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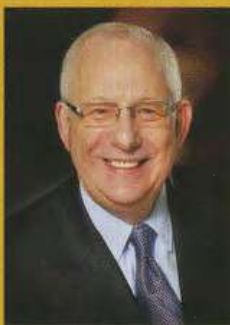
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*The Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center patio is the perfect spot to socialize with friends. (Photo courtesy of Drew Imagery and Photography)*

# Message From the President



Not only is the Kent State community committed to ensuring that our students succeed, we consider it part of our mission to reach out — with helping hands, open minds and compassionate hearts — far beyond campus boundaries. In the pages that follow, you will learn about Kent State people and programs that are making profound and positive differences for individuals and communities across Northeast Ohio. They range from a program that brings the healing power of poetry into the lives of thousands of children and adults to a program that gives individuals with intellectual disabilities the education, skills and confidence to lead independent, productive lives.

Physically and symbolically, Kent State is reaching out to the great city we have called home for more than a century. As you'll find, we recently opened the Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center in downtown Kent. This much-needed, modern facility is a key component of the downtown renaissance made possible because the university, the city and other pivotal partners chose to dream big and refused to settle for anything less than excellence. I invite you to schedule a stay at the hotel and experience the excitement for yourself.

From programs that are transforming lives to projects that are transforming the environment; from new students who are inspired to help others to senior students whose accomplishments are inspirational, this issue reflects Kent State's caring, "can-do" character — a character that is stronger than ever.

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# A VIBRANT NEW GATHERING PLACE THE HEART OF KE

*Meet up for dinner. Gather on the patio. Schedule your next meeting. The new-boutique Hotel and Conference Center offers opportunities for social and professional enjoyment.*

The changing face of downtown Kent is reflected in the windows of the recently opened Hotel and Conference Center. (Photo by Jeff Glidden, '87)



By **Deb McGuinness**, '78  
Photos by **Jeff Glidden**, '87

A major milestone in the \$106 million redevelopment of downtown Kent, the Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center — a 94-room, contemporary hotel located right in the middle of the city's renaissance — opened June 14, 2013. The project is a partnership between the Kent State University Foundation and the Pizzuti Companies of Columbus, Ohio.

*Ron Pizzuti*, '62, the developer of the hotel, grew up in Kent and received his bachelor's from Kent State. He outlines some of its great features, including 5,400 square feet of meeting space that will accommodate up to 300 people, an indoor pool and an exercise room. Pizzuti estimates the cost of the project in excess of \$15 million. For those visiting Kent, the hotel is the perfect lunch or dinner venue. It's close to the more than 30 new shops, boutiques, bookstores and galleries, and on Saturdays the famous Haymaker Farmers' Market and live music is just steps away. Or if you're looking for a bit of exercise, the University Esplanade is just across the street, for a safe, easy stroll that leads to the heart of Kent State's campus.

Kent State President **Lester A. Lefton** spearheaded the public-private partnership and emphasizes that the downtown redevelopment has been a team effort involving many organizations and individuals who are committed to it. "The Kent State University Foundation Board saw the project as the keystone for the city's development: to bring

people downtown, allow them to stay overnight, eat at the restaurants, shop in the stores, walk down the Esplanade and visit the campus," says Vice President for Institutional Advancement **Gene Finn**.

The hotel's proximity to campus makes it ideal for alumni or families visiting for homecoming or commencement. As *Larry Armstrong*, '79, '80, chairman of the board of the foundation, says, "The foundation decided to take a role to invest in a first-rate hotel that would serve both the needs of the university and the town. It was a situation where everyone would benefit, and was an outstanding opportunity to become a part of the town-gown renaissance."

## Kent State influences

The general manager of the hotel, **Mike Riccio**, is justifiably proud of the new facility. Although it didn't have its unofficial opening until mid-June, the hotel was completely booked for Homecoming Oct. 5, 2013, during the first two weeks of business. "We've booked groups such as associations, local businesses, groups that need to meet but don't have space, fundraising events for nonprofits, weddings — the whole gamut." Riccio says the hotel reflects the partnership between the university and the city in a number of ways. The restaurant is called *Zenas*, named after Zenas Kent, the father of Kent's founder, Marvin Kent. It will serve a seasonal American menu with international influences, with food sourced from local vendors, including beef, vegetables, breads and signature desserts provided by a local bakeshop. The lounge is named



*The Kent State Hotel and Conference Center is an important addition to the downtown revitalization. (Photos courtesy of Drew Imagery and Photography)*



1910, the year that the university was founded, and offers a select menu of tapas and classic cocktails. It's more than a boutique hotel; it's an homage to the university's historic presence in the city.

The furniture in the hotel was custom made in Ohio by Amish craftsmen. Says Riccio, "The Reilly Hotel Group has done several projects in partnership with Amish builders. The price is significantly less than pre-made furniture from overseas, and the quality is just outstanding. Jacob and Levi from Dundee, Ohio, handled every aspect of the furniture in the guestrooms from desks, shelves, nightstands, even the headboards on the beds and the closets."

The artwork in the hotel was the result of a collaborative effort, too. The Kent

State University Foundation helped develop the concept for the artwork in the rooms, which features vintage photos of the university. Old photos were even incorporated into the room numbers on the doors, and a local art framer did all of the framing. Riccio says that partnering and engaging with the community on that level is very important to the hotel's management.

### Proud addition to downtown

Lefton calls the redevelopment efforts a "recruitment strategy, a retention strategy and a part of what great universities do." He adds, "We're trying to create a pedestrian-oriented, people-scaled sense of place. Place matters, and Kent is going

to be a place that matters. The linkage of the university to the downtown project is going to be very important to this."

Finn agrees. "The growth of the area in the past few years has been the result of a university- and communitywide commitment. Now we're looking forward, with the goal of building on the momentum we've achieved through President Lefton's vision and the good work of the Kent State University Foundation board of directors."

It's an achievement in which everyone involved can be proud.



View a video timeline of the Hotel and Conference Center's construction at <http://bit.ly/kent-hotel>

# NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF LOVE

*Alumni couple from the School of Journalism and Mass Communication host the first wedding in the new Kent State University Hotel.*

By *Meghan Caprez*,  
public relations student  
Photo courtesy of *Carman and  
Push Photography*

“Sadie is the boldest bride,” says *Samantha Lingenfelter*, '10, a college friend and *Daily Kent Stater* coworker of *Nate Sargent*, '09, and *Sadie Kelly*, '10. “They weren’t going to get married until 2014, but Sadie called about the new Kent Hotel, and learned that they had an opening in July. She did all this before the hotel building even opened!”

And that is how a Kent State University student media “power couple” made local history as the first to be married in the Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center on July 26.

“Everyone sort of thought I was crazy,” Kelly says. “But the hotel is just absolutely beautiful. It couldn’t have turned out any better.”

Sargent and Kelly met on the second floor of Franklin Hall, where the pair could be found in the business office of the *Daily Kent Stater* late in the afternoon, after all of their peers had abandoned the room for the evening. She was working on the Classified section of the paper as the classified account executive. He was manning the phones as the sales manager.

Friends and family were excited for the bride and groom and couldn’t wait to be part of Kent State history. “We’ve all graduated from Kent State, so it’s great to be part of the hotel’s history,” says bridesmaid *Kelly Pickerel*, '09. Student Media Manager **Lori Cantor** agrees, “We were all excited when we heard they were



*Nate and Sadie Sargent*

engaged, but when we heard they were going to be the first couple to be married at the hotel, we were even more excited.”

Like the couple, the wedding was unique and incorporated many local vendors and traditions. The wedding featured 50 bags of popcorn from Popped!, as well as photography from Carman & Pugh, both located in Acorn Alley II in downtown Kent.

Instead of serving a traditional wedding cake at the reception, they served pie, a dessert that holds special meaning for the couple. Kelly was in Ireland one Thanksgiving while they were dating, and Sargent promised to make her a whole Thanksgiving meal when she returned. “I think he realized that was

a really big commitment — making a whole Thanksgiving dinner — so he made me a homemade pumpkin pie instead. I love pumpkin pie, and it was delicious. That’s a sign of a good future husband right there,” Kelly jokes.

More than the wedding, friends and family looked forward to Sargent and Kelly spending the rest of their lives together.



For more information about the Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center, visit [www.kentstatehotel.com](http://www.kentstatehotel.com).

For more information about the School of Journalism and Mass Communication, visit [www.kent.edu/jmc](http://www.kent.edu/jmc).

# PERSONALITY + POTENTIAL

*Meet a few of the outstanding members of the record-breaking freshman class.*

By Phil Soencksen, '89

Remember the excitement you felt entering Kent State as a new freshman? Do you recall the anticipation of the first day of classes? Were you cool? Did you have your act together?

The entering class of 2017 is decidedly cool, and the members you're about to meet certainly have their act together. This fall Kent State welcomes another record class and the brightest in its history with a 3.3 grade point average (GPA), and nearly 75 percent have at least a 3.0 GPA.

Get to know a few of these fascinating young people. Learn more about their achievements, their active lives and why they chose Kent State. Maybe they'll remind you of yourself at this stage in your life.



## Natalia Roman

If you ask 18-year-old *Natalia Roman* how she spends her free time, she'll tell you that she really doesn't have any. While attending high school at Academia

Santo Tomás de Aquino Superior in her native Puerto Rico, she maintained a very busy schedule (and a 4.0 GPA) while serving as president of the Student Council and a member of the National Honor Society. Graduating as class valedictorian, Roman, a member of the national Honor Society, received a Legacy Award for her work on Student Council. She also teaches Taekwondo and represented Puerto Rico in the World Taekwondo-Do Championships held in Estonia on August 2012. "I trained for about five months and did a great job in the competition," says Roman.

### Who is the person who has had the most influence in your life?

"My mother, who has never given up, even when life has pushed her down. I've always been driven to excel to be able to give back to her everything she has sacrificed for me."

### Where do you see your Kent State degree taking you after graduation?

"I plan to finish my bachelor's degree in political science and afterwards, study corporate law. My long-term goal is to become a judge or a Latin-American political leader."

### Have you ever met a celebrity?

"I participated in Puerto Rico's Leadership Congress in 2011 and met Puerto Rico's Governor Alejandro García Padilla and Resident Commissioner Pedro Pierluisi."



## Katie Kimble

Key Club, Flag Team and Dance Team kept 18-year-old *Katie Kimble* busy as a student at Rocky River High School.

Also active in her community, Kimble has volunteered with Youth Challenge, a sports and recreation program where teens partner with youths ages four-19 who have physical handicaps. "Being the arms, legs and sometimes the voice for these kids is unbelievably fulfilling," says Kimble, who's raised more than \$21,000 in support of Youth Challenge. One of the biggest influences in Kimble's life is her brother, Mickey. Born with cerebral palsy, Mickey is confined to a wheelchair and does not speak. "I have learned so much just by being in his presence. He is a reminder of how lucky I am to have the opportunity to tackle the typical challenges in life," she says.

### Why did you choose Kent State?

"The campus is beautiful. Everyone is helpful and friendly. An added benefit is the proximity to my hometown. Knowing I could get home when I wanted and still enjoy some independence was the perfect blend for me."

### Have you ever met a celebrity?

"Yes, Paula Abdul, in Los Angeles. We were passing each other in the hotel lobby and looked at each other and said, 'I love your shoes' at the same time. She was unbelievably nice, so pretty and vertically challenged, just like me."



## Jordan Provost

*Jordan Provost* and his sister learned about the fine arts at an early age. And while his sister learned ballet, Jordan became interested

in the piano. "Music has been my passion since I was eight years old. My family has encouraged me to go into a field that I love," says Provost. In 2011, he was accepted into Kent State's Piano Institute. He also served as principle keyboard for the Canton

Youth Symphony Orchestra and as a percussionist for the Tuscarawas Philharmonic Orchestra Honor Band. He graduated from Navarre High School as a member of the National Honor Society and the National Society of High School Scholars. In addition to NHS, he also participated in Student Council, the school newspaper, Teen Board, 4-H and "all the high school bands."

### Why did you choose Kent State?

"When I was in grade school, my piano teacher was performing his senior composition recital at Ludwig Recital Hall, and I was able to see what Kent State was about."

### Who is the person you most admire?

"Kent State University graduate *Dorian Wallace*, '10. He has influenced me through his musical teachings ... to be a better person and a better musician."

### Where do you see your Kent State degree taking you after graduation?

"I see myself as a high school band director ... before continuing my education as an orchestral conductor."



## Dorianeh Stanford

A member of the National Honor Society, Chamber Choir, track and field team, *Dorianeh*

*Stanford* was an exchange student in Brazil as part of the Rotary International Youth Exchange Program. "Participating in the exchange program has been so much more than I anticipated," says Stanford. "Yes, I can now speak Portuguese efficiently and am familiar with Brazilian culture, but I've also grown and changed as a person in a lot of ways. It truly has been the best year of my life. I've learned to laugh at my mistakes and adapt and change on a whole new level."

### Who is the person who has had the most influence in your life?

"My parents. They were rigid enough to keep me safe, but also laid back enough to allow me to make my own decisions, make mistakes and learn from them."

### Where is your favorite place you've gone on vacation?

"When I went to the Amazon for about a week earlier this year. The first two days were spent in the city of Manaus, and the rest of the week on a boat traveling along the Amazon and Black Rivers. Various stops were made on the way for things like swimming, catching alligators and sloths, piranha fishing, petting pink dolphins, visiting a native tribe and learning about their natural medicines, and camping in the forest for a night among other things."



## Amanda Sheets

A graduate of Eastmoor Academy High School, *Amanda Sheets* graduated with honors as a junior, earned a diploma of distinction and was

a member of the Hall of Scholars. A member of the National Honor Society, Sheets participated in the Impact Team and Good Neighbors, a homeless benefit. Sports were also a major commitment; she was on the golf, bowling, softball, swimming and soccer teams. She says canine rescue is a passion, "Beginning in 2003, our family became involved in the Franklin County Dog Shelter foster program, taking in 13 litters over the past 10 years to raise until ready for adoption. We also took in more than 300 individual dogs socializing them, fostering them back to health from heartworm, etc."

### What social issues are most important to you?

"Homelessness and hunger are big issues for me. I have worked with shelters to feed the hungry and give back to the homeless and I do my best to make a difference in their lives."

### What motivates you? What drives you to excel?

"My friends keep me going and drive me, but even more than that, wanting to make a difference in the world and in the lives of those around me has driven me. I know there are people who don't respect my generation because of how some of us behave. I want to change that view."



# FEED YOUR CURIOSITY

*Amanda Rabinowitz, local  
 host of Morning Edition.*

*WKSU format change offers listeners a more consistent experience.*

By **Bob Burford**

Photos by **Bob Christy**, '95

On Jan. 2, when **Dan Skinner** started his first day as the new general manager of WKSU, Kent State's award-winning NPR affiliate, he was thrilled to be taking over the reins of a well-respected public media operation known across the country for innovations in fundraising, engineering, technology and talent development.

But the veteran public radio manager had one main goal for his first year in Kent: To follow through on the results of research that provided compelling evidence it was time for a change.

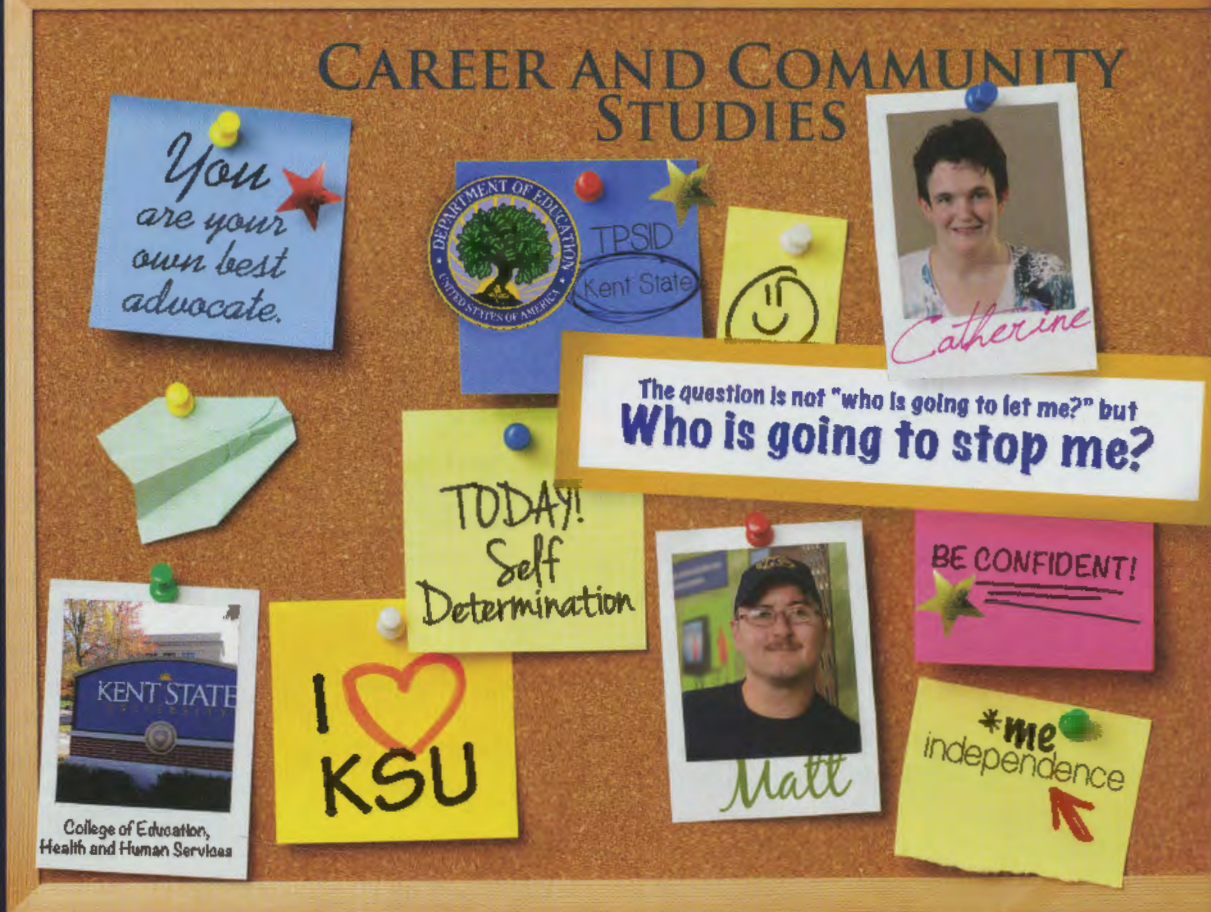
On Aug. 5, WKSU made its first major format change in decades, switching to all news and information programming from 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, and classical music from 8 p.m. till 5 a.m. Classical music now airs on weekend nights as well, replacing folk music.

"For a number of years now, WKSU has been researching how to best serve the audience moving forward," Skinner explains. "We've been studying audience trends both locally and nationally and not surprisingly, we found that listenership has changed significantly over the years. Listening patterns have changed, and the different ways people access media have changed."

Mixed formats stations — those that broadcast more than one kind of programming during the daytime hours — are a dying breed nationally, according to Skinner. Apparently with good reason. "Financial support for those stations has dropped significantly," Skinner explains. "Most major market stations are now opting for a most consistent audience-friendly program schedule."

## Serving the audience in multiple ways

The picture that emerged from the WKSU research was clear. "Our listeners



# PURSUING INDEPENDENCE

*Students with intellectual disabilities have a chance to earn a university education and work toward a fulfilling career and ultimately a more self-sufficient life, thanks to a new Kent State program.*

By **Susan Pappas Menassa**

*The question is not who is going to let me but who is going to stop me?*

Those words from the poster mounted on the bedroom wall of Kent State University student *Catherine Lavelle's* apartment speak volumes about her character.

Lavelle is not just a typical, spunky college student decorating her room with bold affirmations. She is a student with intellectual disabilities entering her junior year of college and finally learning to live on her own, thanks to a program in the Center for Innovation in

Transition and Employment offered by the School of Lifetime Development and Educational Sciences in the College of Education, Health and Human Services.

"I never thought this would happen. I feel really good," the 21-year-old Lavelle says as she sits in a recliner in the apartment she rented during the summer at the Stow-Glen Retirement Village in Stow, Ohio. Long-interested in a career in gerontology, Lavelle's internship and residence at Stow-Glen enabled her to get closer to turning her dream into reality. "It makes me feel independent," says Lavelle.

## Toward a self-sufficient life

Independence is a key component of the program that was created two years ago at Kent State from a five-year grant from the United States Department of Education. The university was one of 27 across the country to receive funding to develop a program known as Transition to Postsecondary Education for Students with Intellectual Disabilities (TPSID). Kent State calls its version of the program Career and Community Studies, and it's designed to give those with intellectual disabilities a chance to



earn a university education, taking classes and working towards a fulfilling career that will ultimately lead to a self-sufficient life.

Director of Program Development

**Vonnie Michali** says the goal of the program is to assimilate the students into campus life and support them as they pursue career goals, much like regular college students. “We try to make this look as close to a college experience as possible,” she says. “For these students, coming to college has always been one of their dreams. It’s a big step into adulthood.”

Typically, these students have lived their whole lives at home, where many things are done for them — which doesn’t allow for students to prepare and grow into adult roles; what Michali calls a “learned helplessness” — and they have fewer social connections. National statistics show that only 27 percent of people with intellectual disabilities find employment as adults and even fewer are able to live independently. That is what the Career and Community Studies program is designed to change.

“We want to help students improve their quality of life,” Michali says. “We also want to help society view persons with intellectual disabilities differently and to see that they are valuable and they can contribute.”

## Fulfilling a dream

*Matt Craft* has been able to get closer to his dream of working in law enforcement as a student in the Career and Community Studies program. The 20-year-old has taken criminal justice courses at Kent State and has also gotten hands-on experience by doing internships at local parks and riding in squad cars with local police officers.

“I like being on my own. I want to do more and more on my own,” Craft says. “I feel good being on campus and going from class to class.”

Craft’s mother, Sandy, says her son has taken giant steps since coming here. “He’s more independent and much more confident about doing things on his own,” she says.

## Motivation is key

In order to be accepted into the inaugural program when it began two years ago, students had to articulate in an interview how motivated they were to pursue their career of choice and their willingness to explore and prepare for

*“These students have a right to become as independent as possible and to have a higher quality of life.”*

—**Vonnie Michali,**  
Director of Program Development

employment within that career field. A total of 19 students enrolled and are currently in their junior year. A few have gained enough independence to live alongside other students in the residence halls. Upon graduation in spring 2015, they will have taken a total of 122 credits and will receive a record of completion.

The courses students take are regular college classes that are usually modified, explains Michali. Those modifications may include reduced writing assignments, multiple choice exams, and an option to be graded on a pass/fail basis.

Woven throughout the program is the emphasis on self-determination, self-advocacy and self-efficacy, according to Michali. Students are required to sign a contract that states their commitment to their Kent State course and what they believe they are capable of doing in each class, which is then reviewed and agreed

upon by the faculty member teaching each course.

## Supported by faculty

**Cindy Kenyon**, director of program operations, is responsible for getting buy-in from Kent State faculty and staff to open the classes up to her students and says the response has been amazing. “In the very beginning of each semester, I go to every single faculty member who teaches a class that a student is interested in taking,” Kenyon says. “I have to ask their permission. And the response in the last three years has been 99.9 percent positive. Faculty members think it’s a great opportunity. They join forces with us and embrace an opportunity for students to succeed.”

Michali echoed her appreciation for how well faculty and staff have responded. “I can’t express enough how awesome this whole university has been across the board,” Michali says. “The faculty has been phenomenal.”

Kenyon said the success of the program has also influenced universitywide policy changes, such as enabling graduate students who work with Career and Community Studies students to receive training through the Student Accessibility Services to proctor exams.

Michali says that this fledgling class of students will become the model for how the program will be carried out at Kent State in the future, and her hope is that support will grow when people realize the value these independent graduates provide not only to future employers but also to society.

“These students have a right to become as independent as possible and to have a higher quality of life,” says Michali.



To learn more about the College of Education Health and Human Services, visit <http://www.kent.edu/ehhs>.

Discover all that’s happening in the School of Lifetime Development and Educational Sciences at <http://www.kent.edu/ehhs/lides/index.cfm>.



Nicole Robinson, Wick Poetry Center's outreach manager, with 17-year-old Brandon Johnson.

# ENCOURAGING NEW VOICES

*The Wick Poetry Center's Outreach Program gives voice to people of all ages.*

By **Jessica Jewel**, M.F.A. '06

"When I found out a poet was coming to my house to write with me, I was kind of worried because I was used to not being able to understand poetry," Brandon Johnson says with a slight laugh. But 15 minutes into his first writing session with Wick Poetry Center's Outreach Manager, **Nicole Robinson**, '06, M.F.A., 17-year-old Brandon had changed his mind.

The Wick Poetry Center's outreach team provides poetry workshops and discussion groups for more than 3,000 children and adults each year. Like Brandon, many participants are skeptical that they can write poetry. Brandon is a palliative care patient from Akron Children's Hospital, where

the Emily Cooper Welty Expressive Therapy Center's staff coordinates weekly workshops led by Robinson for patients and families.

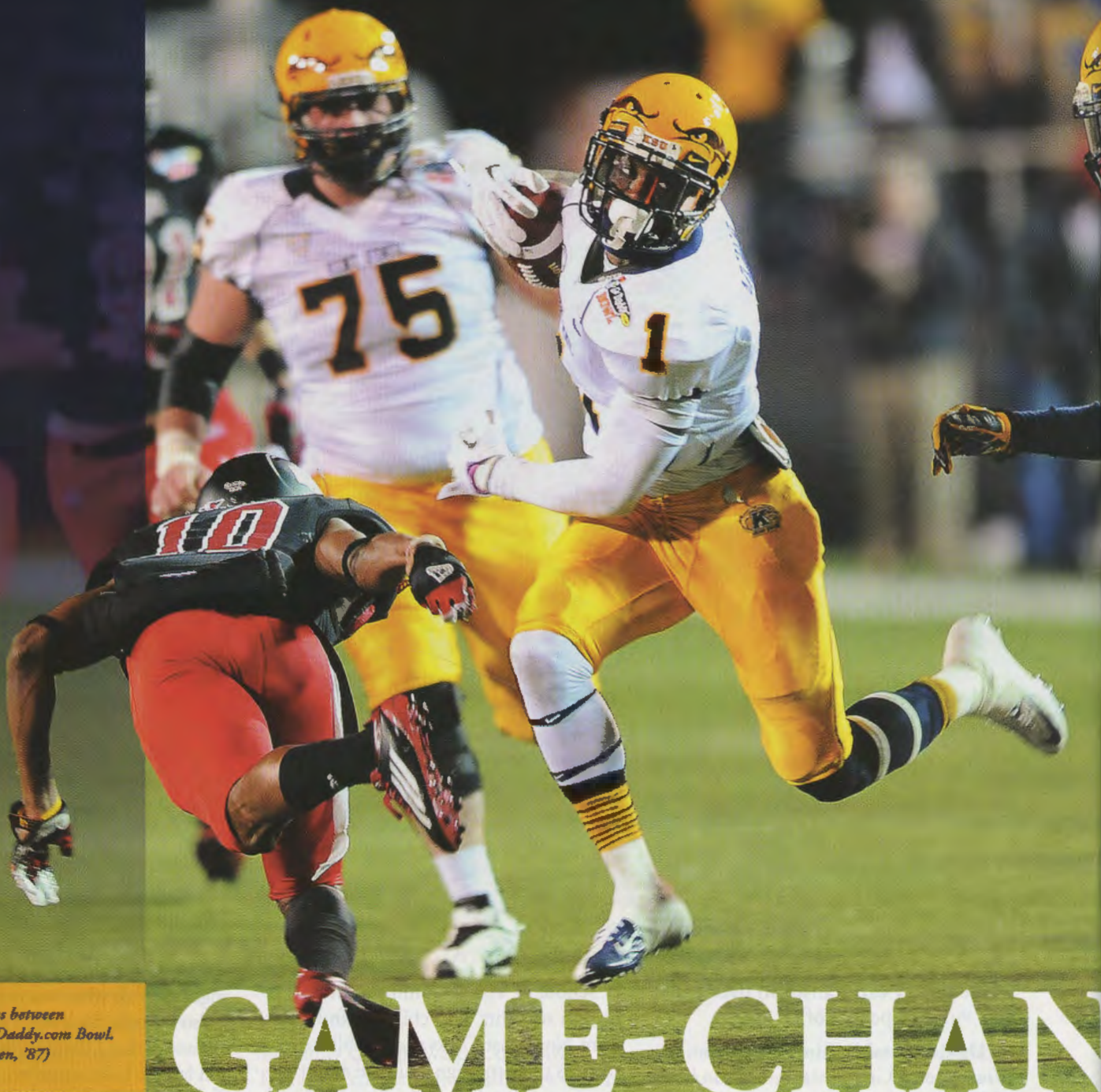
Brandon began writing with Robinson two years ago. She travels to his home in Ravenna, Ohio, and for an hour or two they read and discuss poetry by established authors and write poems.

Robinson explains her writing sessions with Brandon this way: "The poems I bring with me to Brandon's home are a tool for not only communication, but also discovery. We read the poems and find ourselves in the center of them. The poems then act as a sort of trigger for Brandon to begin his own writing. Often the subject matter stems around healing,

and the poems open a door to integrate aspects of Brandon's life he has otherwise not discussed." Brandon says, "Writing about my experiences is awesome because I have never really been able to do that before, to talk through what is going on."

## Deepening conversations

This same type of model (reading a poem or two, talking about the poems, and then using the poems to trigger one's own writing) is a standard lesson used by the outreach team. For more than 10 years, the team has worked regularly in schools, hospitals, senior communities, veterans' organizations and community centers to help create an atmosphere



*Dri Archer scrambles between defenders at the GoDaddy.com Bowl. (Photo by Jeff Glidden, '87)*

# GAME-CHAN

*Many believe Dri Archer, the nation's leader in rushing yards per carry and kick return average, is a legitimate Heisman candidate.*

By **Aaron Chimenti**

Kent State football's success in 2012 brought an unprecedented level of national attention to the program. Within that historical run, another phenomenon was beginning to grab the college football nation's attention in the form of *Dri Archer*. Archer was just one of the many reasons why the Golden Flashes reached new heights in 2012, but his lightning speed made him the most noticeable.

One fan and alumnus who took notice of Archer from afar last fall was current Head Coach **Paul Haynes**, who was serving as defensive coordinator at Arkansas. Haynes stayed in contact with many of his former teammates, some of whom attended games regularly and reported Kent State football news to him.

"They would tell me how special and electrifying Dri was," Haynes says of his former teammates. "And they were

always comparing him to *Pat Young*, who was our quarterback (1986-90). He was also a smaller guy with game-changing speed."

Caught up in the rigors of coaching, it wasn't until late in the season before Haynes got to see Archer in action, when the junior's jaw-dropping, 74-yard run at Bowling Green was played and replayed on numerous television and Internet outlets. By Dec. 18, Haynes became the head coach at his alma mater,



*“He’s done a great job in the **classroom** and in the **community**.”*

—Paul Haynes, Head Football Coach



*Dri Archer*

should be someone who’s exciting,” Haynes says. “When you look at how electric he is and the plays that he made, he’s a natural fit. He’s one of those players where every time he touches the ball he has a chance

to make a big play, and I think people are really going to legitimately look at him as a Heisman candidate.”

With Haynes’ vision in mind, a preseason plan was put into place by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics. As the season approached, celebrity photos with Archer’s jersey began to surface. T-shirts, signs and various forms of media began bearing Archer’s name and photos more often. Even famous comic strip illustrator *Chuck Ayers*, ’71, created a character in Archer’s likeness. But, it was more than just Archer’s athletic ability that made him a marketing centerpiece.

season of scoring 23 touchdowns, Archer also netted a 3.4 grade point average during that fall semester. He has also appeared at more community service events. When it comes to helping his teammates match their success of 2012, the senior leads by example.

“He’s like a quiet storm,” Haynes says. “He’s not going to be in front of the team doing a lot of the rah-rah stuff. He’s just puts on his hardhat and he goes to work. He works his tail off in the weight room and when they’re out there running.”

Haynes and the rest of the Kent State coaches know every opponent must key in on Archer’s exact location every time he lines up.

“We’ve got to find creative ways to have him touch the ball,” Haynes says. “And with him being a kick returner, punt returner, receiver and a running back, we have a lot of different ways he can do that. It’s a team-first mentality where we’ve got to make sure we feed him the ball.”

If the Golden Flashes are able to execute around Archer and come up with

# ING SPEEDSTER

undergoing a whirlwind of change. The one thought that remained with him during the transition was the potential of the 5-foot-8-inch, 175-pound speedster in 2013.

When it comes to the national spotlight in college football, teams aren’t the only thing drawing major attention. The Heisman Memorial Trophy is arguably the most prominent individual award in all of sports, and anyone who is considered a candidate accumulates a fair share of fame.

“When you think about the Heisman and the best college football player, it

“Dri is all about doing what’s best for the team,” Haynes says. “But when it comes to catching the attention of fans and media, we want to put him front and center. The success he had last year has helped transform him into a complete player and person — because he’s doing everything the right way. He’s done a great job in the classroom and in the community. He’s a good ambassador for the football team and the university on and off the field.”

During his Kent State record-breaking

big plays even when he doesn’t have the ball, it will make him even more dangerous. And the dream of having a Heisman finalist from Kent State could become reality.



Visit the Intercollegiate Athletics’ website and learn more about Kent State football.  
[www.kentstatesports.com](http://www.kentstatesports.com)

# Alumni Awards

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## Class Notes

'63

Robert L. Furey, Ph.D., '67, North Canton, Ohio, has received the George V. Dyroff Award of Honorary Committee Membership by the ASTM International Committee D02 on Petroleum Products and Lubricants. Outside ASTM International, Furey is a member of the American Chemical Society and SAE International.

'66

Melody L. (Wordsworth) Figurski, and Jerry Figurski, M.A. '69, Clearwater, Fla., were named Mr. and Mrs. Clearwater 2013 by the Greater Clearwater, Florida Chamber of Commerce. They were in attendance to do what they thought was a presentation of an award for a friend, however when she came to the stage to present the Mr. and Mrs. Clearwater award, they became aware that that's why we were really there. Their son and daughter-in-law from Denver made a surprise appearance once they were on stage. The couple received Clearwater's highest award for decades of service to agencies like UPARC, Morton Plant Mease and the American Cancer Society.

'67

James E. Walton, Fresno, Calif., retired after 46 years of teaching. At commencement Walton received three distinctions, Chair Emeritus of English, Professor Emeritus of English and Chair Emeritus of Africana Studies from Fresno State University.

'68

Myrna E. (Rosario) Skarupa, M.Ed., '81, Macedonia, Ohio, has been selected as Ms. Ohio Senior America 2013 and will represent Ohio in the national pageant to be held in Atlantic City in October.

'69

Ritchey Hollenbaugh, J.D., Dublin, Ohio, a partner at Carlile Patchen & Murphy, has been named the 2013 recipient of the Ohio State Bar Association's highest honor, the Ohio Bar Medal Award. Hollenbaugh was named "Lawyer of the Year" for the Best Lawyers' 2013 Ethics and Professional Responsibility Law category. He has served as a member of both the State and County Public Defender Commissions, participated in many law-related activities and was appointed a member of the Supreme Court of Ohio's Delegation to the Ukraine, which assisted in the establishment of their court system in the post-Soviet era.

'70

Timothy App, Baltimore, Md., has continued to work and exhibit in the United States and abroad, and has had many of his works in several private and public collections. Apps exhibition this spring at Katzen Museum featured the exhibit, *The Aesthetics of Precision: Forty-Five Years*.

'72

Josue B. Robles, San Antonio, Texas, served as the director of the Army budget and as commanding general of the 1st Infantry Division, the legendary "Big Red One." Ultimately, Robles achieved the rank of major general. During his military career, Robles, received the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. In 1994, he retired from the Army and joined United Services Automobile Association (USAA), an up-and-coming financial services company that serves the military community. He began his career at USAA as special assistant to the chairman and was quickly named chief financial officer. He was appointed president and chief executive officer in 2007. Today USAA serves more than 9 million members and ranks No. 132 in the FORTUNE 500. He currently serves on the American Red Cross Board of Governors and on the board of directors of The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas San Antonio Branch, DTE Energy, the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System, the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital Foundation and the P16Plus Council of Greater Bexar County.

'73

Carter E. Strang, J.D., Cleveland, Ohio, president of Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, created the Louis Stokes Scholars Program, a pipeline diversity and inclusion program providing paid summer legal internships at law firms, courts and legal nonprofits for Cleveland and East Cleveland Municipal School graduates now in college who are interested in becoming attorneys. The program won the Expy's 2013 Best New Internship.

flashback

# EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL THOSE STATERS!



By **Cara Gilgenbach, M.L.S. '95**  
Did you write for the *Daily Kent Stater* or were you one of thousands who faithfully picked up a copy each morning on the way to class? Now you can read archived issues of your favorite college newspaper from a digital archive.

University Libraries has completed the first stage of a multiyear initiative to digitize the long-running *Daily Kent Stater* campus newspaper, which has been published since 1926. The project provides full electronic access to the entire content of the newspaper through time (including ads and photographs), helping to preserve very fragile original volumes of the paper.

The digital archive allows users to view the paper without having to handle fragile and crumbling original newspaper.

The first decade completed includes issues dating from fall 1959 through fall 1969. Also included are issues of the *Kent Summer News* published during that period. The digital archive is fully searchable down to every individual word in the paper, but the archive can also be browsed by date. Original paper issues will continue to be permanently archived in Special Collections and Archives, but alumni and other users can look forward to tremendously expanded access as future issues of the paper are put into digital form.

University Libraries invites you to join them in this effort. You or your class can help this project to move forward by making a gift to support this endeavor and other digital initiatives that provide digital access to unique, rare and distinctly local primary resources such as the *Stater*.

**i** To explore the 1960s Digital *Stater* Archive and to find out how you can support this and other programs of University Libraries, visit [www.library.kent.edu/dks](http://www.library.kent.edu/dks). Visit a special Open House Oct. 4. Details here <http://bit.ly/dks-open-house>

**'75**  
Brian D. Tucker, Cleveland, Ohio, publisher and editorial director of Crain's Cleveland Business, addressed more than 200 graduate business and education students at the Baldwin Wallace University graduate commencement. Spearheading Cleveland's top business news publication for 28 years, Tucker has brought journalistic integrity, analysis and commentary to Crain's Cleveland Business. In addition to being publisher and editorial director, he is vice president of Crain Communications Inc., which owns Crain's Cleveland Business and 30 other digital and print publications in the U.S. and Europe.

**'76**  
Mark W. Glickman, M.Ed., Boca Raton, Fla., has just been named American Friends of Magen David Adom's new Southeast Region director.

**'77**  
Mark R. Matthews, Wauseon, Ohio, is notably recognized for his work in glass, especially in glass spheres. Working with only one assistant, each piece is meticulously worked and signed by the artist. Highly collected and valued, Matthews' work has been published in many books and is held in museums such as the Victoria & Albert Museum in London, England, the Corning Museum of Glass in New York, the Toledo Museum of Art in Ohio and the National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.

**'80**  
Judith A. (Zatroch) Nagy, M.Ed., '81, Hudson, Ohio, is a registered and licensed dietitian and is a certified board specialist in gerontological nutrition.

**'81**  
Terrence E. O'Neal, New York, N.Y., managing principal of TONA - Terrence O'Neal Architect LLC, has been elected to the prestigious College of Fellows of The American Institute of Architects (AIA). O'Neal, was selected for his achievements in architectural practice, AIA leadership and community leadership. Election to fellowship not only recognizes the achievements of architects as individuals, but also their significant contribution to architecture and society on a national level.

**'84**  
Michael E. Roden, M.Ed., Mentor, Ohio, recently published two books. One is a book of 100 spiritual poems titled *Love is the Reason*. This book uses nature and romantic and religious imagery to describe an experience of comprehensive love had by the author one winter night. The other is a book of absurdist humor titled *Nonsense and Peppermilk*, which is written in a highly original stream-of-consciousness style.

**'85**  
David A. Aurilio, Atlanta, Ga., has been promoted to executive director for the Spiritual Living Center in Atlanta.

**'86**  
Jennifer K. Shepherd, M.Ed., Warsaw, Ind., also a Manchester University graduate and former high school administrator, with much passion for her alma mater will serve as its next executive director of alumni relations.

**'87**  
Richard Derner, D.P.M., Lake Ridge, Va., is the new Secretary and Treasurer of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS), a national association of over 6,800 foot and ankle surgeons.

Jan Gascoigne, M.A., '92, Ph.D., '95, Denver, Colo., was recently appointed as the new Colorado School of Public Health Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.

**'88**  
Robert A. Maschke, Cleveland, Ohio, has been elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects because of notable contributions to the advancement of the profession of architecture. The award not only recognizes his individual achievements as an architect, but also his significant contribution to architecture and society on a national level.

**'91**  
C. A. Nichols, M.L.S., Fairlawn, Ohio, has been hired as the new executive director of the Akron Bar Association Board of Trustees. Nichols is also active in the community serving on the Board of Directors of Downtown Wadsworth, Board of Directors of Goodwill Industries of Akron, the University of Akron College of Business Administration Alumni Board and Wadsworth City Schools Business Advisory Council.

**'95**  
Karen D. Adinolfi, M.S., Akron, Ohio, has been appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Akron Blind Center for a 3-year term.

Rachel K. Downey, Cleveland, Ohio, principal and founder of Studio Graphique, announces a significant shift in its approach to business. The Cleveland-based firm is taking a holistic approach to the brand experience as it relates to audience interaction with public spaces. Studio Graphique now provides place-based clients with enhanced branding strategies that engage audiences by integrating the firm's primary offerings: branding.



# BUILDING A KENT STATE LEGACY

*As alumni, we're proud to call Kent State University our alma mater. That pride has built notable family legacies. Two families in particular, the Winklers and Drinkards, have extraordinary Kent State legacies.*

By *Madalyn Etzel*, public relations major, *Michael Cellars*, English major, and *Danielle DeBord*, public relations major

The Winkler family holds 35 Kent State degrees, and the Drinkard family holds nine degrees with two more on the way. The families are composed of siblings, spouses, children and grandchildren.

## The Winkler Family

*John L. and Marie E. Winkler*, lifelong dairy farmers in Rootstown, Ohio, were the parents of the first round of Kent State Winkler alumni.

The family legacy began in 1961 and now totals 27 family members with a total of 35 degrees ranging from bachelor's to master's.

## Gorman Family

*Mary Winkler Gorman*, '61  
*Dr. Carl Gorman*, '62, M.Ed. '67  
*Kathleen Gorman*, '89  
*Mary Elizabeth Gorman Brewer*, '87  
*Anna Gorman Fidler*, '84  
*Susan Gorman*, '92

## Conroy Family

*Marjorie Winkler Conroy*, '62  
*William Conroy*, '62  
*James Conroy*, '91  
*Sue Guyette Conroy*, '90, '95, M.A. '99  
*David Conroy*, M.Ed. '03  
*Amada Paar Conroy*, '02  
*Karen Laymen Conroy*, '92

## James Winkler Family

*James Winkler*, '66, M.Ed. '71  
*Nancy May Winkler*, '65

## Rosalie Winkler Family

*Rosalie Winkler*, '64, M.Ed. '90  
*Jane Darling Hall*, '89

## Shrigley Family

*Gertrude Winkler Shrigley*, '68  
*Ralph Shrigley*, '67, M.P.A. '68

## Helen Winkler Family

*Helen Winkler Parry*, '65

## Robert Winkler Family

*Robert Winkler*, '72, M.P.A. '78; also Deputy Chief of Police KSU 1975-82  
*Dolores Kelley Winkler*, '70, M.Ed. '76  
*Monica Winkler Myers*, '94  
*Anna Myers Deiters*, '12

## Lisa Hoover Winkler Family

*Lisa Hoover Winkler*, '07  
*Rebecca Winkler*, '12  
*John Oravets*, '12

"The attraction to attending Kent State University for all of us is that it is home," Robert Winkler says. After graduating, the Winkler siblings stayed in the area and found teaching jobs.

Winkler said many family members today attend Kent State football and basketball games to stay connected with the school. "We've always loved Kent State," Winkler says.

Anna Deiters recently graduated from Kent State in December 2012 and says her family history had an impact on her decision to attend Kent State. "I think our little legacy is pretty awesome," says Deiters. "Our family holds it dear to our hearts."

Deiters had the opportunity to attend school with one of her cousins, Rebecca Winkler, where they both studied human development and family studies.

"It really helped having Rebecca around. We always shared family stories in class,"

says Deiters. "It helped being able to study together, too."

## The Drinkard Family

The Drinkard began their family Kent State legacy in 2000 when Allyson Drinkard graduated with a bachelor's degree in sociology. Here are the other Drinkard family degrees:

*Allyson, '00, M.A. '02, Ph.D. '12*  
*Maureen, '03, Ph.D. '12*  
*Lauren, '06, '10, M.P.H. '13*  
*Neil, '11*  
*Nolan: Communications major, expected graduation in 2015*  
*Julia: Applying for admission into M.P.H. program for fall 2013*

Allyson says that it was a really positive experience for the whole family to be at the same college at once.

"We were a close-knit family already, and having access to each other in our

college years made us all grow closer. We could see each other on campus and go get lunch. We could also share resources, which made it easier for the younger ones coming up."

Allyson and her sister Maureen were the first two siblings to go to Kent State, and they provided valuable advice for the younger four that followed. "College can be intimidating for everyone. But we told our younger siblings the faculty was accessible, available to talk to, and encouraged higher education," Allyson says. "Don't be afraid to talk to them."

As incredible as the Drinkard's legacy at Kent State is in terms of numbers, Allyson says there is more to the legacy than that. "Our legacy is coming to Kent State as undergrads and wanting to stay there through graduate education."

"We are proud of our tradition at Kent State," declares Allyson. "We will definitely encourage our children to go there."

**i** Tell us about your family. Does your family hold more degrees than the Winklers or Drinkards? Do you have multiple generations of Kent State degree holders in your family? Did any of your family members attend when we were known as Kent Normal School? We want to hear about it. Complete this form [www.ksualumni.org/ksulegacy](http://www.ksualumni.org/ksulegacy) to tell us more, and we will include your family story on the Legacy Families page [www.ksualumni.org/familylegacy](http://www.ksualumni.org/familylegacy).

## Class Notes

Sean M. Stadler, Washington, D.C., a design principal, lecturer, juror, and award-winning architect, has been promoted to principal. Stadler has directed the design of many prominent projects for the firm, including One National Harbor and Aloft at National Harbor in Prince George's County, Maryland; and the Veridian in Silver Spring, Maryland. Stadler also managed the design development process for several executive architect assignments, collaborating with TEN Arquitectos on two projects for Eastbank in Washington, D.C., and facilitating the design vision of Perkins+Will for the new U.S. Coast Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C. His commitment to architecture includes long-time leadership in the AIA, and he has been honored with both the AIA President's Award for professional service and the AIA Young Architect Award. He is a member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB).

'98

Eric A. Lund, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, has been promoted to associate principal at Westlake Reed Leskosky, architects, engineers and technology designers of Cleveland.

'99

Adam B. Brooks, M.L.S., '01, Brooksville, Fla., is the director of libraries and community services for the Hernando County Public Library, which was selected as the Florida Library Association's 2013 Library of the Year.

Jameson S. Cooper, M.M., '00, South Bend, Ind., violinist in the Euclid Quartet, founded at Kent State University while its original members were students, completes the cycle of six masterpieces on its latest album recently released, *Bartók*

*String Quartets Nos. 1, 3 & 5*. Celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, Euclid has become one of the most well-regarded chamber ensembles of its generation whose performances are filled with passion, virtuosity, and sensitivity. This award-winning group holds the prestigious residency at the South Bend campus of Indiana University. Among the group's stops on tour have been Carnegie Hall, the Library of Congress, the Aspen Music Festival, and Osaka, Japan. Euclid was awarded an American Masterpieces grant from the NEA for its innovative educational programming.

'00

Daniel L. Michaels, North Royalton, Ohio, has been promoted to associate at Westlake Reed Leskosky, architects, engineers and technology designers of Cleveland.

Jacob P. Murphy, M.M., South Bend, Ind., violinist in the Euclid Quartet, founded at Kent State University while its original members were students, completes the cycle of six masterpieces on its latest album recently released, *Bartók String Quartets Nos. 1, 3 & 5*. Celebrating its 15th anniversary this year, Euclid has become one of the most well-regarded chamber ensembles of its generation whose performances are filled with passion, virtuosity, and sensitivity. This award-winning group holds the prestigious residency at the South Bend campus of Indiana University. Among the group's stops on tour have been Carnegie Hall, the Library of Congress, the Aspen Music Festival, and Osaka, Japan. Euclid was awarded an American Masterpieces grant from the NEA for its innovative educational programming.

'02

Andrew Z. McKeown, M.Arch., '03, Lakewood, Ohio, received \$20,000 award for his outstanding work and innovation in the field through the Creative Workforce Fellowship, a program of the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture (CPAC) in Cuyahoga County, Ohio. The award also includes a one-year membership to the COSE Arts Network and tuition to the Artist as an Entrepreneur Institute (AEI).

'03

Daniel E. Perttu, M.A., '04, New Wilmington, Pa., Westminster College assistant professor of music theory and composition, recently had his "Toccata for Piano Duo" performed at three universities in Ohio during February. Pieces for the Tutti New Music Festival were selected in a peer-review process. Perttu's "Toccata for Piano Duo" was commissioned by duoARTia, a pair of professional pianists who often perform piano duo music and feature works by living composers.

Adrienne L. Strock, M.L.I.S., Phoenix, Ariz., is the YOUmedia manager for the Chicago Public Library.

'04

Bradley W. Fink, Cleveland, Ohio, has been promoted to associate at Westlake Reed Leskosky, architects, engineers and technology designers of Cleveland.

Jessica M. Hudson, M.B.A., '11, Canton, Ohio, has been named director of development, oncology, for the Summa Foundation in Akron, Ohio. Hudson previously worked in Corporate and Foundation Relations at Kent State University.

'06

Kelly M. Cvijovic, North Royalton, Ohio, opened a jewelry store, Wicked Sugar Jewelry and Fashion, in Strongsville, Ohio in December, 2012. The store sells jewelry, scarves, handbags and gift items.



# MAKING STUDENTS SMILE

*Kent State alumnus featured in  
PEOPLE Magazine as 'Amazing Teacher.'*

*Ben Rings and the Wrestle  
With Your Buddy group.  
Photo by David Yellen for  
PEOPLE Magazine*

By *Shannen Laur*, public relations major  
There is a new celebrity in *PEOPLE Magazine*, and he happens to be a Kent State graduate. *Ben Rings*, '06, was recognized as "Amazing Teacher" and featured in the March 2013 issue of *PEOPLE Magazine*.

Rings, a special education teacher and wrestling coach at Pine-Richland High School in Pittsburgh, was recognized for his Peer Buddies Program. The program gives special education students the opportunity to interact with nonspecial needs students. Those students serve as great mentors to the special education students.

Rings also started the Wrestle With Your Buddy program, bringing special education students on to the wrestling mats. Rings says the special needs and nonspecial needs wrestlers have gone on to build friendships with each other outside of practice.

"They have formed bonds that happen outside of wrestling practice now," says Rings. "It's now at school, at lunch, in the hallways and outside of school.

When the kids start hanging out outside of the sport they are in, it's a really positive experience."

Rings says after spending time practicing with the wrestling team, the Wrestle With Your Buddy program hosts a special night called the Best Buddies Showcase, where the students with special needs get to wrestle their partner.

"After practicing all year, they get to wrestle in front of a crowd, underneath the spotlight," Rings says.

Rings says one of his most valuable experiences was wrestling at Kent State. It not only taught him life lessons but lead him to create the Wrestle with Your Buddy Program

"The experience I had with Kent State wrestling was a lesson in itself, and there were many things that I learned about being part of a team and about myself," Rings says. "I benefited and learned so much from the experiences. I wanted every kid to be able to experience something like that and that is one of the reasons I created the Wrestle With Your Buddy program."

Rings chose Kent State after viewing several other schools throughout Ohio. He decided on Kent State because of the high-honored wrestling program the university offered.

"I came to Kent State for many reasons, first of all was the wrestling team," Rings says. "The years I was on the team at Kent State, we were always in the top 25 teams in the country, and we worked on making our team stronger."

Coaches **Jim Andrassy**, **Frank Romano**, **Ryan Cummins** and **Josh Moore** helped shape Rings during his time on the team.

"Every moment was memorable, whether it was busting our tails in the practice room, competing against other teams or spending time with athletes from other sports at Kent State," Rings says.

Now Rings can add other memorable moments to his list from his teaching experiences including this honor.

"I am ecstatic," Rings says "Now our program is gaining national recognition. Maybe another coach from another school will read this and begin to do it too."

# LIFE MEMBERS

Here is the list of the many dedicated individuals who recently became Kent State University Alumni Association life members. A complete list of life members can be found at [www.ksualumni.org/member](http://www.ksualumni.org/member).

Eileen Ahern, Brewster, Mass.  
 Thomas Aljancic, Mc Kenzie, Tenn.  
 Rita Amstadt, Massillon, Ohio  
 Beth Apisdorf, Beachwood, Ohio  
 Linda Aring, Northfield, Ohio  
 Steven Aring, Northfield, Ohio  
 Terrence Bahn, Galena, Ohio  
 Darcy Bailey, Kent, Ohio  
 Gregory Bailey, Kent, Ohio  
 Deborah Baird, Stow, Ohio  
 Thomas Baird, Stow, Ohio  
 Alice Baker, Bluffton, S.C.  
 Lloyd Baker, Bluffton, S.C.  
 Daniel Bednar, Malvern, Pa.  
 Donna Bednarz, Stow, Ohio  
 James Bertino, Ravenna, Ohio  
 Jonathon Bezilla, Youngstown, Ohio  
 Erin Biehl, Westerville, Ohio  
 Jamie Bloss, Cleveland, Ohio  
 Alan Boerger, Troy, Ohio  
 Janet Boerger, Troy, Ohio  
 Kevin Burge, Columbus, Ohio  
 Shawna Burge, Columbus, Ohio

Bethany Burkhart, Owensboro, Ky.  
 Donald Burrier, North Canton, Ohio  
 James Buser, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio  
 Tamara Buser, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio  
 Jane Butterweck, Cleveland, Ga.  
 Dennis Cada, Avon Lake, Ohio  
 Joyce Cain, Bud, W.Va.  
 Robert Carr, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio  
 Sharon Carr, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio  
 James Cecil, Arlington, Va.  
 Robert Chandler III, Painesville, Ohio  
 Hong Chang, Edison, N.J.  
 Nansun Chang, Edison, N.J.  
 Carolyn Chapman, Reno, Nev.  
 Nella Citino, Monona, Wis.  
 Sue Compo, Fremont, Ind.  
 Wendy Cooley, Atwater, Ohio  
 Ronald Dade, Fitchburg, Mass.  
 Alan DeAmon, Twinsburg, Ohio  
 Richard Deckro, Beavercreek, Ohio  
 Nancy Dicken, New Waterford, Ohio  
 Carol Dowling, Gibsonia, Pa.  
 M. Dreitzler, Painesville, Ohio

Jason Dunick, Fairfax, Va.  
 Erica Eckert, Kent, Ohio  
 Elizabeth Ellis, Cold Spring, N.Y.  
 Ashley Ellrich, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
 Jennifer Ellrich, Scottsdale, Ariz.  
 Beryl Fisher, Virginia Beach, Va.  
 Patricia Fitzgerald, Aurora, Ohio  
 Steven Flaughers, Akron, Ohio  
 Matthew French, Aurora, Ohio  
 Judith Frohlich, Bryn Mawr, Pa.  
 Kenneth Frohlich, Bryn Mawr, Pa.  
 Shirley Gehalo, Coral Springs, Fla.  
 Steven Gehalo Jr., Coral Springs, Fla.  
 Tyler Goddard, Kent, Ohio  
 Virginia Gontero, Painesville, Ohio  
 Barbara Greene, Solon, Ohio  
 Jeffrey Greene, Solon, Ohio  
 Mary Grimm, Kent, Ohio  
 Richard Grimmer, Kensington, Md.  
 George Gunlock, Lathrup Village, Mich.  
 Hobson Hamilton Jr., Akron, Ohio  
 William Hartnett, Mansfield, Ohio

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## Class Notes

**'09**  
 Kerri A. Huff, Stow, Ohio, has been promoted to senior human resources assistant at American Materials Incorporated (AMI). In this new role, Huff has been with AMI for two years.

Rachael E. Miller, Fort Collins, Colo., has served in the Peace Corps, fished commercially and earned an M.B.A. in sustainable business. Miller is the co-founder of a social start-up called MamaCarts, a food cart business addressing food insecurity in urban slums. Currently, Mama Carts is competing to win a \$1M prize from the Clinton Global Initiative.

Benjamin L. Rings, Mars, Pa., was named "Amazing Teacher" by *People* magazine <http://www.people.com/people/article/0,,20679786,00.html>. Rings, special education teacher and wrestling coach of Pine Richland High School, opened up the wrestling team to students with special needs in suburban Pittsburgh and has helped forge bonds between his students and their peers in mainstream classes. His "peer buddies" program paired special needs students with mainstream kids who mentored them.

Alison L. White, Copley, Ohio, project manager for the University of Akron's College of Education and the Ohio STEM Learning Network - Akron Hub, has been promoted to director of the Ohio STEM Learning Network (OSLN) - Akron Hub.

**'08**

Erica L. Cofojohn, Stow, Ohio, has been promoted to human resources manager at American Materials Incorporated (AMI). In this new role, Hudkins will provide support primarily to the U.S. Distribution organization. She has been with AMI for four and half years and was most recently human resources generalist supporting distribution.

**'09**

Jessica E. DeCaro, M.L.I.S., Chagrin Falls, Ohio, is now the assistant user services librarian at Case Western Reserve University in the Cleveland Health Science Libraries. DeCaro can be found at the Health Center Library, providing reference and information fluency instruction.

**'11**

Katie A. Cvijovic, North Royalton, Ohio, opened a jewelry store, Wicked Sugar Jewelry and Fashion, in Strongsville, Ohio in December, 2012. The store sells jewelry, scarves, handbags and gift items.

Katherine M. (Corbut) D'Arcy, Rochester, N.Y., has been named public relations director and social media accountant for Martino Flynn, LLC's public relations department. D'Arcy will provide public relations and social media strategy and support to several of the firm's business-to-business and consumer accounts.

Nicole M. Hollon, M.L.I.S., Austin, Texas, was hired full time last fall as a records management specialist for the University of Texas at Austin

Amy S. McCoy, M.L.I.S., Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, was hired in June at The University of Akron School of Law as the Technical Services Librarian.

**'12**

Frank A. Barnhart, M.A., Columbus, Ohio, was one of the principal cast members in the musical *Hairspray*, presented in Columbus in the spring by the SRO Theatre Company.

Kristen M. Hallows, M.L.I.S., Hilliard, Ohio, a research librarian recently published the article, "Health Information Literacy and the Elderly: Has the Internet Had an Impact?" in the journal, *The Serials Librarian*. Hallows is also one of the most recent Beta Phi Mu inductees.

Steven Kemple, M.L.I.S., Cincinnati, Ohio, music reference librarian, Popular Library Department, Main Branch of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, was featured in a two-part article *Library Journal*. The article is about a program series he has been running since November called "Listen to This!" as well as similar programs at several other libraries. Kemple's local alternative newspaper also did a story on the most recent instance of that series, which featured music from North Korea. He also has been interviewed by *Paste Magazine* about his Experimental Music at the Library series.

Lee Ann McNabb, M.L.I.S., Kent, Ohio, reference librarian in the Popular Library Department at the Main Branch of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County was featured in the March 19, 2013, article "Library as Incubator Project" for her role in organizing the first ever Cincinnati Library Comic Con series.

Edwin K. Morris, M.S., Sierra Vista, Ariz., is the author of an article titled "Culture and Knowledge Operations at the Learning Technology Directorate," which was recently published in *Military Intelligence Professional Bulletin*. The article was based on a paper he wrote for Special Topics in IAKM 61095 taught by Lour P. Bairatchnyi, Ph.D. Morris also recently received Certified Knowledge Management Professional (CKMP) certification from the Knowledge Management Professional Society (KMPro). The CKMP designation is awarded by KMPro to experienced practitioners in the field of Knowledge Management (KM) based upon demonstration of practical application of knowledge management.

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 Nickolaos Haskakis, Reynoldsburg, Ohio  
 William Healy II, Canton, Ohio  
 Steven Heard, Cleveland Heights, Ohio  
 Gregory Henderson, Willoughby, Ohio  
 Christine Hill, Kent, Ohio  
 Gayle Holmes-Tamagne, Statesville, N.C.  
 Walter Horton Jr., Stow, Ohio  
 Robert Host, Glendale, Ariz.  
 David Howe, Massillon, Ohio  
 Kathleen Hunsicker, Broadview Heights, Ohio  
 Gregory Jacoby, Suwanee, Ga.  
 Debbie James, Warren, Ohio  
 Lori James, Massillon, Ohio  
 Robert James, Massillon, Ohio  
 Karen Jenkins, New Philadelphia, Ohio  
 Robert Jenkins, New Philadelphia, Ohio  
 Peggy Jirousek, Richfield, Ohio  
 Beth Jones, Dalton, Ohio  
 John Kane, Perrysburg, Ohio  
 Donald Karaikos, Lewis Center, Ohio  
 Ted Kazaglis, Cary, N.C.  
 Scott Kazakis, Hartsville, Ohio  
 Carolyn Kelly, Cleveland, Ohio  
 Dennis Kempf, Grafton, Ohio  
 Joan Kempf, Grafton, Ohio  
 Michael Kircher, Palmer, Alaska  
 Phyllis Kircher, Palmer, Alaska  
 Kennedy Klagge, Prescott Valley, Ariz.  
 Richard Klinedinst, Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
 Suzanne Klinedinst, Mechanicsburg, Pa.  
 Amy Kota, Wooster, Ohio  
 Jeff Kota, Wooster, Ohio  
 Esther Kovacs, Brecksville, Ohio  
 Julius Kovacs, Brecksville, Ohio  
 Harrison Kraft Jr., West Islip, N.Y.  
 Elaine Krezmien, Springville, N.Y.  
 James Krezmien, Springville, N.Y.  
 Adarsh Krishen, Akron, Ohio  
 Gaylord Kruse Jr., Painesville, Ohio  
 Casey Krysiak, Streetsboro, Ohio  
 Jeffrey Krysiak, Streetsboro, Ohio  
 Daniel Kukura, Willoughby, Ohio  
 Christi LaPrairie, Garrettsville, Ohio  
 Nathan LaPrairie, Garrettsville, Ohio  
 Brian Leipold, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio  
 William Leiter, Columbus, Ohio  
 Mark Lewine, Cleveland, Ohio  
 Sarah Lewine, Shaker Heights, Ohio  
 Mary Likar, Bethesda, Md.  
 Nancy Lineburgh, Lakewood, Ohio  
 Jason Linn, Potomac, Md.  
 Sandor Lubisch, Chandler, Ariz.  
 Edward Lysen, Dallas, Texas  
 Kimberly Mahoney, Safety Harbor, Fla.  
 Arvind Malik, New Albany, Ohio  
 Michelle Malik, New Albany, Ohio  
 Barbara Mallette, Cassadaga, N.Y.  
 Cassandra Marks, Knoxville, Tenn.  
 William Marsh III, San Diego, Calif.  
 Richard Martin, Liberty, Mo.  
 Sidney Maruna, Columbus, Ohio  
 Olga Maruskin, Youngstown, Ohio  
 Kim Masliah, Verona, Wis.  
 Lawrence Matika, Barrington, R.I.  
 Dorothy McBride, Suffern, N.Y.  
 Irene McCoy, Shelton, Conn.  
 Michael McCoy, Shelton, Conn.  
 Michael McDonald, Perrysburg, Ohio  
 Shannon McDonald, Lisbon, Ohio  
 Stephanie Meadows, Arlington, Va.  
 Cynthia Meeker, Lewis Center, Ohio  
 Richard Meeker, Lewis Center, Ohio  
 Joyce Miller MBA, Sonoma, Calif.  
 Kristy Miller, Alexandria, Va.  
 W. Kent Miller, Mount Vernon, Ohio  
 Laura Moore, Tampa, Fla.  
 Ryan Moore, Tampa, Fla.  
 Craig Mueller, New Bremen, Ohio  
 Theresa Mullins, Cleveland, Ohio  
 Linda Murray, Golden, Ill.  
 Rita Myers, Berea, Ohio  
 Sally Neidus, Gates Mills, Ohio  
 Stuart Neidus, Gates Mills, Ohio  
 Wesley Nicholson Jr., Cleveland, Ohio  
 Amity Noltemeyer, Oxford, Ohio  
 Paul Noltemeyer, Oxford, Ohio  
 Richard Oliva, Aliso Viejo, Calif.  
 Alfred Oneto Jr., Fairfield, Conn.  
 Scott Parker, Avon, Ohio  
 Jeffrey Parmelee, Akron, Ohio  
 Dorothea Pascarella, Kent, Ohio  
 Thomas Pascarella, Kent, Ohio  
 Gary Payne, Burlingame, Calif.  
 David Petrone, Ravenna, Ohio  
 Deborah Petrone, Ravenna, Ohio  
 Cathy Petti, Westlake, Ohio  
 Susan Pettis, Creedmoor, N.C.  
 Pamela Pizzute, Kent, Ohio  
 Teresa Posey - Kazaglis, Cary, N.C.  
 Andrew Pucci, Fairlawn, Ohio  
 Richard Purgert, Cleveland, Ohio  
 Janice Purk, Mansfield, Pa.  
 Gail Pytel, Kent, Ohio  
 Sharon Queen, Canfield, Ohio  
 Mary Rahal, Boston, Mass.  
 Howard Richards, Wauchula, Fla.  
 Linda Richards, Wauchula, Fla.  
 Evaristo Rodriguez Jr., San Antonio, Texas  
 Joseph Romano III, Palm Desert, Calif.  
 Whitnee Romano, Palm Desert, Calif.  
 Marta Samuelson, Dewey, Ariz.  
 Joan Saunders, Chagrin Falls, Ohio  
 William Schaeffer, Glen Allen, Va.  
 Paul Schofield, East Waterboro, Maine  
 Harvey Schrager, Cleveland, Ohio  
 Linda Schrager, Cleveland, Ohio  
 Debra Shafer, Starkville, Miss.  
 Gary Shafer, Starkville, Miss.  
 Jeffery Shamblin, Macedonia, Ohio  
 Beth Shaughnessy, Bradenton Beach, Fla.  
 Mallie Shuster, Newville, Pa.  
 Anita Silvici, Madison, Wis.  
 John Small, Duluth, Ga.  
 Patricia Small, Duluth, Ga.  
 Carole Smith, Hudson, Ohio  
 Kenneth Smith, Chico, Calif.  
 Karen Snyder, Wadsworth, Ohio  
 Karen Sorace-Thomas, Cleveland, Ohio  
 Pamela Speck, Ravenna, Ohio  
 Barbara Spisak, Maple Heights, Ohio  
 Fredrick Sponseller, Laurel, Del.  
 Virgil Springer, Sebring, Ohio  
 Diane Steffner, Streetsboro, Ohio  
 John Stevens, Vermilion, Ohio  
 Sherideen Stoll, Perrysburg, Ohio  
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 Lashonda Taylor, Akron, Ohio  
 Amanda Teagardner, Milwaukee, Wis.  
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 Barbara Terlizzi, North Canton, Ohio  
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 Shilpi Tiwari, Silver Lake, Ohio  
 William Truby, Barnesville, Ga.  
 Gene Tullis, Greeley, Colo.  
 Allan Twark, Kent, Ohio  
 Charlene Twark, Kent, Ohio  
 Marcia Ulmer, Canton, Ohio  
 Phyllis Vair, Ravenna, Ohio  
 Albert Van Kirk, Hudson, Ohio  
 William Verdini, Phoenix, Ariz.  
 Valerie Wears, West Lafayette, Ohio  
 Phillip Weck, Kennett Square, Pa.  
 Linda Weekley, Wellsville, Ohio  
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Ashland, Ohio, January 2006.
- '42  
Mary M. (Nickerson) Watkins,  
Amboy, Ill., November 2012.
- '44  
Lavina M. (Scholes) Greene  
Lakewood, Ohio, April 2011.  
Jessie R. Bertschi Shumaker, M.Ed. '50,  
Kent, Ohio, May 2013.
- '46  
Erhel M. (Oviatt) Stokes  
Akron, Ohio, March 2013.
- '49  
Robert W. Parmenter  
Ravenna, Ohio, April 2013.
- '52  
John D. Farrell; Canton, Ohio, May 2013.
- '53  
William G. Dodds, M.Ed.  
Grand Rapids, Mich., October 2011.  
Bill Rummell, M.Ed. '57  
Mineral Ridge, Ohio, March 2013.
- '54  
Ineze C. (Laisure) Butts  
Cleveland, Ohio, July 2009.
- '55  
Wayne R. Bilek; Broadview Heights,  
Ohio, December 2010.
- '56  
Fred Felton; Stuart, Fla., February 2013.
- '58  
Michael M. Norcia; Davie, Fla., April 2013.
- '62  
James M. Maurer; Templeton, Calif., 2012.
- '63  
Wanda Blake, M.Ed.  
Albany, Ga., May 2013.  
Mary Myatovich  
Barberton, Ohio, November 2010.
- '65  
Mary E. (Brown) Baker, L.S.M.  
Mogadore, Ohio, February 2010.  
Robert W. Geierman  
Sheffield Lake, Ohio, January 2008.
- '68  
Henry Dietz  
Atlanta, Ga., September 2003.
- '69  
Daniel C. Watson, M.A.; North Olmsted,  
Ohio, September 2012.
- '70  
Clara B. (Borger) Crombie  
Abilene, Texas, March 2006.
- '71  
Diane K. (Karrer) Ford  
Havre De Grace, Md., January 2013.  
Robert A. Sammon, M.Ed.  
Concord, N.H., August 2005.
- '72  
Marcia L. (Kaminski) Lawson  
San Gabriel, Calif.,  
Emil J. Macek; Findlay, Ohio, April 2005.  
Cheryl A. (Krul) Paulett  
Oak Park, Ill., August 2006.  
Carolyn B. Pruitt  
Columbus, Ohio, April 2013.  
Thomas C. Vanik, J.D.  
Cleveland, Ohio, January 2013.
- '74  
A. L. Abel, M.Ed.  
Canton, Ohio, February 2013.
- '79  
Ricardo E. Beamon  
Cleveland, Ohio, June 1995.  
James P. Hunt, M.A.  
Sagamore Hills, Ohio, April 2013.
- Carol A. (Calarco) Patterson, M.Ed.  
Solon, Ohio, November 2001.  
Murray H. Shankman  
Solon, Ohio, April 2013.
- '85  
Theresa A. Ellis-Adams  
Canton, Ohio, April 2008.
- '87  
James A. Feldman, Ph.D.  
Berea, Ohio, November 2008.
- '93  
Myrtle Britton  
Willowick, Ohio, January 2013.
- '00  
J. A. Myeress, M.L.S.  
Columbus, Ohio, May 2013.
- '06  
Carissa J. Sampsel  
Beach City, Ohio, May 2013.
- '13  
Deborah S. Craig, Honors Coordinator,  
M. Ed. '76, M.A. '80, Ph.D. '87  
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# FOUNDATIONS OF EXCELLENCE

*\$5 million gift kicks off new initiative.*

By **Deb McGuinness**, '78

The new **Foundations of Excellence — Building the Future** capital campaign got off to a tremendous start with a \$5 million gift from John and Fonda Elliot of Charleston, W.Va. *John Elliot* graduated in 1970 from Kent State with a Bachelor of Architecture degree, and the gift made through his family's foundation will create the Elliot Studios for Design at the new building planned for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. The gift will also fund endowments for The Elliot Program for Healthcare Design, The Elliot Scholars and The Elliot Professorship in Healthcare Design.

"Fonda and I are honored to be able to give back to the university that gave us the opportunity and the tools to help build our pathway to today," says John. "If it wasn't for Kent State, and the school of

architecture, I would not have had the foundation to develop my architectural practice or my healthcare company. We encourage other Kent State graduates to participate and foster the vision that Kent State has for the future."

The Elliot Scholars gift will fund 10 scholarships for fulltime architecture students in any graduate degree program of Kent State's College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Awards will be designated for both domestic scholarships and global education opportunities.

The Elliot Professorship in Healthcare Design will provide competitive compensation and research support for especially promising faculty members.

The Elliot Program for Healthcare Design will support a new program in Healthcare Design. The college currently offers a Certificate in Healthcare

Facilities and will soon be offering a Master's in Healthcare Design.

As the largest single gift ever made to the college, it will have a very real impact.

"We are thrilled with the Elliot family's decision to provide this landmark gift," says **Douglas Steidl**, dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. "It not only will serve to enhance our new facility, but also provide ongoing support to the students through scholarships, the addition of faculty expertise and the establishment of a new program in healthcare design."

John and his wife, Fonda, own and operate AMF, LLC, an 11-facility nursing home business in West Virginia.



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In February 2012, he released his 10th book, containing every thought he has ever had on the past, present, and future of space exploration: *Space Chronicles: Facing the Ultimate Frontier*. Currently, Tyson is working on a 21st-century reboot of Carl Sagan's landmark television series *COSMOS*, to air in 13 episodes on the FOX network in the spring of 2014.

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**Nov. 14, 2013**

**NICHOLAS KRISTOF AND SHERYL WUDUNN**



Journalist Kristof and his wife, Sheryl WuDunn, earned a Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting for their dispatches on the pro-democracy student movement and the related Tiananmen Square protests of 1989.

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**April 22, 2014**

**KEN BURNS**

Burns has been making documentary films for more than 30 years. Since the Academy Award nominated *Brooklyn Bridge* in 1981,

Burns has gone on to direct and produce some of the most acclaimed historical documentaries ever made, including *The Civil War*; *Baseball*; *Jazz*; *Statue of Liberty*; *Huey Long*; *Lewis and Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery*; *Frank Lloyd Wright*; *Mark Twain*; *Unforgivable Blackness: The Rise and Fall of Jack Johnson*; *The War*; *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*; and, most recently, *The Dust Bowl*.

*In addition to being the spring Presidential Speaker, Burns will be the Keynote Speaker for the 2014 Democracy Symposium.*

  
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