





# The LEADING Edge

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Above: Student and Faculty Services office staff at DCE

## DCE Student and Faculty Services on Facebook

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Kansas State University's Division of Continuing Education (DCE) developed and launched a Facebook profile as a service and communication tool for K-State distance students.

The profile is maintained by the DCE Student and Faculty Services office to create awareness about distance-accessible campus opportunities that can help distance students foster a deeper connection with the university. It's also used to send quick reminders about important university and distance education deadlines, events, and there's even some trivia questions and cool prizes!

The Facebook profile allows distance students to view and submit their photos, participate in discussions, and post questions and feedback, helping connect them to the uni-

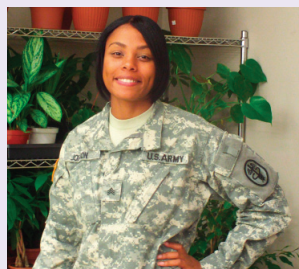
versity and to each other. Student and Faculty Services utilizes the online chat option to assist students with questions.

"We really enjoy interacting with students through Facebook," said Suzy Hay, DCE Student and Faculty Services Coordinator. "I think it's a great way to engage with our students in a casual, friendly way. It's our goal to use this profile to make our students feel connected and well supported through their K-State experience."

Friend "K-State Distance" on Facebook and join the community of distance education students and friends at K-State:

[www.facebook.com/kstate.distance](http://www.facebook.com/kstate.distance)

a newsletter for **k-state**[distance](http://www.facebook.com/kstate.distance) students



**DIANE JOHNSON**  
U.S. Army Sergeant

## Distance Student Profile

### Military Food Inspector Completes Food Science and Industry Degree from Overseas

When U.S. Army Sgt. Diane Johnson, Fort Irwin, California, googled food science distance education programs, Kansas State University was at the top of the list.

When she found out that all the food science degree holders in her office were K-State graduates who strongly recommended the program,

she knew she was looking at the right university.

Johnson has served as a food inspector in the U.S. Army since 2004 and worked toward her bachelor's degree in food science and industry while stationed in South Korea.

"All the professors made time for me whenever I called—nobody was

ever too busy," Johnson said. "They are passionate about their jobs, they care about what they do, and they take it very seriously. This was a big incentive for me to also take it seriously and do a really good job."

Johnson completed her B.S. in May 2010 and hopes to continue moving up in her chosen field.

## Military Education News

### Post-911 GI Bill Changes Coming for Military Students in 2011



Beginning in 2008, the Post-911 GI Bill ushered in a new era of education benefits for veterans, but exciting changes to the Bill are coming this year.

The Post-911 Veterans Education Assistance Act of 2010 was signed into law, and the new provisions allow students to use the Bill for non-

college degree programs, on-the-job and apprenticeship training, flight programs, and correspondence training. The Bill also allows active-duty students to receive a books and supplies stipend.

Additionally, a housing allowance is payable to students (other than those on active duty) who are enrolled solely in distance learning. The housing allowance is equal to half the national average BAH (Basic Allowance for Housing) for an E-5 with dependents.

A complete listing of changes and detailed information can be found at: [www.gibill.va.gov/post-911/post-911-gi-bill-summary/Post911\\_changes.html](http://www.gibill.va.gov/post-911/post-911-gi-bill-summary/Post911_changes.html)

## Online Feature

### U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor to Speak at January 27 Landon Lecture



A forum-style Landon Lecture featuring United States Supreme Court Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor will be held Thursday, January 27, at 3 p.m. in Forum Hall in the K-State Student Union.

The forum will also be streamed live online at [www.k-state.edu/lectures/landon/index.html](http://www.k-state.edu/lectures/landon/index.html) and it will

be broadcasted live on K-State TV, Channel 8 on campus and on Cox Cable in Manhattan and Junction City.

President Barack Obama nominated Justice Sotomayor to the Supreme Court in May 2009, and she was sworn in on August 8, 2009. Justice Sotomayor is the third Supreme Court Justice to speak at a Landon Lecture Series at the university, preceded by Chief Justice Earl Warren in 1970 and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in 1988.

Read more about Justice Sotomayor at [www.k-state.edu/lectures/landon/new.html](http://www.k-state.edu/lectures/landon/new.html).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ▶ Evening College 8-wk courses begin: March 14
- ▶ Spring Break: March 21-25 (no classes)
- ▶ SU/FA 2011 enrollment begins: March 28
- ▶ All-University Open House: April 16

## HELPFUL LINKS

- ▶ Friend "K-State Ft Riley Dce" on Facebook for the latest military education news, helpful links, and more:  
[www.facebook.com/kstateftriley](http://www.facebook.com/kstateftriley)
- ▶ Submit feedback about Kansas State University's upgraded home page, which includes improved navigation and new features:  
Home page: [www.k-state.edu](http://www.k-state.edu)  
Feedback form: [www.k-state.edu/webservices/feedback/homePage.html](http://www.k-state.edu/webservices/feedback/homePage.html)
- ▶ Browse through the "Good for K-State" magazine online to see how you can contribute to the university's success:  
[www.found.ksu.edu/good\\_for\\_k-state/Issues.html](http://www.found.ksu.edu/good_for_k-state/Issues.html)
- ▶ Keep organized and keep K-State in full view by downloading the free 2011 wallpaper calendar from the distance education giveaway website:  
[www.optionsplus.k-state.edu/giveaways](http://www.optionsplus.k-state.edu/giveaways)

## DID YOU KNOW...

A recently discovered audio recording of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s January 19, 1968 convocation speech at K-State, titled "The Future of Integration," will be debuted on campus during MLK celebrations. See the event schedule at [www.he.k-state.edu/documents/calendar/mlkposter.pdf](http://www.he.k-state.edu/documents/calendar/mlkposter.pdf)