

STATE OF KANSAS



PROCLAMATION
BY THE
GOVERNOR

TO THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, There are 18 private colleges in Kansas, enrolling 22,000 undergraduate and graduate students each year; and there are over 200,000 living alums—half of whom live and work in Kansas; and many alums are some of the state's most important civic, business, and cultural leaders; and

WHEREAS, Kansas private colleges award over \$57 million in institutional grants and scholarships to students annually; and 21% of the state's bachelors degrees and 27% of the state's masters degrees are awarded to students attending private colleges; and

WHEREAS, Kansas private colleges are major employers in many smaller communities and enrich those communities with an array of cultural and community education events, contributing significantly to the quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Kansas private colleges routinely invest significant financial resources in the economies of their local communities and the state through annual budgets totaling a quarter billion dollars; and

WHEREAS, Kansas private colleges promote civic engagement and leadership development of students through extensive community service and internship/work study programs, and provide educational programming and campus culture that place a priority on the development of personal character and ethical practice:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF KANSAS, do hereby proclaim June 5-9, 2006, as

Kansas Private College Week

In Kansas and urge all citizens to join in this observance by recognizing the important contributions of private colleges in the state.

DONE: At the Capitol in Topeka
under the Great Seal of the
State this 25th day of
April, A.D. 2006



BY THE GOVERNOR:

Kathleen Sebelius

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Secretary of State

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