OPENING CONFERENCE
Forging Onward Toward a New Horizon

AUGUST 10-13, 2021 | 10 A.M.
Carl M. Hill Student Center Ballroom
Welcome back to the Hill, Kentucky State faculty.

As we prepare for the Fall 2021 semester, it’s no secret that we are in a period of institutional transition. I am humbled and honored to face this challenge with you, as we regroup to produce yet another class of Thoro graduates who are prepared for life onward beyond our beloved campus.

Over the course of Kentucky State’s 135 years - and especially today - her strength is in her people. These are trying and challenging times, to be sure. However, let us focus on the work of educating our amazing students and ensuring their success. Let the distractions fade away and focus on what someone once did for us: providing access to an education that can transform lives.

I am excited to welcome our new provost, Dr. Leroy Hamilton Jr. Let us support the leadership of Provost Hamilton, as he calls on us to guide our students to be excellent, ethical, forward-looking, positive thinking and well prepared. I am excited about the innovation Provost Hamilton brings to the table.

Faculty are the key for delivering the academic experience at the core of Kentucky State. We stand in support of the Kentucky State faculty and pledge to do what we ask from them for our students: to ensure your success.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, so continues our pledge to the health and safety of our campus community. Indoor masking is mandatory at Kentucky State. Masking while off campus is highly encouraged, as is getting vaccinated. Your actions away from our home on the Hill impact the thousands who live, work and study here. We are committed to making the necessary PPE available in your classrooms. If you are in need of PPE, please reach out to covid19@kysu.edu.

The ongoing pandemic has shown us our strength and what we can accomplish together. Let us continue to be vigilant in protecting each other and tap into that strength to navigate our current transition. We must remain committed to our institutional mission, unchanged and unwavering.

Onward,

Clara Ross Stamps
Acting President
Welcome back, Colleagues!

Kentucky State has been recognized for its traditions, its pursuit of academic and institutional excellence, its service to the global community, its innovative spirit, and its adaptability. As the institution has evolved over 135 years, it has thrived, in part, by managing change—that is by innovating within it, adapting to it, and maximizing its opportunities. The growth and progress of Kentucky State University over the years can be attributed also to a diverse, well-qualified faculty and staff, a highly motivated student population, visionary leadership, and strong academic programs.

In addition, our institution has remained true to its mission, which in summary, involves advancing the interests of the Commonwealth and preparing students to live productive and fulfilling lives—both personal and professional—as citizens of a global community. Thus, whatever time and circumstance have wrought—whether feast or famine, smooth seas or turbulent oceans, Kentucky State University has been able to continue its worthy pursuit of impacting lives in fruitful, even life-altering ways.

In the period of challenge and change now facing us, we cannot afford to do less. We must continue to strive for excellence by remaining united and committed to our mission, to our common purpose. We must strengthen our resolve to pursue and achieve goals related to student success, campus-wide engagement, and institutional viability. To that end, we must instruct our students in traditional and virtual environments and in public learning environments to prepare them for success in an evolving, competitive marketplace. Further, we must maintain, expand, develop, and pursue our individual and collective projects, initiatives, and programs that will engage us all as a vibrant learning community and that will impact the broader community. In sum, we must maintain and expand the excellent work Kentucky State University has performed throughout the state, across the nation, and around the world.

And we are well equipped for that task. After all, we are Thorobreds. Thoroughbred racehorses have been bred over centuries to be intelligent, strong, spirited, energetic, and courageous. As their human counterparts, we as Thorobreds must employ our intelligence and strength, our spirit and energy, and our courage to ensure that this year, 2021-2022, and the years beyond are among the most productive and successful in the history of Kentucky State University. Have a great year!

With best wishes,

Dr. Leroy Hamilton, Jr.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
TUESDAY, AUGUST 10
Carl M. Hill Student Center Ballroom

10 - 10:30 A.M.
Check-in and Continental Breakfast

10:30 A.M.
Division of Academic Affairs Opening Session I

Welcome ................................................ Dr. Leroy Hamilton Jr.
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

Student Showcase .................................................. Ms. Zania Tutwiler
Music Major, School of Humanities and Performing Arts

Greetings .................................................. Ms. Clara Ross Stamps
Acting President

Faculty Senate .................................................. Dr. Phillip Clay
President

Student Government Association .................................. Mr. Jason Robinson
President
Business Administration Major, School of Business

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATES

Office of the Provost .................................................. Dr. Leroy Hamilton Jr.
Provost and Vice President

College of Agriculture, Community and the Sciences .................................. Dr. Kirk Pomper
Dean

College of Humanities, Business and Society .................................. Dr. David Shabazz
Acting Dean
Whitney Young Honors Collegium. ............................................. Dr. Erin Gilliam
  Acting Dean

Student Success and Retention ................................. Dr. Charles Holloway
  Vice Provost

University College .................................................. Dr. Margery Coulson-Clark
  Acting Executive Director

Paul G. Blazer Library .............................................. Ms. Sheila Stuckey
  Director

HSE Safety .......................................................... Mr. Eric Robinson
  Manager, HSE Safety

Faculty Showcase .................................................. Dr. Lori Hicks
  Associate Professor, School of Humanities and Performing Arts

                     Dr. Keith McCutcheon
  Associate Professor, School of Humanities and Performing Arts

Good News ........................................................ Dr. Leroy Hamilton Jr.
  Provost and Vice President

Closing Remarks

Noon - 1 P.M.
LUNCH
Carl M. Hill Student Center Ballroom

1 P.M. - 3 P.M.
Academic Affairs Opening Session II
Carl M. Hill Student Center Ballroom

Distance Learning/Instructional Design. .......................... Dr. Michael Dailey
  Director
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

Academic College Meetings

10 A.M. - NOON
College of Agriculture, Community and the Sciences
Cooperative Extension Building, Room 238

1 - 2 P.M.
College of Humanities, Business and Society
Hathaway Hall, Room 123

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Student Advising and Registration
University Center, Registrar and Academic Departments

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

8 A.M. - 5 P.M.
Student Advising and Registration
University Center, Registrar and Academic Departments

9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
Tour of Frankfort (optional)
Depart from Kentucky State University (Exum parking lot)
Lunch will be provided.