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KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY CONFERS MORE THAN 220 DEGREES AT *commencement*

More than 220 Kentucky State University graduates crossed the stage Friday, May 10 during the Spring 2019 Commencement Convocation in the William Exum Center. Nurses, educators, business professionals, computer scientists, farmers and future leaders of all kinds now go forth from the University, ready for the next level of success.

The 22nd National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Dr. Gwendolyn E. Boyd, who received the Doctor of Humane Letters honorary degree from Kentucky State, delivered the commencement address. “Today we have come to celebrate all of your effort, enthusiasm, and all the sacrifices you have made,” Boyd said. “You did it. This is your day.” Boyd offered advice to the class of 2019.

“Remain relevant in your field,” Boyd said. “Stay up-to-date. Stay focused. On the job, be the one that’s indispensable. Be outspoken. Don’t let anybody put you in a box and tell you what you can or cannot do, because you are a graduate of Kentucky State University.”

John M. Bradley was the class valedictorian but was unable to attend commencement. His advisor, Dr. Suzette Polson, gave remarks on his behalf. Bradley retired from Kentucky State Police and finished his biology degree. Bradley is applying for medical school. Bradley said he admired the courage of his classmates. Bradley said he watched classmates persist to earn a degree despite illness, raising

a family or leaving support systems behind to come to a new place to learn. “The class of 2019 embrace the ideals of inclusiveness, academic excellence and courage,” Polson said on Bradley’s behalf.

President Brown announced other interesting facts about the class of 2019: the class is comprised of four military veterans; the youngest graduate is 20 and the oldest graduate – Lila Johnson – is 59 years old. A posthumous degree was awarded to the family of Robert Scott Jones, a student who passed away before finishing his degree.

Musical guest and national recording artist Chrisette Michele brought the house down with musical selections “Total Praise” and “A Couple of Forever’s.”

President Brown honored and acknowledged the golden graduates of the class of 1969, celebrating their 50th anniversary. President Brown also recognized the first graduating class of nursing students (1969) and Dr. Lee Charles Harris, who was instrumental in developing the nursing program.

The Kentucky State University marching band and cheerleaders made a surprise appearance, playing “Da Butt” for graduates one more time before they left the hill. President Brown gave each graduate their first \$2, a challenge coin and a special graduation t-shirt for everyone in attendance.



A KENTUCKY STATE
UNIVERSITY JUNIOR
WAS SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE
COMMONWEALTH DURING THE
2019 COLLEGE
STUDENT CONGRESS
IN LEXINGTON AND WASHINGTON, D.C.

One rising college senior from each state is selected by The Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship to participate in the College Student Congress. Madison Paige Powell, a political science major from Lawrenceburg, represented Kentucky during the May event. “I was elated to have the opportunity to represent Kentucky in the 2019 College Student Congress,” Powell said. “I believe that holding a position in the College Student Congress is a tremendous opportunity and I looked forward to networking.”

Powell said the experience served as good personal development, while also developing her potential to be a global leader. Powell also said the experience provided training for her future endeavors in public law.

According to The Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship website, the College Student Congress gathers 50 students together with lawmakers, academics, politicians, journalists and business leaders to learn about the dynamics of public policy and public policy decision-making through the lens of the legacy of Kentucky statesman and compromiser, Henry Clay. Students focus on different dimensions of four unique policy challenges currently facing the country. Previous topics have included health care, net neutrality, national security, immigration, transportation and national debt.

Students participated in intensive curriculum and project designed by the University of Kentucky Martin School of Public Policy and Administration and the Henry Clay Center staff. Afterward, students had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. to take what they’d learned about public policy and see it in action.

As part of the program, the Henry Clay Center assists students by cultivating summer internship opportunities across government and the private sector in the Washington D.C. area. Powell said she was encouraged to apply by Dr. Charles Holloway, assistant vice president for student success, and Kentucky State University President M. Christopher Brown II.

Powell is extremely active at Kentucky State, serving as president of the Whitney M. Young Honors Student Council, a member of KSU Girls Rock, Student Government Association junior class vice president, former president and current vice president of the Pre-Law Society, member of the Honda Campus All-Stars quiz bowl team and many other organizations.

For more information about the College Student Congress, visit henryclaycenter.org.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY REDUCES NON-RESIDENT TUITION

The Kentucky State University Board of Regents approved an agreement to lower tuition for out-of-state students.

The Board of Regents approved a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) to reduce non-resident tuition from \$9,500 per semester to \$5,775 per semester for students in the seven states contiguous to Kentucky, as well as Michigan.

Out-of-state tuition will be reduced beginning with the Fall 2019 semester. Students under the Thoroughbred Promise (a four-year tuition guarantee) will have their guarantee adjusted to

reflect the lower tuition levels. This initiative reduces financial barriers for students to graduate in four years.

According to Kentucky State University President M. Christopher Brown II, “This tuition reduction enables Kentucky State University to be a more competitive option for students and parents seeking a quality education at an affordable price.”

Brown also stated that recruitment strategies involving the new rate will assist the campus community and alumni in their enrollment efforts of out-of-state students.