



Heritage Assembly

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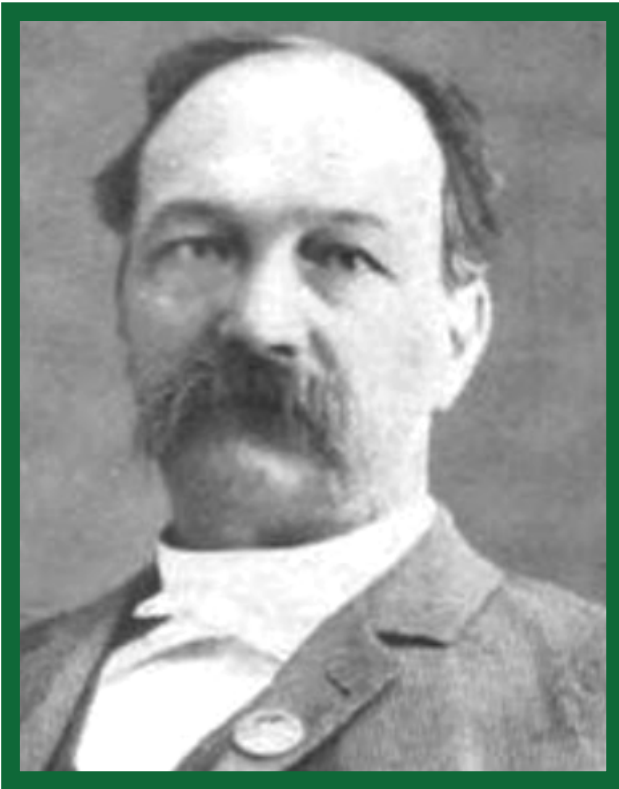
KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

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KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Founded 1886



EDGAR ENOCH HUME
1875 – 1877
State Representative



JOHN HENRY JACKSON
1886 – 1898
First President



KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Heritage

From its modest beginnings as a small normal school for the training of African American teachers, Kentucky State University has grown into a land-grant and liberal arts institution that prepares a diverse student population to compete in a multifaceted, ever-changing global society.

Kentucky State University began as an idea on October 15, 1885. The Commonwealth needed more normal schools to train African American teachers for employment in its Black elementary schools. On May 18, 1886, legislators authorized the school's creation, and the university was chartered as the State Normal School for Colored Persons, the second state-supported institution of higher learning in Kentucky.

During the euphoria of Frankfort's 1886 centennial celebration, when vivid recollections of the Civil War remained, the city's 4,000 residents were keenly interested in having the new institution located in Frankfort. Toward that end, the city donated \$1,500, a considerable amount in 1886 dollars, and a site on a scenic bluff overlooking the town. This united display of community enthusiasm and commitment secured the new college's place in Frankfort despite competition from several other cities.

Recitation Hall—now Jackson Hall—the college's first building, was erected in 1887. The new school opened on October 11, 1887, with three teachers, 55 students and John Henry Jackson as its first president.

Kentucky State became a land-grant college in 1890, and the departments of home economics, agriculture and mechanics were added to the school's curriculum. The school produced its first graduating class of five students in the spring of that year.

As the school began to grow and change, so too did its moniker. In 1902, the name was changed to Kentucky Normal and Industrial Institute for Colored Persons. The name was changed again in 1926 to Kentucky State Industrial College for Colored Persons.

By 1929, most students had access to high school, leading then-President Rufus B. Atwood to discontinue the college's high school, which had been in operation since 1893.

Even so, Atwood's 33-year tenure was marked by dramatic institutional growth including the first modern yearbook, the first student newspaper, and most notably, by gaining accreditation for the institution. His administrative acuity and political acumen were necessary to position the university for growth during a period of marked social change, while avoiding fallout in the political town of Frankfort.

In 1938, the school was named Kentucky State College for Negroes and began focusing again on offering more traditional liberal arts education. The college notably gained full accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools the following year.

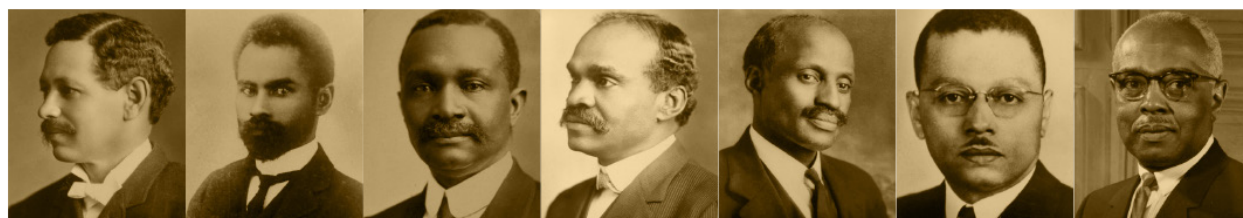
The term "for Negroes" was dropped in 1952 when the school's name became merely Kentucky State College. In 1972, it became Kentucky State University and enrolled its first graduate students in the School of Public Affairs in 1973.

In the 45 years since then, more than 43 new structures or major building expansions have enhanced Kentucky State University's 914-acre campus, which includes a 311-acre agricultural research farm and a 306-acre environmental education center.

Today, Kentucky State University is led by Acting President Clara Ross Stamps. It is a public institution with an enrollment of approximately 1,900 students and 151 full-time faculty members. The university's diverse mix of faculty, staff, and students has made Kentucky State the most diverse public institution in the Commonwealth, and among the most diverse nationwide.



List of Presidents



JOHN HENRY JACKSON
1886 – 1898

JAMES EDWARD GIVENS
1898 – 1900

JAMES SHELTON HATHAWAY
1900 – 1907

JOHN HENRY JACKSON
1907 – 1910

JAMES SHELTON HATHAWAY
1910 – 1912

GREEN PINCKNEY RUSSELL
1912 – 1923

FRANCIS MARION WOOD
1923 – 1924

GREEN PINCKNEY RUSSELL
1924 – 1929

RUFUS B. ATWOOD
1929 – 1962

CARL MCCLELLAN HILL
1962 – 1975

WILLIAM A. BUTTS
1975 – 1982

RAYMOND M. BURSE
1982 – 1989

JOHN T. WOLFE, JR.
1990 – 1991

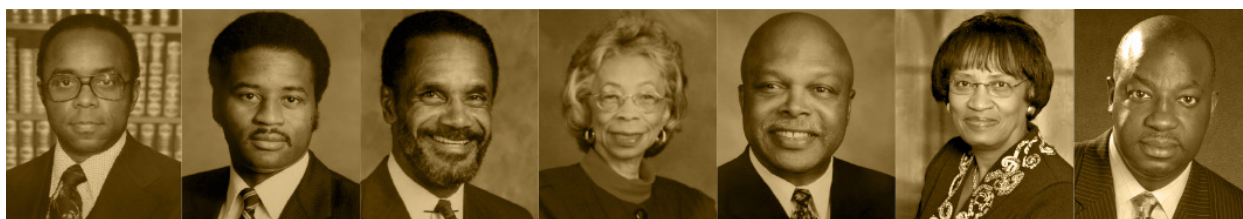
MARY L. SMITH
1991 – 1998

GEORGE W. REID
1998 – 2002

MARY EVANS SIAS
2004 – 2014

RAYMOND M. BURSE
2014 – 2016

M. CHRISTOPHER BROWN II
2017 – 2021





Board of Regents

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DR. CAROLYN BURNS '25

DR. RAHUL REDDY '27

DR. GERALD W. PATTON '27

MR. JASON ROBINSON '22

MR. EDWARD FIELDS '22

DR. HERMAN WALSTON '22

Institutional Officers

MS. CLARA ROSS STAMPS – ACTING PRESIDENT

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DR. STASHIA EMANUEL – Acting Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives



Speaker Biography



REV. DR. KILEN K. GRAY is a native of Memphis, Tennessee. He is a graduate of Kentucky State University with a Bachelor of Science in computer science. Gray earned a Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He was conferred an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Simmons College of Kentucky.

Gray serves as dean of community life for the Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Louisville. In this capacity, he oversees all student affairs functions for master-level and doctoral students and provides human resources functions for seminary employees. Gray also serves as an adjunct professor for Louisville Seminary's Doctor of Ministry and Black church studies programs. Previously, Gray served as human resources and community coordinator for the Shelby County Public School district. Prior to this, Gray was a systems engineer for Humana Inc. in its contracts administration department for seven years.

In February 2021, Gray was elected to serve as interim pastor of First Baptist Church of Jeffersontown. He previously served for 35 years as senior pastor of the New Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Shelbyville, Kentucky.

Gray is co-founder, chief operating officer, and program director of the batterer intervention program for Creative Spirits Behavioral Health Center, a state-licensed, outpatient mental health facility in Shelbyville. He is co-founder and member of the board of directors of GGT, Inc., a community development corporation of the New Mt. Zion Baptist church, which seeks to reduce violence and provide support to families within high crime and high violence communities. Gray is also the co-founder of Creative Spirits Ministries, the preaching teaching ministry of Kilen and Cassandra Gray. He is certified by the Cabinet for Health and Family Services as a domestic violence batterer intervention provider.

Gray's community service activities and recognitions include serving as commissioner for Kentucky African-American Heritage Commission; a member and past president of the Shelbyville/Shelby County Branch of NAACP; a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; recipient of the Nolan C. Allen Man of Distinction Award; recipient of the Adult Black Achiever Award; and a member of the Potter's House International Pastoral Alliance.

Gray resides in Shelbyville, Kentucky with his wife, Rev. Cassandra Harris-Gray, and their two daughters, Lashondra and Raechele.



Heritage Assembly

CLARA ROSS STAMPS, ACTING PRESIDENT
presiding

PRELUDE

Mr. Gordon D. Ford, Organist

THE SUMMONS TO ASSEMBLY

Dr. Leroy Hamilton Jr.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

SELECTION

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
(by James and J. Rosamond Johnson)

Ms. Kha'Lea Wainwright
2021-22 Miss Freshman

WELCOME

Ms. Dezyrée M. Fields
92nd Miss Kentucky State University

SELECTION

"Dear God"
(by Smokie Norful)

Pastor Mario J. Radford
Growth Point Church
Lexington, KY





— *Program Continued*

LITANY OF OUR HERITAGE

*From the African American Heritage Hymnal
(by Delores Carpenter and Nolan E. Williams Jr.)*

Dr. Charles Holloway
Dean of Students

LEADER: Oh God, you have heard the anguished cries of our ancestors. Their sounds echo and penetrate time to remind us of our foreparents who were brutally captured and forcibly enslaved, as they left the peaceful womb of their African homeland.

AUDIENCE: "Stony the road we trod."

LEADER: Oh God, you have seen the millions of dark bodies buried beneath the tumultuous waves of the deep. Bodies of African men and women who held the seeds of greatness. You have seen women's dreams for a united family vanish as they were sold at auction blocks. You have seen the legacy of the African-American family decimated and demeaned by those who have attempted to control our destiny.

AUDIENCE: "Bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died."

LEADER: Oh God, you have ignited the sparks within us into a blazing demand for freedom, equality and justice. This quest cost Harriet Tubman sleepless nights, as she led her people to freedom; it was an equality that Rosa Parks and civil rights activists fought for and gave their lives for; it was justice that Martin Luther King, Jr. stood for, as thousands stood with him at the Lincoln Memorial.

AUDIENCE: "Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet, come to the place for which our fathers sighed?"

LEADER: Oh God, you have seen our tears. You have been pained by the evil of human hearts. Yet, you loved humanity enough that you sent your only Son to identify with the outcast, marginalized and rejected. As the cries of Jesus pierced your heart, so have the cries of your people—cries from different cultures and in different languages.

AUDIENCE: "God of our weary years, God of our silent tears."

LEADER: O God, you answered us during our exodus from Africa. You wiped every teardrop during our exile in captivity. Our foreparents dared to dream that one day, on these shores, we would become politicians, preachers, educators, doctors, writers, scientists, artists, and so much more.

AUDIENCE: "Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee."

LEADER: Our ancestors' hard work, their courage, their convictions, and their belief in you paved the way for our emancipation and education. But it is clear, you have liberated us. You have set us free. "Free at last, free at last, thank God Almighty, I'm free at last!"

TOGETHER: "Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee. Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand. True to our God and true to our native land."



— *Program Continued*

SPOKEN WORD

“Freedom Just Ain’t Free”

Mr. Farrad Lyle-Muhammad

President, Nation of Islam Student Association

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Ms. Morgan Faith Payton

2021-22 2nd Vice President,
Student Government Association

2022 HERITAGE ASSEMBLY ADDRESS

Rev. Dr. Kilen Gray

Dean of Community Life,
Louisville Presbyterian

2022 HERITAGE AWARDS

Dr. Stashia Emanuel

Acting Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives

CLOSING REMARKS

President Stamps

ALMA MATER

Pastor Radford



Accreditation and Affiliations

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award the associate, bachelor, master's and the Doctor of Nursing Practice degrees. You may contact the SACSCOC via mail at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or via phone at (404) 679-4501.

The University also holds accreditation with the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, the National Association of Schools of Music, the National Association of Industrial Technology, the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs, the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration and the Council on Social Work Education.



HERITAGE AWARD

Descriptions and Recipients **THE ACADEMIC HERITAGE AWARD**

This award is granted by the University to an individual/organization who has made significant contributions to the academic heritage of Kentucky State University. The institutional history extends back to its modest beginnings as a small normal school for the training of Black teachers for the Black schools of Kentucky in 1886. The mission of educating all of the students who enter our gates has been central since the repurposing of the institutional mission. The recipient of this award has demonstrated excellence in academic programs and/or student life.

2022 – MS. MARY T. FIELDS
2021 – MS. GLORIA WILSON GILES
2020 – DR. GASHAW LAKE
2019 – DR. BETTY SUE GRIFFIN
2018 – DR. LEE CHARLES HARRIS

THE ACCESS HERITAGE AWARD

This award is granted by the University to an individual/organization who has made significant contributions to the equal educational opportunity and institutional access heritage of Kentucky State University. Since our founding in 1886, Kentucky State University has celebrated a diverse student and faculty population with a commitment to educating the progeny of the formerly disenfranchised citizens of Kentucky. The emphasis on racial equity and educational access is a cornerstone in our institutional mission and outreach focus. The recipient of this award strives to promote collegiate access for all students irrespective of race, class, and and/or gender.

2022 – THORN HILL EDUCATION CENTER (FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY)
2021 – SIGMA PI PHI, PSI BOULÉ
2020 – THE SHOWCASE OF HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY)
2019 – BLINKS TRANSFER ENTERPRISE (LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY)
2018 – COMMUNITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH (LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY)



— *Descriptions and Recipients Continued*

THE AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE AWARD

This award is granted by the University to an individual/organization who has made significant contributions to the agricultural heritage of Kentucky State University. Founded four years before passage of the Second Morrill Act of 1890, Kentucky State University is the second state-supported institution of higher learning in Kentucky. The institution has been lauded for a focus on agrarian studies and research that has transformed policy and practice in agriculture. The recipient of this award has contributed to the growth and enhancement of agricultural sciences.

2022 – DR. MARION F. SIMON
2021 – DR. JOANNE BANKSTON
2020 – DR. JAMES TIDWELL
2019 – DR. HERMAN WALSTON
2018 – DR. HAROLD R. BENSON (POSTHUMOUS)

THE ATHLETIC HERITAGE AWARD

This award is granted by the University to an individual/organization who has made significant contributions to the athletic heritage of Kentucky State University. Kentucky has a long established tradition of excellence in intercollegiate and professional sports. The commitment to producing and developing scholar-athletes who possess intellectual acuity, kinesthetic acumen, and civic gravitas is central to Kentucky State University's values. The recipient of this award has exemplified the University's tradition of excellence in the athletic arena.

2022 – MR. LEON D. SLATTER
2021 – MS. JACQUENETTA BONE-BROOKS
2020 – MR. LORENZO CROFT
2019 – MR. ELMORE SMITH
2018 – MR. RODERICK J. LEWIS



HERITAGE HONOREES

MS. MARY T. FIELDS

Mary T. Fields is a native of Danville, Kentucky. Upon graduation from Danville High School in 1968, she was accepted to Kentucky State College where she graduated with an associate degree in nursing. Fields was part of the second graduating class in nursing. She later graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor of Science in nursing and a master's in public administration from Kentucky State University.

After graduating from Kentucky State, Fields was approached by the Kentucky State College physician with a job offer, which she accepted. Fields became affectionately known by students, faculty, and staff as Nurse Fields and sometimes as Nurse Betty White. Fields retired after 40 years of uninterrupted service at the Betty White Health Center as the director of student health/University nurse. Fields implemented a free women's health clinic for students that was coordinated with the Franklin County Health Department. Fields implemented a student health insurance and immunization policy for students and supervised the University's free student dental clinic. While employed at KSU, Fields received many certificates of appreciation from students and staff, and was selected employee of the month by the University.

While an undergraduate, Fields was invited to pledge Alpha Pi Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. She celebrated 50 years of service in 2019. Fields holds a life membership with the Kentucky State University National Alumni Association, where she served as national secretary for three years. She currently serves as the secretary for the KSU Frankfort alumni chapter and on the Kentucky region chapter awards committee.

Fields is a member of the Frankfort/Lexington chapter of the Links, Incorporated. She has served as a member of several local public service organizations such as the Frankfort Women's Club, the foster care review board and Frankfort Hospice of the Bluegrass.



— *Bios Continued*

THORN HILL EDUCATION CENTER (FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY)

The history of the Thorn Hill Education Center reflects one community's response to the "under education" of a segment of its citizens. Miracles have happened and continue to happen at 700 Leslie Ave. Some of those left behind in the modern technological revolution are finding hope through customized adult education. The Thorn Hill story is about a few individuals and community institutions who dared to believe something could be done to help the under-educated become more productive workers and citizens.



— *Bios Continued*

DR. MARION F. SIMON

Raised on a small tenant farm in Scott County, Kentucky, Dr. Marion Simon received a Bachelor of Science in animal science and a Master of Science in agricultural economics from the University of Kentucky. Simon followed these degrees with a Ph.D. in agricultural economics in the areas of farm management, marketing, and systems analysis. Simon has served as the state specialist for small farm and part-time farmers at Kentucky State University since 1984 (38 years), the 1890 SARE Coordinator (1997 – present) and was promoted to Extension professor in 2013.

Simon developed the small farm program, the 2501 outreach program, the Third Thursday Thing, the fourth Wednesday beef cattle program, and has developed and taught many farmer educational programs. She has received numerous funded grant proposals, amounting to several million dollars. Simon has served on numerous USDA grant panels and regional and national committees.

Simon's numerous awards include the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture's Honor of Excellence Award, the APLU Excellence in Extension 1890 Award, the 1890 Association of Extension Administrators Excellence in Extension Agriculture and Small Farm Specialist Awards, and she was inducted into the Tuskegee University George Washington Carver Hall of Fame.

An avid horseman, in her spare time Simon owns and operates her small farm, MS Quarter Horses, where she raises and shows quarter horses at the regional and national levels.



— *Bios Continued*

MR. LEON D. SLATTER

Leon D. Slatter is a native of Tifton, Georgia. Upon graduation from Wilson High School in Tifton, Slatter earned a Bachelor of Science in health and physical education from Kentucky State University and a Bachelor of Theology from Simmons Bible College.

Slatter served 30 years as a county Extension agent for 4-H and youth development through the University of Kentucky Extension service. Since 1986, Slatter has served as the pastor of Cadentown Missionary Baptist Church. He has served as the past moderator of the Howards Creek District Association and president of the Central Kentucky Network of Baptists.

Slatter was married for 37 years to the late Barbara J. Griffin Slatter and is the father to Marcus Slatter and Dr. Miriam Hall.



The Heritage Anthem

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING***

James and Rosamond Johnson

LIFT EV'RY VOICE AND SING,
TILL EARTH AND HEAVEN RING,
RING WITH THE HARMONIES OF LIBERTY;
LET OUR REJOICING RISE
HIGH AS THE LIST'NING SKIES,
LET IT RESOUND LOUD AS THE ROLLING SEA.
SING A SONG FULL OF THE FAITH THAT THE DARK PAST HAS TAUGHT US,
SING A SONG FULL OF THE HOPE THAT THE PRESENT HAS BROUGHT US;
FACING THE RISING SUN OF OUR NEW DAY BEGUN,
LET US MARCH ON TILL VICTORY IS WON.

*** (REDACTED TO STANZA ONE.)



The Alma Mater

Lyrics by
Frederick Jarmon '43

Music Arrangement
Harriet N. Gibbons '45

HAIL TO OUR ALMA MATER, DEAR IS HER NAME,
AND THERE SHALL BE NO OTHER TO SURPASS HER FAME.
HERS IS THE HAND THAT GUIDES US DAY AFTER DAY,
AND SHE WILL STAND BESIDE US, WHEN WE GO ON OUR WAY.

MAY BLESSINGS BE UPON HER, SHEPHERD OF YOUTH;
SHE HOLDS THE SEAT OF HONOR, IN THE HALL OF TRUTH.
MEM'RIES OF HER SHALL NEVER FADE FROM OUR HEARTS,
AND WE WILL PRAISE HER EVER, FOR THE LOVE SHE IMPARTS.

SING EV'RY VOICE TOGETHER, LET ECHOES RISE.
HAIL TO OUR ALMA MATER, SHOUT TO THE SKIES.
HOLDING THE TORCH OF WISDOM, SHE LEADS THE WAY
CLASPING THE HAND OF FREEDOM, AS SHE MARCHES ALONG.



Mission Statement

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY is a public, comprehensive, historically black land-grant university committed to advancing the Commonwealth of Kentucky, enhancing society, and impacting individuals by providing quality teaching with a foundation in liberal studies, scholarly research, and public service to enable productive lives within the diverse global economy.

Vision Statement

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY prepares today's students as global citizens, lifelong learners and problem solvers. To accomplish this, Kentucky State University must challenge itself and its students to be the best. It must recognize its strengths, expand and excel. Notwithstanding, it must also welcome change and quality improvement. By doing so, Kentucky State will gain widespread recognition as one of the region's strongest universities.

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