

## Noteworthy

Kent State is the highest-ranking public university in Northern Ohio on the Top Public Schools and Best National Universities lists in the 2021 *US News & World Report* Best Colleges rankings.

The university also placed among the top 100 public universities in the nation on the Best Undergraduate Business Programs list and ranked 101 among public universities in the nation on the Top Performers on Social Mobility list, which measures how well schools graduate students who received federal Pell Grants.

In addition, Kent State was:

- Recognized for the eighth consecutive year with a 2020 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award by *INSIGHT into Diversity* magazine and was featured in their November issue for maintaining a diverse and inclusive campus.
- Named for the first time in school history as one of the best LGBTQ-Friendly Colleges by Campus Pride.
- Selected as a three-time Best in Class award winner for supplier diversity from the Greater Cleveland Partnership, earning KSU a place in the partnership's Equity and Inclusion Hall of Fame.

## Wagon Wheel Win



The Golden Flashes kept the Wagon Wheel for the second consecutive year while taking a 25-24-1 all-time lead in Wagon Wheel games.

The Kent State Golden Flashes secured the Wagon Wheel for the second straight season with a 69-35 blowout of the University of Akron. The Nov. 17 win moved Kent State to 3-0 for the first time since 1958 and was the Golden Flashes' seventh consecutive victory going back to last season.

The Flashes tied school records for most points in a single game (69) and most total yards in a single game (750). It is the first time in school history that the Flashes have scored 60+ points in back-to-back games.

Quarterback Dustin Crum led the way, becoming the first player in Kent State history to throw for three touchdowns and rush for two scores in a game. Crum became only the fifth player in school history to account for at least five touchdowns in a game.

Because of the pandemic, Kent State played a modified schedule against opponents from the Mid-American Conference and finished the season with a 4-1 record.



Even without fans in the stands, Kent State's cheerleaders kept up the energy inside a chilly Dix Stadium.



Quarterback Dustin Crum led the way with two rushing touchdowns while passing for three more in Kent State's 69-35 victory over Akron.