



Black Alumni Reunion Activities

Oct. 8-9, 2021

Please note all events are subject to change or cancellation.

In accordance with Kansas State University campus COVID-19 policy, face mask covering mouth and nose is required in all indoor space regardless of vaccination status. To stay up to date on this policy, visit: www.k-state.edu/covid-19/.

Friday, October 8th

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Tour the New Douglass Activity Center | Douglass Activity Center

The legacy continues. Make sure to visit the newly minted Douglass Activity Center in the historic Yuma District. Take a self-guided tour of the facility that continues to serve the Manhattan Black community and residents from all around the Manhattan area. Want to learn more about the African American history in Manhattan? Check out the Manhattan Kansas African American History Trail Self-Guided Driving Tour <https://www.rileycountyks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/19229/African-American-Manhattan-History-Trail-Driving-Tour--2020?bidId=>

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tour the New Buildings on K-State Main Campus | Main Campus

Since the last reunion in 2019, K-State has made some wonderful improvements on campus. Take a self-guided tour of the new addition of McCain Auditorium, the newly renovated and state-of-the-art Hale Library and drive toward the North side of campus and see how that area continues to grow.

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Alumni Voices | Hale Library Sunderland Foundation Innovation Lab

Alumni can visit the newly renovated Hale Library and record your stories in the state-of-the-art One Button Recording Studio in the [Sunderland Foundation Innovation Lab](#).

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Gordon Parks: "Homeward to the Prairie I Come" | Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art

This exhibition displays photographs related to Parks' 1980s visits to Manhattan as well as works the artist donated to Kansas State University in 1973.

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Doug Barrett: Find Your Voice | Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art

Barrett's projects include interviewing, photographing, and telling the stories of homeless veterans, creating a collective portrait of the Yuma Street community of Manhattan, Kansas, and documenting the Black Lives Matter movement in Kansas.

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Registration | K-State Student Union front of Multicultural Student Office (MSO)

Reunion guests can check in at the K-State Student Union on the ground floor in front of the Multicultural Student Office. If you miss the registration time, guests can pick up their registration materials after the Morris Family Multicultural Student Center Ribbon Cutting Celebration.

5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m. United Black Voices Gospel Alumni Choir Practice | Morris Family Multicultural Student Center Yahaya Family Performance Room

The K-State Alumni Association is bringing UBV alumni together for a special performance, during this year's Black Alumni Reunion ribbon cutting ceremony for Black alumni at the new Morris Family Multicultural Student Center. [Sign Up](#) today and be a part of the celebration.

7 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. *Black Vines + Black Travel Wine Tasting Event | Morris Family Multicultural Student Center Fang Family Kitchen and Room 204 and 205

Kickoff this year's reunion weekend with alumni and friends by celebrating and toasting to Black-owned wines, Black winemakers, and Black-owned wineries. Enjoy a laid-back evening with K-State wine instructor and sommelier Cristina Milostan. Cristina will guide alumni through a tasting experience while sharing information about the featured wines and how to learn more about Black-owned wines and wineries. Also come learn about the K-State Traveling Wildcats Trip to Paris: The African American Experience for 2023. Light snacks will be served. You must be 21 years old or older to attend. Childcare will be available for this event. Please let us know if you plan to attend this event by confirming your participation on the registration form.

Saturday, October 9th

9:00 -11:00 a.m. Alumni Voices | Hale Library Sunderland Foundation Innovation Lab

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12 p.m. Morris Family Multicultural Student Center Black Alumni Ribbon Cutting Celebration | Outdoor Event

For more than 60 years the K-State Black community advocated and provided the steadfast momentum for K-State to build and operationalize a space dedicated for multicultural students and individuals actively seeking to develop and strengthen their cultural understanding. Well, the time is here to celebrate and acknowledge the Black community’s fortitude. Rain location K-State Student Union Courtyard.

3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Alumni Block Party + Black-Owned Business Pop Up Market | Outside Morris Family Multicultural Student Center

Following the celebration of the new Morris Family Multicultural Student Center enjoy some music by Kansas City’s DJ Q and Junction City’s finest grill master, Holy Smoking BBQ. Don’t forget to bring your coins and business cards, so you can support and network with local Black-owned businesses and Black-owned alumni businesses. If you want to be a vendor at the Pop-Up Market [sign up today](#).

7 p.m. - 10 p.m. Black Alumni Kickback | Morris Family Multicultural Student Center

What’s a reunion if you don’t have time to catch up and chill with former classmates, longtime friends, sorority sisters or fraternity brothers. You may decide to enjoy the evening at the Morris Family Multicultural Student Center to hang out or you and your crew may decide to check out how the Delta Delta chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity is celebrating their 50th chapter anniversary. Childcare will be provided from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Additional Special Information

Children and Programming

For guests who bring their little people, onsite event childcare is offered for ages 1 to 11 years old at select events. Limited space available. Childcare will be offered Friday 6:30-9:30p.m. and Saturday 5:00 to 9:30 p.m. The onsite childcare provider is Loving Arms Childcare. To learn more about our onsite event childcare provider check out <https://www.lovingarmschildcare.org/>. If you would like to schedule a campus visit for your youth, check out <https://www.k-state.edu/admissions/visit/>.

Special Discount at The Fridge

Black Alumni Reunion guests will receive special discounts at The Fridge MHK on adult beverages.

[Learn more about their location.](#)

- 10% off beer and spirits
- 20% off wine