## **Keith Fitzsimmons**

**Keith Fitzsimmons** has been the Director of Student Accounting for the University of Kansas Medical Center since 1986. This Washington, DC native spent eleven years in the Army as "Sergeant Fitz" before his path wound through Kansas State University and the Kansas City office of Arthur Young, (an old Big 8 CPA firm). Starting with stacks of old ledger books, he introduced computers to the Med Center's Student Accounts Office.

Keith has been involved with KASFAA (Kansas Financial Aid Association) since he started at KU Med. He has been the association treasurer, committee chair numerous times and has used his unique style of humor and questions to move the fiscal officer committee forward. He has also presented at state, regional, and national conferences with COHEAO, ECSI, TouchNet, PDG Bursar's, and COHEAO. He has been asked to speak to a group from Texas and is an MVP with the Missouri association as he introduced fiscal officers to the association meetings along with mentoring the association members. He has been awarded several KASFAA awards including the Hall of Fame award and was presented with the Kansas Meritorious Service award from then governor Mike Hayden. Keith produced and starred in the award-winning video, "A Day in the Life of the Bursar".

Keith and his wife Laura are empty nesters, live in Overland Park, Kansas where they are remodeling their brand new 82-year old home. They are very active with their church, several pet rescue missions, and other civic and faith-based organization. They were part of a youth work group that went to Joplin, Missouri to help with tornado disaster relief clean-up. Keith is also the Chaplin Emeritus of Boy Scout Troop 201 in Overland Park.