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# KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

## SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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Undergraduate Newsletter

April 2012

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### Communication Studies to honor Lambda Pi Eta inductees, school's award recipients

April 12 event in Moulton Hall Ballroom

The School of Communication Studies will honor newly inducted members of Lambda Pi Eta and recipients of the school's 2012 academic awards on April 12. The reception, to be held in the Moulton Ballroom, begins with a social gathering at 6 p.m., followed by program at 6:30 p.m.

Lambda Pi Eta is the official communication studies honor society of the National Communication Association and recognizes outstanding scholastic achievement in communication studies, according to Rozell Duncan, Ph.D., advisor for Lambda Pi Eta and undergraduate advisor for the school.

The 2012 inductees are Nada Alshibil, Amy J. Beitzel, Connor James Butler, Kara Daugherty, Deborah Ellwood, Mercedes Germino, Erin Hammeren, Shannon Hauska, Lauren Henkin, Allison Hintemeuer, Kristen Huffcut, Thomas J. Jessup, Jr., Hannah Moore, Maria F. Orsini, Melody J. Reese, Kellie Roach, Daniel Matthew Smith, Maria Virginia Straley, Alyssa Nicole Tate, Jennifer L. Walencik and Ashley Wehr.

The school will also present awards to students demonstrating academic excellence. Lauren Henkin will receive the Rebecca & Alan Rubin Endowed Scholarship in the amount of \$750. Alexander Riddle will receive the Michael Dubetz Endowed Scholarship in the amount of \$500. Tessa Engelhart will receive the Pierce Memorial Award in the amount of \$100 to apply toward a book purchase.

Award recipients are noted for their academic excellence and intelligence, along with skills, activities, interests, and accomplishments that earn them the respect and admiration of faculty and peers.

Lambda Pi Eta inductees must have completed 60 semester hours in undergraduate credit courses, have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0; have completed the equivalent of 12 semester hours in courses in communication; have a grade point average of at least 3.25 in these courses; be in the upper 35% of their graduating class; and be currently enrolled as a full-time student in good standing with their institution.

Now celebrating its 20th anniversary this year as the Upsilon chapter at Kent State, Lambda Pi Eta stimulates interest in the field of communication, promotes and encourages professional development among communication majors, provides an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas in the field of communication, establishes and maintains closer relationships between faculty and students, and assists students in exploring options for graduate education in communication studies.

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### Hyde Park Forum

set for April 12 in Student Center Ballroom

The Hyde Park Forum, the annual persuasive speaking competition on campus, will be held April 11, 2012 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Kent State University Student Center Ballroom. Participants, who come from all majors across the university, speak before a panel of judges and compete to win scholarships. Students who have taken the Comm. 15000 course during the Fall 2011 or Spring 2012 semesters are eligible to participate.

Participants and their persuasive speech topics for this year are:

**Dennis Charlton:** "Space Race: The Next Generation."

**Kelsey Meadows:** "Consumerism."

**Tianyi Xie:** "Society Should Pay More Attention to Senior Citizens."

**Brittany Ferrara:** "Adopting Pets from an Animal Shelter."

**Gus King:** "Fatally Abandoned: Insurance Denial for those with Pre-Existing Conditions."

**Rachel Belack:** "Hope for Africa's Future Through Education."

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### Communication Students in the News

#### Congratulations Communication Studies Majors!

Two Communication studies students will serve as members of Undergraduate Student Government for academic year 2012-2013. Amish Patel is director of Student Involvement and Hanna Wiese is Director of Student Advancement.



Hanna Wiese



Amish Patel

Franklin Easter's poem "Queenie" appears in the Spring 2012 issue of *Luna Negra Magazine*. Pick up a copy from the magazine rack across from the vending machines in Taylor Hall.



Franklin Easter

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### KCS, CGSA, and the School of Communication Studies team up for Relay for Life

The School of Communication Studies, along with the Kent Communication Society (KCS) and the Communication Graduate Student Association (CGSA), is teaming up for Kent State University's Relay for Life event. All communication studies students, faculty, and staff will participate in this philanthropy event.

Relay for Life begins Saturday, April 21, at 10 a.m. at the Liquid Crystal Small Group Track and ends 10 a.m. Sunday, April 22.

Relay for Life helps build awareness for cancer research. Last year Kent State raised over \$86,000. Relay for Life is 24-hour event during which team members take turns walking around the track. Food, games, and activities provide entertainment and fundraising opportunities. Events include the survivors lap, the luminaria ceremony, and the fight back ceremony.

To raise funds KCS members have been selling hot chocolate, doughnuts, and snacks in Taylor Hall. Along with the doughnut sale, KCS members have been visiting classes to promote the sale of special KCS Relay for Life t-shirts and hoodies. To date KCS has raised \$1,045. With everyone's support across the school – students, faculty and staff – the school hopes to take first place in this year's Relay for Life, according to Kyle Buttermore, KCS President.

For details on signing up, go to the webpage [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY12EC?team\\_id=1089946&pg=team&fr\\_id=40144](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY12EC?team_id=1089946&pg=team&fr_id=40144)



Pictured: Courtney Nickel & Tatiana Burrell

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