



Heritage Assembly

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023 | 11 A.M.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

DAVID H. BRADFORD HALL | CARL H. SMITH AUDITORIUM



KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

Founded 1886



EDGAR ENOCH HUME
1875 – 1877
State Representative



JOHN HENRY JACKSON
1886 – 1898
First President



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From its modest beginnings as a small normal school for the training of African American teachers, Kentucky State University has grown into a land-grant and liberal arts institution that prepares a diverse student population to compete in a multifaceted, ever-changing global society.

Kentucky State University began as an idea on October 15, 1885. The Commonwealth needed more normal schools to train African American teachers for employment in its Black elementary schools. On May 18, 1886, legislators authorized the school's creation, and the university was chartered as the State Normal School for Colored Persons, the second state-supported institution of higher learning in Kentucky.

During the euphoria of Frankfort's 1886 centennial celebration, when vivid recollections of the Civil War remained, the city's 4,000 residents were keenly interested in having the new institution located in Frankfort. Toward that end, the city donated \$1,500, a considerable amount in 1886 dollars, and a site on a scenic bluff overlooking the town. This united display of community enthusiasm and commitment secured the new college's place in Frankfort despite competition from several other cities.

Recitation Hall—now Jackson Hall—the college's first building, was erected in 1887. The new school opened on October 11, 1887, with three teachers, 55 students and John Henry Jackson as its first president.

Kentucky State became a land-grant college in 1890, and the departments of home economics, agriculture and mechanics were added to the school's curriculum. The school produced its first graduating class of five students in the spring of that year.

As the school began to grow and change, so too did its moniker. In 1902, the name was changed to Kentucky Normal and Industrial Institute for Colored Persons. The name was changed again in 1926 to Kentucky State Industrial College for Colored Persons.

By 1929, most students had access to high school, leading then-President Rufus B. Atwood to discontinue the college's high school, which had been in operation since 1893.

Even so, Atwood's 33-year tenure was marked by dramatic institutional growth including the first modern yearbook, the first student newspaper, and most notably, by gaining accreditation for the institution. His administrative acuity and political acumen were necessary to position the university for growth during a period of marked social change, while avoiding fallout in the political town of Frankfort.

In 1938, the school was named Kentucky State College for Negroes and began focusing again on offering more traditional liberal arts education. The college notably gained full accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools the following year.

The term "for Negroes" was dropped in 1952 when the school's name became merely Kentucky State College. In 1972, it became Kentucky State University and enrolled its first graduate students in the School of Public Affairs in 1973.

In the 45 years since then, more than 43 new structures or major building expansions have enhanced Kentucky State University's 914-acre campus, which includes a 311-acre agricultural research farm and a 306-acre environmental education center.

Kentucky State University, "The College on the Hill," is led by Interim President Dr. Ronald A. Johnson. It is a public institution with an enrollment of approximately 2,000 students and 157 full-time faculty members. The university's diverse mix of faculty, staff, and students has made Kentucky State the most diverse public institution in the Commonwealth, and among the most diverse nationwide.



List of Presidents



JOHN HENRY JACKSON
1886 – 1898

JAMES EDWARD GIVENS
1898 – 1900

JAMES SHELTON HATHAWAY
1900 – 1907

JOHN HENRY JACKSON
1907 – 1910

JAMES SHELTON HATHAWAY
1910 – 1912

GREEN PINCKNEY RUSSELL
1912 – 1923

FRANCIS MARION WOOD
1923 – 1924

GREEN PINCKNEY RUSSELL
1924 – 1929

RUFUS B. ATWOOD
1929 – 1962

CARL MCCLELLAN HILL
1962 – 1975

WILLIAM A. BUTTS
1975 – 1982

RAYMOND M. BURSE
1982 – 1989

JOHN T. WOLFE, JR.
1990 – 1991

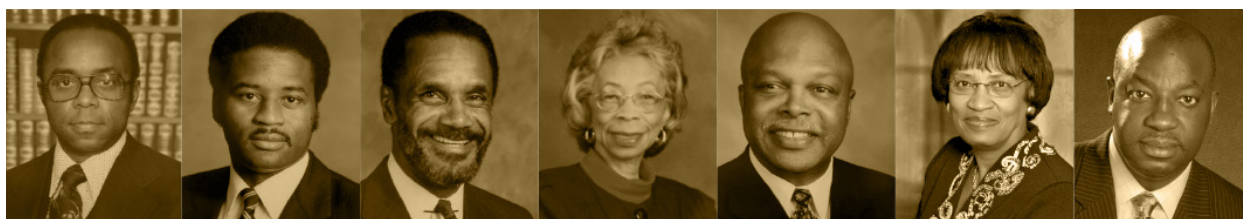
MARY L. SMITH
1991 – 1998

GEORGE W. REID
1998 – 2002

MARY EVANS SIAS
2004 – 2014

RAYMOND M. BURSE
2014 – 2016

M. CHRISTOPHER BROWN II
2017 – 2021





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Speaker Biography



CHAKA CUMMINGS serves as the inaugural executive director of The Association for Teaching Black History in Kentucky, an organization formed in partnership with Berea College, Kentucky State University, The Muhammad Ali Center, and the Thomas D. Clark Foundation to recover the social, historical, and cultural contributions of Black Kentuckians and to make these materials readily available to teachers in the Commonwealth, thereby promoting quality K-12 instruction in history.

Cummings' career in education has spanned various roles, including classroom teacher, football coach, administrator and diversity practitioner. He has taught every grade level from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, including teaching math, English, religion, and physical education. Cummings has specialized in teaching social sciences specifically American history, world history, and geography. He has led numerous presentations on teaching practice, training educators in frameworks such as Backward Planning, Design Thinking and Socratic Seminar.

Cummings has worked in Kentucky as the director of K-12, postsecondary, and equity policy and practice at The Prichard Committee, where he also led the Equity Coalition and represented Prichard on the Kentucky Coalition for Advancing Education, Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, and Kentucky Education Summit. He has previously served as a teacher at Lexington Catholic High School, St. John's School in Georgetown, and Sayre School in Lexington.

In January 2021, NBC affiliate WLEX (LEX 18) named Cummings Kentucky's "Best of the Bluegrass Teacher of the Week" for his lessons incorporating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. across different grade levels.

Cummings is a 2002 graduate of Berea College, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts in education studies and is a member of the Alumni Executive Council. He also earned an M.B.A. from the University of Kentucky (UK), where he is currently working toward a Ph.D. in higher education studies with an emphasis in diversity, equity and inclusion.



Heritage Assembly

DR. MICHAEL DAILEY
INTERIM PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
Presiding

PRELUDE

Dr. Keith McCutchen, Organist

THE SUMMONS TO ASSEMBLY

Dr. Scott Wicker
Interim Associate Provost for Academic Affairs

SELECTION

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
(by James and J. Rosamond Johnson)

Dr. Lloyd B. Mallory Jr.
Director of Choral Activities

WELCOME

Ms. Miana Wallace
93rd Miss Kentucky State University
Mr. Urias Kelly
29th Mister Kentucky State University

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Mr. Savion Briggs
President, Student Government Association

HERITAGE ASSEMBLY ADDRESS

Mr. Chaka Cummings
Executive Director
The Association for Teaching Black History in Kentucky

CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Ronald A. Johnson
Interim President

ALMA MATER

Ms. Tremayia Johnson and
Mr. Michael Tabb
Vocal Music Majors



The Heritage Anthem

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

James and Rosamond Johnson

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING,
'TIL EARTH AND HEAVEN RING,
RING WITH THE HARMONIES OF LIBERTY;
LET OUR REJOICING RISE
HIGH AS THE SKIES,
LET IT RESOUND LOUD AS THE ROLLING SEA.
SING A SONG FULL OF THE FAITH THAT THE DARK PAST HAS TAUGHT US,
SING A SONG FULL OF THE HOPE THAT THE PRESENT HAS BROUGHT US;
FACING THE RISING SUN OF OUR NEW DAY BEGUN,
LET US MARCH ON 'TIL VICTORY IS WON.

STONY THE ROAD WE TROD,
BITTER THE CHASTENING ROD,
FELT IN THE DAYS WHEN HOPE UNBORN HAD DIED;
YET WITH A STEADY BEAT,
HAVE NOT OUR WEARY FEET
COME TO THE PLACE FOR WHICH OUR FATHERS SIGHED?
WE HAVE COME OVER A WAY THAT WITH TEARS HAS BEEN WATERED,
WE HAVE COME, TREADING OUR PATH THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE SLAUGHTERED,
OUT FROM THE GLOOMY PAST,
'TIL NOW WE STAND AT LAST
WHERE THE WHITE GLEAM OF OUR BRIGHT STAR IS CAST.

GOD OF OUR WEARY YEARS,
GOD OF OUR SILENT TEARS,
THOU WHO HAS BROUGHT US THUS FAR ON THE WAY;
THOU WHO HAS BY THY MIGHT
LED US INTO THE LIGHT,
KEEP US FOREVER IN THE PATH, WE PRAY.
LEST OUR FEET STRAY FROM THE PLACES, OUR GOD, WHERE WE MET THEE,
OUR HEARTS DRUNK WITH THE WINE OF THE WORLD, WE FORGET THEE;
SHADOWED BENEATH THY HAND,
MAY WE FOREVER STAND,
TRUE TO OUR GOD,
TRUE TO OUR NATIVE LAND.



The Alma Mater

Lyrics by
Frederick Jarmon '43

Music Arrangement
Harriet N. Gibbons '45

HAIL TO OUR ALMA MATER, DEAR IS HER NAME,
AND THERE SHALL BE NO OTHER TO SURPASS HER FAME.
HERS IS THE HAND THAT GUIDES US DAY AFTER DAY,
AND SHE WILL STAND BESIDE US, WHEN WE GO ON OUR WAY.

MAY BLESSINGS BE UPON HER, SHEPHERD OF YOUTH;
SHE HOLDS THE SEAT OF HONOR, IN THE HALL OF TRUTH.
MEM'RIES OF HER SHALL NEVER FADE FROM OUR HEARTS,
AND WE WILL PRAISE HER EVER, FOR THE LOVE SHE IMPARTS.

SING EV'RY VOICE TOGETHER, LET ECHOES RISE.
HAIL TO OUR ALMA MATER, SHOUT TO THE SKIES.
HOLDING THE TORCH OF WISDOM, SHE LEADS THE WAY
CLASPING THE HAND OF FREEDOM, AS SHE MARCHES ALONG.



Mission Statement

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY, is a public, comprehensive, historically black land-grant university committed to advancing the Commonwealth of Kentucky, enhancing society, and impacting individuals by providing quality teaching with a foundation in liberal studies, scholarly research, and public service to enable productive lives within the diverse global economy.

Vision Statement

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY prepares today's students as global citizens, lifelong learners and problem solvers. To accomplish this, Kentucky State University must challenge itself and its students to be the best. It must recognize its strengths, expand and excel. Notwithstanding, it must also welcome change and quality improvement. By doing so, Kentucky State will gain widespread recognition as one of the region's strongest universities.



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