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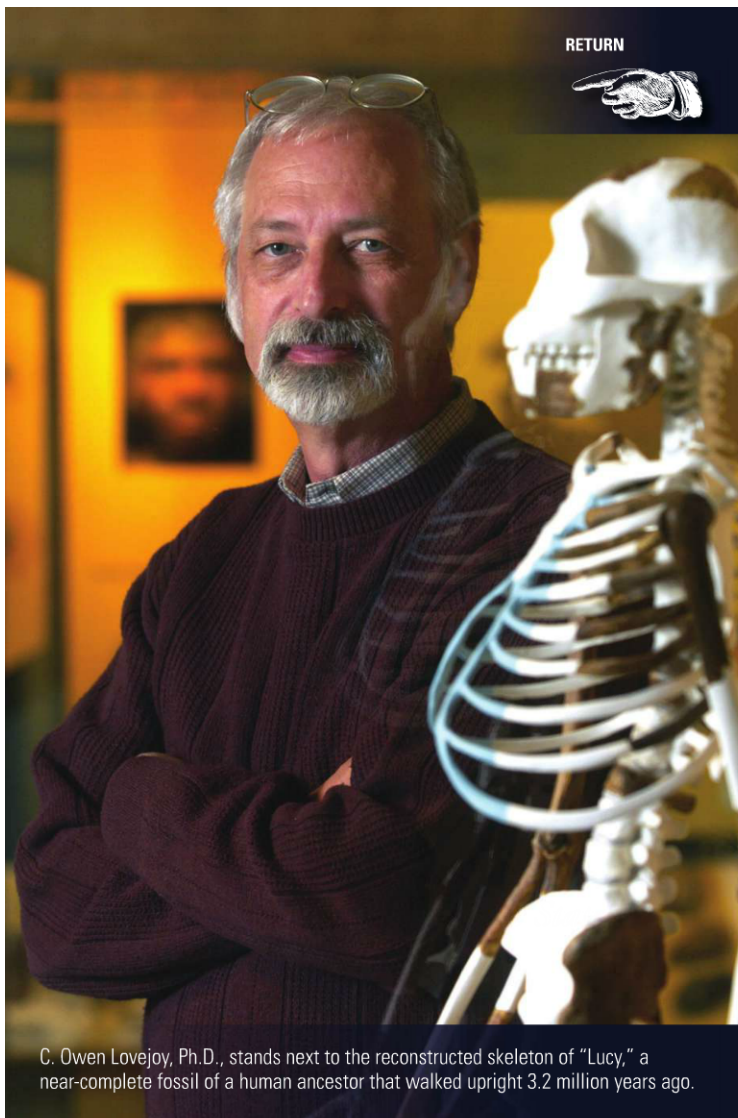
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C. Owen Lovejoy, Ph.D., stands next to the reconstructed skeleton of "Lucy," a near-complete fossil of a human ancestor that walked upright 3.2 million years ago.

C. Owen Lovejoy, Distinguished Professor of Human Evolutionary Studies at Kent State University, has a long list of achievements and accolades for his contributions to science and to the university. He is adding another prestigious honor to his record.

Lovejoy was recently announced as a newly elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences 2014 class, in honor of his life's work. Some of the world's most accomplished leaders from academia, business, public affairs, the humanities and the arts have been elected members of the academy, including John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Aaron Copland, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., Georgia O'Keeffe, Albert Einstein, Winston Churchill, Mary Leakey and Nelson Mandela. One of the nation's most prestigious honorary societies, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences is also a leading center for independent policy research.

"I'm stunned and had no idea that this would ever happen," says Lovejoy. "I'm kind of overwhelmed. In retrospect, there's no question that being at Kent State had a lot to do with it. The support we've received for our research and graduate programs over the years



RETURN

For 30 years, the Wick Poetry Center has been encouraging new voices — locally, regionally and nationally — and bringing poetry to people's everyday lives through readings, publications, workshops and scholarships. Now the Wick Poetry Center begins a new era by relocating from the library to the Lefton Esplanade.

The new location for the Wick Poetry Center is the historic former residence of Kent State's first female faculty member, May Prentice. Given the Wick Poetry Center's growing popularity and community impact, the center was in need of larger and more flexible space for its programming. The new center will include a digital community classroom and versatile meeting space for various public functions.

Another exciting feature of the center's relocation is an interactive Poetry Park adjacent to the center's new home. The Poetry Park, an inviting green space that features an outdoor gallery to showcase the award-winning Traveling Stanzas™ posters (designed by Kent State's student-staffed Glyphix design studio and featuring poems from people in the community), will also serve as a gathering space for quiet reflection or public events, performances and classroom visits.

Young poets enjoy each other's work at the Giving Voice annual performance that includes over 150 participants who've been involved in the Wick Outreach Program through the year.

Utilizing the newly designed Wick Poetry Center mobile application, visitors can digitally interact with the poetry exhibits through audio, video and animation.

As a community landmark, the Poetry Park will be a source of great pride for Kent and the campus and become a destination point for community members, local schools' writing classes and participants in poetry writing outreach programs. Visitors to the Lefton Esplanade, the Kent State University Hotel and Conference Center and other Kent retail establishments will be able to easily access the park as well. ☀



By Foluke Omosun, M.A. '09
Photos by Kristi R. Garabrandt,
visual journalism major

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

*Campus Kitchen at Kent State provides
for the needs of others one meal at a time.*

"A lot of homeless people went to college, and are people who fell on hard times," says Delaware, Ohio, native *Breanna Fitzpatrick*, a junior speech pathology and audiology major who volunteers with the Campus Kitchen at Kent State University. "They just need some help. I like to learn about them and their backgrounds because anyone could be homeless."

On Saturday morning, when many students typically are sleeping in, Fitzpatrick gets up early to continue volunteering with the Campus Kitchen at Kent State. The night before, she and eight other Kent State students drove almost 20 minutes to the city of Akron to serve meals to the homeless as part of a partnership between the Campus Kitchen and the nonprofit organization Springtime of Hope in Akron.

The homeless population, as Fitzpatrick has come to learn, is multifaceted, temporal, elusive

See how children from the
Kent State Child Development Center
volunteered at the Campus Kitchen.



From left: A student chef works with Ann Gosky, who oversees the Campus Kitchen at Kent State, in preparing meals for the homeless.



Breanna Fitzpatrick poses in the pantry of Campus Kitchen.

and difficult to count. The homeless include families with children, those who identify as veterans, and individuals with mental illness. The Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio tracks the homeless population statewide and publishes a Point-in-Time (PIT) Count. According to the 2013 *Ohio Homelessness Report*, 12,325 people in the state were homeless in 2013. The homeless live among us in emergency shelters, transitional housing programs (for homeless persons) or safe havens. Others live in unsheltered locations, including streets, cars, under highway overpasses or other places not meant for human habitation.

Engaging with local farmers to feed the hungry

Another Kent State student forgoing the pleasures of sleeping in on Saturday, *Laura Arnold*, a health communication major, is preparing to drive more than an hour from her home in Chardon to

staff the Campus Kitchen's table at the Haymaker Farmers' Market in Kent. Arnold and several other students volunteer at the market every week.

"We ask the farmers if they have anything that will go bad before their next farmers' market or if they have more than they can sell," Arnold says. "We've received multicolored peppers, organic greens and organic corn. We take it back to Beall Hall, and the Campus Kitchen prepares 300 meals a week with this recovered food."

Arnold is motivated to keep serving with the Campus Kitchen when she considers that some people in the community, including children, might go to bed hungry. "It makes me want to cry," she

says. "There are so many people and families who are in need. A lot of times, the only meals some kids get in a day are breakfast and then lunch at school. However, on the weekends they might not have enough to eat, so the Campus



From left: Abbey Kate Woolverton and Laura Arnold staff the Campus Kitchen table at the Haymaker Farmers' Market.

Kitchen staff fill backpacks with food for the kids to take home. We put it in a backpack so no one knows what's in the bag and they don't get teased."

Feeding the homeless, changing perceptions

Meanwhile back in Akron — before Fitzpatrick and fellow



student volunteers begin to set up tables to serve fruit, vegetables and other meals — the crowd at Springtime of Hope, many of whom are homeless, begins to gather. Some of them once fended for themselves but have since fallen on hard times. Among them is Peter (not his real name), a man in his 60s who holds a doctoral degree. He says of his situation, “I made a bad investment when the market collapsed,” in 2008 during the mortgage crisis.

Peter expresses appreciation for the students who choose to become involved with the Campus Kitchen and the homeless. “They don’t have to come down here,” he says. “They are courteous and nice and treat people like human beings. The homeless [would] be in trouble if there wasn’t a program like this.”

Fitzpatrick, who has volunteered with the Campus Kitchen at Kent State for the past three years, has been moved by the histories of the people she serves. “I was touched by the story of a homeless

man whose wife died of cancer,” she says. “He lost his job, he lost all his money and he was really depressed. He’s just trying to get on his feet again.”

Fitzpatrick considers community service to be rewarding even though it often takes up a chunk of her weekend. “I like knowing that I’m helping somebody,” she says. “The students who volunteer at the Campus Kitchen are motivated to do something, and they are passionate about learning and about other people.”

Fitzpatrick’s perception of the homeless has changed since she started volunteering with the Campus Kitchen. Feeding those in need has caused her and other volunteers to become more introspective about hunger and homelessness.

“In high school, I used to think that if somebody was on food stamps or homeless, they were lazy and didn’t try hard enough,” Fitzpatrick says. “But after volunteering with the Campus Kitchen, I’ve seen that they are just people who have had a lot of struggles. Most of the time they are working, but they can’t afford to buy food or they can’t afford to pay their bills. I’ve gained a different perspective on other people’s lives, and I’ve learned things that I never thought I would.” ☀



Learn more about the [Campus Kitchen](#) at Kent State.

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Photos courtesy Richard Feinberg
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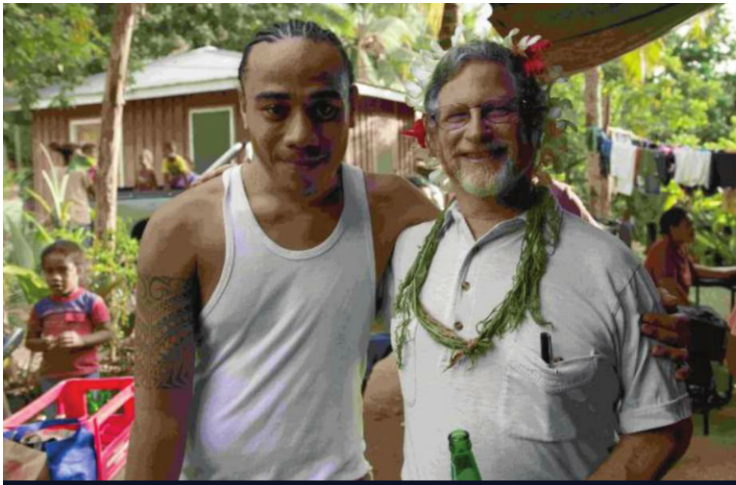
Kent State Anthropology Professor Sails Around the Solomon Islands for United Nations Documentary Project.

Kent State University Professor of Anthropology Richard Feinberg, Ph.D., joined a team from the Sedna Foundation, a Canadian nongovernmental organization, to work on a documentary that was shot in the Solomon Islands last summer as part of a three-year international research project titled “1,000 Days for the Planet.”

The Sedna Foundation is collaborating with the United Nations Secretariat for the Convention on Biodiversity and the provincial government of Quebec on the project that will explore and document the beauty of planet Earth, the way its ecosystems function and the conservation challenges we face.



The island of Anuta at dawn, approaching from the west.



Richard Feinberg Avetere with Rick Feinberg in Honiara, the Solomon Islands capital. Over the years, some friends have chosen to strengthen their bond by naming their children after Professor Feinberg.

Photo by Sofiane Belaid

Feinberg and the team, from Canada, Argentina, Algeria, Belgium and France, arrived at Anuta, a small, remote Polynesian island in the Solomon Islands, after four days at sea on the *Sedna IV*, a 150-foot-long, three-masted schooner that is powered by four sails and a diesel engine.

Revisiting the scene of past research

Feinberg had voyaged to the island of Anuta to conduct research before, but this time things were different. “It felt strange to have no islanders aboard and to make the trip in relative comfort,” Feinberg says. “I’m accustomed to sleeping on the deck of a cargo ship, my body wedged among scores of fellow travelers, and subsisting on a diet of hard tack, tinned tuna and occasionally a local pudding.

Sedna IV offered comfortable cabins, a full-time cook and Wi-Fi!”

Feinberg traveled with the team to Anuta where he had previously lived for about a year, from 1972-1973, working on his doctoral dissertation. Feinberg had returned for shorter visits to Anuta in 1983, 2000 and 2007, and was invited to join the documentary crew to help facilitate arrangements on the island.

“Anuta is among the least accessible spots on the planet,” Feinberg says. “Ships rarely call more than once a month, and on occasion, a full year goes by without a visit.

Anutans agreed that I should take part in the expedition, and the opportunity to see my friends on such short notice was irresistible.”

Feinberg noticed significant changes in the Anuta



Welcome ceremony

community since he first visited the island in 1972, including that the island had grown in population. When he first visited, he says that there were about 150 people residing on the island, but by 2013, the population had grown to about 250. “The first change to catch my attention was the fact that many women are wearing shoulder-length hair. Even in the early 2000s, women’s hair was short, and married women shaved their heads,” he says. “I found several houses with sheets of corrugated iron covering doors or other



Zina Kataina grating coconut.

critical areas. Perhaps half the houses are built as much as a yard above the ground. When I first visited, every building rested on the sand. And, strikingly, the kerosene lanterns that provided nearly all the lighting on my early visits have been entirely replaced by solar panels and fluorescent bulbs, thanks to a provincial initiative funded by foreign donors. Solar power also means a few radios and CD players.”

In 1972, as a young doctoral candidate conducting research on Anuta, Feinberg lived with Pu Tokerau, the younger brother of Anuta’s senior chief. On Anuta, the senior chief is normally the senior male of the leading “clan.” On this recent trip, he lodged at the chief’s house and was happy to reconnect with people with whom he had built long-lasting friendships. “I was struck by how few of the people I knew in 1972 are still alive; only about a half dozen of my generation and up,” he says. “I was overwhelmed with all the marriages, births, deaths and name changes since my last sustained visit, making it hard to keep track of who was who.”

Connecting cultures

Feinberg says that a visit to Anuta does not mean stepping back in time, something that is obvious to anthropologists, but was a surprise to the research team. “Anutans are not living fossils or quaint



Senior chief Pu Koroatu in ceremonial regalia.



Pakamatamata or "showing around" ceremony at top of cliff on Anuta's north face.

museum specimens; rather they are very much a part of the 21st century's globally interconnected economic and political system," Feinberg says. "Young people attend high school in several locations around the Solomon Islands, and a few have university degrees. Engagement with the market economy has also led islanders to become suspicious of one another and sometimes accuse each other of malfeasance."

Feinberg described the three-week expedition as a success, with the Anutans acting as great hosts and the expedition team accomplishing its mission, while bonding quickly with the islanders and showing enthusiasm at consuming Anutan food. "The Anutans have become unusually adept at entertaining guests," he says. "They were wonderful hosts, tolerating the disruption to their lives with patience and their unique sense of humor. In the end, everyone from the ship got to spend time on the island, and most declared the visit a high point of their lives." 🌞

By **Emily Vincent**, '97
Photos by **Bob Christy**, '95, and **Jeff Glidden**, '87

CANINES ON CAMPUS

*Kent State celebrates
its dogs' days year-round.*

Jake and Coco's popularity on campus is nothing to sniff at. As workers, they are an employer's dream come true. They seldom whine and are consummate team players who work for kibble. Yet they play a key role on campus — helping students succeed.

Ensuring student success includes fostering a safe and healthy learning environment where students can excel academically and be supported mentally and emotionally. And that is the furry, four-legged friends' forte.

Playing away stress

Going to college can be hard for some students who can experience stress on many levels — from being away from home for the first time to living with people they don't know to managing their time, money, classes and activities on their own.

One of the pet therapy dogs
enjoying the students' attention.



Students enjoy the chance to relax and pet the therapy dogs.

“Although they may be able to call home or have friends visit, they don’t have a chance to play with the pet they left behind at home,” explains **Kathy Adamle**, ’71, ’83, Ph.D. ’00, RN, AOCN, an assistant professor in Kent State’s College of Nursing. Many students have had their pets since they were young and consider them members of their families.

In 2004, Adamle started a pet therapy program to study the human-animal bond in a new setting. The Dogs on Campus Pet Therapy Program® is the first established pet therapy program at a state university in the country.

“Pet therapy had been used in hospitals for adults and children, nursing homes, cancer and hospice centers, psychiatric settings, disaster settings and incidences where people have either had trauma or a major disruption in their life,” Adamle says. “However, no one had thought to bring the philosophy of pet therapy to a population who are relatively young and healthy.”

Currently, Dogs on Campus has 20 therapy dogs that are trained, tested and registered by either Pet Partners or Therapy Dog International. The dogs and their human partners make scheduled visits to the residence halls, Regional Campuses, Kent Student Center and University Library.

“Last year, the library lobby was filled with people enjoying refreshments and waiting for a chance to pet the dogs,” says **Jasmine Jefferson**, reference and instruction librarian for University Libraries, who schedules the pet therapy program to visit University Library during finals week as part of its Stress-Free Zone event. “Students can’t help but smile when they see those tails wagging.”

Kent State’s Department of Residence Services often calls on the support of Dogs on Campus for residence hall programming and community development.

“The Dogs on Campus program gives students an opportunity to bond with pets and animals that are certified therapy dogs,” says **Josette Skobieranda-Dau**, assistant director for residential communities at Kent State. “Having access to pets is healing. The dogs are popular, and the handlers are familiar with each dog’s personality and facilitate their connections with students.

“Typically, students leave these events with lower stress levels,” she says. “Kent State is fortunate to have such a wonderful program.”



This pooch is not shy about PDA.



Dogs on Campus also supports the programs from the Mental Health Advocacy Coalition and the university's Psychological Services. One of the original members of Dogs on Campus, a golden retriever named Jake, appears in advertisements in the *Daily Kent Stater* and serves as "spokesdog" to keep students apprised of the upcoming mental health programs taking place on campus via BARC Alerts (Be Aware, Respond and Communicate).

The Dogs on Campus program also is called to assist following tragedies involving Kent State students or employees. An event held February 13, 2014, to celebrate the life of Leah Carothers, a beloved residence hall director who died from cancer, incorporated the use of the therapy dogs to provide comfort to the attendees.

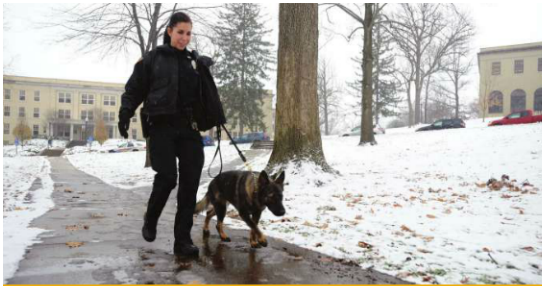
In a recent study, students living on campus commented positively about Dogs on Campus and expressed the need for "a little bit of home" in their residence hall life. "There are many theories as to why interactions with pets are healing," says Adamle, "but in my opinion it's their nonjudgmental, nonverbal and nonquestioning presence. They seem to invite you into a happy space that fills you with joy and relief," she says. "It doesn't have to be measured or spoken ... it just takes place."

Patrolling police paws

Coco has claimed the title of Kent State's youngest employee. The German shepherd officially joined the Kent State Police Department in August 2013 when she was 2 years old. Together with her partner Officer **Anne Spahr**, they are Kent State's first K-9 unit, which uses highly trained dogs to help protect people and officers from harm.

"Coco has a sweet demeanor," Spahr says. "She is gentle, high energy and a bit of a goof. She can play ball for hours. She loves to go to work. She knows what she is supposed to be doing and works hard. When she works, her demeanor changes, and she is focused."

Skilled in evidence search and recovery, area searches and tracking, Coco is mainly trained for explosives detection. Spahr was matched with Coco, who came from Germany, by Von der Haus Gill Police K-9 Academy in Wapakoneta, Ohio, and they did their training there.



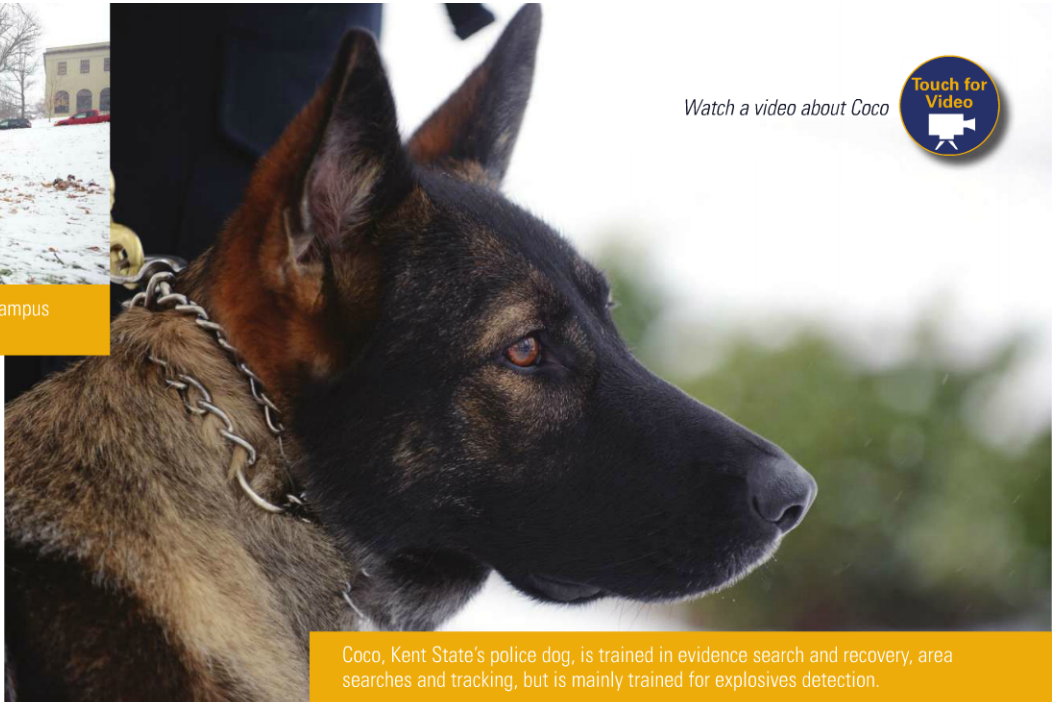
Kent State Police Officer Anne Spahr walks on campus with Coco, the department's first police dog.

"At Von der Haus Gill, she performed well and had a natural ability," Spahr says. "Her odor work is phenomenal. She knows what she is looking for and works very fast."

Coco also serves an important regional role, since the only other K-9 unit in Portage County trained for explosives detection works out of Brimfield. In their time together so far at Kent State, Spahr and Coco have been contacted to assist in a handful of off-campus bomb threats in Northeast Ohio.

"Coco's a great resource at a practical level for explosives detection," says **John Peach**, Kent State's director of public safety and chief of police. "We haven't had many threats on campus over the last few years, but we are well-prepared for any possibility."

Peach says the campus is pro-dogs and Coco's presence enables his officers to be more accessible and service-oriented toward students. "Even though our police officers are walking around



Coco, Kent State's police dog, is trained in evidence search and recovery, area searches and tracking, but is mainly trained for explosives detection.

campus and are available, few students feel comfortable approaching them unless there is a reason to do so," he says. "Now students approach our officers to compliment the police department on Coco. The university community's warm reception of our campus police dog extends to the police department as well. We all benefit from such positive interactions with one another, which help provide a safe, secure campus and a sense of well-being." ☀

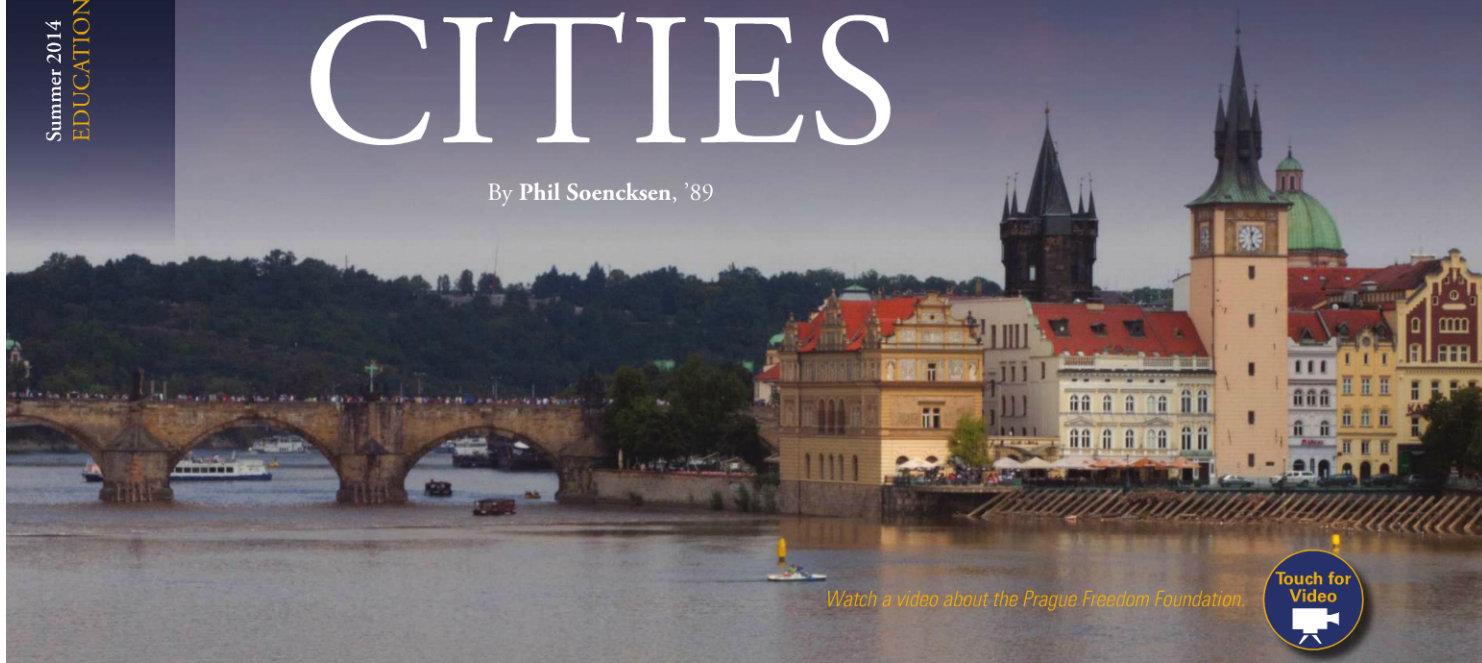
 [Read more about Dogs on Campus.](#)

Watch a video about Coco



TALES FROM TWO CITIES

By Phil Soencksen, '89



Watch a video about the Prague Freedom Foundation.



Photo by Nicole Kovacs

Prague Freedom Foundation scholars from Kent, Ohio, and Prague, Czech Republic, swap campuses and chronicle their eye-opening experiences.



The more I learned about the dissidents, the more I wanted to tell their story,” writes Kent State junior political science and communication studies student *Anna Hoffman* in her blog, referring to her research into Charter 77, a group of Czechoslovakian intellectuals from 1976 to 1992 who criticized the Czech government for human rights violations — resulting in a government crackdown against dissidents.

Hoffman wrote her blog as part of a unique exchange program that began in August 2013 when 10 Kent State University students studied journalism and free speech for two weeks at the Anglo-American University (AAU) in Prague, Czech Republic, after spending three weeks on the Kent Campus studying the history, government and culture of the Czech people.

The exchange continued when 10 students from the AAU came to Kent State to study similar topics for two weeks in January 2014, after attending courses in international reporting and travel writing at AAU’s Prague campus.

Those 20 students are the first participants in the new Modern Media and Democracy course offered by both universities as part of the Prague Freedom Foundation (PFF) Scholars initiative — a new scholarship and exchange program formed by the Prague Freedom Foundation, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization located in Prague, whose mission is to promote independent journalism and free media globally.

PFF scholars immerse themselves in the history, government, culture and society of the host country, while pursuing individual research projects related to media and democracy. They then report on their research through papers and various forms of reporting and media, including blogs.



“We wanted to reach out to academic institutions and start a student exchange program. As an alumnus, I immediately thought of Kent State.”

Lawrence R. Armstrong

Getting the Prague perspective

During their time in Prague, the Kent State students and faculty members from the College of Communication and Information were the guests of the oldest private university in the Czech Republic, the Anglo-American University and its School of Journalism. They stayed in a hotel with a view of one of the city’s most iconic landmarks — the Charles Bridge — and met daily at AAU’s campus.

The students researched topic such as women in politics, audience trust in media and the changing face of education, and they presented their findings in research papers and multimedia stories. While in Prague, each student also blogged about their insights on a wide range of topics.

As part of her research project, Anna Hoffman interviewed a well-known former dissident who was persecuted and jailed for speaking out against the Communist government. “Talking to someone who lived through and played a vital part in the movement I was writing a 10-page paper about was an opportunity I couldn’t be more thankful for,” she writes in her blog. “Interviewing gives you an entirely new connection with your work.”



Photo by Kaitlynn LeBeau

Kent State students are caught in a sudden downpour on Prague's famous Charles Bridge. Kent State students saw exceptionally high temperatures, even for August, during their time in the Czech Republic. In sharp contrast, the AAU students visiting Kent in January experienced a record-setting cold snap, prompting Nga Vu, an AAU student from Vietnam, to write in her blog, "I do not remember such coldness before. Hats off to the locals. I cannot believe how harsh the local weather is."

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Getting the Kent perspective

While in Kent, Ohio, the AAU students, led by a professor from AAU's School of Journalism, stayed at the new University Hotel and Conference Center in downtown Kent, just a short walk from campus. During their stay, they attended lectures on American pop culture, trained in shooting photos to illustrate stories, and worked with state-of-the-art facilities on the Kent Campus and in Northeast Ohio, which gave them hands-on experience not available in Prague. The group also toured the May 4 Visitors Center, explored Amish country, and visited Cleveland's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum.

"Several days have passed since we arrived in Kent — not enough to fully understand American culture and way of living, but enough for me to realize the real meaning of the word *motivation*," writes AAU journalism major and Kazakhstan native Assel Biyeva in her blog. "While sitting in TV2 at Kent State University, it was the first time I saw the process of creating news live and it was impressive. Kent State students have a dream and they are going for it."

Forming a partnership

The Prague Freedom Foundation was created by a group of executives and dignitaries committed to promoting and protecting freedom of speech in the United States, the Czech Republic and other parts of the world where those freedoms don't exist.

"We wanted to reach out to academic institutions and start a student exchange program," says Lawrence Armstrong, '79, B. Arch. '80, who is a founding member of the PFF and also chair of the board of directors for the Kent State University Foundation. "As an alumnus, I immediately thought of Kent State."

By Susan Pappas Menassa, M.A. '09
Photos by Bob Christy, '95

CONNECTING THROUGH AQUATIC THERAPY

Using her unique combination of patience, persistence and years of training, Jen Knott, '02, motivates special needs children and adults to connect to the world.





Aquatic therapist Jen Knott helps Sam work on his floating technique.

It's not a typical sight at the indoor pool of the Mandel Jewish Community Center in Beachwood, Ohio, this particular Saturday afternoon. Surrounded by young children splashing and playing in the water, 23-year-old swimming student Sam cuts a unique figure not only for his size but because he has difficulty coordinating his gait and expressing himself, and his vision is limited. But like the others in the pool, he loves to swim.

Sam comes to the pool each Saturday afternoon because of a woman he looks forward to seeing all week long — a woman who manages to look beyond Sam's limitations and see him as the amazing individual he is, who connects with him as no one else in his life can. That woman is *Jen Knott*, '02, and she uses her unique combination of patience, persistence and years of training to reach Sam and other individuals with special needs through an aquatic therapy business she developed called Rec2connect.

Destined to make a difference

Knott started the business five years ago, spurred by a lifelong desire to make a difference in the lives of those with special needs. "I feel like I was put here to do this," says Knott, as she sits poolside after a long day of swimming with her clients. "When I was younger, I was always drawn to people with special needs. I felt like I could make a connection with them — see things from their perspective and get into their world."

That unique ability to connect has been a godsend to Sam, according to his mother, Sherri Broder. "She's tremendous," Broder says of Knott, as she watches her son swim laps in the pool under Knott's guidance. "There is no one in the area who does what she does. She is totally unique. This is the happiest time of his week. He counts down the days until his next lesson."

GLOBAL GENDER INEQUALITY: TURNING OPPRESSION INTO OPPORTUNITY

By *Caitlin Potts*, public relations major,
and **Luke Armour**

Kent State Magazine *listened*
in as Pulitzer Prize-winning
journalists and married couple
Nicholas Kristof, columnist of
The New York Times, and
Sheryl WuDunn, senior managing
director at Mid-Market Securities
LLC, spoke about reporting on
human rights abuses and advocacy
at the fourth Presidential
Speaker Series.



It's a long flight from Kent, Ohio, to Asia, but tonight the people of the Tree City need not worry about airfare. Kristof and WuDunn take the audience on a thought-provoking and often emotionally uncomfortable journey across the world through their presentation "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression Into Opportunity for Women Worldwide." Having written three books together, the world travelers are more than qualified to delve into the road less traveled. Their latest book, *Half the Sky*, raises awareness about the struggles many women face in parts of the Eastern hemisphere. Kristof and WuDunn hope to inspire people to take action through their written work. By the looks of the large crowd in the Kent Student Center Ballroom, they are off to a good start before the presentation even begins.

Turning oppression into opportunity

Using stories from their new book, Kristof and WuDunn provide findings about a world all too easily ignored by a click of the remote control. With lack of interest in global affairs comes lack of knowledge, and Kristof and WuDunn realize this.

"Are there more males or females in the world today?" Kristof

asks. Females, we answer. We are wrong. Kristof says we think there are more females in the world because they are the majority of populations in the U.S. and Europe. "At Kent State," he continues, "I gather there are like 60 percent females?"



Kristoff and WuDunn meet with students before their evening presentation.

Then comes the sobering reality. "Given equal access to food and healthcare, women live longer. So in an equitable world, there *would* be more females. But the point is we do not live in an equitable world. Gender discrimination is not just about unequal pay, inappropriate remarks or touching. It's lethal."

As the evening continues, Kristof and WuDunn proceed to show us just how sheltered we are in the developed world. They tell stories of Cambodian

girls kidnapped and used for sex-trafficking, and how they strive to protect and save women and girls facing these conditions. In one instance, Kristof actually purchased one of the girls. He and WuDunn helped set her up with organizations to find a job. With a defeated expression upon his face, Kristof tells the audience, "When you get a written receipt for buying a human in the 21st century, there is something very wrong."

Kristof continues to show additional photos, all centered on a cycle of misery formed by poor, uneducated societies and entrenched traditions. The audience is transported to places where married



Kristoff and WuDunn signed books after their presentation and spoke with members of the audience.



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women are forbidden to touch money and diseases are treated as acts of witchcraft. These beliefs lead to, Kristof says, 50 to 120 million females missing in the world today. Society blames the victims rather than punish their drug-dealers, pimps and abusers.

Half the Sky is not without its critics. The book has been described as an examination of violence against women in Asia and Africa, with a colonial mindset. Kristof and WuDunn examine rape in Sierra Leone, sex trafficking in Cambodia, maternal mortality and female genital cutting in Somaliland and intergenerational prostitution in India at great length. But the trafficking of women from Albania, Bulgaria, Belarus, Moldova and the Ukraine to elsewhere in Europe gets one sentence. And readers are never reminded that the U.S. is a prime destination for trafficked individuals. With the Center for Disease Control reporting that 1,300 American women are murdered annually by intimate partners, misogyny is as real in the U.S. as anywhere else on earth.

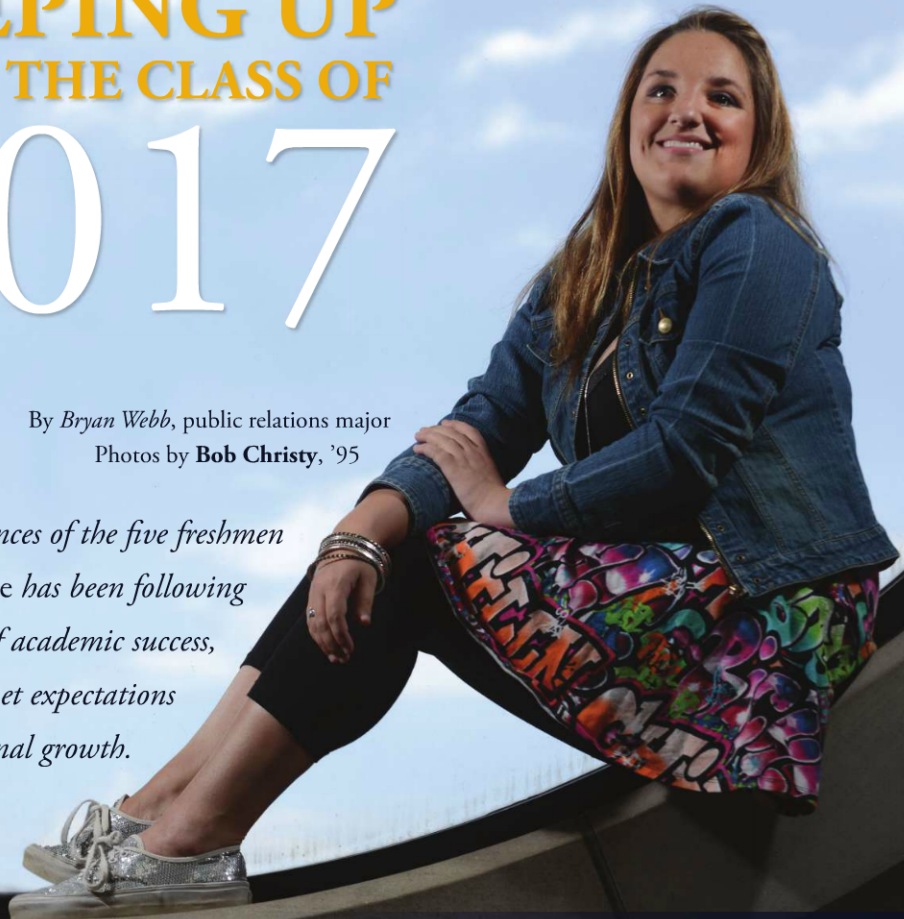
No one doubts the good intentions of Kristof and WuDunn. Yet several reviewers detect a “white-savior” mentality and an approach to solutions that fail to examine the role of global economies and political actions on the part of the developed world. But almost all give credit to the pair for raising awareness and trying to bring about change.

In reference to change, WuDunn tells the audience, “These women and girls are part of the solution, not the problem.” And the audience members sitting before WuDunn can be likewise, should they choose to act. Though the light of hope flickers dimly, it still exists. And it can grow stronger if people choose to allow it. WuDunn says the chance for change in these females’ fates is not only possible, it’s imminent. The possibility of turning oppression

KEEPING UP WITH THE CLASS OF 2017

By Bryan Webb, public relations major
Photos by Bob Christy, '95

*The first-year experiences of the five freshmen
that Kent State Magazine has been following
are a mix of academic success,
enthusiasm, met and unmet expectations
and personal growth.*



Katie Kimble

Amanda Sheets, Dorianeh Stanford, Jordan Provost, Katie Kimble and Natalia Roman kept busy and made the most of their first two semesters at Kent State. They all performed well academically, engaged in extracurricular activities, developed new friendships and gained maturity. What's more, our soon-to-be-sophomores offered sage advice for next year's incoming class.

So how was your first year at Kent State?

Amanda Sheets, American Sign Language (ASL) and English interpreting major, says she spent her first year at Kent State "hanging out with friends, studying, working on campus and even volunteering."

"Although I had some experience as a post-secondary student, I was pretty nervous entering the first semester," says Dorianeh Stanford. "I had gone a year without being in the habit of school when I was an exchange student in Brazil for my senior year of high school. This made me worry about how I would perform academically. It was difficult at first for me to get back into the school routine, but I did better than I thought I would and made the Dean's List."

Natalia Roman attended high school at Academia Santo Tomas de Aquino Superior in Puerto Rico before coming to Kent State last fall. "My first year at Kent State was great. I finished my year with a 4.0 GPA, which was my main goal, and I met a lot of diverse and interesting people," she says. "Also, I really enjoyed my classes and my professors."



Dorianeh Stanford



Amanda Sheets

Tell us about your involvement on campus.

Although Stanford is a student at Kent State's Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, she joined several organizations at the Kent Campus. "I'm involved with the campus ministry, Navigators (NAVS) and the associated dance group called Be Moved Dance Ministry," she says.

Music education major and graduate of Navarre High School, *Jordan Provost* wasted no time chasing his passion for music. "I'm a member of the Marching Golden Flashes and the Kent State Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association," he says. "I also became a brother of Kappa Kappa Psi, an honorary band fraternity. In my free time, I enjoy supporting local businesses in downtown Kent, such as Tree City Coffee, Woodsy's and Ray's Place."

Katie Kimble, graduate of Rocky River High School and business entrepreneurship major, became heavily involved in campus activities since arriving last fall. She became a color guard team member in the Marching Golden Flashes this past year and describes that experience as being the highlight of her freshman year. "I met a wide range of people and made many friends from being involved with Freshman Advisory Council, KREW and KSU peer leadership programs," she says.

Roman's major is international relations, and she has a double minor in global communication and pre-law. She also found time to join the Spanish and Latino Student Association (SALSA) and was elected as vice president for the 2014-2015 school year.

Any advice for incoming freshmen?

"If you wish to be successful and stay sane, be organized!" says Provost. "Finding the right fit for you may take a couple of weeks,

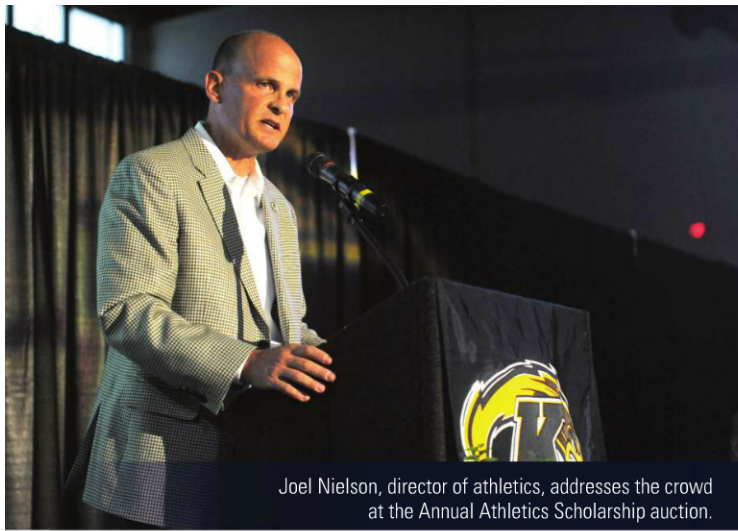
By Lyndsey Maurer

FORMER GOLDEN FLASH JULIAN EDELMAN — **STILL BREAKING** KENT STATE RECORDS!

*Co-host Julian Edelman helps his
alma mater raise a record \$100,000
in the Annual Athletics Scholarship
Auction and shares advice with
current football players.*



(Photo courtesy of the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics)



Joel Nielson, director of athletics, addresses the crowd at the Annual Athletics Scholarship auction.

Former Kent State quarterback and current New England Patriots wide receiver *Julian Edelman* returned to his alma mater to help the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics raise over \$100,000 to benefit student-athlete scholarships at the third Annual Athletics Scholarship Auction — an event that more than doubled its goal of raising \$50,000.

“I was excited to come back to campus and to be invited to take part in a worthy event like the Athletics Scholarship Auction,” says Edelman. “I had a great opportunity to play Division I football at Kent State. I know the proceeds from the auction will provide more opportunities for student-athletes.”

Record-breaking event

Besides setting a fundraising record, Edelman’s involvement helped increase attendance at the auction. More than 300 Golden

Flashes supporters packed the floor of the Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center on Friday, April 25. “Over the past three years this event has grown substantially, both in attendance and in the number of items donated for the event,” says **Joel Nielsen**, director of athletics. “Through the efforts of our organizing committee and staff, this event has provided resources that support and enhance the student-athlete experience.”

The evening included live and silent auctions with over 100 items, highlighted by trips to Orlando, Lake Tahoe and Cabo San Lucas, plus a charter flight with the men’s basketball team for a December game at Kansas. Other items included jewelry, sports memorabilia and even a 1972 football helmet signed by *Nick Saban*, ’73. There was also a raffle for a two-week trip for four to Hawaii.

As Friday’s co-hosts of the scholarship auction, Edelman and Kent State Head Men’s Golf Coach **Herb Page** worked the stage, encouraging supporters to keep bidding on the night’s bigger ticket items, such as dinner for two in Florida at the home of Kent State alumnus and Hall-of-Fame football coach *Lou Holtz*, ’59.

Advice for this year’s team

Edelman stayed through the weekend to attend the annual Spring Game at Dix Stadium and address the current crop of Golden Flashes football players. A former Kent State quarterback who switched to wide receiver after being selected by the Patriots in the 2009 NFL Draft, Edelman is now coming off a career season that saw him catch 105 passes for 1,056 yards in 2013. He is also the NFL’s active leader in punt-return average.

Edelman was a do-it-all athlete as a three-year starter at Kent State. During his senior year, the business-management major broke

the Kent State single-season total offense record set by fellow college-quarterback-turned-pro-receiver *Joshua Cribbs*, '10. In that year Edelman completed 56 percent of his passes for 13 touchdowns. He also led the Flashes in rushing with 1,370 on 215 attempts, including 13 touchdowns.

"I was right where [Kent State's current football players] are just a few years ago," says Edelman. "So it was great to share some of the things I learned during my time at Kent State and while playing in the NFL."

Head Football Coach **Paul Haynes** invited Edelman to come to the spring game and then meet with the team the next day. "I introduced him as an overachiever ... a kid who went to junior college to get recruited and a guy who got drafted in the seventh round, and now he's one of the best receivers in the league," says Haynes.

"He talked about the things he wrote on his notepad every day in team meetings. He wrote down things around the edge of his paper that would keep him focused. At the top it said 'control the things you can control.' And he had words on there like *attitude*, *focus* and *preparation* ... the kinds of things we talk about with our players all of the time.

"I think it hit home with a lot of our guys. There was no prepping of Julian; it was all straight from him. It was great to hear him say a lot of the things we're trying to teach. It's all about those little things."

Quarterback *Colin Reardon* was among the student athletes who appreciated Edelman returning to Kent for the auction and sticking around for the Spring Game. "I thought it was cool that he still shows appreciation for his alma mater and that he really cares," says Reardon, who won the Golden Flashes' starting job as a redshirt



Julian Edelman speaks to the current Golden Flashes football players.

freshman last season. "It was also cool for me considering he played my position when he was here. With everything he told us — about what he writes down in meetings, how he pays attention and the things he lives by on the field — it was great to have the chance to listen and learn from someone like that."

"This scholarship event was another great example of the passion our supporters, community, fans and alumni have for Kent State athletics," says **Matthew Geis**, senior associate athletic director, executive director of athletic advancement. "That support continues to play a vital role toward ensuring our student-athletes realize success nationally in class, in competition and in life." ☀

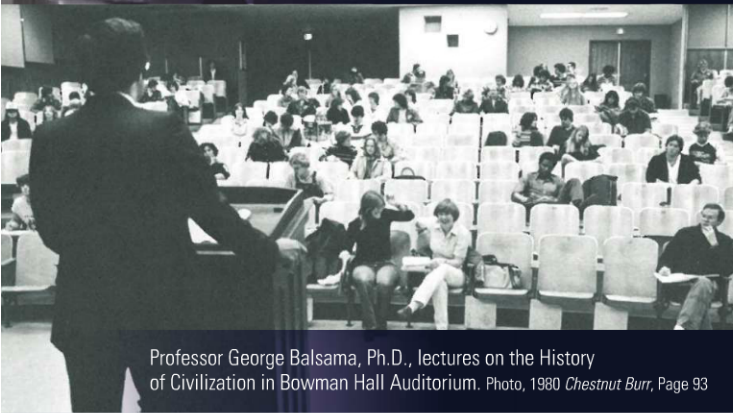
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WHAT WAS THE MOST INFLUENTIAL CLASS THAT YOU TOOK AT KENT STATE?

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Professor William E. Heasley working with student Gretchen Kormanik in an Industrial Arts Class, April 23, 1970. Photo, Page 207 of *A Book of Memories*.



Professor George Balsama, Ph.D., lectures on the History of Civilization in Bowman Hall Auditorium. Photo, 1980 *Chestnut Burr*, Page 93

We asked our alumni on LinkedIn to tell us about what Kent State classes influenced them the most. Here are some of their responses.

Dr. Balsama's [George Balsama, Ph.D.] history class. I was always amazed at how he kept it interesting to such a large group. And we all learned something.

- Douglas Curtis, '76

Woodworking with Bill Heasley. He taught a traditional course in the most nontraditional way. He was light years ahead of Steve Jobs in that Heasley knew the importance of great design in the 50s. His laboratory was unique in every way from the color of the machines to the FM music playing in the background. He invited the president of the university over every quarter to view the student products and served wine and crackers — How great is that? I am who I am because of this man!

- Gene Poor, '66

THE KENT STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LAUNCHES RESPONSIVE WEBSITE

More than 30 percent of you are viewing the alumni association website from smartphones or tablets. Now our website is mobile-friendly, and you can view more content from your favorite devices!



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Easier navigation

Find the most popular alumni pages

And much more

Take a look at
the new site!

HIGHLIGHTS

FROM THE 2014 ALUMNI SPRING EVENTS

The Kent State University Alumni Association has been busy. In 2014 your association hosted over 30 events across the nation. That exciting lineup included Alumni Weekend, Alumni Day of Service, Networking Luncheons, watch parties and many others. Here are some of our favorite event photos.

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11th Annual Basketball Social

We're Live!

Unable to make it to alumni association events?



The alumni association is now live streaming some events featuring notable Kent State alumni and faculty.

Take a look at some of the past events your association has live streamed:

Faculty Lecture Series

featuring

Ellen Glickman, Ph.D.,
professor of exercise physiology

Cleveland Networking Luncheon

featuring

Laura Andrews, M.A. '07,
public relations and marketing
specialist with the Cleveland
Metroparks Zoo.

**Keep checking back
for the fall lineup of
live-stream events.**

If you have questions, please
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By Amanda Lang, advertising major

FROM TV-2 TO THE NFL

Alumna finds success in sports broadcasting.



Lyndsay Petrundy on the field during a game
(Photograph courtesy of Lyndsay Petrundy)

“The fans were able to rush the court. I remember I got right up to the camera and shouted, ‘We’re number one!’ and my family saw me on ESPN.” That’s how *Lyndsay Petrundy*, ’08, describes one of her most unforgettable memories at Kent State. The year was 2006, and the Kent State Golden Flashes men’s basketball team had just won the MAC Championship game.

Now Petrundy lives out moments like that every day — not as a fan, but as a sideline reporter for the Chicago Bears. She also reports for two FOX Chicago television shows, *Inside the Bears* and *Bears Gameday Live*.

“I love the NFL, and my passion is sports reporting. I love what I do so much that it doesn’t even feel like work,” Petrundy says.

As a former broadcast journalism student at Kent State, Petrundy gained valuable reporting experience working for the student-run television station, TV-2. In addition to reporting live from the sidelines at Kent State sporting events, she co-hosted a live weekly sports show, *SportsCorner*.





Lyndsay Petruny on the set
(Photograph courtesy of Lyndsay Petruny)

“TV-2 was an amazing experience,” Petruny says. “I got hands-on experience with state-of-the-art equipment and I learned so much while I was there. Not only did I build reporting skills, but I met lifelong friends there, as well.”

One of her favorite classes was Broadcast Beat Reporting, taught by Professor **Gary Hanson**. Petruny says Hanson stressed the importance of time management, a message that helped her in the classroom and in her career.

Before graduating from Kent State, Petruny landed an internship at FOX Sports Network in Los Angeles.

“It was a life-changing experience,” Petruny says. “I quickly learned how competitive the industry was and what I’d have to do if I wanted to achieve my goals. My internship taught me that there aren’t any shortcuts.”

After graduating, Petruny began working as a correspondent for the Big Ten Network at Penn State University. She also served as a reporter for *Steelers Saturday Night* on Pittsburgh’s CW Network. In 2010, she started working for the New England Patriots’ production company, Kraft Sports Productions, reporting for a daily Web show and hosting several television shows in Boston.

Petruny visits Kent State as often as possible for sporting events and Homecoming. She keeps in touch with professors and old friends and she’s made new connections with current Kent State students who ask her for career advice.

Petruny has high aspirations for her future. “I want to keep working in sports television,” she says. “I hope I’m always learning something new every day. I want to constantly challenge myself to aim higher and improve my reporting skills.” ☀



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Schedule of Events:

► **Alumni Hospitality Tent with Flash Photo Zone**
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Judy (Lentz) Jones, M.B.A. '64, Fort Myers, Florida, was honored with the 2014 Kent State University Spirit of Women in Business Award. Jones was the first woman to receive an MBA from Kent State. The Spirit of Women in Business Award goes to a Kent State alumna who excels in her profession, paving the way for women in business and is actively involved with the university. Jones, now retired, currently resides in Florida with her husband, Harry.

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Michael W. Fedo, M.A. '65, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has recently released a book of recollections, *Zenith City: Stories from Duluth*, published by University of Minnesota Press. Fedo, a Minnesota stringer for the *New York Times* and *The Christian Science Monitor* from 1970 to 1985, is the author of many books, including: *The Lynchings in Duluth*, *The Man from Lake Wobegon*, the novel *Indians in the Arborvitae*, *One Shining Season* and *A Sawdust Heart: My Vaudeville Life in Medicine and Tent Shows*, by Henry Wood as told to Michael Fedo.

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Ronald L. Sprunger, M.A., Ashland, Ohio, has developed *How2PlayByEar*, a series of keyboard instruction videos.

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Mary C. Keating, Bradford, Pennsylvania, has recently published her first novel, *The Chanticleer Girls*, set in 1968 Nantucket. Keating currently lives in Bradford, Pennsylvania, while enjoying dual Irish/U.S. citizenship.

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Patricia Benson Merz, Stillwater, Minnesota, is the co-author with Linda Dackman of *The Language of Healing: Daily Comfort for Women Living with Breast Cancer* published in April 2014 by Conari Press of San Francisco, California. The voices of the women in this book speak to the different ways women may respond to a breast cancer diagnosis.

William A. Gordon, Lake Forest, California, is the editor of newly released book, *1001 Tips for Writers*, which offers advice about writing and getting published. The book is presented in the form of quotations from a wide variety of books, magazines, newspapers, trade journals and speeches, as well as original gems from notable writers. Subjects covered include advice on how to get traditionally published, self-publishing, overcoming writer's block, perseverance, success and failure, research and scholarship, and writers and money. Gordon's goal was to create the first book that aspiring authors should read before they begin their career. This book is designed to give aspiring authors a better head start, while at the same time administering a heavy dose of reality. Gordon is the author and/or editor of five books, including *Four Dead in Ohio: Was There a Conspiracy at Kent State?* and *The Ultimate Hollywood Tour Book*, the bible of L.A.'s sightseeing industry (now in its 25th printing).

Carter E. Strang, M.Ed.'79, J.D., Cleveland, Ohio, was named to the board of directors for The Center for Community Solutions, which focuses on solutions to health, social and economic conditions. A centerpiece for community planning for over 100 years, Community Solutions has offices in Columbus and Cleveland, where it is headquartered. Strang is

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a partner with Tucker Ellis LLP. Tucker Ellis LLP is a full-service law firm of more than 180 attorneys with offices in Cleveland, Columbus, Denver, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Strang also received the 2013 Federal Bar Association Elaine "Boots" Fisher Award for exemplary community, public and charitable service and the 2103 DRI Lifetime Community Service Award. Strang is a founding member of the national law firm, Tucker Ellis LLP, headquartered in Cleveland. He is Immediate Past President of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. As bar president, he created the Louis Stokes Scholars Program that provides paid summer legal internships for college students who are graduates of the Cleveland or East Cleveland Municipal School Districts. He also created and coordinates his firm's award-winning pipeline diversity program, which features partnerships between his law firm and urban high schools.

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Douglas A. Hanzel, M.D., Savannah, Georgia, was honored during a timeout at a recent Golden Flashes men's basketball game with Central Michigan. Hanzel is the 2013 United States Golf Association (USGA) Senior Amateur champion and carried his trophy onto the court as he was greeted by a standing ovation from the crowd at the Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center. Two years ago, Hanzel became the only player in USGA history to qualify and reach the match-play stages of the U.S. Men's Amateur, the U.S. Mid-Amateur and the U.S. Senior Amateur. In both 2012 and 2013, Hanzel qualified to face the top professionals in the world at the United States Senior Open, making the cut both times and finishing as the low amateur. In April 2014, Hanzel represented the United States team in the first Concession Cup, captained by

Jack Nicklaus. The event was a Ryder Cup-style format pitting the best senior amateurs from across the United States against a team from Great Britain and Ireland.

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Elizabeth Z. Bartz, M.A. '82, Akron, Ohio, president and CEO of State and Federal Communications Inc., was recently named one of the top 50 businesses owned by women in Ohio in 2014. This award also recognized Bartz' work with women in the community to achieve the same success she has been fortunate to have. The Top Business in America award is one of the nation's most coveted awards.

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Brian A. Williams, M.D., Oakmont, Pennsylvania, was recently chosen as the Veterans Administration Pittsburgh Healthcare System's outstanding physician of the year. Williams is also an anesthesiology professor at the University of Pittsburgh. He was recognized for work that has significantly improved post-surgery outcomes for veterans. Veterans Administration Pittsburgh Healthcare System is one of the largest and most progressive veteran's administration medical centers in the country and serves more than 67,000 veterans annually.

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Rollie J. Welch, M.L.S., Willoughby, Ohio, has received the Public Library Association's (PLA) Allie Beth Martin Award, sponsored by Baker and Taylor, which recognizes a public librarian for demonstrating a range and depth of knowledge about books and other library materials and the distinguished ability to share that knowledge. Welch was honored

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as part of the PLA President's Program and Awards Presentation at the 2014 American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Las Vegas. He recently retired from his position as collection manager for Cleveland Public Library and in March 2014 became the principal librarian/adult collection development manager for Lee County Library System.

93

Margaret Ford Taylor, M.A., Cleveland, Ohio, received the Hall of Fame Award from the Karamu House. Ford-Taylor, a playwright, director, actor, teacher and arts administrator has received many awards, commendations and honors. Her Emmy nominations were for her performance in the public television production, *American Women: Echoes and Dreams*, and as writer of the ABC television documentary, *The Second Reconstruction*. Ford-Taylor was directed by Academy Award-winner, Denzel Washington, and played Aunt Eda in *Antwone Fisher*; her most recent writing/directing assignment includes the musical *Double Nickel Blues*, which premiered at Cleveland State University's Factory Theatre. Commissions as a playwright include *Ned's Garden*, which was on the roster at Cleveland State University, the Paul Robeson Theatre in Buffalo, New York, and the West Angeles Performing Arts Center in Los Angeles; *Oh, Mary, Don't You Weep*, simultaneously performed at the West Angeles Performing Arts Center in Los Angeles and Cleveland State's Factory Theatre; and *Just Beyond the Junkyard*, which toured nationally by the Tales and Scales classical music company of Evansville, Indiana, with venues including the Tribeca Performing Arts Center in New York City, the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples, Florida, and the Aspen Music School Festival in Aspen, Colorado. Ford Taylor will be inducted alongside the late Emmy winner Ivan Dixon, and multiple award winner, S. Epatha Merkerson.

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James W. Renner, Akron, Ohio, was the keynote speaker at the recent Ohio Writers' Conference, an event sponsored by the Ohio Literacy Resource Center, which is a part of the College of Education, Health and Human Services at Kent State. The event serves to celebrate the achievements of Ohio's Adult Basic and Literacy Education (ABLE) writers. Renner has published nonfiction books, *It Came from Ohio* and *The Serial Killer's Apprentice*. He currently has four short stories available to read for free on his Smashwords.com page. He also directed a short film, which was based on the Stephen King short story, *All That You Love Will Be Carried Away*. His first novel, *The Man from Primrose Lane*, was released through Sarah Crichton Books in 2012. Currently, Warner Bros. is working on a movie adaptation of that book, which is set to star Bradley Cooper. Renner also teaches Freshman Composition and Fiction Appreciation at The University of Akron. Renner's next novel, *The Great Forgetting*, will be released (also through Sarah Crichton Books) in May 2015.

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Burt B. Marzley, M.Arch. '03, Canton, Ohio, AIA-LEED AP, has been named the firm's newest partner. Marzley has been the design leader at the firm over the past decade and has led the design of projects in education and corporate markets. His leadership has resulted in the firm being selected to receive multiple design awards from several organizations including the American Institute of Architects. As a partner, Marzley will continue to foster collaborative creativity within the office and will be dedicated to continually improving building designs for the benefit of SoL Harris/Day's clients.

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Amy Camardese, Ph.D., Youngstown, Ohio, Westminster College associate professor of education, was published in the winter 2014 issue of *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*. Camardese, a resident of Youngstown, is a member of the Beta Chi Chapter in Ohio. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is a professional honorary society of women educators. It focuses the collective energies of an international organization to achieve the greatest good for everyone involved in all fields of education, including students, instructors and administrators. The society promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education through seminars, workshops, conferences, scholarships and the publication of members' research.

04

Natalie A. Harr, M.A. '09, Arlington, Virginia, is one of 102 K-12 science teachers to receive a 2012 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) from the National Science Foundation. Recipients met President Obama at the White House in March to receive the \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation. Harr was part of a research expedition to Antarctica (December 2011-February 2012) led by Richard Lee, University Distinguished Professor of Biology, Miami University. The Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching is awarded annually to outstanding K-12 science and mathematics teachers from across the country. The winners are selected by a panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians and educators following an initial selection process done at the state level. "These teachers are inspiring today's young students to become the

next generation of American scientists, mathematicians and innovators," President Obama said. "Through their passion and dedication, and by sharing their excitement about science, technology, engineering and math, they are helping us build a promising future for all our children." Harr, a first-grade teacher at Crestwood Primary School in Mantua, has been an educator for nine years.

Sara A. Sampson, M.L.I.S., Durham, North Carolina, co-authored (with Anne Klinefelter) a chapter on public services in the second edition of the text *Law Librarianship in the Twenty-First Century*, published by Scarecrow Press. Sampson is the deputy director of the law library and clinical assistant professor of law at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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Loralea B. Allen, M.Ed. '11, Ravenna, Ohio, recently opened a new counseling services practice at 135 E. Erie St., Suite 303, in Kent, Ohio

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Karla C. Kaufman, M.L.I.S., Ravenna, Ohio, is the new clinical librarian at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Erie, Pennsylvania. Previously, she worked at Robinson Memorial Hospital and Fortis College in Ravenna, Ohio.

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Mallory L. Sajewski, M.L.I.S. '13, Macedonia, Ohio, presented a poster titled, "Setting the Stage: What's Needed to Achieve an Ensemble Library Job?" at the 2014 Music Library Association annual conference in Atlanta, Georgia (Feb. 26-March 2).

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Frank A. Barnhart, M.A., Columbus, Ohio, recently served as director for the SRO Theatre Company's production of *The Sound of Music*, at the Shedd Theatre in the Columbus Performing Arts Center, Columbus, Ohio. Barnhart is a member of the communication faculty at Columbus State University and is the lead instructor of theatre performance.

Kristen M. Hallows, M.L.I.S., Hilliard, Ohio, was the lead author of "Dialectic of Transformation: The Shaping of a Name," appearing in the April 2014 issue of *AALL Spectrum*.

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Daniel J. Humphrey, Strongsville, Ohio, was named to receive the 2014 New Professional Art Educator of the Year Award. This prestigious award, determined through a peer review of nominations, recognizes excellence and achievement by new art educators. The award was presented at the National Art Education Association (NAEA) National Convention in San Diego, California, March 29-31, 2014. NAEA President Dennis Inhulsen stated, "This award is being given to recognize excellence in professional accomplishment and service by a dedicated art educator. Daniel Humphrey exemplifies the highly qualified art educators active in education today: leaders, teachers, students, scholars and advocates who give their best to their students and the profession." NAEA is the professional association for art educators. Members include elementary, secondary, middle level and high school art teachers; university and college professors; education directors who oversee education in our nation's fine art museums, administrators and supervisors who oversee art education in school districts, state departments of education, arts councils; and teaching

artists throughout the United States and many foreign countries. Humphrey resides in Bolivar, Ohio.

Carol A. Tuttle, M.L.I.S., Chardon, Ohio, has been promoted to head of adult services and assistant manager at the Chardon branch of the Geauga County Public Library System in Chardon, Ohio.



Ted Curtis Receives Honorary Doctorate in Architecture

Kent State graduate and former University Architect Ted Curtis, '59, recently received an honorary doctorate in architecture from the University of Architecture and Urbanism in Bucharest, Romania, for his distinguished career in architecture.

Curtis is one of only 19 architects worldwide to have received the award. "I am very honored to be on the same list alongside two individuals who influenced my work, Richard Neutra and Richard Meier. I studied Richard Neutra's work when I was in architecture school at Kent State ... and in 1990-91, I worked with Richard Meier on the Getty project in Los Angeles," says Curtis.

Curtis is currently vice president for Capital Planning and Facilities Management at The University of Akron. Curtis and his wife, Carol, funded the Ted and Carol Hupp Curtis Alcove Gallery at the Kent State University Museum, which he designed while serving as director of facilities planning and design and university architect with Kent State.

Flash Forward

Join the Alumni Volunteer Program and help the Admissions Office Discover and Recruit the Next Generation of Golden Flashes.



Kent State recognizes that our alumni are essential in helping identify and recruit talented high school students for possible admission. The Admissions Office is looking for alumni who live outside of Ohio to join the Alumni Volunteer Program. Being part of the Alumni Volunteer Program is a great way for you to be involved in the admissions and recruitment process and to help build relationships between alumni and prospective students from across the country.

As an Alumni Volunteer Program member, you would assist the Admissions Office in the following ways:

- **Represent Kent State at college fairs and other recruitment events in your area;**
- **Attend Kent State receptions and information nights near you; and**
- **Speak or write to admitted students from your region about the outstanding educational and extracurricular opportunities at Kent State.**

If you live outside of Ohio and would like to join the Alumni Volunteer Program, complete the [interest form](#) or contact Brian Crescenzo at 330-672-8893 or bcrescen@kent.edu.




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Alumna Ann Wagnitz and student Jessica Pugliese
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SUPPORTING TOMORROW'S EDUCATORS

Being a full-time student, wife and mother to a two-year-old is challenging. But Kent State University student *Jessica Pugliese* still anticipates graduating in spring 2015. Pugliese's hard work and dedication to her future are two reasons her goal is in sight. But another tremendous factor in her success is the scholarships she has received, made possible by the generosity of donors like Kent State alumna (Katharine) *Ann Wagnitz*, '69, M.Ed. '79.

Pugliese, who is the first in her family to attend college, is majoring in mathematics in the College of Education, Health and Human Services and hopes to teach high school math. She is extremely grateful for the scholarships she has received, including the *Katharine Ann Wagnitz Scholarship*.


Although she is well into her college career, this is the first semester Pugliese has received scholarships. "When I found out I was awarded Ann's scholarship, I danced around my kitchen," she says. "My student loans will be staggering when I'm finished. This scholarship — and the alumni scholarship I'm also receiving — will help lessen that burden."

Pugliese is a nontraditional student. Her husband works full-time on third shift so that he can take care of the couple's two-year-old

By Stephanie Langguth, '03



Jessica Barach
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CREATING MANY PATHS TO SUCCESS

*J*essica Barach is a great example of how Kent State Regional Campuses and online programs, as well as scholarships, are helping students not only achieve their goals, but expand them beyond anything they had ever contemplated.

Barach, who has lived with her grandparents and younger sister since her parents passed away, works part-time and, like many students, struggles with tuition. Thanks to *The Dr. John W. Hayes Scholarship*, Barach can worry a little less about money and focus more on her goals and her studies.


In addition to her studies, Barach, who is currently working toward an associate's degree in nursing, volunteers with the Jefferson County Humane Society. She recently joined the Kent State Student Nurses' Association and looks forward to participating in the association's community service activities. She also works part-time as a patient advocate in the emergency room at a local medical center.

Her schedule is more than full and often hectic, but the scholarship is validation for Barach that her hard work is paying off. She also sees it as a blessing for her and her family. "This scholarship

By Deb McGuinness, '78



Gary Larkin (right) at a university event. (Photo courtesy of University Archives)

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SPOTLIGHT ON PROFESSOR GARY LARKIN

Gary Larkin, Ph.D., began his career at Kent State University in 1968 and he loved teaching microbiology to his many students until his retirement in 1994. Larkin, who was born in 1941 and passed away in 2013, worked as a professor in the Department of Biological Sciences for more than 25 years

“Dr. Larkin was an important member of our department at a critical time in its history,” says **Laura Leff**, professor and interim chair in the Department of Biological Sciences. “He contributed greatly to multiple aspects of our missions and helped provide department leadership.”

Larkin also was an active member of the Kent State Men’s Chorus for nearly 30 years. He assisted the Men’s Chorus each year through generous annual donations. He began planning for his legacy gift to the university more than 10 years ago and was committed to a planned gift for the Men’s Chorus to ensure its financial viability and future. Although he did not announce his planned gift during his lifetime, he put fully documented plans in place to ensure that his love of music and singing, as well as his love of science education, were well taken care of at Kent State.

Denise Seachrist, Ph.D., interim dean of Kent State University at

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