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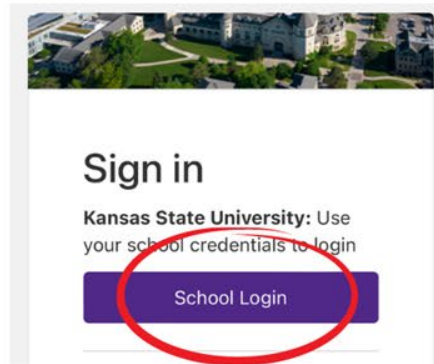
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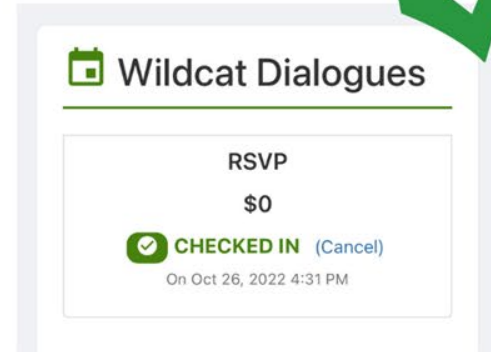
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Tamara Bauer

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When we seek connection,
we restore the world to
wholeness. Our seemingly
separate lives become
meaningful as we discover
how truly necessary we
are to each other.

- Margaret Wheatley



**What is the most generous
assumption you can make
about the people around you?**

Brené Brown



”

“I am deliberate / and afraid / of nothing.”

– Audre Lorde

”



Mariya Vaughan
Assistant Director, K-State First

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Intercultural learning is an essential component to building a community through genuine connection and understanding. Students who are able to understand themselves, others, and who can successfully navigate similarities and differences will be able to build lasting relationships with their peers, professors, and future colleagues.





Austin Drake

**K-State Leadership Programs Graduate Assistant
Staley School of Leadership**



**True belonging doesn't
require you to change who
you are; it requires you to
be who you are.**

Brené Brown





True belonging is not passive. It's not the belonging that comes with just joining a group. It's not fitting in or selling out because it's safer. It's a practice that requires us to be vulnerable, get uncomfortable, and learn how to be present with people without sacrificing who we are. We want true belonging, but it takes tremendous courage to knowingly walk into hard moments.

Braving the Wilderness





**Wage peace with your
listening.**

- Judyth Hill, poet

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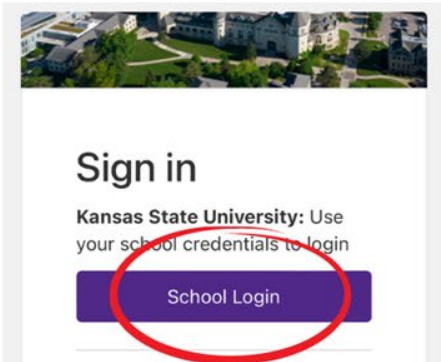
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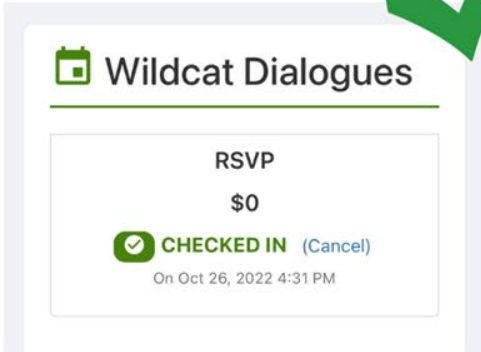
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“Our differences are special.
They're our gifts to be shared.
They shouldn't be shameful or
a reason to be scared.”

— Samantha Childs, [Henri and the Magnificent Snort : A Children's Book about Bullying, Belonging, and Love](#)



Barbara Mitchell
Associate Professor, Special Education

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**It's not differences that divide us.
It's our judgments about each
other that do.**

Margaret Wheatley





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If you can see your path laid out in front of you step by step, you know it's not your path. Your own path you make with every step you take. That's why it's your path.

Joseph Campbell



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-Wade Davis

Graciela Berumen, Ed.D.

Assistant Director of College Access & Community Outreach

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*"Different roads sometimes
lead to the same castle."*
— George R. R. Martin

Paulicia Chimamanda Bender
Assistant Director/ Liaison to College of APD
K-State Career Center



**If we have no peace,
it is because we have
forgotten that we
belong to each other.**

Mother Teresa





Mia Schindler

**Senior in Family & Consumer Sciences Education
& Leadership Minor**

**Shame dies when
stories are told in safe
places.**

Ann Voskamp

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I am not different *from* you.
I am different *like* you.

Octavius Black



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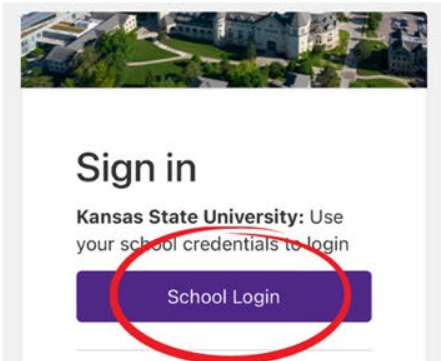
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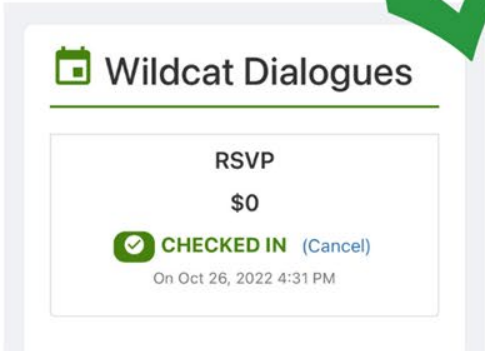
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Adam R. Carr
Program Administrator
Dept. of Student Belonging and Inclusion

“Everyone wants to feel welcomed and included. I love being able to bridge those connections with others to develop an inclusive society.”

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Giving connects two people, the giver and the receiver, and this connection gives birth to a new sense of belonging.

Deepak Chopra





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Emmanuel Ugwuegbu

**Programs Coordinator Call Me MiSTER Program College of Education, and
Assistant Advisor XIX Chapter of Mortar Board.**



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**Our ability to reach unity in diversity
will be the beauty and the test of our
civilization.**

Mahatma Gandhi





Ellissa Neill

**Undergraduate Student in Mechanical
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**Diversity is having a seat at the table.
Inclusion is having a voice and
belonging is having that voice be heard.**

Liz Fosslien





Corey Williamson

**Executive Director
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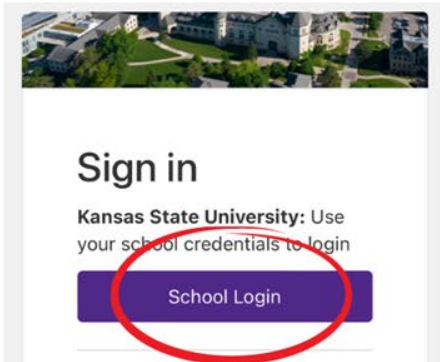
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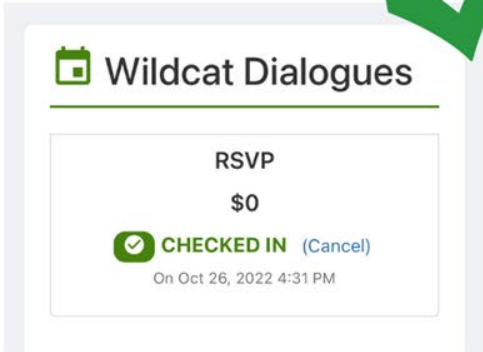
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People are hard to hate close up.

Move in.

Brené Brown





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Rory Jenkins

Student in Environmental Engineering with a Secondary Major in Natural Resources and Environmental Science and a Minor in Leadership



To dare is to lose one's footing momentarily. Not to dare is to lose oneself.
Søren Kierkegaard



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People are opting out of vital conversations about diversity and inclusivity because they fear looking wrong, saying something wrong, or being wrong. Choosing our own comfort over hard conversations is the epitome of privilege, and it corrodes trust and moves us away from meaningful and lasting change.

Brené Brown



Nicholas Edwards

**Undergraduate Student in the College of
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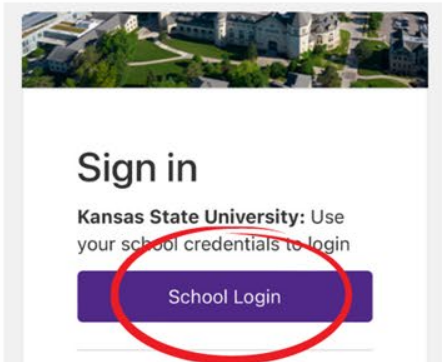
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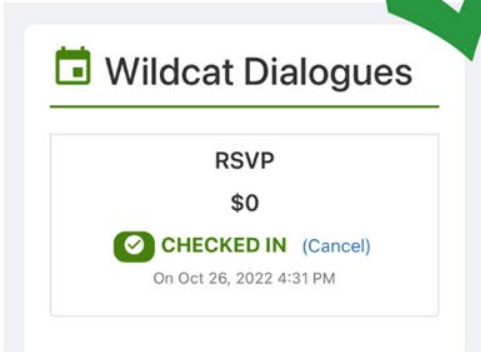
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**I long, as does every human being, to be
at home wherever I find myself.**

Maya Angelou





Megan Zeman
Program Committee
Leadership Studies GA



**Without community there
is no liberation, no future.**

Audre Lorde





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Octavius Black





**We are all more complicated
than the roles we are
assigned in the stories other
people tell.**

Tara Westover



Delaney Michel

**Electrical Engineering Undergraduate Minor in
Mathematics and Leadership**



**Humankind has not woven the web of
life. We are but one thread within it.
Whatever we do to the web, we do to
ourselves. All things are bound
together.
All things connect.**

Chief Seattle





Maggie Billman
Programs & Project Manager, Staley School of Leadership

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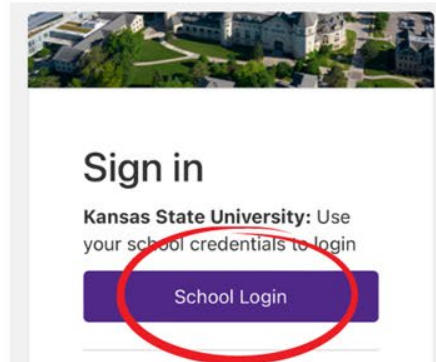
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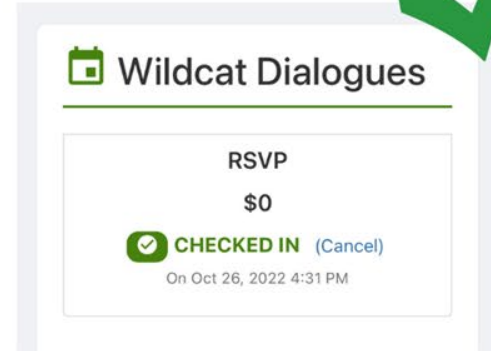
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We are the ones we have been waiting for.

Zena Sharman





**"Alone, we can do so little;
together, we can do so
much."**

Helen Keller



McKenna Johnson
Mortar Board President



**"Act as if what you do makes
a difference. It does."**

William James



BrookeLynn Mackin

**Mortar Board Member
College of Education**



Julia Miller
Mortar Board Member
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Diversity is about
embracing one another’s
uniqueness.
- Ola Joseph
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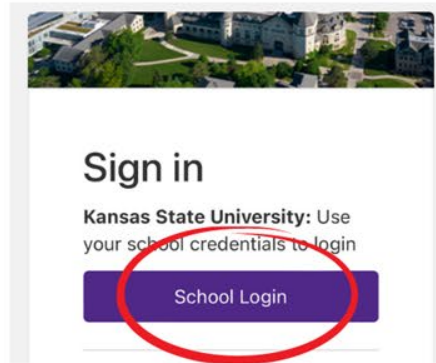
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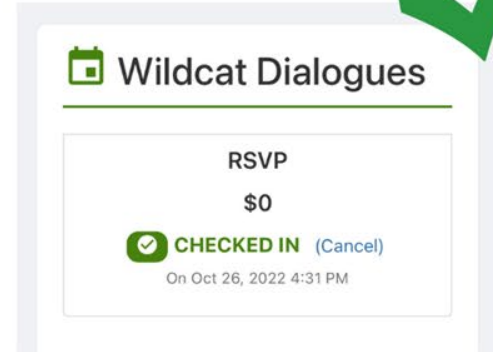
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Hayden Kunnary

**Mortar Board Vice President of
Development
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community is most
accurately measured by
the compassionate
actions of its members
- Coretta Scott King
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