

Student Body Vice President's Year-End Report

Dear Jayhawks,

As the academic year draws to a close, I am honored to present the year-end report detailing the remarkable achievements and initiatives undertaken by the Student Senate and the Executive Staff of the University of Kansas. Together, we have strived to enhance student life, promote inclusivity, and advocate for the needs of our diverse student body. Here is an overview of our collective accomplishments.

Executive Staff Project Accomplishments Overview:

Jayhawk Junk - Move Out Donation Program: We initiated the Jayhawk Junk program, aimed at promoting sustainability and community engagement during the move-out process. This program facilitated the donation of unwanted items from campus housing to foster a culture of responsible consumption and giving back.

Student Senate Tailgate: In collaboration with various campus partners, we organized the first-ever Student Senate Tailgate during the 2023 football season. This inclusive event provided students with an opportunity to come together, enjoy free food, participate in games, and win exciting prizes, fostering a sense of unity and school spirit.

Basketball Game Raffle: Through collaboration with KU Athletics, we implemented a free raffle system, granting five lucky students and their friends reserved seating at each men's basketball home game. This initiative aimed to enhance student engagement and promote attendance at athletic events.

Merchandise Development and Revenue Generation: We successfully launched Student Senate merchandise in partnership with the KU Bookstore, creating a new revenue stream for Student Senate and increasing funding available for student organizations.

Community Engagement and Service: From organizing a Student Senate-led job site for KU's annual fall Big Event to spearheading the renovation of the Spooner Hall Courtyard, we actively contributed to enhancing campus facilities and creating a sense of service and community engagement.

Accessibility Initiatives: We collaborated with the KU Access Center to provide free access to text-to-speech software (Read&Write) for all students on campus, ensuring accessibility and inclusivity for individuals with diverse learning needs.

Sustainability Efforts: Through advocacy and collaboration with the KU maintenance team, we successfully increased the installation of water bottle filling stations in various campus buildings, promoting sustainable practices and reducing plastic waste.

Transparency and Communication: We prioritized transparency by initiating monthly articles in the University Daily Kansan (UDK) to update the student body on our activities. Additionally, we leveraged the Student Senate YouTube channel to create educational resources accessible to all students.

Advocacy and Representation: We represented KU students at various conferences and events, including hosting the annual Big XII on The Hill conference in Washington, D.C., advocating for college affordability, student-athlete rights, and mental health support. We also lobbied at the State Higher Education Day in Topeka, advocating for student interests at the state level.

Student Engagement Events: From hosting the annual Holidays and Higher Education event to attending the Big XII Student Government Conference at TCU, we participated in and organized engaging events to boost student participation and advocacy.

Student Senate Accomplishments:

In addition to executive staff initiatives, the Student Senate passed numerous funding bills to support student organizations' meetings and events. Furthermore, resolutions were passed advocating for students on various issues, demonstrating our commitment to representing and serving the student body.

As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, I extend my gratitude to each member of the Student Senate, the Executive Staff, and the entire student body for their dedication, passion, and commitment to making the University of Kansas a vibrant and inclusive community. Together, we have made significant strides, and I am confident that we will continue to build upon this foundation in the years to come.

Rock Chalk!



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