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Utilizing key learning conditions, such as Belonging Certainty and Self Efficacy, Champions will seek to build relationships with one another in communities of transformation. Participants apply easy-lift, high-impact, evidence-based practices, gather real-time student feedback on the key conditions for thriving, and explore the larger contexts in which this work occurs. Please visit our [Belonging Champions website](https://www.kent.edu/ctl/belonging-champions) for additional program information. All Kent State instructors who are teaching at least one course during Spring 2026 are encouraged to apply. Current and former Champions who have already participated once may also apply to be a returning Champion (on a non-stipend appointment) and will be considered if there is space.   Register to be a Belonging Champion at [this link.](https://kent.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e5p3j59y9xHrFsy) (Stipend $1,000)  If you are a former Belonging Champion and you are interested in **facilitating**a community in the spring, please apply [here](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fkent.qualtrics.com%2Fjfe%2Fform%2FSV_00wd3WntY9AQ7To&data=05%7C02%7Cndaczko%40kent.edu%7C71c26d82e8cb486534d908de010c54bf%7Ce5a06f4a1ec44d018f73e7dd15f26134%7C1%7C0%7C638949349632320666%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ehcBH3kFL6eHTpP5LPIW0ljcuim44WEdUTS7ktaaNDM%3D&reserved=0). (Stipend $1,500)  All applications are due on **Monday, November 3.** | | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [A poster with text and a head  AI-generated content may be incorrect.](https://www.kent.edu/ctl/ai-workshops) | | | |  | | --- | | **AI Workshops**  The CTL offers a variety of workshops related to AI.  All workshops can be held in-person or virtually.  You can request any of these workshops by emailing[**ctl@kent.edu**](mailto:ctl@kent.edu?subject=)**or**[**clicking here**](https://www.kent.edu/ctl/contact-us)**.**  All of these workshops count towards the AI-Ready Educator Recognition. | | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Cartoon animal using a computer  AI-generated content may be incorrect.](https://www.kent.edu/ctl/10-day-writing-sprint) | | | |  | | --- | | **Sharing Your Ideas About AI and Your Teaching**  At Kent State, many of you are pioneering ways to use AI. Whether you are developing an AI policy for your course/assignment, integrating AI into assignments, or streamlining instructor-related tasks – our KSU community can benefit from hearing about your great work. We also have some amazing researchers engaging in AI related to their teaching and/or student learning, and we’d love to highlight your work. We invite you to share your ideas/practices/research to further advance AI innovation at Kent State and connect with others. | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Click here share your AI Ideas](https://kent.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_082fwITKONajtau) | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A poster for a seminar  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Click here to view the UTC Conference Sharepoint Site](https://ksuprod.sharepoint.com/sites/31stUTCAnnualCelebratingCollegeTeachingConference?e=1%3a217c2564b0a048c9b3007b3fd713931c&xsdata=MDV8MDJ8bmRhY3prb0BrZW50LmVkdXw3YzliMmU4YjJhNDA0MTRjMDZmZTA4ZGQ5N2E0YzE0OXxlNWEwNmY0YTFlYzQ0ZDAxOGY3M2U3ZGQxNWYyNjEzNHwxfDB8NjM4ODMzNDU2MDQzMDA1MTM0fFVua25vd258VFdGcGJHWnNiM2Q4ZXlKRmJYQjBlVTFoY0draU9uUnlkV1VzSWxZaU9pSXdMakF1TURBd01DSXNJbEFpT2lKWGFXNHpNaUlzSWtGT0lqb2lUV0ZwYkNJc0lsZFVJam95ZlE9PXwwfHx8&sdata=WFF3TTVCaW95bTZGMHJaUGlBV3JCTFpob3ZDcm5EUWhKOFlOSmVlQ3lTaz0%3d&clickparams=eyAiWC1BcHBOYW1lIiA6ICJNaWNyb3NvZnQgT3V0bG9vayIsICJYLUFwcFZlcnNpb24iIDogIjE2LjAuMTkxMjcuMjAxNTQiLCAiT1MiIDogIldpbmRvd3MiIH0%3D) | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Click here to register for UTC Conference on College Teaching](https://reg.learningstream.com/reg/event_page.aspx?ek=0055-0003-ea6d5be50bc546448edf4904659bda97) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **October Featured Educator** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A person with blonde hair  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | | | |  | | --- | | **Lauren Copeland, Ph.D. Associate Professor Fashion Design & Merchandising, Kent Campus**  Dr. Copeland has done a great deal of work within her Fundamentals class (required by all fashion students) to create a series of self-directed efficacy building activities to help students refine what they want to do in the fashion industry. [Click here to read more...](https://www.kent.edu/ctl/featured-educators-month) | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **~ Teaching Recognition Awards ~** | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | A close up of a button  AI-generated content may be incorrect. | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | The [Teaching Recognition Awards Program](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcl.s7.exct.net%2F%3Fqs%3D4f2d08fc3d1a28b0d2e76a0a091d003997e29b673036ff7c04388b5e783c073fcbb1e95bd31e4292e771c37ac68e7895ea2b7dba049f803f&data=05%7C02%7Cndaczko%40kent.edu%7C5a8c00ada2e84520e32808dce6d874b0%7Ce5a06f4a1ec44d018f73e7dd15f26134%7C1%7C0%7C638639064562959010%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=m0W5enDPNr1eBWCpoNL0ZJ6k7qAz%2FteuvC1rJe1gaes%3D&reserved=0) recognizes actions that enhance teaching and learning at Kent State University.  [Read more....](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcl.s7.exct.net%2F%3Fqs%3D4f2d08fc3d1a28b0efed382e74f03679d1e8559f9b63a9dff8796f3830399b3237e0682b4b8e3f7eecef178ba164a3c573aa7be5b1fd2120&data=05%7C02%7Cndaczko%40kent.edu%7C5a8c00ada2e84520e32808dce6d874b0%7Ce5a06f4a1ec44d018f73e7dd15f26134%7C1%7C0%7C638639064562972065%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VH48EK8FgfHzapaVVuC%2B5FnGKtBWnETBF0GEJ7nMUKk%3D&reserved=0)  **Congratulations to the Instructors Who Recently Received Awards   Bronze Award Recipients** Courtney Wagner  **Platinum Award Recipients**  Chia-Ling Kuo  Elena Novak | |  | |  | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [Click Here to Learn More About TRAs and Apply Yourself](https://www.kent.edu/ctl/teaching-recognition-awards) | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Did You Know??** | |  |  | | --- | | **Step Up & Speak Out**  **Tuesday, October 28th, 2025, 3-4pm Via Teams** (training Teams link sent to registrants the day prior to the training date). Registration link is below.  **Training Description:**  Step Up & Speak Out is a collaborative initiative designed to educate the university community on how to identify and assist individuals in destress or who are disruptive. It provides resources including a response guide, information on responding to suicide risk, and training for faculty and staff to foster a more caring campus culture by increasing awareness of mental health concerns and reducing stigma.  Approved for 1 hour of Beyond Compliance credit.  P**resenters include**:  Dr. Josh Perkins, Dean of Students, Dr. John Schell, Director, Counseling and Psychological Services, Ken Ditlevson, Director, CARES Center, and staff from the Kent State University Police Department.    **To register:** Register online at: <https://www.kent.edu/people-and-culture/learning-development>  then click the “Register for Training” option and go to October 28th to select Step Up & Speak Out. | | |
| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | **Connect with Us:** |  |  | | --- | | CTL is here to support you; whether it is teaching face-to-face, remote, or a combination of both. Email [ctl@kent.edu](mailto:ctl@kent.edu) with your questions and/or set up a consultation time.  [ctl@kent.edu](mailto:ctl@kent.edu) [http://www.kent.edu/ctl](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Y6WqD3vzLfZO9rDUh_cdMi-XqHk-9aws2u_BOHJHFKIlI6vLukaMUEVyYDQm-TjaJdhuyYXy2E-KGBh8ACuMDAF5xaJP1NzDber4pa-6PcfOzAfhUQJxsA5-T27h36zsALlXg1B3rKkqLLqw2SrqqReHMN-SQCs-ILa7rufAqLY=&c=WfcloJeIalGfR6OeiQu07bkS3ci1NHXbKO3tIUpPYg2aEg6jqpgocQ==&ch=2N00qId1pN4Ge4QoodgN-wVXf1QR2BSIUXOGh_e1ODZinr-Hip-QwA==) | | |