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Above: Historical photo of Anderson Hall and the Kansas State University campus

Sesquicentennial Celebration

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February 2013 marks Kansas State University's Sesquicentennial, or 150th anniversary. To celebrate this milestone year, K-State is honoring its alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends by commemorating the rich history of the university and its accomplishments.

Sesquicentennial festivities will begin with a kick-off on February 14–17, the start of a nine-month anniversary celebration. During the kick-off, a Grand Exhibition event on campus in Manhattan will display historical information about the university's colleges and units, and their timeline of progress over the years.

K-State faculty/staff, student, and community representatives are helping to make the celebration a success through their participation on the Sesquicentennial steering committee, including two staff from the Division of Continuing Education.

Distance education students can visit the Sesquicentennial website, which features a gallery of historical university photographs dating as far back as 1905. The site also includes a listing of notable Kansas State University alumni in the fields of entertainment, science, politics, business, and more.

Students can also explore the Sesquicentennial website to learn more about campus traditions, K-State landmarks, and the history of Willie the Wildcat. An e-commerce merchandise and memorabilia feature will be available on the site as the kick-off celebration approaches.

Learn more about the K-State Sesquicentennial at www.k-state.edu/150.

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Dr. Steven Dandaneau Vice Provost for **Undergraduate Studies**

Faculty Profile

Meet the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies

A new advocate for under- ciology, Anthropology, and graduate students has been Social work, will help advance appointed to serve as Kansas the university in areas such as State University's first Vice Provost for Undergraduate and student development, and Studies.

Steven Dandaneau, who also will serve as associate professor in the Department of So-

program development, faculty student retention and success. "In line with the K-State

2025 strategic plan, I am focused on increasing the percentage of undergraduates who earn their degrees and ensuring that these degrees meaningfully facilitate students' career and life ambitions," Dandaneau said. Learn more about the new office at www.k-state.edu/ undergradstudies.

Events

Division Celebrates National Distance Learning Week, November 5–9



This year's National Distance Learning Week celebration, held Nov. 5–9, was full of great events and activities for distance education students and faculty at K-State. Sponsored by the United

States Distance Learning Association, the event helps increase

awareness and appreciation for distance learning at institutions and in the community.

The week's distance-accessible activities included a virtual scavenger hunt, photo and video contests through the K-State Distance Facebook page, a short essay contest, distance learning webinars, and more.

Students had the chance to win K-State merchandise and a \$100 gift card to Varney's Bookstore in Manhattan, where many students purchase textbooks online. View the full story at www.dce.k-state.edu/about/ news/2012/november-1.

Online Feature

K-State Website about Campus War Memorials Honors **Military Servicemembers**



Kansas State University, in recognition and honor of the men and women who have served and are currently serving our country, has developed a website showcasing the war memorials throughout the K-State campus in Manhattan. Distance education students

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can view each memorial and learn about its history. Memorials were constructed to honor students and others who served in World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

Nearly 2,000 military-affiliated students enroll at K-State each year, with many taking classes through the Division while serving their country and while they are deployed.

Learn more about the K-State campus and its history by visiting the campus war memorials website at www.k-state.edu/about/memorials.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- FA12 finals week: December 10–14
- January Intersession: January 2–18
- MLK Jr. Day: January 21 (no classes)
- Spring term begins: January 22

HELPFUL LINKS

- Watch video footage on the K-State Sports YouTube Channel: www.youtube.com/kstatefans
- Complete an entire class this winter break! View available Intersession classes: www.dce.k-state.edu/intersession
- Can't come to campus for graduation? Celebrate through Virtual Commencement or view a live feed of the ceremony: www.dce.k-state.edu/students/

commencement

Need IT help? Find IT Help Desk hours during the semester and upcoming breaks:

www.k-state.edu/its/helpdesk

Meet Nick Leckey, upcoming commencement speaker who completed distance classes to help reach his academic goals:

> www.he.k-state.edunews/2012/11/16/ from-pigskin-to-sheepskin-nickleckev-chosen-as-student-commencement-speaker

DID YOU KNOW...

The Division of Continuing Education awarded scholarships to five students for next term. Congratulations to Cynthia, Dawn, Shay, Amy, and Karyn! View the full story and scholarship links at www.dce.k-state.edu/ about/news/2012/october-17.

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