Elevating and Supporting Our Talented Team

Great universities have great employees. Kent State’s rising stature among the nation’s best public research universities depends on the success and achievements of our faculty and staff. To elevate and support employee talent, we will double the number of endowed chairs, professorships and other positions across our campuses. An endowment provides perpetual support for our most distinguished employees. This allows them to advance their work in special ways, including support for graduate and postdoctoral student assistants, research, travel, equipment purchases and creative pursuits.
A DISTINCTIVE LEARNING AND RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

The most important element in creating a distinctive learning and research environment that elevates the student experience is the talent and commitment of the university’s employees. Kent State has 10,700 employees across the university system who operate under the motto “Flashes Take Care of Flashes.” These employees are dedicated to providing the best possible experience for all of our students as they share their passion for knowledge and commitment to service. It is through this synergistic relationship of employees and students that Kent State can contribute meaningfully to the resolution of the world’s greatest challenges.

Endowed positions play an important role in the recruitment and retention of outstanding faculty, administrators and staff who are highly sought after by other universities. This will ultimately result in the acquisition of additional talented employees by Kent State. An endowed position, created by a philanthropic gift, provides perpetual support for employees in the endowed roles and their corresponding work.

BEACONS OF EXCELLENCE

From risk management to fashion and journalism to plant conservation biology - the employees who hold currently endowed positions at Kent State are shining beacons of excellence - with notable achievements and national and international recognition for their work.

As we continue to plan for our future, the best investment we can make is to elevate and support our brightest, most talented employees who will impact the education and experience of our students as they prepare to leave their mark on the world.

Gifts that endow employee positions may be made in the form of outright gifts, planned gifts or pledges and can be directed to the areas that are most important to the donor.

For more information or to discuss a philanthropic gift, please contact us at advancement@kent.edu or 330-672-2222.

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