



# KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY

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# The Enduring Value of HBCUs

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HBCUs expand opportunity across the Nation. Kentucky State University focuses on the Commonwealth in:

- Workforce development
- Innovation
- Civic leadership
- Economic mobility



# The Enduring Value of HBCUs

- HBCUs enroll 10% of Black undergraduates, but award nearly 20% of degrees.
- Despite representing only 3% of college and university population in the U.S., HBCUs graduate 40% of all Black engineers, 50% of all Black teachers, 70% of all doctors and dentists and 80% of all Black judges\*
- Serve as engines of innovation and upward mobility.

\*<https://uncf.org/the-latest/the-numbers-dont-lie-hbcus-are-changing-the-college-landscape>



# Welcome to Kentucky State University

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- Founded in 1886
- Kentucky State University is a land-grant HBCU committed to access, excellence, and impact.
- HBCUs are national leaders in educational growth and social mobility.

# Kentucky State University: Onward and Upward



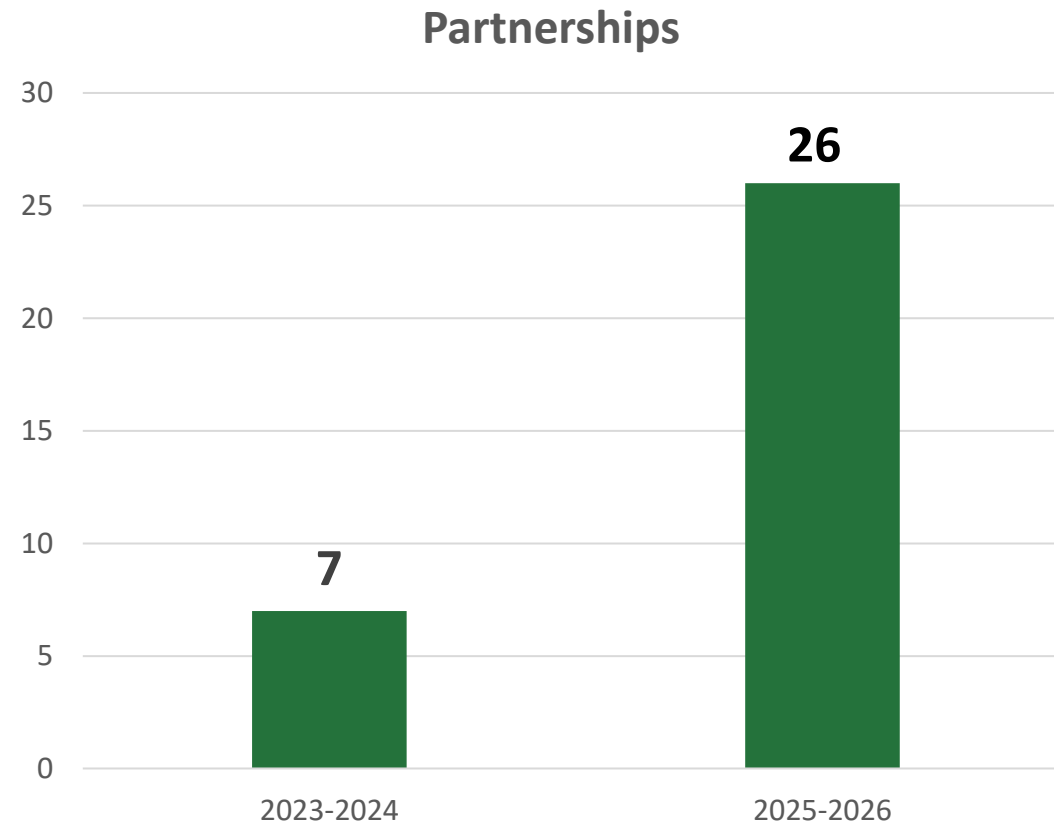
# Unduplicated Enrollment Headcount



Increase of **32.6%**

# Partnerships

## Dual Credit



# Partnerships

## Prison Education Program (PEP)

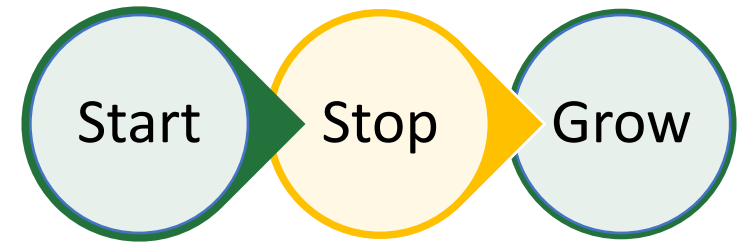
- 2 Partners: Roederer and Northpoint Training Center
- Launched First-Year Experience course with 40 students
- ENG 101 and ENG 102 are now offered
- Courses delivered via secure tablets
- Enrollment:
  - 76 - Summer 2025
  - 117 - Projected Fall 2025
  - 162 - Inquiries



# New Program Development

- Over 18 programs assessed to determine marketability. Five Newest:

- BS Manufacturing Engineering
- BS Agricultural Engineering
- MS Biological and Agricultural Engineering
- Master of Social Work
- Master of Arts in Criminal Justice



- Redesigned Master of Special Education Program Online

- Final Stages of Redesigning Teacher Education Program


# KYSU Online - Programs

## BACHELOR DEGREES

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Business  
Administration




Business Administration  
Agriculture



Business Administration  
Cybersecurity




Criminal  
Justice




Cybersecurity



Liberal Studies  
(Interdisciplinary Studies)



Psychology



RN to BS  
Nursing

**New** Fall 2025: Bachelors in Social Work

# KYSU Online - Programs

## MASTER DEGREES

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## POST-GRADUATE DEGREES

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**New** Fall 2025: Masters in Social Work and Special Education

# Health Initiatives



- Partnerships:  
CHI Health  
Norton's  
Frankfort Regional
- Health Sciences Building
- Mobile Health Clinics
- Allied and Public Health Initiatives





# Future Projects: Health, Nutrition and Wellness Center



## Strategic Impact

- Academic Growth
- Community Health
- Economic Benefits
- Workforce Development

The Health Sciences Center directly advances Kentucky's strategic goals in improving healthcare access, strengthening postsecondary education, and expanding the state's healthcare workforce. It fulfills KSU's land-grant mission by linking student learning with community service, health equity, and sustainable development.



# The Enduring Value of HBCUs – Land Grant Mission



Three-fold commitment to practical education, research, and extension services, particularly in agriculture, science, and engineering, with the goal of making higher education accessible to all and contributing to societal progress.



# Thank you

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We welcome your questions  
and partnership.



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