



## New Housing scholarship introduced in first SGA meeting

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A new housing scholarship was introduced, first-year senators were sworn in and a remaining seat was filled at the first Student Government Association meeting of the Fall semester Tuesday.

Louis Gonzalez, a sophomore biology major from Kansas City, Missouri, presented resolution SR 24/25-02 to create a new housing scholarship for students in need.

The previous housing scholarship was abolished Feb. 27, by resolution SR 23/24-03 sponsored by Jackson Galloway. The resolution passed after an amendment was added by former senator Rocco Hicks to reinstate it if they failed to pass a new scholarship resolution by the 2025/2026 election cycle.

Gonzalez said he began writing this resolution with other senators before the old housing scholarship was abolished, writing the majority over the summer. He said he spoke with Natalie Eskew, executive director of housing, and Christina Kostick, director of financial aid and scholarships, while writing this resolution.

In this meeting they discussed the grammar of the resolution, but they will be going over the content in the next meeting.

"I'm in high hopes. I do believe it's gonna pass. I think it's specific enough. I don't think it's too much money for the Student Government



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First-year senators being sworn in at the first SGA meeting of the Fall semester.

Association to donate or even to grant as a scholarship to students that want it oh so dearly," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez said the previous scholarship resolution was unstructured and took so much money from SGA every year that it wouldn't be sustainable in years to come.

Before the scholarship was introduced the deans of each college met with the senators representing or a part of that college.

"It's just an opportunity for all of our senators to break off with the deans of the college that they either represent or the college they are a part of. Just to get some kind of feedback of how those colleges are going and let the deans know if they're having issues about things with that college or certain things about the majors," Micayla McGowen, senior marketing

major from East End, Arkansas and president of SGA said.

After the deans left the meeting seven new senators were sworn in.

Lindsay Bateman, a senior pre-professional biology major from Paragould, filled one out of the two remaining senior senate seats.

"I have a lot of peers in SGA and I think it's a great opportunity for me to get involved with my community," Bateman said.

Bateman is involved in other leadership roles like being the ambassador for the Veterinarian College of Science and Math, ambassador for Red Wolves for St. Jude, vice president of the Pre-Professional Biology Club, said she thought she could provide a different perspective for the senate.

"I think collaborating with some of the organizations

that I am involved in would be really great," Bateman said.

Carly Low, exercise science major from Fort Smith, Arkansas, was one of the first-year senators sworn in.

Low said she wanted to join SGA because she wanted to be involved in making A-State a fun, healthy and inclusive environment.

"I wanted to support the initiatives that foster community, promote wellbeing and enhance the overall community campus experience for all students," Low said.

McGowen said for this fall semester she wants more creative and productive ideas.

"I really want to start with coming up with so many different ideas and I know we have a lot of new senators coming up with ideas. I have some of my own and I really think that if we can get the ball

rolling and really start going and throwing at some of those ideas would be great," McGowen said.

About the senator meeting the deans: "It's just an opportunity for all of our senators to break off with the deans of the college that they either represent or the college they are a part of. Just to get some kind of feedback of how those colleges are going and let the deans know if they're having issues about things with that college or certain things about the majors," McGowen

"Just starting those conversations of making sure of things are being done and that things need to be done with those respective colleges," McGowen said.

Shelby Russom, Photo Editor, contributed to this report.

## Graduate and Professional School Expo Scheduled for Thursday

Network with various professional and graduate schools on Thursday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Cooper Alumni Center.

## Kays Foundation Fall Deadline is Sept. 13

The Kays Foundation invites proposals for funding for the 2025-2026 school year. The Foundation provides grants to support faculty, departments, colleges, or other entities to assist in furthering the teaching, research, and service goals and purposes of Arkansas State University.

## Staff Senate Online Auction Underway

The Arkansas State University Staff Senate is hosting an online auction this week benefiting our Education Stipend program. The auction is underway and bids close at midnight on Monday, Sept. 16. There are a variety of items available through the online auction.

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## New Food Delivery Service Rolls onto Campus

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Students have a new food delivery service option this semester: Kiwibots.

The cube-shaped robots on wheels autonomously deliver from Godfather's Pizza, Einstein Bros Bagels and Freshens to over 60 locations on campus. The Kiwibots also deliver food from virtual dining services including Mr. Beast Burger and AQBQ.

Richard Matthews, Sodexo interim general manager, said Arkansas State University is the first college in Arkansas to use the Kiwibot service.

"This was the technology that Sodexo suggested that might benefit the campus," Matthews said. "We want to make sure this is something that is not only utilized but something that you guys want here."

Around 300 Kiwibot deliveries have been completed since the semester began. Matthews said A-State's current fleet of 15 Kiwibots could comfortably handle 500 to 700 deliveries every day.

Luke Caldwell, a senior history major from Conway, Arkansas, used

the Kiwibot service during the first week of school.

"I heard about it, I downloaded the app and I gave it a shot," Caldwell said. "It was fairly user friendly."

Orders are placed using the Everyday app. From the app, users can select a delivery location, arrange a time for pickup and choose a payment method. The Everyday app accepts payment via Flex dollars.

Caldwell said his order was cheaper than he anticipated. He said his order cost the same as it would if he had ordered in person because there was no delivery fee.

Justin Lewandowski, retail operations manager for Sodexo, said Sodexo uses Everyday as their food hub app. Kiwibots cannot deliver food from Chick-Fil-A and Starbucks because they partner with Grub Hub, a competitor food delivery app.

Caldwell said his experience ordering with Kiwibot was pleasant overall, but the wait time was slower than expected.

"I think the estimated time was 15 or 20 minutes. An hour and a half later, it had not even left the Union yet," Caldwell said. Matthews said Kiwibots

may encounter issues in very cloudy conditions or when the network is busy or slow. He said they ordered network boosters to increase the effectiveness of Kiwibots in areas that may see disruptions.

Caldwell said he submitted a support ticket concerning his delayed order. He said a Kiwibot customer employee messaged him apologizing for the wait and offered free orders as compensation.

He said when he received his order, the Kiwibot stopped at a designated location outside his dorm at North Park Quads. Caldwell said he scanned a QR code on the Kiwibot to open the chassis and retrieve his food.

Caldwell said he will keep using the Kiwibot service, but would like to see more accurate wait times in the app.

According to Kiwibot's website, the bots can detect people, cars, and other bots. Kiwibots utilize GPS, artificial intelligence, cameras and sensors to travel autonomously, plan routes and avoid obstructions.

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Kadin Cline, a senior technical studies major from Jonesboro, retrieves his food from a Kiwibot at the Dean B. Ellis Library.