

Hello Graduate Students,

I hope your spring semester is off to a great start. Although I have only been in this role for a short time, I wanted to share our vision for Graduate Student Success at KSU.



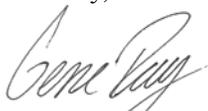
There are many excellent resources already available at KSU, such as [Wellbeing@KSU](#). However, I have heard from many of you that it can be difficult to know about or easily find the resources that are most relevant to your individual needs.

As part of our long-term vision, we plan to develop a color-coded page on the Graduate College website that highlights offerings across academic excellence, professional development, career preparation, and wellbeing. It will be a 'one-stop-shop' for services available to graduate students at KSU.

In addition to maintaining existing programs such as the [Three Minute Thesis \(3MT\)](#), we are rolling out new initiatives that include a mentoring framework with accompanying workshops and developing partnerships across campus to expand Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) training.

Even in my short time in this position, it has become clear that the Graduate College is deeply committed to supporting graduate student success.

Warmly,



Herman "Gene" Ray
Associate Dean for Graduate Student Success



Can You Explain Your Thesis or Dissertation in 3 Minutes?

The Graduate College will be hosting their 12th annual 3MT Competition on Thursday, April 2, 2026 during Graduate Student Appreciation Week.

The Three Minute Thesis is a research communication competition developed by [The University of Queensland](#).

The exercise develops academic, presentation, and research communication skills and supports the development of students' capacities to effectively explain their research in a language appropriate to an intelligent but non-specialist audience.

Master's and Doctoral students have three minutes to present a compelling oration on their thesis or dissertation topic and its significance.

Who's Eligible?

- Currently enrolled master's and doctoral students at KSU who have key results in their presentation;
- Thesis or dissertation should be mostly complete

[Learn more about the 3MT Competition and how to register.](#)

See the events listing on page 2 for 3MT Bootcamp Workshop opportunities

Want to share news from your program or give a shout out to a student who is doing amazing research? Let us know! Send your story idea to Tracy Gaudlip in the Graduate College at tgaudlip@kennesaw.edu.



Upcoming Events

Interview IQ: Strategies for Graduate Students and Advanced Job Seekers?

Sharpen your interview skills with targeted strategies for articulating your experience, handling tough questions, researching employers, and making a lasting impression.

- **February 19, 5-6 p.m.**

Virtual: Microsoft Teams

[Interview IQ registration and log in information](#)

3MT Bootcamps

Students in programs with a thesis or dissertation are invited to join us in one of our workshops on mastering 3MT slide design, public speaking, and presenting research in just three minutes to a non-specialist audience.

- **March 5 • 4:30-6 p.m.**

[Marietta Campus Registration](#)

- **March 16 • 4-6:30 p.m.**

[Kennesaw Campus Registration](#)

- **March 18 • 6-7:30 p.m.**

[Virtual Registration](#)

Grad Pad Connection: A Roommate Mixer

Grad Students are invited to join this event hosted by Wellbeing@KSU for Roommate Bingo, Speed Friending, and more. **Meet new faces, make real connections, and find your next roommate.**

- **Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

4:30 - 7 p.m.

Prillaman Hall, Room HS1001

Please complete this [Matching Survey](#) by Monday, March 2, 2026. If you have questions or need additional information, please email: studentaffairs@kennesaw.edu.

How to Format Your Dissertation/Thesis

This workshop will focus on the template requirements and how to ensure that your submitted manuscript is accepted in time for your graduation.

- **March 19, 5-6 p.m.**

Virtual: Microsoft Teams

[Formatting workshop registration and log in](#)

26th Annual Lessons in Leadership:
BEYOND BORDERS
 EXPLORING GLOBAL PERSPECTIVES
02-26-26
 COBB CONVENTION CENTER ATLANTA
 (formerly Cobb Galleria Centre)
 REGISTER BY
 FEBRUARY 12

Career Planning

STEM Job, Co-op, and Internship Fair

2/24-26 • 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Marietta Event Center
 (the old Gymnasium)

Part-Time Employment Fair

3/26 • 12 - 2 p.m.

Siegel Student Rec Center
 Kennesaw Campus

Government & Non-Profit Fair

3/3 • 12 - 2 p.m.

Siegel Student Rec Center
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For more information, locations, and to register for events, visit the [Events Calendar](#) on our website or scan the QR code.



Send your program's events to Tracy Gaudlip in the Graduate College at tgaudlip@kennesaw.edu and we will publish it in our next issue.