

Kansas City Regional College Yearbooks Collection (AC74)

Introduction:

The Kansas City Regional College Yearbooks Collection contains yearbooks from midwestern universities, colleges, and junior/ community colleges.

Descriptive Summary:

Creator: Kansas City area colleges

Title: College Yearbooks Collection

Date Range: 1966- 1981

Size: 0.417 linear feet (1 box)

Collection Number: AC74

Donor Information:

Found in Collection

Citation Note:

Kansas City Regional College Yearbooks Collection (AC74), Black Archives of Mid-America, Kansas City, Missouri.

Administrative Information:

Reproduction Restrictions: Unrestricted.

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Historical Sketch:

Emporia State University

Emporia State University, originally known as the Kansas Normal School (KSN), was founded in March 1863, but given the continued battles amidst the Civil War, classes did not begin until February 1865. Lyman Kellogg was the initial president of the school and teacher. By 1889, KSN was the largest school in the state and received its accreditation in 1898. The first black students

also began to attend the school in 1898. In 1923, the named changed to Kansas State Teachers, to Emporia Kansas State College in 1974, and finally to Emporia State University in 1977.

Lincoln University

Lincoln University, a Historically Black College (HBCU), originally Lincoln Institute, was founded in September 1866, at the end of the Civil War, by Civil War vets- members of the 62nd and 65th United States Colored Infantries. In 1879, the Institute became a state school, and in 1890 when the Institute became a land-grant institution thanks to the Morrill Act 1890, this act allowed states to establish colleges and universities through the sale of land grants. The name was changed to Lincoln University in 1921; graduate level classes were not available to students until 1940. The University desegregated in 1954, following *Brown v the Board of Education*.

Metropolitan Junior College

Metropolitan Community College, aka Metro, was first established in 1915 as the Kansas City Polytechnic Institute. In 1919, the name changed to Junior College of Kansas City. The name changed again in 1942 to Junior and Teacher's College of Kansas City but returned to Junior College of Kansas City two years later. In 1964, the college changed its name to Metropolitan Junior College, before finally becoming the Metropolitan Community Colleges in 1975 after it had expanded to multiple campuses across the Kansas City metropolitan area. A final name change occurred in December 2005, when it became: the Metropolitan Community College (singular).

Penn Valley Community College

Penn Valley was established in 1969 as part of Metropolitan Community College's expansion.

Scope and Content Note:

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