





# The LEADING Edge

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Learn More about the Student Union



Above: PFC Director Jodi Kaus (sitting, left) and student financial counselors

## Powercat Financial Counseling

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Need help figuring out your finances?

Powercat Financial Counseling (PFC), based in the K-State Student Union, provides free, confidential financial counseling for undergraduate and graduate students, with services specifically for distance education students.

PFC can help you learn how to create a budget or savings plan, manage your debt, review your credit report, deal with identity theft, analyze your student loan repayment and consolidation options, and review insurance and employee benefits.

Current distance students who cannot travel to campus for financial education sessions can take advantage of PFC's

live and unrecorded online video financial counseling using Skype or via the phone.

Services include: individual sessions with a professional advisor or a trained Peer Financial Counselor student volunteer, presentations on financial topics, information and educational materials on personal finance issues, and useful links to financial resources.

More information about what PFC offers, how to set up an appointment, and the financial counseling process for distance students can be viewed at [www.k-state.edu/pfc](http://www.k-state.edu/pfc).

Follow PFC on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/kstatepfc](http://www.facebook.com/kstatepfc).

a newsletter for **k-state**distance students



**ALLAN D. SICAT, '03**  
President, Carousel Designs

## Distance Alumni Fellow Profile

### K-State Division of Continuing Education Honors First Alumni Fellow

Allan D. Sicat, Master's in Engineering Management, 2003, was honored as one of K-State's 12 Alumni Fellows for 2011. He is the first distance education graduate to receive the honor.

Allan is president of Carousel Designs in Douglasville, Georgia—a leading designer, manufacturer, and distributor of distinctive baby bed-

ding. He has worked in finance and operational roles with General Electric and Booz Allen Hamilton and was a U.S. Army officer and a graduate of the Military Academy at West Point.

On February 23-25, Allan visited the K-State campus to present guest lectures about current trends in his field, meet with faculty, and attend a

luncheon hosted by DCE.

K-State's Alumni Fellows are selected based on their high levels of professional accomplishment and distinguished service in their respective careers.

Read Allan's complete story at [www.dce.k-state.edu/about/news/2011/march-1](http://www.dce.k-state.edu/about/news/2011/march-1).

## Undergraduate News

### University General Education Program Transitioning to K-State 8 Program



Keep hearing about K-State 8? The University General Education (UGE) program for all undergraduate students is changing to the K-State 8 program beginning this fall. The courses will help expose students to a broad range of knowledge in eight crucial academic areas.

Through the K-State 8 program, one course must be taken in: Aesthetic Experience and Interpretive Understanding; Empirical and Quantitative Reasoning; Ethical Reasoning and Responsibility; Global Issues and Perspectives; Historical Perspectives; Human Diversity within the U.S.; Natural and Physical Sciences; and Social Sciences.

If you've already started at K-State before Summer 2011, you can choose whether you want to move to the K-State 8 program or complete your original UGE requirements. Courses that meet one of the K-State 8 requirement areas are indicated in iSIS.

Learn more about K-State 8 at [www.k-state.edu/kstate8](http://www.k-state.edu/kstate8).

## Campus Opening

### Grand Opening Celebration of K-State Olathe Campus Set for April 26



Kansas State University's third campus, based in Olathe, Kansas, is about to open its doors!

The K-State Olathe Innovation Campus grand opening is set for April 26, 2011 and includes a ribbon-cutting ceremony and afternoon open house for the public.

The first building on campus, the International Animal Health and Food Safety Institute, is a 108,000-square-foot building for research, education, and commercialization programs. View the campus progress in the online construction gallery at [www.olathe.k-state.edu/content/77/construction-gallery](http://www.olathe.k-state.edu/content/77/construction-gallery).

In addition to graduate classes and research, K-State Olathe will work with area companies to provide professional development training for their employees.

Learn more about the K-State Olathe campus, grand opening event, and campus updates at [www.olathe.k-state.edu](http://www.olathe.k-state.edu).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Finals Week: May 9–13
- Spring 2011 Commencement: May 13–14
- May Intercession: May 16–June 3
- Summer session begins: May 23

## HELPFUL LINKS

- Check out the events and activities from K-State's All-University Open House, "Choose your destination":  
<http://consider.k-state.edu/openhouse/2011>
- Can't come to campus for graduation? Experience K-State commencement through the Virtual Commencement website:  
[www.dce.k-state.edu/students/commencement](http://www.dce.k-state.edu/students/commencement)
- Enrollment is open! Check out the distance-accessible classes offered during Summer and Fall 2011:  
[www.dce.k-state.edu/courses](http://www.dce.k-state.edu/courses)
- Submit your Fall 2011 O'Bannon Scholarship application by the June 17 deadline:  
[www.dce.k-state.edu/students/services/scholarships/obannon/](http://www.dce.k-state.edu/students/services/scholarships/obannon/)

## DID YOU KNOW...

"Wildcats Forever" is one of the largest groups on campus and is open for all K-State students. The goal of the organization is to get students involved with the Alumni Association earlier and establish a link that keeps you connected to K-State. Join today at [www.wildcatsforever.com](http://www.wildcatsforever.com).