

The Leading Edge

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Office of the President



Above: President Kirk Schulz; Top Right: The President's Residence



Spotlight on Student Services

Office of the President

This past spring, the Kansas Board of Regents selected Kirk H. Schulz as the 13th president of Kansas State University, and he began his tenure at the university on June 15.

Before joining K-State, President Schulz served as vice president for research and economic development at Mississippi State University. Throughout his career, he has served in faculty and leadership roles in the field of chemical engineering at the University of North Dakota–Grand Forks and at Michigan Tech.

Aside from continuing to work toward K-State's mission, President Schulz encourages interaction and feedback from all K-Staters, including distance students, and he encourages the use of distance learning technologies to create quality educational and communication experiences.

"I am committed to trying to keep communications as open as possible as your president," he said. "I welcome your notes and e-mails on any thoughts you may want to share with me."

Visit the president's website at www.k-state.edu/president to read a full profile about President Schultz, view the photo gallery, listen or watch recent speeches and remarks, send him a message, and follow him on social media.

"Follow me on Twitter or friend me on Facebook," said President Schulz. "Additionally, I hope you will enjoy reading my blog."

You can view the Inauguration of President Schulz on September 24, 2009 by watching a live video stream at www.k-state.edu/president/inauguration.

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Highlights and recognition

Distance Student Profile

Lorena Baker
Elementary Education Program—ESL
Dodge City, Kansas



Lorena Baker experienced the challenges of learning a new language in school. Born to Spanish-speaking parents from Mexico, Lorena attended school in Dodge City, Kansas and needed to learn English.

"My parents taught me that the key to success is education, and they always encouraged me to pursue that avenue," Lorena said.

Today, Lorena is coming full circle by pursuing her dream of returning to the classroom to teach English as a Second Language (ESL) students in her Dodge City community.

"I realized I could impact my community by becoming a teacher and helping our diverse population learn and grow in a positive way," she said.

Lorena will complete her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with an emphasis in ESL in Spring 2010.

*Contact us at distance@k-state.edu if you want to be featured in a future issue!

Fall 2009 Scholarship Recipients

Maurine Allison O'Bannon Scholarship
Division of Continuing Education
Kansas State University



Congratulations to the Fall 2009 Maurine Allison O'Bannon Scholarship winners!

Non-traditional, degree-seeking students can apply for this endowed scholarship awarded every fall and spring term.

To be eligible, you must:

- Be enrolled in courses through the K-State Division of Continuing Education
- Be admitted to a degree program
- Have a minimum 2.5 undergraduate GPA or 3.0 graduate GPA
- Be a "non-traditional" student
- Demonstrate financial need

There is still time to apply for the O'Bannon scholarship for Spring 2010. The application can be found at www.dce.k-state.edu/students/services/obannon.

All application materials for the Spring 2010 scholarship must be postmarked by November 6, 2009 to be considered.

Web Feature

K-State Distance Facebook and Twitter
Division of Continuing Education
Kansas State University



Join us on Facebook and Twitter!

The K-State Division of Continuing Education launched a Facebook fan page and Twitter account as a service for distance education students.

The Facebook fan page is called "[K-State Distance Students](#)." You can become a fan and post questions or comments in the discussion board, view campus photos, and get helpful information and links. The Twitter account is called "[KStateDistance](#)."

You can follow both the Facebook and Twitter pages to receive quick updates and reminders about distance education deadlines and opportunities, including distance-accessible events at K-State.

Come join the community of K-State distance students, faculty, and staff. Suggest that others join as well.

Remember to post your feedback so we can keep improving our services for you!

Announcements and upcoming dates

Apply for the O'Bannon Scholarship!

Turn in your application for the Spring 2010 scholarship by November 6:
www.dce.k-state.edu/students/services/scholarships/obannon/

Enroll for an 8-week Fall Class—There's Still Time!

Check out the Fall 2009 courses to find one with an October or later start date:
www.dce.k-state.edu/courses

Want to Watch Live K-State Sports Games Online?

Cheer on the Cats through an inexpensive monthly or annual audio/video stream:
www.kstatesports.com/LiveEvents.dbml?DB_OEM_ID=400

Submit Your Fall 2009 Commencement Application!

Find out more about the deadlines and how to submit your application:
Undergrad: www.k-state.edu/isishelp/student/applyForGrad.html
Graduate: www.k-state.edu/grad/gscurrent/guideforms/fall2009_deadlines.pdf

****Please note****

Although you may not have to come to campus to attend classes, please note K-State's safety procedures regarding the H1N1 flu:

Aside from staying away from others, **you as a distance student should notify your professors** if you contract the H1N1 flu. If you cannot get in touch with your professors, contact the K-State Division of Continuing Education immediately at 1-877-528-6105.

K-State has an H1N1 hotline, 785-532-SAFE (7233), which you can call to get the latest information about flu conditions on campus.

Additional information will be posted on K-State's Lafene Health Center website at www.k-state.edu/lafene/h1n1flu.htm. Lafene's new Twitter account at <http://twitter.com/DoctorWillie> will also be updated as developments take place.

* **Add/Drop deadline: Sept. 28**

* **Fall Break: October 5**

* **Classes held Columbus Day: Oct. 12**

* **Spring 2010 enrollment begins: Oct. 26**