

The Leading Edge

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K-State Libraries



Spotlight on Student Services

K-State Libraries

K-State Libraries can make it easy for students to obtain online databases, e-journals, and other informational resources at a distance. Many of these resources can be accessed from off-campus with a valid eID and password.

Book and article delivery options are available for students at a distance through Interlibrary Services.

"Interlibrary Services scans articles from our collection for distance patrons and sends books from our library directly to distance patrons by UPS," said Kathy Coleman, Borrowing Team Leader for Interlibrary Services at K-State. "We can also obtain articles and books from other libraries for distance patrons."

The K-State Libraries website offers a variety of distance-accessible library help options, including the "Ask a Librarian" feature, which allows students to contact library staff using the following methods:

- * Instant message (IM) the Hale Library Help Desk
- * Call the Hale Library Help Desk
- * E-mail any library or information-related question 24 hours a day
- * Text message a question
- * Live chat with a librarian during library hours

Library information specifically for distance learning is located online at www.lib.k-state.edu/services/distance/index.html

For help getting started making requests with Interlibrary Services, visit www.lib.k-state.edu/depts/ils/remotefusers.html

Location:
137 Hale Library

Hours:
View Fall 2008 hours online:
www.lib.k-state.edu/hours/docs/fall08calendar.pdf

Website:
www.lib.k-state.edu

E-mail:
Interlibrary Services
ill@k-state.edu

Phone:
785-532-3014

Fax:
785-532-7415



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Highlights and recognition

Meet the Staff

Emily Rowden
Senior Administrative Assistant
DCE Facilitation Center



Emily Rowden's primary function in the Division of Continuing Education is to provide services for distance students. Her main responsibility is to help with exam and material coordination.

Emily also coordinates Virtual Commencement and assists with the Pinnacle Honor Society. She keeps current with new programs and services to answer distance students' questions.

A K-State alum, Emily earned a degree in Social Science and History last spring.

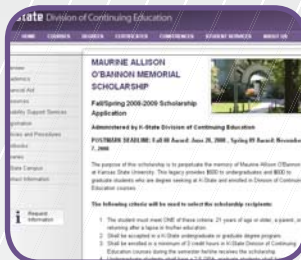
"I love my job. I believe in this program, and I'm delighted to help people around the world every day with their K-State needs," she said. "I really try to individualize my attention to each student who calls or e-mails our office. I like for the students to know that I am a real person who cares and wants to see them succeed here at K-State!"

Contact the Student Services Office at 785-532-5686, 1-877-528-6105, or by e-mail at distance@k-state.edu.

Visit the DCE student services website at: www.dce.k-state.edu/students/services

Meet the Winners

O'Bannon Scholarship
Fall 2008 Recipients



Congratulations to the Fall 2008 Maurine Allison O'Bannon Scholarship winners!

This endowed scholarship has been awarded to non-traditional, degree-seeking students each fall and spring term since 1996. Students must be enrolled in courses through the Division of Continuing Education, be admitted to a degree program, and be a "non-traditional" student to be eligible for the award.

The Fall 2008 graduate student recipients are: Dianne Jenkins, Youth Development, Haven, KS; and Amy Brusk, Agribusiness, Manhattan, KS.

Undergraduate student recipients include: Caroline Addair, Elementary Education, Manhattan, KS; Aubrie Sellner, Animal Science and Industry, Granite Falls, MN; Susan Kidd, Dietetics, Overland Park, KS; Audrey Monroe, Dietetics, Centennial, CO; and Melissa Baer, Interdisciplinary Social Science, Admire, KS.

The O'Bannon scholarship application for Spring 2009 can be found at www.dce.k-state.edu/students/services/obannon. All application materials must be postmarked by November 7, 2008.

Web Feature

Google Street View
Kansas State University
Manhattan, Kansas



Manhattan, Kansas is now on the grid for "Google Street View," a feature of Google Maps and Google Earth that provides 360-degree panoramic views of any street in Manhattan.

Now you can travel the streets or visit the campus area to experience what it's like to be at K-State at the ground level.

Find Manhattan in Google Street View:

1. Visit Google Maps at maps.google.com
2. Type "Manhattan KS" in the Search box.
3. Click "Street View" in the map display.

Zooming in will cause an orange icon to appear on the map that you can drag to any recognized street in Manhattan.

Once at the street level, use the white arrows to move down a street or change directions. Click and drag your mouse to change viewing angles.

Come explore the landmarks and sights of your university town. Manhattan awaits you!

Announcements and upcoming dates

Looking for Lectures?

View the next Landon Lecture live webcast on Sept. 23 at 3:30 p.m. CST:
<http://ome.ksu.edu/lectures/landon/new.html>

Keep Current with Campus News!

Visit the *Kansas State Collegian* newspaper online:
www.kstatecollegian.com

Need Money for School?

Visit Adult Student Services for possible scholarship opportunities:
www.k-state.edu/adult/scholarships

Get Ready for Fall Commencement!

Fill out your graduation application and other requirements for Fall 2008 graduation:
Undergraduate: www.dce.k-state.edu/students/services/graduation.shtml
Graduate: www.k-state.edu/grad/gscurrent/guideforms/fall2008_deadlines.pdf

****Please note****

Beginning in Fall 2008, a new student information system called iSIS (isis.k-state.edu) was implemented. A few notes to remember:

1) All e-mail sent by K-State goes to your K-State e-mail address. It is very important to either check your mail via Webmail (www.k-state.edu/infotech/e-mail/docs/webmail/) or go to <http://eid.k-state.edu> to forward your K-State e-mail to another e-mail account that you regularly check.

2) Your grades will be available through iSIS at the end of the semester through the Self Service "View My Grades" link.

For assistance, see the FAQs section at www.dce.k-state.edu/courses, view iSIS Help at www.k-state.edu/isishelp, or contact DCE at 1-800-622-2KSU or registerdce@k-state.edu.

* **Fall Break: Oct. 6**

* **Classes held Columbus Day: Oct. 13**

* **Spring 2009 enrollment begins: Oct. 27**

* **O'Bannon Scholarship deadline: Nov. 7**