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Women of K-State



Photo caption: A group of women at the Women of K-State event browse and sign up for committee subcategories that best fit their circumstances and experiences.

Women of K-State is a new group on campus created by First Lady Noel Schulz. The group functions as a synthesis of women from varying demographics, such as online students, full-time staff, military, single mothers, mid-career, and more. They all have something in common—the desire for the recruitment, retention, and advancement of the women at K-State.

"Noel Schulz created a spirit of wonderful energy by providing opportunities to connect K-State women," said Sue C. Maes, Dean of Continuing Education at K-State. "Hundreds of women have signed up and are participating in the events."

Aside from connecting via on-campus activities like a women's tennis match or a brown bag luncheon, the Women of K-State group can be found on Facebook. The group's page has taken off since its inception and has provided a general sense of awareness and networking opportunities for women affiliated with the university.

"We have two homes online for the Women of K-State," said Cheryl May, Assistant Vice President and Director of Media Relations at K-State. "The Facebook page is a good place to bring up topics for discussion, and we welcome students near and far to participate and engage. In addition, the Women of K-State website can be found at www.k-state.edu/women.

Search for "Wildcat Women" on Facebook or visit the website to participate and learn more.



Noel Schulz, K-State First Lady

Spotlight on Student Services

Women of K-State

Office Location: 110 Anderson Hall

Monday-Friday 8 a.m.–5 p.m.

Website: www.k-state.edu/women

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Highlights and recognition

Meet the Provost

April Mason Provost and Senior Vice President Kansas State University



Dr. April Mason has accepted the post of Provost and Senior Vice President at Kansas State University effective in January 2010.

Dr. Mason previously served as the Dean of Colorado State University's College of Applied Human Sciences since 2004. She earned her bachelor's degree in biology from Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio and holds a master's degree in plant physiology and Ph.D. in foods and nutrition from Purdue University.

"Dr. Mason brings a wealth of experience to Kansas State, and I am very excited to have her join our leadership team," said K-State President Kirk Schulz. "Her extensive experience at land grant universities will serve her well as she meets the challenges of maintaining K-State's studentcentered experience.

Read more about Dr. Mason at www.kstate.edu/media/mediaguide/bios/masonbio.html

Outstanding Distance Faculty

Call for Nominations Division of Continuing Education Kansas State University



Have you had a K-State distance education instructor who made a difference in your studies or in your life?

The Division of Continuing Education is accepting nominations for outstanding K-State distance faculty members who are passionate about their subject area and who utilize distance education technology to make their class and themselves available to distance students.

Criteria: Nominated individuals must have been your instructor in at least one class (please specify the class). You may nominate more than one instructor. In your nomination, please describe how the instructor has impacted you academically and/or personally.

Deadline: March 31, 2010

E-mail your nominations to: distance@k-state.edu

Web Feature

Dennis C. Blair Director of National Intelligence K-State Landon Lecture Series



Dennis C. Blair, the Director of National Intelligence, presented the first Landon Lecture of the Spring 2010 semester at Kansas State University on February 22.

Blair was appointed as the nation's third director of national intelligence in January 2009, an office created in 2005 at the recommendation of the 9-11 Commission

Blair serves as the head of the intelligence community, overseeing and directing the implementation of the National Intelligence Program and acting as the principal advisor to the president, the National Security Council, and the Homeland Security Council for intelligence matters related to national security.

A video recording of the lecture feed is available on the Landon Lecture website at http://ome.ksu.edu/lectures/landon/ new.html.

Announcements and upcoming dates

Graduating this spring?

Complete your graduation application before the deadline: Undergraduate (done via ISIS): https://isis.k-state.edu/

Graduate: www.k-state.edu/grad/gscurrent/guideforms/comminfo.htm

Join our K-State distance education Facebook and Twitter pages!

Find helpful information, get reminders, and even win some prizes: Facebook fan page: K-State Distance Students Twitter account: KStateDistance

Come visit K-State!

Learn about the university and enjoy campus activities at K-State Open House on April 24: http://consider.k-state.edu/openhouse/

Spring Break: March 15-19

* Summer/Fall 2010 enrollment begins: March 22

* K-State Open House: April 24

Please note

K-State's Division of Continuing Education is offering new downloadable items on its giveaway website to help students, faculty, alumni, sports fans, and friends of the university show their purple pride!

The giveaway website now offers nine items that are accessible to anyone. New items include K-State stickers, bookmarks, paper projects, address labels, and a 2010 wallpaper calendar featuring photos of campus locations.

The giveaway website is located at www.optionsplus.k-state.edu/giveaways