Study finds Kansas State University best value college in Kansas

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MANHATTAN — The best place in Kansas to get the most bang for your education bucks? It's Kansas State University, according to a new study by SmartAsset, a financial data and technology company.

For its study, SmartAsset measured average scholarships and grants, starting salary upon graduation, tuition, living costs and retention rate at 10 Kansas schools and found Kansas State University to be the state's best value.

The study ranked K-State highest in the state for average starting salaries and for student retention, while the university's living costs were among the lowest.

"It means a lot to be recognized for three things that are very important to our students and families: affordability, progress toward graduation and jobs," said Pat Bosco, K-State vice president for student life and dean of students. "Couple those factors with our 250 degree options and programs, services that prepare students for success and our award-winning faculty and staff, and it shows why K-State is a true value and the place for undergraduates to excel."

Other schools in the study included Baker University, Emporia State University, Friends University, MidAmerica Nazarene University, Southwestern College, University of Kansas, Washburn University and Wichita State University.

Among the schools, the study found that Kansas State University graduates averaged the highest starting salaries at $45,200 and that the university had the highest freshmen-to-sophomore retention rate at 81 percent. The university's student living cost average of $12,100 also was one of the lowest among the schools.

More information on the SmartAsset best value in education study is available at https://smartasset.com/student-loans/student-loan-calculator#kansas/value.