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Wildcats for Higher Education - Jan. 11, 2017

2017 Legislative Session Begins

Happy New Year to all Wildcats for Higher Education!

The 33-28 K-State victory over Texas A&M in the AdvoCare V100 Texas Bowl on Dec. 28 was a great way for Wildcat fans to end the year. Congratulations to Coach Snyder and the team.

Now it's time to focus on 2017. With the Kansas legislative session beginning this week we would like to recognize the 22 new and returning K-State alumni who are in the Kansas Legislature. We also extend congratulations to four K-Staters who will serve in leadership roles as noted below.

The Wildcat Caucus includes:

Senate

Sen. Edward Berger (R - Dist. 34, Hutchinson)
Sen. Tom Hawk (D - Dist. 22, Manhattan) *Caucus Chair
Sen. Anthony Hensley (D - Dist. 19, Topeka) *Minority Leader
Sen. Dan Kerschen (R - Dist. 26, Garden Plain)
Sen. Caryn Tyson (R - Dist. 12, Parker)
Sen. Rick Wilborn (R - Dist. 35, McPherson)

House

Rep. Clay Aurand (R - Dist. 106, Belleville)
Rep. Barbara Ballard (D - Dist. 44, Lawrence) *Caucus Chair
Rep. Shelee Brim (R - Dist. 39, Shawnee)
Rep. Sydney Carlin (D - Dist 66, Manhattan)
Rep. J.R. Claeys (R - Dist. 69, Salina)
Rep. Brenda Dietrich (R - Dist. 52, Topeka)
Rep. John Eplee (R - Dist. 63, Atchison)
Rep. Shannon Francis (R - Dist. 125, Liberal)
Rep. Ron Highland (R - Dist. 51, Wamego)
Rep. Kyle Hoffman (R. - Dist. 116, Coldwater)
Rep. Steven Johnson (R - Dist. 108, Assaria)
Rep. Greg Lewis (R - Dist. 113, St. John)
Rep. Tom Phillips (R - Dist. 67, Manhattan) *Assistant Majority Leader
Rep. Richard Proehl (R - Dist. 7, Parsons)
Rep. Adam Smith (R - Dist. 120, Weskan)
Rep. Jerry Stogsdill (D - Dist. 21, Prairie Village)

As we mentioned in our December WHE newsletter, we appreciate your past support in letting our legislators

know how important K-State and higher education are to the state of Kansas.

We know the 2017 legislative session will be filled with budget challenges, and our ongoing message that we need fair and stable funding for higher education is still our fundamental message going forward.

In the months ahead, we will keep you updated on legislative activity that will impact higher education and provide you with information that you may share with your local elected officials. We want to make sure our legislators have accurate information as they make decisions that may impact K-State and the other universities in Kansas.

On Jan. 19, we will participate in Higher Education Day at the state capitol building and will have the opportunity to let our legislators know that higher education plays a significant role in the state's economy, quality of life and future prosperity. Thank you to those WHE volunteers who are able to attend and help us that day.

We appreciate everyone's help - from letter writing, to making calls and making personal visits. Your voice counts and we will have more opportunities for you to be involved this year.

Thanks for all your help and support.

Go 'Cats!

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K-State alumni and friends are encouraged to ask their state legislators to support higher education. Please visit the K-State Alumni Association's [Wildcats for Higher Education](#) web page for more information on the messages and facts to support higher education.

If you know of other K-State alumni and friends who would like to receive Wildcats for Higher Education updates, please forward this message.

If this message was forwarded to you and you would like to receive Wildcats for Higher Education updates, please [sign up here](#).

The Kansas State University Office of Government Relations also provides weekly updates on legislative issues important to K-State and higher education. [View updates](#) when the Legislature is in session.

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