

2025-26

# PARENTS AND FAMILY CALENDAR

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# We are honored to have you as members of the Wildcat family.

We're going to be here for you every step of the way.

Whether you are sending your first, middle, last or only child to Kansas State University, you and your student are embarking on a journey that is sure to bring you discovery, as well as joy, and maybe a little stress. I am a parent of a college student, so I truly know what you're experiencing. It's natural to have questions or concerns as your student comes to campus. Please reach out and encourage your student to reach out to all the support services that are here to help. As a university that works cohesively to build, develop and pave the way for K-State student well-being and success, we want your student to take advantage of all that K-State has to offer.

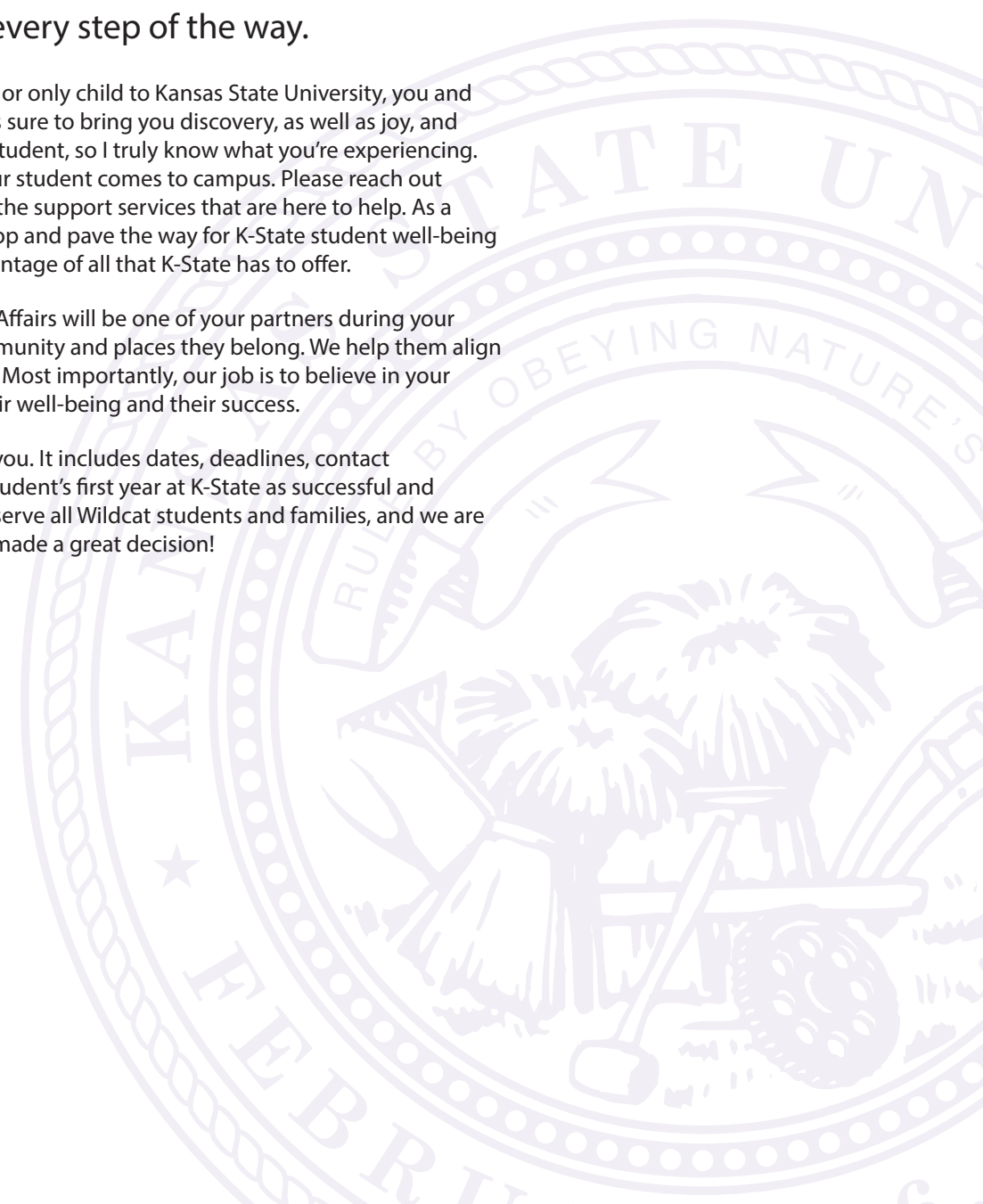
The Division of Academic Success and Student Affairs will be one of your partners during your student's time here. We help students find community and places they belong. We help them align their academic interests with their career goals. Most importantly, our job is to believe in your student: in their talents, their contributions, their well-being and their success.

The family calendar is designed specifically for you. It includes dates, deadlines, contact information and tips that will help make your student's first year at K-State as successful and fulfilling as possible. My team and I are here to serve all Wildcat students and families, and we are thrilled you chose Kansas State University. You made a great decision!

Go 'Cats!



Thomas Lane  
Vice President and Dean of Students  
Kansas State University





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>AUGUST</b>			<b>Did you know?</b> The first business in Aggieville, one of the local shopping and restaurant districts, was a laundromat in 1889!		1	2
			3	4	5	6
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Early Move in begins <small>(ADDITIONAL DAILY FEE)</small>	Sorority Recruitment begins		Move in begins <small>(INCLUDED IN CONTRACT FEE)</small>	K-State Kickoff begins		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	First Day of classes and fall bill due. Week of Welcome begins					K-State vs. North Dakota <small>(FOOTBALL)</small>

## Starting strong at K-State

Making connections and embracing K-State traditions can ease the transition for new students during this exciting and daunting time. Encourage your student to check out Week of Welcome events, such as the Activities Carnival, to discover hundreds of student clubs and meet fellow Wildcats with similar interests. Learning about traditions like the “Wabash Cannonball,” exploring Aggieville and attending university sporting events can help foster a sense of belonging and make campus and Manhattan feel more like home.

### Questions to ask your student:

- What are you most looking forward to in your college experience?
- How have you met new people recently?



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	1 Labor Day <small>(UNIVERSITY CLOSED)</small>	2	3	4	5	6 K-State vs. Army <small>(FOOTBALL)</small>
7	8	9 Ben Folds and a Piano Tour <small>(MCCAIN)</small>	10	11	12	13
14	15 Last day for 100% refund	16	17	18 Marty Stuart and his Fabulous Superlatives <small>(MCCAIN)</small>  Third Thursday <small>(DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN)</small>	19	20
21	22 Last day for 50% refund	23 University Career Fair	24 University Career Fair	25 University Career Fair	26 Family Weekend Begins	27 K-State vs. UCF <small>(FOOTBALL)</small>
28 Béla Fleck, Antonio Sanchez, Edmar Castañeda Trio <small>(MCCAIN)</small>	29 Last Day to drop classes	30	<p><b>Did you know?</b></p> <p>There are 400+ student clubs and organizations at K-State, all with different emphases.</p>	<h1>SEPTEMBER</h1>		

## Helping them find their place

Students can create a supportive network by building relationships with students in the residence and dining halls, classmates and professors. The Union Program Council (UPC) provides several cultural, recreational and educational programs throughout the school year. The Rec Complex is a great place to take exercise classes, find an intramural team and build healthy habits. Students from all backgrounds can find community and support at the Morris Family Multicultural Student Center.

### Questions to ask your student:

- How are you spending your time outside of the classroom?
- What organizations are you looking to join?





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<b>OCTOBER</b>		<b>Did you know?</b> K-State students can access free counseling through CAPS, offering six to eight sessions to address student concerns.	1	2	3	4
5	6 Homecoming week begins	7 Melissa Etheridge and Indigo Girls: Yes We Are Tour (MCCAIN)	8	9	10	11 K-State vs. TCU (FOOTBALL HOMECOMING GAME)
12	13 Tina, The Tina Turner Musical (MCCAIN)	14 Midwest HALO Encuentro	15	16 iLuminate (MCCAIN)  Third Thursday (DOWNTOWN MANHATTAN)	17 Wildcat Pause Day (NO CLASSES)	18
19	20	21 Matthew Morrison: Rhythms & Revelations (MCCAIN)	22	23	24	25
26 Kevin Cronin Band	27 Spring 2026 enrollment begins	28	29	30 Sesame Street Live! (MCCAIN)	31 Last day to withdraw from a course	

## Prioritizing support and well-being

Well-being is a way of life at K-State, an official Health-Promoting University. Our wellness and support resources are designed to help every student succeed, whatever the need, and know they're never going it alone.

Encourage your student to connect with services like the Rec Complex, Powercat Financial, Lafene Health Center, the Academic Achievement Center, Center for Student Well-being, and Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) whenever they need them.

### Questions to ask your student:

- Are there courses you are struggling with?
- What are you doing for you?



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<b>NOVEMBER</b>			<b>Did you know?</b> Hale Library offers many kinds of study spaces, an innovation lab and even a café.			1  K-State vs. Texas Tech <small>(FOOTBALL)</small>
			2  Daylight saving time ends <small>(MOVE YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR)</small>	3	4	5
9  Straight No Chaser <small>(MCCAIN)</small>	10	11  Veteran's Day	12	13	14  Soweto Gospel Choir: Peace <small>(MCCAIN)</small>	15
16	17	18	19	20  The Barricade Boys <small>(MCCAIN)</small>	21	22  Residence halls close for Thanksgiving break
23  Thanksgiving break begins	24	25	26	27	28	29
30  Residence halls reopen				Thanksgiving <small>(UNIVERSITY CLOSED)</small>	University Closed Festival of Lights <small>(BLUE EARTH PLAZA)</small>	K-State vs. Colorado <small>(FOOTBALL)</small>

## Making sure they stay on track

Now that your student has gotten to know campus, forged a routine, and taken on midterms and other challenging coursework, it's time for them to enroll in spring classes and explore academic resources. The Navigate app is a helpful tool that allows students to make appointments with academic advisors and other services on campus. Your student can also plan and view their class schedule, manage deadlines and important to-do's, find campus resources and explore different majors.

## Questions to ask your student:

- Have you met with your academic advisor about your spring enrollment?
- What is your favorite study spot on campus?



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<p><b>Did you know?</b></p> <p>WellCAT Ambassadors are student leaders who advocate for the overall physical health and well-being of K-State students.</p>	1	2	3	4	Celtic Woman: Christmas Symphony Tour 2025 (MCCAIN)	6
7	8	9	A Christmas Story: The Musical (MCCAIN)	11	12	13
					Last day of fall classes Commencement MANHATTAN AND SALINA	Commencement MANHATTAN
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Finals week begins					Residence halls close for winter break
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Fall grades available on KSIS	University closed for winter holidays through Jan 1.		
28	29	30	31	<b>DECEMBER</b>		
	First day of January intersession courses					

## Helping your student **finish strong**

Winter break is right around the corner, and your student may feel like they're at the finish line for the semester; however, it's more important than ever to stay on top of things as finals approach. Remind them to check in with their professors, attend study sessions, eat well and get lots of rest to prepare properly for final exams. Exercise classes at the Rec are another way to manage exam stress.

### Questions to ask your student:

- How are you preparing for finals week?
- What was the highlight of your semester?



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<b>JANUARY</b>			<b>Did you know?</b> On Jan. 19, 1968, Martin Luther King Jr. spoke to an audience of K-State students, faculty, staff and the Manhattan community.	1 New Year's Day <small>(UNIVERSITY CLOSED)</small>	2	3
			4	5	6	7
11	12	13	14	15 Hadestown <small>(MCCAIN)</small>	16 Last day of January intersession courses	17
18 The Choir of Man <small>(MCCAIN)</small>  Residence halls open for spring semester	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day <small>(UNIVERSITY CLOSED)</small>	20 First day of spring classes	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Kansas Day	30 Classic Albums Live Performs Fleetwood Mac's Rumours <small>(MCCAIN)</small>	31

## Second-semester tips

Happy New Year! It's time to start strong and think about academic goals as classes and schedules change. This is a great opportunity for your student to reflect on what worked well during their first semester and what could be improved. One way to establish and continue healthy study habits is to connect with the Academic Achievement Center and Tutoring Services. Both resources are free to K-State students and provide dedicated coaches, tips and positive encouragement for academic success.

### Questions to ask your student:

- What class are you most excited about for the spring?
- What did you miss most about campus during the break?





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<b>FEBRUARY</b>			<p><b>Did you know?</b></p> <p>The Call Hall Dairy Bar is a true farm-to-table operation completely contained within K-State's campus.</p>			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 <small>Last day for 100% refund</small>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 <small>Last day for 50% refund K-State Founders Day</small>	17	18	19	20	21
22 <small>Last Day to drop classes</small>	23	24	25	26	27 <small>HEDY! The Life and Inventions of Hedy Lamarr (MCCAIN)</small>	28

## K-State history and traditions

Established in 1863, Kansas State University was the nation's first operational land-grant university. This meant K-State was charged with teaching agriculture, science, military science and engineering to any interested student, opening up educational access and opportunity to all. For more than 150 years, we have taken this obligation to heart with a student-first approach and a commitment to service and improving the world through research and engagement.

### Questions to ask your student:

- What K-State traditions have you learned?
- What is your favorite Call Hall ice cream flavor?



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1	2	Drum Tao (MCCAIN) 3	4	5	6	7
Red Hot Chilli Pipers (MCCAIN) 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Spring break begins Daylight saving time begins (MOVE YOUR CLOCK UP ONE HOUR)	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Summer 2026 enrollment begins	24	25	26	27	Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company (MCCAIN) 28
29	30	31	<b>Did you know?</b> Wildcats have raised more than \$2 million through K-State Proud, a student-led philanthropy, to help K-Staters in need.	<b>MARCH</b>		

## Maximizing your time at K-State

K-State offers many opportunities for students to develop personally, academically and professionally. The Staley School of Leadership offers leadership courses, intercultural leadership experiences and service opportunities such as Alternative Breaks. The K-State Career Center is a great place for your student to explore their professional goals, and center staff members provide free career assessments and advising, job search training, mock interviews, resume help and more. Opportunities abound for hands-on experiences like internships, undergraduate research and Education Abroad programs.

### Questions to ask your student:

- How are midterms going?
- Who have you been spending time with this semester?



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<b>APRIL</b>		<b>Did you know?</b> Wildcats can serve and get involved in the Manhattan community through HandsOn K-State.	1	2	3	4
					Last day to withdraw from a course	
5	6	7	8	9	10	Richard Thomas in Mark Twain Tonight! <small>(MCCAIN)</small> 11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18  Open House
Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain <small>(MCCAIN)</small> 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26  Arbor Day	27	28	28	30		

## Living it up in the Little Apple

The special bond between K-State and the city of Manhattan is strong, and this town-gown relationship is often nationally ranked in the top 10 by The Princeton Review. You'll find a Wildcat fan in nearly everyone you meet. The close-knit community of nearly 55,000 is a safe, friendly environment full of fun and excitement. K-Staters love Manhattan for its eclectic shops, local eateries, visiting entertainers, venues, outdoor recreation and future career opportunities.

### Questions to ask your student:

- Where is your favorite place off campus?
- What are your plans for summer?



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<b>MAY</b>		<b>Did you know?</b> Legend has it, if you rub the nose of the Wildcat statue by the Alumni Center, it will bring you good luck!			1	2
		360 ALLSTARS (MCCAIN) 3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	Luca Sticagnoli (MCCAIN) 14	15	16
	Finals week begins				Last day of classes	Commencement (SALINA)
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	First day of May intersession		Grades available in KSIS			Residence halls close Commencement (MANHATTAN)
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Memorial Day (UNIVERSITY CLOSED)					

## Congratulations!

You and your student have made it through your first year as part of the loud, proud and always supportive Wildcat family. Ask your student how they would like to celebrate this milestone and make a smooth transition to summer. Some students may choose to stay in the area for a summer job or internship opportunity. Whatever they decide, check in and see how you can support their next steps as a returning student. We hope they know a spot they love full well at K-State.

### Questions to ask your student:

- How are you preparing for finals?
- When is move out? How can we help you with moving out?

# IMPORTANT NUMBERS AND CONTACTS

Academic Achievement Center: .....	785-532-6492
Academic Success and Student Affairs: .....	785-532-6237
Career Center: .....	785-532-6506
Cashiers and Student Accounts: .....	785-532-6317
Counseling and Psychology Services: .....	785-532-6927
Athletic Ticketing: .....	800-221-2287
Housing and Dining Services: .....	785-532-6453
IT Service Desk: .....	785-532-7722
KSU Police Department Non-Emergency: .....	785-532-6412
K-State Libraries: .....	785-532-3014
Lafene Health Center: .....	785-532-6544
Military Affiliated Resource Center: .....	785-395-8387
Office of Recruitment and Admissions: .....	785-532-1521
Parents and Family Program: .....	785-532-2222
Parking Services: .....	785-532-7275
Student Access Center: .....	785-532-6441
Student Belonging: .....	785-532-6276
Student Support and Accountability: .....	785-532-6432
Wildcat One Stop: .....	785-532-3552