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**2008 One-Year Alumni Survey**

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**Survey Description**

Thank you for sharing your ideas with us and becoming part of building a better university. Your thoughtful responses will help the University to improve the educational experience for future students and will affirm the work of those who provide excellent services. This survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

**Opening Instructions**

Your identity will remain anonymous in any reports that are produced from this survey. Your responses will be combined with those of other graduates in your major and your college to create summary reports that will be used by faculty and administrators to improve Kansas State University.

For completing this survey, you will be eligible to enter to win one of several prizes donated by Varney's Student Union Bookstore. At the end of the survey, click the link to give us some additional information and your name will be entered. Your identity will still remain anonymous; we will not be able to match your entry into the drawing with any of your survey responses. Thanks again for your participation.

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**Question 1** *\*\* required \*\**

What was your undergraduate major?

**Question 2**

If you had a second major, please choose it from the drop down list below. If you did NOT have a second major, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click 'next.'

**Question 3** *\*\* required \*\**

Did you graduate with an undergraduate certificate or minor(s)?

- Yes  
 No

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Fill out this page only if you answered:

- **Yes** on question **3**. *Did you graduate with an u.. on page 1 .*

**Question 4** *\*\* required \*\**

Did your certificate or minor(s) give you an advantage when applying for a job?

- Yes  
 No

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**Page 3****Question 5** *\*\* required \*\****Gender**

- Male  
 Female

**Question 6** *\*\* required \*\****Are you a U.S. citizen?**

- Yes  
 No

**Question 7** *\*\* required \*\**

Present Residence:

**Question 8** *\*\* required \*\****Ethnicity/Race**

- American Indian/Alaskan Native  
 Asian or Pacific Islander  
 Black, Non-Hispanic  
 Hispanic/Spanish/Latin American  
 Mexican/Mexican American  
 White/Non-Hispanic  
 Multiracial  
 Other  
 I prefer not to respond

**Question 9** *\*\* required \*\**

What is your age?

- under 24  
 24  
 25  
 26-30  
 over 30

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**Page 4****Question 10** *\*\* required \*\****Did you transfer credit to K-State from another college or university?**

- Yes  
 No

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**Page 5****Fill out this page only if you answered:**

- **Yes** on question **10. Did you transfer credit to..** on **page 4** .

**Question 11**

Indicate the type of transfer institution and the number of semester credit hours applied to your K-State Program.

1 - 1 to 20 | 2 - 21 to 30 | 3 - 31 to 40 | 4 - 41 to 60 | 5 - 61+

	1	2	3	4	5
11.1 A two year college	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11.2 Another Kansas 4 year public university	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11.3 An out-of-state 4 year public university	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11.4 A private 4 year college or university	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11.5 Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Page 6****Question 12** *\*\* required \*\**

If you could start over, would you still choose to attend K-State?

- Definitely No
- Probably No
- Uncertain
- Probably Yes
- Definitely Yes

**Question 13** *\*\* required \*\**

If you could start over, would you still choose to graduate with the same first major?

- Definitely No
- Probably No
- Uncertain
- Probably Yes
- Definitely Yes

**Question 14** *\*\* required \*\**

If you could start over, would you still choose to graduate with the same second major?

- Definitely No
- Probably No
- Uncertain
- Probably Yes
- Definitely Yes
- Does Not Apply

**Question 15** *\*\* required \*\**

When you applied for admission to K-State, it was your:

- First Choice
- Second Choice
- Third Choice
- Not one of your top 3 choices

**Question 16** *\*\* required \*\**

After having a year to reflect, how satisfied are you with the following features of advising provided to you at K-State:

1 - Very Dissatisfied | 2 - Dissatisfied | 3 - Neutral  
4 - Satisfied | 5 - Very Satisfied

	1	2	3	4	5
16.1 Access to academic advising	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16.2 Assistance in course selection/developing a program of study	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16.3 Information provided about career/graduate school opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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### Question 17

If you answered 'probably no', 'definitely no', or 'uncertain' to attending K-State ('if you could start over again...') please answer the following question.

If you could do it over, please describe the choice(s) you think might have been better and why.

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### Question 18

If you answered 'probably no', 'definitely no', or 'uncertain' to choosing the same major(s) ('if you could start over again...') please answer the following question.

If you could do it over, please describe the choice(s) you think might have been better and why.

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### Question 19 **\*\* required \*\***

How much has your K-State college experience contributed to your growth in each of the following areas?

1 - None | 2 - Little | 3 - Somewhat | 4 - Very Much

	1	2	3	4
19.1 Increasing knowledge and understanding in an academic field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.2 Gaining knowledge, technical skills and/or competence required for a job/career	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.3 Developing skills in leading or participating in groups or teams	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.4 Gaining knowledge that will enrich your daily life or make you a more complete person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.5 Becoming independent, self-reliant, and responsible	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.6 Developing an understanding and awareness of yourself (interests, abilities, values, needs, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.7 Becoming a more satisfied, responsible family member	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.8 Becoming more aware of world issues and pressing social, political, and economic problems	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.9 Thinking critically, problem-solving	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.10 Identifying a sense of values and priorities in life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.11 Developing lasting friendships and personal ties	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.12 Handling personal/family finances and consumer issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.13 Increasing your intellectual curiosity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.14 Caring for your mental/physical health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.15 Organizing time effectively	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.16 Increasing a commitment to public services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.17 Developing satisfying leisure time activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.18 Becoming more willing to consider opposing points of view	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.19 Interacting and working effectively with people from different racial/ethnic backgrounds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19.20 Locating and evaluating information sources	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Question 20 **\*\* required \*\***

Looking back on your college experience, do you believe (less, the same, or more) emphasis should have been placed on:

1 - Less | 2 - Same | 3 - More

	1	2	3
20.1 Written communication skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20.2 Oral communication skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20.3 Mathematical skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20.4 Computer skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20.5 Problem-solving skills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

20.6 Learning to think and reason	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20.7 Understanding and relating to people	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20.8 Background in natural science (e.g. chemistry, biology, physics)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20.9 Background in social science (e.g. economics, sociology, psychology)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20.10 Background in humanities and fine arts (e.g. art, music, history)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20.11 Theory courses related to my major(s)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20.12 Application courses related to my major(s)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Question 21** *\*\* required \*\**

How much has your overall quality of life been enhanced by your K-State undergraduate experience?

- None  
 Little  
 Somewhat  
 Very Much

**Page 10****Question 22** *\*\* required \*\**

Please fill in the one statement that best describes your current activities; then complete the survey as indicated.

- Not engaged in paid employment  
 Enrolled in graduate or professional school  
 Both employed (other than graduate assistant) and continuing my education  
 Employed 35 hours per week or more  
 Self-employed

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Fill out this page only if you answered:

- **Not engaged in paid ...** on question 22. *Please fill in the one sta.. on page 10 .*

**Question 23** *\*\* required \*\**

Indicate the primary reason you are not employed.

- I have chosen not to be employed  
 I was laid off by my employer  
 I quit a job to seek other employment  
 I chose to confine my job search to a specific city or region  
 My job search was limited due to a need to find career opportunities in the same geographic region with someone else  
 I have not limited my job search in any way, but have been unable to find a satisfactory job since graduation.  
 Having/Expecting a child changed my employment plans  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 24** *\*\* required \*\**

**Have you sought job placement assistance from K-State's Office of Career and Employment Services?**

- Yes, it has been helpful
- Yes, but it has not been helpful
- No, I didn't register with the office
- No, I registered with the office, but didn't seek further assistance

**Question 25** *\*\* required \*\**

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**Do you plan to seek paid employment?**

- Yes, within 12 months
- Yes, in 1 to 5 years
- Yes, in more than 5 years
- No

**Question 26** *\*\* required \*\**

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**How would you describe your current status of not being employed?**

- Serious Problem
- Minor Problem
- No Problem, My Choice

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**Fill out this page only if you answered:**

- *Both employed (other... OR Enrolled in graduate... on question 22. Please fill in the one sta.. on page 10 .*

**Question 27** *\*\* required \*\**

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**What degree are you currently pursuing?**

- M.A./M.S.
- M.B.A.
- M.D.
- Ph.D.
- Ed.D.
- D.V.M.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 28** *\*\* required \*\**

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**What is the highest degree you are planning to complete?**

- M.A./M.S.
- M.B.A.
- M.D.
- Ph.D.
- Ed.D.
- D.V.M.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 29**

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**How closely was your undergraduate major related to your graduate major?**

1 - Not Related | 2 - Somewhat Related | 3 - Directly Related

1	2	3
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29.1 Major 1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
29.2 Major 2 (If you did not have a second major, leave your answer blank)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Question 30** *\*\* required \*\**

**Was this graduate/professional program your first choice?**

- Yes
- No, I was accepted but couldn't afford to attend my first choice
- No, I did not apply to my first choice
- No, I was not accepted by my first choice
- No, I did not attend because I needed to match my plans with someone else's
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 31** *\*\* required \*\**

**What sources of financial assistance have supported your graduate study? (select all that apply)**

- Departmental graduate assistance
- Institutional fellowship/scholarship
- Non-institutional fellowship/scholarship
- Full-time employment
- Part-time employment
- Loan(s)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 32** *\*\* required \*\**

**How would you rate the quality of your K-State undergraduate preparation for graduate/professional education?**

- Inadequate
- Fair
- Good
- Excellent

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**Fill out this page only if you answered:**

- **Self-employed** OR **Employed 35 hours pe...** OR **Both employed (other...** on question **22. Please fill in the one sta.. on page 10 .**

**Question 33** *\*\* required \*\**

**In what type of organization did you find full time employment?**

- Agriculture
- Animal care
- Architecture
- Aviation
- Child care
- Communications
- Computer Services
- Construction
- Education

- Energy
- Engineering
- Fashion/Desing/Art
- Finance/Insurance
- Food Services
- Government
- Healthcare
- Human resources
- Legal services
- Manufacturing
- Media
- Military
- Non-profit
- Professional Services
- Public relations
- Real estate
- Recreation/Fitness
- Religion
- Retail/Sales
- Social Services
- Technology
- Transportation
- Other:

**Question 34** *\*\* required \*\**

**Does your job require:** *(mark all that apply)*

- A computer
- Conducting Research
- Extensive Training
- Math skills
- Problem Solving/Analytic Reasoning
- Speaking to a group
- use of specialized machinery
- use of specialized software
- Working with a diverse group of people
- Writing reports, memos, papers, publications, etc.

**Question 35** *\*\* required \*\**

**Is this your first job after graduation?**

- Yes
- No

**Question 36** *\*\* required \*\**

**How did you learn of this job?**

- Job lead from professor or advisor
- Job lead from relative or friend
- Job lead from college internship
- Government employment listing
- Employment agency
- Job listing on the internet
- Newspaper
- Worked previously for employer

- Applied for job without knowledge of opening
- K-State's Career and Employment Services
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 37**

**How closely is your job related to your undergraduate field of study?**

1 - Not Related | 2 - Somewhat Related | 3 - Directly Related

	1	2	3
37.1 Major 1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
37.2 Major 2 (If you did not have a second major, leave your answer blank)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Question 38**

**If you indicated that your job is not related or only somewhat related to your major, what is the principle reason?**

- I looked, but could not find a job closely related to my major
- My major had no direct connection with specific employment opportunities
- I confined my job search to a specific city or region
- My job search was limited due to a need to match my career interests with someone else's
- I developed new career interests after leaving college
- The jobs in my field did not pay well
- The jobs in my field did not offer opportunities for advancement
- I found an exceptional opportunity in an unrelated field
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 39 *\*\* required \*\****

**When did you initiate your job search for a career position?**

- More than one year prior to graduation
- Nine months to one year prior to graduation
- Six to eight months prior to graduation
- Three to five months prior to graduation
- One to two months prior to graduation
- At graduation time
- One month after graduation
- More than one month after graduation

**Question 40 *\*\* required \*\****

**How long did it take you to obtain your current full-time job after graduation?**

- Had job at graduation
- Less than 1 month
- 1 to 3 months
- 4 to 6 months
- 7 or more months

**Question 41 *\*\* required \*\****

**How difficult was it for you to find employment?**

- Very Difficult
- Fairly Difficult
- Fairly Easy
- Very Easy

**Question 42** *\*\* required \*\**

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Approximately how many job interviews did you have before accepting your current position?

- 0-1
- 2-5
- 6-9
- 10-14
- 15-19
- 20+

**Question 43** *\*\* required \*\**

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How close is your job to the type of job you desired prior to graduation?

- Very Close
- Fairly Close
- Not Very Close
- Had no clear expectation

**Question 44** *\*\* required \*\**

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How do you feel that K-State prepared you for your present job?

- Inadequately
- Fairly Well
- Well
- Excellently

**Question 45** *\*\* required \*\**

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Compared to new employees from other colleges/universities, do you feel that your K-State academic preparation gave you an:

- Advantage
- Disadvantage
- Neither

**Question 46**

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What is your current annual salary, before taxes? (optional)

- Less than \$20,000
- \$20,000 to \$29,999
- \$30,000 to \$39,999
- \$40,000 to \$49,999
- \$50,000 to \$59,999
- \$60,000 to \$69,999
- \$70,000 to \$79,999
- \$80,000 to \$89,999
- \$90,000 to \$99,999
- \$100,000 or more

**Question 47** *\*\* required \*\**

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Which statement best describes your current position?

- Employment with definite long-term potential
- Employment with possible long-term potential
- Employment primarily to earn money with little or no other satisfaction or disadvantages
- Temporary employment while I look for something more suitable
- Temporary position that will last only for a limited time

**Question 48** *\*\* required \*\**

Indicate your satisfaction with the following aspects of your present position:

1 - Very Dissatisfied | 2 - Dissatisfied | 3 - Neutral

4 - Satisfied | 5 - Very Satisfied

	1	2	3	4	5
48.1 Salary/benefits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
48.2 Location	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
48.3 Opportunity to use your qualifications	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
48.4 Opportunity to advance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
48.5 Prestige/recognition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
48.6 Interest/challenge of work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
48.7 Working conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
48.8 Opportunity to learn	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**Question 49** *\*\* required \*\**

Is your position challenging?

- Yes  
 No

**Question 50** *\*\* required \*\**

Is a B.A./B.S. degree required for your current position?

- Yes  
 No, but helpful  
 No, irrelevant

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Please use the following to comment, in more detail, on your colleges experiences at K-State.

**Question 51**

**Influences**

We are compiling a list of important influences on students during their college days. These could include individuals (faculty, staff, students, administrators), classes, or out-of-class experiences (organizations, clubs, etc.). If there were important influences on you, describe them below. (It's fine to name names!)

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**Page 15****Question 52** *\*\* required \*\**

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Did poor advising require you to enroll for an additional semester (or longer) at K-State? If yes, please explain.

- Yes  
 No

Further comments about your response:

**Question 53** *\*\* required \*\**

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Upon completion of your B.A./B.S. degree, what was the total amount of student loan debt (Stafford, etc.) you had accumulated?

- None  
 less than \$10,000  
 \$10,000 to \$19,999  
 \$20,000 to \$29,999  
 \$30,000 to \$39,999  
 \$40,000 or more

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**Page 16**

Fill out this page only if you answered:

- *Both employed (other... OR Enrolled in graduate... on question 22. Please fill in the one sta.. on page 10 .*

**Question 54** *\*\* required \*\**

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What institution are you attending?

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**Question 55** *\*\* required \*\**

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In what department or professional school are you enrolled?

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**Question 56** *\*\* required \*\**

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What is your area of emphasis?

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**Page 17****Question 57**

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Please use the space below to make other comments that describe ways in which you benefited from, or were

disappointed in, your experience at Kansas State University. In addition, any suggestions for improvements that you think K-State should make would be most appreciated.

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Question 58 **\*\* required \*\***

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Would you recommend K-State to a potential student?

- Yes  
 No

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#### Closing Message

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