

Spring/Summer 2022



Retirees Association

Kennesaw State University
Division of University Advancement



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RETIREMENT CEREMONY



Congratulations on your retirement!

RETIREE RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENT FOR KSU/SPSU Retirees for 2022

We celebrated 2022 retirees at the Retirement Ceremony held on April 1, 2022 in the Academic Learning Center with a luncheon in the Carmichael Student Center, Rooms A-E. All 2022 retirees were honored with an engraved brick. KSU retirees' bricks are located at the Legacy Gazebo on the main campus and the SPSU retirees' bricks are located on the Marietta Campus Legacy Walk. These bricks honor each retiree's contribution to the KSU/SPSU story while also making each person a permanent part of KSU's/SPSU's future.

Congratulations from the Kennesaw State University Retirees Association (KSURA) on your retirement and **thank you** for your years of service and dedication to KSU/SPSU. The KSU Retirees Association welcomes you and invites you to join the "Golden Owls!"

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Please visit the KSURA website at retirees@kennesaw.edu for membership information and announcements of events and activities.

We hope you enjoy many adventures in this new phase of your life, and consider staying in touch with the University by becoming a member of the KSU Retirees Association.

Being a Retirees Association member provides you with a **Retiree I.D. Card** that can be used to park free on both campuses in Visitor's Parking Lots, access your free membership at the Employee Fitness Center, check out books and utilize other Library services. Also, discount tickets to Athletic events are available at the faculty and staff rate. (Please contact the Athletic Office at 470-578-6284 for more information.) In addition, retirees have the same discounts at local businesses as active employees. For more information go to: <https://hr.kennesaw.edu/perks/index.php>

The minimum annual membership fee is \$20. If you would like to contribute more, please feel free to do so as this expands our ability to provide opportunities for retirees to connect with each other and KSU.

The KSU Retirees Association is proud of its many accomplishments, especially the establishment of a scholarship fund for direct descendants (children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren) of KSU and SPSU retirees. The Association offers service opportunities, educational trips, social outings, and "just for fun" events held exclusively for KSU retirees. The KSU Retirees Association works to keep you engaged and informed.

For more information —

Check our website at www.kennesaw.edu/retirees.

Call the Retirees Association office at 470-578-7984.

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KSU Retirement Ceremony – April 1, 2022

2019-2022 KSU/SPSU Retirees and Guests



Bi-Annual Reunion

The Kennesaw State University Retirees Association hosted its Bi-Annual Reunion on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at the KSU Center. Approximately 60 retirees attended and received gift bags, had a delicious luncheon, and enjoyed music and games. The Silent Auction was a highlight of the event! Over \$1200 was raised to support the KSURA Scholarships! Thank you to all those who contributed items and to all those who made purchases towards our scholarship fund!

2022 BI-ANNUAL REUNION ATTENDEES AND GUESTS



ITEMS AVAILABLE AT THE SILENT AUCTION



**Chris Ward – Master of Ceremonies for the
Bi-Annual Reunion and Silent Auction - May 21, 2022**



The Andrews Sisters Performing at the Bi-Annual Reunion





Upcoming Retirees Association Events

August 12, 2022, 10:00-11:30 am, KSU Center, Room 327, **Steering Committee Meeting.**

September 9, 2022, 10:00-11:30 am, KSU Center, Room 327, **Steering Committee Meeting**

September 13, 2022, 11:30 am-1:00 pm, KSU Center, Room 464, **Speakers/Lunch Colloquium: Dr. Sarah Guindre-Parker presents: “Starlings in the City: How a Common Bird Copes with Urbanization.”**

September 30, 2022, 8:00-11:30 am, Legacy Gazebo, **Legacy Gazebo Workday**

October 7, 2022, 9:30-1:00 pm, Legacy Gazebo and University Rooms, **Brunch on the Bricks Ceremony**

October 10-15, 2022 Events surrounding the President's Investiture.

As a component of the Investiture, October 10, 2022, will be a **Women in Science Forum: Lessons in Leadership** in honor of Dr. Schwaig held on the Marietta Campus.

October 14, 2022, 10:00-11:30 am, KSU Center, Room 327, **Steering Committee Meeting**

November 11, 2022, 10:00-11:30 am, KSU Center, Room 327, **Steering Committee Meeting**

KSU CARE SERVICES



The KSU Retirees Association supports CARE (Campus Awareness, Resource & Empowerment) Services at Kennesaw State University. CARE provides support to KSU students who experience food insecurity, homelessness, and other supportive services to foster students' realization of a healthy, stable and dignified life academically and professionally.

<https://care.kennesaw.edu/index.php>

The Retirees Association is partnering with the CARE project of KSU which provides housing, food, and other financial assistance to needy students at the University. To support this project, there will be a drop off box available for food donations at all steering committee meetings as well as the colloquiums.

Please look at the website: bit.ly/pantry_needs for a list of desired donations. Many of these students do not have readily available cooking facilities.

The pictures below represent a few of the donations the KSU Retirees Association have donated to the KSU Care Services.

Judy Perkins and Judy Mitchell are the KSU Retirees Association's representatives for KSU CARE Services.





Bill Hamrick, Suzy Millwood and KSU CARE Services representative



Harry Trendell delivers KSURA food bank donations to KSU CARE Services

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CODE TO SEE A LIST OF PANTRY NEEDS THAT
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ITEMS (CANNED, BOXED, JARRED) CAN BE
DROPPED OFF IN THE KSU CARES DONATION
BIN LOCATED AT KSU CENTER.**

[CARE.KENNESAW.EDU](https://care.kennesaw.edu)

Red Top Mountain Tour

The Kennesaw State University Retirees Association offered an outdoor adventure May 3, 2022, at Red Top Mountain State Park in Cartersville, GA. Approximately 20 retirees participated in the event which consisted of a tour of the Vaughn Cabin, an 1800 restored log home moved to the park in 1996. Bill Hamrick, KSURA Steering Committee Member, along with Diane Mooney, local historian, led the short path to the cabin. Diane provided a historical account of the cabin and its contents. It was an interesting event, and everyone loved the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.

After the tour, several of the retirees met at Doug's Place (restaurant in Emerson, Georgia) for a country lunch. Bill then led a hike on the Iron Hill Trail (4-mile moderate level). This fun and adventurous outing was enjoyed by all!



Defensive Driving Course for Retirees and Spouses



The KSU Office of Insurance and Risk Management offers a free defensive driving course which may qualify you for an insurance discount. The Defensive Driving class is offered for retirees and their spouses at no charge.

Most insurance companies offer a discount for their clients who have completed a Defensive Driving class, but you should inquire directly with your insurance company if these discounts are offered.

Below is a list of the classes that are available through August 1, 2022. If you are interested in taking a class, sign up by emailing Billie Hunter Barron (*Insurance & Claims Analyst/Office of Insurance & Risk Management*) directly at: bhunterb@kennesaw.edu. She will be able to schedule you for a class.

The class is a six-hour one day class. Upon completion of the course, certificates are mailed the following week, via USPS, to the home address of each participant.

National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Courses for Retirees

Date/Time	Instructor	Location
Friday, July 8, 2022 8:45 AM – 4:00 PM	TBD	KSU Center, Room 462
Wednesday, July 20, 2022 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM	TBD	Sturgis Library 385 Cobb Avenue NW Classroom 101
Friday, July 22, 2022 8:45 AM – 4:00 PM	Jeffrey Bernard	92 Building, Norton Hall, Room 059
Monday, August 1, 2022 9:00 AM-4:00 PM	TBD	Sturgis Library 385 Cobb Avenue NW Classroom 101

Fall Speaker's Colloquiums



KSU Retirees Association 2022-2023 Speaker's Colloquium Schedule

The KSURA Speaker's Colloquiums are held in the KSU Center, Room 464, 3333 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw, GA 30144. Go to the North Entrance and enter the Coles College of Business Suite. Parking is free.

Colloquiums are held on the second **Tuesday beginning promptly at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m in KC464.**

Everyone is welcome to attend any Speaker's Colloquium. Bring your lunch and we'll provide drinks and dessert. Please RSVP prior to the colloquium to retirees@kennesaw.edu or call 470-578-7984.

DATE	SPEAKER	TITLE
September 13, 2022	Dr. Sarah Guindre-Parker	Starlings in the city: how a common bird copes with urbanization
October 11, 2022	TBD	TBD
November 8, 2022	TBD	TBD

Passports and Pastimes

Chuck – back by popular demand – Passports and Pastimes

DATE	SPEAKER	TITLE
TBD	Dr. Elsa Nystrom	River Cruising



July Hybrid Well-Being Events



Date:	Time:	Event Name:
Friday, July 1, 2022	11:30 am—12:15 pm	Chair Yoga (Virtual)
Monday, July 4, 2022	EFC CLOSED	EFC CLOSED
Wednesday, July 6, 2022	10:00 am—10:15 am	Seated Office Stretch Break (Virtual)
	6:00 pm—6:30 pm	Zumba (In-Person)
Friday, July 8, 2022	11:30 am—12:15 pm	Chair Yoga (Virtual)
Monday, July 11, 2022	11:30 am—12:15 pm	All Levels Yoga (Virtual/In-Person)
Tuesday, July 12, 2022	5:30 pm—6:15 pm	Boot Camp (In-Person)
Wednesday, July 13, 2022	10:00 am—10:15 am	Seated Office Stretch Break (Virtual)
	6:00 pm—6:30 pm	Zumba (In-Person)
Thursday, July 14, 2022	5:30 pm—6:15 pm	Cardio Kickboxing (In-Person)
Friday, July 15, 2022	11:30 am—12:15 pm	Chair Yoga (Virtual)
Monday, July 18, 2022	11:30 am—12:15 pm	All Levels Yoga (Virtual/In-Person)
Tuesday, July 19, 2022	5:30 pm—6:15 pm	Boot Camp (In-Person)
Wednesday, July 20, 2022	10:00 am—10:15 am	Seated Office Stretch Break (Virtual)
	6:00 pm—6:30 pm	Zumba (In-Person)
Thursday, July 21, 2022	5:30 pm—6:15 pm	Cardio Kickboxing (In-Person)
Friday, July 22, 2022	11:30 am—12:15 pm	Chair Yoga (Virtual)
Monday, July 25, 2022	11:30 am—12:15 pm	All Levels Yoga (Virtual/In-Person)
Tuesday, July 26, 2022	5:30 pm—6:15 pm	Boot Camp (In-Person)
Wednesday, July 27, 2022	10:00 am—10:15 am	Seated Office Stretch Break (Virtual)
	6:00 pm—6:30 pm	Zumba (In-Person)
Thursday, July 28, 2022	5:30 pm—6:15 pm	Cardio Kickboxing (In-Person)
Friday, July 29, 2022	11:30 am—12:15 pm	Chair Yoga (Virtual)

Thank you for joining us for our hybrid events! Please be sure to review and acknowledge this [waiver](#) if this is your first time joining us. Most of the events are recorded and can be accessed by clicking on the attendee link after the event. Email efc@kennesaw.edu with any questions.



Marietta Campus In-Person Yoga Classes



Date:	Time:	Event Location:
Wednesday, July 6, 2022	12:30 pm-1:15 pm	Design Building Room I1 115 Jury 2
Wednesday, July 13, 2022	12:30 pm-1:15 pm	Design Building Room I1 115 Jury 2
Wednesday, July 20, 2022	12:30 pm-1:15 pm	Design Building Room I1 115 Jury 2
Wednesday, June 27, 2022	12:30 pm-1:15 pm	Design Building Room I1 115 Jury 2

RETIREES SPOTLIGHT

Patricia Pierce



Pat graduated cum laude from Dunbarton College of Holy Cross in Washington DC in 1963, majoring in Mathematics. After graduation, she went to work for IBM teaching programming to both IBMers and customers. Pat met her husband-to-be, Oliver G. Roth, also an IBMer, in a 6-week training program in Newark, New Jersey. They were married in 1965. She continued to teach programming part-time at various colleges as Ollie and Pat moved around the country with IBM. When they moved to Atlanta in 1981, where her fifth child was born, she began teaching once again as a part timer during the spring of 1982 at Southern Tech (officially known at that time as Southern Technical Institute). She was teaching Fortran and COBOL to students in the Industrial Engineering Department - there was no Computer Science Department at that time!

In 1986, the name was changed to Southern College of Technology. By 1996, the academic program had substantially expanded, and the name was again changed to Southern Polytechnic State University. SPSU became a part of Kennesaw State University in 2015 and now Computing and Software Engineering is a School within KSU.

After teaching full time for IBM for several years, she taught part-time at colleges while the family moved with IBM and she was raising her five children. Fast forward to 2002 when she received her master's degree in Software Engineering from SPSU and began teaching full time as a lecturer there in 2002. She is proud to be the first Lecturer at SPSU to be promoted to Senior Lecturer status in 2008.

Pat retired in June 2019 and has enjoyed the peace and quiet that retirement can bring. However, she stays busy with neighbors and friends she has known now for over 40 years in East Cobb. She travels to see her children, grandchildren, and friends all over the United States. She also volunteers to help feed the homeless at Must Ministries - she has been doing that since 1992. She likes to work outside trimming and weeding at her home in East Cobb and at her house near Lake Lanier. the two houses she owns. Pat loves tennis and played for many years. She was instrumental in starting a Neighborhood Book club and facilitated a Women's Bagel Outing monthly.

Pat's 5 children have given her 10 grandchildren - three live in Cumming, Georgia, two live in Canton, Georgia, three live in Arlington, Virginia and two live in Raleigh, North Carolina. She remarried in 2008 to widower, Jerry Pierce, who also taught at SPSU. (Her first husband died of a heart attack at age 53 in 1994.) Jerry and she travelled to Australia, Hong Kong, Bangkok, and Singapore for their honeymoon and to Alaska on a cruise when she retired.

Pat always says that she sort of identifies with the women in the movie "Hidden Figures". Her first job as an intern in college was adding long lists of numbers with a desk hand cranked calculator for the National Map Service in Washington D.C. Now look at what she has done "taught thousands of students programming in multiple languages on the computer for over 56 years before retiring". She is most proud of that!

Pat is currently an active member of the KSU Retirees Association Steering Committee and trying to get more SPSU retirees to join in the KSU Retirees activities.

Congratulations to Pat for her many years of dedicated service!

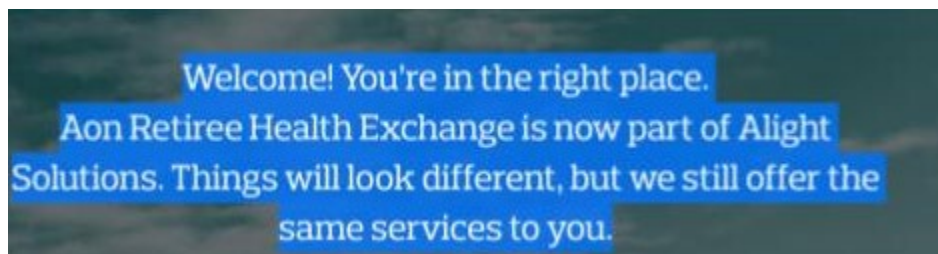


AON is now Alight Solutions

Health Reimbursement Account Information

Alight Solutions acquired Aon Retiree Health Exchange in October 2021. You will now see the below message and the Alight name and logo on this website and in communications to you. **There is nothing you need to do.** Your coverage and account remain the same.

Please click on alight.com to access their website and for frequently asked questions click on [Alight FAQ - Retirees | Alight Retiree Health Solutions](#)



USG Georgia Retiree Council Message from KSURA Representative Dr. Dorothy Zinsmeister

Subject: All USG Retirees on Medicare
Stop Alight from Selling Your Personal Data!

With the conversion from Aon to Alight, you need to check the cookies setting on your account. Go to Alight at <https://retiree.alight.com/usg>. Log in to your account. At the bottom of the page is a **Cookies** banner, which defaults to **Accept Cookies** unless you click on **Manage My Preferences**.

To protect your privacy,

- Click on **Manage My Preferences**.
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- The **Cookies** banner will disappear.

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Book Nook

Reviewed by Chuck Aust

A brief review of *Surviving the Death of a Sibling* by T.J. Wray (2003; 247 pages)

A difficult but important and relevant topic during this chapter of our lives as we age and experience our retirement years: the loss of loved ones.

I'd like to share this well-written book with all of you in our Retirees Association in case you or someone close to you might find it helpful.

There are a lot of books about grief. This one, *Surviving the Death of a Sibling* by T.J. Wray addresses a particular type of loss. The subtitle describes it in a nutshell: "Living through grief when an adult brother or sister dies."

The author lost her brother when he was 43. I owe a debt of thanks to my dear friend Candra for telling me about this book. She, at age 28, lost her 18-year-old brother in a motorcycle wreck. I lost my younger brother several years ago when he was 63. Losing loved ones is a sad but real part of life.

Wray has lots of wisdom to offer, some of it her own and some from the many brief testimonials she quotes. Here's a sampling of the many insights and coping strategies:

- "You are entitled to feel whatever it is you are feeling" (p. 35 in the chapter "Shock")
- "Because we've known our siblings all our lives, we may have an excessive amount of guilt baggage" (p. 132 in the chapter "Guilt, Regrets, Conflicts," aptly subtitled "Shoulda, Coulda, Woulda")
- Consider recruiting a "grief partner,"
- Keep a grief journal.

A few features of the book make it a practical resource that we can refer to as needed, as well as a comforting, reassuring companion on our grief journey.

1) She offers at the end of each chapter a section she labels "What Helps."

2) The many brief testimonials and anecdotes reassure readers that they are not alone in this particular type of loss. Grief can trigger a lot of unusual, sometimes bizarre reactions. But this is another way the testimonials help the

reader to feel less isolated and alone in their reactions to loss and their struggles to work through grief.

3) The author provides an appendix with additional resources related to the issues addressed in each chapter, along with a list of recommended reading.

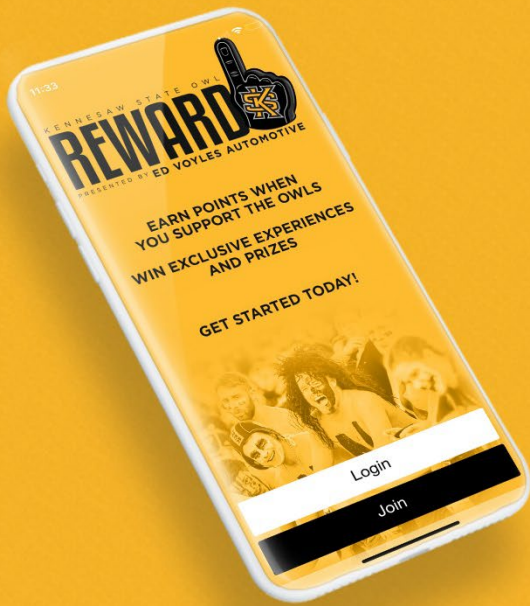
Chapter titles indicate the comprehensive, practical scope of the book and the empathic nature of the topics: Shock; Denial; Anger; Guilt, Regret, Conflicts; Depression; Dreams; Faith, Religion, and Spirituality; Acceptance.

Grief is a difficult life challenge for all of us. Mental health experts tell us it is important to face it and work through it. But there are obstacles and cultural


conditions that work against that. For example, others might not want to talk with us about our loss, especially as time goes by, or because they feel awkward about it. People might assume our pain eases with time. We might give the appearance of “getting on with our lives,” even though the deep feelings and unusual reactions (e.g., dreams and nightmares) might continue within us long after the event. And it might be difficult if not impossible to find others who knew our sibling well and are willing to give us a compassionate sounding board for our thoughts and feelings.

Wray’s book can be a helpful companion as we journey through the challenges of this kind of grief. She and those whose testimonials she includes have much wisdom, insight, and comfort to offer us.

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ASUN Conference Update

After adding Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Central Arkansas in 2021, the conference has added two more member institutions in 2022 - Austin Peay State University and Queens University of Charlotte. The ASUN currently has 14 members and will begin sponsoring Division I Football Championship Series (FCS) football in 2022. As a result, Kennesaw State left the Big South conference and will compete in football in the ASUN along with Austin Peay State University, University of Central Arkansas, Eastern Kentucky University, Jacksonville State University and the University of North Alabama. Liberty University, also a member of the ASUN, competes at the Division I FBS level.

Former Owl Daniel Haugh won the gold medal in **track and field** for the hammer throw at the USATF championships in Eugene, OR. He secured a spot in the World Athletics Championships to be held mid-July in Eugene. In addition to Daniel, KSU's Ciara Miles and Xavier Parris competed in the U20 championships. Ciara and Xavier each finished 7th in the 3K.

Volleyball begins their season on August 26 in the Wake Forest tournament. Their first homestand will begin September 1 against Furman, September 2 against High Point and September 6 against Samford. The Owls return five starters from the squad that finished second in the ASUN East with a 13-3 league record and 20-9 overall.

Football starts their first season in the ASUN conference with several pre-season recognitions. Xavier Shepherd (quarterback) was named FCS Preseason Most Valuable Player, ASUN Preseason Offensive Player of the Year, and All-FCS Preseason First Team Quarterback. KSU was picked to finish first in the ASUN. KSU's first home game is September 24 against Wofford. Please contact Athletics to purchase season tickets at the faculty-staff discounted rate.

Men's Basketball returns all five starters for the 2022-23 season. They are joined by Temple transfer, Quincy Ademokkoya and Simeon Cottle from College Park. First home game is December 31 against the University of Central Arkansas.

Women's Basketball opens play at home on January 5 against Austin Peay State University.

Forty-four student-athletes graduated in May. Way to go Owls!

For more information and to keep up with the Owls, go to KSUOwls.com



KSU Celebrates Dot Martin Scholarship Golf Classic Success

KENNESAW, GA. – The Kennesaw State Department of Athletics held its annual Dot Martin Scholarship Golf Classic Monday, May 9 with outstanding success. The 28th annual scholarship fundraiser saw over 100 participants at the Governor's Towne Club.

In total, the event grossed over \$40,000 for The Owls Fund. This year's online auction featured sports memorabilia, experiences, businesses around Kennesaw and much more.

The Owls Fund is a fundraising branch of KSU athletics that helps raise the bar for over 350 student-athletes and provides them with a world-class education and unforgettable college experiences. In striving to advance the athletic department's mission of building champions on the field, in the classroom, in the community and in life, The Owls Fund is driven by its primary objective of providing scholarship support for deserving student-athletes.

Baseball Team wins ASUN Championship

Kudos to new Coach for 2022 ASUN Championship – Ryan Coe was named the new baseball coach at Kennesaw State on Friday, taking over for longtime coach Mike Sansing who recently stepped down from the position after 30 years.

Coe, who played and coached at KSU under Sansing for a combined 15 years, returns to the program after a 12-year spell as a scout for the Texas Rangers.



Kennesaw State baseball defeated Liberty by a final score of 10-6 to claim the 2022 ASUN Championship on Saturday, May 28, 2022 inside Swanson Stadium. This win gives the Owls their first tournament trophy since 2014 and an automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals next weekend. The NCAA Regional Selection Show aired on ESPN2 on Monday, May 31, at noon, where the Owls learned where their season will continue.

It is interesting to note that Josh Hatcher, KSU's center fielder, finished as the national leader in hits (109) and doubles (26). He was named All-ASUN first team, Collegiate Baseball Third Team All-American, Most Valuable Player in the ASUN tournament, All Tournament Team in the NCAA Regionals, and ABCA/Rawlings Southeast All-Region Second Team. Josh is from Albany, GA and a senior majoring in marketing.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) offers an impressive selection of educational and social opportunities for adults age 50 and older.

KSU Faculty, Staff and Retiree Discount (must be a retiree of KSU/SPSU or a current faculty/staff member).

For more information regarding discounts available to KSU retirees, please visit the [KSU Retiree Association](#). You may also contact the Registration Office at 470.578.6765 or email cerreg@kennesaw.edu.

[Click here to view the printed version of the latest OLLI catalog.](#)



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Register for Info Sessions Here

[Home - OLLI at College of Professional Education - Kennesaw State University](#)



The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (USG) recently elected Regent Harold Reynolds to a one-year term as the Board's chair and Regent Erin Hames to a one-year term as the Board's vice chair.

Reynolds will serve as Board chair from Jan. 1, 2022, through Dec. 31, 2022. Representing the 10th district on the Board of Regents since 2020, Reynolds is the Chief Executive Officer of the privately held Bank South Holding Company headquartered in Greene County, Georgia. The company owns and operates Bank South, Bank South Mortgage headquartered in Atlanta, Coldwell Banker Lake Oconee Realty and other subsidiaries. He is a graduate of Georgia Tech where he earned his bachelor's degree in Industrial Systems Engineering and has been inducted into the Council of Outstanding Young Engineering Alumni.

Board of Regents approves no tuition increase for the 2022-23 academic year, with one exception

Atlanta — April 12, 2022

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (USG) voted today to eliminate the Special Institutional Fee and to not raise tuition rates at most institutions for the 2022-23 academic year, meaning undergraduate and graduate tuition will remain the same for a third year in a row at 25 of 26 institutions.

This is the fifth time in seven years that the Board has approved keeping tuition costs flat across most institutions in the university system.

The one exception is for Middle Georgia State University, which is beginning the first in a three-year plan to bring undergraduate tuition into alignment with other universities in the same academic sector. This means increases ranging from \$17 per credit hour for in-state undergraduates to \$64 per credit hour for out-of-state undergraduate students.

Additionally, the Board also approved eliminating a mandatory Special Institutional Fee charged since 2009 to students systemwide. That action will save students anywhere from \$170 to \$544 per semester depending on which institution they attend.

https://www.usg.edu/news/release/board_of_regents_approves_no_tuition_increase_at_25_of_26_institutions_for_the_2022_23_academic_year#:~:text=Board%20of%20Regents,Budget%20%26%20Tuition



University System Library Resources for Retirees

Please click: <http://ugara.uga.edu/university-system-library-resources-for-retirees> for more information regarding library resources for retirees.

New Academic Learning Center is Dedicated to Student Success



“More than ever, Kennesaw State is committed to providing our students an ambitious, well-rounded education that prepares them for success in their careers and their communities.”

A 4,600 square foot suite in the new building greatly expands the space dedicated to KSU Journey Honors College, which offers learning and leadership opportunities within a unique curriculum to top students across a range of majors. Honors enrollment grew to 1,659 students in the 2021-22 academic year, a new high for the College and a 67 percent increase from just five years ago.

“More than ever, Kennesaw State is committed to providing our students an ambitious, well-rounded education that prepares them for success in their careers and their communities,” KSU President Kathy Schwaig said. “Having the Academic Learning Center strengthens our focus on student innovation and collaboration and accentuates the support services we have available to them.”

Kennesaw State University Launches Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Engineering, Master's in Intelligent Robotic Systems



KENNESAW, Ga. (Apr 13, 2021) — The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia has approved two new degree programs at Kennesaw State University, including the University's first engineering doctoral program.

A Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Engineering and a Master of Science in Intelligent Robotic Systems will be offered starting in Fall 2021.

“Having long been recognized as one of the state’s leaders in engineering education, these two-degree programs will boost our academic profile and allow us to continue meeting the needs of one of the fastest-growing disciplines both here in Georgia and across the nation,” said KSU President Pamela Whitten. “I applaud the efforts of our faculty to develop these programs and look forward to further cementing our status as the institution where Georgia’s engineers are built.”

The Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Engineering degree program will allow students to work alongside top faculty researchers to generate innovative solutions to real-world problems. The program, which will be supported by all six departments currently housed in KSU’s engineering college will help students create a broader engineering foundation rooted in cutting-edge research, tying into the college’s overall mission of creating “comprehensive engineers.”

In addition to research, the doctoral program will further reduce the talent gap in Georgia, where the need for engineers outpaces the need nationwide. With more than 5,000 students, KSU has the second-largest engineering college in the state and has the largest percentage of engineering graduates who remain in Georgia to work in the profession.

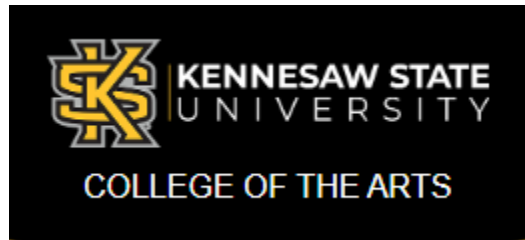
“As a Carnegie-designated university, the new Ph.D. program further builds upon KSU’s aspiration of becoming the nation’s foremost R2 research institution by generating more scholarship and research opportunities for our students and faculty,” said Kathy Schwaig, KSU provost and senior vice president for academic affairs. “Combined with our master’s degree in intelligent robotic systems and other existing degrees, the Ph.D. program allows KSU to join an exclusive group of universities to offer a full range of engineering degrees while producing graduates who can tackle problems on Day 1.”

The Master of Science in Intelligent Robotic Systems degree will be offered as a one-year, online program focused on the theories and techniques used to design machines with self-autonomy. The program, housed within the [Department of Robotics and Mechatronics Engineering](#), builds upon KSU’s successful [Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics Engineering](#) degree and [mechatronics engineering minor](#) programs.

The graduate program in intelligent robotic systems will address the needs of Georgia’s workforce by producing graduates well-equipped to manage complex unmanned systems, including self-driving cars and autonomous delivery drones. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, mechanical

engineering jobs, which include robotics engineers, are expected to grow by more than 9% by 2026.

“We are thrilled to usher in this new era of engineering at KSU,” said Ian Ferguson, dean of the [Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology](#). “These two degrees will further emphasize our status a leader in engineering and generate tremendous opportunities for our students moving forward.”



For Fall and Spring event, please refer to the Season Brochure online or download [here](#).

KSU Night at the Braves

Save the Date: **August 16th** as the Atlanta Braves battle the New York Mets at 7:20 pm. Pre-Game: 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. for Pre-Game Food, Drinks, and Giveaways. When you purchase your specialty ticket package, you will receive a Braves/KSU co-branded stadium seat and \$3 off every ticket package sold will go back to the KSU Gap Scholarship.

TICKET INFORMATION



KSURA Salutes Student Award Winners

KSU Honors Bailey School of Music's Black Musicians Coalition

From staff reports



From left: Za'Kiya Brown, Sydnee Goode, and Camille Core; image by Brooke Marier.

Congratulations to the Bailey School of Music's own Black Musicians Coalition (BMC), a registered student organization, for taking four top honors at KSU's 7th Annual Student Leader Awards, held in April 2022.

The four winning awards are:

- Student Group of the Year – Black Musicians Coalition
- Student Program of the Year – *The Blueprint*
- Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion, Student Group Award – Black Musicians Coalition
- Commitment to Diversity and Inclusion, Event Program Award – *The Blueprint*

The Blueprint is a cross-disciplinary, student-curated performance by the BMC to celebrate Black History Month. *The Blueprint* is a platform for understanding the Black experience in the arts through song, prose, visual arts, and dance. This collaborative event showcases students from the College of the Arts' four academic units: The School of Art and Design, the Department of Dance, the Bailey School of Music, and the Department of Theatre and Performance Studies.

Kennesaw State University Mechanical Engineering Team



KENNESAW, Ga. (Apr 27, 2021) — A Kennesaw State University [mechanical engineering](#) team placed second overall in the Fluid Power Vehicle Challenge, a nationwide competition hosted virtually by the National Fluid Power Association (NFPA) and Danfoss Power Solutions earlier this month.

Kennesaw State was represented by students Romeo Locke, Sahil Pitre, Will Sanders and Kevin Wandene, who were tasked with modifying a traditional pedal-powered vehicle with a hydraulic system that stored and released power to the wheels. They also had to design and implement a pneumatic system for an additional application. This project deepened the team's fluid power knowledge, as well as their interest in the fluid power industry. Students completed the challenge to coincide with their two-semester senior design capstone courses, and industry professionals served as mentors and judges.

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