

## News Briefs



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### Moeder Honored for Helping Students, Promoting Diversity

Students in the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences chapter chose Larry Moeder, assistant vice president for student life and director of student financial assistance and admissions, to receive the 2013 Wallace Kidd Memorial Diversity Award.

John Deere helped sponsor the award. Troy Farley, manager of global corporate compliance for John Deere, had lunch with K-State's John Deere Scholars and spoke at the February 13 awards ceremony.

Moeder was the fifth recipient of the biannual award that honors Wallace Kidd (BS '50), the first African American entomology graduate and a strong advocate for multicultural students, the college, and the university. The Wallace Kidd Family Scholarship was established in 2000.

### Provide Input for the Future

The College of Agriculture and K-State Research and Extension have drafted a comprehensive strategic plan that aligns its efforts with the university's overall Vision 2025 plan.

The Office of Educational Innovation and Evaluation (OEIO) worked with the committees involved in the process.

"Dean Floros asked us to facilitate several meetings with each of the seven committees, plus the steering committee," said Jan Middendorf, director of OEIO. "He wanted it to be a very inclusive, transparent process to make sure that all the voices were heard and all the ideas were on the table.

"Our job was to guide and measure the process of where the organization should go, how to get there, and how to know when the goals have been achieved."

Steven Graham, assistant to the dean and director, and John Leslie, head of the Department of Plant Pathology, chaired the steering committee, which included the chairs of all the groups.

The steering committee has written a draft proposal and posted it online during the month of April for further input. To review the plan and offer comments, go to [www.strategicplan.ag.ksu.edu](http://www.strategicplan.ag.ksu.edu).



Division of Communications and Marketing

### K-S-U Down Under

President Kirk Schulz, dean and director John Floros, and plant pathology department head John Leslie show their K-State spirit during a trip to Australia.

In March, K-State finalized a new partnership with the Australian-American Fulbright Commission in Australia.

K-State will sponsor two Fulbright scholarships that give Australian scholars the opportunity to conduct research in Manhattan in collaboration with a university professor.

The Fulbright is the world's largest and most prestigious binational educational and cultural exchange program.

The university will sponsor a Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Agriculture and Life Sciences — the first such honor designated for an Australian — as well as an Australian Senior Scholar, which is open to any academic specialty.

# New Wheat Variety Recognizes University's 150 Years

A new wheat variety named 1863 commemorates the year K-State opened as the nation's first operational land-grant university.

Daryl Strouts, president of the Kansas Wheat Alliance, approached K-State about a university-themed wheat. The parent varieties for the new hard red winter wheat are Overley, Karl 92, and Cutter.

"Farmers will like it for its yield," Strouts said. "Millers and bakers will like it for its functional quality."

The 1863 wheat will be commercially available for purchase from Kansas Wheat Alliance licensed seed producers in fall 2013.

A video about the new wheat variety is available at [www.ksre.ksu.edu/1863](http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/1863).



## New Facility Has Multiple Uses

A new greenhouse at the Agricultural Research Center-Hays was completed in September 2012. The facility is used for Dallas Seifers' research in plant pathology, Guorong Zhang's wheat breeding program, Ram Perumal's sorghum breeding program, and J.P. Michaud's entomology projects. Funds for the greenhouse came from K-State, the Kansas Wheat Alliance, the Kansas Wheat Commission, a bequest from a WaKeeney farmer, and the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission.



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