Parent and Family Guide

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THEATRE, DANCE, AND OPERA SEASON

MAIN STAGE

MACBETH
IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE - A RADIO PLAY
WINTER DANCE CONCERT
THE MEDIUM/GALLANTRY - OPERA
SPRING DANCE CONCERT
WORKING - A MUSICAL

SECOND STAGE

THE LARAMIE PROJECT - TEN YEARS LATER
A PIECE OF MY HEART
UNSCRIPTED EXPEDITIONS
HAPPY ENDINGS - A BARRIER-FREE THEATRE CREATION
FAIRVIEW - AN EBONY THEATRE READING
WHEN WE WERE YOUNG AND UNAFRAID
THE LIFESPAN OF A FACT
A BARRIER-FREE CABARET

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About This Guide

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It is very hard to put down into words how it feels to have thousands of fans screaming my name and always wanting to be around me. I think the real question is, "How does it feel to be 73 years old and still feel like I'm a 20-year old?"

You go to a lot of events, and that must be tiring, what does a cat nap for Willie look like?

First, I prepare my bedding by walking circles inside of it and then paw the area where my head is going to sleep before I lay down and take a 45-minute nap. I do this process 5-6 times a day depending on the weather outside.

Willie became the official mascot in 1947, how does it feel to be 73 years old and still be the face of K-State?

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What kind of diet does Willie need?

I stay on a very strict diet of eating birds and Purple Pride ice cream.

How much does it hurt when K-State loses?

It stings at first. What mascot doesn't want their team to win? But I always know that K-State will bounce back and win next time.

How does Willie celebrate after a big win?

I celebrate by running around, knocking my ball of yarn for a solid hour and then drinking a full bowl of milk and finally getting a good night's rest before the next game day.

If you had to spend the weekend with any other Big 12 mascot, who would you spend it with?

I would spend the weekend with the West Virginia Mountaineer, we both share an interest in hunting birds, specifically Jayhawks!

If you played on the football and basketball teams, what positions would you play?

I would be the wide receiver with my cat-like reflexes and the point guard.

What products do you use to care for your wonderful whiskers?

I prefer a more natural way of taking care of my whiskers and use the old method of licking my paw and cleaning my whiskers since I am a cat. I like to stay away from whisker and hair products; I feel like it doesn't make my whiskers shine as much.

What's the best part about interacting with the fans?

The best part about interacting with fans is the smiles I get to put on their face by giving them a high five or taking a selfie with them.

What's your weirdest experience been as Willie?

I once got asked how many abs I had by a little kid.

Is there a K-State super fan that's bigger than you are?

Yes, Robert Lipson is a bigger super fan than I am. He is a great guy and is loved by everyone.

How does Willie prepare for a football or basketball game?

I first wake up, get a nice stretch and eat a healthy meal. Then I put on the uniform for either football or basketball and tape up my wrists and fingers. I finish up by putting sharpies in my socks for autographs and get ready to pump up the crowd.

STORY BY HALLIE EVERETT

willie shares the life of a wildcat

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The K-State Parents and Family Program, a completely free organization, keeps families informed, celebrates student achievements and helps families make memories at K-State. Our program embraces an extensive definition of family. This may include families of origin and families of choice. If you are a friend, spouse, neighbor, extended family member, guardian, or sibling, we welcome everyone. We seek to create an inclusive environment for all students and their family members.

To stay connected, families can opt-in to our Parents and Family Newsletter. https://www.k-state.edu/parentsandfamily/connect.html. In addition to a bi-monthly newsletter, the PFP has a free hotline parents and families can call with any questions they might encounter. The number is (785) 532-2222.

The Parents and Family Program will host an exciting lineup of events throughout the year. Be sure to save the date for the 92nd Annual Family Day celebration Saturday, September 12, 2020. We invite families to experience K-State, eat great food, and make memories with your student. Families can hang out at the pre-game Tailgate Party (registration opens early summer) or celebrate your student at the breakfast Pinning Ceremony. This ceremony honors students who are the first in their family to attend K-State and also honors students who are following a long family legacy of Wildcats.

Every year our program looks for leaders to serve on the Parents and Family Advisory Board. This group provides a voice for K-State families for issues pertinent to student life. For more information about this opportunity, visit www.k-state.edu/parentsandfamily. Additionally, you can also follow PFP on Facebook and Twitter to stay informed and engaged with the K-State community.

With purple pride,
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Parents and Family Program Advisory Board Members Tommy and Josie Herrera, Shawnee, KS, hosted families at 2019 Open House.
Mark you calendars for K-State Family Day: Saturday, Sept. 12

In 2020, PFP celebrates 92 years of hosting its special tradition in welcoming families to campus for a day of pride. Activities will showcase K-State’s history, traditions, and the special connections among the university and our students and families. This year all activities are subject to change to ensure the health and wellness of our students, parents, and families. Visit www.ksu.edu/familyday for updates and registrations.

Events include:

**Legacy Pinning Ceremony**
Recognizing the commitment of K-Staters across generations, the event concludes with parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and K-State students sharing a symbol of loyalty.

**K-State Family Tailgate**
Held in conjunction with Family Day, this casual, pre-game event begins two hours before kick-off. The event will feature food, the chance to purchase tickets to win free tuition dollars for your student, fantastic door prizes, a tailgate experience area, a photo booth, a visit from Willie the Wildcat, and the opportunity to meet and interact with other parents, families, and K-State administrators.

**FILL the Cupboard & the Closet!**
If you like to give back, the Career Closet and Cats’ Cupboard have the fill-anthropy event for you. Help stock the Closet and the Cupboard by donating your new or lightly used business wear and non-perishable food.
More at k-state.edu/familyday.
It is with great excitement that we welcome you and your student(s) to Kansas State University. What we have here is special, and we are thrilled to share it with you. Whether your K-State story dates back multiple generations or is beginning today on campus, you are an integral part of our university’s success.

K-State opened in 1863 as the nation’s first land-grant institution with a vision: to provide opportunity, access and education to all individuals. By enrolling at K-State students and parents are making a commitment to our land-grant mission and entering into a relationship with our faculty, staff and students. Through our commitment to each other, we are bringing premiere education and elite research programs to the State of Kansas to help the state grow in both culture and industry. Through academic excellence and exceptional career preparation, we are confident the experience your student will embark on at K-State will empower them to achieve their greatest aspirations.

With nine colleges, over 250 academic majors, and more than 500 clubs and organizations, there is truly something at K-State for everyone. In addition to a great variety of academic programs, K-State continues the tradition of “putting students first” through numerous student success programs, social entertainment outlets and nationally ranked Division I Athletic programs.

This year as Student Body President and Vice President, we are fortunate to represent one of K-State’s student organizations, the Student Governing Association. Through engaging in dialogue concerning important decisions being made throughout the university, SGA serves as the communication link between students and administrators. One of our most important decisions is the allocation of over $16 million in student privilege fee dollars, which are essential to our university’s efforts to provide a “home away from home” through the support of campus entities such as the K-State Student Union, Lafene Health Center, Chester E. Peters Recreation Complex, campus entertainment funds, and much more.

As student representatives, we will work to ensure the student experience is one which is constantly striving to improve. Working with university administration to enhance our campus through emphasizing affordable textbook alternatives, combating food insecurity and developing initiatives that put student well-being first.

Once more, welcome to K-State! We look forward to the year ahead. As always, go ‘Cats!

Tel Wittmer
Student Body President
Holton, Kansas

Lane Lundeen
Student Body Vice President
Fowler, Kansas
Well-Being

What is wellness? It’s being in good physical and mental health.

**Intellectual** —
Recognizing creativity and finding ways to expand knowledge and skills

**Physical** —
Recognizing the need for physical activity, healthy foods, and sleep

**Social** —
Developing a support system with a sense of connection and belonging

**Spiritual** —
Expanding a sense of purpose and meaning in life

**Environmental** —
Occupying pleasant environments that support well-being

**Financial** —
Implementing plans to guarantee satisfaction with current and future financial situations

**Occupational** —
Finding personal satisfaction and enrichment from one’s work

**Psychological** —
Coping effectively with life and creating satisfying relationships
You’ll want to make the most of each trip to K-State and Manhattan, and we’ll help you do that. Here is a list of tips, items to bring, things to do, and places to stay while in town visiting your student:

**Tips for your visit**
- Plan your trip well in advance. By talking with your student and planning your visit a few weeks ahead, your student will be able to arrange academic and work schedules around your visit.
- Take snacks and other supplies. Care packages work as well, but a plate of personally delivered, homemade cookies melts away the stress. Remember to bring along favorite non-perishable snacks for later.
- A new stock of essentials, from printer paper to deodorant, is always welcome. Be mindful of your student’s space, both on-campus in their residence halls or in their apartments.
- As far as their living space, don’t be too worried about cleanliness. Other activities often take higher priority, but as soon as your student can find the time, rest assured the dirty laundry will get a wash. Folded? Maybe not.
- Let your student(s) show you what gets them excited about K-State, and ask questions about their favorite places or memories they’ve made so far. It’s an easy way to get the conversation flowing.
- Wear purple. And lots of it. If you don’t have any yet, be sure to stock up on some from businesses around town.

**Items to pack:**
- Homemade baked goods
- Non-perishable snacks
- Cleaning and laundry supplies
- Family keepsakes, like a small, framed family photo
- Wear weather appropriate clothing. It’s Kansas and the seasons change, so a warmer, or cooler change of clothes will be welcome.
Driving — Getting to campus is an easy two-and-a-half hour drive from Kansas City or Wichita. Whether you choose to travel on the interstate highways or take a more scenic route on state highways, you’ll be treated to the beauty of the Flint Hills and the Konza Prairie. There’s nothing quite like a sunrise or sunset that stretches across the horizon as far as the eye can see.

If you are coming from farther away, or just don’t want to drive, consider flying.

• Manhattan Regional Airport (MHK) — flymhk.com

If you’re traveling from afar, flying is your best bet. The airport offers daily flights to and from Chicago and Dallas/Fort Worth.

• Greyhound Bus —

With a stop right outside the K-State Student Union, a Greyhound bus trip to campus is an inexpensive, convenient option for travelers visiting from around the region. The bus makes two daily stops on the south side of the Union.

• Places to stay — With 15 hotels and a number of bed and breakfast or AirB&B facilities in town, finding the perfect place to stay at the perfect price is a given. Make reservations as early as possible as hotels will fill up on game and special event weekends.

Save the date

Anytime is a great time to visit K-State, but you can make the best of your visit on these special dates:

• K-State Family Day Saturday, Sept 12, 2020.

Be sure to check out this special 92-year tradition of celebrating our extended K-State family. Programs and activities emphasizing K-State history and traditions will give you a first-hand look at being a Wildcat.

• Mom and Dad Weekends

If your student is in a fraternity or sorority, these organizations often have days for moms and dads to come and take part in group activities. Check with your student for the schedule of his or her greek life special events and activities.
K-State First is the university’s first-year experience program, our way of helping freshmen establish a great foundation for their college careers. The program offers seminar courses and learning communities designed specifically for first-year students. Home to the university’s common reading program, a one-on-one mentoring program, and other unique opportunities, K-State First is deeply committed to academic excellence, community, diversity and the empowerment of students.

CAT Communities
Connecting Across Topics Communities are designed around student interests and offer mentoring from a professor, as well as an advanced undergraduate learning assistant who shares the students’ interests. CAT Communities are an ideal place for students to meet each other and to study together.

A group of 22 students enroll in two general education courses and a one-hour connections course during the fall semester. The two general courses count toward graduation in most programs, and the friendly faces in the CAT Community make the larger, mostly lecture-based classes feel a lot smaller. To apply what they have been learning, students meet once a week in the connections course with this core group of classmates and a professor. Students can enroll in residential, non-residential and study abroad CAT Communities.

Residential CAT Communities provide an added opportunity for first-year students to connect with others who share their academic interests by placing them in the same on-campus residence hall along with their Residential Learning Assistant. Like the other CAT Communities, first-year students take a group of classes together, and also live, eat, sleep, study and socialize near each other, too.

Students study together in Goodnow Hall. Photo by Rowan Jones, Collegian Media Group
First-Year Seminars
The First-Year Seminar program provides students with the opportunity to take small, exciting classes that are taught in a lively, interactive way. Students can ask questions, interact with the professor and/or the other students, and challenge themselves while receiving personalized, hands-on attention. All of the classes carry general education credit, and they meet the program of study requirements for most students and most majors. Many of the courses fulfill K-State 8 requirements, which are needed for graduation, as well.

Guide to Personal Success
K-State First’s mentoring program matches guides (or mentors) with first-year students. The guide serves as a professional point of reference throughout the student’s first year at the university, providing information outside academics and class selection. Guides share their knowledge of campus resources and provide support and feedback as needed. Students and their guides also connect on their own, or at program-sponsored events at least three times per semester.

K-State First Book
While freshmen may have common experiences living in the residence halls or through sporting activities, K-State First Book seeks to provide another kind of commonality.
“"The purpose of the program is to create a common experience with our first-year students that is an academic one," Tara Coleman, chair of K-State First Book, said. This year, incoming students will read The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind, by William Kamkwamba. A true story, Kamkwamba writes about how he, as a young boy, encountered a famine that hindered his father from bringing crops to market. As he lives in a country without public education, they can’t afford to send their son to school in the midst of the drought.
“With his own initiative, he uses old library books, a science textbook, to build a windmill that helps bring electricity,” Coleman said. “He started small with his home and then in his village. It’s a really awesome story about what a young person can do on their own with initiative to help their community.”
K-State First is dedicated to assisting new students with the transition to university-level learning and college life. For more information go to: k-state.edu/first.
The Wabash Cannonball

By Peter Loganbill

Anyone who has visited K-State has seen the Wabash Cannonball performed by the Marching and Pep Bands. Directed by Dr. Frank Tracz, the bands play the song, and the student section goes wild. Someone leans forward and goes back, while those next to them lean back and go forward, chanting, “Hey, hey, hey! Let’s go, STATE!” Their fists, too, are going back and forth, arms fully extended.

While students and fans of all ages know the song by heart, they may not know how it became the theme song of the Wildcats.

Nichols Hall, on the south end of K-State’s campus by Anderson Avenue, caught fire in 1968. At the time, the music department was housed in the building.

While legend has it that the Wabash Cannonball was the only piece of music surviving the fire, a 1998 K-Stater magazine article quotes the band director at the time saying there was, in fact, no surviving sheet music.

“It goes on to say Hewett duplicated a handwritten copy of the song and they played it at the game the following Tuesday in Ahearn Field House.”

“We didn’t have much time to rehearse. I’d say the crowd’s reaction was 50-50 for the first performance. By the third or fourth game Wabash had really caught on. It was so popular we added it to our program the next fall during football season.”

So, why all the twists, turns, back and forth, and movement during the song? Well, the song has no part for the woodwind players during the entire first half of the arrangement. Hewett let them do as they please. The woodwind players twirled back and forth, moved from their set positions, and weaved in and out of the other players.

“Wabash Cannonball became one of my more effective crowd controllers,” Hewett said. “When the fans didn’t like a call or started booing the opponent, I could change their mood by playing a song.”

Come to a football or basketball game this year, and that last statement holds more true than ever.

Students Wabashing Photo by Meg Shearer, Collegian Media Group
The Mystery Sculpture

By Sara Wallace
Can you name that statue? Probably not because its whole purpose is to be an enigma.

On the north side of campus by the Staley School of Leadership Studies stands an iconic and ambiguous untitled statue. Some refer to it as a fork or a spork. Others, considering its location outside King Hall, have debated it resembling a king chess piece. Some even see it as a claw to represent Willie the Wildcat or frequently it is thought to be a trident. Without some searching in the Special Collections records its wearabouts generally stand unknown.

So let’s share. This statue was created by James Wents in 1969 during an “Art-In-Situation” workshop. These workshops were part of a series of summer seminars for students from 1969 to 1971 encouraging the creation of art pieces across campus. Five sculptures were added across campus, but only a few of the “Art-In-Situation” structures exist on campus today.

The tallest statue on campus stands at 20-feet tall. It’s made out of wood, white fiberglass and plastic. It has become an iconic piece of art on K-State’s campus as hundreds of students pass it every day. The artist responsible for its creation said he had constructed the piece with no true object in mind and wanted the sculpture to be left up to interpretation.

So the next time you find yourself staring at this sculpture, you may consider it a fork or a trident, or Willie the Wildcat’s claw, but know that it stands with no true identity.
Campus Resources

Beyond academics, our K-State community is also committed to providing your student with the resources they need to thrive on campus.

Office of Student Life
With headquarters in Holton Hall, this office houses many of K-State’s student support resources, including the Student Access Center, Student Legal Services, Off-Campus Housing Support, the LGBTQ Resource Center, and other support programs.

Counseling Services
Counseling Services has licensed clinical psychologists and other professional staff who attend to students’ emotional needs, promote their well-being, alleviate concerns, facilitate problem resolution, and enhance their overall success. Their services are free, including eight individual sessions per semester and unlimited group therapy. Counseling Services also offers resources for parents at www.k-state.edu/counseling/parents.

Career Center
K-State’s Career Center works side-by-side with faculty members, academic advisors, student life staff and the campus community to promote career readiness. The career readiness of students and strong recruiting interest from industry is part of the reason why a high percentage of new graduates are employed or enrolled in graduate education within six months of graduation. The center regularly puts on career fairs and offers résumé critiques, mock interviews and the Career Closet, where students can get new or lightly used business clothing for free.

Lafene Health Center
Lafene Health Center is an on-campus medical facility where students in need of general medical care can see a healthcare provider free of charge. Lafene also has a pharmacy along with additional services such as X-rays, nutrition counseling and an immunization clinic, which are typically discounted below the rates of a regular doctor’s office in Manhattan.

Military and Veterans Affairs
While the K-State Office of Veteran Affairs handles GI Bill benefits, associated certification and processing, the Veterans Resource Center on the second floor of the Student Union is there to answer questions a student may have. Complete with a computer lab and lounge area, the resource center is there to help veteran students, and families of veteran students in any way they can. The director of the resource center also said they serve students who are currently on reserve duty or in the National Guard.

SafeRide
The mission of the SafeRide program is to save lives and prevent injuries by offering students and their guests a safe alternative to drunken driving and other threatening situations. SafeRide provides free buses that run designated routes from 11 p.m. to 3 a.m. Thursdays through Sunday mornings.
Safety on Campus

Your student’s safety is a top priority at K-State. Students, faculty and staff approach campus safety as a shared responsibility, which allows K-State to be among the safest universities in the Big 12. Together, we make K-State what it is: a supportive and caring community where the well-being of each of us is the responsibility of all of us.

Campus police
The K-State Police department includes commissioned and non-commissioned officers available to respond to emergencies 24/7, 365 days a year. Campus police can be contacted at 911 locally or at its non-emergency number, (785) 532-6412.

Campus-wide Emergency Notification System
K-State’s emergency alert system sends emergency signals to police officers in the case of an emergency. The alert system also notifies students through email and on the K-State website. Anyone can sign up for text message alerts, or K-State Alerts, at www.k-state.edu/its/eid, including friends and family.

Wildcat Walk
If your student is ever uncomfortable walking on campus alone, Wildcat Walk can provide an escort to meet them and walk with them to another on-campus destination or up to two blocks off-campus. The service ensures that students arrive safely at their destination, and it operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Wildcat Walk can be reached at (785) 395-7233.

Blue Light Phone Boxes
K-State Police monitor numerous blue light phone boxes located at spots throughout campus. The blue steel pillars are found outside buildings in heavily traveled areas to allow anyone to have quick access to emergency services. You can also use these boxes to ask for directions, or report a crime or accident. A blue light on the top of the pillar blinks when the caller needs assistance.

LiveSafe App
LiveSafe is a smartphone app that provides safety resources and communication tools. LiveSafe users can anonymously share information and safety concerns with K-State Police via text with picture, video and audio attachments; use peer-to-peer location tracking with group chat; access emergency help, telephone numbers and important safety information and resources; and see where the latest campus incidents have occurred and nearby safety locations.

The free app can be downloaded through iTunes and Google Play and is available to students, parents, faculty, staff, campus visitors and community members.
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Support for Your Student

Although they’re not home anymore, students can still benefit from your support as they start their lives and careers at K-State. Your relationship will change as freshmen become increasingly independent, but by maintaining strong bonds and communication, you and your student can foster a strong relationship. Here are a few tips to help you support your student.

Know your resources

K-State is a big place, and navigating the many programs and resources available for students and parents can be daunting. When your student needs help and asks you for assistance, you can use this guide as a jumping-off point for many of the resources on campus, and when in doubt, you can call the Parents and Family Program at 785-532-2222.

Expect mistakes, but growth too.

Life at college is more than academic learning — it is a chance to venture out into adulthood while living and learning in a safe, supportive space.

Setbacks and challenges are to be expected, but as students learn more about themselves and their capabilities, you’ll see them grow into the adult they’re meant to be. You may even see them change as a person, but with your sup-
port, they’ll maintain the parent-child connection you had before college.

Trust them
By being honest and open with your student, they’ll feel comfortable doing the same with you. As new adults, they’ll be making plenty of decisions that impact their lives, and while they might not have the benefit or wisdom of prior experience, show them that you trust them to make the right decisions or at least learn from their mistakes.

Avoid showing doubt in their judgment or decision-making. They’ll be much more willing to talk to you about those decisions, and what they learned from them.

Write a letter
In these days when texting and even video calls are convenient options, handwritten notes and letters go a long way toward showing your student that you’re thinking about them.

Nothing beats the surprise of opening your residence hall mailbox and finding a note from someone she misses. You can write about anything in your letter — it can be a short joke or a long update...
K-Staters have created purple-tinted traditions since the university’s founding in 1863.

Purple Power Play
Go crazy for the football team, watch fireworks and sample local cuisine at the annual Purple Power Play in the Park. Manhattan’s City Park is home to this exciting city-wide rally on the Thursday and Friday nights before the first home football game, scheduled for Saturday, September 5, 2020.

Homecoming
Students compete to generate K-State spirit throughout Homecoming Week, October 4 - 10. Activities include designing banners, performing group chants, painting windows in Aggieville and building parade floats.

‘Wabash Cannonball’
Get on your feet, clap, bend and twist to this rousing anthem. After a fire destroyed the home of the music department in 1968, the band performed the only music that was left: “The Wabash Cannonball.” Now, doing “The Wabash” is a rite of passage for all K-Staters. The Wabash was recently named the No. 1 pregame tradition in the Big 12 by ESPN.

KS Letters
High on a hill overlooking Manhattan, this de-facto monument is hard to miss. Engineering students plotted the 80-foot-tall “K” in 1921 and later added the “S” on K-Hill. The “U” was never constructed, but students still white-wash the letters every year.

Call Hall
Our campus dairy bar offers more than 30 flavors of student-made ice cream, including espresso ecstasy, chocolate brownie delight and of course, the campus staple: Purple Pride.

Open House
More than 20,000 visitors show up every April to check out majors and campus life. Experience K-State through performances, eating contests, science experiments and more.

Willie the Wildcat
Our fearless mascot, Willie the Wildcat, does a pushup for every point
scored at K-State football games and electrifies fans with his famous K-S-U pose. He may not say much, but he sure gets the crowd to make some noise.

**Royal Purple**

The university’s color, Royal Purple, was adopted in the fall of 1896. Although K-State’s only official color is royal purple, white has been used as a complementary color for many years. The university’s yearbook is also named after this prominent color, and is the most decorated college yearbook in the nation. At 110 years old the Royal Purple continues to capture the stories of all aspects of the campus and its people.

**Collegian Media Group**

Collegian Media Group shares the stories of Kansas State University and Manhattan with communities on and off campus. Including the Royal Purple, the Collegian Media Group includes the student newspaper, The Kansas State Collegian, and Manhappenin’ Magazine. During the pandemic of 1918 the university closed but the Collegian didn’t miss an issue, and in the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020, the Collegian continued robust publication online.

**University Fight Song**

Written in 1927 by Harry E. Erickson, “Wildcat Victory” is the official fight song of Kansas State, a rousing anthem of Wildcat Pride and pure fandom fun. Clap along to the playful melody and don’t forget to pump your fists along to the final line.

*Fight, you K-State Wildcats,*  
*For alma mater, fight-fight-fight!*  
*Glory in the combat for the purple and the white.*  
*Faithful to our colors,*  
*We will ever be,*  
*Fighting ever fighting for a Wildcat Victory!*  
*Go State!*
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Exploring K-State

When you visit your student, be sure to check out something new every time.

The Gardens at Kansas State University and Insect Zoo

Explore a wide variety of flowers and specialty gardens, walking through the Historic Conservatory and Visitor Center Garden, located in the former K-State Dairy Barn and Milk House.

Take a guided tour through the K-State Insect Zoo, which features a number of exciting educational exhibits, including a tropical tree/flooded Amazonian rainforest, tropical nighthouse, observation beehive, a mock kitchen, a freshwater display, and a number of terraria with numerous species of tropical insects, tarantulas and spiders, scorpions, and other arthropods.

The gardens also showcase native Kansas plants and provide a home for hundreds of native butterflies in the summer.

Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art

The museum’s exhibits and galleries celebrate both regional art and art from around the world. In addition to its permanent collections, the free museum offers a a changing roster of exhibitions, so be sure to come back and see what’s
new. More information is available at www.beach.k-state.edu.

McCain Auditorium
From Broadway shows to Grammy-award winning musical performers, there’s always something to see at McCain Auditorium. McCain’s Performance series brings some of the best entertainment in the country to K-State, including to world-renowned speakers. Learn more at www.k-state.edu/mccain.

Union Bowling Center
The Wabash Cannon Bowl is K-State’s bowling alley, and it’s the place for all the cool cats on campus. Located on the bottom floor of the K-State Student Union, the center offers 16 lanes, billiards, an arcade, concessions, beer, and shoe and ball rental. Plan a birthday party there or join a league. There’s always something to do.

Dining at the Union
Whether you’re looking for something fast and on-the-go or something more upscale, the K-State Student Union is the place for you.

Popular restaurants include Qdoba, Subway, Chick-Fil-A, and Panda Express, as well as a satellite branch of the local favorite Call Hall. You’ll also want to check out some K-State originals, including Fast Track and Union Kitchen.

For a more immersive, sit-down experience, try Union Station by JP’s, where you’ll find a bar and locally sourced menu items. For a full list of restaurants, visit www.union.k-state.edu/food-fun/restaurants.

Sporting events
K-State Athletics offers the full Division 1 experience, with 16 varsity teams competing at home and away throughout the year. Catch a football or soccer game in the fall, basketball games in the winter, and baseball games in the spring. See www.kstatesports.com for a full schedule.
At K-State, you don’t need to go far off campus to find a treasure trove of things to see and do. In Manhattan, you’ll find museums, nature trails, shops and more. Our community is home to a unique variety of activities and attractions that will be sure entertain everyone in the family.

Aggieville
Since 1889, Aggieville’s variety of quirky shops and trendy restaurants has made it a family-friendly environment during the day and a college hot spot at night. Hosting events like the K-State Homecoming Parade and Pep rally, the Little Apple New Year’s Eve Celebration and Ball Drop, and the Taste of the ‘Ville restaurant showcase, the Aggieville is the place to experience Manhattan’s cozy, small-town feel. Learn more at www.aggieville.org.

City Park
City Park is located close to downtown and just south of Aggieville. Home to the statue of the legendary Johnny Kaw, the park is a place for anyone who loves the outdoors. A playground, picnic tables with grills, tennis courts, a basketball and volleyball court, a mile-long multi-use trail, rose garden, seasonal splash park, aquatic center and ice rink make City Park the spot for everyone in Manhattan. The outdoor Larry Norvell bandstand is the scene of city band concerts during the summer and touring bands on weekends.

Flint Hills Discovery Center
Showcasing the geology, ecology and cultural history of the Flint Hills, this interactive facility lets you discover what makes the area special through interpretive exhibits so you can learn how to help preserve the last major stand of the tallgrass prairie.

The museum is located two miles from campus and is an engaging activity for the whole family. For more information, visit www.flinthillsdiscovery.org.

Historical sites
Dive into Manhattan’s rich history by visiting the numerous historical sites in town. Take a step back in time by learning about the area’s early settlers, 19th-century pastimes, and influential residents like Isaac Goodnow. The Riley County Historical Museum, Goodnow

The Konza Prairie Biological Station is a 3,487-hectare preserve of native tallgrass prairie located south of Manhattan. 

Photo by Jordan Koster, Collegian Media Group
House, Pioneer Log Cabin, and Wolf House Museum offer unique opportunities to experience what Riley County was like more in its early history. Learn more at www.rileychs.com.

**Konza Prairie**
Experience the vastness of Kansas’ rolling hills by walking through this native tallgrass prairie preserve, open to the public from dawn to dusk. Located off McDowell Creek Road, trail lengths vary from about 2.5 miles to longer than 6 miles. While there, be sure to observe the rules, as most of the Konza Prairie is a privately owned research station. Learn more at www.keep.konza.k-state.edu.

**Shopping centers**
Needing to do some back-to-school shopping? From furniture to food, find everything you need at the shopping districts in town. Poyntz Avenue, which is anchored by Manhattan Town Center, along with Westloop, Town East, Seth Child Commons, and Fort Riley Boulevard are just a few of the shopping areas around Manhattan. For more information, visit www.manhattancvb.org.

**Sunset Zoo**
Open year-round, Manhattan’s zoo offers up-close views of more than 200 animals from various continents. From April to October, visitors can experience daily feedings and attend zookeeper chats.
Sunset Zoo also hosts special events, including Brew at the Zoo, SPOOKtacular, and Wine in the Wild. To learn more, visit www.sunsetzoo.com.

**Tuttle Creek State Park**
Outdoor adventures await at the 1,200-acre park, located less than 10 miles from campus.
You’ll find nature trails, trails for mountain biking and horse riding, picnic areas, an 18-hole disc golf course, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, shooting and archery ranges, and a swimming beach. Boating and fishing are also popular activities on Tuttle Creek Lake, and you can fish in the river above and below the lake.
Looking to stay overnight? The park offers a campground with more than 600 sites, as well as 11 reservable cabins. Visit www.ksoutdoors.com to learn more.

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About The Staff

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Sara Wallace, content producer, senior in Journalism and Mass Communications and minor in Political Science and is from Derby, Kansas. She is the Senior Producer for MHK All day, a television show on Channel 8, and has worked with 91.9 KSDB as the Music Director for three years. She also helps with the collegian and likes to write about the odd gems at our school.

Kaitlyn Porter, the advertising sales manager, graduated with a degree in Organizational Management with a certificate in Professional Strategic selling and is from Manhattan, Kansas. "My favorite memory would have been taking 2nd place at the University of Toledo Invitational Sales Competition."

Peter Loganbill, content producer, senior in Journalism and Mass Communications and minor in Political Science and is from Derby, Kansas. She is the Senior Producer for MHK All day, a television show on Channel 8, and has worked with 91.9 KSDB as the Music Director for three years. She also helps with the collegian and likes to write about the odd gems at our school.

Nathan King, the advertising sales assistant manager, graduated with a degree in journalism and mass communications with an emphasis in public relations and is from Troy, Kansas. "My favorite K-State memory is having the annual Kedziepalooza Fair in front of the home of K-State Journalism, Kedzie Hall."

Abby Pfannnenstiel, account executive and co editor-in-chief of Manhappenin' Magazine for CMG, graduated with a degree in apparel textiles marketing and is from Kansas City, Missouri. "My favorite memories were having the creative outlet of the magazine at K-State with the amazing photoshoots, designs and stoies!"

Jamie Gray, account executive, graduated with a degree in Communication Studies and is from Olathe, Kansas. "My favorite K-State memory is doing the Wabash at every football game."

Kali Ricke, account executive, graduated with a degree in Business Administration and a minor in marketing and is from Olathe, Kansas. "My favorite K-State memory is meeting my friends on the fourth floor of Ford Hall and living with them until senior year."

Clement Lee, Creative Manager, graduated with a degree in Graphic Design and a minor in Leadership Studies. "My favorite K-State memory is being a part of a diverse community within the diversity and multicultural student affairs."

Holly Delay, Creative Team, is a Junior studying Mass Communications with a minor in Graphic Design and is from Morrowville, Kansas. "My favorite K-State memory so far is having Manhappenin' Magazine work nights with the most amazing team and friends."
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