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Green and Gold Day at the Capitol



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KSU Celebrates Green and Gold Day at the Capitol

The KSU community filled the Capitol mezzanine with Green and Gold on Feb. 28, showcasing the importance of Kentucky State University to Frankfort and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

At the annual event, the KSU delegation provided lunch for attendees, legislators, and state government employees. This gave Kentucky State students, faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and supporters a chance to meet with legislators.

“Kentucky State University is back,” said Kentucky State University President, Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo. “Our students are the workforce of the future for the Commonwealth and our programs align with the future needs of the state. I thank the legislature and everyone here today for their support.”

KSU School of Criminal Justice and Government Relations Announces Degree Agreements with KSP and LPD

The School of Criminal Justice and Government Relations has established completer degree agreements with the Kentucky State Police and Lexington Police Department. These agreements will allow recent police training academy graduates to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice fully online in two years or fewer. These officers may also be eligible for KSU’s credit for life program.

KSU Plays Pivotal Role in 60th Anniversary of the Freedom March on Frankfort

On March 5, Kentucky State University took part in the 60th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King’s Freedom March on Frankfort. The 1964 Freedom March, led by Dr. Martin Luther King, baseball legend Jackie Robinson, and 10,000 people resulted in the passage of the Kentucky Civil Rights Act of 1966. Kentucky was the first state south of the Mason-Dixon Line to pass its own state-level Civil Rights Act.



On the steps of the Kentucky Capitol, the KSU Concert Choir, led by Dr. Keith McCutchen, performed several songs to begin the program. KSU President, Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo addressed the crowd alongside Governor Andy Beshear, Senator Gerald Neal, Rev. Kevin Cosby, and activist Mattie Jones.

KSU STEM Scholars Attended the 2024 KY-WV LSAMP

Biology and Agriculture students represented Kentucky State University at the annual Kentucky-West Virginia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (KY-WV LSAMP) Symposium, held at Marshall University on February 10, 2024.

Graduating Biology seniors Mr. Donavyn Mosley, Ms. Ariell Dunkley, Ms. Audi Hicks, and Ms. Segen Mussie, and Junior Agriculture major Ms. Jensine Crowder were afforded the opportunity to network with Marshall University's Provost, Dr. Avinandan Mukherjee, and the keynote speaker, Ms. Jabreel Walker.



The Kentucky – West Virginia Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation is a consortium of colleges and universities working together to create, enhance, and expand programs designed to broaden participation and increase the quality and quantity of students from underrepresented populations who receive degrees in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics disciplines. The University of Kentucky is currently the host institution and the ten-member consortium is funded by the National Science Foundation under Grant No. 1826763.

KSU Hosts Governor's Prayer Breakfast

Kentucky State University was honored to host the 56th Annual Governor's Prayer Breakfast in Exum Center on March 12. Emceed by Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman, the theme for this year's event was "Forward Together in Faith, Empathy and Compassion." Former University of Kentucky men's basketball point guard Dominique Hawkins and former University of Louisville men's basketball point guard Peyton Siva served as the keynote speakers at the breakfast.



SIAC Names Gracen Kerr Player of the Year, Amani Williams Coach of the Year, and Taleah Dilworth to Second Team

The Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) has named Gracen Kerr the SIAC Women's Basketball Player of the Year and Head Coach Amani Williams as SIAC Women's Basketball Coach of the Year. In addition, Gracen Kerr was named to the SIAC first team, while Taleah Dilworth was selected for the SIAC second team.

In her very first year as head coach, Williams finished the regular season 19-6 (.760) and in SIAC play 15-4 (.789), to be named regular season West Division Co-Champs securing the #1 seed heading in to the 2024 SIAC Basketball Championship. Leading the SIAC by averaging 17.2 points per game and 4.9 assists per game along with being named SIAC Player of the Week four times, Kerr was named Player of the Year and to the first team.

Senior Anyiah Chambers Represents KSU at the Legacy Classic College and Career Fair

Anyiah Chambers, a graduating senior and Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMC) Yard Ambassador, recently represented KSU at the Legacy Classic college and career fair in Newark, NJ. While there, she aimed to educate and inspire students about the unique experiences and opportunities available at Kentucky State University and other HBCUs, ultimately contributing to the growth and appreciation of these institutions.



KSU Partnership with AT&T for 4-H Tech Changemakers

Kentucky State University celebrated a \$10,000 sponsorship donation from AT&T for 4-H Tech Changemakers, a program that empowers youth to be leaders by teaching digital skills to adults.

4-H Tech Changemakers uses the "Teens as Teachers" model so that youth participants can be agents of change through teaching digital literacy to adult members of underserved communities. Kentucky State has facilitated the 4-H Tech Changemakers program in past years; with AT&T's generous sponsorship, Kentucky State's 4-H Youth Development team will rebuild the program. Kentucky State's 4-H team is currently recruiting teens to be part of 4-H Tech Changemakers.