



## University News



### **Kennesaw State ushers in new semester with annual cake celebration**

Student Government Association President, Amani Johnson, was participating in her fourth straight First Day of School Cake celebration, an event held annually during Kennesaw State's [Week of Welcome](#) as a lighthearted way to usher in the fall semester. [Read more](#)



### **Kennesaw State showcases newly renovated residence hall in open house event**

Kennesaw State University's newly renovated [Howell Hall](#) was unveiled this month in an open house event. The 288-bed residence hall, located on the Marietta Campus, reopens this fall to first-year students. [Read more](#)



### **Kennesaw State offers extended orientation option to give first-year students a leg up**

A group of about 300 of Kennesaw State University's incoming first-year students are nearing the end of a 12-day preview of the upcoming semester in a new immersive orientation program called [Freshman First Flight](#). [Read more](#)



### **Kennesaw State College of the Arts announces 2021-2022 season**

The College of the Arts at Kennesaw State University is pleased to announce its 2021-2022 ArtsKSU Season featuring over 100 exhibitions, performances, concerts, and public lectures. Almost all events will be held in person, signifying KSU's exciting and welcome return to performing in front of a live audience. [Read more](#)

## Donor Spotlight



### Donor establishes endowment to support Kennesaw State competition teams, Honors students

Jim Hills and his wife Wanda aim to inspire the next generation of engineers through a \$1 million endowment, the largest single gift in the history of KSU's [Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology](#) (SPCEET), providing support for KSU competition teams and scholarships for engineering students in the University's [Keeping Sights Upward \(KSU\) Journey Honors College](#). [Read more](#)

## Alumni News



### Three Kennesaw State alumni receive Fulbright awards

Jaylen Jackson developed a love of languages as a Kennesaw State University student, and now he has received a Fulbright grant to continue toward his career goal of teaching English as a second language to adults. Jackson, who graduated last year with an [integrative studies degree](#), is one of three Kennesaw State alumni recently awarded a Fulbright to study or teach abroad. [Read more](#)



### Kennesaw State graduate blends arts and science, evolves as researcher

Hope Didier forged her own path at Kennesaw State – an academic journey that blended divergent passions in dance and the sciences. The July graduate will earn two bachelor's degrees this week in fields not typically paired: dance and molecular and cellular biology. [Read more](#)



### Biology major fast-tracks his Kennesaw State experience

Barrett Upton arrived at Kennesaw State in 2018 with college credits in hand through a dual enrollment program. With a diligent work ethic and rigorous course work he graduated with his biology degree early during the summer 2021 commencement ceremony. [Read more](#)



### Kennesaw State alumna pursues biomedical research through NIH program

Jade Lugo became a researcher almost by accident. Now, the Kennesaw State 2021 [biochemistry](#) graduate has secured a postbaccalaureate research position with the [National Institutes of Health](#) (NIH). [Read more](#)

## Spotlight on Students



### Kennesaw State recognizes Birla Carbon Scholars

Kennesaw State University senior Ethan Wagner's research into a durable polymer that can conduct electricity won the top prize on Thursday at the Birla Carbon symposium, where the College of Science and Mathematics recognized its 11 [Birla Carbon Scholars](#). [Read more](#)



## Kennesaw State student organization receives national award

Kennesaw State University's MAC: Mentoring Architecture Construction student organization has received *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine's 2021 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award for its role in guiding underrepresented groups toward careers in [architecture](#) and [construction management](#). [Read more](#)

## Faculty in the News



## Kennesaw State's Research with Relevance showcase returns as hybrid event

Kennesaw State University's [Office of Research](#) is gearing up to launch the fourth season of its Research with Relevance – Friday Features series, this time spotlighting the research of four deans throughout the fall semester. [Read more](#)

## Upcoming Events

- **Alumni Tailgate for the KSU Owls vs Reinhardt University Eagles** – Thursday, Sept. 2, 2021. Click [HERE](#) to register!
- **Navigating Life After the Nest** – Sept. 8. Click [HERE](#) to register!
- **Alumni Tailgate for Georgia Tech vs. KSU Owls** – Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021. Click [HERE](#) to register!
- **2021 Homecoming Week** – Oct. 10-16. More details to come!

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### Black Alumni Society Nominations and Voting

Nominations for the secretary executive board position are currently open and will close on August 30 at 5 pm. Click [here](#) for the Nomination Form

Voting begins at 5 pm on August 31 and will last until September 7 at 5 pm.

## Class Notes

Catch up with your fellow KSU alums by checking out our Class Notes! If you or someone you know want to be featured in an upcoming issue of Class Notes, submit your information through the "Alumni and Friends Update Information" tab below!

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## Career Development

All alumni have unlimited access to KSU's online jobs database, over 1000+ employer contacts and access to our career finder and career explorer modules. To access your

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