The Multicultural Engineering Program at Kansas State University was established in 1977.

**Multicultural Engineering Program Mission:**
To identify, recruit, mentor and graduate students who are underrepresented in engineering; specifically those who self-identify as African American, Hispanic, or Native American students enrolled in the College of Engineering.

The Multicultural Engineering Program: **Builds Community, Provides Resources, Promotes Professional Development, and Recruits Students.**

**KSU MEP Goals**
The Multicultural Engineering Program goals stem from the University and College of Engineering goals.

- **KS LSAMP:** **Goal of doubling the number of underrepresented minorities graduating in STEM degrees by 2018.**
  - Kansas-Lewis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) is a National Science Foundation grant of 2.5 Million to accomplish this goal by 2018.

- **KS UEIA:** **Goal of increasing from 423 graduates to 587 graduates per year, a target increase of 164 graduates by 2021.**
  - State of Kansas University Engineering Initiative Act (UEIA) is a 10 year investment in the three engineering colleges in the state of Kansas

- **Retention of our multicultural students in engineering is a critical piece of our plan to meet these two goals in engineering.**

- **99.5% increase in multicultural students from 2008 to 2013 (206 to 411 students)**
  - Total engineering enrollment increased from 2960 to 3301 students between 2008 and 2013 (11.5%)
  - 11% of the college of engineering is now our underrepresented students

![Graph showing enrollment changes over years](source: KSU Registrar’s 20th Day Census)