



## **President Kathy S. 'Kat' Schwaig Introduction**

I'm excited to introduce Kathy 'Kat' Schwaig [SCH-WHY-G], the sixth president of Kennesaw State University. President Schwaig stepped in as interim president in 2021 and officially took the reins in 2022. Since then, KSU has truly soared. Today, KSU is an emerging top public research institution with more than 50,000 students. As President, Schwaig launched the "Taking Flight" strategic plan and the FLIGHT program to support first-year students.

Under her leadership, KSU has rolled out dozens of new and in-demand academic programs and made big investments in infrastructure. KSU has more than doubled research expenditures, seen an 81% jump in external research awards, and has increased annual fundraising by more than 300%. President Schwaig also led KSU's exciting move to Conference USA. With over 24 years in senior administration roles, including provost and dean of the Coles College of Business, she has been a transformative leader at KSU.

Beyond her professional achievements, President Schwaig is a dedicated community partner and volunteer, serving on various boards and committees. She holds degrees from Baylor University, Johns Hopkins University, and the University of South Carolina. Most importantly, she's the proud mom of her high school daughter, Emma Grace.

Let's give a warm welcome to KSU President Kathy Schwaig.