
Kent State University

School of Communication Studies

Undergraduate Newsletter

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Communication Studies Students Are Making Headlines



Zach Griffin

Tyler Clark

Michael Skulina

Kent State University Communication Studies students are taking their talents to a new level this summer in the arts and in athletics. **Zach Griffin** has the lead role in "Rued January," an independent film shot and directed by fellow Kent State students and alumni. **Tyler Skulina** and **Michael Clark** pitched for the Kent State Golden Flashes Baseball team in the College World Series. Griffin, a communication studies major from Brunswick, Ohio, was prominently featured in a *Record-Courier* article published June 21, 2012. Griffin saw fliers on-campus calling for actors.

He auditioned and landed the lead role. "I've done one-off things with friends, but it was so refreshing to come into something that had a full, hashed-out script," Griffin said. "It was a totally new experience and it was really great to be a part of. I met a lot of great people in the process too, because nobody had to be there. Everybody was doing it for their own enjoyment," according to the *Record-Courier* interview.

In addition to the big screen, the School of Communication Studies also has stars on the baseball field. Clark and Skulina helped the Kent State Golden Flashes Baseball Team to its first College World Series appearance and the first by any Mid-American Conference (MAC) team in 40 years. Clark, a communication studies major from Akron, Ohio, helped the Golden Flashes in victories over the Kentucky Wildcats and the Oregon Ducks, while Skulina, a communication studies major from Strongsville, Ohio, assisted in the Golden Flashes' wins over Kentucky and Oregon. Both of Skulina's games were the deciding factor if the Golden Flashes would further move on to the road to Omaha. But nevertheless, without the help from these pitchers, the Golden Flashes wouldn't have made it to the College World Series.

Meet the School Of Communication Studies 2012 Summer Interns



From left to right: Maddox, Brewer, and Dietz

The School of Communication Studies has three new student additions to the staff this summer. **Brandon Brewer**, **Brittany Dietz**, and **Lauren Maddox** are all eager to begin working in the school they are so familiar with. Brandon and Lauren will complete their practicum, and Brittany is completing an internship. The three of them are all ambitious about their last semester at Kent State and excited to graduate this August. The School of Communications Studies is excited to have the students on the staff. The students have all agreed they will miss Kent State University, and the memories they have had here, but they are confident that the School of Communication Studies has given them adequate knowledge and skills to be prepared after graduation. Internships are a great way to build skills, gain experience and a first-hand look at occupations, and solidify career plans.

Important Dates for Graduation and Registration

Fall Semester begins August 27. To make sure your preferred class will be held this semester, students need to register for fall classes as soon as possible so the school can decide which classes will have sufficient numbers enrolled. Application for Fall graduation is August 31.

Practicums and internship applications should also be completed soon to allow for approval before registering online for practicum and internship credit for fall semester.

Questions can be directed to comm@kent.edu or (330) 672-2659.

Students can also view a calendar of important events at http://www.kent.edu/registrar/calendars/stu_important_fall.cfm

May 4 Center Near Completion

Students returning to Taylor Hall this Fall semester will notice the completion of the May 4 Visitors Center. **Carole A. Barbato**, Ph.D., a professor of Communication Studies, was among those instrumental in securing a \$300,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities and making the May 4 Visitors Center a reality.

According to the May 4 Online Newsroom, the exhibit will hope for visitors to gain a better understanding of events that day, the times in which they took places and what they mean for citizens today.

More information can be found at <http://may4newsroom.kent.edu> or at www.kent.edu/may4