Positive Impacts of K-State 2025

- Construction and opening of the Morris Family Multicultural Student Center
- $24 million building expansion project for Chester E. Peters Rec Complex, increasing the space from 90,000 to 185,000 Sq. Feet. Performance Zone Project that converted 5 racquetball courts to functional training spaces.
Positive Impacts of K-State 2025

- Opening of the Berney Family Welcome Center in 2016 allowed rebranding of 2 offices to become the Career Center. Over 128,000 student interactions have been documented in the Career Center over the last 5 years.
Positive Impacts of K-State 2025

• Opening of Wefald Hall in 2015 added 540 beds. This $62 million project also included the renovation of Kramer Dining Center.
• Derby Dining Center reopened in Spring 2021 after a $16 million renovation project.
Positive Impacts of K-State 2025

- Several reorganizations of Student Life have occurred during 2025 including the 2019 reorganization and hiring of VP for Student Life, Thomas Lane.
- Developed a Student Life Strategic Plan, mission, vision and values.
- An organizational shift occurred Fall 2021, with addition of the Morrison Family Associate Vice President for Student Well-being position.
- CAPS became part of Lafene Health Center and introduced its Navigated Care Model.
Positive impacts of K-State 2025

- Established the Cats’ Cupboard campus food pantry to help meet the daily nutritional needs of thousands of K-State students, faculty and staff including being the first All-In for K-State that raised over $320,000 to support the cause.
- Received a $5 million gift to establish the Morrison Family Center for Student Well-being, along with $1.5 million to hire the first Morrison Family Associate Vice President for Student Well-being and $1 million to name the Morrison Family Director of Cats’ Cupboard.
Positive impacts of K-State 2025

- Wildcat Dialogues, a signature Intercultural Learning event in partnership with Leadership Studies has hosted over 900 first-year students annually since inception in 2018.
- S.A.F.E Zone Workshops are being held on the average of 2 times a week.
- Project IMPACT programs like College for a Day, MAPS & Kompass are serving on a yearly average, 1,200 multicultural, first-generational, low-income students from across the state.
- Approximately 1.5 million visitors to the K-State Student Union annually over the past 10 years. Over 40,000 students attend engaging and enriching programs planned by Union Program Council annually.
Positive impacts of K-State 2025

- One-on-one financial education by Powercat Financial was reported by participants to have reduced the level of financial stress by 38%.
- Expanded the reach of the Women’s Center with a name change to Center for Advocacy, Response and Education (CARE).
- COVID 19 Pandemic response with Lafene providing unprecedented services including COVID-19 testing, vaccine clinics and day-to-day strategic public health guidance to executive leadership. Launched the Every Wildcat a Wellcat campaign.
Progress/accomplishments

- With a $10,000 grant awarded by Harvesters Community Food Network, Cats’ Cupboard installed two new refrigeration units which will provide access to fresh foods to clients.
- Office of Student Life created two new case management positions to manage Student of Concerns, Mid-Semester Navigate reports and a University-Wide Excused Absence Policy requests.
- New staff positions in the CARE office to provide direct services and advocacy to survivors included an Intake Specialist, Prevention Specialist and two Survivor Advocates.
Progress/accomplishments

- Dedicated space for the Veterans Center as part of the K-State Student Union renovation along with a recent renaming to MARC (Military Affiliated Resource Center) and hired first-ever full-time Center Coordinator.
- Housing & Dining COVID Care Team provided pandemic support for both on and off campus students.
- $32 million renovation completed in 2017 to the K-State Student Union, enhanced services for students including a food service redesign, campus store remodel, updated office spaces, and a transformed catering model.
Key metrics

- Student Access Center has increased student population from 556 at the beginning of 2025 plan to 911 students now with 100 more in the registration process. In that same period proctored tests increased from 1017 to over 1800 exams in a semester after a move in 2016 to a test center with 19 seats.
- MAPS/Kompass: 91% retention rate (1st to 2nd Year) Avg GPA: 3.17
- Career Center collected post-graduation data from 80% or more of each graduating class with bachelor’s placement rates ranging from 94-96% over the last 5 years.
Key metrics

• OSL Faculty & Staff Student of Concern Guide was developed and transitioned to an electronic format. Referrals have increased exponentially to a level of over 1,000 referrals a year.

• CARE received six federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grants to fund direct support for survivors of crime amounting in total to $1,519,203.

• Parents & Family Program developed and launched Wildcat Live Series to virtually engage families including over 1300 unique views.
Key metrics

- Meritrust Credit Union Scholars Program sponsorship of Powercat Financial with $75,000 gift.
- Since September 2011 and the launch of 2025, the All-University Career Fair has connected 41,650 students to 3,486 employers.
- Center for Student Involvement hosts Week of Welcome with 9 recurring signature events and averages around 20 events in total. This serves thousands of students annually. Fall 2021 added Lunch on the Lawn.
Counseling and Psychological Services continued its support of students' emotional well-being, seeing an increase in both unique patients and appointments.

As part of our Division’s JED Campus initiative, the Morrison Family Center for Student Well-being has trained over 700 students and 65 faculty staff in its Bandana project and over 60 faculty staff in the Project Waypoint training program. Both programs help campus community members be aware of when a student might be struggling with a mental health concern and be able to connect that student with resources.
Key metrics

- K-State Ranks as No. 7 in Top 50 LGBTQ-Friendly Colleges by study.com, and has received 5 out of five stars from the campus pride index naming us the best university for LGBT students in Kansas.
- SafeRide has had various vendors however in FY21 began SafeRide operated by Lyft providing 1862 rides and so far in FY22 1352 rides to meet immediate student safety concern needs.
Key metrics

• This Fall saw Recreational Services celebrating 100 years. Daily utilization average at the Rec Center is over 3,500 w/record daily highs over 5,000. The Intramural Program has offered over 60 different sports annually yielding over 140,000 participants.

• Freshman to sophomore retention numbers have continued to rise toward the 90% goal.
Top priorities moving forward

- First Year Residency Requirement beginning Fall 2022
- eSports initiative
- Recreational Field improvements
- Revitalization of the Strong Complex
- Identify a more permanent home for Cats’ Cupboard and attract new source for vendors.
- Culture of Respect
- JED Campus Initiative
  - Realizing vision for Morrison Family Center for Student Well-being
  - Expanding tele-therapy opportunities
Top priorities moving forward

- Truth, Racial Healing, and Transformation (TRHT) initiative
- Re-examining ISOs relationship w/ K-State
- Completion of update of OrgCentral, a robust student organization management platform and student engagement platform. Currently there are 430 registered organizations.
- CAS Program Review