

From college degree to productive career

Communication alum & VP of nation's leading executive placement firm to speak Oct. 3



Gerald Sargent, M.A., 1972, Corporate Vice President of Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Inc., will receive the Centennial Award from the School of Communication Studies.

The School of Communication Studies will host "How to make a college degree translate into a productive career" presented by alumnus **Gerald (Gerry) Sargent**, M.A. 1972, at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3 in the FirstEnergy Auditorium in Franklin Hall. Sargent is Corporate Vice President of Challenger, Gray & Christmas, Inc., one of the most prestigious employment consulting, outplacement firms in the world.

As a successful business owner and employment consultant, whose firm has provided outplacement assistance to more than 75 percent of the Fortune 500 companies in the United States, Sargent will offer job placement insight to students launching their careers. More than 90 percent of the employees the company has assisted obtained employment equal to or greater than their former job.

Employers consistently rank communication skills among the most important skills in potential hires. Students of all majors can take advantage of this rare opportunity to gain insight from Sargent's expertise.

Sargent will emphasize the importance of communication coursework and training in landing employment.

Homecoming 2013 to honor alumni Sargent, Barbato and Clemons at Oct. 4 reception

The School of Communication Studies will honor three alumni this Homecoming during a reception at 5 p.m. Oct. 4 in Moulton Hall Ballroom.

Gerald Sargent, M.A., 1972, featured above, will receive the Centennial Award. Established in conjunction with the University's 2010 Centennial, the award is the highest honor given by the School of Communication Studies and recognizes those associated with the school that are nationally and/or internationally recognized for their contributions to the field of communication.

Carole Barbato, Ph.D., 1994, M.A., 1975, B.A., 1971, will receive the Distinguished Alumni Award. In addition to the awards event in Moulton Hall, Barbato will also be honored during a special celebration at 2 p.m. in Taylor Hall recognizing her teaching career at Kent State since 1974 and work in establishing the May 4 Visitors Center.



Erin Clemons, B.A., 2008, will receive the Outstanding Young Professionals Award. Clemons is a field representative for House Speaker John Boehner, U.S. House of Representatives.



RSVP to comm@kent.edu or (330) 672-2659 if planning to attend these receptions.

Get involved in Communication Studies with KCS

Kent Communication Society meets at 5 p.m. Wednesdays in Taylor Hall. Free pizza and pop. **KCS is open to all undergraduate majors.** Check postings in Taylor for room location or website at kent.edu/comm/undergraduateprogram/kentcommsociety.cfm

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FALL PSI INTERNS

By Allison Kurz

Summer 2013 Intern

The School of Communication Studies welcomes its new PSI Student Interns for the Fall 2013 Semester:

Karen Angiulo, Rachel Belack, Kaitlyn Fridley and Kyle Jones. The PSI (Personalized System of Instruction) Internship provides an opportunity for interns to assist with an Introduction to Human Communication (COMM 15000) course and provide personalized attention to these students' learning needs.

Angiulo is a junior majoring in Applied Communication Studies and minoring in Interpersonal Communications and Digital Sciences. She chose to study communication because it matches perfectly with her personality. Angiulo loves learning how and why people communicate the way that they do.



Angiulo's goals throughout her internship are to work very hard and diligently so the students can receive the best experience that they can. Angiulo feels that this class is very important for students so she wants to make it "a great and substantial learning experience for everyone." After her internship she plans to utilize the skills that she has gained to become a better communication specialist.

Belack is a junior majoring in Organizational Communication and double minoring in Business Management and Interpersonal Communication. She chose to major in communication because "she loves interacting with people and realizes great interpersonal skills are some of the best assets to have to stand out in a competitive work place." Belack hopes to encourage her students to push past their uneasiness and anxiety that they may experience in regards to public speaking. Belack's main goal is to help students succeed by promoting adequate planning and practicing their speeches. After her internship, Belack hopes to continue to search for opportunities that will help broaden her communication skills through hands-on experience.



Fridley is a senior majoring in Organizational Communication and minoring in Political Science. Fridley chose communication as her concentration because she feels communication skills are critical in the modern day work force. Throughout her internship, Fridley hopes to connect with students as well as develop her own mentoring skills along the way. After her internship, Fridley hopes to take the skills she has acquired and apply them throughout graduate school and eventually her future career.



Jones is a senior majoring in Public Communication and minoring in Interpersonal Communications. Jones chose a communication major because he feels that there is always room for improvement to this vital skillset. Now in his second semester as a PSI intern, Jones wants to continue to mentor and assist the students throughout the class. He hopes to provide them with his own knowledge of why they should take an interest in public speaking. Jones plans to take the skills and knowledge he has learned and apply them when he becomes a graduate student and eventually a graduate teaching assistant after he graduates in August 2014.

