Biological & Physical Sciences:
Over the past 10 years, ESU students have won a total of 46 awards at the Kansas Academy of Sciences — more than twice as many than any other university in Kansas. (2017)

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology:
Chris Alderman (BS BMB 2017) is one of 51 nationwide recipients of a $5,000 fellowship from Phi Kappa Phi. He is pursuing combined M.D./Ph.D. in oncology at the University of Colorado. (2017)

Business:
Two School of Business students placed in the top 10 in the nation at the 2017 Phi Beta Lambda National Leadership Conference. Nine students from ESU’s PBL competed at the 2017 Kansas State Leadership Conference, collectively placing 16 times and qualifying six students for the 2017 National Leadership Conference. (2017)

Based on data from the 2015-16 graduating seniors, five degrees awarded by the School of Business achieved a 100 percent Career Outcomes rate: Accounting, Business Administration, Computer Science, Management and Marketing.

Brent Wilson, a 2016 graduate and management major, was quarterback on the Emporia State football team and the recipient of the prestigious Ken B. Jones Award as the MIAA Male Student-Athlete of the Year and a finalist for the Harlon Hill Award. (2016)

English/Journalism:
The Poet Laureate of Kansas, 2017-2019, is Dr. Kevin Rabas, Chair of Emporia State’s Department of English, Modern Languages and Journalism. (2017)

The ESU English Department produces the Sigma Tau Delta Review and the Sigma Tau Delta Rectangle, publications of the International English Society.

Music:
ESU alum Jason Sickel, a vocal music instructor at Blue Valley North High School, was named the 2017 Kansas Teacher of the Year.

Psychology:
Psychology graduate Eric Lloyd was inaugurated into Sigma Tau Gamma Undergraduate Hall of Fame, which recognizes 10 outstanding graduating seniors from across the nation. (2016)

School of Library and Information Management (SLIM):
ESU alum Greg Michells was awarded the National Medal for Museum and Library Service from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the highest awards a library can achieve. (2016)

SLIM student Brittany Collins interned at the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History’s National Anthropological Archives. (2016)
Nursing: 94% of ESU Nursing program graduates passed the NCLEX test the first time, compared to the Kansas passage rate of 78% and the national passage rate of 84%. (2017)

Zach Mandell did a Summer Nursing Externship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, and has accepted a job there. (2016)

Emporia State won four first-place state awards at the Kansas State Nurses Association state convention including Image of Nursing, Community Nursing, Break Through Nursing and School of Excellence in Nursing. (2016)

Theatre: The Kennedy Center Festival selected ESU’s theatre program to present its production, “The Treehouse Effect,” a play written by ESU alumni. (2015)

Senior Nathan Short was one of 60 students from around the world selected to The Open Jar Institute in New York, where students are given one-on-one training with Broadway professionals. (2016)

The Teachers College: Alumna Kristi Dixon was named the 2016-17 Outstanding School Counselor of the Year for the state of Kansas.

Alumna Kris Burkholder was named Counselor of the Year by the Kansas Counseling Association. (2017)

Alumna Denise Scribner was named Teacher of Year by the Kansas Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom. (2017)

Three of the last seven Kansas State Superintendents of the Year are Emporia State alumni: Tom Trigg (2011), Marlin Berry (2013) and Sue Givens (2017).

Alumni Michelle Kelly and Denise Scribner received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the highest honor bestowed by the United States government for K-12 mathematics and science teaching. (2016)

No. 1 bestselling-author James Patterson funds 16 full-ride scholarships for elementary and secondary education majors.

The Health Promotion program was recognized by the National Strength and Conditioning Association as a top Personal Training Program for undergraduates. (2016)

Five alumni received Horizon Awards, a regional competition that recognizes exemplary first-year educators. (2017)

Instructional Design and Technology students Julie LaCombe and Milton Knopp won the Association for Educational Communications & Technology Design and Development Competition in Las Vegas. ESU IDT students have been finalists in this international competition seven of the past nine years. (2016)
Athletics:
The **women's basketball team** finished 29-5 in the 2016-17 season – their 15th straight year with 20 wins – the longest streak in the nation. Emporia State also won an unprecedented fifth straight MIAA Tournament Championship. (2017)

**Hornet football** is the winningest NCAA team in the state of Kansas. (2016)

**Emporia State baseball** won the MIAA Regular Season Championship and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the fourth straight year. **Coach Bob Fornelli** is the winningest coach in Emporia State history with 565 wins as the Hornets head coach. (2017)

The **Emporia State women’s basketball team** is number 1 in the 2016-17 Women's Basketball Coaches Association NCAA Division II Academic Top 25 list with a 3.744 team GPA during the 2016-17 academic year.

Hornet Baseball player **Ryan McBroom** earned multiple honors, including first-team All-MIAA. (2017)

Lady Hornets Basketball player **Kelly Moten** is now playing professionally for Riva Basket of the LNA, the top Switzerland league for women. She was awarded multiple association and division recognitions, including Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) NCAA Div. II National player of the year and first-team All American (2017)

Former Emporia State Football running back **Tyler Paul** was inducted into the MIAA 2017 Hall of Fame. (2017)

For the 13th time in 15 years, the **Emporia State University volleyball team** earned the Team Academic Award from the American Volleyball Coaches Association.

HORNETS FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Emporia State is the only public university in Kansas to be named a **College of Distinction**, an esteemed recognition for engaging students, great teaching, a vibrant campus community and successful outcomes. (2017)

ESU students who earned a baccalaureate degree in the 2015-2016 academic year exceeded a **98% placement rate**.

**Froilan Huachaca** was one of eight people awarded the first-ever *Hidden Figures — Emerging and Young Scholars* scholarships at the Brown v. Board of Education National Historic Site. (2017)

ESU has the only masters in **Forensic Science** in Kansas, which was developed with the input of all of the major crime laboratories in the State of Kansas and the Kansas City Metro area.

ESU is home to the **Memorial to Fallen Educators** and the **National Teachers Hall of Fame**. The memorial is the only memorial dedicated to honoring fallen educators and the NTHF is the only facility of its kind dedicated to recognizing career teachers.

ESU sponsors many **STEM outreach programs**, including Sonja Kovalevsky Mathematics Day for junior women in high school and Sí Se Puede Math Day for middle school Hispanic students.

September 3-9, 2017 has been declared Kansas Literacy Week by Gov. Sam Brownback, as a result of efforts put forth by the **Kansas Masonic Literacy Center** and Emporia State.