



Student Organizations

Kansas State Teachers College and Emporia State University have been the home to a variety of student organizations throughout the years. Phi Kappa Mu was established as one of the first African-American women's social groups in 1923. Others were established in following years, included Phi Kappa Alpha (1964), Black Student Union (1969), Pan-Hellenic Council (1979), Black Women's Network (1993), Black Men of Tomorrow (1996), and Harmonious Voices of Praise (2006). These organizations were created to provide social activities and support throughout the African-American student community at the University. Today, the Black Student Union, Black Women's Network, and Harmonious Voices of Praise continue to be active on campus.



1966 Sunflower

Phi Kappa Alpha was established as a social group in 1964 for the purpose of providing social activities to its members as well as nonmembers in the Emporia area. Dr. Tom Bonner and Mr. Jim Pickert acted as club sponsors. An additional goal of the organization was to establish two Greek organizations for both African-American men and women.

Black Women's Network members march in the 1994 Homecoming parade.



1995 Sunflower



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Phi Kappa Mu, organized on May 28, 1923, is believed to be one of the first African-American women's social groups on campus.



HVP member

Harmonious Voices of Praise is an organization dedicated to sharing the word of God through song. The organization is composed of students who enjoy music, fellowship, and ministry. The goal of the choir is to send a message of hope, love, and faith in a way that is relatable to their peers.

The Pan-Hellenic Council was formed in 1979 to unite the predominantly black greek organizations on campus. Today the Multicultural Greek Council governs the multicultural fraternities and sororities on campus.



1990 Sunflower



2013 Sunflower

Black Women's Network was created to provide a support system with positive social interaction. Black Women's Network has a focus on African-American women but is open to all women. The organization is aims to provide opportunities for leadership and personal growth. The organization is still active today on Emporia State University's campus.



2013 Sunflower



1987 Sunflower

Over the years, Black Student Union (BSU) organized numerous activities on campus, including skating parties, banquet dinners, Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations (see picture) and the election of Miss BSU during Homecoming week. During Black Observance Week, BSU sponsored gospel nights, fashion fairs, and athletic forums.



1996 Sunflower

In 1996 Black Men of Tomorrow offered African-American male students opportunities to further their professional development.

Black Men of Tomorrow (B.M.T.)...
a service organization which promotes professional development of males from an African-American perspective.

1996 Sunflower



1975 Sunflower

Black Student Union (BSU) of Emporia State University is a service organization, which serves as a bonding force for all students at the University. The goals of BSU are largely aimed at an atmosphere on the ESU campus where African-American students can adjust to the environment and be academically motivated. The organization also provides social activities that are geared towards, but not exclusive to, the African-American community. BSU welcomes ALL students and encourage them to join the organization.

Background: The Black Student Union, 1983 Sunflower