

Student Body Vice President's End of the Year Report

Dear Jayhawks,

Thank you all for an amazing school year. As we approach the end of the year, I have the honor of presenting the end of the year report for Student Senate. This report details the remarkable initiatives and achievements that have been undertaken by the Student Senate and the Executive Staff for the university. In general, we worked to enhance student life, advocate for the needs of our diverse student body, and promote inclusivity. Here is an overview of the accomplishments mentioned above.

Executive Staff Project Accomplishments

Jayhawk Junk - We continued 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.

Community Engagement and Service: From organizing two Student Senate-led job site for KU's annual fall Big Event to continuing the renovation of the Spooner Hall Courtyard, we actively contributed to enhancing campus facilities and creating a sense of service and community engagement. We also hosted a presidential debate watch party with the Dole Student Advisory Board, and a kettle corn event on Wescoe Beach with KU Grounds that served more than 600 students. We also partnered with the Black Student Union to host the "Spread the Love" event and hosted a blood drive, a partnership with the Community Blood Center. Lastly, we hosted a movie night at Liberty Hall Cinema.

For any student groups interested, Student Senate now has a public senate closet that can be accessed by anyone. The closet has many different materials and supplies that can be used for events around campus.

Student Senate Tailgate: In collaboration with various campus partners such as KU Athletics and Revel XP, there is now a discount program for student groups. Students can reach out to Ryan McBride to discuss their tailgating options (Ryan.mcbride@revelxp.com).

Campus Infrastructure - We worked extensively with KU Unions and SUA to open the Hawks Nest Bar on the 1st floor of the Kansas Memorial Union. At the bar, students can enjoy wine, beer, and appetizers. The bar is open *Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 4 - 7pm*.

Sustainability Efforts: Through advocacy and collaboration with the KU Grounds and Facilities Services, we successfully planted more than 560 different types of native plants including columbine, purple coneflower, and ebony spleenwort. We are now working to have native trees planted around campus. We are also working with KU Grounds and Facilities to have hammocking spots around campus.

Accessibility Initiatives: We collaborated with the KU Bookstore and now have blue books for student use in the Student Senate office.

Advocacy and Representation: We represented KU students at various conferences and events, including the annual Big XII on The Hill conference in Washington, D.C., advocating for college affordability, and pathways to employment. 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 Iowa State, we participated in and

organized engaging events to boost student participation and advocacy. We also attended the first ever Kansas Student Government Conference in Hays, KS.

Presidential Scholarship Giveaway: Through collaboration with KU Athletics, KU students were able to participate in presidential scholarship giveaways at womens' and mens' basketball games during the pregame and halftime shows.

Transparency and Communication: We leveraged the Student Senate YouTube channel to create educational resources accessible to all students. We also partnered with the University Senate president to send out a university-wide survey about the Jayhawk Hub project, designed to combine all student fee-supported resources into one centralized platform. Results for this survey were received from students, staff, and faculty members. Joint senate will be taking place on *Wednesday, April 30th*. The new Student Body President and Vice President will begin their term.

Educational Opportunities - We are working with KU HERO and KU Housing to provide an educational seminar about Narcan and fentanyl test strips which will be presented at an Undergraduate RA Housing meeting.

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 serving the student body. Lastly, the assembly passed a resolution to form a constitutional review committee. The review committee recently proposed their new version of the constitution and it has now been voted into as the new constitution for Student Senate. As we reflect on the accomplishments of

the past year, I am incredibly grateful to each member of the Student Senate, the Executive Staff, and the entire student body for their commitment to making the University of Kansas a vibrant and inclusive community.

Thanks!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Evanna Dominic". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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