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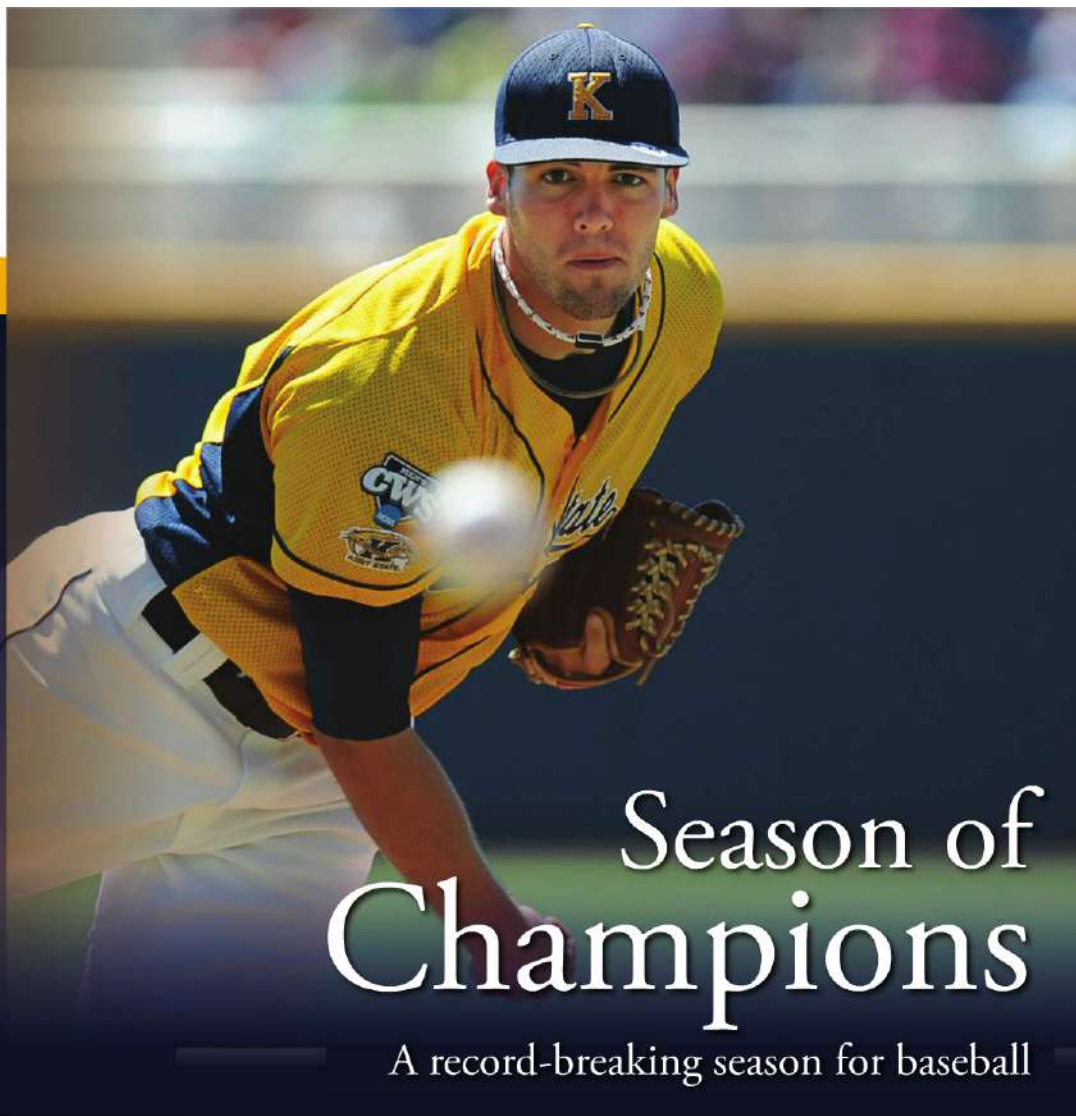
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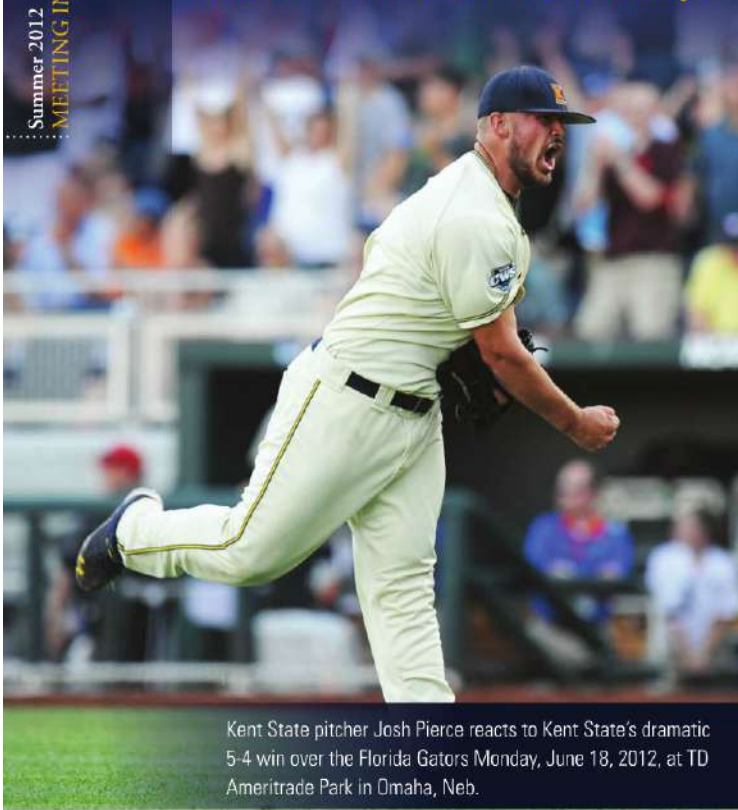
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*Kent State baseball team
rides into history and energizes
Golden Flashes across the country.*



Kent State pitcher Josh Pierce reacts to Kent State's dramatic 5-4 win over the Florida Gators Monday, June 18, 2012, at TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Neb.

SEASON OF CHAMPIONS

The Kent State University Golden Flashes baseball team may have been called the Cinderella team, but they were more than that to Kent State fans and the university community. On the surface, the story of Kent State's 2012 baseball season certainly has a Cinderella feel. But, if you dig a little deeper, you'll find that the foundation for a run to the College World Series (CWS) has been building for years.

In 2011 the Golden Flashes were coming off a 45-win campaign highlighted by Mid-American Conference (MAC) regular season and tournament championships and capped off by an exciting trip to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Austin Regional, in which Kent State fell just one win short of reaching the NCAA Super Regionals for the first time in program history.

In the eyes of many, 2012 was to be a rebuilding year for Kent State baseball. Many pundits claimed that Kent State's three-year



Kent State University fans in Omaha known as the "FlashMob."

Photo courtesy Keith Potoczak.



Kent State College World Series Game One pitcher David Starn fires a pitch during the first inning of Kent State's 8-1 loss in Omaha, Neb.

reign as king of MAC in baseball was ending. But as Associate Head Coach/Pitching Coach **Mike Birkbeck**, summed it up, "They know what we've lost. They don't know what we have."

Northeast Ohio isn't thought of as a factory for baseball talent, but the toughness of the region truly exemplifies the "never give in" spirit of the 2012 team. All 27 players on the postseason roster hail from Northeast Ohio or Western Pennsylvania, laying the foundation for being a true Midwestern program.

What a ride

What a ride is the phrase that continually pops into mind when contemplating the accomplishments of the 2012 Kent State baseball team on its historic run to Omaha and the CWS. The spectacular post-season run gained momentum as Kent State rolled through the MAC Tournament to earn the program's fourth consecutive NCAA appearance.

It wasn't until the Golden Flashes' 21-marathon vs. then No. 13 Kentucky, however, that the team began to draw national attention and landed in the spotlight of college baseball for the next three weeks. The 7-6, 21-inning victory is the second longest game in NCAA Tournament history and it propelled the team to the Gary Regional title after the Golden Flashes dispatched No. 16 Purdue, 7-3 and Kentucky again, 3-2 to win the first NCAA Regional title in school history.

The ride continues

The groundbreaking season had more to offer. The following weekend, Kent State was matched up against No. 10 Oregon in a best-of-three NCAA Super Regional. Junior *Evan Campbell* made a leaping, turn-around catch in left-center to secure a 7-6 game one win on June 9. The Ducks evened the series the next night with a 3-2 come-from-behind win and forced a winner-take-all game three. In the decisive game three, Kent State again saw a 2-0 lead evaporate in the late innings, but a bottom-of-the-ninth, one-out, walk-off bloop single by senior All-American *Jimmy Rider* sent the Golden Flashes to Omaha for the first time in program history.

Kent State dropped its CWS debut game to then-No. 6 Arkansas but tapped into its trademark toughness one last time two days later in a Bracket 2 elimination game against then No. 1 Florida. Freshman right-handed reliever *Josh Pierce* got out of a bases-loaded jam twice in the top of the ninth inning to help the Golden Flashes top the Gators and eliminate Florida from the double-elimination CWS on ESPN's nationally televised broadcast. If the casual sports fan didn't know about Kent State baseball before, it's safe to say that the nation fully understood the brand of baseball the Golden Flashes played after that effort.

Records set on and off the field

Given their prowess on the field, it's sometimes overlooked that the team members are student-athletes. And as such, they distinguished themselves in the classroom too. Led by Kent State alumnus and eighth-year head coach Scott Stricklin, '93, the Golden Flashes display the same grit and toughness when it comes to school work.

On the eve of the 2012 CWS, the Golden Flashes were honored by the NCAA for earning a Public Recognition Award, based



Many outstanding ballplayers have represented the Blue & Gold throughout the illustrious history of the program. To name just a few —

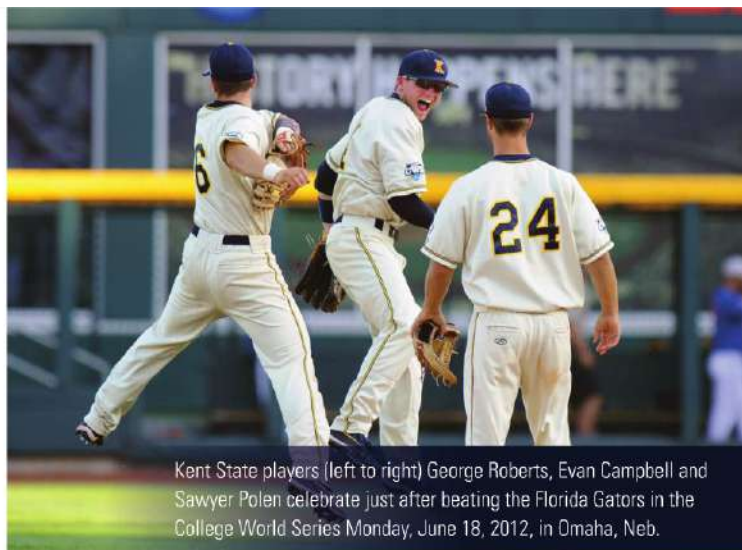
Late New York Yankees captain
Thurman Munson

Cy Young Award winner
Steve Stone

World Series participants
Andy Sonnanstine (Tampa Bay)
Emmanuel Burriss (San Francisco)

Golden Flashes' program is the only public institution on the list that includes Brown, Bucknell, Holy Cross, Columbia, Dartmouth, Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Lafayette, Mount St. Mary's, St. Joseph's, Stanford, Penn, Vanderbilt and Yale.

on their most recent multiyear Academic Progress Rate (APR). With a perfect 1,000 multiyear APR, the 2012 honor marks the third consecutive year that Kent State baseball has been recognized, putting the team in elite company as one of only 16 schools in the country to reach the accomplishment. Of the 16 teams to earn the Public Recognition Award the past three years, the



Kent State players (left to right) George Roberts, Evan Campbell and Sawyer Polen celebrate just after beating the Florida Gators in the College World Series Monday, June 18, 2012, in Omaha, Neb.

The Golden Flashes' academic prowess is backed by a cumulative 3.093 team Grade Point Average (GPA). The team GPA brought extra special meaning to the team when they were recognized for having the highest team GPA amongst the eight teams in the 2012 CWS.

Alumni brimming with pride

No wonder that Kent State alumni are so enthusiastically proud of Coach Stricklin and the team. The 2012 Kent State baseball team gave the university community, city and all of Northeast Ohio a reason to believe and a reason to be proud. They set a new standard of excellence that future Golden Flashes will strive to achieve.

When *Jason Bell*, '04, heard from his friend *Keith Poroczak*, '03, that *Josh Cribbs*, '10, was organizing a bus trip to Omaha for the



From left to right, Jason Bell, Josh Cribbs and Keith Potoczak.
Photo courtesy Keith Potoczak.

CWS, the friends had no doubt that they would be on that bus.

“It was pretty much a no-brainer for us,” Bell says. “I have always wanted to go to the College World Series; it was on my sports bucket list. The fact that Kent State made it to the College World Series was the icing on the cake.”

Bell and Potoczak, along with around 50 other Kent State fans, traveled 16 hours to Omaha. For \$150, each traveler received bus transportation, a game ticket, a “FlashMob” Team Cribbs T-shirt, food and beverages on the bus and a Friday night hotel stay.

“Everyone was grateful for what he [Josh Cribbs] did because mostly everyone on the bus would not have made the trip if it

weren’t for Josh,” Bell says. “Josh is all about the fans and he is very humble. It is nice he takes so much pride in Kent State.”

Not only were alumni from Ohio making the trip to Omaha, but alumni from around the country were just as thrilled about the Kent State baseball team. *Kevin Moore, '79*, flew from Atlanta, Ga., to Omaha with his son for Father’s Day and met his friend *Stu Lapp, '79*, who drove from Columbus. Moore attended the pre-game fan reception and game on June 16 and said it was a great experience.



The 2012 Kent State baseball team poses for a photo outside TD Ameritrade Park in downtown Omaha, Neb., on the opening day of the College World Series.

“The whole environment and energy level was crazy,” Moore says. “Everyone was so nice, and it was great talking to people that you didn’t know but felt like you did know because they went to Kent State.”

Moore could not say enough about Kent State’s Golden Flashes baseball team.

“I still can’t believe they were there but they *should* be there,” Moore says. “I have been following them and they deserved to be there.”

For many alumni making a 16-hour trip was not an option, so alumni bonded at area watch parties in Cleveland, Canton, Columbus, Atlanta, Texas, Charleston, Raleigh and Phoenix,

Willie Shoemaker, '75, Stark County Alumni Chapter president, hosted a watch party at the Winking Lizard in Canton and had a great turnout. The first night the chapter had around 40 alumni along with family and friends attend the watch party.

It was a lot of fun being with alumni, and there was a lot of camaraderie," Shoemaker says. "Alumni who graduated from all years from 2007 to 1950s and '60s attended. It was great to talk about memories of attending Kent State."

Shoemaker says it was fun to get everyone together for a milestone like this. "I think it was so exciting that they were there and won there," Shoemaker says. "I am proud of the program and the team's work ethic. They had the highest GPA and presented themselves well. This was a proud moment for Kent State."

Kent State University's Golden Flashes baseball team was honored at a Season of Champions celebration event on June 28, at the Kent Student Center Ballroom. The celebration was free and open to all, including Kent State faculty and staff members and their families, students, alumni, community members and the general public. All 1,000-plus attendees had the opportunity for a meet-and-greet and signing with members of the baseball team. The event also featured [video highlights](#) from the championship season.

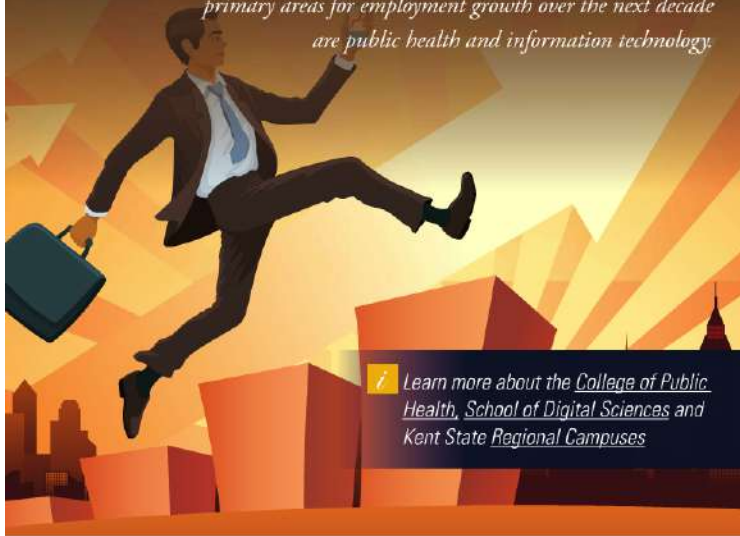
And the best part of this historic season of champions ride? It's not over yet. The core of the CWS squad will return in 2013, with an infusion of freshman talent to come in the fall. Don't be surprised if the ride repeats itself sometime in the near future.

Read more about the [Season of Champions](#) or [watch a video](#).

By Phil B. Soencksen, '89

Kent State responds to regional and national job needs.

Tracking trends, anticipating growth and evolving and adapting our curriculum are just some of the ways that Kent State University keeps pace with the ever-changing employment landscape. Kent State students receive experience for life. Employers who hire Kent State graduates gain knowledgeable, talented employees. The university works to provide students with the skills they need to pursue professional careers and to provide graduates to fill positions in growing fields or regional areas of specialty. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, two primary areas for employment growth over the next decade are public health and information technology.



[Learn more about the College of Public Health, School of Digital Sciences and Kent State Regional Campuses](#)

GRADUATES PREPARED FOR 21ST-CENTURY JOBS

Addressing 21st-Century Health Challenges

Kent State University's College of Public Health educates and trains students to meet the current and projected shortage of public health professionals in Ohio and the nation. The Association of Schools of Public Health estimates that 250,000 public health workers will be needed by 2020. "The College of Public Health is a great example of higher education responding directly to the needs of potential employers," says Associate Dean **Thomas Brewer**, of the College of Public Health. "Kent State's graduating seniors will enter the job market with a bachelor's degree that gives them all the tools to make an immediate impact in the field of public health."

One of only two colleges of public health in Ohio and the first to offer a Bachelor of Science in Public Health, the college, in cooperation with local health departments, community



John Mason, deputy director of the Portage County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management speaks to students.

Public Health Disciplines and Associated Jobs

Health Policy and Management

- Academic Policy Advisor
- Legislative Policy Advisor
- Management Policy Advisor

Epidemiology

- State Epidemiologist
- Research Epidemiologist
- Pharmacoepidemiologist

Behavioral Science and Health Education

- Behavior Scientist
- Health Educator
- Mental Health Researcher

Health Communications

- Communications Specialist
- Journalist

Occupational Safety and Health

- Corporate Medical Director

Environmental Health Sciences

- State Environmentalist
- Federal Environmentalist

International and Global Health

- Reproductive Health Specialist
- International HIV Specialist
- Tropical Disease Specialist

Public Health Preparedness and Function

- State Epidemiologist
- Laboratory Director
- Public Health Lawyer

Oral Health

- Public Health Dentist

Family Health

- Local Health Officer
- Nurse Educator
- Nutritionist

organizations, health care institutions and related businesses, provides Kent State students professional intern and onsite experiences in the exciting field of public health. The university is ensuring that its graduates are equipped with the knowledge and skills to address the health challenges of the 21st century.

Northeast Ohio is particularly rich in health care careers and organizations. And we enjoy a very favorable jobs climate in which government and private organizations have a constant need for trained public health professionals. Kent State graduates can choose from a wide range of different career opportunities in public health that engage the community on many different levels — determining what causes certain diseases and developing vaccines to protect us; educating people how to eat more nutritious foods, protect their children from toxic substances and avoid safety hazards; analyzing data to better understand how infectious diseases are spread;

managing health care clinics and nursing homes; working for government agencies monitoring the quality of the air we breathe and the water we drink; studying soil and food samples to uncover health hazards; working with firefighters, police, hospitals and emergency specialists to develop plans and strategies to prevent and mitigate man-made and natural disasters; and developing policies that affect how we access health care services.

A growing area of responsibility for public health is emergency management and biopreparedness. Public health agencies are responsible for developing plans and mobilizing resources to respond to natural disasters and disease epidemics. They also work with law enforcement and public safety to protect us from man-made catastrophes such as terrorist attacks.

Increasingly, public health agencies are also becoming involved in developing sustainable, green technologies and working with urban planners to create community designs that increase safety and promote healthy living.

Shaping The Digital World

The most recent four-year report on Northeast Ohio's high-tech economy shows that three non-high-tech jobs complement every one high-tech job in Northeast Ohio's high-tech industries. As a result, increased use of information technology could lead to 100,000 new jobs for Ohioans by 2018. Guided by knowledge and foresight, the university established the [School of Digital Sciences](#) in 2010.

The school's cutting-edge baccalaureate and graduate programs are designed to offer a broad overview across traditional "digital" specialties and prepare graduates for careers that use knowledge of technology and work within a multidisciplinary team to support the goals of an



Kent State's interdisciplinary program is designed to train tomorrow's digital leaders.

organization. "The School of Digital Sciences teaches students to work with other professions. The ability to work with a wide variety of professionals is extremely marketable when job hunting," says Director **Robert Walker**, of the School of Digital Sciences.

The state of Ohio accounts for 3.74 percent of the nation's jobs in computer and mathematical science occupations (at a mean annual wage of \$68,700 in Ohio). Consequently, the 750,000 new jobs projected nationally by the [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) could translate into more than 28,000 new, well-paying, computer-related jobs in Ohio.

Moreover, the most recent four-year report on [Northeast Ohio's high-tech economy](#) confirms that "growth in high-tech industries benefits all sectors of the region's workforce and is not limited to occupations with technical degrees." So, in many cases, computing graduates of Kent State can benefit from a broader view than that provided by traditional computer-related degree programs.

Students graduating from the School of Digital Sciences will be prepared for entry-level careers as enterprise architects, computer system analysts, digital cognition analysts, application (software) architects, network system analysts and information technology officers.

Rather than being immersed in technology, graduates will have "a seat at the table" as key players in making important enterprise decisions for companies and organizations. They will have the skills to analyze users' needs, plan enterprise architecture, guide the development of digital software and hardware systems, and manage those complex systems. They will be comfortable working in multidisciplinary teams with computer scientists, computer engineers, business analysts, information architects and others and will have sufficiently broad training to bridge the communication gap between disciplines.

Regional First Responder

One of the largest regional networks in the nation, Kent State's eight-campus system offers programs from health care and horticulture technology to computer animation to veterinary technology. The university is a regional first-responder when it comes to creating programs and courses that meet the needs of business and industry.



Regional Campuses Provide Career-Trained Professionals for Northeast Ohio's Communities



The Kent State University Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg is being readied for its fall 2012 opening.

Kent State's Regional Campuses pride themselves on offering programs designed specifically to address the needs of the communities and regions they serve. In some areas, plant closings have caused an employment shift from manufacturing to other areas. Leveraging the adaptability of its eight-campus system, Kent State University offers training that can create new employment opportunities.

“Numerous economic impact reports validate the importance that Kent State University’s Regional Campuses play in the region’s economic development and overall contribution to job growth,” says Kent State Dean of the Regional College, **Wanda E. Thomas**.

In Twinsburg, the strategically located Kent State University Regional Academic Center is slated to open its doors in fall 2012, providing a range of freshman- and sophomore-level courses, which lead to many associate and baccalaureate degrees offered at the university — many with a focus on health care and medicine — as a part of Kent State University at Geauga. The Regional Academic Center, with proximity to Cleveland, offers Kent State programs to residents of Ohio’s second-largest city. The colleges of Business Administration and Public Health are planning to extend master’s



Fully functional x-ray equipment is just part of the state-of-the-art learning experience at Kent State University at Ashtabula.

degrees and executive training to the Regional Academic Center. Additionally, expanded course offerings will include continuing education, workforce development and job training, as well as community engagement opportunities.

In the heart of Ohio’s wine country, Kent State University at Ashtabula offers associate degrees in both enology, the study of wine and winemaking, and viticulture, the study of vine growing and grape harvesting. These courses can also be taken as noncredit, for people wanting to explore winemaking, and not necessarily earn a degree.

The Robert S. Morrison Health and Science Building features

state-of-the-art laboratories for the Nursing and Allied Health programs, a human patient simulator lab, an X-ray lab and the only cadaver lab along the Lake Erie shoreline between Cleveland and Erie. Allied Health programs include physical therapy assisting, occupational therapy assisting and a Kent State degree that is only offered at Kent State Ashtabula — radiologic technology and respiratory therapy.



Kent State University at East Liverpool serves students from Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The Columbiana County campuses, Kent State University at Salem and Kent State University at East Liverpool, serve the needs of Ohio students, as well as those from neighboring West Virginia and Pennsylvania. Kent State Salem offers degrees ranging from associate and bachelor's degrees in such areas as early childhood education, horticulture, insurance, nursing and radiologic sciences and radiography. The campus has also added a multimillion dollar health and science wing with centralized classrooms and new nursing and radiologic and imaging sciences laboratories.

Kent State East Liverpool, located in the Appalachian region of Ohio, serves as an important access to higher education and as a cultural center to the community. Educational opportunities include both associate and bachelor's degrees in such areas as justice studies, nursing, occupational therapy assisting and physical therapist assistant.

Kent State University at Stark, the only public university in Stark County, is Kent State's largest Regional Campus. Kent State Stark offers 16 bachelor's and two master's degree programs and is home to more than 100 full-time faculty and nearly 5,000 students. Kent State Stark is one of a few colleges in the region to offer a bachelor's degree in music technology.

Kent State Stark is also home to The University Center, one of Northeast Ohio's most technologically advanced meeting and events facilities. The center annually serves more than 45,000 employees from nearly 150 companies by providing businesses, organizations



Jan Gibson, M.Ed. RT(R), senior director of the radiology programs at Kent State University at Salem.

Kent Campus. These cutting-edge programs equip students with highly sought after skills in emerging fields.

Kent State Tuscarawas is also home to one of only seven veterinary technology programs in Ohio accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association.

Responding to regional strengths, employment trends and changing local economies, Kent State University delivers excellence in action by meeting the evolving educational needs of Northeast Ohio citizens. Beyond that obvious advantage, additional benefits accrue to Northeast Ohio residents by living in an area with increasing numbers of highly educated people who add their skills in the workplace, contribute to the civic and social mix, and bring talent and creativity to our communities.

and entrepreneurs with intense professional development experiences, corporate training and research services.

Kent State University at Trumbull is home to the Ohio Basic Police Academy and a Corrections Training Facility. The course of study at the Police Academy fulfills the basic requirements to be a police officer in the state of Ohio and enables students to improve their qualifications for landing a law enforcement job such as investigator, detective or probation officer.

Kent State University at Tuscarawas, offers a bachelor's degree in computer design, animation and game design engineering technology. The degree is also offered at Kent State Stark and the



ENTREPRENEURSHIP + INTERNSHIPS = ADDED VALUE

Don't look now, but an entrepreneur or intern is in your future. Highly motivated, passionate, with a can-do attitude, the entrepreneur or intern may have already touched your life. You just haven't realized it. To be clear, this is not a high-pressure salesperson or medical intern, but a Kent State student-intern who's working onsite with some of Northeast Ohio's, our nation's and even the world's most recognizable entities – United Way, county health departments, The Cleveland Clinic, Capitol Hill and the World Health Organization – to name a few. And the entrepreneur? Well, that's a Kent State student too. The university already has a successful academic entrepreneurship program in the College of Business Administration, but now thanks to the Blackstone LaunchPad Program, students and alumni who have a great idea but aren't sure about how to take it to the next step will have mentors who can help them do just that, while making your future – and that of our region – all the brighter.

\$3.2 million partnership will train students to create their own businesses

By Foluke Omosun, M.A. '09

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg was a college student when he first rolled out the popular social networking site that has made him one of the world's top billionaires and an employer of thousands. Zuckerberg's early experience may not be the exception. The U.S. Department of Labor reports that nearly 80 percent of would-be entrepreneurs in the United States are between the ages of 18 and 34 — a period when many of them will be on a college campus.

Kent State University continues to impact Northeast Ohio's economy and is poised to take on the challenge of producing the next generation of successful business owners. Two foundations are helping to make that possible. The Blackstone Charitable Foundation and The Burton D. Morgan Foundation have committed to a \$3.2 million, three-year partnership with Kent State University and three other area colleges and universities: Baldwin-Wallace University, Case Western Reserve University and Lorain County



Blackstone Chairman and CEO Stephen A. Schwarzman addresses those attending the announcement of the \$3.2 million partnership

Community College. The grant will expand Blackstone LaunchPad, a groundbreaking initiative that gives university students and alumni the skills, knowledge and guidance to start new companies.

Influenced by the urgent need for job growth in the U.S., The Blackstone Charitable Foundation seeks to support innovative projects and catalytic ideas that can accelerate start-ups, job growth and economic activity. The Burton D. Morgan Foundation is committed to investing in organizations and institutions that foster entrepreneurship in Northeast Ohio.

“Our economy needs the kind of immediate, fast-growth activity that only comes from entrepreneurs,” says Blackstone’s Chairman and CEO Stephen A. Schwarzman. “Fostering a new generation of entrepreneurs is critical to America’s recovery, which is why we are investing in Blackstone LaunchPad to help young entrepreneurs harness their talents and transform creative ideas into viable companies.”

The Blackstone Launchpad program

The Blackstone LaunchPad program presents entrepreneurship as a viable career path and offers students, faculty and alumni concrete tools and guidance to transform ideas into thriving businesses. Unlike traditional college programs available to a very limited population, Blackstone LaunchPad is open to all students, regardless of major, and engages local entrepreneurs to mentor students.

Blackstone LaunchPad replicates and implements a program developed at the University of Miami in 2008: a program which has generated 65 start-up ventures, 120 new jobs and drawn nearly 2,000 student participants.

In 2010, The Blackstone Charitable Foundation brought the LaunchPad model to Walsh College and Wayne State University in Detroit — an area struggling from the collapse of its predominant industry. After nine months, 319 students are involved in the program with 110 having completed initial venture proposals.

Northeast Ohio was chosen as the next region for a Blackstone LaunchPad because of its critical need for new jobs and its dedication to supporting entrepreneurship, particularly at the collegiate level.

Deborah D. Hoover, president and CEO of The Burton D. Morgan Foundation says Northeast Ohio has made great

progress reinventing itself by returning to its entrepreneurial roots. “We are investing in Blackstone LaunchPad to help demystify entrepreneurship as a career path, spur start-ups for Northeast Ohio,

and build a vibrant regional economy where young people want to work and live,” she says.

“Kent State is committed to fostering the next generation of Ohio entrepreneurs who will generate economic opportunities in the state, and we’re grateful to The Blackstone Charitable Foundation and The Burton D. Morgan Foundation for this generous support.”

Lester A. Lefton

The Blackstone Charitable Foundation and The Burton D. Morgan Foundation for this generous support,” Lefton says.

Achieving the next level

The Blackstone LaunchPad program has no academic affiliation and is tailored to accommodate students who have an idea, but don’t know what to do next with it, or alumni who already have a business and want to take it to the next level, but are stumped.

“The LaunchPad program will take entrepreneurship at Kent State to new heights,” says **Julie Messing**, director of Kent State’s

Blackstone LaunchPad program. “This new initiative will help Kent State reinforce entrepreneurship as a viable career path and assist us in helping students and alumni turn ideas into vital businesses.”

Students from all Kent State campuses, regardless of their major, can enroll in the program, which operates from the Kent Student Center. The program offers flexibility around students’ schedules, which means that they can determine when and how often they want to meet with mentors, receive counseling and work through their business ideas.

The program will be rolled out in phases to Kent State faculty, staff and alumni.

“They’re not just learning the principles of starting a business, they’re actually doing it, which is a much different educational experience,” says Messing. “Students get some of their naiveté stripped away because they’re living through the hurdles. It’s not as glorious as a case study makes things look, or an internship where you only experience a specific role in the business.”

Internships — benefits to students and employers alike

By Ryan Collins, public relations student

Kent State University students are smart. They know that internship experiences can be the key to getting a fabulous job. By completing an internship, students can gain valuable, professional experience and be mentored in their chosen field.

Kent State’s Career Services Center’s Assistant Director of Employer Relations **Robin Pijor** points out that internships take various forms. “An internship can look like a lot of different things to a lot of different people,” Pijor says.

Pijor clarified that throughout the university's programs, an internship can also be called an externship, a practicum, student teaching and other terms. The experiences can be paid or unpaid; full-time or part-time; for credit or not for credit; year-round, only a semester long or over the summer.

The key point, Pijor says, is that employers look for résumés with relevant work experience and internships. "Employers know it's time-consuming to get a degree, but they also know that it takes a lot of commitment and initiative for a student to take on one more responsibility," she says.

Ohio employers who responded to a Kent State University Career Services Center survey overwhelmingly agreed that Kent State graduates are making valuable contributions to their organizations and are well-prepared to meet the needs of the positions they fill.

"The results of this study continue to validate the excellent education students receive at Kent State and how well-prepared they are for the world of work," said **Ann Motayar**, director, Kent State Career Services Center.

The Career Services Center points out that employers also gain from offering intern positions. Employers can increase staff size at peak periods, test potential hires and increase retention and build relationships with local academic communities, among other benefits.

College of Public Health offers global choices

By Ryan Collins, public relations student

One Kent State University College of Public Health student interns at The Cleveland Clinic's Emergency Services Institute. Another interns with the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland.



Public health major Janelle Schmidt interns at The Cleveland Clinic.

Others are with the United Way and the Portage County Health Department. These students are all studying the diverse field of public health at Kent State, yet they are completing internships locally, in Northeast Ohio and even abroad with diverse organizations.

Local Kent State resources inspired public health major *Janelle Schmidt* to intern at The Cleveland Clinic. "The Kent State faculty provided me with the guidance and background knowledge to allow me to

interview for an internship. In addition, the courses for my healthcare administration concentration provided me with the necessary knowledge and ability to solve problems or issues that arise during my internship," Schmidt says.

Schmidt's work in the Emergency Services Institute involves planning for future projects, developing process improvements, and analyzing reports from prior days to ensure efficiencies are created.

Joe Formica, institute administrator for the Emergency Services Institute and Janelle's supervisor, explains that an internship holds mutual interest for both students and organizations.

"We like when a student comes in with the attitude of proving that they're worthy of our time and effort trying to train them and get them pointed in the right direction in terms of their career," he says.

Formica notes interns learn more about their chosen career path, and organizations are able to find new talent and see how the intern can contribute to organizational needs.

"I would give the experience with Janelle and the Kent State program an A+, no doubt in my mind," Formica says.

Chenai Milton, also a public health major, is interning at the World Health Organization. Milton agrees that Kent State prepared her for



Chenai Milton (center) is flanked by fellow interns at a negotiating conference in Geneva.

the intern experience. "**Kay Levandowski**, academic advising coordinator in the College of Public Health, inspired me to come to Geneva. She is very supportive and believed in me. She helped me achieve my goals. She always said that I needed to come here and that she was so proud of me," Milton says.

Now, that guidance is moving Milton into a career she loves. "Before I came here last year, I didn't know all the different directions this major could take me. Now, after taking on this internship, I now know this career choice is where I belong. My passion is helping people — big or little, young or old."

Schmidt is clear about the ambition she had to intern at The Cleveland Clinic. "I wanted this internship because of the opportunity to gain experience in the healthcare industry. The talent and professionalism of the people I work with is truly inspiring. I have a strong passion to improve the health of the community. There are many opportunities to share ideas and import your own expertise to better the care of patients," Schmidt says.

Kent State is producing students like Schmidt and Milton with a passion for what they do in their internships every day. Imagine what they will accomplish as they move on in their professions.

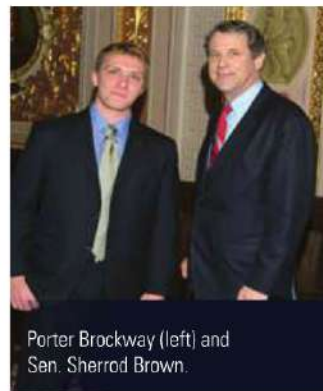
Student intern brings Kent State to Capitol Hill

By Ryan Collins, public relations student

Porter Brockway, '12, a senior political science and international relations graduate at Kent State University, was selected for a spring 2012 internship with U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown at Capitol Hill as part of the Kent State Washington Program in National Issues.

"I have always had a passion for government and wanted to be involved somehow," Brockway says. "When I came to Kent State, the professors helped me figure out some of the areas that most interested me and drove me to research my topics of choice."

The Maumee, Ohio, native says he was ecstatic to receive the internship, and his ambition to succeed in politics stems largely from being inspired by Kent State faculty. Brockway says **Gabriella Paar-Jakli**, assistant professor of political science, is one who made him think more about the international arena. He said Paar-Jakli lived an amazing life in Europe and was part of the politics in the continent before she came to the United States.



Porter Brockway (left) and Sen. Sherrod Brown.

“Hearing some of the experiences that professors have partaken in before coming to Kent State made me dream about where my life could take me,” Brockway says. “I have traveled abroad before, but with their insight, I feel being involved in international politics and working in the fast-paced politics of Washington would be ideal.”

Impressed his boss

Brockway’s political passion made an impression on Brown’s office even before he arrived in Washington.

“Porter was selected for the Spring 2012 Internship Program in our office because of his deep interest in politics and strong academic credentials,” says Allison Preiss, press secretary for Brown. “As a senior at Kent State University studying political science and international relations, Porter made it clear that he has a strong desire to learn about

the inner workings of Congress by interning on Capitol Hill.”

Richard Robyn, Ph. D, assistant professor and director of the Washington Program in National Issues, says Brown’s office has been a favorite placement for the program’s students for years.

“It’s an excellent place for students to intern and to learn about Washington politics from the inside,” Robyn says. “The office staff is very

welcoming and responsive to student intern needs.”

During his time in Washington, D.C., Brockway will work with constituents, attend senate meetings, give Capitol tours, conduct research and review legislation.



Richard Robyn

“It is an amazing feeling knowing that my initial research will be the blueprint for Sen. Brown’s vote or the response letters that go to the constituents,” he says.

His goal is to gain professional, on-the-job experience that will help him get a job in Washington, D.C., following his graduation in May.

“I plan to network as much as I can around here in hopes of finding any openings in offices in or around the Capitol,” he says.

Steven Hook, Ph.D., chair of Kent State’s Department of Political Science, is confident of Kent State’s political interns.

“We consistently hear great things about our interns from members of Congress, officials in the Executive Branch, news editors and the directors of NGOs,” Hook says. “We take great pride in all three of our internship programs – in Washington, Columbus and Geneva, Switzerland.”

Brockway knows just how helpful this experience is going to be for his career.

“This internship will give me invaluable working experience on the Hill,” he says. “I know that I will walk away from Sen. Brown’s office with knowledge of how politics inside the Beltway works and hope that this could lead into a career.”

“It is always a pleasure to watch our students mature in these programs and move on to great careers,” Hook says.

“Porter has a bright future, whether he decides to go into politics or not,” Robyn says.

Brockway’s internship began on Jan. 7 and continued until April 20. His next goal — to obtain a job in Washington, D.C.

By Emily Vincent, '97
Photos by Bob Christy, '95, and Jeff Glidden, '87

University Holds Kent State Day at the Statehouse 2012

CONNECTING TALENT WITH JOBS

Summer 2012
MEETING INDUSTRY NEEDS
Kent State.
Doing what
matters:
200,000
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UNIVERSITY
Excellence in Action



President Lester A. Lefton presents opening remarks at the Kent State Day at the Statehouse.

Forty Ohio employers traveled to Columbus on March 28, 2012, to join representatives from Kent State University and alumni in the workforce for the university's annual Kent State Day at the Statehouse. During this daylong advocacy event with the theme "Talent Meets Jobs: A Kent State Education Aligns With Employer Needs," these major Ohio employers met with 21 legislators and other state officials to express their recognition of the important role that Kent State plays in workforce development.

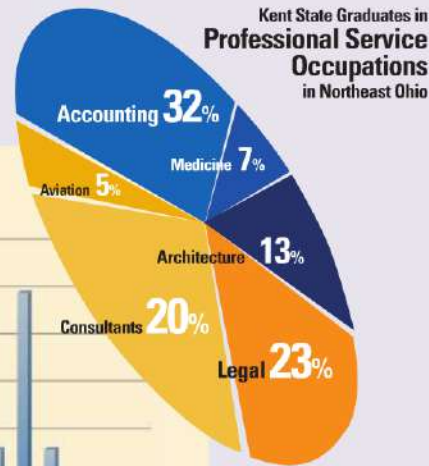
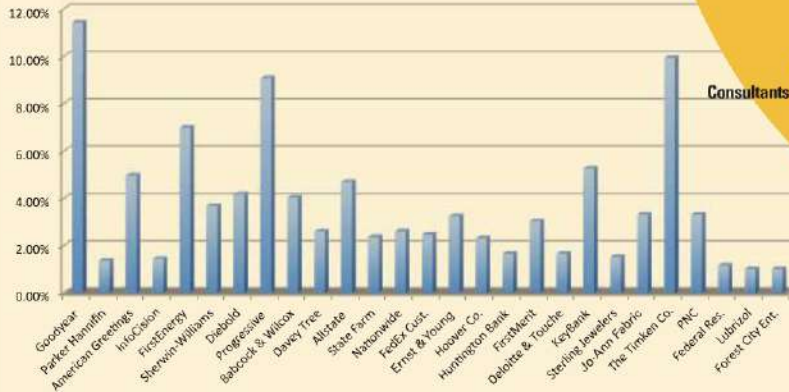
Along with employers of Kent State graduates, successful Kent State alumni in the workforce joined the Kent State delegation, which included Kent State President **Lester A. Lefton**, members of the Board of Trustees, deans from Kent State's eight campuses and students, to tell their personal experiences with Kent State in preparing students for work. The employers and graduates represented a diverse group of industry sectors in Northeast Ohio and Central Ohio.

The companies represented at the Kent State Day at the Statehouse event collectively provide more than 100,000 jobs for Ohioans.

Kent State

Employer and Occupation Overview

Distribution of Kent State Graduates Among the Top Private Sector Employers in Northeast Ohio



Top Companies Hire Kent State Graduates:



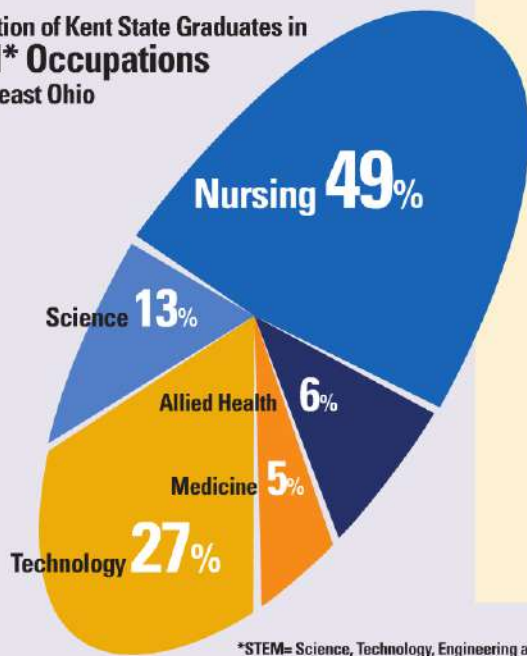
“We had an impressive group of industry leaders who made an investment of time and effort to come to the Ohio Statehouse and support higher education by discussing their first-hand experience hiring Kent State graduates,” Lefton says. “Some of these corporate executives were also proud Kent State graduates who shared with legislators how Kent State prepared them for successful careers. In addition, these executives joined us in Columbus to discuss job creation in Ohio and the importance of college-educated talent for the growth and prosperity of their companies.”

Advancing Kent State’s mission

In addition to meeting with legislators, a smaller group of delegates and university officials held round-table discussions with senior state officials who are responsible for employment-related policies, including Mark Kvamme, president and interim chief investment officer of [JobsOhio](#), and Rich Frederick, executive director of the new Office of Workforce Transformation.

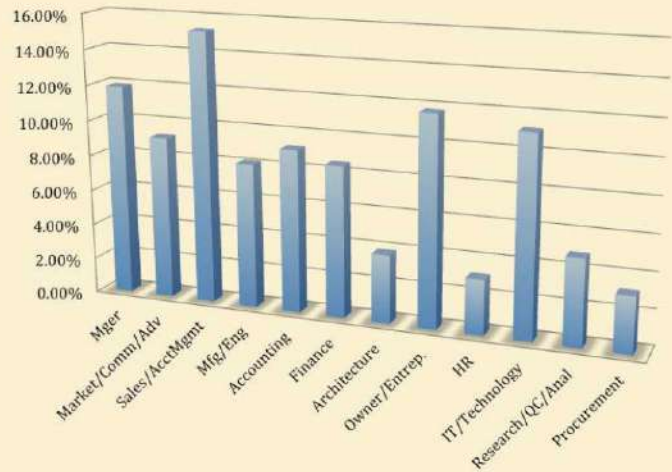
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Distribution of Kent State Graduates in STEM* Occupations in Northeast Ohio



*STEM= Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Top Business-Related Occupational Areas Held by Kent State Graduates



impressive list of employers included Abercrombie & Fitch, Allied Machine & Engineering Corporation, Allstate Insurance, Cleveland Clinic, Fahlgren Mortine, FirstEnergy Corporation, First National Bank, Nationwide Insurance, the North Canton Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Wine Producers Association, Parker Hannifin Corporation, Robinson Memorial Hospital, Saint-Gobain, the Sherwin-Williams Company, Soft-Lite, Summa Health System, the Timken Company, Tinker Omega Manufacturing, University Hospitals Health System, Victoria's Secret, Vocon Inc. and W.S. Tyler.

Vice President for University Relations **Iris Harvey** explains that Kent State Day at the Starehouse helps advance the mission of Kent State and discuss issues important to higher education.

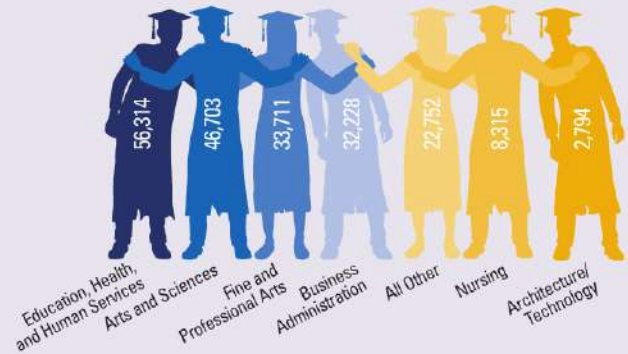
“Legislators deal with issues every day that greatly impact higher education and workforce development,” Harvey says. “Our elected senators and representatives are very interested in learning directly from employers and graduates about how well Kent State prepares students to meet employer needs.”



Left to right – Amy Lane, executive director, The Center for Corporate and Professional Development at Kent State; Sue Lamb, Jerry Joyce and Rae Presz, all of Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics; John Potkalitsky, facilitator, The Center for Corporate and Professional Development at Kent State; and Ashley Petrecca of Pepperl+Fuchs.

Kent State Degrees Awarded by College

202,817 Graduates



All Charts: Kent State Alumni Association Self-Reported Employment Data

“We’re working to serve our students, the region and the global workforce by making a Kent State degree ‘a passport to success’ in every field, as employers continue to show high levels of satisfaction with our new graduates’ ability to hit the ground running and continue to seek out and hire more employees educated at Kent State,” Lefton says. “Kent State produces a large number of graduates – 200,000 to date and more than 6,000 each year – who leave our campuses and enter the workforce educated and prepared. A Kent State education is an education that works.”

Watch a video of [Kent State Day at the Statehouse](#).

By Bob Burford

Center for Corporate and Professional Development Gives Northeast Ohio Companies the Competitive Edge



2012-2013 Catalog of Professional Development Offerings

ADVANCE
With Skills-based Training and Certificate Programs

Save Time, Cut Costs, Increase Productivity and Compliance

LinkedIn | KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
The Center for Corporate and Professional Development | www.kent.edu/yourbusinesspartner

Explore the Professional Development Catalog

Learn more about Kent State's Center for Corporate and Professional Development

Employee engagement
Customer satisfaction
Training needs
Employee training
Instructional design
Strategic planning
Supervision
Project management
Lean Six Sigma

HELPING BUSINESSES SUCCEED

In today's competitive marketplace, businesses need to constantly adapt to thrive and grow. Gone are the days of "we do it this way because that's the way we've always done it." Nowadays, change is the only constant for successful companies.

Few people understand this better than **Amy Lane**, executive director of Kent State's Center for Corporate and Professional Development, an outreach arm of the university.



Amy Lane

Lane and her staff work with a wide range of Northeast Ohio organizations to provide effective solutions for enhancing employee and organization development. The overall goal: give businesses a competitive advantage through the use of proven tools to achieve operational excellence.

"We assist organizations in developing the skills of their employees, and to improve their processes and performance in order to help them achieve their strategic goals and objectives," Lane says.

Customized Services

Founded in 2005, the Center for Corporate and Professional Development's services include customized talent development

Center for Corporate and Professional Development Representation of Corporate Clients

Average size of company:
500+ employees

76% Corporate Contracts

Nearly **20,000**
corporate employees trained

A. Schulman Inc.
ACRT Inc.
Acument Global Technologies
Agrana Fruit
Alcoa Inc.
American Greetings
Astra Products
Automated Packaging Systems Inc.
Avtron Manufacturing
Ben Venue Laboratories
BrandMuscle
Brunswick City School District
BDI
Cleveland Clinic Health System
Cleveland Indians Baseball Club
Cleveland Steel Container
Cliffs Natural Resources
CSA America
Delta Systems Inc.
Deluxe Corporation
Developers Diversified Realty
Eaton Corporation
Elyria Foundry
ERICO Inc.
The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland
The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland Pittsburgh Branch

Fuserashi International Technology Inc.
Graco Children's Products
Insurance.com
Intigral
Kennametal Inc.
Kennametal Inc. – Lyndonville, Vermont
Kent Displays
Little Tikes
L'Oreal USA Inc.
L'Oreal USA Inc. Solon Manufacturing
Lubrizol Corporation
Metro Parks Serving Summit County
Medical Mutual of Ohio
Moen Incorporated
NASA Glenn Research Center
National Interstate Insurance
National Machine Company
Nova Machine Products
Parker Hannifin Corporation
Pepperl + Fuchs Inc.
Plastipak Packaging
PolyOne Corporation
Preformed Line Products
Robbins Company
Robinson Memorial Hospital
Saint-Gobain Norandex Distribution
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Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics
Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Coated Fabrics
Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Speciality Films
Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Foams
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Schneller LLC
SGS Tool
Smithers-Oasis
Snap-On Business Solutions
S S & G Financial Services
STERIS Corporation
TCP Inc.
The Sherwin-Williams Company
The Step2 Company
University Hospitals Case Medical Center
University Hospitals Richmond Heights
Visiting Nurse Association
Vita-Mix Corporation
Wellman Products Group
Windstream Communications
Wrayco Industries
W.W. Grainger Inc.
Zircoa Inc.

programs delivered onsite, and professional development programs and certifications offered for smaller groups on an open-enrollment basis.

The center's facilitators, collectively represent more than 300 years of professional experience working in such areas as communications, engineering, entrepreneurship, healthcare, human resources, management, manufacturing, sales and technology.

Center for Corporate and Professional Development successfully delivered our management training for the last three years, says Ashley Petrecca, human resource director for [Pepperl+Fuchs Inc.](#) "The trainers are top-notch industry professionals who can handle any situation/question asked. They provided our employees with a truly enjoyable experience and valuable skills that they can transfer to the job," she says.

Lane notes, "We tailor all of our services to the organization's specific needs. Often times a client will have a range of needs, and in that case we'll bring in different facilitators to work in each of the areas."

The center can scale its offerings to a client's specific needs, sometimes supplementing the programs that organizations have

"We utilize a cadre of [facilitators](#), [trainers](#), [coaches](#) and [consultants](#) to deliver training and performance management as needed," Lane says. "These credentialed professionals are experts in their fields, with real depth, experience and knowledge."

Flexibility is key when it comes to meeting the changing needs of today's businesses.

The center's clients appreciate the extra effort. "Kent State's

internally, and other times essentially serving as a firm's training and development department.

Local and National Offerings

While the center focuses mainly on assisting organizations in Northeast Ohio, occasionally center facilitators will provide services across the country.

"For example, we may start working with an employer here in Northeast Ohio to deliver management development or supervisory skills training locally, and then they decide they want to offer the training at other locations across the country, and we're able to deliver that."

Organizations who work with the Center for Corporate and Professional Development find they are in good company.

"We work with some of the largest organizations in the area, as well as smaller to mid-size companies," Lane says. The center's impressive list of current and past clients includes [The Sherwin-Williams Company](#), [Davey Tree](#), [Cleveland Clinic](#), [KeyBank](#) and [L'Oréal](#).

"Our services are used by a wide range of industries," Lane says. "From helping supervisors on the manufacturing floor to providing training in a health care facility, the issues with supervising, leading and managing others are very similar across industries," Lane says.

"We work with some of the largest organizations in the area, as well as smaller to mid-size companies."

Amy Lane

The center's open enrollment programs are delivered in Twinsburg and most custom programs are delivered at the organization's site.

From People Skills to Lean Six Sigma

Center professionals provide valuable training in team building, dealing with conflict, managing change, managing discipline and motivating employees — what Lane calls the “softer skills.”

“Companies frequently come to us saying ‘We can teach the technical skills, but we need to have employees who can think critically, communicate effectively, and lead and motivate others,’” Lane says. “We’re very strong in all of the supervisory skills, and lately that is an area where many organizations are focusing their efforts.”

Lane says there is also increased demand for the center's [Lean Six Sigma training and certification programs](#). The programs focus on eliminating wasteful processes, eliminating defects and continuous improvement principles.

“We have such a strong Lean Six Sigma program that more organizations are coming to us for process improvement training,” Lane says. “Whether it’s in manufacturing — where the program originated — or in one of the service industries, companies are finding the value of investing in this new way of doing business.”

Measuring ROI

Lane and her staff take pride in emphasizing return on investment for center clients.

“We make sure our training really applies to the workplace, and we assist businesses in assuring that the training applies to the workplace,” Lane says.

“Companies find out they can take the waste out of their processes and become more efficient and effective, and that’s good for all.”

Lane says her staff utilizes a wide range of marketing vehicles to spread the word about the center’s resources, but they’ve found that their best promotion comes from an old-fashioned method.

“We get wonderful feedback from the companies we work with, and they refer us to others,” Lane says. “Word of mouth is our best marketing tool.”

For her part, Lane is optimistic about the future of Northeast Ohio businesses.

“I’m very positive about the economy because I feel that if people are investing in training right now, that’s a really good sign,” Lane says. “A lot of our clients are doing quite well, and we’re getting very positive signs from these companies. When Northeast Ohio businesses prosper, the entire region benefits.”



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By Emily Vincent, '97
Photos by Bob Christy, '95



*Fashion Icon Donna Karan Supports
Kent State's Nursing Program*

Donna Karan speaks about her Urban Zen Foundation collaboration with Kent State.

CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER

Donna Karan, one of America's most famous fashion designers, was at Kent State University this spring. Karan served as the keynote speaker for the Kent State College of Nursing's annual Driving the Future conference series. Other experts who spoke at the event included Dr. Cynda Hylton Rushton, a professor of nursing and pediatrics at Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing, and Colleen Saidman Yee and Rodney Yee, well-known yoga experts and co-directors of the Urban Zen Integrative Therapy (UZIT) Program.

This year's conference explored an integrative approach to incorporating self-care and mindfulness in a balanced personal and professional life. Conference attendees examined the impact of mindfulness on features of health care workplace environments, attitudes of the individuals working in them, and benefits to the patients who experiences congruence of those factors.

"The Care for the Caregiver program will help to create a legacy of sustainable, high-quality health care for generations to come."

Laura Dzurec, dean of Kent State's College of Nursing

Karan is the founder and leader of the Urban Zen Foundation, a philanthropic organization dedicated to the preservation of culture (past), wellbeing (present) and empowering children (future). The hallmark of the Urban Zen wellbeing initiative is the Urban Zen Integrative Therapy (UZIT) Program, which integrates eastern healing modalities with western science to care for patients, their loved ones and caregivers, as well as the medical community within hospitals, outpatient facilities, patient support groups and home care.

The designer's Urban Zen Foundation has collaborated with Kent State's College of Nursing for the past two years on the Care of the Caregiver program that focuses on self-care of nurses and its professional value of caring for the self in their education. The partnership with Kent State is Urban Zen's first collaboration with a university nursing program in the country. The program is an innovative solution to the growing nursing shortage and more importantly, provides caregivers with the skills to care for themselves so they can better care for others.

Self-care for nurses

While battling lung cancer, Stephan Weiss, Karan's husband, expressed a last wish that Karan "take care of his nurses." As a result, the UZIT Program has turned its attention to the nation's caregivers by modifying its core UZIT Program to focus on self-care for nursing students and nurses currently in the profession.

The collaboration between Kent State and Karan's Urban Zen



Colleen Saidman Yee speaks about the Urban Zen Integrative Therapy Program.



Rodney Yee demonstrates a yoga position at a workshop in the Kent Student Center.

started in September 2010. Approximately 30 students in Kent State's accelerated nursing program participate in the Care for the Caregiver program each semester. The goal is to address issues such as nursing burnout and job-related stress. The program includes training in yoga, essential oil therapy, Reiki, nutrition and contemplative care giving.

"The Care for the Caregiver program investigates, develops and socializes students to develop and use critical self-care skills," says **Laura Dzurec**, dean of Kent State's College of Nursing. "The Care for the Caregiver program will help to create a legacy of sustainable, high-quality health care for generations to come."

"Because we are faced with a nursing shortage that is growing daily, this program is critical," says Lisa Sunshine, director of development and communications with the UZIT Program. "It's a powerful solution because it begins within each nurse. As they learn

to care for themselves, they connect more with the caregiving passion that they have. These skills will allow this passion to keep burning and not burn out.”

For Kent State students like *Sue Crossen*, a 47-year-old nursing major, the Care for the Caregiver program has been life-changing. Crossen decided to make a career change and go back to school. “For 25 years, I abused myself, working long hours, eating the wrong foods and taking care of everyone else,” she said. “I can’t take care of others if I’m not emotionally and physically ready. Who knew I would be so lucky that this program was here? This program allows me to do what I love, which is to help others.”

Partnership expands research

“Northeast Ohio is a center for both health care delivery and health care research,” says Kent State President **Lester A. Lefton**.

“Health care is one of the driving economic forces for growth in the region, and we all have experienced the impact that well-educated and prepared nurses have on the quality, safety and cost of health care. As a leader in nursing education, Kent State’s College of Nursing wants our graduates to enter the health care field with all of the skills they need to lead health care into its sustainable future. We are delighted to have found a great partner in Donna Karan and her Urban Zen Foundation. Our collaboration will have an impact on the lives of our students and on nursing.”

The Care for the Caregiver program is also part of a research project between three colleges of nursing. Faculty active in the Nursing Self-Care Consortium comprising Kent State, Cleveland State University and Ursuline College are engaged in research to study the influence of mindfulness on students’ wellbeing.

“Through the consortium, we are able to better measure the impact of this training on perceived stress, mindfulness and self-care,” says **Michelle Bozeman**, coordinator for Urban Zen/Kent State’s Care for the Caregiver program. “One of the outcomes of the study we are conducting is to refine the self-care program so that it can be replicated in any nursing program across the country.”

For Urban Zen, the organization is thankful to have a partner in Kent State. “This is our first partnership in the field of health care education,” Sunshine said. “It’s been great. The feedback we hear from students is gratifying. They are embracing it in their daily lives, and it deepens their desire to be caregivers. It has been completely supported, and it’s been a beautiful relationship with Kent State.”

With the largest program in the state, Kent State graduates more than 450 nursing students each year. More than 40 percent of nurses in Northeast Ohio are graduates of Kent State’s College of Nursing.

INTRODUCING THE NEST

By Bob Burford and Foluke Omosun, M.A. '09
Photos by Bob Christy, '95, and Jeff Glidden, '87

Student space debuts, features mural by award-winning comic strip artists and alumni.

Summer 2012
ALUMNI GIVE BACK



Chuck Ayers (left) and Tom Batiuk (right) take a break during the art installation in The Nest.

Popular comic strip artists *Tom Batiuk*, '69, and *Chuck Ayers*, '71, joined members of the Kent State University community on March 27, 2012, for the official opening of The Nest, the new student lounge area in the Kent Student Center. Batiuk, creator of the *Funky Winkerbean* comic strip, collaborates with Ayers on *Crankshaft*.

Alumni Batiuk and Ayers designed a wall mural that was unveiled at the event. The grand opening of The Nest took place on the 40th anniversary to the day when *Funky Winkerbean* debuted.

The reception with Batiuk and Ayers featured a signing of Batiuk's new book, *The Complete Funky Winkerbean*, which is the first in a multivolume series celebrating the 40th anniversary of the groundbreaking comic strip. Batiuk's book, published by Black Squirrel Books – an imprint of Kent State University Press, contains an



The Nest — the new lounge in the Kent Student Center.

autobiographical introduction that shares his early attempts at cartooning, discusses his teaching career and explains the genesis of *Funky*.

Golden Flashes worthy

The Nest, formerly called the Music Listening Center, is an initiative of Kent State's [Center for Student Involvement](#), which helps to foster student engagement through leadership, civic, cultural and other involvement opportunities. The center and Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs provided new furniture, and the newest feature on the second floor of the Kent Student Center debuted to Kent State students as they returned from spring break.

"I appreciate that we have another location at the student center that we can call our own, which is separated from all the hustle and bustle on campus."

*Alexandria Rhodes,
senior English major*

of the Center for Student Involvement **Timeka Rashid**. "We are thrilled at the opportunity to offer our students another space where they can unwind and have a good time. We upgraded the area to better suit our students' needs and give them a point of

"Kent State is committed to providing our students a well-rounded student life experience, and this includes providing exceptional programming and recreational facilities outside the classroom," says Assistant Dean of Students and Director



pride, so that they are reminded in a fun and eclectic way just how great of an institution they have. We are excited to have Tom and Chuck participate in this project."

Students are happy to have a nice new space where they can relax, study or just chill out. "I appreciate that we have another location at the student center that we can call our own, which is separated from all the hustle and bustle on campus," says *Alexandria Rhodes*, senior English major. "The wall mural in the Nest is really cool. I think it is a great representation of the journey that all students have to take in college from start to finish, and it's a great addition to the new hangout. The fact that the artists both attended Kent State University makes it even more special."

Unique work of art

The mural designed by Batiuk and Ayers was installed by Riot Creative Imaging in Cleveland and captures the life and experiences of a student at Kent State – from campus move-in to graduation.

“As a kid, my dream was always to create a comic strip, and Kent State is where the foundations for those dreams were laid,” Batiuk says. “It was an honor to be asked to display my creations at my alma mater. It’s a storyline starting with coming to the university with your parents in freshman year, and it leads all the way around the room to the graduation. Through the course of it, we use a lot of the characters from *Crankshaft* and from *Funky*.”

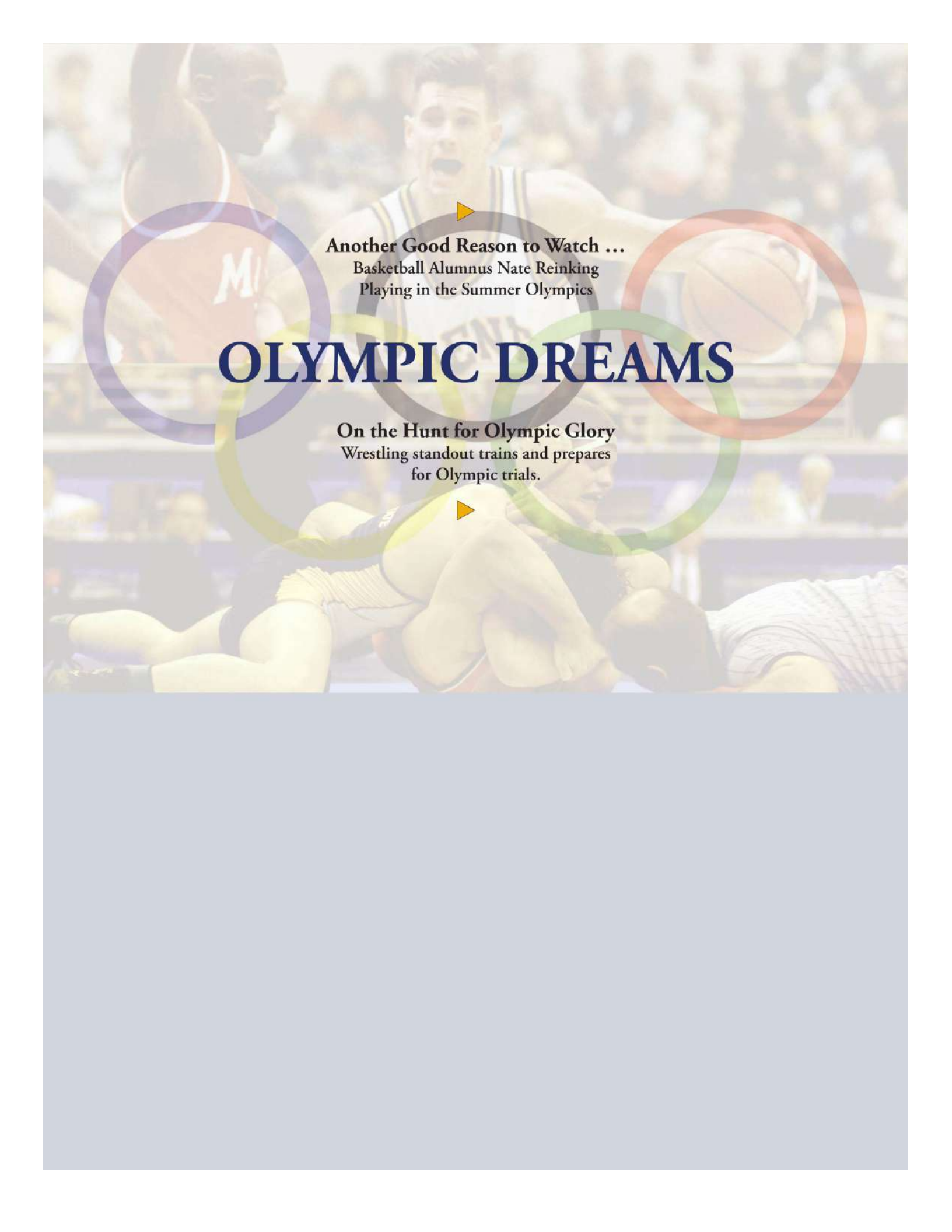
The pair started work on the project in January. “Chuck did the heavy lifting as far as the work on the mural,” Batiuk says.

Batiuk graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and a certificate in education, and became a junior high school teacher. His teaching experiences inspired him to create the *Funky Winkerbean*

comic strip that chronicles the lives of a group of students from the fictitious Westview High School. The comic strip is syndicated internationally to about 600 newspapers and has a fan base of about 50 million.

Ayers graduated with a degree in graphic design and worked as an artist at the *Akron Beacon Journal* for more than 25 years. He served as the paper’s editorial cartoonist for 13 years, and also taught cartooning for several years at Kent State and The University of Akron. Ayers began working on the *Crankshaft* comic strip with Batiuk in 1987.

“It is always great to hear about the accomplishments of our alumni who go on to become great advocates of Kent State,” says Executive Director of Alumni Relations **Lori Randorf**. We are pleased to have Tom and Chuck back on campus and are grateful to them for their contributions to enriching the campus experiences of our students.”



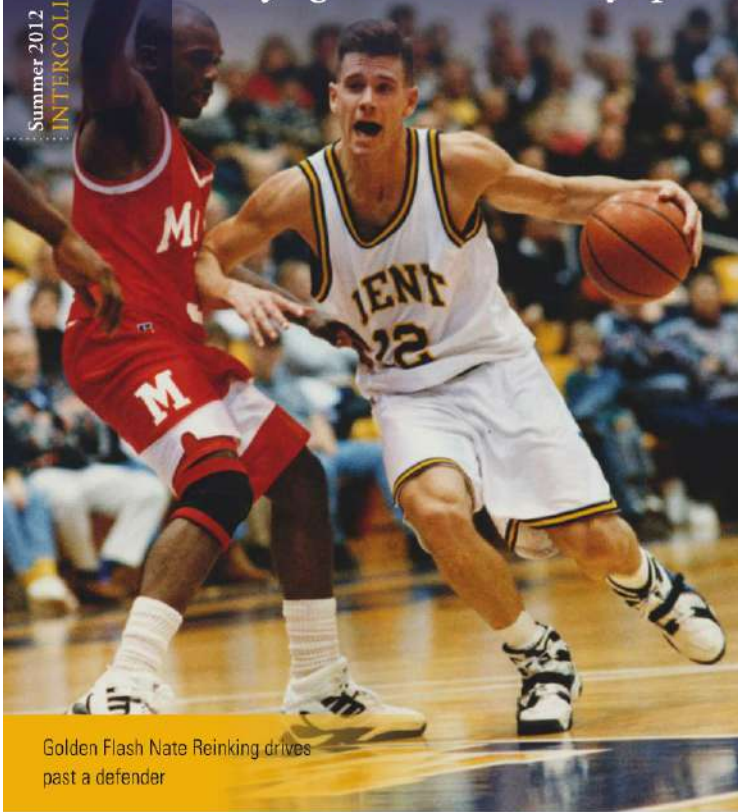
Another Good Reason to Watch ...
Basketball Alumnus Nate Reinking
Playing in the Summer Olympics

OLYMPIC DREAMS

On the Hunt for Olympic Glory
Wrestling standout trains and prepares
for Olympic trials.

By Todd Vatter

Basketball Alumnus Nate Reinking Playing in the Summer Olympics



Golden Flash Nate Reinking drives past a defender

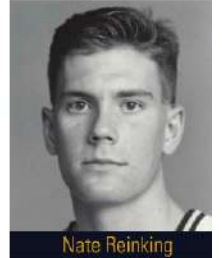
ANOTHER GOOD REASON TO WATCH

Nate Reinking wrote in the 1995-96 media guide that his greatest basketball moment was yet to come. Now after a four-year collegiate career at Kent State and playing professionally in Europe for the past 16 years, the 38-year-old is finally about to experience that moment.

As a member of the British national basketball team, Reinking will be representing Great Britain in the 2012 Summer Olympics when the nation hosts the games in London, July 27 – August 12.

“It’s probably a little bit of prophecy I guess; it wasn’t something I expected or even a dreamed in my mind until a few years ago,” says Reinking who graduated from Kent State with a degree in physical fitness in 1997.

“To stand on the floor in the Olympics and have the opportunity to go up against the top players in the world is something special,” he says. “Growing up in America everyone has dreams of making it in the NBA. That didn’t pan out for me, but to be able to say that I’m a person who has played in the Olympics, I really couldn’t ask for anything more.”



Nate Reinking

A four-year letterwinner and 1,400-point scorer for the Golden Flashes, Reinking first embarked on his professional career with the Leicester Riders after his collegiate playing days were over. He returned to Kent State the next year to finish his degree, and then it was back overseas to play for various teams throughout England over the next five years. Having to constantly apply for work visas grew tiresome for the Galion, Ohio, native, so once he reached the required number of years, Reinking applied for dual citizenship.

Focusing on the dream

As the host nation, Great Britain receives an automatic bid as one of the 12 teams represented in the tournament. So the country began its Olympic preparations shortly after defeating Moscow, New York City, Madrid and Paris for the 2012 bid in the summer of 2005.

Current Houston Rockets assistant coach Chris Finch is the head coach for the British national team, but he was also coaching a team in Belgium at the time.

Needing some players that summer to get the nation ready for the Olympics, he knew just where to turn.

"I was playing for Coach Finch in Belgium, and he knew I had dual citizenship. I first started getting involved with the national team that summer," says Reinking, who continued to play under Finch for the professional club team in Belgium the next five seasons.

"During the time in Belgium, I played for Finch each summer, and eventually our team qualified to move up from the B division to the A division."

Nate Reinking



“During the time in Belgium, I played for Finch each summer, and eventually our team qualified to move up from the B division to the A division. We had played in the last few European championships, so we were competitive enough that they voted us into playing in London since it’s the host city,” he says.

After starting in the lower division that first year, the national team added Chicago Bulls All-Star Luol Deng the next year and has since

picked up more and more talented players with British citizenship.

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Nate Reinking

The nation’s only other Olympic appearance came in the London Games of 1948, so they will certainly have their work cut out for them. But Reinking knows they will be up to the challenge.

“We’ll be playing against the best of the world, so we’re trying to pull together the best British talent we can in order to have a good training

camp. And then come August, we are ready to represent the country proudly,” he says.

After Reinking completes this season with Sheffield he will join the other members of the national team who are currently scattered about the world in June for a three-week training camp in Houston. From Houston, the team heads back to the U.K. and then has plans to travel to different countries such as Belgium, Lithuania, Russia and Spain for games to help them prepare to face the top teams in the world at the Olympics.

Lifetime learner

Olympic dreams are not all that Reinking is focused on at this time. He is also wrapping up his coursework for his master’s degree in sports and exercise science. Not having been in a college classroom since his days at Kent State, he found that being both a student and an athlete was a shock at first, but he quickly came back.

“I had been out of education for 15 years, so it was a shock to get back into it. The [master’s degree] was the big reason I came back to Sheffield this year. And it has actually been fun being back on a campus. You’re around the energy of all the young guys and kids,” says Reinking.

The recent classroom environment has brought back fond memories of his days at Kent State.

“I usually golf with Coach *Dave Grube* (1992-96) once or twice in the summer and try to stay in contact throughout the year with some of my teammates like *Bill Davis*, *Brooke Bright* and *D.J. Basse* because going to Kent State was one of the best times of my life.”

With the opportunity to compete in the Olympic Games, Reinking might just be in for another time of his life again this summer and a basketball memory that is sure to last a lifetime.

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By Lance Lysowski, newspaper journalism major

ON THE HUNT FOR OLYMPIC GLORY

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INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS

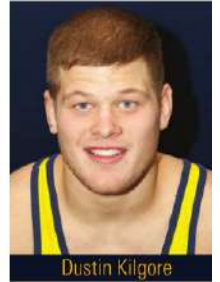
Wrestling standout trains and prepares for Olympic trials.

Dustin Kilgore threw out the first pitch of the Cleveland Indians-Chicago White Sox game on Sept. 21, 2011, at Progressive Field

The past year has flown by for *Dustin Kilgore*. On March 20, 2011, the Berea, Ohio, native pinned the then-undefeated Oklahoma State wrestler Clayton Foster to become Kent State's first

National Champion.

A junior for the Golden Flashes at the time, Kilgore applied for and was granted an Olympic redshirt year by the NCAA, and he promptly moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., to train full time and wrestle at the Olympic Training Facility. Kilgore spent his 2011-2012 redshirt year competing in five different countries, all in preparation for the U.S. Olympic Trials, which took place in Iowa City, Iowa, on April 21, 2012.



Dustin Kilgore

The process was rigorous, but Kilgore battled every step of the way to prove once again that he should not be counted out.

Learned from travel, perfected freestyle

He trained with former Olympic Gold Medalist Brandon Slay and went on to travel to London, Azerbaijan, Cuba, Poland and Ukraine. The transition was not easy, and his first few matches against foreign competition didn't go well.

“It was a big jump going from the U.S. to international competitors such as Russians and Ukrainians,” Kilgore says. “It’s another caliber of intensity and another caliber of wrestling.”

Kilgore did not get discouraged. He kept training and worked on his freestyle wrestling with the coaching staff. As he was progressing, the same confidence that drove him towards the 2011 national title grew.

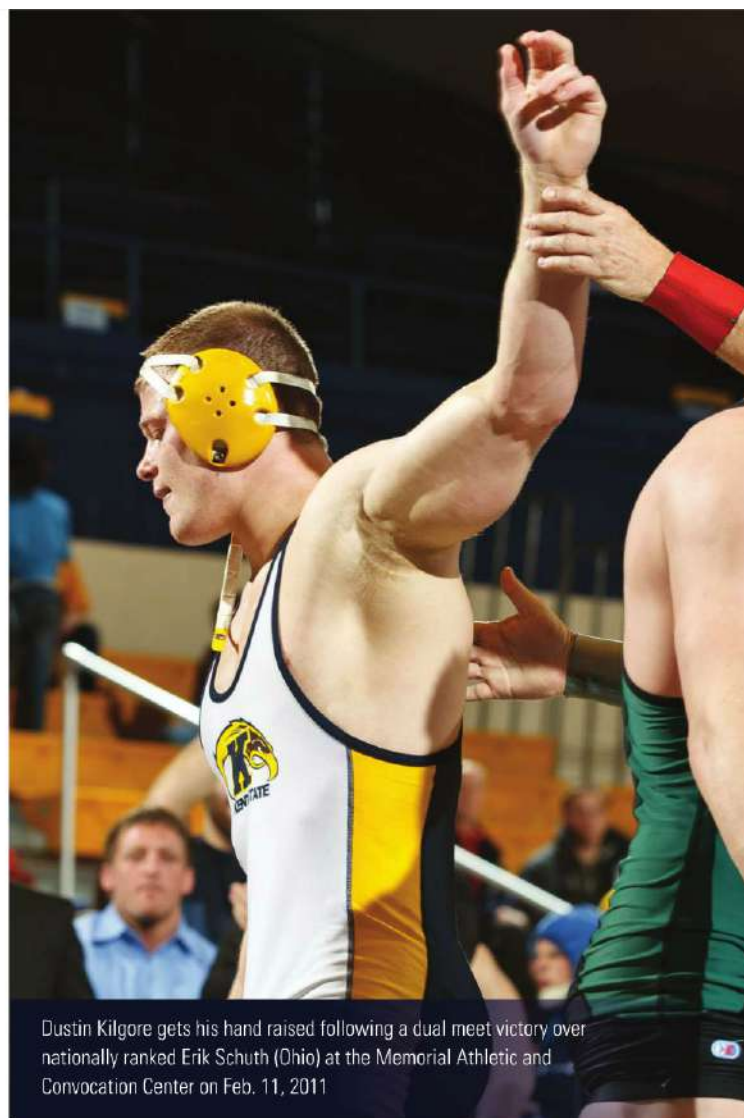
On Oct. 30, 2011, Kilgore won the Sunkist Kids Open (going 4-0) and placed second at the New York Athletic Club International just two weeks later.

The team began traveling overseas, and Kilgore fell in love with competing internationally. Between traveling across the world and representing his country as a wrestler, he was living his dream.

“It’s a whole other game from college wrestling,” Kilgore says. “I feel like it’s really helped me out a lot because I’ve wrestled such great guys and a lot of guys I am wrestling are previous National Champs or All-Americans. All of the freestyle I’ve done — even though it’s freestyle — I think it’s going to help my game out a lot when I go back to folkstyle.”

On Feb. 16, 2012, Kilgore won the Cerro Pelado International in Cuba and won a gold medal less than two weeks later at the Pan American Championships in Colorado.

In the 96 kilos (211.5 pounds) weight class at the Olympic Trials in Iowa City, Kilgore defeated Trevor Brandvold, 2-1 in the quarterfinals before falling to Chris Pendleton, 4-3 in the semifinals. He picked up another win in the consolation bracket before eventually placing fourth in the weight class.



Dustin Kilgore gets his hand raised following a dual meet victory over nationally ranked Erik Schuth (Ohio) at the Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center on Feb. 11, 2011

Reigning U.S. World Team Trials Champion, Jake Varner won the event at 96 kilos and will represent the United States in London this summer.

Holds high expectations for his final season

Just five years ago, Kilgore was a high school senior looking for a school to call home. Golden Flashes Coach **Jim Andrassy** and his Kent State coaching staff recognized Kilgore's talent and offered him that home. It was a win-win offer for all — 135 victories later, Kilgore is Kent State's all-time winningest wrestler and lone National Champion.

"I couldn't be happier with Kent State," Kilgore says. "I love everything there. The campus is beautiful, and I've been very

successful there. The coaches have worked with me so much to build my character, build my strength and everything about me. I wouldn't want to be anywhere else," he says.

Kilgore may have missed out in qualifying in 2012, but that in no way ends his goal of reaching the Olympics. He will continue to train for the [2016 Games in Brazil](#) after earning his degree in justice studies and completing his senior year of eligibility with the Golden Flashes next season. Until then, he's living his dream and returning to the life of a college student in August.

With Kilgore returning for his final season, the Kent State program will look to remain a top 20 team, and he is excited to get back to work.

"It's just remarkable that I'm going to be going back to school in the fall," Kilgore says. "Summer is probably going to go by just as fast as last summer, but I'm looking forward to getting back to school and getting back into the folkstyle and NCAA wrestling."

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SHARE YOUR FAVORITE MEMORIES OF RAY'S PLACE



By Foluke Omosun, M.A. '09

A book celebrating 75 years of locally owned, downtown Kent restaurant and pub Ray's Place will share the stories of its employees and customers over the years.

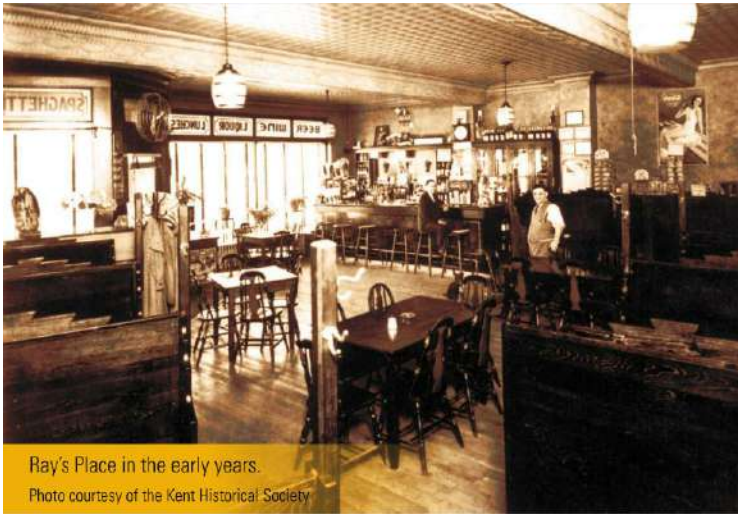
Kent State University Associate Professor **Patrick O'Connor** of the School of Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Studies, and author of the book, is seeking contributions to the publication that will celebrate the restaurant as it marks its 75th anniversary.

"A lot of changes have taken place in downtown Kent, but here is one restaurant that has been here a

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Ray's Place, showing the refurbished facade.



Ray's Place in the early years.
Photo courtesy of the Kent Historical Society

long time and has been a magnet for Kent State alumni, staff and students,” O’Connor says. “I marvel at how popular Ray’s Place is, especially during Homecoming, and the tremendous loyalty of its customers. Sharing the stories of the restaurant’s employees and customers for the past 75 years is something unique and worth celebrating.”

Submit Your Memories

The bulk of the book will feature fond, funny, sentimental or weird memories of Ray’s Place shared by employees and customers. Submissions for the book can be made via the [Ray’s Place](#) website. An option to submit memories anonymously is also available on the website.

“Whether you remember going into Ray’s, but never remembered coming out, as one anonymous contributor stated, your story

could help build this memory book that transcends generations,” O’Connor says.

Contributors also have the opportunity to suggest a title for the book, which will be published in spring 2013 by Black Squirrel Books®, an imprint of the Kent State University Press. Proceeds from the book will support the Ray’s Place Entrepreneurship Scholarship program for Kent State University’s College of Business Administration.

Celebrating 75 Years

Charles Thomas, owner of Ray’s Place and Kent State College of Business Administration alumnus, who gave his blessing for the book, says celebrating 75 years shows that the business has stood the test of time.

“For many years, Ray’s Place has provided Kent State students, faculty and staff, and the Kent community a place they can go to for great food, drink and fun,” Thomas says. “It has also been a place where they can come back to after graduation. Kent State and Ray’s Place complement each other ... we both run a fine institution. Whenever Kent State officials travel around the country to meet alumni, often times, one of the first questions they get is ‘How is Ray’s Place?’”

O’Connor’s son is also involved in producing the book. Patrick O’Connor, a Kent State alumnus and former political cartoonist for the *Daily Kent Stater*, Kent State’s student newspaper, will provide illustrations for the book.

For more information about the book, email [O’Connor](#).

“Whenever Kent State officials travel around the country to meet alumni, often times, one of the first questions they get is ‘How is Ray’s Place?’”

Charles Thomas

Oct. 20, 2012

HOMECOMING

Save the Date!



Time to think Homecoming 2012!

Plans are under way for the 2012 Homecoming festivities. It's the perfect time for you to revisit your favorite campus destinations and gather with friends. Check often for **updated information** regarding the parade, schedule of events and more.


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By Trenton Chavez, public relations major

Alumni Volunteer at Nationwide Service Day

NATIONAL ALUMNI DAY OF SERVICE

Alumni, family and friends gathered in their communities for the Fourth Annual National Alumni Day of Service on April 21. Together volunteers spent 575 hours clearing yards, cooking, welding paint brushes, cleaning and performing other service-related projects.

Sue Carpenter, '08, spent her third year volunteering at the Haven of Rest, a rescue mission serving the homeless community, in Akron.

"The Alumni Day of Service has nothing to do with me; it has everything to do about someone else," Carpenter says. "I enjoy this event so much because I can meet new people and catch up with others that I have met the last three years."

Volunteer sites were also located in Kent at Habitat for Humanity and Loaves and Fishes; in Akron at the Akron Canton Regional Food



Lake County Historical Society
in Painsville, Ohio.

Bank; in Cleveland at [City Mission's Laura's Home](#); and in Raleigh, N.C. at SEEDS (South Eastern Efforts Developing Sustainable Spaces Inc.).

In addition, alumni chapters also sponsored projects. The following alumni chapters organized volunteer opportunities:

- Stark County Chapter: [Domestic Violence Project Inc.](#)
- Lake County Chapter: [Lake Co. Historical Society](#)
- Central Ohio Chapter: River Clean up
- Southern California Chapter: Veteran's Administration Building

"It was truly a wonderful experience for me because I got to spend time with my family and help my granddaughters grow, plus give back to the community that I live in," Diana Richardson, '10, says.

Visit the Kent State University [Alumni Association website](#) to view more photos from the event. For more information, call 1-888-320-KENT (5368).



Loaves and Fishes in Kent, Ohio

By Ashley Katona, '06

Spring Semester Memories

FLASHback

As the 2012 Spring Semester comes to a close, students, relieved that finals are over, leave campus for the summer break. They take with them many memories, from spring semester activities such as [FlashFest](#) and Sophomore Week to the [Black Squirrel 5K race](#) and intermural sporting events to the [Stress-free Zone](#) in University Library and the Jobs and Interview Fair.

While many new traditions have been started, alumni can relate to a few that have remained over the years: [Commencement](#); May 4, 1970, [Remembrance Day](#); Songfest; and spring break, to name a few.

What were some of your favorite memories from spring semester?

[Reminisce with us.](#) Click on the Alumni tab and then KSU Memories to post to the discussion.



See the world and share memories while creating new ones through the Kent State Alumni Association's Travel and Learn Program. The Alumni Association is offering several upcoming trips:

For more information, please [visit our site](#) or call the alumni association at 888-320-KENT (5368).

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Steamboating Along the Mighty Mississippi
Nov. 30 – Dec. 9, 2012

Mediterranean Marvels
April 20-28, 2013

British Isles Odyssey
Aug. 14-27, 2013

"The ship we were on was the best I have cruised aboard, and I have seen most of the famous ships out there. The room, the service, the food and the atmosphere in general were just without match. My favorite memories involve meeting new friends from the group representing the Kent State Alumni Association and other passengers from all over the United States."

- James Nichols, '71, traveled in 2010 to Italy on the Oceania Regatta

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- ▶ Alumna Costumes *True Blood*
- ▶ She Designs for the Stars

By Sarah James, public relations major

ALUMNA COSTUMES *TRUE BLOOD*

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Kristine Haag speaks in the new acting studio at the Roe Green Center.

For *Kristine Haag*, '03, there is no such thing as a typical day. As a costume buyer for HBO's *True Blood*, Haag's schedule is packed with fittings, phone calls and bustling sets.

In addition to her work with *True Blood*, Haag has worked on such films as *Tron: Legacy*, *On The Road* and *So Undercover*, a Miley Cyrus movie set to release in July. Haag has also worked on small screen hits such as *Mad Men*, *90210*, *Big Love* and *Samantha Who?*

Haag says that she finds magic in the ways that costumes have the potential to transform actors into completely other people.

"When an audience member gets really excited about a show or performance, I love it," she says. "It reminds me that I do a job that brings happiness to many people, and we could all use more of that in our lives."

Haag graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in theatre studies with a concentration in costume design. She says the theatre program gave her the tools necessary to stand out in the industry.

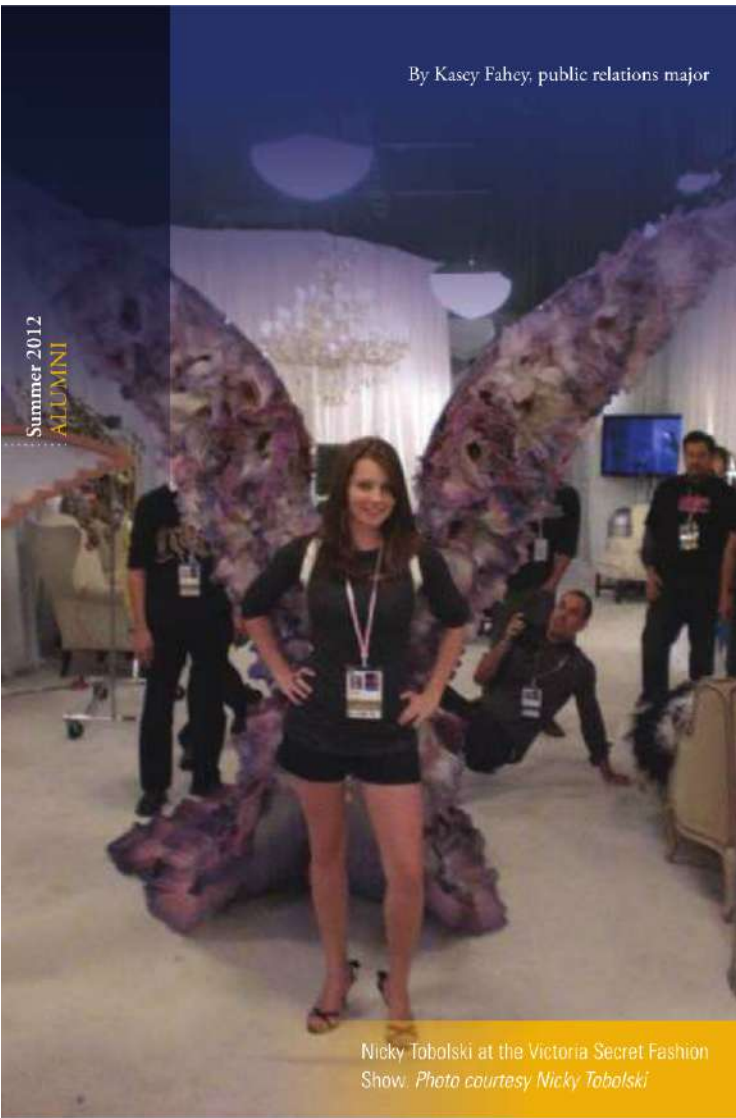
"Theatre is the best training ground for film and television," Haag says. "Having a formal education definitely puts me at an advantage."

 [Learn more about the theatre studies.](#)

By Kasey Fahey, public relations major

SHE DESIGNS FOR THE STARS

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Nicky Tobolski at the Victoria Secret Fashion Show. *Photo courtesy Nicky Tobolski*



UP IN THE AIR

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Working 1,500 Feet Above Ground ▶
Catastrophe Averted ▶



By Olivia Arnette, public relations major

Kent State Graduates Land Careers at Goodyear

WORKING 1,500 FEET ABOVE GROUND

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From left to right, *Spirit of Goodyear* crew: Eric Woodcliff, '09, Electronics Technician; Michael Dougherty, '03, Assistant Chief Pilot; James Kosmos Jr., '03, Senior Pilot.

From flying over the 2011 Notre Dame vs. Michigan game in Ann Arbor, Mich., to piloting the celebrated Capt. Chesley Sullenberger of the Hudson River flight, three Kent State University graduates see the country from the Goodyear Blimp, *Spirit of Goodyear*, every day.

Eric Woodcliff, '09, graduated with a bachelor's degree in electronic media production and is a Goodyear Blimp airship electronics technician. *Michael Dougherty*, '03, earned a bachelor's degree in aeronautics and flight technology, along with commercial and flight instructor certificates, and is the *Spirit of Goodyear's* assistant chief pilot. And *James Kosmos*, '03, a senior pilot, also holds a bachelor's degree in aeronautics, with a major in aviation management.

Kent State Magazine asked these successful alumni to share their experiences as they navigated from Kent State to Goodyear.

KSM: How did Kent State prepare you for your career?

Woodcliff: I had some good opportunities at Kent State while working with TV2, KentNewsNet.com, the Educational Technology and Distributed Learning Department and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. Goodyear has been on the leading edge in the development of TV production in airships, which makes my training at Kent State that much more important to me.

Dougherty: Kent State aeronautics, through agreements with several companies, helps its students get internship opportunities, which led me to the airlines, where I got a lot of good experience. While working for the airlines, I took a part-time job working at the Goodyear Blimp hangar where I gained even more experience. When the position opened up at Goodyear, my experience with the airlines and extensive aviation training background from Kent State really appealed to them.

Kosmos: Kent State provided me with an excellent basis for my flying career. While at Kent State I participated on the precision flight team for the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA). I was a competitor, coach and judge for NIFA throughout my time with Kent State.

KSM: What did you enjoy about Kent State?

Woodliff: There were many aspects about Kent State that I really enjoyed. Because I had been raised in the city of Kent, I didn't experience the freshman learning curve for navigating the city or campus. And I had family and friends close by. I also enjoyed working camera for Kent State football, basketball and wrestling matches. Looking back on my college career, I now realize how much I enjoyed the challenges of college life, writing essays, pulling all-nighters and team projects.

Dougherty: I think the part of Kent State that I enjoyed the most was the opportunity to participate as a member of the NIFA KSU Flight Team — competing with other aspiring aviators and sharing what we love to do in a team environment. Kent Aviation is like a family, and I have found we have a strong presence throughout the industry.



The *Spirit of Goodyear* prepares for flight in Goodyear's Suffield, Ohio, hangar.

Kosmos: I really had fun traveling to different events with the Kent State Precision Flight Team. I also enjoyed many of the aviation classes, as well as the variety of other technology classes.

KSM: What's a typical day in the "office"?

Woodliff: A typical day at Goodyear Airship Operations is not very typical at all. Every day poses a new opportunity and challenge. I work as a ground crew member, electronics technician and camera operator. In one day, I could go from soldering communications equipment to grabbing hold of a nose line and landing the Blimp.

Dougherty: There really isn't a typical day. As a pilot, you're also a manager, I show up a little bit early and make sure I get a weather briefing and intended flight schedule — and figure out if we're going



Senior Pilot James Kosmos Jr. overlooks the Kent Campus

to fly or not. The pilots in general ensure all accommodations are set and direct the ground crew throughout the day's activities. A crew of 21 travels everywhere the airship does, so we're in charge of making sure everyone gets to where they're supposed to be.

Kosmos: One day I might fly passengers who won their ride at a charity auction, the next I'm working with a director of a major network sporting event. Another day, I might lead a group tour of boy scouts or school kids to see the blimp. As a Goodyear pilot, I can get my hands dirty as well. I can look up at that yellow paint on the side of the blimp and say, "I helped paint that!" I never know what I am going to get into at work from day to day, that makes my job both exciting and challenging.

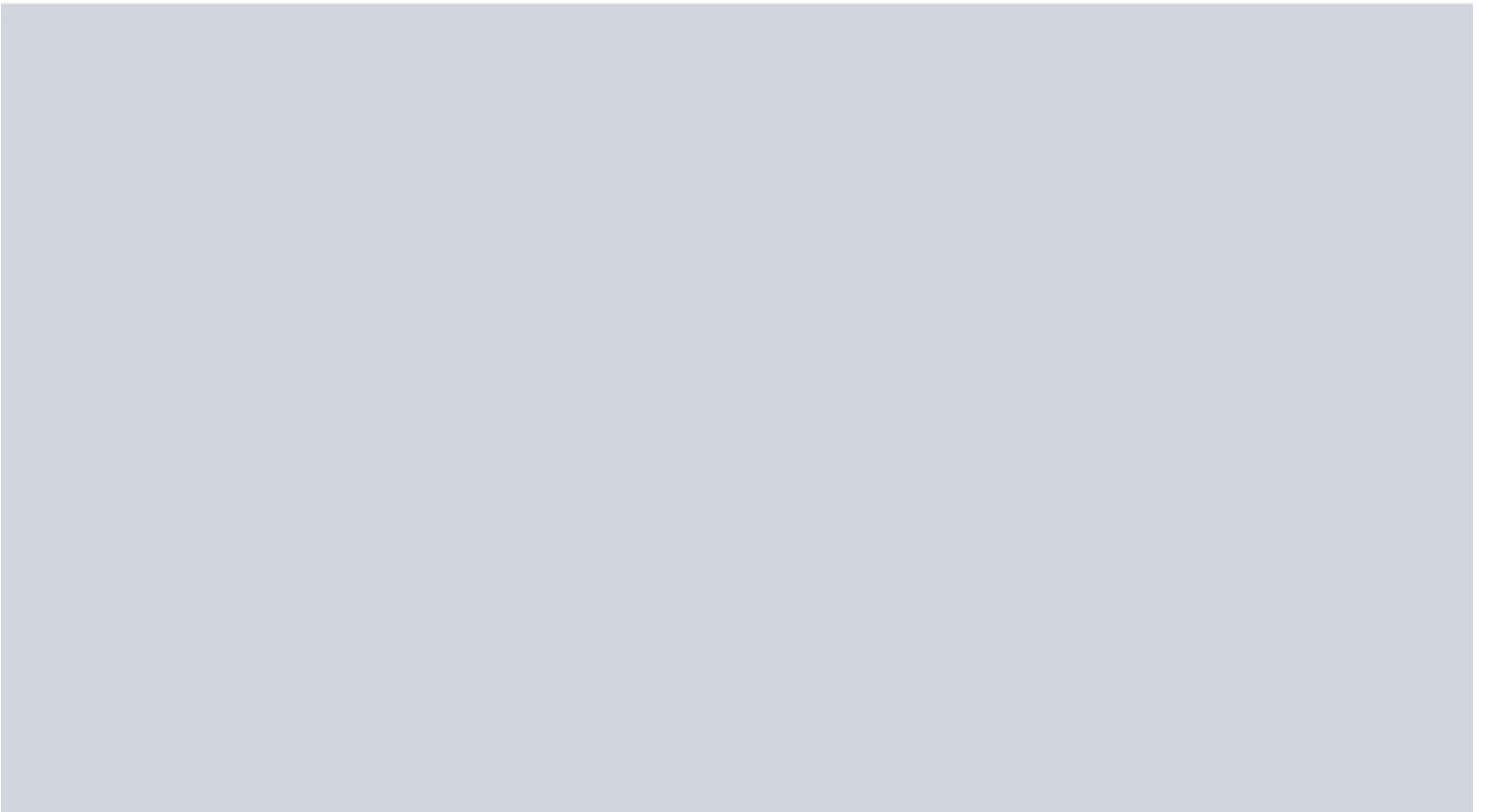
KSM: What is your favorite memory from working on the Goodyear Blimp?

Woodliff: My favorite experience so far on the Goodyear Blimp has been flying over New York City to do a Yankees game. New York is a sight to see on the ground, but a truly different experience seeing the Statue of Liberty out of a window in the Goodyear Blimp. I've also had an opportunity to fly over some great events like the 2011 Notre Dame v. Michigan game in Ann Arbor, the Little League World series and the Kentucky Derby.

Dougherty: I think one of my favorite parts is sharing the Blimp with people. Everyone is always so excited to have a chance to ride on the Blimp. I think one of the high points for me was two years ago when we went to the big air show, AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wis. I had the opportunity to fly Capt. Sullenberger from the U.S. Airways Hudson River flight. It was really cool to fly him and be able to share it with someone with his experience. The smile on his face was as great as the one on the face of the 5-year-old kid that went with us.

Kosmos: Among my favorite memories was receiving my Commercial Airship license in 2011, and flying aerial coverage of a Notre Dame football game with Eric. We were the two newest people with the company and we were doing a Notre Dame game on NBC! It was my first trip as captain, and we were the only two in the ship. To top it off, we were asked to participate in an air show on our way to the game. That would never happen as a corporate jet pilot.





By Katie Fickle, public relations major

*Kent State alumnus
takes over JetBlue plane after
pilot became overly emotional*

CATASTROPHE AVERTED

Jason Dowd's, '95, quick thinking may be linked to his education at Kent State University. Dowd, the JetBlue 191 co-pilot, took over a plane after Pilot Clayton Osbon became distraught and incoherent in the cockpit.

Dowd graduated from Kent State in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in aeronautic technology.

Timothy Palcho, '06, chief instructor of the aeronautics program, says that the education Dowd received at Kent State may have contributed to Dowd's decision to take over the plane. The university Aeronautics Program prepares students for emergencies, including smoke in the cockpit and engine failure.

Palcho explains that pilots go through more extensive training once they are employed by larger airlines such as JetBlue.

When Dowd took over the plane, he locked Osbon out of the cockpit and asked the flight attendants and passengers to restrain him.

Dowd is known as a hero. He is being compared to Capt. Chesley Sullenberger, who successfully landed the U.S. Airways flight in the Hudson River in New York.

Dowd who is from Salem, Ohio, was recognized for his heroic efforts in the Memorial Day Parade in Salem.

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CLASS NOTES

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'42

Dorothy M. Anderson, Hilton Head Island, S.C., retired from Parma Board of Education in 1978. Anderson was the first woman elected chairwoman of the retirement center Seabrook of Hilton Head, Inc. and is serving her third term. She recently turned 91.

'55

Roy M. Berko, Cleveland, Ohio, a member of the American Critics Association, the Dance Critics Association and The Cleveland Critics Circle, has been an entertainment reviewer for more than 20 years. As an actor, Berko has appeared in more than 16 plays, eight TV commercials, three films and has directed more than 30 productions. He authored 31 books and is a professor of communication and psychology who taught at George Washington University, University of Maryland, Notre Dame College of Ohio and Towson University.

'58

Edward L. Galloway, Butler, Pa., was selected to the Who's Who in Executives and Professionals national register and was awarded Scottish rite of free masonry third degree. In retirement, Galloway is a door greeter, offering steward and newsletter contributor at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

'62

Sarah J. (Chenot) Kaserman, M.Ed. '65, Fort Myers, Fla., together with her husband James, '64, recently published *Florida Pirates*. Kaserman was an educator for more than 35 years and recently retired as a teacher of gifted students in the Lee County School

District in Florida. She and her grandfather's fiddle can be found at all pirate book presentations that the Kasermans attend.

'64

Barbara J. Gregorich, Chicago, Ill., has published a nonfiction book about a long-ago piece of northeastern Ohio history. *Jack and Larry: Jack Graney and Larry, the Cleveland Baseball Dog* is a story about the pursuit of the pennant: a story of devotion, commitment, and persistence, illustrating what it means to be major league.

James F. Kaserman, Fort Myers, Fla., together with his wife Sarah, '62, recently published *Florida Pirates* his fourth book about pirates. Kaserman was a teacher, coach and administrator for 36 years and spent 10 successful years as an elected official. He is a former professional race car driver and still drives stock cars with the Daytona Antique Auto Racing Association.

'66

Susan N. (Niederpruem) Fitzpatrick, South Burlington, Vt., with her husband, James, '67, founded SchoolSpring, an innovative online employment solution for job seekers and recruiters in the education market.

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Harold S. Rogers, Chicago, Ill., recently retired as chairman and distinguished professor of African-American Studies at the Chicago City Colleges.

'68

David L. Laveck, Tinley Park, Ill., recently retired following a lengthy and successful career in law enforcement, culminating in achieving the position of State Certified Police Chief, Illinois.

Diane M. (Brule) Schmenk, Cleveland, Ohio, was honored with a 2011 Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition by the Greater Cleveland Volunteers for her work with the Hospice of the Western Reserve.

'70

Richard J. Borden, M.A. '70, Ph.D. '72, Bar Harbor, Maine, holds the Rachel Carson Chair in Human Ecology at College of the Atlantic (COA) where he teaches courses in environmental psychology, personality and social development, contemporary psychology, and the history and philosophy of human ecology. Borden served as COA's academic dean for 20 years and is past-president and executive director of the Society for Human Ecology.

Alan Lavine, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., a Dow Jones MarketWatch columnist, has two books that recently have come out in digital editions. *Rags to Riches: Motivating stories of how ordinary people achieve extraordinary wealth*, and *Rags to Retirement: Stories from people who retired well on much less than you'd think*, are available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and from other booksellers.

Mark M. Levin, M.P.A., Maryland Heights, Mo., is the 2011 recipient of East West Gateway Council of Government's Lifetime Public Service Award in recognition of his accomplishments as city administrator of Maryland Heights, Mo.

'72

Okey Decker, J.D., Great Falls, Va., joined BMO Capital Markets as Managing Director and Head of U.S. Real Estate Investment and Corporate Banking.

Daniel L. Fleming, M.L.S. '72, Nashport, Ohio, has been named the Citizen of the Year by the Hanover village council in recognition of his contribution to preserving Licking Valley history. Fleming has been a librarian at the Licking County Library since 1995.

Richard M. Stana, M.B.A. '76, Fairfax, Va., retired from the U.S. Government Account Office - Accountability Office where he served as director for homeland security and justice issues. Stana served in headquarters, field and overseas offices and has directed review on a wide variety of complex military and domestic issues. He has testified before the Congressional subcommittee on immigration-related issues since 1997.

'73

Lydia C. (Bodnar) Balahutrak, Houston, Texas, is on the studio faculty of the Glassell School of Art, Museum of Fine Arts in Houston, Texas. The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts recently featured Balahutrak's work in the solo exhibition, "Thresholds." A book about her work was published in 2005 and is excerpted on the artist's website: www.LydiaBodnarBalahutrak.com.

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Carter E. Strang, B.S. '73, J.D., Cleveland, Ohio, partner at Tucker Ellis & West LLP, has been named an Ohio State Bar Foundation Fellow, one of 25 attorneys selected from around Ohio. Strang was recently sworn in as president of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, one of the largest and most active metropolitan bar associations in the United States. Also, as a 1969 graduate of Kent Roosevelt High School, he was named to the Kent City Schools Hall of Fame Class of 2011 for Professional and Career Achievements.

'75

Daniel D. Ernst, Alexandria, Va., recently retired from the Central Intelligence Agency after 26 years of service. After a number of assignments in imagery intelligence and system development, he was assigned to the National Reconnaissance Office as the Chief Enterprise System Engineer for Electro-optical Systems. Ernst served eight years in the United States Navy before joining the CIA.

'76

Jeff Dean, J.D., Chagrin Falls, Ohio, recently was re-elected to the Republican State Central Committee representing the 24th Senate District of Ohio. Dean retired this year after 25 years as executive director and general counsel for the International Society of Explosives Engineers and its education foundation. Jeff is a former member of the Ohio House of Representatives and the State Board of Education of Ohio.

Jim Hornyak, Kent, Ohio, is among 28 who will receive Distinguished Sales & Marketing awards from the Akron Affiliate of Sales and Marketing Executives International.

Kenneth E. Leonard, M.A. '76, Ph.D. '81, Buffalo, N.Y., has been appointed as director of the University of Buffalo Research Institute on Addictions.

Patricia Sundheimer, Mansfield, Ohio, is the director of nursing at Amberwood Manor in New Philadelphia, Ohio.

'77

Bill Blair, Burbank, Calif., has set a Guinness World Record for most special effect characters portrayed in a career. Blair specializes in playing aliens. He worked all five seasons on the hit series "Babylon 5," and, shortly thereafter, multiple seasons on "Star Trek: Deep Space Nine." He appeared in two TV movies for the TNT network and several other series.

'78

Brian J. Blazina, Naperville, Ill., president and CEO of Enram Energy Resource Americas in Naperville, was named to Kent State University Alumni Association's National Alumni Board of Directors.

Stephanie Turner, J.D., Twinsburg, Ohio, was recently sworn in as a member of the Summit County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board. Turner is employed as the vice president community development banking officer for Keybank National Association.

'79

Patricia L. (Werstein) Keats, M.L.S., Corte Madera, Calif., is the director of library and archives for The Society of California Pioneers and was instrumental in bringing the "Singing the Golden State" exhibit to fruition.

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Lisa A. (Sultan) Rohrbaugh, M.L.S., New Middletown, Ohio, is the new Leetonia Community Public Library director. Rohrbaugh plans to use her 30-plus years experience as a reference librarian and director to promote the library in the community and school district by increasing community activities.

John C. Spurney, M.S. '84, Miami, Fla., has been appointed to the position of vice president, exploration by Alder Resources Ltd. Spurney is a geologist with over 30 years of diversified technical and managerial experience in mineral exploration, primarily in Latin America, the Western United States and Asia. He played a key role in the discovery of the Cerro Crucitas and Conchudita epithermal gold deposits in Costa Rica, and the Cerro Casale porphyry gold-copper deposit in Chile.

'80

Larry Armstrong, B.S. '80, San Clemente, Calif., exhibited "Degrees of Abstraction" at Chelsea's Agora Gallery in New York City from Jan. 17 through Feb. 7, 2012.

P. Richard Coan, Solon, Ohio, has been named senior vice president of finance at Jenne Inc. Coan was awarded the prestigious title of CFO of the Year by *Crain's Cleveland Business* in 2009.

'82

Jerome M. Gouhin, Charleston, W.Va., has been promoted to commander of the Charleston-based 130th Airlift Wing where he has served since 1988.

Paula E. (Yurkovich) Hartman Stein, Ph.D., Kent, Ohio, recently published *Enhancing Cognitive Fitness in Adults: A Guide to the Use and Development of Community-based Programs*. Hartman-Stein is currently teaching in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Kent State University.

Basilios Sarris, Beavercreek, Ohio, is currently serving as staff director for The Gregory for United States Senate campaign in Ohio and actively working for state-wide campaigns as well. For 30 years, Sarris was an honors economics, government and history educator in the Miami Valley area. He was also a football and track coach, award-winning international students advisor and Academic Challenge advisor.

'83

Patricia A. (Krautner) Chevrolet, Solon, Ohio, has recently been promoted to assistant director, global IT print management leader at Ernst & Young, LLP. Chevrolet has been with Ernst & Young since 2001.

Timothy C. Gartland, Bedford, Mass., released his first solo CD titled, "Looking In The Sun." The album's 10 original tracks showcase Gartland's gift for fusing traditional blues styling with contemporary modern themes. He is a founding member, lead vocalist and harmonica player for the popular group The Porch Rockers.

James C. Rhoads, M.A. '89, Ph.D. '97, New Wilmington, Pa., Westminster College professor of political science, has earned the 2012-2013 Henderson Lectureship Award.

Penni-Lynn G. (Gilmore) Rolen, M.S.N. '99, Cleveland, Ohio, joined Hondros College in Independence, Ohio, as the associate dean and director of nursing programs.

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Mark E. Decker, Cleveland, Ohio, joined Bank of Montreal's BMO Capital Markets as managing director and group head of its United States real estate investment banking practice in Chicago, Ill.

Elisa R. (Kimball) Schlegel, North Canton, Ohio, presented a workshop at the National Association for the Education of Young Children's annual conference.

Jeff Strobel, Chesterfield, Mo., has been named vice president of business development and strategy at Arch Coal. Strobel will be responsible for global mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures.

'85

Elizabeth C. (Corbin) Murphy, M.Arch., Akron, Ohio, co-owns and runs Chambers Murphy and Burge Restoration Architects in Akron. The firm also restores interiors to their original finish through their company, Origin Artisans.

'86

Steven M. Barto, Mars, Pa., has been appointed executive vice president and chief financial officer at ITC Global, Inc. in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Regina M. Brett, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Ravenna native and popular newspaper columnist, has written another inspirational book, *Be the Miracle: 50 Lessons for Making the Impossible Possible*. Similar in tone to her best-selling, *God Never Blinks*, this easy-to-read book contains morale-lifting and motivational essays.

Fred S. Kogan, Philadelphia, Pa., worked in the New York City fashion industry for 10 years then moved on to study art education. Kogan

teaches all the middle school art, grades five through eight, at Friends Select School in Philadelphia, Pa. where he is the visual arts department chair.

'87

Thomas J. McFarland, Ph.D., Corbin, Ky., has been named interim president of Union College in Barboursville, Ky. McFarland taught in the Music Department at Union before moving into administration in 2003 as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty.

James R. Merz, Jefferson, Mass., has been elected to the Casualty Actuarial Society Board of Directors for a three-year term. Merz is vice president and chief actuary for the Hanover Insurance Group in Worcester, Mass.

'88

Matthew Bates, M.B.A., Gilbertsville, Pa., has been named president of Evans Network of Companies. Bates will also continue to serve as CEO of West Motor Freight of Penn. and co-chairman of DM Transportation Services.

Mark C. Brown, Ph.D., Cleveland, Ohio, has written *Live Like A Window, Work Like A Mirror: Enlightenment and the Practice of Eternity Consciousness*. Brown is a practicing psychologist who also teaches meditation using EEG biofeedback.

'90

Marsha J. Miller-Dillman, Eagle, Wis., is the new medical segment manager for Standard Process, a manufacturer of whole food supplements.

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Matthew T. Ratajczak, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, has been promoted to vice president global taxes and treasurer of RPM International Inc.

Steve A. Yetiv, Ph.D., La Jolla, Calif., published *The Petroleum Triangle, the Interconnected Story of Oil, Globalization and Terrorism*.

'91

Holly J. Schoenherr, Houston, Texas, has joined St. Cloud State University as its human resources director.

'92

Sarah M. Deal, Saint Joseph, Mich., is featured in *Military Fly Moms* a collection of 71 stories by women who were our military aviators and also mothers.

Jason L. Grubb, Phoenix, Ariz., has been named as one of the Top 100 All-Time Artists in Arizona, sharing that honor with the likes of Frank Lloyd Wright and Ansel Adams.

Deborah C. Jira, Solon, Ohio, was recently promoted to a partner of CM Wealth Advisors. Jira will also continue to hold her current position as the firm's director of operations.

Sharon S. Sanger, Reading, Pa., has been promoted to senior vice president-marketing at Penske. Sanger is a founding member of Penske's Diversity Council and has been involved in starting Penske's Women's Network. She is currently working on her Doctorate of Management at Case Western Reserve.

Kendra L. Preer, Copley, Ohio, has earned the 2012 Outstanding Dissertation Award from the Board of Directors for the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education. Preer directs the Upward Bound Math-Science Academy at Stark State College in Canton, Ohio.

'93

Mulatu Lemma, Ph.D., Savannah, Ga., has been chosen to be a recipient of the 2012 University System of Georgia Board of Regents' Teaching Excellence Award for faculty in regional and state universities. Lemma is a mathematics professor at Savannah State University.

'94

Heather A. McEwen, M.L.I.S. '06, M.S. '98, Rootstown, Ohio, is now a reference librarian at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) and an assistant professor of pharmacy practice.

Tracy L. McCool, Akron, Ohio, has become the 5 and 10 p.m. week-night co-anchor on WJW Channel 8 in Cleveland. McCool has been with WJW since 2000, when she joined it as a general-assignment reporter; she became a co-anchor of the station's morning show in 2005.

Kirkland K. Norris, North Canton, Ohio, was hired as the deputy health commissioner by the Stark County Health Department where he has been employed for 17 years. Norris was first a chemist and registered sanitarian and since has served as environmental health unit manager and director of environmental health.

'95

Holly E. Edgell, M.A., Saint Louis, Mo., serves as the chair of the membership committee of the Society of Professional Journalists and is an adviser for the Missouri School of Journalism student chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists. Edgell is a regional editor for Patch in St. Louis, Mo. and is an Emmy-award winning executive news producer.

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Annette Moinette, M.F.A., Tallmadge, Ohio, joined the School of Visual Communication Design (VCD) at Kent State as an assistant professor. Moinette has been an adjunct instructor in VCD for almost 10 years. She also owns and operates her own business, a.m. design.

'96

John R. Dabrowski, Ph.D., Navarre, Fla., recently published a book, *To Sup With the Devil*, an alternate history of the Second World War. Dabrowski's book is available through Amazon.com and Barnesandnoble.com either in paperback or Kindle/Nook editions.

'97

Kristen E. Booth, New York, N.Y., recently wrote *Puggle In Pajamas*, a story about the happiest dog you will ever meet.

Amy K. Corrigan, Ravenna, Ohio, has been named a Summit County Court of Common Pleas judge by Gov. John Kasich.

Tim Good, M.B.A., Rugledge, Tenn., has been appointed North American territory manager for MAXAM Tire.

Denise A. Hilliard, M.A.T. '03, Hudson, Ohio, is in the Philippines as a humanitarian assistant and education Peace Corps response volunteer. Hilliard has also served with the Peace Corps in Guatemala, Honduras and Liberia. She also worked for Columbus City Schools as an instructional assistant, where she helped non-English speaking students with class work and communicating with teachers and administrators.

Cowboy Romick, Canton, Ohio, is the executive director of The Watermark at 3030 Park, a continuing care retirement community.

As a licensed nursing home administrator, Romick brings more than 15 years experience working in the senior living industry.

Jennifer N. West, Esq., J.D., Cleveland, Ohio, is senior counsel in the area of corporate litigation for the Progressive Group of Insurance Companies in Mayfield Village, Ohio. West also serves on the South Euclid Planning and Zoning Commission.

'98

Don Ball, Canton, Ohio, has been named dean of the engineering, industrial and emerging technologies division at Stark State College. Ball has been with the school for more than eight years, serving as director of apprenticeship and industrial training.

Anne M. Chicorelli, D.O., Severn, Md., recently returned to the area after finishing medical school and is opening her orthopedic practice in Wayne County.

Eric D. Nuzum, Washington, D.C., was named vice president of programming at National Public Radio (NPR). Nuzum has served as acting vice president of programming since January 2011.

'99

Theodore A. Avtgis, Ph.D., Ashland, Ohio, professor and chair of the Department of Communication Studies at Ashland University co-authored *Medical Communication: Defining the Discipline*. Avtgis is also an adjunct professor of surgery at West Virginia University School of Medicine.

Michelle L. Doll, Hoboken, N.J., has three exhibits scheduled for 2012. "Love is in the Air" at The Cell in New York City, "Winter Wind" (solo) at Hamilton Square in Jersey City and "Shelter" (solo) at Blank

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Space Gallery in New York City. Doll's art is displayed online at michelledoll.com.

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Derek J. Eversmann, B.S. '00, M.Arch. '02, Pittsburgh, Pa., has achieved American Institute of Certified Planners status from the American Planning Association. Eversmann joined WTW Architects nine years ago and is currently working on a master plan update for Point Park University and recently completed a campus and housing master plan for Alfred State University.

Paul M. Haridakis, Ph.D., Akron, Ohio, is the seventh director of the School of Communication Studies at Kent State University. Haridakis moved up the ranks from an editorial assistant to a teaching assistant to assistant professor to associate professor to professor. He is the recipient of a number of professional awards, including the 2011 Distinguished Teaching Award from the Ohio Communication Association.

Shanon M. Larimer, Orlando, Fla. (photo on photo archive drive), was recently elected as an executive officer for the City of Orlando's Downtown Arts District Board of Directors. Larimer will play a critical role in providing advice and resources to the board on governance issues and amendments to state laws that will assist the organization in fulfilling their fiduciary duties. Larimer is currently vice president of global marketing and community relations for Baker Barrios Architects and is the former executive director of the organization.

Abigail O. (Stalkamp) Mountain, B.S. '00, M.Arch. '02, Pittsburgh, Pa., has achieved American Institute of Certified Planners status from

the American Planning Association. Mountain joined WTW Architects three years ago following six years with Strada Architecture of Pittsburgh. She is working with the WTW team designing a new student center for Bowie State University.

Chuck Thomas, Painesville, Ohio, recently became a certified crime and intelligence analyst through the California Department of Justice. Thomas has been employed as a criminal intelligence analyst with the Ohio Attorney General's Office Bureau of Criminal Investigation since May 2009.

'01

Tim Wilhelm, B.S. '01, Bellevue, Ky., joined Covington-based Architectural Group International as project manager. Wilhelm will be responsible for preparation of design, technical documents and project coordination for AGI's retail and hospitality clientele.

'02

Kimberly P. Rubin, Greenacres, Fla., has joined the professional staff of the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce as the director of membership. Rubin will also be working with the chamber's Non-Profit Council, Ambassador Program.

'03

Chris B. Maurer, M.Arch. '05, Brooklyn, N.Y., contributed to the work that resulted in MASS Design Group receiving *Contract Magazine's* 2012 Designer of the Year award for the impact being made in health care and design.

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Jacquelyn N. McCloud, M.L.I.S. '10, Canton, Ohio, received the Rose L. Vormelker Alumni Award from the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science. McCloud began her career after graduation as a digital content services/reference librarian at the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, where she focused on developing the Legal Landmarks in Cleveland History Collection. Recently, she joined the library staff at The University of Iowa Law Library as the electronic services librarian. She is responsible for the Computer Services Department, the acquisition of electronic resources and the law library's website.

'05

Ryan D. Andrews, M.A. '05, M.S. '05, Arvada, Colo., is coach with Precision Nutrition and is a registered dietitian and strength and conditioning specialist. Andrews recently authored, *Drop the Fat Act & Live Lean*.

Gary M. Broadbent, J.D., Jacobsburg, Ohio, married Lauren M. Jeffries, '08, in August 2011. Broadbent has been appointed senior attorney at Murray Energy Corporation.

Jefferey J. Campbell, Chardon, Ohio, is an accounts payable manager at Ordnance Technocracy Service, Inc. Some of the many positions Campbell has held in the many organizations he serves include president of Chardon Community Action Team, vice president of the Lake-Geauga Young Democrats and trustee of Chardon Tomorrow.

Jennifer L. Gross, Reisterstown, Md., joined Baltimore City Community College as the administrative coordinator in the Office of Human Resources.

Charles N. Tepe, M.L.I.S., Columbus, Ohio, is the local library director at the Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library. Tepe worked for the Columbus Metropolitan Library for 11 years in several roles, most recently as circulation division manager.

Eileen Weisenbach, Ph.D., Lawrenceburg, Ind., has been named director of Northern Kentucky University Fifth Third Bank Entrepreneurship Institute.

'06

Tena J. Wilson, M.L.I.S., Cleveland, Ohio, has been hired as the new Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District's new library director. Wilson currently works as the public services West team manager for the Cleveland Public Library, where she oversees the daily operations of 14 libraries and 130 employees.

'07

Julie Bercik, Pittsburgh, Pa., joined the 27 First News Team as a video journalist in December 2011. Before joining WKBN CBS in Youngstown, Ohio, Bercik worked at WVIR NBC 29 in Charlottesville, Va., and WLTZ NBC 38 in Columbus, Ga.

Jean K. Marvin, M.S.N. '11, Garrettsville, Ohio, passed certification exam from the American Nurses Credentialing Center and is now a board certified gerontology clinical nurse specialist.

Patrick J. (Jason) Morrison, M.S., Mountain View, Calif, has been named Alumnus of the Year by the Information Architecture and Knowledge Management program at Kent State University. Morrison is a support engineer on the Search Quality Team at Google.

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Allison L. Pritchard, Avon, Ohio, recently accepted the role of content editor and writer for the Lip Smacker Lounge at Bonne Bell/Aspire Brands. Pritchard crafts blogs, quizzes, horoscopes and advice for tween girls in addition to monitoring the site.

'08

Lauren M. Broadbent, M.Ed., Jacobsburg, Ohio, married Gary M. Broadbent, '05, in August 2011.

Keith Gilbertson, M.L.I.S., Lorain, Ohio, has joined the University Libraries as digital technologies librarian and assistant professor for the Digital Libraries and Archives. Gilbertson will work to install, develop and maintain systems that support collections in Virginia Tech's institutional repositories, including VTechWorks.

Lindsay N. McCoy, Stow, Ohio, is the news anchor for the WAKR Ray Horner Morning Show. McCoy began her journalism career with the Rubber City Radio Group news department while attending Kent State where she served as the student media radio news director.

'09

Kirstin Krumsee, M.L.I.S., Columbus, Ohio, has joined the staff as reference services librarian at the State Library of Ohio.

Christopher M. Richards, N. Canton, Ohio, has made his off-Broadway debut at the Pearl Theatre in New York City, N.Y.

Thomas G. Welsh, Ph.D., Youngstown, Ohio, recently published *Closing Chapters: Urban Change, Religious Reform, and the Decline of Youngstown's Catholic Elementary Schools*. The book examines the decline of the city's parish schools in the context of trends including

suburbanization, demographic shifts, deindustrialization and depopulation, while also exploring the impact of post-Vatican II religious reforms.

'10

Dirk V. Hayhurst, Hudson, Ohio, has written a second book, *Out of My League*.

'11

Katherine M. Corbut, Hudson, Ohio, has joined the staff of Rochester-based integrated communications firm McDougall Travers Collins, serving as an account coordinator. Corbut is working with clients in the medical device, rubber and plastics, healthcare and higher education industries.

Shaun P. Miller, Kent, Ohio, was selected by the National Recreation and Park Association to receive the Young Professional Network Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award.

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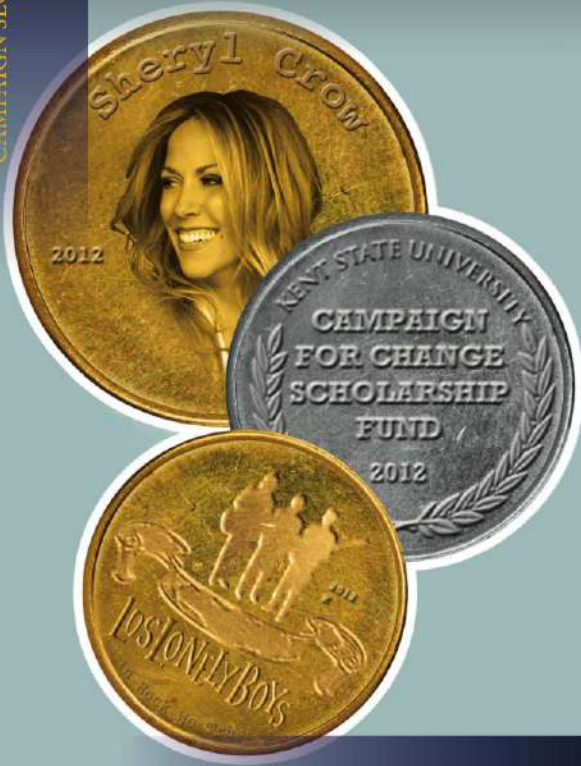


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By Deb McGuinness, '78

*Close of Centennial Campaign
marks a new focus in fundraising.*

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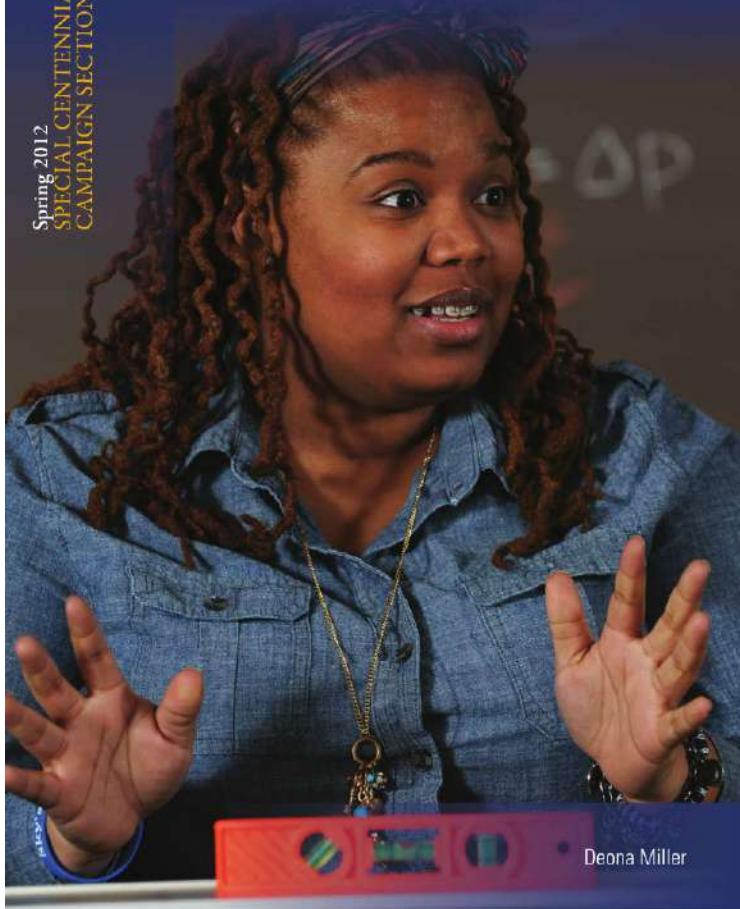
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available at Ticketmaster.com.*

*Deona Miller's path in life
has not been easy, but with help, she's ...*

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Deona Miller

Deona Miller is the picture of a modern college student — stylish, plugged in and focused. You would never know by looking at her that Miller came from a background of neglect and abuse. But in a life of remarkable resilience, the determined young woman has not only overcome her past, but is determined to create her own future with a career in air traffic control. She has done so with the help of Kent State faculty, staff and scholarships.

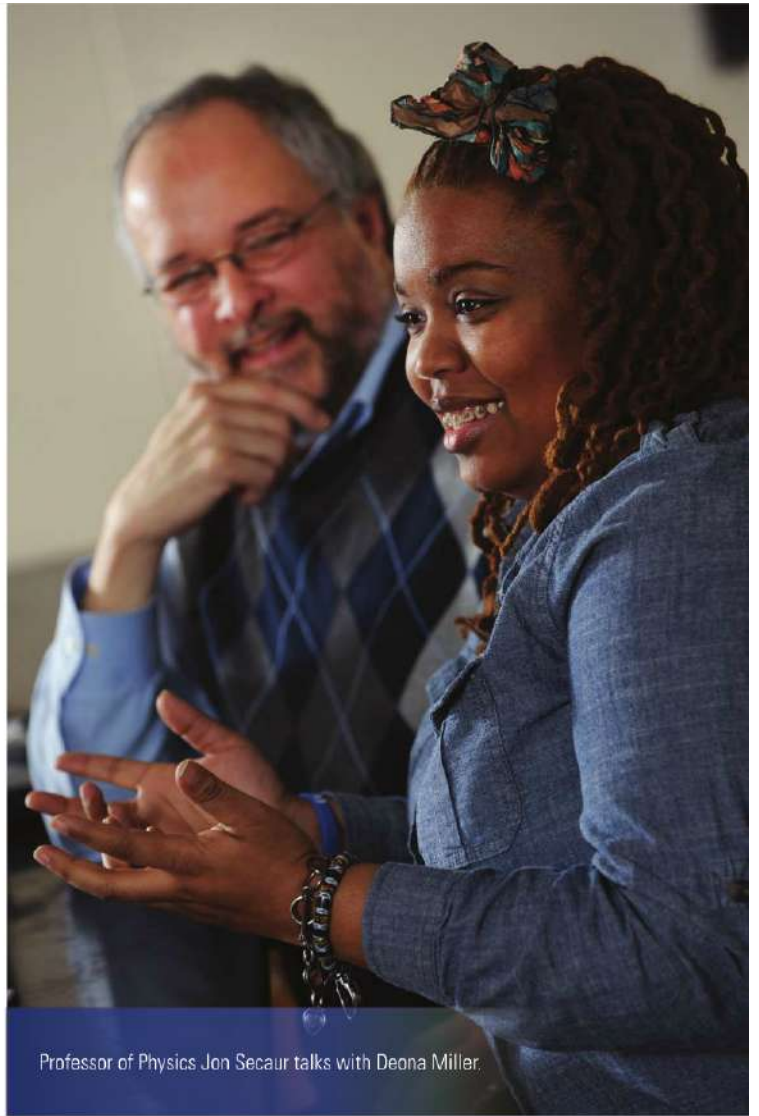
Facing early struggles

Miller was born in the Republic of Cape Verde, an island country off the coast of Western Africa. Tough economic times during the decades following its independence from Portugal in 1975 led many of its residents to migrate to Europe, the Americas and the African continent. At age four, she was one of those migrants.

Unfortunately, her parents did not find the dreams they were seeking in America. The years between Miller's childhood and her teens were fraught with emotional and physical turmoil: her father's imprisonment and death, her mother's drug addiction and abuse in the home. Miller moved from place to place, living with friends or relatives, ultimately becoming a ward of the state. At 16, working and

"I just can't believe that I've made it this far."

Deona Miller



Professor of Physics Jon Secaur talks with Deona Miller.

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