

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS + ACTIVITIES

### **AIGA**

Student group dedicated to KCAI's chapter of the professional organization for design.

### **ArtPlay**

ArtPlay is a student organization that marks the intersection of art and social action. Participants build creative skills and social awareness in the community. ArtPlay students engage people, direct projects, organize and manage volunteers and find funding to support their vision. ArtPlay members volunteer the number of hours their academic schedule permits. ArtPlay projects have included Home Grown, HALO, Alternative Means and the Free Water Campaign, as well as art projects with and for residents of the Rose Brooks Center, a domestic abuse shelter for women and their children.

### **Artspace Advisory Council**

The Artspace Advisory Council is a group of ambitious students who act as collaborative liaisons between the ArtSpace staff and the student body. As an intermediary group, ASAC creates meaningful projects, interactions, and dialogue for the student body using the Artspace's resources and programs focusing on topics relevant to contemporary art practice.

### **Animation Club**

To act as a center for community and collaboration within the Animation Department and to allow a place to gather and share resources related to animation.

### **Asian Culture Organization**

The purpose of the organization is to learn about Asian culture, customs, art and expand diversity of Asia throughout the KCAI community.

### **BACC (Black Artist Culture & Community)**

BACC (Black Artist, Culture & Community) uses artistic talent to encourage cultural diversity through student leadership, mentorship, community service and campus activities. BACC seeks to foster a sense of community among students of color. It serves as a liaison between students and administration, giving students of color a voice on issues that are most pressing to them and serving as a resource to ensure that the social, cultural and educational needs of students are met.

### **Fire Frisbees**

This is a casual group that gets together to play ultimate frisbee.

### **Illustration Student Committee**

The Illustration Student Committee strives to facilitate an open and discursive relationship between students and faculty, and to push the standard of the Illustration department in order to foster a lasting sense of pride and accomplishment of both parties.

### **Inclusiveness Task Force/Campus Retention Committee**

A cooperative initiative between students, faculty, and staff, the Inclusiveness Task Force provides educational opportunities, support, and advocacy that will raise awareness and facilitate an inclusive community for all persons at the Kansas City Art Institute.

### **LOCAL (Latino Organization of Culture, Arts & Language)**

A student organization to spread the culture, arts, and language throughout campus about Latin American culture.

### **Night Owls**

The KCAI Night Owls Soccer Club is a student organization whose members participate in a Kansas City Soccer Dome adult coed league. The team is sponsored in the fall and spring by KCAI. Members also enjoy scheduled practices and impromptu games on the campus green.

### **SAGA (Sexuality and Gender Alliance)**

SAGA (Sexuality and Gender Alliance) strives to provide a safe space for discussion and moral support, promoting awareness and visibility among the group's own community and then within the campus and surrounding community by creating an atmosphere of acceptance, tolerance, self-pride, support and understanding.

### **SAS (Students Against Sweatshops)**

SAS is determined to inform KCAI about today's sweatshop labor force by means of movie screenings, discussions and sewing sessions.

### **Student Activists for Equality (SAFE)**

Student Activists for Equality (SAFE) is a student-led organization in Kansas City, Missouri whose goal is to educate, promote political awareness, and inspire people to stand up for human rights. The organization's primary focus is LGBTQUA + equality.

### **Students for Sustainability**

Students for Sustainability aims to bring awareness to the roles of consumption and ethics play in our KCAI community and how we can facilitate mindful practices within our studios. The organization's focus is on fiber processes and the waste they produce, such as fabric scraps and water from dye processes. Additionally, they will broaden the conversation to a global scale and facilitate discussions around the problematic aspects of fast fashion and the garment industry, and will take action and address changes mainly in the community and in their studio practices. During biweekly meetings, the organization will have guest speakers who use sustainable practices in their studios.

### **Tabletop Gaming**

To create a small community of people interested in collective storytelling using tabletop gaming systems: such as Dungeons and Dragons, Shadowrun, Call of Cthulhu, etc.

### **Worm Club**

Our purpose is to teach and practice sustainable alternatives to disposing of food waste through vermicomposting. Not only will this empower students to participate in affordable indoor composting but will provide nutrient-rich casting for homegrown or other gardening projects. The

committee strives to develop an awareness of the carbon foot print and cultivate self-sufficient method that can be utilized post-graduation. Worms will be distributed at the end of the semester to all members of the club.

***For more information and how to join KCAI STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS + ACTIVITIES, please contact the Assistant Director for Housing and Student Activities at [housing@kcai.edu](mailto:housing@kcai.edu) or 816-802-3358.***