

Kansas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

SEPTEMBER MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Karen Hanson, RDN, LD, EP-C



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"Karen's leadership is boundless. She is giving, she encourages, and her smile is golden. She told me once, "have a plan, set goals, and go for it." Karen, you're a permanent spotlight in my world!"

- Jennifer Morris

Meet Karen Hanson

"Find a job that you love, and you will never work a day in your life"

Forty years flies by when you are in a career you find challenging and fulfilling. In my 40 years as a Registered Dietitian I have been afforded opportunities too great to count, experiences so varied and interesting, that I've never considered my work as just a "job". As I had the privilege of mentoring students through the years, this is the primary takeaway I hope they glean from our time together. Being a dietitian holds such opportunity for professional and personal growth.

My career path has included work in many types of roles including clinical, community, culinary, retail, industry, consulting and teaching;

I can truly say I feel I have experienced it all! With each role I've appreciated the opportunity for growth, professionally and personally; truly a life fulfilling career and looking back, I am thankful that I made the decision to become a Registered Dietitian/Nutritionist.