



# GOOD NEWS

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## NEWS FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

### AG Roundup

On September 7, 2023, KSU hosted the first annual Ag Roundup featuring national leaders, companies, partnership, round table discussions, vendors, as well as student internships and employment opportunities. Several local and state officials attended the engaging event with students and faculty.

### Land Grant Exhibits at Kentucky State Fair

Kentucky State University Land Grant Program hosted an exhibit that showcased the great work that Kentucky State does for Kentuckians. The 40-by-40-foot exhibit is part of AgLand, a section of the State Fair that celebrates Kentucky agriculture. Visitors found a do-it-yourself, backyard aquaponics system that featured lettuce, aloe, cucumbers and tomatoes growing alongside koi fish. Pawpaw saplings highlighted Kentucky State’s world-renowned pawpaw research program, and raised beds showcased native, invasive and ornamental plants. The exhibit also featured an Augmented Reality Sandbox that, with the help of Kentucky State environmental educators, allowed visitors to learn about topography in a hands-on way.

### Dr. Yun Jiang Paper Published

Dr. Yun Jiang, Assistant Professor of Livestock Nutrition in the Kentucky State University College of Agriculture, Community, and the Sciences, was recently published in *Frontiers in Animal Science*. Dr. Jiang was the first author on the paper, entitled, “Effects of OmniGen® PRO on Ruminant Fermentation, Stress and Inflammation of Holstein Cattle Induced with a Subacute Ruminant Acidosis.” The paper was published in the journal’s Animal Nutrition section.

### KSU Partners with KCTCS

Kentucky State University has successfully finalized the articulation agreement with KCTCS. This includes over eleven transfer pathway guides. A signing ceremony will be held at KSU on October 26th at 11:00am.

### \$1.5 Million Share of HBCU Grant Awarded

Through the work of Dr. Buddhi Raj Gyawali, Kentucky State University was awarded \$1.5 million as a share of his collaboration with other HBCUs on the recently funded grant, “*Generating And Sustaining The Next Generation Of The Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources, And Human Sciences (FANH) Workforce Through International Experiential Learning, Outreach, And Engagement.*”

### Faculty Members Represent KSU at Thurgood Marshall College Fund Event

Three KSU faculty members selected to represent Kentucky State University at The Dr. N. Joyce Payne Center for Social Justice of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund. The program is pleased to partner with Novartis and the HBCU Transformation Project to provide campuses and faculty with the “*Building Individual and Institutional Research Capacity Seminar: Grants, Contracts, and Dissemination*”

### Large Enrollment in Psychology Degree Program

The Bachelor of Science in Psychology has one of the largest enrollments on record, mirroring the industry need for more mental health professionals.

### Grants Fund to Support Dual Credit

Growth in dual credit partner interest around the university service area led to the need for the first extensive review of our off-campus instructional sites by KSU’s accreditation body. The Dual Credit Office was awarded two grants to fund expanded support and professional experiences in the Thoroughbred Academy Dual Credit Program - over \$600,000.

# NEWS FROM STUDENT AFFAIRS



## **New Dorm Increases Campus Residential Capacity**

KSU and the division of student affairs is excited about the opening of a new 400+ bed facility in August. Thorobred Hall is a public-private partnership with the Turner Group. The space includes single, suite, and quad bedroom layouts. Every student residing in the hall has a private bedroom and full-size bed. The opening of the new hall has significantly increased KSU's residential capacity.

## **KSU Joins the Complete College Accelerator**

Kentucky State University has joined the Complete College accelerator, an ambitious nationwide initiative to improve student success and close gaps in college access and completion. KSU is one of just over 80 higher education institutions nationwide to join Complete College America, a national nonprofit organization on a mission to raise postsecondary attainment nationally, in the initial Complete College Accelerator cohort.

## **NEWS FROM HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **Comprehensive Analysis of Salary and Benefits**

Kentucky State University has engaged Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. to perform a comprehensive analysis of salaries and benefits. The primary objective is to align the compensation packages for KSU's faculty and staff that are in line with those offered by other public universities, both within Kentucky and nationwide, while also establishing best practices in the process.

### **University Hiring Process Streamlined**

The Office of Human Resources has enhanced and streamlined the hiring process by implementing an online approval system. This approach not only saves valuable time and resources but also reduces paper usage. It enables faster posting and filling of positions, leading to increased efficiency in the hiring process.

### **Fun New Birthday Prize Wheel**

Employees can now celebrate their birthdays by visiting the Office of Human Resources, where they can spin the birthday wheel for a chance to win fun prizes. These prizes may include the opportunity to enjoy lunch with the President or receive a tote bag filled with KSU swag.

## **NEWS FROM KSU ATHLETICS**

### **Golf Team Tournament Title**

Kentucky State University's Men's Golf Team won the PGA Works Division II Tournament Title.

### **KSU Football Wins Opener Under Coach Huggins**

Kentucky State University's Football Team won its season opener under new coach Felton Huggins Jr. with a 34-20 win over Clark Atlanta University.

## **NEWS FROM TITLE III**

### **Increased Title III Funding in Parts B and F**

Kentucky State University was awarded \$4,152,422.00 through Title III Parts B (HBCU) and F (FUTURE Act) for continued support in the focus areas of; Academic Quality, Student Services and Student Outcomes, Fiscal Stability, and Institutional Management. Part B had an increase of \$604,030.00. Part F had an increase of \$17,693.00.

### **Application Submitted for Title VII Award**

Kentucky State University submitted the application for a new 6-year award to receive funds through Title VII HBCU Master's. The first year award was in the amount of \$1,261,653.00.