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## **Best of Men's and Women's College Soccer to Compete This Weekend at 39<sup>th</sup> Annual K-State Ed Chartrand Memorial Tournament**

*April 13-15 at K-State's Historic World War I Memorial Stadium, Manhattan, Kan.*

**Manhattan, Kan.** - College men's and women's outdoor soccer teams will compete in the 39th Annual K-State Ed Chartrand Memorial Soccer Tournament, April 13-15 on the K-state Campus in Manhattan, Kan.

Games will be played at Kansas State University's WWI Memorial Stadium, tournament headquarters, and Frank Anneberg Park. Games begin Friday, April 13 at 5 pm and continue all day Saturday. Championship trophies will be presented after the Sunday 11:30 am women's championship, 11:30 am and men's at 1:30 pm at Memorial Stadium.

Schools competing this year include: K-State, Truman State University, University of Kansas, Texas Tech University, Texas A&M, Missouri State, University of Nebraska Omaha and University of Nebraska Lincoln, Sam Houston State and Pittsburg State. To view a game schedule please visit <http://www.chartrandsoccer.com/tournament/game-schedules/> Other tournament information and history is available at [www.chartrandsoccer.com](http://www.chartrandsoccer.com)

The Chartrand Tournament is a partnership between K-State, the Chartrand Charitable Foundation and the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry, 5<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Division of Ft. Riley. The partnership between the military and college soccer began in 1979 when a team of soldiers from Ft. Riley competed in the inaugural Ed Chartrand Tournament. The military base continues to be an important participant in the annual tournament.

"The Tournament is also an ambitious learning program for students," Dennis Cook, tournament director, said. "Working with organizers offers students valuable professional experience for those pursuing careers in event management and sports programming. This year we have been fortunate to work with dedicated student athletes Kyle Ragusin, Kristen Winningham and Jennifer Smith."

The Chartrand Charitable Foundation, based in Lenexa, Kans., provides sports equipment to underserved programs and organizations serving youth not only in Kansas, but also throughout the world. The Foundation and private donors provide primary financing for the tournament and its scholarship program. Annually the Foundation awards a scholarship to a member of the men's and women's K-State soccer clubs. The 2018 women's scholarship recipient is Ashley Akers, a junior from Newton, Kan. studying landscape architecture. The men's scholarship will be presented to Kyle Ragusin, a graduate student from Overland Park studying

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Kinesiology. Ragusin attended Saint Thomas Aquinas High School. The Tournament also will recognize two outstanding student athletes with the *Dennis Cook MVP Award*. The award is named in honor of Cook's dedication to the sport of soccer and his 38 year tenure as tournament director. For more information, visit [www.chartrandfoundation.org](http://www.chartrandfoundation.org)

"We are one of the finest and longest athletic traditions at K-State and in the Midwest," boasts Art Chartrand, President of the Chartrand Foundation. "The tournament showcases not only incredible soccer action, but a chance to honor the WWI Memorial where we are fortunate to play."

The K-State Ed Chartrand Memorial Soccer Tournament was founded in memory of Edward E. "Fast Eddy" Chartrand, a former K-State soccer player from Leawood, Kan., who died at the age of twenty-two in 1979, the night before his graduation from K-State. For more information on the tournament visit [www.chartrandsoccer.com](http://www.chartrandsoccer.com) and on Facebook at K-State Ed Chartrand Memorial Soccer Tournament.

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