

Professional Biography of Sandy Britton

Sandy Britton is the Dean of Student Success at Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University (KCAD) in Grand Rapids, MI. Over her long career at KCAD (32 years and counting!), she's continued to work with her colleagues to build a campus community that empowers students to explore, experiment, grow, and mature into impactful and successful artists, designers, art educators, and art historians.

Sandy's leadership coalesces the efforts of multiple KCAD departments into a powerful force for collaboration, driving diverse and personalized recruitment efforts and developing innovative support systems that foster student success academically, personally, and professionally. She also serves on KCAD's President's Cabinet and Senior Leadership Team, and represents the college on the West Michigan Presidents' Compact Committee, a collective of ten West Michigan colleges and universities that are committed to promoting policies of respect and support for every individual.

Sandy states, "KCAD is a community of critical thinkers and embraces different opinions with respect. We seek to model for one another, and for the world, what it's like to live in a community defined by mutual respect, even when we differ with one another. I look forward to participating in and helping to foster a creative and diverse KCAD community, and to keeping the conversations surrounding diversity and inclusion alive."

A strong and longstanding connection with the MAEA has given Sandy the opportunity to network with other professionals who are passionate about creative education, which in turn has enabled her to connect with many future students.

She states, "I feel that one of my most important responsibilities, and certainly one of the most gratifying, is to support and encourage the next generation of creative thinkers, makers, and doers. This will always be my passion. I am honored to have been nominated by my colleagues for this award."

Sandy holds a BBA in Business Administration from Saginaw Valley State University, and a MBA from Grand Valley State University. She has also earned a certificate from Michigan State University's Master Gardener Program.