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# KENT STATE

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## Hold an image of your future in your mind.

Let it stay there; give it time to form. Picture where you are, what you're doing. *Who you are.*

Now think of how you're going to get there and what you will need to do. There are many paths you could take and not everyone's looks the same. You get to choose the one that's right for you — to take you to where you want to be. | Your vision could be anything you can imagine. How will you choose to make an impact, a difference, in your world? Getting there is going to require work, knowledge and skills that you may not have yet. A college degree is one way you can prepare for anything you want to do. | We know that you will do things a little differently than everyone else in the world. But whatever your choices, Kent State is very good at helping anyone discover the path that's right for them.

Here, you can find the way to your image of the future.



These are the **figures** and **facts** of Kent State University.





With each page you turn in this book, you'll meet the most important figures at our university —

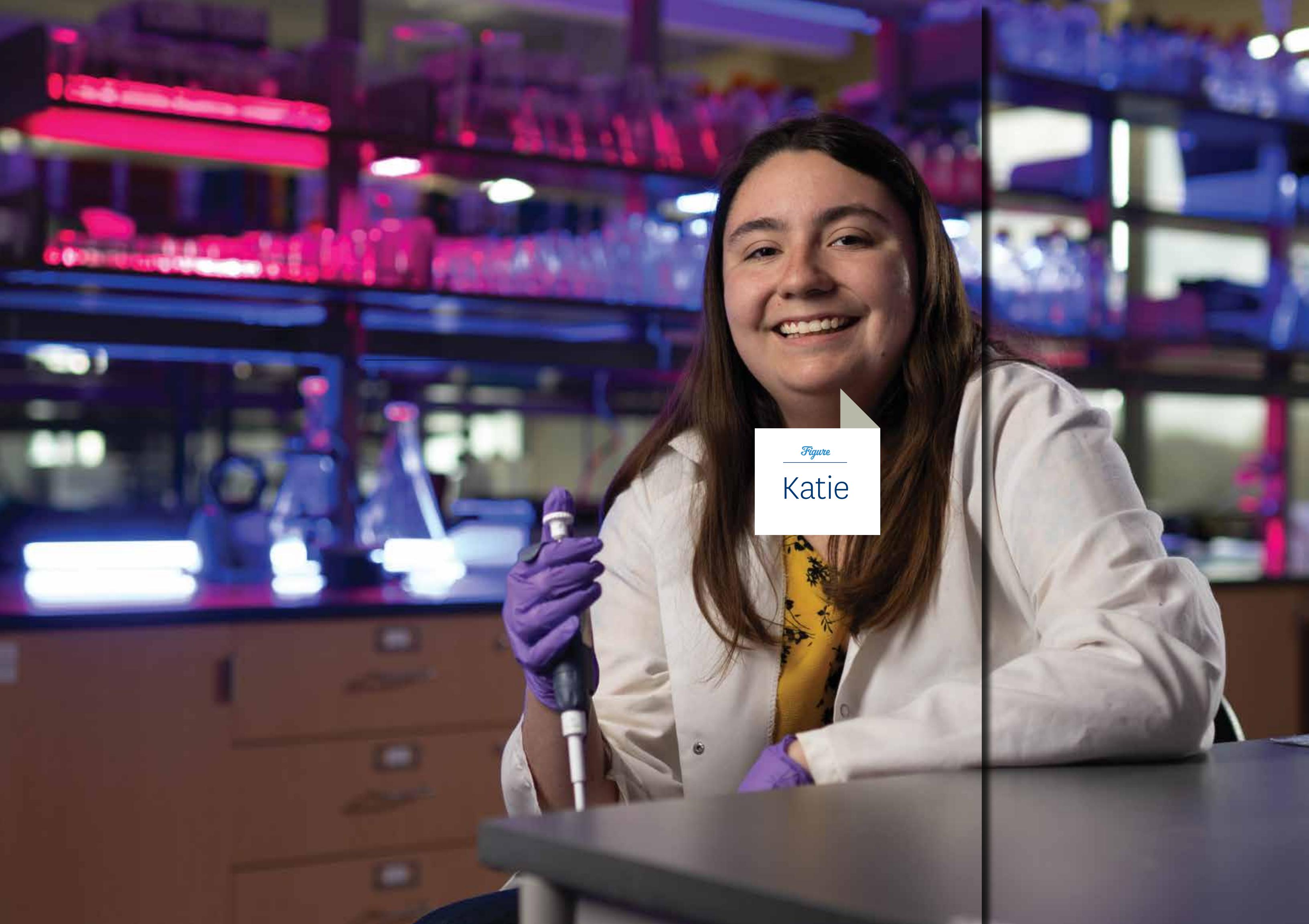
*our students.*

From the very start of your Kent State experience to beyond graduation, you're going to feel welcomed, encouraged and supported. *Flashes take care of Flashes.*

Our goal is to make education accessible and affordable for everyone, from all backgrounds and walks of life. We want to help you realize your dreams.

We meet students where they are and embrace them for who they are. We believe that what makes us each unique makes us stronger together.

Everyone at Kent State is dedicated to your success and wellbeing. We help our graduates become fully prepared to succeed in anything they want to do.



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Katie



Katie was born a scientist. When she was about 8 years old, she asked for (and received) a microscope as a birthday present.

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She is energized by discovery and research. Her goal is to be the head of a research lab, so she can direct her research to effect change in the world.

Research was important to her when she was choosing a university. She found that other universities she looked at didn't allow students to participate in research until their junior or senior year. That — and when she saw that Kent State had plenty of high-tech microscopes — became the biggest deciding factors in her choosing Kent State.

*“Employers and grad schools look at grades and boards, of course, but they really want research experience, too. The fact that Kent State got me into a lab so soon in order to learn lab skills and gain research experience has made all the difference and will help me stand out.”*

**How Kent State makes it work**

Kent State's high level of research activity earned the university the prestigious, national R1 designation. Only the top 4% of U.S. universities hold this elite status. Having active research on campus creates opportunities for students to participate in meaningful investigation and gain invaluable hands-on experience, knowledge and skills for any career path.



The best thing Kent State could have done for my career was to allow me to get into research my first semester, freshman year. It has given me the best possible experience and will give me four years of research experience as an undergrad.

**Katie Yanez**

Biotechnology/Data Analytics



Discover more of  
Katie's story.



As far as preparing me for my job after college, the hands-on experience I got at Kent State was especially helpful. I did not have any hesitancy walking into the engineering lab or quality assurance lab at my first job because I already had experience with a lot of the equipment and the confidence to learn the things I didn't have experience with.

Emily Perrine  
Kent State Alumna  
Product Engineer



# Learning by doing

## Career-ready graduates

Our programs combine instruction in classes and labs with valuable, hands-on learning experiences outside the classroom so that our graduates are well prepared for today's most in-demand careers.

## Supporting your success

Everyone at Kent State — administrators, professors, staff and students — is dedicated to helping you graduate. Even before you arrive on campus — and after you graduate — you'll be part of a community of support and assistance.

## Dedicated people and resources

You'll find so many people on campus, from our admissions counselors, academic advisors, financial aid specialists and career services staff, who are here to assist you in achieving your goals. They can provide academic help, tutoring, mentoring, career development, advocacy and personal support.

## A valuable degree

Your degree from Kent State has value because of the strength and quality of the nationally recognized programs behind it. Employers recognize that value, too, and that is why many companies and organizations actively recruit Kent State graduates.

After my campus tour, the head of the department took me around the new Integrated Sciences Building and Cunningham Hall. He spent two hours with me and my family and I wasn't even a student here yet. It was the nicest thing. Now, he's become a kind of mentor. He has given me very helpful advice and guidance and helped me when I was struggling. He really cares for students. When I won an award for the Biology Department, he emailed me with congratulations. - Katie Yanez



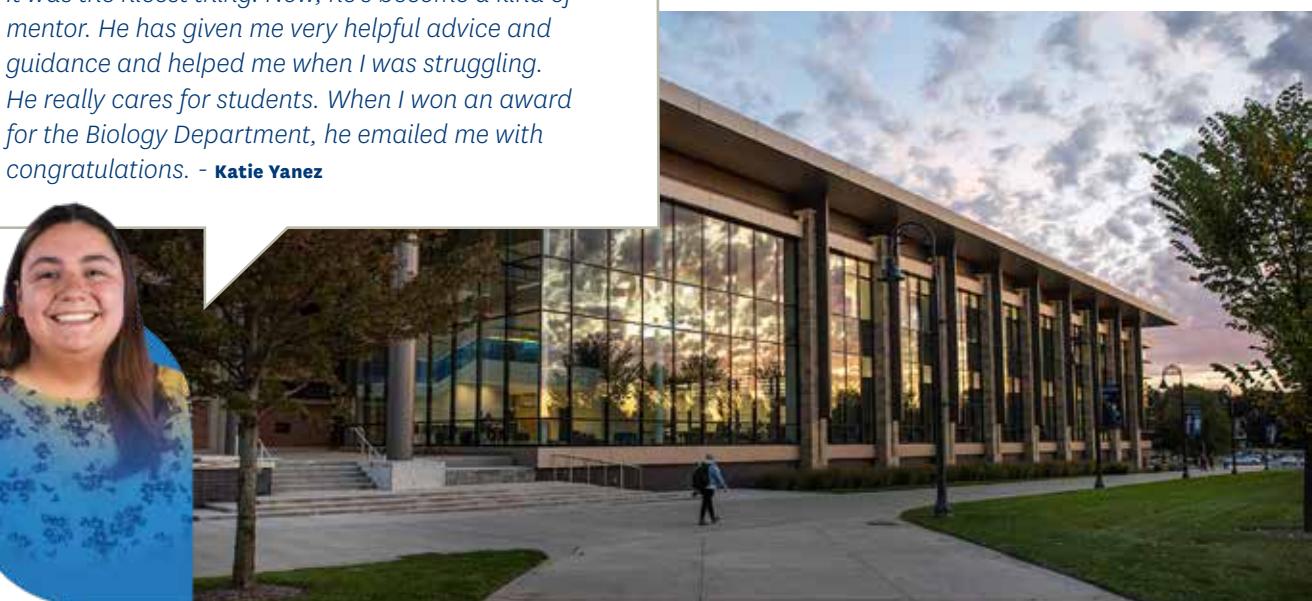
## Important partnerships

The research Katie participated in was conducted at Kent State and also at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED), a regional partner in training health professionals and medical researchers.

Kent State's partnerships with NEOMED, Cleveland Clinic, Delta Airlines, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. NASA, Progressive Corp., Vitamix and many other organizations associated with our academic colleges help our students add to their hands-on, real-world learning experiences.

## Exceptional instructors

Nearly every one of our students has a story about Kent State professors who have gone above and beyond to help them, both with their studies and personally.



*Figure*

Shorya





Coming to Kent State from Canada, Shorya was not new to international travel. He had also taken trips with his parents when he was younger. But when he traveled to Paris to study abroad, it was a transformative experience for him.

He studied with students from Kent State and from all over the world. His daily routine was completely immersed in local culture. The things he saw and the people he met expanded his view of the world.

Everything was different: his professors, his classes, the people he met, the experiences he had. In discovering this new place, he found he had also discovered new things about himself.

*"The study abroad program helped prepare me for any future career by exposing me to different cultures and different people. And I was pushed out of my comfort zone. I think it's really important to be comfortable being uncomfortable."*

#### **How Kent State makes it work**

Study abroad experiences add additional depth to a student's resume, with qualities that employers look for, like increased confidence, an expanded worldview and being comfortable working with people from other cultures.



When I came back from the study-abroad trip, I was definitely more confident in myself because I knew I had an experience that not everyone gets. That confidence helped me pursue things that I wouldn't have pursued in the past and had me more 'out of the box' in my thinking as well.

**Shorya Agarwal**

Fashion Merchandising



Follow Shorya as he explores Paris.





# Expand your world

## Choose your destination

You can study abroad at Kent State's campus in Florence or at one of our locations that partner with a local university in **Paris, London, Prague, Geneva or Hong Kong**, or in **Curtiba, Brazil; Yongin, South Korea; or Kigali, Rwanda**. In all, there are more than 200 study abroad opportunities for Kent State students in 60 countries worldwide.

There are also study away opportunities for the **School of Fashion in Los Angeles** and at **Kent State's New York City Fashion** location.

*"It's a whole different kind of travel experience. With the kinds of connections that Kent State has and the experiences they grant you while you're there — you just wouldn't get that while traveling on your own. The professors take you to certain places and explain things that align with your coursework. - **Shorya Agarwal***



## Travel with purpose

**Studying abroad isn't a vacation, it's an intense, immersive learning experience.** Course-work can be accelerated and condensed to fit a semester's worth of classes into a few weeks. Because you're a student, not a tourist, you learn more about daily living and what it's like to live and study in another country.

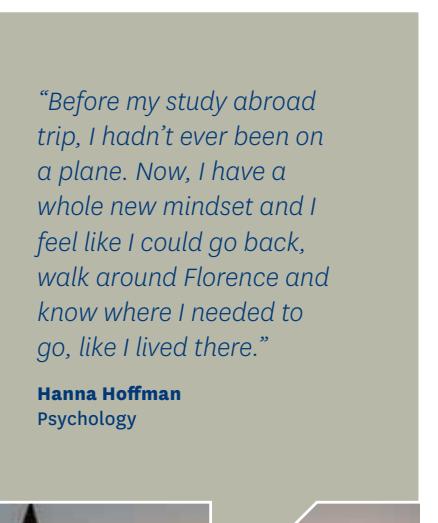
## Financial aid for studying abroad

Kent State knows study abroad experiences are valuable, so we work to help students find financial aid and scholarships. Students are eligible, in most cases, to receive financial aid for studying abroad. Information from your annual FAFSA form helps determine your eligibility and awards.

## An international university

Kent State's education abroad program and the university's programs for international students were recognized for excellence in internationalization with a Senator Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization. Kent State was the only U.S. university to earn the 2022 award.

Students and professors from more than 100 countries have found Kent State to be a welcoming place with special resources to assist international visitors.







Sidney and Hanna became best friends even before they met in person. They connected through a roommate match on social media before they began their freshman year.

They bonded almost instantly over shared interests and began communicating, mostly via text.

The texts were mostly brief and transactional. Like “Should I bring this lamp?” That was the way Sidney and Hanna wanted it. They agreed to “save all of their stories” so they could share them, and learn more about each other, when they were living together as roommates on campus.

Living on campus in the Honors College residence hall, Sidney and Hanna were able to meet friends who shared their interests and have enhanced access to professors and advisors. Being close to campus activities and events gave them lot of things to do and, more importantly, gave them opportunities to grow, both personally and academically, to prepare them for their successful futures.

#### **How Kent State makes it work**

Kent State’s Living Learning Programs (there are more than a dozen) and being active in student organizations are great ways to meet new people and find friends on campus. Academic and professional student organizations offer opportunities for valuable experiences exploring careers, networking and connecting with professionals in the workforce.



**Sidney Strauss**  
Psychology

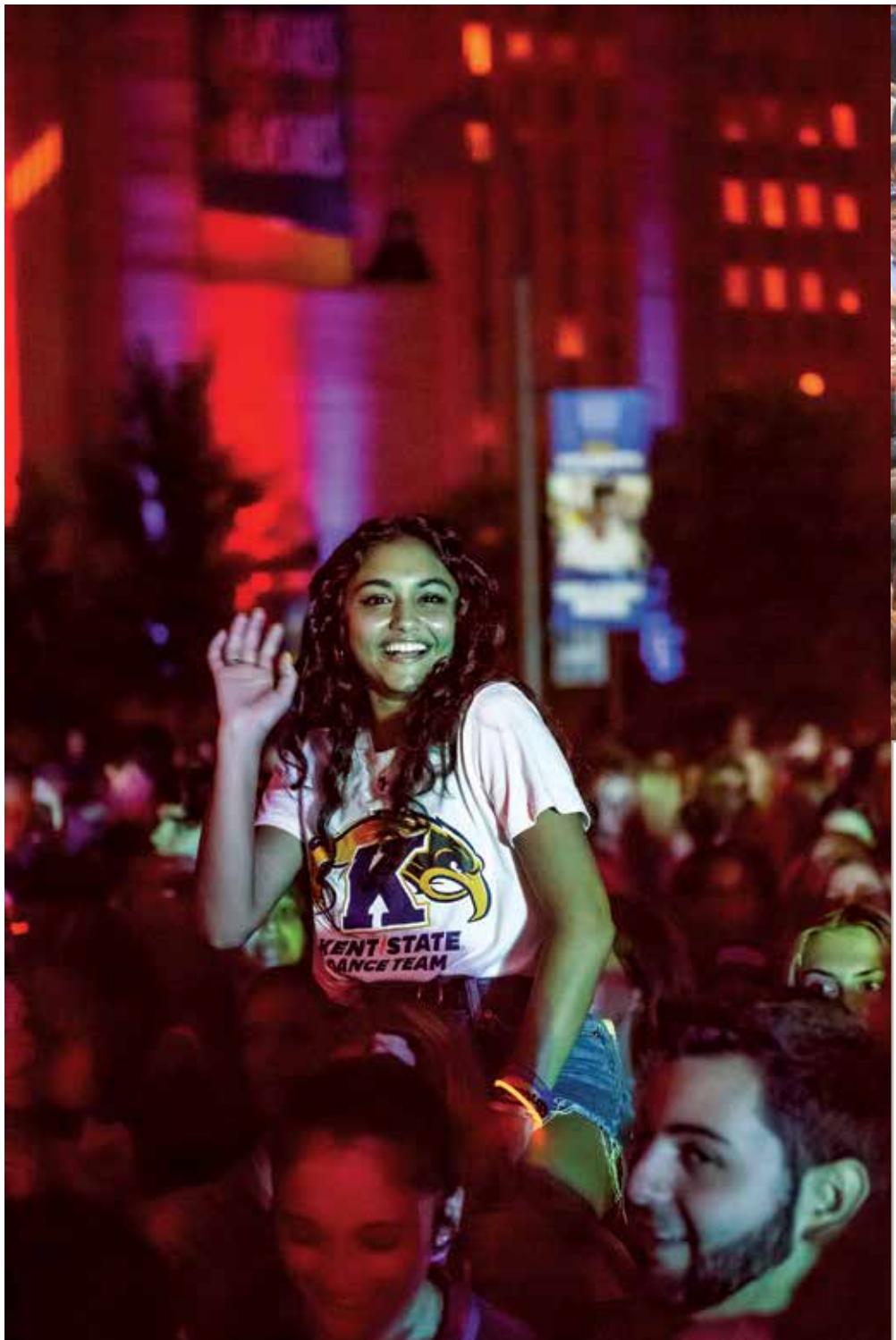
It’s so easy to make new friends here. In the beginning, we went to every single event together, like Blastoff! and orientation. At all of these events, we would just look around at whoever was near us and say, “Hey, do you guys have orientation next? Want to go together?”

Whenever I go into a new class, I sit down and talk to whoever’s around me. If they bite, I’m like, “Oh, new friend!” And that’s just kind of how everything happens.

**Hanna Hoffman**  
Psychology



*Hear more of the story of these friends for life.*



The best thing about living on campus is being close to the center of everything. You just get to walk out and get involved in something, whether it's a campus event or you're just going on a walk. It's nice to be in the middle of something really big and active. **– Sidney Strauss**



# Loving life on campus



## You won't be bored

There's always something to do on campus. You can attend university events, concerts, festivals, movie nights, farmers markets, food truck pop-ups and more. Kent State's student organizations also offer a full schedule of events that include comedy nights, trivia nights, karoke, late-night ice skating and formals. The Flash Activity Board (FAB) plans many events for students each year.



## Overall wellness and safety

The overall health, well-being and safety of our students is very important to us. For fitness, the Warren Student Recreation and Wellness Center offers state-of-the-art fitness equipment and a full schedule of activities. An on-campus health center offers full service primary care. If a student is feeling stressed, anxious or depressed they can access on-campus mental health and counseling resources.

For safety, Kent State has a dedicated, fully accredited campus police department and student escorts.

## Find your community

You can find a match for most social, academic or professional interests through Kent State's 350+ student organizations. There's something for everyone and it's one of the best ways to make friends, get involved in philanthropy and gain experience for your career.

Students also can connect through identity-based organizations like Black United Students (BUS), the Student Multicultural Center (SMC), Hilllhel and the LGBTQ+ Center.

*“Student organizations are like another community within the community of Kent. It's a second place I can go. It's a group of people that I can talk to.”*

**Jacob Herbolich**  
Integrated Social Studies

## An engaged campus

Kent State encourages students to get involved and share their meaningful voice. Activism is an important part of our university history, as well. Our students have opportunities to participate in student government, community service and philanthropy.

*“I like the activism here. On the day I toured Kent State, there was a demonstration. I looked at my Mom and said, ‘This is exactly the environment I want to be in.’”*

**Hanna**





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Jacob



Coming from a very small town, Jacob was a little apprehensive about coming to a large university and the (relatively) larger city of Kent. As it turned out, becoming part of this larger world was the spark he needed.

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Now, his favorite experiences include walking around downtown Kent, trying different foods at the restaurants and hiking in the parks by the river. And, while he says he feels a connection to Kent, he's also thinking of expanding his experience to living in and exploring larger cities.

*“Going to a football game where there were more people than in my hometown by about 100 times, seemed like it would be stressful, but it was so fun. It’s been a amazing experience to share a community bond with people and get those experiences you think about when you think of college.”*

**How Kent State makes it work**

Kent is located near four larger cities offering access to companies serving industries in nearly every business category. Northeast Ohio also is home to a large number of corporate headquarters, including Goodyear, KeyBank, Progressive, Parker Hannifin, Signet Jewelers and many more.





# Taking it all in



## Just right

Some students describe Kent State as having the feeling of community you might find at a smaller college, with all the resources and perks of a large university.

Kent State, they say, also is in a "sweet spot" location-wise: not too far from home, but not too close, either.

## An exceptional downtown

The city of Kent is a great college town with an energetic downtown area that's just a few steps off campus. You can explore restaurants, unique shops, galleries and parks. There's always something to do — with live music, special events and festivals. Recently, Ohio Magazine chose Kent as one of the best hometowns in Ohio.

*"I remember in my free time, my friends and I loved to go to downtown Kent. There are so many different food places, and especially in the summer, downtown comes alive. You can go eat, you can go hang out with friends, you can go take pictures. It was such a good memory because even before we had cars we were able to walk down there and it was such an awesome experience."*

**Athalia James**  
Kent State Alumna  
Nursing Technician



*I always tell people that it's far enough from home that my Mom can't come to surprise me for a day, but I can go home and surprise her for a day if I want to.*

**Jacob Herbolich**  
Integrated Social Studies

## Take a walk

If you like hiking and walking trails, there are 15 city parks in Kent, and three extensive metro park systems are nearby, as well as a state nature preserve and the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Kent is located right on the Cuyahoga River and there are canoes and kayaks available to rent. Not far from Kent there are areas for skiing and snowboarding, too.

*Going to one of Kent State's regional campuses offered me a lot of flexibility and gave me a college option that was close to home. It gave me an experience that I felt suited me better, personally, while I worked on my degree. It's a great option, I think, for non-traditional students who might also be busy with families or full-time jobs.*

**William Blake**  
Kent State Alumnus  
Music Technology

Blake  
photo





*Figure*

Lauren



## Lauren carries an energy, an aura of determination and confidence.

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Her exceptional talent with numbers and a keen eye for opportunity is key in her in finding scholarships to help pay her own way through college. Her diligence also paid off when it came to finding valuable internship opportunities.

*"Internships are so important because it really gets you in there. You're immersed in the 'real world' experience of things and it's a different experience than being in class, because you think a bit differently and work a bit differently."*

*"But it's not just the work itself that you get to learn, it's also the connections you make and networking you get to do, which is also very important."*

Lauren has already completed two internships and will have completed at least one more before she graduates.

### **How Kent State makes it work**

The Office of Career Exploration and Development helps students find internships and supports professional development, preparing them for success in business environments. Students also get tips about internship opportunities from their instructors and through their colleges, schools and departments.



There are definitely moments when I'm working on something in my internship and I think, *"Oh, I did something like this in one of my classes,"* or *"My supervisor just used that word. I know that word because my professor uses it all the time."* It's really great.

**Lauren Klodt**

Actuarial Mathematics

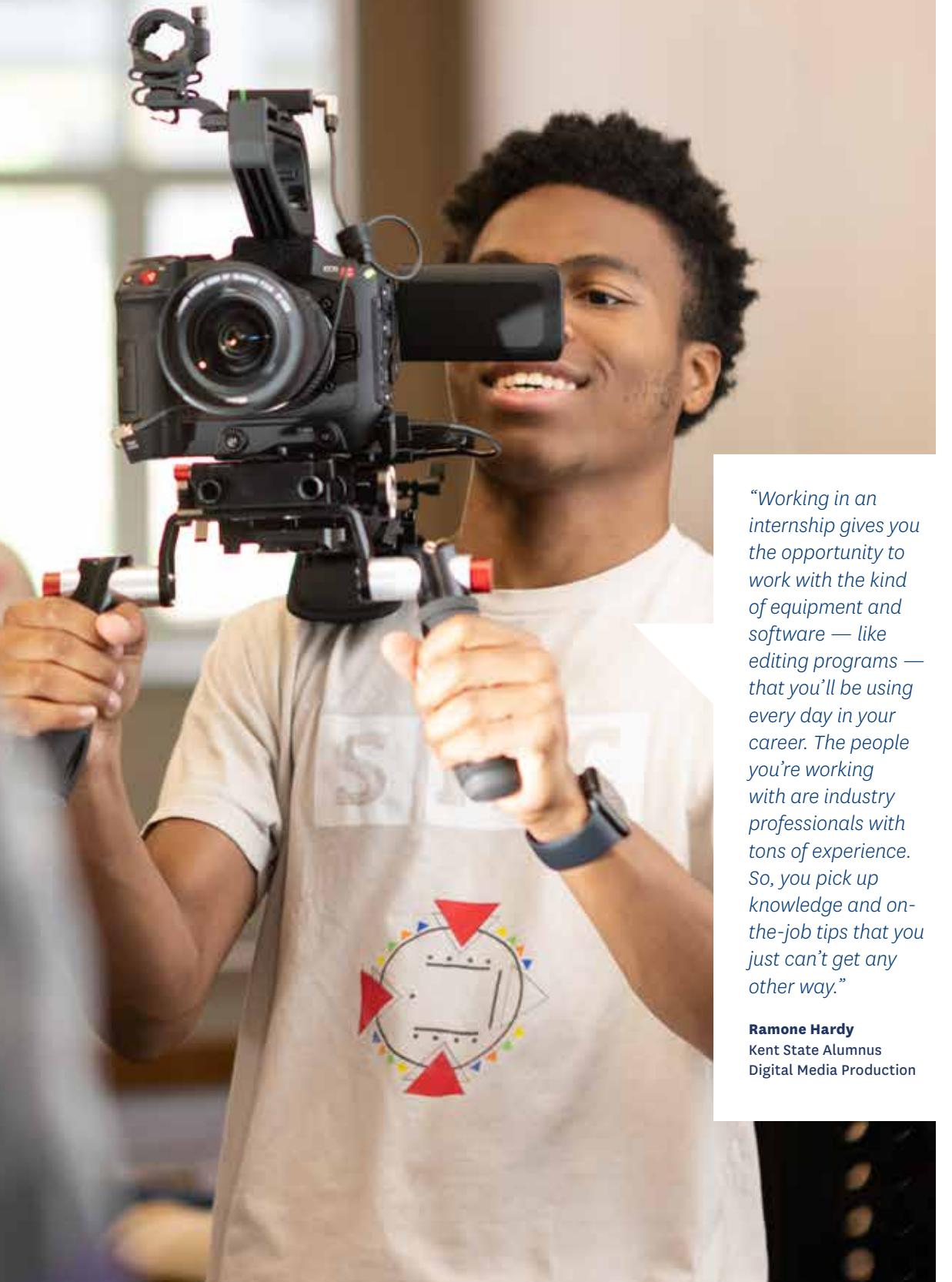


Connect to more of  
Lauren's story.





# Empowered to do *anything*



*“Working in an internship gives you the opportunity to work with the kind of equipment and software — like editing programs — that you’ll be using every day in your career. The people you’re working with are industry professionals with tons of experience. So, you pick up knowledge and on-the-job tips that you just can’t get any other way.”*

**Ramone Hardy**  
Kent State Alumnus  
Digital Media Production

## Finding your path

For students who are considering multiple majors and aren’t sure which one is right for them Kent State’s award-winning Exploratory Program can help. Offered through University College, this program helps students take inventory of their interests and skills to assist them in finding the academic program that’s the right fit for them.



*“If a student who’s coming to Kent State is nervous because they aren’t sure what they want to study, they shouldn’t be. It’s OK. The Exploratory Program will help you figure it out and get you on the right path.”*

**Lauren Klodt**  
Actuarial Mathematics/Economics

## Preparing in-demand graduates

Kent State fully prepares students for in-demand careers so they become in-demand graduates. Our programs have a blend of classroom instruction and experiential, “real-world” learning opportunities. When they interview our students, employers recognize that Kent State graduates are well-prepared and career-ready. Many students, like Lauren, receive job offers even before they graduate.

## Developing professional skills

Success in the workforce depends on more than just the knowledge behind your degree. That’s why Kent State’s programs also support professional development. Students learn how to prepare business communications, like résumés and cover letters, and learn about other essentials like personal skills and proper business etiquette.

*“My college’s strict focus on professional development allowed me to conduct my actions appropriately throughout the workplace. Some examples include taking responsibility for my mistakes, how to act professionally in a casual environment like company dinners and events, and knowing how to speak to upper management.”*

**Marissa Maury**  
Kent State Alumna, Technical Solutions Engineer

## Encouraging leadership

Professional organizations with chapters on campus offer students opportunities to learn leadership skills while networking and making business connections. Lauren is a member of Kent Student Ambassadors, a service organization that promotes philanthropy and pride on campus and in the community. Students also can gain valuable experience in how government works when they represent their fellow students through Undergraduate Student Government.





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Athalia



When she was younger, Athalia was fascinated by first aid books. She loved learning about the human body and how to take care of people. Later, she felt drawn to caring for babies.

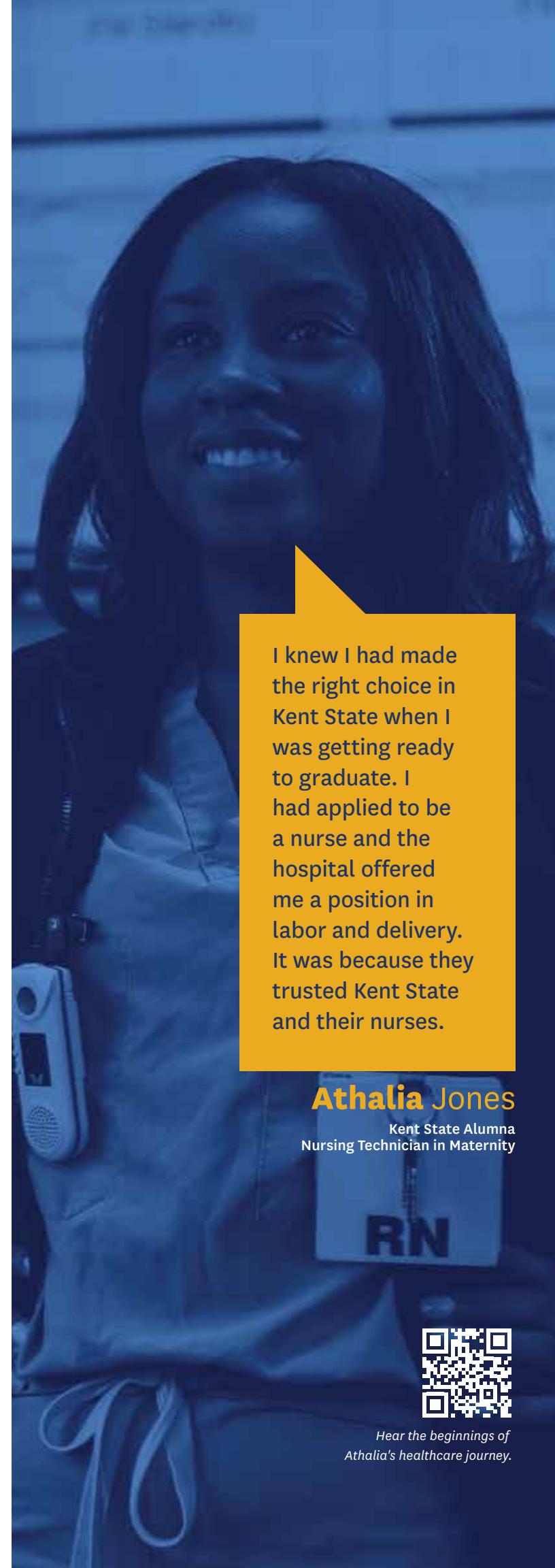
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During a campus visit, she decided Kent State was the place where she wanted to pursue her nursing degree. She credits the outstanding hands-on experiences in the skills lab, the simulation lab and the supportive relationships with her instructors and advisors in helping her earn her degree and find her calling as a nurse.

After completing her clinicals and becoming a technician in maternity, she realized that this was what she most wanted to do: take care of mothers and babies.

**How Kent State makes it work**

Kent State is a leading supplier of qualified professionals for the healthcare industry and Northeast Ohio's entire workforce. More than 63% of all of our graduates work in Ohio after graduation. Annually, Kent State alumni contribute \$3.4 billion to Ohio's economy.



I knew I had made the right choice in Kent State when I was getting ready to graduate. I had applied to be a nurse and the hospital offered me a position in labor and delivery. It was because they trusted Kent State and their nurses.

**Athalia Jones**

Kent State Alumna  
Nursing Technician in Maternity



*Hear the beginnings of Athalia's healthcare journey.*



# Making a difference



## Preparing professionals

Kent State offers career services that help our graduates get jobs, including résumé writing, mock interviews, career coaching and more. Our professional development offers information about business etiquette, business and casual dress and how to interact with supervisors and managers.

## Network locally and nationally

It seems that almost everyone knows someone who graduated from Kent State. Plus, Kent State alumni chapters across the country make it easy to stay connected to fellow Flashes and the university. These chapters sponsor events and programs for networking, connecting with old friends and making new ones.

## Regional impact

Kent State's nursing program is a leader in preparing qualified nurses for the area's regional health systems. You'll find our graduates working at organizations including **Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, The MetroHealth System, Summa Health and University of Pittsburgh Medical Center**.

The university's relationships with area healthcare providers allow nursing students to gain clinical experience at different types of hospitals

*"Do I like a small hospital or a big hospital? Do I want to work at a school, because I had an opportunity to work with a school nurse, or a psychiatric hospital, because I was able to work there, too? You get to experience all kinds of hospitals and choose what kind of nurse you want to be based on the places you visit."*

Athalia James

## Known for quality graduates

*"Kent State's name does something for people; when people hear you're a Kent State grad, they say, 'Oh yeah, I have a lot of nurses from there, and they're good nurses.' So, they want to hire you because you're from the nursing program at Kent State."*

Athalia James



## Working worldwide

You'll find more than 270,000 Kent State alumni working at organizations all over the world. Companies and organizations that have hired Kent State students include:

Adidas AG

The Armed Forces

The Boeing Co.

Cleveland Clinic

Deloitte US

Delta Airlines

Eaton Corp.

FedEx

NASA

The New York Times

Progressive Corp.

Samsung Electronics Co.

Sherwin-Williams Co.

Spotify

The Walt Disney Co.



# Our *Home*.



## 1. SCIENCE CORRIDOR

This area of campus has a concentration of STEM-focused departments and colleges, including aeronautics and engineering, nursing, biological sciences and mathematics. It's also home to the Brain Health Research Institute (BHI), the Integrated Sciences Building (ISB), the Advanced Materials and Liquid Crystal Institute (AMLCI).

## 2. RISMAN PLAZA

It's the central hub of Kent State, the library (the tallest building in Portage County), the Kent Student Center, The Hub Dining Area and the Student Green. There's always something interesting happening around Risman Plaza.

## 3. THE MAC CENTER

The Memorial Athletic and Convocation (MAC) Center is where you can catch all the MACtion of MidAmerica Conference men's and women's basketball, volleyball, wrestling and gymnastics.

## 4. MANCHESTER FIELD/ CENTENNIAL GREEN

This green space in the center of campus is about the size of three football fields and is used for both scheduled and pop-up events throughout the year.

## 5. DESIGN INNOVATION (DI) HUB

This space contains classrooms, maker-spaces and a dining hall. Labs are open to all makers and contain state-of-the-art tools like 3D and large format printers, laser-cutting and more. There's also a teaching kitchen and a Blank Lab for creating immersive, multimedia experiences.

## 6. FRONT CAMPUS

You'll find the original campus buildings from the early days of Kent State in this peaceful, relaxing landscape that's full of tall trees and sculptures. You'll also find campus landmarks like The Rock, The KSU Archway connecting the Esplanade to downtown Kent, a gazebo and the Wick Poetry Center. It's also home to lots of black squirrels - our unofficial mascot.

## 7. MAY 4 MEMORIAL AND MAY 4 VISITORS CENTER

Located inside Taylor Hall, the May 4 Visitors Center uses displays, historical artifacts and audio-visual presentations to walk visitors through the story of May 4, 1970 and how it connects to today.

Scan for a web friendly version



## City of Kent

Just a few steps from campus, the vibrant city of Kent offers something for everyone, like shopping, dining, galleries, outdoor recreation on the river and venues for live music. The city hosts many community events, festivals and other activities throughout the year.



## Are you ready for your Kent State Moment?



We hope that this book has answered some of your questions about Kent State University – and inspired you to want to learn more.

Probably the best way to discover whether Kent State is right for you is to visit. So many of our students have said that our campus felt like home the very first time they visited. That was the moment when they knew Kent State was where they wanted to be.

You can experience that feeling too, when you use this QR code to plan your visit to

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## KENT STATE FACTS



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