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*Everyone can be great,
because everyone can serve*
-Martin Luther King, Jr.

A Message from Coordinator, Dr. Denise McEnroe-Petitte

As the new Service-Learning Coordinator, my goals are to continue to focus on the needs of Kent State Tuscarawas campus while meeting the needs of the community. Encouraging students, faculty, and community members to participate in activities of service-learning whether these are one time events, a particular semester event, or an entire academic year, the need to become an involved individual is important to all who are not only giving of their time, but to those who receive the benefits of the practiced efforts. A special effort for this year, will be to make all of the university clubs on campus aware of Service-Learning and what they can offer to the campus and the community. We need faculty and students to engulf the spirit of serving while learning. We need members of the community to want

campus individuals to interact with them for the betterment of the whole. Come and join the activities of Service-Learning! If you are not sure an activity would be appropriate, just give me a call and we can discuss your ideas.

The Community Engagement website includes information specifically for students, faculty, and community partners. Students can search for volunteer opportunities on the bulletin board. Community partners can submit volunteer opportunities. All of the forms faculty need are available online. Students and faculty are able to share information about projects completed as part of civic engagement.

Yours in service,
Dr. Denise McEnroe-Petitte



*Nursing students who
participated in the
National Alliance on
Mental Illness (NAMI)
walk at the Hoover
Park.*



*Consent needed for flu shots being
obtained by nursing students who gave
them to the faculty, staff and students.*

Exceptional Group Receives Exceptional Award

By: Teai Warner

During Spring Semester 2016, Dr. Justice Akpan's Business Consulting Practicum students won the Exceptional Service-Learning Project Award. Dr. Akpan is an assistant professor of Management and Information Systems. It is worth mentioning, his Business Consulting Practicum classes have won this award for the past three consecutive years.

This year, the trio of students consisted of Alaina Carpenter, Gabriella Stanek, and Teai Warner. For the project, the group partnered with HARCATUS and Nancy Reed, director of Head Start. The project researched, explored, and examined various topics, such as: high school graduation rates, smoking rates, transportation, and pediatricians available in the tri-county area, to name a few. The research helped to determine whether or not an Early Head Start would be beneficial for Harrison, Carroll, and Tuscarawas Counties.

The students gained a lot of valuable experience from this project. "Developing this project from start to finish has given me a whole new perspective to business," said Stanek. "In the classroom, we learn about theories; however, for this project, we had to work with an actual organization and our work mattered. It was a great experience."

In the end, the group found that the research supported a need for an Early Head Start in the tri-county area. The group's research will aid Ms. Reed and HARCATUS when they begin developing a plan to further action regarding an Early Head Start.



From left to right: Alaina Carpenter, Teai Warner, and Gabriella Stanek at the 2016 Spring Award Ceremony.

Student Group Community Engagement Highlight

PAINT TUSC PINK

By: Teai Warner

For October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the community "Paint Tusc Pink" initiative takes place all over the county at various businesses and organizations. "Paint Tusc Pink" has reached Kent State Tuscarawas' Student Government Association (SGA). Officers of SGA include Miranda Immel, president; Marcos Borges, vice president; Joe Stephon, public relation specialist; and Teai Warner, treasurer; contributed to the initiative by decorating the city of New Philadelphia's town square gazebo.

The group was asked by Julie Stephon, New Philadelphia's Business and Community Director, to help decorate the square. The group was happy to participate and show the community their support. The decorations centered on a poster signed by students, staff, and faculty commemorating their support for Breast Cancer Awareness. President Miranda Immel said, "Our group wants to become more involved with the community, and we saw this as a wonderful opportunity to show our support and help the community."

Pictured from left to right:
Teai Warner, Miranda Immel, Joe
Stephon, and Marcos Borges.



The Lions Club at Kent State Tuscarawas Needs You!

The *Kent State Tuscarawas Lions Club* is a part of Lions Clubs International. The Lions Club is the world's largest volunteer service club organization, working to answer needs that challenge communities. Our club members contribute to the campus and community with assistance for eyeglasses, food for seniors, and other areas of need. Members meet monthly on campus. Learn more by contacting club President Adrian Jones at amjones4@kent.edu.



Do you have any old glasses that are just hanging around? If so, consider donating them to the Lions Club. Place them in the box located in the Academic Learning Commons (library).

Are you having any difficulties in seeing the board or PowerPoints in the classroom? If you are, perhaps you are in the need for an eye assessment? Concerned about the cost? Take a look at the Adult Eye Care Assistance Application located at the Lions Club website: <http://personal.kent.edu/~dgerbig/Site/>

Special Thanks to Our Fall 2016

Service-Learning Participants

Laurie Barcus: Foundations of Nursing Agency and Nursing Agency II: Women and Health, The Great American Smoke Out, and Stall Talk

Bill Auld: The Art of the Theater: Performing Arts Center

Kingsly Berlin and Maria Burkholder: Veterinary Nursing I and Tuscarawas County Humane Society

Kari Betz and Introduction to Early Childhood Service: Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Teri Leiser and Psychosocial Self-Care Deficits: National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Walk

Denise McEnroe-Petitte, Joan Lappin, and Amy Main Nursing Agency II: Flu shots at Kent State Tuscarawas and Community Hospice

Denise McEnroe-Petitte and Nursing Agency II and Mariann Harding and Foundations of Nursing Agency: Women in Business Expo

Nicole Miles and Integrated Expressive Arts and Social Studies: Wiz Kids and the Tuscarawas County Public Library



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Service-Learning at Kent State Tuscarawas

Our Mission

Service-Learning is an important tool for the discovery, application and sharing of knowledge for fostering ethical and humanitarian values in the service of Ohio, and for expanding our students' horizons while encouraging responsible citizenship.

What We Do For You

Offer assistance on integrating service-learning into a course.

Foster relationships between faculty and community partners.

Document service hours and provide participant recognition.

Provide support to faculty and community partners.