



ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

WILDCATS
for HIGHER
EDUCATION

Educate • Motivate • Activate



Dear ,

Our Kansas legislators are moving into the final stages of the 2019 Kansas Legislative session. As in past years, the state budget has been our top priority.

The Kansas Board of Regents and the six universities in the state's higher education system have been united in requesting the restoration of nearly \$50 million in budget cuts made to higher education since 2009. The Legislative Conference Committee on the Fiscal Year 2019 and 2020 appropriations negotiated before the first adjournment of the legislature last week, and will meet to continue discussions when the Kansas Legislative Veto Session convenes May 1, 2019.

Before adjourning, the conference committee did agree on the following recommendations for higher education and Kansas State University:

- Add \$7.5 million for base funding to higher education.
- Add \$520,000 to K-State Polytechnic to add professional pilot instructors.

In addition, the following items were previously approved by both the House and Senate:

- \$8.9 million to restore the final reductions to higher education from the Fiscal Year 2017 allotments.
- \$4.0 million to restore Global Food Systems Grant to K-State.
- \$500,000 addition for the Comprehensive Grant program for need base aid to students.

Wildcats for Higher Education, we now need your help once again!

The Kansas Legislature returns to the State Capitol on May 1 for the Legislative Veto Session. Please contact your legislators today and ask for their support in appropriating \$50.0 million to higher education.

Timing is critical for letting our legislators know how important funding is for maintaining a quality higher education system and growing jobs for Kansas companies. It is important to communicate to our elected representatives how much we value the state as a partner in higher education in Kansas.

Legislators need to hear from you and know that you believe higher education is important to the success of your communities and to the state of Kansas. Your voice does make a difference.

For information on contacting your legislators, please visit the [Kansas Legislature website](#). For additional information on legislative activity impacting higher education and K-State, please visit [K-State's Governmental Relations website](#).

Thanks for your support and loyalty to K-State.

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, [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.



K-State Alumni Association
100 Alumni Center, 1720 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66506-1001 | 800-600-ALUM | 785-532-6260

Add the domain [@k-state.com](#) to your safe senders list to ensure delivery of future emails

[Click here](#) to update your information | To unsubscribe, [click here](#).