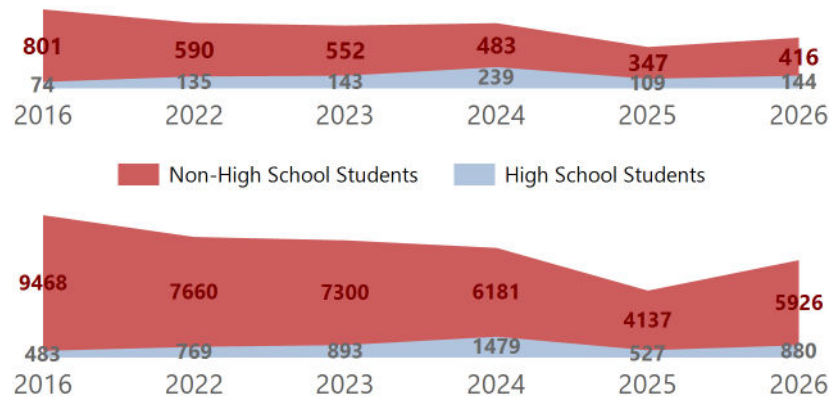
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Executive Enrollment Report

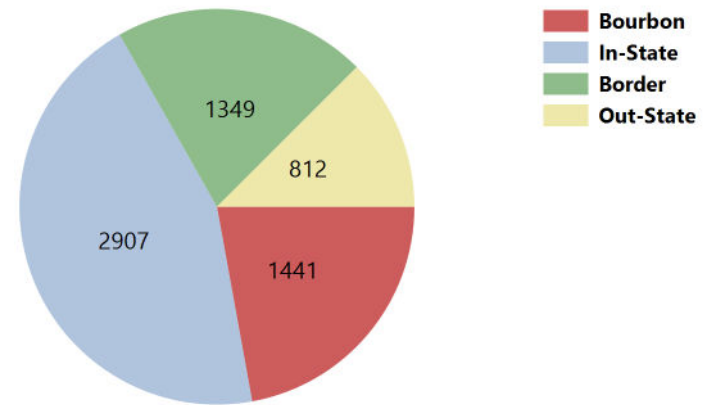
By Date / By Term: 07/13/2026 / 2026 FA

Academic Year	Term	By Date	Headcount	Credit Hours	FTE	FTE Change	FTE % Change
2016	FA	7/13/2016	875	9951.00	663.40		
2022	FA	7/13/2022	725	8429.00	561.93	-101.47	-15.29%
2023	FA	7/13/2023	695	8193.00	546.20	-15.73	-2.80%
2024	FA	7/13/2024	722	7660.00	510.67	-35.53	-6.51%
2025	FA	7/13/2025	456	4664.00	310.93	-199.73	-39.11%
2026	FA	7/13/2026	560	6806.00	453.73	142.80	45.93%

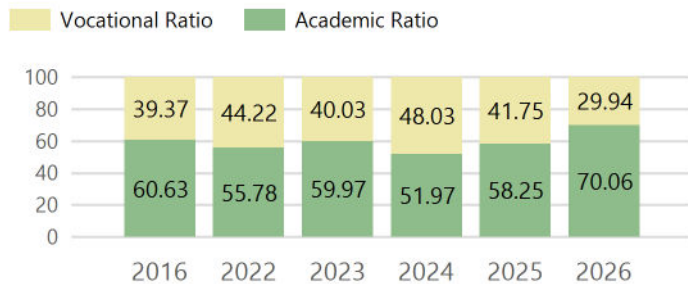
High School Student Enrollment (Top: Headcount) (Bottom: Credit Hours)



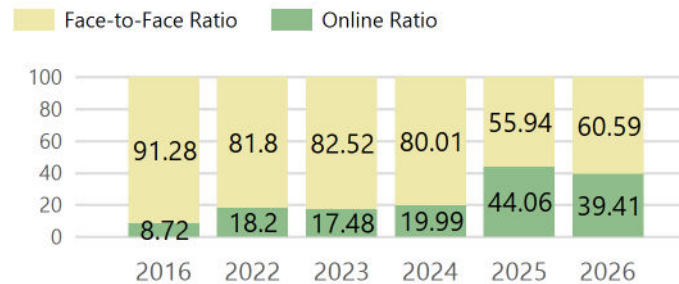
2026FA Credit Hours by Residency



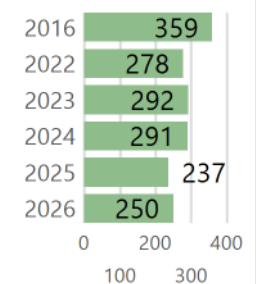
Academic/Vocational Trend (based on credit hours)



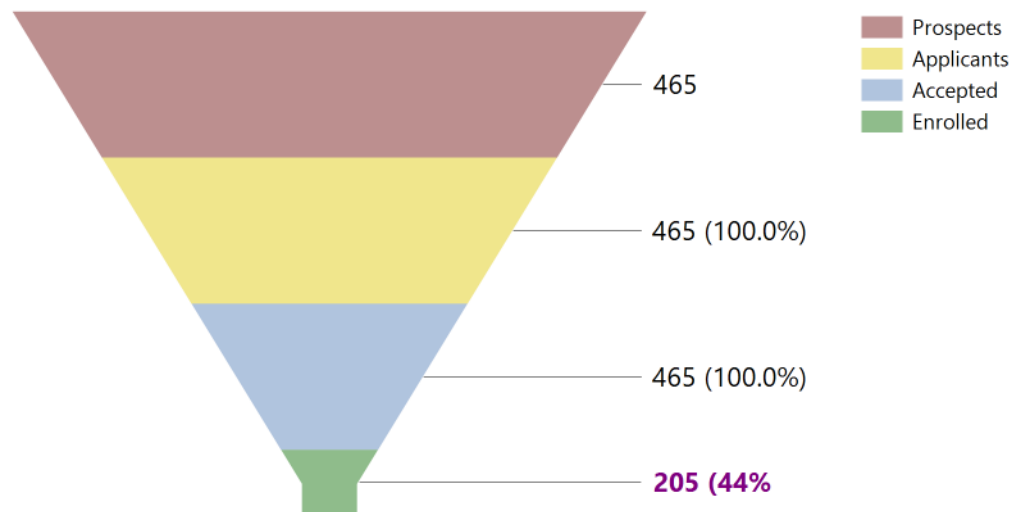
Face-to-Face/Online Trend (based on credit hours)



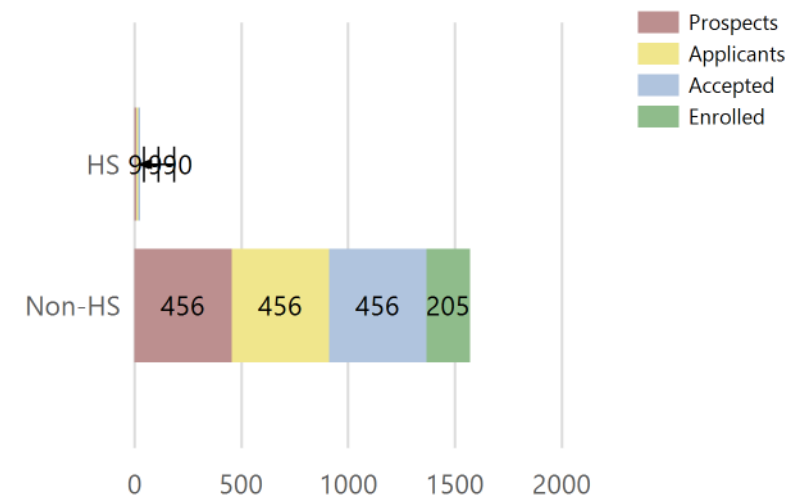
Credit Sections per Year



Funnel Chart



High School/Non-High School



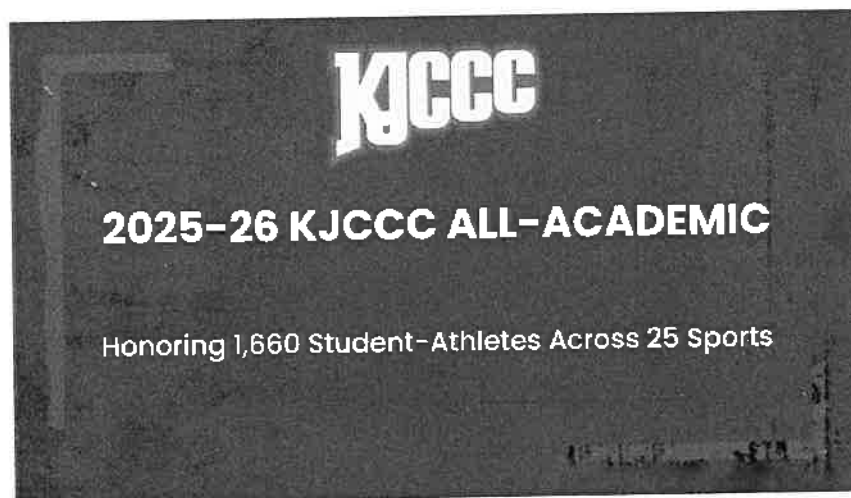


COLBY, Kan. - The Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference has announced its 2025-2026 KJCCC All-Academic Award winners with 1,660 student-athletes across 20 conference schools earning the award after finishing the academic year with at least a 3.5 overall GPA.

Among the 1,660 student-athletes to earn the award, six different sports (baseball, softball, men's soccer, women's soccer, volleyball, and women's basketball) had at least 100 student-athletes earning the award across the conference with baseball leading all sports with 320 student-athletes being honored. Seven different schools (Allen, Barton, Coffeyville, Colby, Dodge City, Garden City, and Neosho County) each had at least 100 student-athletes from their school recognized with the award while 12 of the 20 schools had at least 80 student-athletes who qualified for the award. Barton, which boasts a conference-high 22 sports in their athletic department, finished with a conference-high 131 student-athletes being honored with Coffeyville (126) and Colby (117) finishing with the second and third-most honorees.

Sport-by-sport GPAs saw softball (20 schools) combine for an overall GPA of 3.459 to finish the year with the highest sport GPA in the conference among the 25 NJCAA-sanctioned sports sponsored by a KJCCC member school with women's bowling (Barton) finishing second with a 3.437 GPA. Of the 25 sports that are sponsored by conference schools, 17 finished with GPAs above 3.0 to help the conference achieve a cumulative GPA of 3.129.

In the school-by-school GPA standings, Johnson County finished the year with the highest athletic department GPA after finishing with a 3.416 department GPA with Fort Scott Community College finishing second with a 3.399 department GPA. Rounding out the top five of the school athletic department GPAs were Colby (3.387), Kansas City Kansas (3.250), and Neosho County (3.240). Among the 20 schools in the conference, 17 finished with department GPAs of 3.0 or better.



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Building Tomorrow, Together.

Strategic planning is more than a document.
It's our future.
Our students. Our community.

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FUTURE OF FSCC.

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Our six goals work together like a pack
each with a unique role,
moving forward with purpose to achieve our mission.



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Empowering Students & Communities through Education.



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MONTHLY FOCUS & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

MONTH	FOCUS AREA	WORKSHOP DATE*
AUGUST	Grow Together Establish a Positive Enrollment Pattern	August 12th
SEPTEMBER	Steward Our Future Increase and Appropriately Steward Resources	Sept. 17
OCTOBER	Stronger Together Build Mutually Beneficial Partnerships	Oct. 15
NOVEMBER	Every Voice Matters Strengthen Transparent Communication	Nov. 19
JANUARY	Student Success Starts Here Create Sustainable Student Success Opportunities	Jan. 21
FEBRUARY	Growing Great People Foster Equitable Growth for Faculty & Staff	Feb. 18



Workshops are held the third Wednesday of each month from 1:00-3:00 PM in the Round Rooms, Bailey Hall.
*Dates subject to change.



*Every voice.
Every idea.
Every role.*

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Gordon Parks Museum

Monthly Report Update/Events June 2026

Please Note: This report does not include all-current job duties, projects, meetings, and events.

- Work on Archives and Collections.
- Purchased and Installed Two Archive Storage Cabinets
- Working on planning for the Gordon Parks Celebration is Oct 1 -3, 2026. The Honorees are Victor Goines and Maryemma Graham. The Learning Tree Award Recipient is Marion Stepps
- Gordon Parks Museum Board met on June 2, 2026.
- Attended a planning meeting in Kansas City with the Nelson Atkins Museum Display Project
- Attended Planning Meeting with the Gordon Parks Film Ready Project on June 9
- Provided Tour for Southeast Kansas Youth Group on June 11. 20 people total.
- Juneteenth Celebration Lunch and Learn Event on June 19th. 70 people total
- Provided Tour for Lowell Milken Center Fellows June 23. 10 people total.
- Provided Tour for Neosho County Community College Students on June 23. 10 people total.
- Attended Planning Meeting with the Gordon Parks Film Ready Project on June 24
- Attended a planning meeting in Rich Hill, MO with the McGinnis Youth Center Grant Project on June 24
- Provided Tour for additional Lowell Milken Center Fellows June 30. 10 people total.
- The Gordon Parks Museum received the Award of Excellence from the AASLH for the Wayman Chapel AME Church Project June 11.

*We had 33 visitors walk in and with a combination of tours, presentations, Wayman Chapel AME Commemorative Park and any other events, we had 173 visitors from all over the nation and the world in June.

City and State where some of the June visitors come from

Fort Scott, KS
Bonner Springs, KS
Boston, MA
Vinton, IA
Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Webb City, MO
Chanute, KS
Jackson, WY
Deming, NM
Fresno, CA
Andover, KS

Birmingham, AL
Jericho, NY
Lawrence, KS
Washington, DC
Gross Pointe Park, MI
Uniontown, KS
Minneapolis, MN
Winchester, KS
Meriden, KS
Joplin, MO
Overland Parks, KS

McPherson, KD
Pleasant Hill, MO
Wichita, KS
Bentonville, AR

Others did not list where they were from.

President's Report to the Board of Trustees

July 2026

Enrollment Update

I am pleased to report that Fort Scott Community College continues to experience positive enrollment momentum as we prepare for the Fall 2026 semester. While official census day will determine our final enrollment figures, our current numbers are encouraging and demonstrate meaningful progress compared to the same point one year ago.

As of **July 13, 2026**, enrollment stands at:

Measure	July 13, 2026	July 13, 2025	Change
Students	560	456	+104
Credit Hours	6,806	4,664	+2,142
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	453.73	310.93	+142.80 (45.93%)

These preliminary numbers reflect the outstanding work of faculty, staff, coaches, administrators, and the entire College community. They also indicate that the strategic initiatives implemented over the past year are producing positive results.

While we are encouraged by our current position, important work remains before census day. Continued efforts in admissions processing, financial aid completion, final athletic rosters, dual-credit enrollment, international recruitment, John Deere Tech enrollment, and minimizing summer melt will all be essential in maximizing our final enrollment.

The continued expansion of academic programs, Career and Technical Education offerings, Continuing Education, enhanced marketing, community outreach, recruitment initiatives, and the implementation of the College's Enrollment Management Plan are positioning Fort Scott Community College for sustained growth.

Student Success

Enrollment growth represents only the first step in fulfilling our mission. Equally important is ensuring that every student who enrolls has the opportunity to succeed.

Student success remains the guiding principle behind every decision we make. Achieving this requires continued collaboration among Enrollment Management, Academic Affairs, Student Life, Athletics, Financial Aid, Advising, and every department across campus. By working together, we can provide an educational experience that supports student achievement, persistence, graduation, and successful transfer or workforce placement.

The College will also continue emphasizing credit-hour production, recognizing that increased student engagement benefits both our students and the long-term financial health of the institution.

Financial Stewardship

Vice President for Finance Gina Shelton continues to provide valuable leadership as the College finalizes the 2026-2027 budget. Although enrollment trends are encouraging, we remain committed to maintaining sound fiscal discipline.

Several factors continue to influence our financial planning:

- Overall institutional revenues remain under pressure.
- The College is projected to receive less overall funding during the coming year.
- Previous revenue projections exceeded actual collections while operating expenses have continued to increase.

In response, every department continues to evaluate expenditures carefully and identify opportunities to redirect resources toward the College's highest priorities. This disciplined approach allows us to support student success while maintaining the institution's long-term financial stability.

It is also important to recognize that the State of Kansas provides no state aid for out-of-state or international students. Institutional scholarships remain an important enrollment strategy; however, they must be managed in a financially sustainable manner. Our objective is to continue growing enrollment while ensuring the College remains fiscally strong for future generations of students.

Appreciation

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the faculty, staff, administrators, and coaches whose dedication continues to move Fort Scott Community College forward.

As I visit departments across campus, I consistently observe a culture of teamwork, professionalism, and commitment to our students. The collaboration occurring throughout the College is one of our greatest institutional strengths.

The progress reflected in our current enrollment and overall institutional direction is not the result of one individual or one department. Rather, it is the product of many dedicated employees working together toward shared goals.

Although significant work remains before the beginning of the Fall semester and census day, I am encouraged by our direction and confident that Fort Scott Community College is continuing to build a stronger future for our students and the communities we serve.

Jack Welch

President