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The Italian Renaissance was a cultural phenomenon that transformed our world forever – and the city of Florence was at the heart of it.

Join us and experience Florence as you never have before, as a founding member of the Renaissance Scholars Society. Expertly guided by Kent State and Italian scholars, step back in time as you walk the same streets as the great masters, visiting the villas where they lived and the workshops where they created. Marvel at the architecture of Ghiberti and Brunelleschi, immerse yourself in the art of da Vinci and Botticelli, and absorb the literature of Dante and Boccaccio.

The Renaissance Scholars Society represents the foundation of our greatest ever philanthropic endeavor for global education, supporting study abroad experiences and opening doors for more Kent State students than ever before.
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Renaissance Scholars Society

Kent State University has a longstanding tradition of excellence in global education. The university is in the top two percent in the nation for education abroad, with 200+ programs spanning more than 40 countries, and it is the only four-year university in the country to receive the prestigious 2007 Senator Paul Simon Award for Comprehensive International Education.

We have created a world-class study abroad program over the past five decades, but we are not content to rest on our success. As we celebrate 50 years of study abroad in our flagship program in Florence, Italy, we face new opportunities, including the largest endowment in university history, the Kent State Global Education Endowment.

We believe in the power of a study abroad experience – and we believe in making that opportunity accessible to all students. This endowment will provide scholarships to open the door for every Kent State undergraduate student who applies to study abroad and help support those whose majors require it. Additionally, it will ensure that Kent State continues to be a world leader in global education – and most importantly, it will change students’ lives.

This is only possible with private support. Initial donors to this endowment will be welcomed into the Renaissance Scholars Society, a group of Kent State supporters who share our commitment to a boundless education and an expanded worldview. The Renaissance Scholars Society will offer exclusive opportunities to its members, including opportunities for travel and study abroad with renowned scholars, artists, writers, historians and faculty from Kent State and our international partners.

The Renaissance Scholars Society trip to Florence in October 2023 will be our first destination on a global expansion for education and enlightenment. Featuring access to experiences only available to Kent State connections abroad.

To learn more about the Renaissance Scholars Society or to make a gift, visit kent.state.university/renaissance Scholars.

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In an effort to keep the Thornier 2022 experience exclusive, space is very limited.
History Comes Alive

The pinnacle of the Renaissance Scholars Society experience in Florence 2003 will be the immersive Florence 50th Anniversary Dance Gala held Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Salone dei Cinquecento inside Palazzo Vecchio. This impressive structure has served as a focal point of the city for centuries, and the expansive Salone dei Cinquecento (Hall of the 500) is the largest and most imposing chamber within its interior, featuring frescoes by famous Renaissance artists.

Throughout the evening, illustrious historians Rocky Ruggiero will bring Florentine history to life through performances and vignettes presented by our students, and the musicians and theatre performers of the Teatro del Fardin and Orchestra della Toscana.

Guests will enjoy a cocktail hour inside the frescoed courtyard of Palazzo Vecchio followed by a decadent Florentine meal catered by a Michelin-starred chef who has won the “best dish in Italy” competition.

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exclusive invitations

- private wine tours and tastings of Tuscany's exclusive wineries in Montalcino
- private suite at one of Tuscany's most exclusive and storied resorts,
- weekend extension at Castello di Casole
- private mixology lesson and cooking lesson with one of Italy's best chefs

Oct. 1-5, 2023

Alive with history stretching back to the Bronze Age

A contribution at this level will provide $4,200

Society Levels

Silver Level

- All Silver Level benefits

Oct. 6-8, 2023

Weekend Extension at Castello di Casole

- All Silver Level benefits

Kent State's Global Education Endowment features:

- Scholarship administered centrally by the Office of Global Education, Division of Enrollment Management and Division of Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement
- 800+ Kent State students per year
- Home to multiple semester programs, the Summer Institute and Global Center Program in Florence, Italy, beginning in 2024, which include the following possible locations:
  - Rwanda
  - Poland
  - Czech Republic
- Reception and art gallery opening for work of alumnus
- Unique Kent State classes at Palazzo Vettori
- Gala event at the Salone dei Cinquecento inside Palazzo Vecchio
- Access for two guests

The Florence 50th Anniversary Donor Experience

Gold Level*

- For $21,000, payable over five years at $4,200 per year

$2,100 per year in scholarship support

Bronze Level*

- For $1,000, payable over five years at $200 per year

$420,000 per year in scholarship support

A contribution at this level will provide 1 scholarship once during their four years of undergraduate study

Namings are subject to approval by the Kent State University Board of Trustees.

Donors will receive recognition at Kent State University's Founders Gala.

Invitations to the Renaissance Scholars Society are exclusive. Space for the Donor Gala held Thursday, Oct. 5, at the Salone dei Cinquecento is offered daily.

The Florence 50th Anniversary Donor Experience

The Kent State University Global Center Program in Florence, Italy

One-on-one conversations with visiting faculty, pre-public invitations to attend future KSU Global Education Experiences, exclusive invitations to special events, and opportunities to experience a variety of educational and cultural offerings are among the benefits of membership in the Renaissance Scholars Society.

Gold Level*

- For $21,000, payable over five years at $4,200 per year

$2,100 per year in scholarship support

Platinum Level*

For $336,000, payable over five years at $67,200 per year

This naming option is not for the physical building; it is for the program.

Naming of the center would appear in the Palazzo Vettori in Florence.

$336,000 per year in scholarship support

A contribution at this level will provide 9 scholarships once during their four years of undergraduate study

To discuss your membership in the society, please contact Tom J. Eckert, Ph.D., Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management, at 330-672-2800 or tom.eckert@kent.edu.

* Airfare and hotel are not included; however, discounts on partner hotels are available.

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For more information on the Kent State University Renaissance Scholars Society and the benefits of membership, visit: www.ksu.edu/renassociety.