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## Time with jazz greats



Topeka West senior Colette Cluke, left, and Lisa Henry sing together May 13.

### Herbie Hancock Institute brings music to Topeka West

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**W**hether you're enjoying the Latin rhythms of mambo or jamming to British dance bands, the sounds derived from American blues and jazz. • It's because of this cultural music significance that members of the Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz visited Topeka. • While participating in a national peer-to-peer visit, well-known jazz artists and five peer students from the institute brought the house down while doing clinics with Topeka West High School students May 13.

"When you go back to the slaves, slaves used music as a way to communicate without slave owners knowing," Topeka West jazz band director Barry Evans said. "That was the way they used music and blues from slaves turned into dixieland into jazz in New Orleans. And moved into Kansas City, into St. Louis and Chicago and spread all over the United States."

"It is so important for our heritage to understand where it came from, and it doesn't matter your race, your religion. It's all about the music."

JB Dyas, the Institute's education vice president, brought five high school students from across the nation to perform along with well-known jazz musicians Bobby Watson



Saxophone player Bobby Watson takes to the Topeka West High School stage. PHOTOS BY STACEY SALDANHA-OLSON/THE CAPITAL JOURNAL

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## Universities propose tuition increases

Only one in state isn't proposing a hike

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State public universities under the Kansas Board of Regents have unveiled tuition proposals for next school year, and all but one want students to pay more.

Tuition proposals for the 2025-26 academic year were unveiled for the May 14 regents meeting. The regents were scheduled to hear presentations on the proposals from university leaders later in the meeting before taking action at a June meeting.

"The state universities are seeking Board approval of tuition rate increases to accommodate specific cost increases, notably for recruiting and retaining faculty and staff in regional and national markets, increasing student financial aid to provide higher education opportunities to more students, and making needed investments in cybersecurity, academic advising, and student recruitment," KBOR documents state. "With the budget enacted by the Legislature and the tuition rates proposed by the universities, the proposals also plan budget reductions, reallocations, or use of cash reserves."

How much is the Univ. of Kansas tuition increase proposal?

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At both the Lawrence and Edwards

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## Kansas measles outbreak grows

Cases now recorded in Wichita and Hutchinson

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Two new measles cases in the Wichita and Hutchinson areas are separate from the 54 cases associated with an outbreak in southwest Kansas, state public health officials report.

The Reno County Health Department and Kansas Department of Health and Environment on May 10 confirmed a positive measles case in a Reno County resident and a potential exposure at the Hutchinson Public Library. But public health officials said, "This case is not associated with any of the U.S. measles outbreaks and does not represent com-

munity transmission in Reno County."

After confirming a measles case in the Wichita area on May 7, the Sedgwick County Health Department reported potential exposures at a local grocery store and Eisenhower National Airport.

The KDHE data dashboard indicates the cases in Sedgwick and Reno counties are separate from the outbreak

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A rash caused by the measles on a child's face. PROVIDED BY TATIANA LANZIERI, MD, MPH/CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

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## Jazz

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and Lisa Henry.

"Jazz came from America, and so we want to educate American kids about America's music, especially now that it's become the world's music," Dyas said. "Jazz has been played all over the world. So, we want to teach kids that jazz is important to America, American history and American culture."

The institute also visited Topeka High School on May 12.

### Topeka West meets Bobby Watson and Lisa Henry

While a large portion of the peer-to-peer program is to allow high school students across the country to see jazz performers their own age, Dyas said they were fortunate to be able to bring along Watson and Henry.

Watson is a saxophonist, composer and educator who was born in Lawrence. On Spotify, he has about 41,600 monthly listeners.

"Being so near our birthplace, makes it really special and full circle," Watson said. "It's beautiful."

Henry is a vocalist, clinician and was born in the Kansas City area. She is also a former Herbie Hancock student and 1994 Thelonious Monk International Jazz Vocals Competition winner.

"It's always a thrill to see kids in the audience, especially the ones who are just now hearing jazz for the first time and to see their eyes light up," Henry said.

The two artists performed for the students and later provided clinics to the jazz band and choir students. While performing, Henry called up senior Colette Chuke to sing with her.

Chuke said the visit was a great experience.

"It was really cool," Chuke said. "I was, like, 'Oh my goodness.' I was really scared, but at the same time, it was really, really cool."

Henry said getting to work with young singers is one of her favorite parts of these type of events, and Watson said jazz has this healing element that will change these kids forever.

"It was liberating for them to see



High school musicians from the Herbie Hancock Institute of Jazz performed May 13 at Topeka West High School. STACEY SALDANIA-OLSON/THE CAPITAL JOURNAL

this," Watson said. "They're going to remember this for the rest of their lives, and I know we've changed a lot of lives today."

### Topeka West students get a taste of jazz

During the performance, Dyas and the musicians explained elements of music theory and showed the students how jazz music is created.

Dyas projected a piece of jazz music that is only half composed to explain the improvisational element of jazz. He went on to explain the use of chords and how the musicians use call and response to compose together.

Dyas said there is nothing better to show democracy and teamwork than

jazz music.

"We want to teach the deeply held American values that jazz teaches," Dyas said. "Teamwork and diversity and the vital importance of really listening to one another and the correlation of hard work and goal accomplishment. There's probably no better example of democracy than a jazz ensemble because it's individual freedom, but with responsibility to the group."

"Jazz is a perfect example of democracy in action."

Evans, who also teaches advanced placement music theory at Topeka West, said it was nice for more students to get a taste of what music theory is.

"It really is important to know that theory to be able to play that music," Evans said. "So, as he was talking about,

it's part of your language, just like any band member has to know what a crescendo and a decrescendo is. In jazz, you've got to know your chords. You've got to understand what a seventh chord is to make sure you're listening and tuning."

Topeka West senior and jazz musician Julian Ramcharan said he learned the importance of communicating through his music.

"The one thing that gets me every time is you can really talk through your music," Ramcharan said. "It's one of those intriguing things that when you're with a special group of people, especially in a smaller group, you're talking to each other, not necessarily with words but with actions."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, May 16, the 136th day of 2025. There are 229 days left in the year. On this date in:

1866: Congress authorized creation of the five-cent coin, the nickel.

1868: The U.S. Senate acquitted President Andrew Johnson of one of 11 articles of impeachment, with 35 senators voting to find him guilty and 19 non-guilty, falling one vote shy of the necessary two-thirds majority. Ten days later, the Senate voted on two more of the articles of impeachment, both votes again falling one vote shy of conviction, before adjourning the trial sine die, or with no date chosen to reconvene.

1918: President Woodrow Wilson signed the Sedition Act, which had passed the House in April and the Senate earlier in May, expanding the Espionage Act of 1917 to bar certain speech critical of the federal government or forces during times of war. It was repealed in 1920.

1920: Joan of Arc was canonized by Pope Benedict XV, elevating her to sainthood.

1929: The first Academy Awards ceremony took place. "Wings" won the award for Outstanding Picture, Emil Jannings the award for Best Actor and Janet Gaynor the award for Best Actress.

1943: The Warsaw Ghetto Uprising ended. The resistance from Jewish prisoners in the ghetto began less than a

month earlier after it was ordered that the remaining prisoners be transported to death camps in Nazi Germany-occupied Poland.

1966: The iconic Beach Boys album "Pet Sounds" was released. Bob Dylan's iconic album "Blonde on Blonde" was also scheduled to be released on this date, but delays pushed back that album's release into the summer.

1969: The Soviet Union probe Venera 5 landed on Venus. The uncrewed spacecraft was sent to collect scientific data about the planet's atmosphere and relay it back to Earth.

1975: Japanese mountaineer Junko Tabei became the first woman to summit Mount Everest.

1985: Three British Scientists – Joseph Farman, Brian Gardiner and Jonathan Shanklin – announced in the scientific journal Nature that they had discovered a hole in the ozone layer over Antarctica.

1988: A report from U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop said nicotine is addictive, comparing it to other addictive substances like alcohol, heroin and cocaine.

1991: Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to address a joint session of the U.S. Congress, touting the nations' shared "spirit of democracy."

— William Cain, USA TODAY Network

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Danny Trejo turns 81. Guitarist Robert Fripp (King Crimson), 79. Actor Pierce Brosnan, 72. Actor Debra Winger, 70. Actor-singer Mare Winningham, 66. Singer-violinist Boyd Tinsley (Dave Matthews Band), 61. Bassist Krist Novoselic (Nirvana), 60. Singer Janet Jackson, 59. Singer Ralph Tresvant, 57. Actor David Boreanaz, 56. TV host-pundit Tucker Carlson, 56. Actor Tori Spelling, 52. Actor Megan Fox, 39. Actor Thomas Brodie-Sangster, 35. Singer Kristin Maldonado (Pentatonix), 33.

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## Tuition

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campuses, a 3% increase for in-state undergraduate students would be a \$165 increase per semester. The cost per semester for a full time student would increase from \$5,484 to \$5,649.

Additionally, fees would increase by \$30.45 a semester for a full time student.

The medical center's proposed 3% increase for in-state undergraduate students would be a \$168 increase, from \$5,578.50 to \$5,746.50.

### How much is the Kansas State University tuition increase proposal?

Kansas State University is proposing a 3.5% increase in tuition for resident and non-resident undergraduate students.

For full time in-state students, the increase would be \$179.25 per semester, raising the semester cost from \$5,121.30 to \$5,300.55.

The Kansas State University Salina campus is proposing a 8% increase. For full time in-state students, the increase would be \$379.14 per semester, raising the semester cost from \$4,739.25 to \$5,118.39.

There is no proposed increase in student fees.

### How much is the Wichita State University tuition increase proposal?

Wichita State University is proposing a 3.5% increase in tuition for resident and non-resident undergraduate students.

For full time in-state students, the increase would be \$131.76 per semester, raising the semester cost from \$3,764.55 to \$3,896.31.

There is no proposed increase in student fees.

### Emporia State University proposes no tuition increase

Emporia State University is proposing no increase in tuition for resident and non-resident undergraduate students. The cost per semester would remain steady at \$2,770.95.

However, student fees would increase by \$30 a semester under the proposal.

### How much is the Pittsburg State University tuition increase proposal?

Pittsburg State University is proposing a 2.5% increase in tuition for resident undergraduate students and a 0.9% increase for non-resident undergraduate students.

For full time in-state students, the increase would be \$78 per semester, raising the semester cost from \$3,171 to \$3,249.

Additionally, fees would increase by \$21.50 a semester for a full time student.

### How much is the Fort Hays State University tuition increase proposal?

Fort Hays State University is proposing a 4% increase in tuition for resident and non-resident undergraduate students.

For full time in-state students, the increase would be \$94.05 per semester, raising the semester cost from \$2,352.15 to \$2,446.20.

There is no proposed increase in student fees.

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