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KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY RANKS NUMBER ONE IN TEACHER QUALITY, KENTUCKY AND HBCUs

Kentucky State University ranks number one among colleges in the Commonwealth and historically black land-grant (agricultural) universities in the nation providing tenured and tenure-track level teaching to students, according to a recent statistical profile compiled by the Chronicle of Higher Education.

The new data report titled, “Where Are Students Most and Least Likely to Be Taught by Tenured and Tenure-Track Professors?” confirms Kentucky State University’s commitment to attracting, training and retaining full-time faculty for tenured and tenure-track positions who provide high-quality instruction rather than using adjuncts or teaching assistants.

Kentucky State University employs a tenured or promotional-track faculty member for every 17.7 students on campus, according to 2016 data collected from the U.S. Department of Education. As a result, Kentucky State University ranks

17th overall in the nation among 537 qualifying public institutions, first among Kentucky colleges, and first among historically black, 1890 land-grant colleges.

The numbers recognize the Institutional focus on “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,” as articulated in the mission statement.

Research suggests that students are more likely to receive the benefits of college-level instruction from scholars and researchers on tenure-track who actually teach than institutions with complex research programs whose faculty are not actively engaged in undergraduate instruction. This data reinforces the importance of the Kentucky State University instructional model.

ELIGIBLE PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE COMMONWEALTH

- 17. **Kentucky State University**
- 125. Murray State University
- 151. Eastern Kentucky University
- 214. Western Kentucky University
- 255. Morehead State University
- 325. Northern Kentucky University

ELIGIBLE PUBLIC 1890 LAND-GRANT HBCUS

- 17. **Kentucky State University**
- 18. University of the District of Columbia
- 32. Central State University

- 52. Virginia State University
- 68. Delaware State University
- 72. Florida A&M University
- 89. University of Maryland Eastern Shore
- 138. Tennessee State University
- 148. South Carolina State University
- 219. North Carolina A&T State University
- 302. West Virginia State University
- 316. University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff
- 341. Alabama A&M University
- 362. Langston University
- 474. Fort Valley State University
- 484. Prairie View A&M University



KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS HONOR FORMER PRESIDENT DURING RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

A former Kentucky State University president's legacy will live on through a new addition to campus that was conceived during her tenure.

The Kentucky State University Board of Regents, Kentucky State University President M. Christopher Brown II, faculty, staff, students and community members honored the legacy of Dr. Mary Evans Sias during a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Mary E. Sias Pedestrian Walkway that connects the north and south side of campus. "This is an opportunity to celebrate the rich history and legacy of our great institution," President Brown said.

Sonia Sanders, director of public engagement, reflected on the history of the pedestrian bridge. "We stand here today because Dr. Sias is a visionary leader," Sanders said. "It is her foresight that made the pedestrian walkway, that we and future generations of students will stride across, possible.

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY PROVIDES MORE THAN \$130 MILLION IMPACT

Kentucky State University President M. Christopher Brown II recently announced the findings of an economic impact study conducted by Hanover Research.

According to the findings by Hanover, the broader impact of all spending in the Bluegrass Higher Education Region in 2016 by Kentucky State and its students is approximately \$130.7 million. The Bluegrass Region is a 16-county area in Kentucky.

To read more about the economic impact analysis, go to kysu.edu/ksuimpact.

For the safety and security of our students, Dr. Sias advocated for this pedestrian walkway."

Dr. Sias said finding out she would be honored was a rare surprise. "It's very rare that I'm surprised about anything," Sias said. "When I got the call from President Brown, to say I was surprised is an understatement. He will tell you. Rarely has anything pleased me as much. I appreciate this. This is an honor." President Brown and the Board of Regents presented Dr. Sias with her chain of office, a resolution, and a replica of the plaque that will adorn the pedestrian walkway.

Family and guests from all over the country were in attendance. Afterwards, attendants toured the pedestrian walkway, which features a tower and elevator and provides direct access to J.S. Hathaway Hall and the Carl M. Hill Student Center.

