The Union Program Council (UPC) in the K-State Student Union helps bring campus events and resources to both on-campus and distance education students.

Each year, UPC student volunteers plan more than 180 events, with more and more becoming accessible to distance students. Below are a few of the Union’s events and services that are available online:

**Art and educational exhibits** can be viewed at http://union.k-state.edu/art and include items from permanent collections like Ohno blown glass sculptures, Chinese Warrior exhibit, and Red Skelton paintings.

**The Union Computer Store**, an authorized Apple Campus Store, allows you to shop online anytime at http://union.k-state.edu/shop/computer-store. Distance students can take advantage of lower pricing on select Microsoft and Adobe titles with their Wildcat ID (WID) number.

**Partnership with University Life Café** allows UPC to offer online art contests and exhibits while helping to promote emotional wellness for all students through a blog, a gallery of user-submitted artwork and writings, and a network of mental health professionals. Visit University Life Café at www.universitylife咖啡.org.

Check out the new Student Union website at http://union.k-state.edu or visit the Union Program Council website at www.k-state.edu/upc.

### Spotlight on Student Services

**Union Program Council**

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K-State Student Union

**Hours:**
Monday–Friday
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

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Meet the Instructor

Terrie R. McCants
Program Coordinator and Instructor
School of Family Studies and Human Services

Terrie R. McCants is the Program Coordinator for the Conflict Resolution Graduate and Undergraduate Certificates in the K-State School of Family Studies and Human Services.

Professor McCants teaches courses in conflict resolution, including a faculty-led study abroad course on Peace and Conflict in Northern Ireland. She is also a state-approved mediator and mediation trainer at K-State’s Campus Creek Complex.

Professor McCants is an expert in Conflict Analysis and Resolution and has advanced training in workplace, public policy, divorce and child-custody, and parent/adolescent mediation.

She also focuses on Conflict Coaching—a process where a coach and client communicate one-on-one to develop the client’s conflict-related understanding, interaction strategies, and interaction skills.

Visit www.dce.k-state.edu/humanecology/conflictresolution to learn more about the conflict resolution certificates.

Record Number of Awards

Kansas State University received five regional awards from the University Continuing Education Association, the most the university has received in a given year. Awards were received for:

Innovations and Contributions: ELATEwiki: Electronic Learning and Teaching Exchange Wiki (committee featured in above photo)

Outstanding Leadership: A. David Stewart, Assistant Dean of Continuing Education

Research and Scholarship in Adult and Continuing Education: Royce Ann Collins, Assistant Professor of Educational Leadership

Outstanding Support Specialist: Leonard Leeling, Duplication/Mail Center Manager, Continuing Education

Outstanding Non-Credit Program: K-State Sustainability Conference


Web Feature

Interactive Monthly Calendar
Consider K-State Website
Kansas State University

With both the holidays and your finals approaching—not to mention work and personal events—you’ve got a lot on your plate this season!

Keep track of your busy academic and personal schedule with K-State’s interactive monthly calendar. Fun, colorful graphics are provided so you can customize your calendar and type in text for each day’s events.

Some K-State information is included automatically so you can stay in the know about university holidays and important dates without having to look them up yourself.

Since the customized calendar cannot be saved, remember to print it out before venturing to another website.

Visit http://consider.k-state.edu/interactive/customcalendar.htm to create your customized monthly calendar for December 2009. The 2010 months will be added to the website soon.

Enroll now for January Intersession and Spring 2010 term!
Search for classes and find the ones that work best for you:
www.dce.k-state.edu/courses

Wondering about University holiday hours?
The Division of Continuing Education is officially closed for the holidays starting on December 25, 2009 and will reopen on January 4, 2010. View the University calendar at:
http://consider.k-state.edu/calendar

Celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Bachelor’s Degree Completion Program!
View the news story about how this program has reached its milestone:
http://www.dce.k-state.edu/courses/bachelorsdegree/35th-anniversary.shtml

Stay connected via our Facebook and Twitter pages!
Remember to check back for updates and contribute to the conversation:
Facebook fan page: K-State Distance Students; Twitter account: KStateDistance

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* Fall 2009 Graduation: Dec. 11 and 12
* University holidays: Dec. 25; Jan. 1, 18
* Spring 2010 term begins: Jan. 14

**Please note**
Varney’s Book Store in Manhattan, Kansas, where many distance students purchase their textbooks and course materials, is adapting to the wave of digital textbooks used in many K-State courses.

The store now offers Jumpbooks, digital alternatives to textbooks. Students interested in a Jumpbook can purchase a tag from Varney’s and use the access code on the receipt to download the book online. This helps both on-campus and distance students economically, as e-books are generally about half the price of hardcover textbooks.

Students choosing digital textbooks can also print them so they have a hard copy. Varney’s will offer on-demand printing services for e-books for the Spring 2010 term. Visit Varney’s website at www.shopvarneys.com