SPOTLIGHT: EVANS NCHEBERE
Evans is a third-year Information Systems major at KSU. He works as a Student Assistant for Adult and Commuter Student Affairs (ACSA).

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ADVICE
“As soon as you get on campus be proactive! Put yourself out there! Be selfless, volunteer, join clubs, talk to people, attend events, and be nice to people! Put yourself out there, and you’ll be surprised by how much your college experience is enhanced as a result.”

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LESSONS LEARNED
“I wish I knew the benefits of networking, and the wonders they can do. But it’s never too late to network!”