



Happy New Year!!!

Can you believe 2017 is over and we're already a few weeks into 2018?! Where did the year go? I hope it was a wonderful year for all of you - it was a fantastic year for Kansas SHRM! Here are some of the highlights from 2017:

- In January, we had over 60 volunteer leaders attend the Kansas SHRM Leadership Academy in Manhattan. We had board members and committee members from SHRM Chapters throughout the state attend. We learned how to "lead out of drama" and gathered useful volunteer information. We also had a great time at our social event at the Liquid Art Winery!
- In February, we had over 120 people attend our 10th annual Employment Law and Employee Benefits Conference in Topeka. We had two full days of education and a great time networking at our social event at the Blue Moose!
- In June, we had 17 Kansas SHRM members participate in a Strategic Planning Workshop in Salina. We spent a day together discussing the mission and vision of Kansas SHRM and identified action items to work on. More on those coming soon!
- In September, we had record attendance at our annual Kansas SHRM State Conference, Play Ball with HR, in Overland Park! The conference featured keynote speakers Dayton Moore, General Manager of the Kansas City Royals, and Mitch Holthus, the voice of the Kansas City Chiefs. We also heard from HR greats, Morag Barrett and Pete Smith. In keeping with our theme, we went casual, representing our favorite sports teams. We also had a great time at our social event at TopGolf!

Thank you to everyone who supported Kansas SHRM last year by coming to our conferences and events! I also want to thank everyone who served on the Kansas SHRM State Council, on a committee, or as a volunteer at one of our events. We would not be able to have these events without your support and commitment to Kansas SHRM!

Here is a look at our 2018 events:

- Our KS SHRM Leadership Academy took place January 11-12, 2018 in Mulvane. We host this event each year to train and develop our SHRM volunteer leaders. Registration is always free to all SHRM volunteer leaders on the State Council, Chapter Boards, or Committees. We had a great time meeting our 2018 volunteer teams!
- KS SHRM 11th Annual Employment Law and Employee Benefits Conference - February 27-28, 2018 - Topeka - Sign up today!
- KS SHRM Student Summit - April 27-28, 2018 - Wichita - Brand new event this year! More information coming soon!
- KS SHRM State Conference - September 19-21, 2018 - Wichita - Sign up by March 31 to take advantage of Early Bird pricing!

As we look ahead at this year, I am excited about what is to come and hope to see you at some of our events in 2018!

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