

February 25, 2021



We want to welcome two new alumni affinity groups to the Nest -- the SPSU Alumni Society and the Marching Owls Alumni Society. Both were chartered at the February 10, 2021 KSU Alumni Association Board of Director's meeting and now join KSU's other active affinity groups -- the Black Alumni Society and the Association of Latino Alumni Society.

More information about how to join and engage with these two new groups will be forthcoming.

University News



Multi-Million Dollar Gift to Name Bailey School of Music at KSU

Kennesaw State University has received a \$5 million gift from the Bobbie Bailey Foundation to benefit the [School of Music](#) in the [College of the Arts](#). [Read more](#)



School of Data Science and Analytics Established at KSU

Kennesaw State University has announced the establishment of the [School of Data Science and Analytics](#), building on the institution's rich history of industry research and academic programs related to one of the fastest growing disciplines in higher education. [Read more](#)



KSU/Wellstar Health System announce \$5 million endowment for honors nursing students

Kennesaw State University and Wellstar Health System announce the establishment of the Wellstar-Tom and Betty Phillips Elite Honors Nursing Scholarship, a new \$5 million endowment that will create an opportunity for highly qualified undergraduate students to gain acceptance into the [Wellstar School of Nursing](#) as early as their freshman years. [Read more](#)

A Look Back - KSU Celebrates Black History Month



Rare Book Museum Highlights African American Collection during Black History Month

Kennesaw State University's [Bentley Rare Book Museum](#) celebrates literature and history year-round, and the disciplines will intersect during Black History Month as the museum recognizes the contributions African American writers have made to society. [Read more](#)



Chesley McNeil – KSU’s Teaching Weatherman

Best known as the morning meteorologist at Atlanta TV station WXIA, Chesley McNeil also teaches [environmental and atmospheric science](#) at Kennesaw State as an adjunct professor. As part of Black History Month, McNeil reflects on combining his loves of science and television, acknowledging his role models in both television and science, and giving back by teaching and talking about meteorology. [Read more](#)

Spotlight on Alumni



KSU alumnus finds success at Equifax

Only months after earning a degree in [computational and applied mathematics](#), Jessica Reyes is making waves in the data science industry and giving back to the academic program that set her on her path to success. [Read more](#)

Upcoming Events



- **Virtual Beer Tasting with Red Hare** – Mon., March 15 at 6:30 p.m. [Register](#)
- **Virtual Homecoming Court Reunion** – Fri., March 19 at 6:00 p.m. [Register](#)
- **Virtual Spring Homecoming Scrappy Hour** – Fri., March 19 at 6:30 p.m. [Register](#)
- **KSU Owls Football vs. Dixie State** – Sat., March 20, kickoff at 1 p.m. [Get Tickets](#)

- **TONIGHT: Black Alumni Awards and Honors Night** – Thurs., Feb. 25 at 6:00 p.m. [Register](#)
- **A Panel Discussion with the Women of ENERCON: How to Navigate within the Engineering Workplace** – Wed., March 3 at 12 p.m. [Register](#)
- **Noche con ALAS** – Thurs., March 25 at 6:30 p.m. [Register](#)

Class Notes

Alumni may update contact information, volunteer with the KSU community, or share Class Notes about a recent promotion, birth, wedding, etc.

[Alumni & Friends Information Update Form](#)



Alumni Build Relationships with and for KSU [Read More](#)

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Come together with other members of Owl Nation to support Kennesaw State University with a \$20 gift to CARE Services. Gifts to the CARE Services Emergency Assistance fund are currently needed to support students experiencing unforeseen hardships that impact their ability to succeed and flourish at KSU.

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