

## The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Land-Grant University

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*Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose*



## The Morrill Act of 1862



## Today's 106 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities



## Morrill's idea, Lincoln's signature...

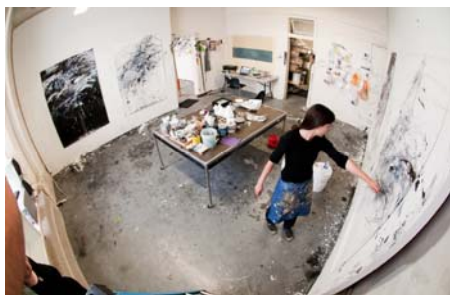
...each State which may take and claim the benefit of this act, to the endowment, support, and maintenance of at least one college where the leading object shall be, without excluding other scientific and classical studies, and including military tactics, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, in such manner as the legislatures of the States may respectively prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in the several pursuits and professions in life (section 4).



## ACCESS to EXCELLENCE

- Access
  - Affordability
  - Range of Degree Programs
  - Cultural Openness
- Excellence
  - Curriculum
  - Co-curricular Learning
  - Facilitating the Three Great Undergraduate Student Transitions!

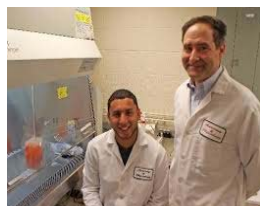
Independence, creativity...



From X, Y, Z...to Kansas State Univ.



Making contributions alongside...



To a Major(s), Minor(s), and More!



Engaging the world, learning with others...

From KSU to...well, One Never Leaves!



## W[h]ither Access to Excellence?

- July 9, 2016, *New York Times*—"Public Schools? To Kansas Conservatives, They're 'Government Schools'"
- July 11, 2016, *Chronicle of Higher Education*—"Adapting in Tough Times: An Interview with Allison Garrett, President, Emporia State University"
- July 11, 2016, *Chronicle*—"Flagships Must Create New Models to Preserve the Public Good," Nicholas B. Dirks

## A Passionate and Data-Driven Approach



## The Case of "First-Gen" Students

"Neither of my parents graduated from college, so when I got to campus as a freshman, I felt like I was a little overwhelmed. I didn't know anyone on campus except my brother. I didn't know how to pick the right classes or find the right buildings. I didn't even bring the right size sheets for my dorm room bed."

But then I had an opportunity to participate in a three-week, on-campus orientation program that helped me get a feel for the rhythm of college life. And if it weren't for those resources and the friends and the mentors, I honestly don't know how I would have made it through college.

In the video below, you'll hear inspiring stories from first-generation students at Kansas State University who have overcome challenges and are preparing to give back as educators. As a country, we're missing out on too many potential leaders: our often young people don't believe that college can be a reward for them, and they don't know the steps to take to prepare themselves for higher education. So it's up to all of us to make sure we're helping our young people reach higher and take charge of their futures." —Michelle Obama



## "A Walk in My Shoes: First Generation College Students"

