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Pittsburg State University



66th Annual Awards

May 3, 2024



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5:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

*Doors Open
Program Begins*

PROGRAM

Welcome Dr. Paul Grimes
Dean, Kelce College of Business

Opening Remarks..... Dr. Howard Smith
Provost & Executive Vice President

The Kelce College of Business is very thankful for the generosity of alumni, businesses, and friends who provide scholarships for our students.

KELCE BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIPS AND SPONSORS

Scholarship

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| R. Shaun Bateman..... | Ken Bateman |
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| Carl & Mary Buchman..... | Carl & Mary Buchman |
| M. L. 'Lee' & Noretta Caldwell..... | Barbara Loiselle |
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| Chester Goss | PSU Foundation |
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| Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter..... | IIASC, KC Chapter |
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| Joplin Tri-State IMA..... | Joplin Tri-State IMA Chapter |
| <i>Journal of Managerial Issues</i> | <i>Journal of Managerial Issues</i> |
| Gary & Linda Kahmann..... | Linda Kahmann |
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| Kelce College of Business Golf Tournament..... | Kelce Golf Tournament Participants |
| Duane D. & Edith L. Lawellin..... | PSU Foundation |
| Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing | Leggett & Platt, Inc. |
| William R. & Karen L. Lewis..... | Bill & Karen Lewis |
| Robert D. & Sherry L. Lipsey..... | Craig A. Lipsey |
| Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little | Little Family |
| Ruby Oldham Loewen | Loewen Family |
| John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings | John & Susan Lowe |
| Mildred Lusebrink-Philip & Rose Lusebrink-Summers | Lusebrink Family |
| Arthur Malle Memorial..... | Geraldine Malle |
| Mr. & Mrs. J. U. Massey..... | PSU Foundation |
| Betty Souder McGinty | Wallace & Mary Souder |
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| John G. McNay | McNay Family |
| McPherson Grad Student | PSU Provost |
| Doyle W. Morton | Nancy & Pat Moyer |
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| James T. & Alice M. Noel | Andrew Mamalis |
| Larry E. & Deborah A. Nokes | Larry Nokes |
| Glenda Overbeck | Glenda Overbeck |
| Guy W. Owings Excellence in Accounting | Guy & Pam Owings |
| Mark & Elizabeth Paden | Mark & Elizabeth Paden |
| Maureen Hiller Paulsen & Cecil L. Paulsen | PSU Foundation |
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| William L. & Pamela G. Phalen | William & Pamela Phalen |
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| Vijay Shankar (Sam M Walton SIFE Alumnus of the Year)..... | Vijay Shankar |
| Michael W. Slack..... | Michael A. Slack & Melissa B. Doll |
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| Standen Family | James Standen |
| Clyde E. Starkey | PSU Foundation |
| Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas | Peter & Cynthia Thomas |
| Martha & Max Thompson | PSU Foundation |
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KELCE BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIPS AND SPONSORS

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Bachelor of Business Administration.....Dr. Din Cortes
Associate Dean, Kelce Graduate School of Business

ACCOUNTING

| <u>Recipient</u> | <u>Major</u> | <u>Scholarship</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Grace Best | Accounting/Finance* | Michael & Gwen Wilson Patrick Cardullo Accounting M. L. 'Lee' & Noretta Caldwell |
| Brady Bidnick | Accounting | John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings |
| Mariajose Carmona Garcia | Accounting | Doyle W. Morton August Rua |
| Ryann Caruth | Accounting | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little |
| Jacie Collier | Accounting | Pepsi-Cola Academic |
| Jesse Conrad | Accounting | Don & Jana Hartshorn Scholarship Bruce and Linda Cofer Memorial |
| Caitlin Cranston | Accounting | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little |
| Konnar Davenport | Accounting** | Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing |
| Naomi Dooley | Accounting** | O. W. 'Jack' Armstrong Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing |
| Grant Feagins | Accounting*,** | John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings Z.S. Chang & Family |
| Johnny Harris | Accounting/Business Economics | Pete Esch Journal of Managerial Issues |
| Mallory Hertzell | Accounting/Finance | John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings |
| Bobby Kemmerer | Accounting | FORVIS, LLP Accounting Education Reid & Sue Davison Family |
| Rylee Liermann | Accounting** | Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter Patrick Cardullo Accounting Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing |
| Emma McCormack | Accounting/Finance | James T. & Alice M. Noel Rex W. Crowley John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings |
| Michael Olin | Accounting | Maureen Hiller Paulsen & Cecil L. Paulsen William R. & Karen L. Lewis |
| Adyson Peck | Accounting | William L. Crow Gary & Linda Kahmann |
| Mark Radakovich | Accounting | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little Lynda S. & Wendell L. Wilkinson |
| Emily Richenburg | Accounting | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little E. Jay & Helen E. Rennick M. L. 'Lee' & Noretta Caldwell Journal of Managerial Issues |
| Grant Sasenick | Accounting/Finance | Don Cash Accounting |
| Jacob Scott | Accounting | Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas William L. Crow Byard E. & Roberta Whetzel Gosch |
| Patty Shanholtzer | Accounting | William L. Crow |
| Braden Stein | Accounting/Finance | Pete Esch Scott F. Davis |
| Reese Stucky | Accounting/Finance | Pepsi-Cola Academic |

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| Callie Underwood | Accounting | Jay C Westervelt John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings |
| Angelica Vynyas | Accounting | Journal of Managerial Issues |
| Madison Warner | Accounting | Glen & Lois Harris Marketing |
| Ivan Witt | Accounting | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little FORVIS, LLP Accounting Education Ronald G. Wood |

BUSINESS ECONOMICS, BUSINESS STUDIES & INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

| <u>Recipient</u> | <u>Major</u> | <u>Scholarship</u> |
|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Mindy Evans | Business Studies | Journal of Managerial Issues |
| Savanah Hughes | International Business | Glenda Overbeck |
| Blake Read | Business Economics | Joseph A. Russell |
| Tim Weller | International Business | Glenda Overbeck |

FINANCE

| <u>Recipient</u> | <u>Major</u> | <u>Scholarship</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Madison Binger | Finance | Michael W. Slack Excellence in Finance |
| Trevor Bohnenblust | Finance/Business Economics* | Journal of Managerial Issues Standen Family |
| Lexi Cline | Finance/Marketing* | Maureen Hiller Paulsen & Cecil L. Paulsen Reid & Sue Davison Family Excellence in Finance |
| Anna Gronau | Finance | Z.S. Chang & Family |
| Christian Hess | Finance | Excellence in Finance |
| Brynlee Hollingsworth | Finance | Martha & Max Thompson William L. Crow Economics Alumni |
| Josue Lozano | Finance/Accounting* | Larry E. & Deborah A. Nokes Scott F. Davis |
| Baylie Pitts | Finance* | Mildred Lusebrink-Philip & Rose Lusebrink-Summers Excellence in Finance |
| Matthew Schmidt | Finance/Accounting*,** | Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter |
| Carter Stanchfield | Finance | James J. & Evelyn Whitaker Cattelino |
| Kayley Thorpe | Finance | Excellence in Finance |
| Tanner Wright | Finance | Lemos Brandecker Gorilla Alumni |

COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

| <u>Recipient</u> | <u>Major</u> | <u>Scholarship</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Hunter Brennon | Computer Info Systems | Mr. & Mrs. J. U. Massey Doyle W. Morton Reid & Sue Davison Family Firpo & Patricia Smith |
| James Dubuke | Computer Info Systems | Felix & Jane Dreher |
| John Gilmore | Computer Info Systems/Finance | Slim Cummings William L. & Pamela G. Phalen Excellence in Finance |
| Caden Haverfield | Computer Infor Systems | Doyle W. Morton |
| Jake Keith | Computer Info Systems | Felix & Jane Dreher |
| Saatvik Sabarwal | Computer Info Systems/Bus Economics | Journal of Managerial Issues L. Thomas Needham |
| Philip Sheehan | Computer Info Systems | Journal of Managerial Issues |

MANAGEMENT

| <u>Recipient</u> | <u>Major</u> | <u>Scholarship</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Mya Austin | Management | William L. Crow |
| Jillian Barrett | Management | William L. Crow |
| Leo Bass | Management/Marketing | Clyde E. Starkey |
| | | Harry B. Cuendet |
| Malorie Bogle | Management/Marketing* | John G. McNay |
| | | Doyle W. Morton |
| Ravin Cawthon | Management* | Pete Esch |
| Hannah Daniels | Management | John G. McNay |
| | | Carl & Mary Buchman |
| Noemi Hernandez | Management | Journal of Managerial Issues |
| Cora James | Management | Journal of Managerial Issues |
| | | CBIZ, Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C. |
| | | Paul S. & Ruth Aaro Jones |
| Jenny Kleindl | Management | Journal of Managerial Issues |
| Sophia Labrue | Management/Finance | Kelce College of Business Golf Tournament |
| | | Excellence in Finance |
| Rajneet Lehal | Management/Marketing/Finance | Carl & Mary Buchman |
| Taniya Looney | Management | Mark & Elizabeth Paden |
| | | Mark & Diana Quinlan |
| Carson McElroy | Management/Marketing | Pepsi-Cola Academic |
| Paige Morter | Management/Marketing | Carl & Mary Buchman |
| Luke Perry | Management | Edward T. McNally |
| | | Betty Souder McGinty |
| Raegan Pitts | Management | John G. McNay |
| | | Martha & Max Thompson |
| Taylor Pratt | Management** | Duane D. & Edith L. Lawellin |
| | | Chester Goss |
| | | Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter |
| Maverick Ridenour | Management | William L. Crow |
| | | E. Jay & Helen E. Rennick |
| Erica Schamel | Management | Scott F. Davis |
| Jeremy Sharp | Management | Carl & Mary Buchman |
| Taylor Sitzman | Management | Doyle W. Morton |

MARKETING

| <u>Recipient</u> | <u>Major</u> | <u>Scholarship</u> |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| Matthew Akridge | Marketing/Management | William L. Crow |
| | | Kurt A. Holmes |
| | | Glenda Overbeck |
| Trip Baker | Marketing/Management* | Doyle W. Morton |
| | | Robert D. & Sherry L. Lipsey |
| | | Standen Family |
| Rayce Baker | Marketing | Journal of Managerial Issues |
| Liz Blankenship | Marketing/Management | Z.S. Chang & Family |
| Caleb Chandler | Marketing | Scott F. Davis |
| | | Glenda Overbeck |
| | | Scott F. Davis |
| Ava Cheesman | Marketing/Management | Carl & Mary Buchman |
| Riley Cross | Marketing/Management | William L. Crow |
| Rhett Dice | Marketing/Management | Ruby Oldham Loewen |
| Shelby Duffy | Marketing/Management | Carl & Mary Buchman |
| Molly Eilts | Marketing/Management | Doyle W. Morton |
| Lauren Forbes | Marketing/Management | Journal of Managerial Issues |
| Mia Garrett | Marketing | Lynda S. & Wendell L. Wilkinson |
| Peyton Geihlsler | Marketing | |

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| Dylan Hazelbaker | Marketing | Wearever Aluminum Journal of Managerial Issues R. Shaun Bateman |
| Meghan Humaciu | Marketing | Carl & Mary Buchman |
| Emery Kafka | Marketing/Management | O. W. 'Jack' Armstrong |
| Adam Kahnk | Marketing/Management/Accounting** | Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter Kelce College of Business Golf Tournament Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing |
| Karli King | Marketing/Management | Doyle W. Morton |
| Emma Kratz | Marketing/Management | Doyle W. Morton |
| Gracie Leary | Marketing/Management | John G. McNay Doyle W. Morton Scott F. Davis |
| Davion Lewis | Marketing | Doyle W. Morton Arthur Malle Memorial |
| Brynlee Neria | Marketing/Management/ International Business | Pete Esch |
| Hailey Orender | Marketing/Management | Doyle W. Morton |
| Jaylen Ortiz | Marketing/Management | William L. Crow |
| Jaidyn Pointer | Marketing/Management | Doyle W. Morton |
| Ella Rice | Marketing | Carl & Mary Buchman |
| Jonah Sandford | Marketing/Management/ Business Economics*** | Pepsi-Cola Academic |
| Braylon Thompson | Marketing | Journal of Managerial Issues Glenda Overbeck |
| Miles Ton | Marketing | Carl & Mary Buchman |
| Rachel Wilson | Marketing/Management | William L. Crow |
| MaKenna Wingfield | Marketing/Management | Doyle W. Morton |

Academic Certificates earned in addition to major(s).

**Kansas Insurance Certificate*

***Internal Auditing Certificate*

****Professional Sales & Sales Management Certificate*

Master of Business AdministrationDr. Din Cortes
Associate Dean, Kelce Graduate School of Business

MBA

| <u>Recipient</u> | <u>Emphasis</u> | <u>Scholarship</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Kaylee Bollig | MPA – Accounting | John C. Clark Kansas Society of CPAs |
| Riley Bush | MPA – Accounting | W. Neil & Mary M. Benelli Polfer Gary & Linda Kahmann |
| Sivanah Clark | MBA – Accounting | Harry J. Dye, Jr. (Jay) Memorial Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas |
| Rylee Croft | MPA – Accounting | Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter Joplin Tri-State IMA |
| Marissa Dick | MBA – General Administration | Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing John E. Lowe in Honor of Dr. Guy Owings |
| McKayla Edwards | MBA – Healthcare Administration | Harry J. Dye, Jr. (Jay) Memorial |
| Emma Dunn | MPA – Accounting | Rozella Wade Grimes Memorial Institute of Internal Auditors, Kansas City Chapter Guy W. Owings Fund for Excellence in Accounting |
| Kacie Ford | MBA – General Administration | Joplin Tri-State IMA Leggett & Platt Internal Auditing |
| Bailey Gallup | MBA – Human Resources | Robert Condon Ramsay Doyle W. Morton Harry J. Dye, Jr. (Jay) Memorial |

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| Miranda Hartman | MPA – Accounting | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little William L. Crow |
| Tucker Jessip | MBA – General Administration | Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas Vijay Shankar (Sam M Walton SIFE Alumnus of the Year) |
| Carmen Kent | MBA – General Administration | Lynda S. & Wendell L. Wilkinson |
| Zetthew Meister | MPA – Accounting | William L. Crow |
| Matthew Oglesby | MBA – Marketing | John G. McNay Doyle W. Morton |
| Sarah Rexwinkle | MPA – Accounting | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little |
| Jayden Sanford | MBA – Marketing | McPherson Graduate Student Glenda Overbeck |
| Brianna Shippy | MPA – Accounting | Doyle W. Morton |
| Juliana Shortt | MBA – Marketing | Pete Esch |
| Jason Spradling | MPA – Accounting | Dr. M.J. 'Bill' Little Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas Kansas Society of CPAs |
| Nathan Stice | MPA – Accounting | Harold Russell Reid & Sue Davison Family |
| Derek Yuza | MBA – General Administration | Helen L. & Ralf J. Thomas Journal of Managerial Issues Excellence in Finance |

AWARDS

Kelce Scholars & Outstanding Seniors Dr. Paul Grimes, Dean

Each semester, the College of Business designates students as Kelce Business Scholars. These students meet the following criteria:

- Regular, full time
- Upper division, undergraduate
- Business major
- Cumulative GPA in top 3% of college during the calendar year

The names of these students are listed prominently on a recognition board on the first floor of Kelce Hall for one year.

2023 KELCE SCHOLARS

| <u>Recipient</u> | <u>Major</u> |
|------------------------------|--|
| Russell E. "Trip" Baker..... | Marketing & Management* |
| Amanda Becker..... | Accounting |
| Grace Best..... | Accounting** |
| Emmaline Beyeler..... | Marketing & Management |
| Trevor Bohnenblust | Finance & Business Economics* |
| Taylor Brynds | Management |
| Ava Cheesman | Marketing & Management |
| Sivinah Clark | Accounting** |
| Angel Cortes Sierra..... | Computer Information Systems |
| Naomi Dooley..... | Accounting** |
| Emmaline Dunn..... | Accounting** |
| Hannah Evans | Accounting & Finance** |
| Grant Feagins..... | Accounting* |
| Bridget Frank | Management & Marketing |
| Bailey Gallup | Management & Marketing |
| Natalie Hibbard..... | Finance* |
| Samuel Holman..... | Computer Information Systems, Business Economics & Finance |
| Caden Hughes..... | Business Economics & Finance |
| Tucker Jessip..... | Management |

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| Emery Kafka..... | Marketing & Management |
| Alexander Krumm..... | Computer Information Systems & Marketing |
| Gracie Leary..... | Marketing & Management |
| Kit Lerthkasamechai..... | Computer Information Systems |
| Taylor Pratt..... | Management** |
| Emily Richenburg..... | Accounting |
| Maverick Ridenour..... | Management |
| Brianna Shippy..... | Finance & Accounting |
| Jason Spradling..... | Accounting |
| Addison Weybrew..... | Marketing & Management*** |
| Adeline Whitlow..... | Accounting |
| Makenna Wingfield..... | Marketing |
| Jordan Woodruff..... | Finance |
| Derek Yuza..... | Finance* |

2023-2024 OUTSTANDING SENIORS

The designation of Outstanding Senior is given to those seniors who have demonstrated outstanding scholarship and meritorious participation in areas related to their major department, the Kelce College of Business, Pittsburg State University, and the Pittsburg community.

| <u>Recipient</u> | <u>Major</u> |
|--------------------------|---|
| Bailey Bacon..... | Marketing |
| Tarynn Brenner..... | Management* |
| Sivanah Clark..... | Accounting** |
| Karson Coffee..... | Management |
| Cole Cucitrone..... | Management |
| Emma Dunn..... | Accounting** |
| Zelphia Estes..... | Marketing |
| Hannah Evans..... | Accounting & Finance** |
| Kacie Ford..... | Marketing & Management |
| Bailey Gallup..... | Management & Marketing |
| Spencer Grillot..... | Accounting & Computer Information Systems** |
| Miranda Hartman..... | Accounting & Management |
| Natalie Hibbard..... | Finance* |
| Caden Hughes..... | Business Economics & Finance |
| Tucker Jessip..... | Management |
| Olivia Mitchell..... | Accounting & Finance** |
| Juan Mollo..... | Management |
| Matthew Oglesby..... | Management & Marketing |
| Nathaniel Parish..... | Computer Information Systems |
| Ayelen Pecci Fretes..... | Finance & Business Economics |
| Adyson Peck..... | Accounting |
| Ethan Salvino..... | Management |
| Jayden Sanford..... | Marketing |
| Jarod Sheko..... | Accounting & Computer Information Systems* |
| Jason Spradling..... | Accounting |
| Ryan Wentworth..... | Management & Marketing |
| Derek Yuza..... | Finance* |
| Braden Zaner..... | Marketing & Management |

Academic Certificates earned in addition to major(s).

*Kansas Insurance Certificate

**Internal Auditing Certificate

***Professional Sales & Sales Management Certificate

FINANCE LEADERSHIP AWARD

**2024 Finance Leadership Award.....Dr. Connie Shum
Professor of Finance**

This award recognizes outstanding leadership activities within the finance program in the Kelce College of Business. Characteristics of leadership include a strong record of contribution to the PSU Finance Club and other finance activities in areas of planning, fundraising, and motivating student interaction. In addition, award winners are expected to maintain strong academic performance.

Tyler Thompson..... Outstanding Finance Student

OUTSTANDING MBA AWARDS

**2024 Outstanding MBA Student Awards Dr. Din Cortes
Associate Dean, Kelce Graduate School of Business**

The “Outstanding MBA Awards” are the most coveted honors the Kelce College of Business bestows on graduating MBA men and women as voted by the majority of the Kelce graduate faculty. The award is recognition of the student’s excellence in scholarship and service to the College.

Sarah Clausen..... MBA - General Administration
Andrew Johnson..... MBA - General Administration

Closing Remarks..... Dr. Paul Grimes, Dean

CLOSURE

Reception Immediately following program.

Additional Pictures with Scholarship Sponsors as requested following the program.



An Accredited and Ranked College of Business

The Kelce College of Business is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International. Accreditation represents “the highest standard of achievement for business schools, worldwide. Institutions that earn accreditation confirm their commitment to quality and continuous improvement through a rigorous and comprehensive peer review.” Less than 5% of the business colleges in the world achieve AACSB accreditation.

In recognition of its high-quality programs, the Kelce College of Business has received numerous rankings in recent years. The college is currently listed in the “Best Business Schools,” a guidebook published annually by *The Princeton Review*. Inclusion on this list is based on a global survey of more than 19,000 MBA students in programs throughout the world. The Kelce MBA was recently recognized as the **#2 Best Online MBA** program in the nation and **#18** most affordable by *College Consensus*. In 2019, *The Knowledge Review* placed the Kelce College in its Best Business Programs in America and in 2020, the *Wichita Business Journal* ranked our MBA the **#1 MBA Program in Kansas** based on the enrollment growth in our online Professional MBA. These rankings reflect Pittsburg State University’s commitment to providing high quality educational opportunities that are financially accessible for students from our community, region, and across the country.



Celebrating 25 years of Continuous Accreditation
1999-2024

A New Future for the Kelce College of Business

Gorilla Rising



Recently, Pittsburg State University received a \$12.5 million matching grant from the State of Kansas Department of Commerce to support a new educational district in downtown Pittsburg, Gorilla Rising. The centerpiece of this estimated \$60 million-dollar project will be a new home facility for the Kelce College of Business on Broadway in downtown Pittsburg. The project also includes new student housing options in a renovated Besse Hotel and event space in the historic Colonial Fox Theater. Gorilla Rising will expand and enhance the university's commitment to our community's economic development begun by Block 22 and offer the Kelce College significant opportunities to enhance and expand our academic programs. All commitments regarding private funds donated for the previously planned on-campus renovation and expansion of our existing facilities will be honored in the new downtown complex. For those interested in participating in the project, additional naming opportunities will be available when architectural designs are finalized. Please contact Becky McDaniel, Executive Director of University Development, for details concerning giving opportunities and more information: remcdaniel@pittstate.edu