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on Student Services
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Learn More About Anderson Hall



Dr. Myra Gordon and students at the Hispanic American Leadership Organization welcome back celebration.

K-State Office of Diversity

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Creating an inclusive, understanding, and supportive atmosphere for multicultural students, faculty, and staff at Kansas State University is the mission of K-State's Office of Diversity.

Along with many student services, the Office of Diversity works to promote diversity, multiculturalism, and inclusion in all aspects of university functioning to advance toward the university's 2025 vision. This includes reaching the diverse group of online learners who attend K-State at a distance.

In response to the need for more opportunities specifically for distance education students, the Office of Diversity supported the first-ever Office of Diversity Scholarship for Distance Students for the Spring 2012 term.

This scholarship was awarded to two undergraduate students enrolled in the K-State bachelor's degree completion program

offered through the Division of Continuing Education.

Kristine T. Nguyen, senior in dietetics, Wichita, Kansas; and Kristina Cale, junior in dietetics, Seattle, Washington, were each awarded the scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.

"This is a small first step, and we certainly want to do more," said Myra Gordon, Associate Provost in the Office of Diversity. "Staff in the Office of Diversity would be pleased to meet with any distance education students who might be visiting the campus. They can also visit our website to see our strategic plan for diversity as well as student, faculty, and staff demographics, a picture gallery of events, and more."

Visit the Office of Diversity at www.k-state.edu/diversity, or see a full listing of scholarships for distance education students at www.dce.k-state.edu/students/services/financial-aid.



KATHRYN KADLEC
Master's in Food Science
Solon, Ohio

Distance Student Profile

Food Science Student Wins DCE's First Distance Learning Essay Contest

To celebrate the university's first-time participation in National Distance Learning Week, the Division of Continuing Education held an essay contest where distance students told us how distance learning has affected how they're reaching their goals.

The contest winner, Kathryn Kadlec, is earning her master's de-

gree in food science while working at Nestle Prepared Foods Company in Solon, Ohio. Fascinated with the manufacturing process and aspiring to be a food technologist, Kathryn researched graduate programs and got advice from a co-worker, a K-State food science program alum.

"Earning a degree from Kansas

State University is highly regarded in the food industry," she said. "Distance learning has allowed me to reach my goals without needing to put my career on hold."

Kathryn received a prize package containing a \$100 Varney's bookstore gift card and an assortment of K-State distance items.

Campus Event

All-University Open House to Feature Campus "Hot Spots" for K-State Visitors



Come visit us on campus! Kansas State University Open House will be Saturday, April 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Manhattan. It's a time for K-State visitors to explore campus and enjoy special activities.

Each campus area features "Hot Spots" you can check out during your visit. A few of this year's activities include: touring the newsroom of the Kansas State Collegian, the university's award-winning newspaper; riding a train through campus to learn about engineering careers; watching a "living" historical wax museum; visiting the small ruminant petting zoo; and much more. Open House events are also available at K-State Salina on April 21, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

View all Open House "Hot Spots," a full events schedule, and more information about K-State Open House at www.k-state.edu/openhouse.

Program Milestone

K-State Intersession Reaches Forty Years of Offering Classes Between Terms



At Kansas State University, an interim semester called Intersession has given students the chance to squeeze an accelerated class into their breaks for forty years. The past year's enrollments exceeded 2,000—the highest to date.

The launch of online Intersession classes in 2008 opened the door for thousands of K-State distance education students to also take advantage of their time between terms, helping them get more done and finish their programs faster.

"The future of Intersession is in these online classes," said Ron Jackson, Intersession coordinator. "The number of online classes and enrollments have grown significantly. They're at an all-time high for all three sessions, in January, May, and August."

Read the complete Intersession anniversary news release at: www.dce.k-state.edu/about/news/2011/december-21.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- ▮ Evening College 8-wk courses begin: March 8
- ▮ Spring Break: March 19–23
- ▮ SU/FA 2012 enrollment begins: March 26
- ▮ All-University Open House: April 21

HELPFUL LINKS

- ▮ Know an extraordinary distance education student or advisor who has gone above and beyond? Nominate them for a DCE Award by March 9:
www.dce.k-state.edu/students/services/awards
- ▮ Need IT help? View the K-State IT Help Desk site for their current hours:
www.k-state.edu/its/helpdesk
- ▮ Read about distance education graduate Allan Sicut, 2011 DCE Alumni Fellow and now DCE Alumni Advisory Board member:
www.dce.k-state.edu/about/news/2011/march-1
- ▮ Graduating this spring? View graduation information to be sure you meet the deadlines for spring commencement:
www.k-state.edu/registrar/c_d/

DID YOU KNOW...

You can check up on K-State's standings in the Big 12 Conference and follow your Wildcats through all their victories! Check out the Big 12 Conference site for statistics, a biography of the Big 12, national polls, schedules, and more: www.big12sports.com.