

# NEWSLETTER



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# Odyssey to K-State



Janki Patel, Electrical Engineering

It would be apt to say that KSU not only aided us to bloom our horizons of engineering but also satisfied our quest for nirvana. KSU proved out to be a second home for all 65 GTU - IEP students. This International Experience Program has transformed us into an independent, determined, and career oriented individual.

Here, the educational system emphasis on "hands on experience" which helped us to drench completely into the world of technology and in a way discover something inovative. The extent of guidance, flexibility and freedom given to us had led to curiosity to understand things better and to make a difference in real-life.

KSU is surrounded by quite fascinating places, it includes the City park, Sunset Zoo, Lake Trail, Konza Prairie and Tuttle Creek Lake. These beautiful places are worth visiting to lose ourself in the arms of nature leaving behind the materialistic world. We can fill ourselves with the utmost optimism by going to church to extracts Bible.



When it comes to the weekends night life, nothing can be better than music jamming around the bonfire. To add up the glam to its night life, the street of Aggieville provides with numerous options of bars and restaurats.

To wrap up our journey at KSU, I would say that their cant be a better place to clear our vision for setting goals of life, experience international culture and at the same time get a place for solitude in order to know ourself plenary.



# Culture and Way of Living



Pruthaba Parmar, Electronics & Communication Engineering

Each university has its own unique and cherished culture. When an institution takes birth with it, culture is instilled; they are the roots which gets deeper as the university ages and brings in stability and continuity.



Kansas State University historically has been welcoming to all races. Over the years, the university evolved and brought more programs such as the IEP to bridge the gap between different cultures and especially education.

Talking about the way of teaching, I feel the style and attitude towards studies is more inclined to a practical approach and solving real life problems using engineering skills. Also, the student-teacher relations here are personal yet very professional. The other night you can find yourself competing with your professor on the cricket field or have fun with them at game nights yet you might end up taking appointment to meet him the very next day.

The lifestyle here is contrary to what it is in India because people here believe in the motto - to work hard for first five days and party equally hard on the weekends. And this is something we were definitely not used to. Amidst all these hectic schedules, tests and changes, we often gathered at the conversation cafe where we met people from different countries and developed a bond by exchanging culture in the form of dance, music, discussions and get-together.

For me coming to KSU was one of my best decisions ever. After all it is a plethora of cultural exchange with excellent educational facilities.





# Breakfast with Provost



Bhavik Mistry, Mechanical Engineering

23rd June 2017, Friday morning arrived with the beautiful weather of the KSU Campus and it is the day of meetup and have some conversations with the esteemed authorities of the Kansas State University.

The honorable Provost April Mason, Dean Sue Maes, Mayor Usha Reddi, Dean Darren Dawson, Dept. Head William Dunn, Dept. Head Don Gruenbacher, Director Karen Hibbard, Asst. Provost Grant Chapman, Dr. Niteen Patel and Dr. Ramani, GTU visiting professors were the part of the meetup.

The Provost and other K - State personnel shared their information regarding the success of K-State in providing quality education and how they are focused more on research.

It was an amazing experience sharing ideas with the K - State Administration and every student felt honored by getting an opportunity to have a conversation directly without any hesitation.

Finally, the breakfast comes to an end and the students got the wonderful opportunity to take a memorable picture with the entire team of the Provost, were in attendance for the meetup.



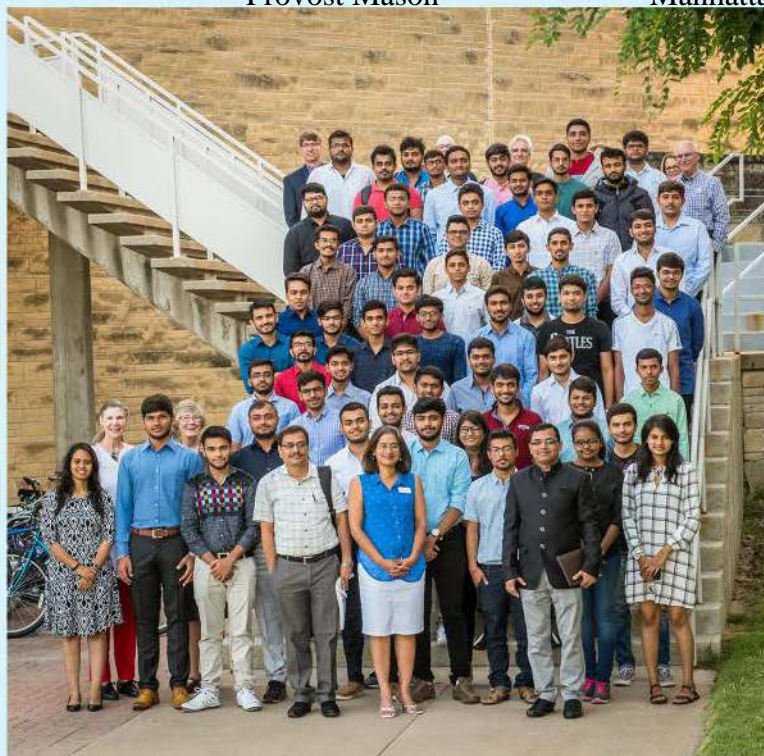
Dean Maes



Provost Mason



Manhattan Mayor Reddi



Group Photo - June 23, 2017

# Study at K-State



Ashfak Patel, Mechanical Engineering

Vandit Gajjar, Electronics & Communication Engineering

Teaching at K-State is totally different than GTU. Basically the classroom in Rathbone and Feidler Halls are made such that students like to study. The instructor and teaching assistant have full of knowledge of each and every topic. The best thing about K-State is that most studies are online. At K - State we got lots of practical knowledge. Instructor and faculties are much friendly so that students do not feel shy for asking each and every doubt that comes in their mind. One of the best parts here is that we learn to be punctual and manage time very well. As we know atmosphere matters a lot for studying, and we can say about the K-State library provides just that! Best part of K-State is the method of examination.



College of Engineering

Hale library has each and every thing that helps students to develop. Hale has presentation practice hall where students can practice for their presentation. Use of computer and high speed Internet facilities helps us for making presentations and complete our projects.



Hale Library



Hale Library



“ This teaching experience is very different from those I have with traditional classes at K-State. As much as I am teaching the students from GTU, I am also learning how to be a better instructor in future GTU courses as well as those I will teach at K-State. ”



Dr. Kevin Wanklyn  
Department of Mechanical & Nuclear Engineering



“ I enjoyed interacting with the students from GTU. While they found my wireless communications course challenging, I was pleased to note that many of them worked hard to learn and understand the concepts discussed in class. I wish them the very best in life. ”

Dr. Bala Natarajan  
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

By the end of all assigned presentations, each student’s performance was improved much more than what it was when they came first day to class. The students got adapted to the new system and they excelled in delivering their topics with very high performances. I enjoyed teaching Machine Design to this year’s GTU students. I wish the students all the success, not only in their future careers, but in their personal life and hope all their endeavors become true.



Dr. Maher Shehadi  
Department of Mechanical & Nuclear Engineering



The experince was very good to teach to GTU Students this time, they have learned every thing very quickly, which is very good, I wish them all the very best in future.

Dr. Dwight Day  
Department of Electrical  
and Computer Engineering

# Around the Campus



Divy Gupte, Electronics & Communication Engineering

The city of Manhattan in it-self is diverse and mesmerizing. There are lots of cultural shops and public attractions waiting for you outside the campus.



At the Manhattan City Park, every evening you can see bunch of families spending their time together and the youth engaged in different kind of games. The City Pool is just the perfect place you want to spend your time during the hot summer of Kansas.



If you are up to shopping you can find awesome deals in Walmart and The Manhattan Town Center.

The Flint Hill Discovery Center is the perfect place to know about the cultural history and natural exhibits of the Little Apple.



The view from top of the “Manhattan Hill” is pleasing, and you can see the lush green city and it’s calmness.





# Konza Prairie Trails

The Konza Prairie is best place to visit in Manhattan. In the early morning we went to the Konza for hiking. It was the first time for all the students to do hiking, so it was fun. The Konza is the best natural place to explore. We walked about 2-3 miles around the Konza Prairie by hiking.

The Konza Discovery Center improves the economy of nature, in total of 8000 acres. This experience improves our knowledge about the hiking in morning and about nature. We got company from Dean Sue Maes for the Konza, so it was much appreciated experience that we all students gained.





# Independence Day



One of the amazing days of this 2 month journey was on 4th July, 2017 - Independence Day of United States, We all went to downtown Wamego to enjoy the fireworks show, thanks to K-State staff who helped us travel to Wamego. They gave us the information about how people celebrate the Independence Day. In Wamego we enjoyed fireworks show up to 15 - 20 minutes, which was really amazing. In that way we can say we have enjoyed Independence Day like people of the US, with pride and enjoyment. The experience was really good.



# The Industrial Trip



Jayrajsinh Rathod, Mechanical Engineering

Jigneshkumar Prajapati, Electronics & Communication Engineering

In the Jeffery Energy Center they taught us about how the plant is actually working and how the maintenance of plant is done. The Jeffery Energy center is all about practical knowledge that all students can get. This center is all about how the plant produce energy and how this energy is provided to the people. It's basically situated near Topeka, KS. For the students of Mechanical & Electrical, the Jeffery Energy Center is a fundamental part of understanding in the subject. We all students are thankful to K-State for giving us that wonderful opportunity.





# The Convocation



Vandit Gajjar, Electronics & Communication Engineering



We celebrated our 5<sup>th</sup> convocation with all the 65 IEP students and all the K - State family at Paslay Auditorium. The students, full of excitement, were acknowledged for their participation with certificates and commendations.

The convocation marked the end of our beautiful journey at K-State, and with all the experience it is marked the beginning of our new phase of life to climb up to the top, we all students are thankful to GTU and K - State for this wonderful opportunity they have given to us, this experience was marvellous, it has taught us lifetime experience that we could never forget.

# Newsletter Committee



This newsletter was a major success because Dr. M. H. Hosni, IEP Program Director at Kansas State University, gave us his valuable time, formed the committee, provided advice, encouragements, and assistance during the preparation of the articles. We are grateful for his support and leadership of the IEP program.

The committee members name will be from left to right.



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