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Division of Academic Success
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7th Annual
First-generation Student
Graduation Celebration

May 10, 2024 | 7:00-8:00 PM | Forum Hall

FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT GRADUATION CELEBRATION

Welcome.....Mr. Eric Thompson

Alumni Address.....Dr. Samuel Ornelas, MD

Message from the Alumni Association.....Mr. Brad Sidener

Presentation of Cords.....Ms. Mirta Chavez

Closing Remarks.....Ms. Mirta Chavez

Group Photo

Graduates,
No longer in need of your cap and gown after graduation? Consider donating it to future first-gen graduates! [Follow this link](#) to let us know you're interested in donating.



CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Deepesh Agarwal
Manuel Aguero
Skyler Allen
Leslie Armendariz
Guillermo Arriaza
Rosa Asalia Arroyo
Benedicta Asamoah
Victor Banda-Medina
Seth Bauerle
Lashonda Bennett
Ruchi Bhakta
Sydney Boedeker
Sarah Bond
Aiden Bourman
Jake Brown
Lashay Brown
Samantha Buettner
Concha Campa-Lopez
Rosa Cano
Gage Christiansen
Kacia Codling
Sierra Collier
Verlisa Cradle
Isaac Crowder
Carson Detherage
Sachin Dhanda
Marie Dios
Haley Dittmer
Nick Divilbiss
Nishadi Dodampe Mudiyansele
Laura Doll
Marieli Duarte Viguri
Nathaniel Enfield
Jensen Ervin
Audrey Etgen
Bryson Eyman
Maddie Flanagan

Mikaela Garcia
Lizet Gomez
Grace Gorges
Elizabeth Guevara
Brianna Gulley
Graycen Harrell
Yessenia Herrera Molina
Kerri Howardson
Abby Hunt
Shawntearia Hunt
Malik Jenkins
Timothy John
RJ Johnson
Molly Kang
Zachary Kirkland
Justin Klassen
Adrienne Koehler
Jenny Krause
Edma Landa
Abril Lara
Karly Larson
Huy Le
Deylin Lees
Ash Leslie
Kari Lies
Madison Lopez
Elvia Lopez-Morales
Alexandra Marta Guillen
Daniel Martinez
Alexa Martinez-Alba
Mandy Matthews-Tveit
Kyser Meininger
Emma Metzger
Aisjha Miles
Michelle Montalvo-Gonzalez
Seongmin Moon
Nate Moore

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

Elizabeth Murillo-Cervantes
Avery Neer
Kristy Nguyen
Thai Nguyen
Quentin Nolan
Ashleigh Orton
Spencer Pabst
Nicholas Paradas
Adam Parker
Jennifer Pedroza
Riley Perrine
Tram Pham
Danica Phan
Linh Phan
Bethany Plake
Troy Pretzer
Adam Price
Zac Proehl
Angel Quintana
Brenda Resendiz
Carolina Reyes
Esmeralda Rico Martinez
Karla Rincon
Berenice Rivera Hernandez
MaKyla Rivers
Jamia Roberts
Citlali Rocha Ruiz
Sydney Rohlman
Jenni Sabella
Jesse Sacrison
Britney Sanchez
Salma Sanchez
Odalys Sarabia
Bri Schock
Jasmine Seiler
Jazmyne Shannon
Josh Shelton

Brisa Silvestre-Castillo
Kelsy Sproul
Lizeth Sustaita-Delgado
Kateri Terrell-Washington
Monica Tlaxcalteca-Romero
Hannah Tobar
Douglas Turney
Emmanuel Ugwuegbu
Jade Valdez-Gomez
Joe Van Lanen
Erik Van Schijndel
Alec Villegas
Chandima Wekumbure Gedara
Hanna Westermier
Harold Wilcox
Nikki Wilken
Tyoni Williams
Taylor Witt
Julisa Wolf
Morgan Wright
Trinity Wrightfield
Jordan Young
Kenia Zapata





National Recognition

K-State is part of a national network of institutions to advance first-generation student success in higher education. We participate in the First Scholars Network led by NASPA's Center for First-generation Student Success. Most recently, K-State received champion status in recognition of serving as a national leader in advancing first-generation student efforts.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO

Dr. Thomas Lane

Vice President for Academic Success and Student Affairs/Dean of Students

Ms. Mirta Chavez

Assistant Vice President for Student Belonging and Inclusion

Dr. Samuel Ornelas, MD, MPh

Diagnostic Radiologist, Manhattan Radiology

2008 & 2010 K-State Alumnus

Mr. Brad Sidener

Senior Vice President for the K-State Alumni Association

First-generation Student Center Staff:

Rebeca Paz, Assistant Director

Elise Kellogg, Graduate Assistant

Partners across campus who support first-generation student success:

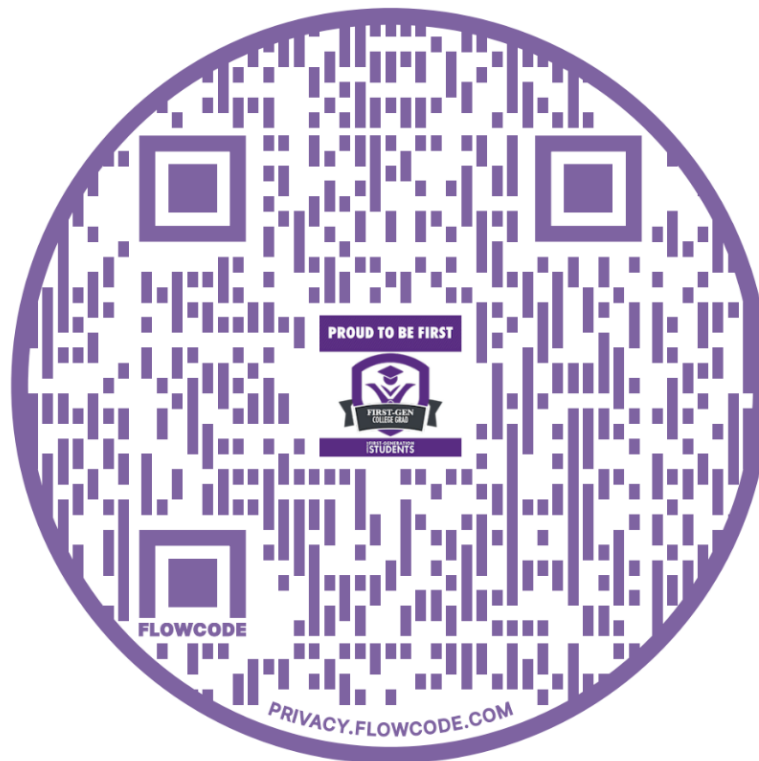
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First-generation Student Graduation Celebration committee members:

Dr. Rebecca Bender, Dr. Angelique Courbou, Dr. Rana Johnson, Elise Kellogg, Marcia Locke, Luke Matulewicz, Katie Messerla, Dr. Laura Moley, Karina Moncayo-Michel, Brandon Moreno, Dr. Claudia Nazario, Rebeca Paz, Eric Thompson, Anthony Ybarra

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