RICHARD B. MYERS
14th President
Kansas State University

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THE UNIVERSITY MACE

The Kansas State University mace debuted in 2009 at the inauguration of Kirk H. Schulz as the university’s 13th president. A mace is a decorative symbol of office and typically carried at the front of academic processions. Designed by Tom Boley, a 1970 K-State graduate, the mace is made from a purple wood called purpleheart and a light-colored maple.
I. Prelude

*Colonial Song*

Percy Grainger

Performed by: Kansas State University Orchestra
Travis Hale, graduate student conductor

*Overture to The Magic Flute*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Performed by: Kansas State University Orchestra
Travis Hale, graduate student conductor

II. Processional

*Pomp and Circumstance No. 4 in G Major*

Sir Edward Elgar

Performed by: Kansas State University Orchestra
Travis Hale, graduate student conductor

III. Master of Ceremonies

Fred Guzek, Professor, Kansas State University
Polytechnic Campus

IV. Order of Procession

Provost and Senior Vice President
Marshal

*David L. Griffin, Sr., Assistant Dean, Director, Associate Professor, College of Education*

Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities
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*Bradley A. Kramer, Department Head, Professor, Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering*

Kansas State University Faculty
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*Brian Lindshield, President-Elect, Faculty Senate*

Kansas State University Provost's Staff
Kansas State University President's Staff
Kansas State University Deans
Kansas State University President's Cabinet
State of Kansas University Presidents
Big 12 Presidents
Kansas Board of Regents
Speakers
President Richard B. Myers and Mary Jo Myers

V. Presentation of the Colors

*Air Force ROTC*

Luke Juarez, Junior, Mechanical Engineering
Lindsey Medina, Junior, English

*Army ROTC*

Max Curtis, Freshman, Secondary Education
Ryan Burr, Junior, Economics

VI. National Anthem

*The Star-Spangled Banner*

Music by John Stafford Smith
Words by Francis Scott Key

Performed by: Kansas State University Choirs and Orchestra
Travis Hale, graduate student conductor
Julie Yu-Oppenheim, conductor

VII. Invocation

Troy Bowers, Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church

VIII. Greetings

Brian Lindshield, President-Elect, Faculty Senate
Jessica Van Ranken, 2016-2017 Student Body President
Carol Marden, President, University Support Staff Senate
Brad Sidener, Senior Vice President, K-State Alumni Association
Greg Willems, President and CEO, KSU Foundation

IX. Greetings from the People of Kansas

Sam Brownback, Governor of Kansas

X. Poem Reading

*What Makes Family*

Logan Stacer, Junior, Communication Studies

XI. The Investiture Charge to the President

Zoe Newton, Chair, Kansas Board of Regents

XII. President’s Introduction

Dennis A. Mullin, Regent, Chairman, Kansas State University
Presidential Search Committee

XIII. President’s Address

Richard B. Myers, President, Kansas State University

XIV. Alma Mater

*Kansas State University Alma Mater*

H.W. Jones

Performed by: Kansas State University Choirs and Orchestra
Travis Hale, graduate student conductor
Julie Yu-Oppenheim, conductor

XV. Benediction

Troy Bowers, Senior Pastor, First United Methodist Church

XVI. Recessional

*Overture to La gazza ladra*

Gioacchino Rossini

Performed by: Kansas State University Orchestra
Travis Hale, graduate student conductor
After a distinguished career in the U.S. Air Force, Richard B. Myers has returned to his home state and alma mater to serve as Kansas State University’s 14th president. Originally from Merriam, Myers graduated from K-State in 1965 with a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering and joined the Air Force through K-State’s ROTC program. In 1977, he received his master’s degree in business administration from Auburn University and also graduated from the Air Command and Staff College at Maxwell Air Force Base.

Earning the rank of four-star general, Myers served as the 15th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 2001 to 2005 and was the principal military adviser to the U.S. president, secretary of defense and the National Security Council. Myers has received numerous awards and honors for his service, including the Legion of Merit, French Legion of Honor and the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He retired from the Air Force in 2005.

Throughout Myers’ active duty and world travels, he maintained strong connections with his K-State family. He serves as a Kansas State University Foundation professor of military history and leadership, and has provided instruction, insight and inspiration to students and the community. K-State’s military science building is named after its well-respected alumnus and, in 2000, Myers presented the 118th lecture in the university’s prestigious Landon Lecture Series.

A Kansas State University alumna, Mary Jo Myers is heavily involved in local, national and international public service in addition to a career as an educator and associate director of public affairs at Hayes and Associates, where she recently retired.

Myers has served the Women’s Initiative Policy Advisory Council; the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation; Fisher House Foundation board of trustees; National Military Family Association Advisory Council; the Aschiana Foundation as founder and president emeritus; MediSend; and Kansas State University Foundation’s board of trustees, K-State Alumni Association board of directors, and Inspiration and Innovation Campaign as co-chair.

A long list of awards and honors, including The Spirit of the USO Award and National Defense University’s American Spirit Award, accentuate Myers’ dedication and hard work as a military spouse for more than 40 years.
In 1860, Bluemont Central College opened in Manhattan, Kansas, welcoming 52 students to start their higher education journey. Following the signing of the Morrill Land-Grant Act in 1862, the college became one of the first land-grant schools in the nation in 1863 and was renamed Kansas State Agricultural College and later, Kansas State University.

Today, K-State’s main campus has grown to include nearly 700 acres, plus 12,000 acres statewide designated for experimental agriculture. With additional campuses in Salina and Olathe, not to mention a renowned Global Campus, the university serves nearly 24,000 students through 250-plus majors and options and more than 100 graduate programs. Many of these programs are ranked among the nation’s best, and the university itself is consistently named as one of the country’s top institutions, particularly for its proclivity to foster a supportive student atmosphere.

The university also has gained a remarkable edge in its research, maintaining more than 90 research facilities and laboratories. While K-State excels in many areas of research, the university has been dubbed the “Silicon Valley for biodefense” for its work and breakthroughs in animal health, biosciences and food safety research, as well as global food systems, vector-borne disease prevention and treatment, sensory analysis, and related areas. To this end, President Myers is committed to the university’s visionary plan to become a Top 50 public research university by 2025.
**What Makes Family**  
*by Logan Stacer*

When I was growing up my family had what we’ll call a tradition where if I needed help on my homework they would help me.

So my family and I would read and listen and learn together until my homework was done and they had to bring it to me when I left it on the kitchen table.

At school I always tried to mimic my family. From a young age it’s easy to make friends when you read and listen and learn with them. Whether reading descriptions of trading cards or listening to larger than life lies we listed through our teeth telling tales of “why my dad is better than your dad”.

All this human interaction as we learn about basic math.

Then I got to high school and met my first teacher who would read and listen and learn with me.

She treated me like my family would. Whether reading on current events or listening to me give speeches we learned how to make each other better.

Now here I am before you, President Myers. As I welcome you as the new head of the family I ask you to read and listen and learn with us.

Read the testimonies of faculty – of family seeking needed resources to work to the best of their abilities.

Listen to the multicultural students – to family. When we say there are still steps to be taken to make us feel more welcome.

Learn how you can help us. The family of Kansas State you now preside over. And I guarantee you we will learn together to love this family the way that has always made every person a Wildcat.

As a land-grant university it is our responsibility to feed the world. But don’t forget to feed the future we’re fostering right here.

Welcome to the family President Myers. With that said we’ve got homework to do.

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**Alma Mater**

I know a spot that I love full well,  
’Tis not in forest nor yet in dell;  
Ever it holds me with magic spell,  
I think of thee, Alma Mater.

K-S-U, we’ll carry thy banner high.  
K-S-U, long, long may thy colors fly.  
Loyal to thee, thy children will swell the cry.  
Hail, Hail, Hail, Alma Mater.

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President and CEO of the KSU Foundation

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