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2024 A YEAR IN REVIEW

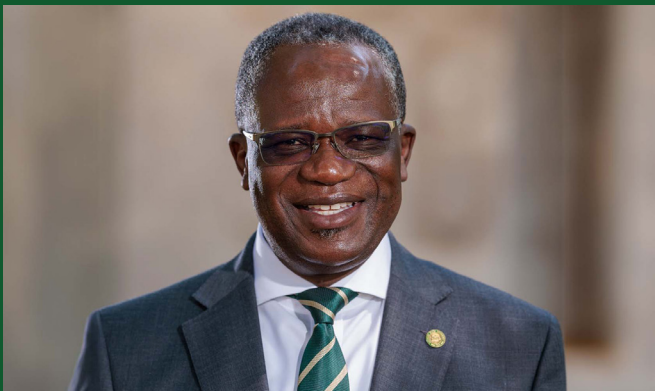


KSU Announces \$7,000,000 NSF Award – The Largest Competitive Stand-Alone Federal Award in University History

KSU received a historic \$7 million grant from the National Science Foundation for its project titled, "Driving AgTech Research and Education in Kentucky (DARE-KY). This award, is set to transform the landscape of agriculture technology and STEM education in Kentucky as well as establish a research incubator for the Commonwealth.

Celebrating the Inauguration of 19th President, Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo

On September 20, 2024, hundreds gathered to witness the historic inauguration of KSU's 19th president, Dr. Koffi C. Akakpo, and pay tribute to its long legacy and exciting future ahead.



KSU named a U.S News Best College



Groundbreaking Ceremony of New Outdoor Classroom at Tates Creek Middle School

KSU and Fayette County Public Schools held a groundbreaking ceremony on Tuesday, December 3 at Tates Creek Middle School in Lexington, KY for a greenhouse that will serve as an Outdoor Classroom for the community. This marks the continuation of major collaborations with community partners to provide enhanced agricultural education to local students that will include a dynamic mixture of classes and hands-on training.



[Celebrating Achievement in Agricultural Research and Innovation at the 2024 ARD Symposium](#)

The 1890 Association of Research Directors (ARD) Symposium is a bi-annual event that celebrates advancements in agricultural research and innovation. Kentucky State University College's of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources, showcased cutting-edge research and student initiatives. Held from April 6 to April 9 in Nashville, Tennessee, the event attracted over 1,700 participants from across the nation.



[Savion Briggs Announced as an AT&T 2024 Rising Future Makers Showcase Winner](#)

Savion Briggs, a KSU student, was recently announced as an AT&T 2024 Rising Future Makers Showcase Winner. This initiative by AT&T annually recognizes and supports cohorts of 25 students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) who are making an impact in their communities and on their campus.

[KSU Thorobreds, Foundation Inc. Established in 2024](#)

The Kentucky State University Thorobreds Foundation, Inc. was established in 2024 and is an IRS-approved 501(c)(3) organization dedicated solely to supporting Kentucky State University, its students, and its programs.

A QUICK LOOK



[4-H Tech Changemakers Partners with AT&T](#)



[Women's Basketball Team: A Season to Celebrate](#)



[KSU Renews Partnership with Appalachian Renewal](#)



[KSU, KCTCS Announce Tuition-Free Bachelor's Degrees for Community College Associate Degree Holders, Transfer Students](#)



[Tanya Berry is the 2024 Small Farmer of the Year](#)

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Partners with KSU

KSU welcomed officials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on its campus on November 6 in continuance of a recently established memorandum of understanding (MOU) with KSU.

Joshua Claybrooks Recognized as the 2024 White House Initiative HBCU Scholar

KSU student, Joshua Claybrooks, was announced as a 2024 HBCU Scholar with the White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Mobile Health Units to Serve Throughout the Commonwealth

KSU launched two of three mobile health units in October 2024 - one in Louisville, KY and another in Hazard, KY. The mobile health units are equipped to diagnose and treat metabolic syndrome in addition to providing Kentucky State University's Nutrition Education Program. With the support of community partners, this state-wide collaboration will bring accessible healthcare directly to underserved communities across the Commonwealth.



UPCOMING EVENTS

KSU Launches New Engineering Program – Spring 2025

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Driving AgTech Research and Education in Kentucky (DARE KY)

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM

Summer 2025

Project Overview
The DARE-KY project, led by KSU is working to create a research center focused on improving farming without soil in Kentucky.

The goal is to make farming more efficient, safer, and environmentally friendly by better managing nutrients, improving food safety, and finding sustainable ways to grow food without using traditional soil.

Research Topics

- Aquaponics
- Hydroponics
- DNA/RNA Extraction and Sequencing
- Water Quality
- Sustainability

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