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On the cover: 1918 KSU football team on the steps of Hume Hall
We often hear people say that the journey begins with the very first step. My first step for my second term as president began on July 1, 2014. A little more than 14 months later, we are still working every day to make Kentucky State University the great institution in higher education that it should be once again. If you have been able to pick up the Frankfort paper or the Wall Street Journal, you would think that KSU is closing or is now under the direction of the University of Kentucky or the University of Louisville. If you have talked to some alumni, faculty and staff, my goal has been to shut this great institution down.

In all of the haste to write the final epitaph of Kentucky State University, people failed to do one simple thing—ask me. So allow me to take this opportunity to set the record straight for all of the wonderful people who have given tirelessly to support this University and the rich history that it holds: Kentucky State University is here to stay.

We are going to keep what is good and make it great. We will remove what is broken and replace it with the necessary components that will keep us competitive for the next 100 years.

But KSU needs your help! We need you to invest your time, talents and financial support back into the institution that was the foundation for your current success. We cannot maintain KSU’s legacy without you.

I am confident that with your support we will achieve “In All Things Excellence.”

Lynda Brown-Wright, Ph.D., has recently joined Kentucky State University as the vice president for academic affairs.

“Dr. Brown-Wright comes to KSU with a demonstrated commitment to education and leadership enhancement. Her skill set and experience will be an asset to the future of Kentucky State University,” President Raymond M. Burse says.

Prior to joining KSU, Brown-Wright served as the associate provost for faculty affairs at Georgia State University, beginning in 2012, where she provided leadership in matters related to faculty advancement. In this position, she led in the development of Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reports, developed new procedures for faculty-related processes and provided leadership development to departmental search committees regarding the recruitment and retention of diverse faculty.

“I am truly honored to be selected for this key role,” Brown-Wright says. “I look forward to working closely with President Burse and his leadership team, as well as the outstanding faculty and staff from across the University and the broader community, to help guide Kentucky State to even higher levels of achievement and contribution.”

Brown-Wright served as the assistant provost for faculty affairs for the University of Kentucky from 2011-2012. During her 20 years at UK, Brown-Wright also held the position of educational, school and counseling psychology department chair from 2004-2008. In this role, she provided academic leadership to the department and increased funding for graduate student research.

“The academic success of Kentucky State students is my top priority. My focus will be all matters related to student success,” Brown-Wright says. “There are many opportunities we can take advantage of to ensure our students receive the best education possible. I plan to provide leadership for the development of strategic initiatives that will help to increase the success of our student population and that are critical to the interests of Kentucky State and its land-grant mission.”

Brown-Wright holds a doctorate in counseling psychology from Texas A&M University. She received her master’s degree in school psychology from the State University of New York and her bachelor’s degree in psychology from Grambling State University.
The Human Resources Development Foundation (HRDF) has donated a $100,000 endowment to Kentucky State University. The endowment will award five scholarships in the amount of $1,000 each to two sophomores, two juniors and one senior attending KSU during the 2015-2016 academic school year.

HRDF was established to honor Dr. C. Vincent Bakeman, who was co-founder of the Human Resources Development Institute (HRDI) and founding board members and KSU graduates Clark Roberts and Samuel Patch. Along with the founding members of the board, Lee Charles Harris and Clifford Claiborne are members of the HRDI and HRDF board of directors. Dr. James Y. Peoples, who was also a founding member, died in 2007.

Claiborne is looking forward to issuing the foundation’s first awards to qualifying students this year.

“We have to give our kids a chance to be successful,” Claiborne says. “If what we can do helps just one kid, then we are making a difference, and that’s where the change begins with our kids and their approach to education.”

Claiborne and his fellow KSU alumni say that what brought them together for this endowment was the University. And what will keep it going long after they are gone are other KSU alumni who share their vision.

“We established this endowment because we want to give back by paying it forward to a place that is very dear to each of us,” he says. “Our time at Kentucky State University was a great experience. We came away with the foundation that was necessary to be successful and has allowed us to put together this endowment.”

To qualify for the scholarships, students must reside in or out of state. They must be enrolled at KSU as a full-time student with declared or intended majors in one of the behavioral health science fields. The students also must show financial need, academic achievement and demonstrated leadership abilities. Students who wish to apply for the scholarship cannot be on academic probation over the past year and must have a minimum 2.0 grade point average.

All applicants for the scholarship, must write a 300-500 personal essay discussing their role as an emerging leader and have two academic references.

“If we who are invested in the University don’t step up and make a difference through our time, deeds and financial contributions, how can we ask anyone else to support this great institution?” President Raymond M. Burse says. “What this group has done will definitely make a difference in some of our young people’s lives.”

Burse, who gained national publicity for giving back $90,000 of his own salary to raise the pay of those who were making $7.25 to $10.25 an hour, has made it a part of his mission as president to increase alumni support.

“I think that what these individuals are doing is remarkable,” he says.

HRDI was established on the South Side of Chicago by Bakeman and Doris M. Lomax in 1973 with a group of enthusiastic community advocates who all shared one common goal. The goal was to address the lack of mental health care services, specifically for African-American males who were stricken with mental illness, disability and/or incarceration.

A study conducted by the Illinois Department of Mental Health found that the highest recidivism rate for the mentally ill in the state was among young African-American males who live on Chicago’s South Side. The organization has changed the lives of tens of thousands of people from all racial and ethnic backgrounds. HRDI was officially incorporated Jan. 22, 1974.

“HRDI is an organization that is dedicated to lifting people up and helping them get from where they are to where they need to be,” Claiborne says. “We are not awarding these scholarships to those with the highest GPAs, but instead we are looking for those with the potential to be great leaders and still have room to grow.”
The Alltech-KSU Research Alliance has begun research on hemp production after a bill was passed recently by the Kentucky Legislature to allow industrial hemp production in the state.

Industrial hemp is a fiber, oil and seed crop with great potential as a new crop for Kentucky farmers. The Alltech-KSU Research Alliance, which was formed in 2013 to focus on modern, sustainable farming techniques, began research to determine if Soil-Set®, a product developed by Alltech, could be applied to soil to increase soil enzyme activity, nutrient uptake by hemp varieties and the amount of fiber and seed harvested. Another Alltech product, Grain-Set®, is being examined to determine if it will promote flowering and seed production in hemp.

KSU researchers and a technical agronomist from Alltech took soil samples in June. They treated and prepared the test plot before planting the hemp seeds for the trial at the KSU Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm. A comprehensive field plan has been established that will be used to care for the crop through the growing season.

“We are excited by this combined research effort by KSU and Alltech to help farmers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky find new crops and new economic opportunities,” says Dr. Kirk Pomper, interim director of Land Grant Programs and professor of horticulture in KSU’s College of Agriculture, Food Science and Sustainable Systems. “We see a lot of potential for hemp fiber and seed markets here in Kentucky.”

KSU’s portion of the hemp research is led by Pomper and Dr. George Antonious, professor of environmental science. Overall, the Alltech-KSU Research Alliance is managed by a committee of three Alltech scientists and four KSU faculty members.

As a crop, hemp was first planted in 1775 in Kentucky, which was the center of the U.S. hemp industry for many years. The hemp industry flourished in Kentucky, Missouri and Illinois from 1840 to 1860 due to a strong demand for sailcloth and cordage. However, Kentucky’s hemp industry rapidly declined in the late 1800s, recovered during the two world wars and then disappeared by the late 1940s.

Dr. Vernell Bennett has been a part of Kentucky State University’s campus in various capacities for the past 20 years. Her extensive list of student-centered involvement includes the creation of Operation Half-Note, an early childhood music education program, 18 years coaching the K-Rette Dance Squad and now her role as vice president for student affairs.

Bennett began her career at KSU as a music instructor and eventually became an associate professor. She later moved into the realm of student affairs as the assistant vice president for student affairs, and then the assistant vice president for diversity and inclusion.

And that commitment to students continues in her current role. Her goals as vice president for student affairs are multifold. They include correcting perceptions, improving customer service, engaging students and creating collaborations across the campus.

“We’re developing learning communities in the residence halls, so it’s important for us to create collaborations with faculty, with the various student service units,” she says. “Those collaborations are very important when we’re focusing on retention. In Admissions, we’re responsible for recruiting, but I think the entire campus has to be responsible for the retention part.”

Bennett also includes and credits alumni for their efforts in retention.

“With a focus on in-state recruitment — at least 40 percent of our students still come from out of state. But we don’t have funds to travel to all those (college fairs), so alumni were very helpful last year in attending college fairs for us.”
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In June, Kentucky State University introduced the Summer Apprenticeship Program with the primary goal of exposing high school students to STEM research and careers.

During the three-week campus residential program, students learned about STEM careers by visiting STEM companies and talking to professionals, as well as obtaining valuable skills for becoming successful students.

A major component, SAP participants engaged in two weeks of focused research. The apprentices were paired with mentors comprising University faculty and researchers. Their research culminated with oral presentations and the submission of publication-quality research papers.

“We tried to make a difference,” says SAP director Dr. Buddhi Gyawali. “We had an external evaluation on what was working and what was not working. We closely worked with each student.”

APPRENTICES RECEIVE VALUABLE HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE DOING RESEARCH

This summer’s SAP students were all intrigued by STEM disciplines and enjoyed conducting research.

“I am very interested in science. I’ve been looking at something around maybe chemistry, biology, medical school, but coming here also opened the window for me in engineering,” says Rebecca Wang, 17, a senior at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Lexington, Ky.

Tyrus Sundy, 17, who attends Carter G. Woodson Academy in Lexington, plans to become a meteorologist. He completed research, along with four other apprentices, using geographic information system (GIS) to explore the subject of urban areas experiencing higher temperatures than their surrounding rural areas due to human activity.

“What I learned is that urban heat islands actually exist, and there are ways to decrease the causes of it,” Sundy says in his research paper. “Our natural environment is the primary source of the energy and materials we use every day. Stated simply, we cannot live without it.”

Caroline Wright, 17, who also attends Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Lexington, conducted research related to product integrity: “Using Polymerase Chain Reaction to Identify Components of Unknown Meat Samples.” It was designed in response to news headlines regarding false labeling of packaged meat – for example, “widespread cases of horsemeat mixed in with supposedly ‘100 percent beef’ samples in Europe.”

“The research project mainly got my interest because I always wanted to do a research type of career, so I thought it was a great place to sort of step into this world and experience what it was like,” she says.

ROLE MODELS NEEDED

SAP students also benefited from visiting STEM companies and receiving career advice from professionals. Sandifer, who recruits students year-round from minority and rural communities, is reaching out to the community for minority and women professionals to speak to KSU and SAP students.

“We need professionals from the same areas our students come from and who have the same life stories,” Sandifer says. “We need people from the community to come and help tell the story.”

He can be contacted at (502) 597-7311 or at jeremy.sandifer@kysu.edu.
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KSU Student to Participate in White House HBCU All-Star Program

Business administration major and Student Government Association member Ralph Williams has been selected to serve as the White House Initiative on HBCUs student ambassador for Kentucky State University.

The program was established as a part of President Barack Obama's Executive Order 13532, Promoting Excellence, Innovation and Sustainability at Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

“As the representative for KSU, it’s my duty to serve as a liaison between the program and my university,” Williams says. “I want to be able to communicate the needs here at KSU to the cohort and discover how we can address these needs. I also hope to build relationships with representatives from the other HBCUs so that we can work together. I admire how there are so many gifted and talented young men and women who have the will to make a positive impact in the community.”

Williams will be responsible for providing outreach and communication with students about the value of education as a member of the 2015-2016 All-Star Cohort. He will also have the responsibility of sharing promising and proven practices that support opportunities for all young people to achieve their educational and career potential.

Williams will travel to HBCU Conference Week in September in Washington, D.C., and will represent the University throughout the year.

“As a junior, I have grown throughout my time here at KSU,” Williams says. “I understand how invaluable it is to receive an education and attend an HBCU. I was also interested in being able to represent KSU. I have so much passion for this University and have been afforded many blessings. I enjoy being able to represent this illustrious University and to spread its name throughout the world.”

Williams, who is from Germany, recently received his associate degree from the University and will receive a bachelor’s degree in 2017. He says he is the first in his family to do so, but he won't be the last. His sister began at KSU this fall.

“It is nice to make my parents proud and to be that person who my little sister can look to for advice or inspiration,” he says. “I'm blessed to be a part of the Thorobred family and honored to serve KSU. Go Breds!”
Kentucky State University seniors Olivia Burkett, Jacob Turner-Barret and Traci Thomas have been selected for the 2016 Legislative Research Commission Intern Program.

The students will spend four months working with LRC staff and members of the Kentucky Legislative General Assembly. They will be trained and treated like employees of the LRC. Students are placed in one of five areas that best suits their skills and interests.

“Interning at the LRC is something I have wanted to do since I found out that it was an option,” says Turner-Barrett, a transfer student from Somerset, Ky. He previously worked in the non-profit civil rights sector, where he lobbied state elected officials before returning to school. “I became quickly aware that legislating was more than creating a bill and that there was a staff of people that helped officials research an issue in a non-partisan way. I realized that I would like the opportunity to be part of that process.”

The Kentucky Legislative Research Commission is a 16-member committee, composed of the majority and minority leadership of the Kentucky Senate and House of Representatives. The 2016 program will run from January through April and will include a two-day orientation in November, prior to the convening of the 2016 General Assembly. The program selects no more than 20 students each year.

“I plan to accomplish numerous goals,” says Burkett who is from Lexington, Ky. “One, to go above and beyond, wherever I am placed in the Capitol. Two, to further strengthen my speaking and writing skills. Three, to create a voice for Kentucky State students and youth in general. I want to encourage students to become more involved in our legislative system. We are right down the street; our voices can be heard.”

Thomas, a senior mass communications major with a concentration in broadcasting, applied for an internship in the Public Information Office. “I am most looking forward to not only sitting in on hearings and meetings of the Senate and the House, but to interview and interact with the lawmakers as well,” says the Lexington native. She says she hopes the experience will help her to become a better writer, to effectively communicate with legislators and their constituents, and to come to a better understanding of career goals.

KSU Students Selected for 2016 LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION INTERN PROGRAM

Traci Thomas
Olivia Burkett
Jacob Turner-Barret

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“Now that is college!” says Alvin Level, the new director of the Mighty Marching Thorobreds Band. The band members were in the middle of band camp, and they had just nailed a selection they’ve been rehearsing.

Level, who previously worked with high school students, was eager to make the transition to directing at the collegiate level—and particularly at Kentucky State University.

“I have sent several students here to KSU and I am familiar with the music department and staff,” he says. “It has always been a dream of mine to be the head director of a college band program.” And this year, that dream will come to pass. Level accepted his dream job over the summer.

Level joins KSU from his position as the performing arts and band director for the River Rouge School District in River Rouge, Mich. He also served as the performing arts director and director of bands for the Inkster Performing Arts Academy in Inkster, Mich. Level studied the saxophone, but he is also fluent in all marching band instruments as well as the bass guitar.

**A SOUND PLAN FOR STUDENTS**

Level’s goal, he says, is to get the band program on the national level of positive recognition.

“I want the country speaking about our program in the same manner as they speak about the Ohio State and Southern University band programs,” he says. “In addition to our national notoriety that our band will eventually receive, more importantly, I want to increase the number of students that participate in University band to become graduates of KSU. We must increase the percentage of students that graduate that participate in this program.”

Level and his team have implemented a plan to help make that happen. The 65 students making up the band and the auxiliary are required to attend mandatory study sessions from 4-5:15 p.m., just before their daily rehearsals.

Level says it can be a challenge for students to take a full load of classes and participate in the marching band—with both taking up a large portion of their day.

“There isn’t much social time available for the students during band season. That is why I feel that it is up to the band director to establish the ‘family feel’ for the program so that we all can hold each other accountable,” he says.

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HOMECOMING 2015
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4
11 a.m. SGA CHURCH SERVICE - Bradford Hall
4 p.m. POWDER PUFF GAME - Jones Field

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5
6 p.m. HOMECOMING PEP RALLY - Amphitheater
8 p.m. ANNUAL HOMECOMING FASHION SHOW - Bell Gym

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. PICNIC BLOCK PARTY - Student Center Courtyard
7 p.m. SGA CABARET - Fourth Floor, Student Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7
8 p.m. ANNUAL HOMECOMING COMEDY SHOW - Bell Gym

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8
Noon - 5 p.m. ALUMNI REGISTRATION - Glass Room, Capital Plaza Hotel
7 p.m. MR. & MISS KSU CORONATION - Bradford Hall
Reception immediately following in the Carl M. Hill Student Center Ballroom, Fourth Floor
9 p.m. – Midnight BATTLE OF THE DJs - Ballroom, Capital Plaza Hotel
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9 - SPIRIT DAY: WEAR YOUR GREEN & GOLD!
8 – 10:30 a.m. KSU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST & MINI CAREER FAIR
Fourth Floor, Student Center - Sponsored by the U.S. Army
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. KSU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CLOTHES BANK
“Thorobreds on the Rise to Enhance our Treasures
(Trading Resources and Educating Adults for Success)”
Clothes Drop-off: McCullin Hall, Room 020
Starts at 9 a.m. ALUMNI REGISTRATION - Glass Room, Capital Plaza Hotel
9 a.m. K-CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT - Juniper Hill Golf Course - Entry Fee: $75
9 – 10:30 a.m. ALUMNI RECEPTION - Alumni House
11 a.m. FOUNDER’S DAY CONVOCATION - Bradford Hall
Speaker: Judge Hubert Grimes ’75
12:15 p.m. PRESIDENT’S LUNCH WITH ALUMNI - Underwood Cafeteria
Tickets for Alumni distributed at Founder’s Day Convocation and at Cafeteria
1 – 6 p.m. STREET FEST - University Drive
3 – 8 p.m.  **THOROBBRED RUN DAY PARTY** - VFW, 104 East Second Street - Cost: $15 / $20 at the door

6 – 8 p.m.  **CLASS OF 1965 DINNER** - Kentucky Room, Capital Plaza Hotel

7 p.m.  **KSU ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME BANQUET** - Fourth Floor, Student Center - Cost: $25

8 p.m.  **HOMECOMING STEP SHOW** - Exum Center
General Admission: $10 / VIP: $15

8 – 9:30 p.m.  **CLASSES IN REUNION HOSPITALITY** - Caucus Room, Capital Plaza Hotel

10 p.m. – 2 a.m.  **ALUMNI CABARET** - Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm
Entertainment: **Maestro J and His Blazing Violin** & **DJ Reggie Regg**
Alumni with Paid Membership Card: $35 / General Admission: $40

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 10 - GAME DAY**

8 a.m.  **FRANKFORT’S UNIVERSITY HOT HAM & JAM BREAKFAST**
Downtown Frankfort - Corner of Capital Avenue and Second Street
First Come, First Served

8 – 11:30 a.m.  **ALUMNI REGISTRATION** - Glass Room, Capital Plaza Hotel

9 a.m.  **HOMECOMING PARADE** - Downtown Frankfort
Clinton Street to the corner of Capital Avenue and Second Street

9 a.m. – Noon  **K-CLUB ANNUAL MEETING** - Seminar Rooms 205-206, Exum Center

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.  **KSU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CLOTHES BANK**
Clothes Drop-off: McCullin Hall, Room 020

1:30 p.m.  **HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME** - Alumni Stadium
Fort Valley State University vs. KSU
General Admission: $25

**AFTER GAME TAILGATE CITY CONCERT**
Entertainment: Unlimited Show Band

8 – 10 p.m.  **CLASSES IN REUNION MEET & GREET RECEPTION** - Fourth Floor, Student Center

9 p.m.  **SGA HOMECOMING CONCERT** - Frankfort Convention Center
Entertainment: **Fetty Wap** - Doors open at 7:30 p.m.
Cost: $25 / KSU Students FREE with current ID: Visit www.kysu.edu to purchase tickets

10 p.m. – 2 a.m.  **KSU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER ’70s PARTY**
Ballroom, Capital Plaza Hotel - Alumni with Paid Membership Card: $30 / General Admission: $35

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11 - FAREWELL . . . UNTIL NEXT TIME**

10 a.m. – Noon  **KSU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING**
Capital Plaza Hotel

Noon  **ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME** - KSU Baseball Field

3 p.m.  **SGA CAMPUS CLEANUP** - Meet at Student Center Courtyard

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HOMECOMING PACKAGE PICKUP
Homecoming packages may be picked up Thursday, Oct. 8 and Friday, Oct. 9, at the Capital Plaza Hotel during registration.

CLASSES IN REUNION HOSPITALITY
Hospitality, hosted by the KSU National Alumni Association in the Capital Plaza Hotel Caucus Room, is open to all paid alumni association members. You must present your card to enter. Friday, Oct. 9, 8 - 9:30 p.m.

GAME PARKING
Cars and Trucks $ 5
Tailgate City $25
RVs $50

RV spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are 8 electrical outlets available for RVs, 16 total RV spaces.

Free parking is available on game day in the Cabinet for Health and Family Services parking lot on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

TRANSPORTATION
Friday, Oct. 9, Thorobred Run Day Party
KSU buses to make shuttle runs between the Capital Plaza Hotel and the VFW - 2-8 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9, Alumni Cabaret at the Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm
KSU buses to make shuttle runs between the Capital Plaza Hotel and Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm.
From Hotel: 9 - 10:30 p.m.
From Research Farm: Midnight - 2 a.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10, Football Game
KSU buses to make shuttle runs between the Capital Plaza Hotel and Alumni Stadium.
From Hotel - 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
From Alumni Stadium - 4-6 p.m.

VENDORS
All vendors must contact Brandy Davis at (502) 597-5951 for registration costs and details. Registration must be submitted and confirmation received before game day.

PARADE
Parade information and entry forms can be obtained by contacting Dionna McDonald at (502) 597-6346.
TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT (25%) DISCOUNT ON THE COST OF TUITION FOR PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES AND FRANKFORT/FRANKLIN COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Your employer may offer additional financial assistance with the remaining tuition balance through a separate educational assistance program.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

What you must do:
1. If you have not attended KSU before, you must:
   a. Complete the KSU application process for admission. KSU's Application for Admission is online at www.kysu.edu, click on “Apply Now.”
   b. Be accepted into the University which will generate a campus wide Student Identification Number required for your registration at KSU.
   c. Proceed to Step 3.
2. If you are a current or former student of KSU and in good standing at the University, then you may proceed to Step 3.
3. Contact your Human Resources (HR) Department to request entry into this program.

This process will require submission of a request form to your employer. On this form, provide your basic personal and employment information, your student ID number, and semester/registration deadline dates.

NOTE: Your HR Department’s transmittal of your name and student ID number to KSU is the University’s verification of your eligibility for this program/discount.

REQUIREMENTS

1. All discounts and financial assistance from your agency are posted after federal financial aid (i.e. Pell Grants) has been applied.
2. No cash refunds will be generated to students as a result of this program unless the refund comes from an external non-federal grant or scholarship.
3. The University has payment plan options for those students who wish to pay the balance of the cost of attendance over the semester. Please contact the Bursars Office at (502) 597-6373 for more information.
4. You must be in good academic standing at the University in order to participate in this program.
5. All students must have registered for class and paid (or completed a University payment plan agreement) the associated cost of attending KSU by the close of registration. Registration dates are listed at www.kysu.edu.

IMPORTANT LINKS

Kentucky State University website: www.kysu.edu
Tuition and Fees Information: http://kysu.edu/tuition-and-fees/
Frequently Asked Questions: http://kysu.edu/admissions-faq/
Bursars Office Email Address: Bursarmail@kysu.edu
Financial Aid Department Email Address: finaidmail@kysu.edu
KSU Thorobreds Football Coach
Looks Forward to a Winning Season

After a rocky 2014-2015 season, the Kentucky State University Thorobreds hope to lay some groundwork for a winning run this year.

Head football coach Josh Dean, who is now entering his third year at KSU, says that as tough as last season was for the Thorobreds, there were some important lessons learned.

“It was draining because the guys played so well in so many games, and because of the fact that we were in it a lot of those games,” Dean says.

Of the 3-7 record, five of the losses were within seven points. “I expect now, those guys will have the memory and the wherewithal to know how to finish games. And if we could use that, I think we’ll have a real solid team and a good chance of making some special things happen this year,” he says.

As for what to expect from the team this year, “You can expect a lot of maturity this season—a lot of growth from the young men that have been here for a little while, also with the infused talent of the freshmen that we have coming in that we expect to contribute right away,” Dean says. “I feel like we’ve been lucky the last few years to get freshmen that can come in and make a contribution and not have to worry about what their classification is.”

He also says that along with their contribution on the field, many of the new players are in-state recruits, a perk that the football program hopes will bring out more fans and support.

The Thorobreds kicked off the season on Sept. 5, and though they’re taking it one game at a time, they are anticipating two of the bigger games of the season: Circle City Classic, where they take on Central State, and homecoming, where they face Fort Valley State.

“We’ve had our bumps and our bruises, but we feel like we’re finally getting the guys molded to what we want: to expect to be playing at the end of the year for a championship, have high expectations for ourselves and have the character of a champion,” Dean says.
By any measurement, 80 years is a long time. The Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., is celebrating that landmark this year. “You look back and you wonder where the time went. You reflect on all of the great people that came before you and you know that you are a part of something special,” says Michael “Big Money” Rankins as he laughs about his line name from his days on campus in 1978.

This year is special not only because of the chapter’s 80th year anniversary, but because the Alpha Upsilon Foundation, founded in 2008, has made a commitment to support not only the undergraduate chapter of Alpha Upsilon, but also the KSU National Alumni Association. This year’s homecoming events will be a joint venture funded by the National Alumni Association and Alpha Upsilon Foundation. The collaboration will focus on four signature events including the Battle of the DJs on Thursday, Oct. 8, and the Alumni Cabaret on Friday, Oct. 9 at the Harold R. Benson Research Farm. The event will feature jazz violinist Maestro J and DJ Reggie Regg. On Oct. 10, the After Game Tailgate City Concert will feature the Unlimited Show Band, and the Saturday Night Fever ’70s Party will capture the nostalgia with the best in old school music.

The partnership is an example of what can happen when people and organizations are committed to making their University the best that it can be.

“The partnership with Alpha Upsilon creates a win/win for all of us. We need to get more organizations and individuals in our alumni association to step up and do their part,” says Venita Hawkins, president of the KSU National Alumni Association and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. “The Greek experience, I hope will always be a valuable part of the college experience. It’s an environment that helps you to mature and to learn how to be a leader,” Hawkins says.

Rankins says the only way to maintain the legacy of KSU is for those who have gone through her doors to continue to give back. A difference can be made by providing support to the alumni association and deserving KSU students.

“As alumni of Greek organizations, we should all provide perennial financial support to scholarships and the University operations per se,” Rankins says. “As Greeks, our role as undergraduates or graduates is to provide leadership, good citizenship and become University Ambassadors at all times.”

Due to the joint effort, those who make the trip back for a great homecoming weekend will be in store for some memorable activities. When asked what makes homecoming special and what draws them to return year after year, Rankins and Hawkins mention events such as the Founders’ Day Convocation, the football game and tailgate, the old school dance and the KSU National Alumni General Assembly Meeting. They also agree that the camaraderie, re-acquaintances with fellow alumni and the opportunity to reflect on simpler times also play a part in making KSU’s homecoming special.

Editor’s Note: The Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi is not currently active on campus. The chapter will be eligible to return in January 2017.
For years David Neville, an alumnus who grew up poor in Henry County, Ky., looked for ways to pay back the University that contributed, in large part, to his success in life. He was the first in his family to graduate from college and he worked in corporate America.

“The best job I ever had, I got because I graduated from Kentucky State University,” he says. “I worked for AT&T. Could I have done that just finishing high school? No, I couldn’t have, so it’s meant a lot to me.”

Neville graduated with a marketing major in 1985. Fast forward 30 years later, he is now helping to recruit students in his role as an alumnus.

Although Neville says he has only a small part in the University’s recruitment efforts, he was moved by President Raymond M. Burse’s comments before different groups.

“He made the comment, ‘I’m all about the students and about recruiting quality students,’” says Neville. “And I said to President Burse, I have a couple of ideas about that and if it suits you I’ll share those with you.”

Neville had been at a meeting on campus where Nancy Calix, who is on staff in KSU’s College of Agriculture, Food Science and Sustainable Systems, expressed to Burse the need to increase recruitment efforts in the Hispanic community.

Less than a year later, 10 Hispanic students have started at the University this fall after receiving scholarship letters personally delivered by Neville. Previously, he focused recruiting efforts by talking to teachers and neighbors in Henry and Shelby counties, where he farms, about KSU’s programs.

“For me to be just one little bit instrumental in changing a kid’s life, when I’ve had a lot of help in mine, that’s a big deal,” he says.

KSU alumni director Wendell Thomas, who helped Neville distribute the scholarship letters, says that was just part of Neville’s commitment to KSU.

“He has demonstrated to me his love and care for the University,” says Thomas. “He always has the attitude, ‘Let’s do something to help Kentucky State.’”
The Permanent Alumni Scholarship Fund celebrated its 25th year by awarding scholarships to eight KSU students. The students, hailing from cities across the country, each received a $1,000 scholarship made possible by the PAS Fund.

“Collectively, we are excited about our vision and 25th anniversary year,” says Patricia Russell-McCloud, chair of the organization’s promotions committee. “Significantly, through their giving, KSU alumni, friends and supporters have made this accomplishment possible.”

The PAS Fund was started by the class of 1965 during its 25th Class In Reunion celebration in 1990. The class credits Dr. Herbert N. Watkins and Phyllis Stovall Glover as being instrumental in crafting the initial scholarship. Shortly after the fund’s creation, the KSU National Alumni Association adopted the PAS Fund as its official scholarship. Lytle T. Davis was appointed the first chairman of the PAS Fund Committee and has served in that position since its inception.

In honor of this milestone year, organizers of the fund hope to encourage a new wave of alumni support in addition to the supporters who have given consistently over the years. Some members have given between $5,000 and $10,000 over the years, and several other individuals have given more.

During this 25th year celebration of the PAS Fund, organizers are asking all KSU alumni to make a contribution to the PAS Fund. Their goal, they say, is to increase the PAS Fund principal balance from approximately $427,000 to $600,000, which would allow for an increase in scholarships awarded.

“Every awardee benefits from a financial scholarship award in support of their academic achievement, which is often made against the odds,” Russell-McCloud says. “These scholarships greatly assist in eliminating monetary encumbrances to the University and affords student recipients the opportunity to actively engage in their responsibility to ensure excellence, without excuse.”
Celebrating 25 years of the PAS Fund’s inception, we are requesting your financial support during our celebration year and each year thereafter.

The PAS Fund is an endowment, which means the principal amount remains in the fund and scholarships are given from the earnings of the fund. With the generous support of alumni and matching funds from the state, the fund balance is $421,000 as of June 30, 2014.

The Permanent Alumni Scholarship (PAS) Fund is the official scholarship fund of the Kentucky State University National Alumni Association. The PAS Fund was started by the Class of 1965 during its 25th Class In Reunion celebration in 1990.

The PAS Fund is in position to offer eight $1,000 scholarships for Fall 2015.

PAS FUND ANNUAL GIVING LEVELS
  Founder - $1,000 or more in a year
  Patron - $500 to $999 in a year
  Ambassador - $250 to $499 in a year
  Pioneer - $100 to $249 in a year
  Donor - $25 to $99 in a year

PAS FUND LIFETIME GIVING LEVELS
  1890 Society - $20,000 and above
  1930 Society - $10,000 and above
  1990 Society - $5,000 - $9,999 and above

Contributions can be made via mail or online.

KSU Foundation
P.O. Box 4210
Frankfort, KY 40604-4210

Please write “PAS Fund” in the comments section:
https://secure.kentucky.gov/formservices/kysu/donation
The Memphis Chapter of the Kentucky State University National Alumni Association is dedicated to spreading the green and gold throughout the Blues City. Over the past year, the chapter represented KSU by participating in three college fairs in its area.

“We attend college fairs to inform Memphis-area students that KSU is another option beyond TSU, Lane, Arkansas Pine-Bluff and Jackson State,” says Al Dyson, president of the chapter. He says the Memphis Chapter has a difficult task in recruiting with a number of HBCUs being in such close vicinity. But the challenge hasn’t stopped them from making KSU more visible in their city.

As a result of its college fair participation, the 30-member chapter was able to introduce more than 300 high school juniors and seniors to the University. Those efforts led to 50 students applying to KSU.

In addition to guiding new students to KSU, the Memphis Alumni Chapter is committed to supporting current Thorobreds.

“We attend the local KSU team visits to show the KSU teams they have local supporters,” Dyson says.

Members of the chapter went out to support the men’s and women’s basketball teams when they played LeMoyne-Owen College during the 2015 season. Chapter members have also attended baseball games and track meets, Dyson says. “Also, we generally meet for lunch or dinner before the track, baseball, and basketball games.”

Dyson says that the chapter’s members try to make it a point to contact students they meet at college fairs so they can see undergrads. “It allows the students we meet at college fairs to talk directly to the athletes about KSU and how they like their college experience,” he says.

The members also remain active alumni in other ways. Reggie Lake, vice president of the chapter, for instance, had the honor of serving on the Constitution Committee while Tammy Young served on the House and Ways Committee. Richard Campbell has hosted several KSU webinars.
Hettie Oldham's desk sits tucked inside of KSU’s records and special collections wing of the Paul G. Blazer Library. It's there that she and archives records manager Sharon McGee maintain books, papers and pamphlets pertaining to the University and its history. But if the historical event in question happened between the years of 1973 to today, chances are Oldham could probably tell you about it firsthand.

Oldham attended Kentucky State University as an undergraduate, and there was something about her dear alma mater that just wouldn't let her stay away. After attending graduate school and working briefly for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Oldham returned to the Hill in 1980.

“I just loved being here because it allowed me to grow. It allowed me to make mistakes. But it did instill in me the belief that I could be anything that I wanted to be,” she says. “The experience I had here is more valuable than money. Money could not have given me what K-State gave me. And K-State gave me the arena to be me.”

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As an undergrad, Oldham served as president of the student body, was editor of the yearbook, became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and found a church home at First Baptist Church. She also served as a student regent. Just this year, she was voted staff regent by her peers, bringing her journey full circle.

Oldham's journey to her current position led her through several departments within the institution. She was an instructor of social work, investigated research projects, managed the bookstore and even worked in Student Life before becoming an archives assistant 10 years ago.

With such deep roots in the University, Oldham has seen many changes around campus. She's worked for six presidents, seen several buildings added and witnessed changes in the student body and campus life.

She remembers the campus community being very close-knit when she was a student.
From The Editor

Calling All Thorobreds!

Kentucky State University is getting ready for the two most important events in KSU football, the Circle City Classic and homecoming. We are counting on your support to ensure that we have record attendance at both events. I know that Thorobred pride is steeped in tradition, and whenever there is an opportunity to show the pride, respect and loyalty that you have for your university, you have been up for the task.

The transformation continues at KSU, and I hope that you have noticed some of the changes. We have successfully brought back Onward & Upward as a printed and online publication to keep you connected to your University. We are sending out quarterly alumni postcards just to keep in touch. Our goal is to be responsive to each of you as we continue to move forward to become your direct means of contact to your University. We are committed to “In All Things Excellence.”

That being said, the success we have in Alumni Relations is directly related to our office receiving your support, which comes in many ways. We welcome your time as volunteers, your ideas to make your University better and, of course, your financial commitment to ensure that the University will continue on its path of growth.

We have great events planned for the Circle City Classic that will give you the opportunity to connect with friends. We want to win the battle of the bands and fan support, so we are expecting to see each of you there in big numbers.

Homecoming will be most memorable with a new twist on some standard events. The Friday alumni party has moved to the Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm as an upscale cabaret, with great entertainment and one-of-a-kind views. An employee recruitment breakfast sponsored by the U.S. Army and corporate businesses, which will be interviewing and discussing the employment climate for those who want to advance in their chosen career field. The event will be held on Saturday morning, Oct. 10. Classes will be in reunion and Tailgate City will be vibrant with activities.

So to the Thorobred Nation, we thank you for all that you do. We are anticipating your arrival. We need you not only to show up, we need your financial support and then, of course, show out in true Thorobred fashion.

Max A. Maxwell
Interim Vice President for External Relations & Development
Kentucky State University features a **Chapter of the Quarter** and a **KSU Alumni Member of the Quarter** in each issue of *Onward & Upward.*

If you would like to suggest an Alumni Chapter of the Quarter, please recommend chapters that meet the following criteria:

1. Chapters showing growth
2. Unique projects
3. Fundraising activities
4. Galas/Events held
5. Mentoring programs (youth engagement)
6. Recruitment events
7. Students from your area who are attending KSU
8. Community engagement

If you would like to suggest an Alumni Member of the Quarter, please recommend individuals who meet the following criteria:

1. Financially supporting a chapter in their area
2. Active in a chapter in their area

**Alumni Update and KSU Around the Globe**

Send important moments in your life (job promotions, exotic travel, etc.) to us. We would also love to see photos of you in your KSU apparel while traveling for a snapshot segment called “KSU Around the Globe.”

**In Memoriam**

If you know about a KSU alum who has passed away within the quarter, send us the individual’s name, class year and obituary information.

Deadlines for submission for our next publication is October 15.

Email all information to: alumnirelations@kysu.edu.
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Many people believe they cannot make a difference in a campaign. However, the chart below is an illustration of just how easy it really is to give.

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Annual Giving Clubs
Your contribution is vital to Kentucky State University. A minimum gift of $25 will qualify you for an annual giving club. Please give special consideration to becoming a member of one of the following giving clubs:

- **Thorobred Club**
  - $25 - $99
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  - $1,000 - $4,999
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  - $100 - $249
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  - $500 - $999
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  - $5,000 - $9,999
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