The 63rd Commencement Ceremony

Friday, December 18, 2015
Main Hall Gymnasium
Kent State University Administration.

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Order of Exercise

Please turn off cell phones and pagers.

Musical Prelude
performed by Mary Runyan

Academic Processional
Pomp and Circumstance
Elgar
(Audience, please stand)

National Anthem
Star Spangled Banner
Key/Smith
(Audience, please remain standing and join in singing)

Welcome and Introductions
Dr. Susan J. Stocker, Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Ashtabula Campus

Student Address
Greg Oliver

Commencement Address
Dr. Shay Little

Certification of Graduates
Dr. Bradley S. Keefer

Conferring of Degrees
Dr. Susan J. Stocker

Presentation of Diplomas

Alma Mater
Hail to Thee, Our Alma Mater
Stump & Steere
(Audience, please stand and join in singing)

Recessional
Largo
Handel
(Please remain standing until graduates have left the gymnasium)

Please join us for a reception in the Blue and Gold Room following the ceremony
## Conferring of Degrees

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The program is issued as a ceremonial publication and is not an official record of graduates. The awarding of degrees will be based on the outcome of final examinations and final grades. The University apologizes for any errors or omissions.
Commencement Speaker

Shay Little, Ph.D.
Interim Vice President, Division of Student Affairs
Kent State University

Originally from Atlanta, Ga., Dr. Shay Little is the Interim Vice President for the Division of Student Affairs at Kent State University.

Little has worked on college campuses for 21 years including Oklahoma State University, University of North Carolina Wilmington, and the University of Georgia. She came to Kent State in 2012 as the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, serving as the primary advocate for students throughout the University system.

She attended college at Baylor University where her love of campus life and student involvement sparked an interest in continuing to work on college campuses with students. She has worked primarily in residence services throughout her career in the areas of residence life, conduct, assignments, information technology, marketing, and budgeting. At Kent State, Little works primarily on the Kent Campus with the Division of Student Affairs.

Little earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Baylor before going on to Oklahoma State where she earned a Master of Science degree in counseling and student personnel services. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Student Affairs Administration from Georgia.

You can find her on twitter @Shay_Little sharing all things #blueandgold. She wishes all graduates every success, and never forget, we are #flashesforever.
Greg Oliver
Bachelor of Arts, Criminology & Justice Studies

Greg Oliver has been selected to deliver the student commencement address for the 2015 fall graduating class of Kent State University at Ashtabula. A cum laude honoree, he is receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in criminology and justice studies and an Associate of Science degree during tonight’s ceremony.

“To be asked to speak at graduation is unbelievable,” Oliver said. “I am humbled by the honor and anxious to offer an encouraging and heartfelt address to my fellow graduates. Four years ago, I started this new chapter in my life that was both exciting and, quite honestly, a little frightening. I never imagined that it would be concluded with the tremendous opportunity to be the speaker at commencement. I hope to offer some words of wisdom and inspiration to the graduating students, in that it’s never too late to seek out education and better yourself.”

Oliver is active in the Kent State Ashtabula Justice Club and is a student member of the Student Complaint Review Committee. He previously spoke at the Dean’s and President’s Lists ceremony, as well as at the annual Walk Against Domestic Violence held here on the campus. He is also active in the local community. As a member of the “My Neighborhood” group that hosts several charity events a year, Oliver is able to reach out to others and return the good fortune that has been given to him. He also enjoys reading and having fun outdoors with his six-year-old son, Daniel.

Upon graduation, Oliver plans to further his education by attending law school. His ultimate goal is to be a practicing attorney and quite possibly an instructor at Kent State.

Academic Achievement Award
Awarded by the Ashtabula Area College Committee, Inc. to graduates who have completed at least 45 of 60 or more credit hours at the Ashtabula Campus and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.70 or better in their last semester prior to graduation. This semester’s recipients are:

Amy Ballish          Nicholas Leavitt          David Stouffer
Kristen Berus        Michelle Massucci        Winfield Such
Ruthella Coder       Rachael Merlene         Naomi Woodruff
Michael Dunfee       Amanda Noce             
Lauren Fenton        Alicia Parker          

Graduation, with Honors

Associate Degree With Distinction
An associate degree student graduating with distinction denotes that the student has earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. These calculations are based on the prior semester's cumulative grade point average.

Amy Ballish              Julie Hales              Amanda Noce              David Stouffer
Heather Banford         Craig Hansel          Sarah Nye                Melissa Swonger
Kristen Berus           Jennifer Hudson       Gregory Oliver           Oscar Tanner
Nicole Best             Nicholas Jessup         Alicia Parker            Amy Tran
Benjamin Burich         Sarah Kinnear          Alyson Parks             Samantha Tuttle
Beth Csiszar             Kari Klaserner        Jaclyn Pavlick           Kevin Williams
Stephanie Ensworth      Nicholas Leavitt       Lauren Ramey             Naomi Woodruff
Lauren Fauvie           David Lesniewski        Broden Ranck             Nancy Wuenschel
Lauren Fenton           Jenna Lower             Ryan Rickard             Trista Yarman
Susan Festa             Michael Magyar         Jeanne Sabula            Caitlin Yauch
Jeremy Fields           Hallie Mannino          Samantha Scherman       Erin Zavasky
Donald Fincher          Michelle Pristera       Russell Schmidt          Amanda Noce
Joseph Flater           Cheryl Mauric           Christie Shaffer        Sarah Nye
Luke Freeman            Gwendolyn McIntyre      Erin Simon              Gregory Oliver
Mathew Fuller           Rachael Merlene         John Skrapits            Alicia Parker
Raegan Fuller           Angela Miedzielecz       Anna Spencer            Alyson Parks
Katlyn Gall             Faith Millik            Natalie Spickler        Jaclyn Pavlick
Michael Gasaway         Rachael Mizner          Alan Stevens             Lauren Ramey
Lleni Gianoutsos        Amanda Mullins          Michelle Stinehelfer     Benjamin Burkhoulder

Cum Laude
Honors are awarded to those students earning a bachelor's degree with an average of at least 3.3 to 3.59 on a 4.0 scale.

Shelby Baker         Benjamin Burkholder       Michael Dunfee, Jr.
Mary Dixon            Ruthella Coder            Holly Schillig
Alyssa Ennis         Rita Hennigan             Gregory Oliver
Kenneth Johnston, Jr. Rachael Merlene            Rita Spurlock
Tom Kauppila          Winfield Such III       Samanta Waltz
Amber Ketchum          Ashley Vlasov           Katherine Weitzel
Frank Laskowski
Gregory Oliver
Rita Spurlock
Samantha Waltz
Katherine Weitzel

Magna Cum Laude
High Honors are awarded to those students earning a bachelor's degree with an average of at least 3.6 to 3.79 on a 4.0 scale.

Summa Cum Laude
Highest honors are awarded to those students earning a bachelor's degree with an average of at least 3.8 on a 4.0 scale.

Because the list of graduates and those graduating with honor or distinction is prepared prior to the completion of the semester, this list is tentative. Certification of the indicated degree is subject to the completion requirements. The official registry for the conferral of degrees is the Office of the Registrar, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.
Candidates for Degrees

Associate Degrees

Associate of Arts
Pamela Nicole Brown
Jennifer L. Carpenter
Albert Joseph Fisler
Richard Lucas Slusher
Caitlin Rae Smith
David J. Stouffer
Todd Wayne Thompson
Robin R. Walker

Justice Studies
Tishia M. Campbell
Ashley A. Millard
Eladio R. Santiago
Cassie R. Shelott-Moore

Associate of Science
Max Howard Adams
Scarlett Anderson
Jody Thomas Bancroft
Kristen Lee Berus
Brittany Alexandria Boggs
Krystal Bolyard
Kyle Cole Comanescu
Heather C. Crespo
Patrick Raymond Dahlberg
Megan M. Denunzio
David M. Dipofi
Ashley Marie Drew
Robert W. Dusenbury
Donald Wayne Fincher
Stacy L. Förstein
Kelsey J. Harper
Allison Paige Hazy
Cameron J. Hartley
Kyle Joseph Hrutkay
Kenneth W. Jones
Amber Kara
Cheryl A. Kerns

Tyler Day Legere
Shawn E. Loase
Sheenna Marie Marche
Rachael Ann Merlene
Bobbie Jean Moore
Aaron Michael Mostoller
Joseph Timothy Murzynksi
Virginia A. Nelson
Julie Ann Newmeyer
Gregory Oliver
Richard C. Palo
Alicia J. Parker
Taylor Russell Patterson
Amy L. Powell
Kayla Marise Santiago
Laura Ann Snyder
Alexandria N. Stark
Amanda Rene Steele
Mary E. Stephens
Cedrese Thomas
Janna P. Ughrin
Amy Elizabeth Wawrowski
Matthew Sterling Wunsch

Associate of Applied Science

Information Technology for Administrative Professionals
Naomi R. Woodruff

Associate of Applied Science

Enology
Kathleen Emerita Crowley
Joel Anthony Rickey

Human Services Technology
Bethany A. Chambers
Matthew Robert Painter
Kelly Marie Wayman
Angel Marie Wolfe

Nursing
Kayla R. Adkins
Darlene R. Andrus
Mary C. Bitler
Shannon Lynn Clark
Rachael A. Coutts
Stephanie Elizabeth Davis
Nicole C. DiMare
David M. Dipofi
Sarah M. Falke
Ruth Ann Green
Paige Alena Hake
Amanda Sue Harrison
Jacquelyn Sue Hummer
Ashley Marissa Jarvis
Sarah Marie Kinnear
Cassandra J. Kuth
Nicole C. Lara
Kimberly Ann Martello
Brianna NicoleMate
Amanda Ellen Mullins
Alicia J. Parker
Stephanie Corinne Quaal
Wanda Renfroe
Amanda R. Rozalski
Jacob Sabruno
Candidates for Degrees

Russell Schmidt
Samantha Lynn Tuttle
Jennifer Lynn Vagi
Charles David Vickery
Jennie L. Vist
Adam D. Ward
Stephanie L. Williams
Carolee Christina Zullo

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Assistant Technology
Amy J. Ballish
Nicole Marie Best
Lucretia Anne Bohnsack
Stephanie L. Claypool
Lleni Stacy Gianoutsos
Jennifer Lynn Hudson
Kristina Marie Krumins
Jennifer Nicole Lee
Heather E. Lichty
Jenna Elizabeth Lower
Hallie Mannino
Jennifer L. Mantel
Cheryl Anne Mauric
Faith L. Millik
Amanda Joyce Noce
Jaclyn Pavlick
Amy L. Powell
Ryan Michael Rickard
Kristina Marie Salrin
Shannon Sefcik
Amy M. Shugarts
Anna Belle Spencer
Cedrese Thomas
Tonya A. Walter
Christina Marie White

Physical Therapist
Assistant Technology
Daniel Ethan Allbaugh
Heather L. Banford
Jo Ann Butchko
Carrie P. Callahan
Erika Rae Collins
Andrea Monique Cook
Cheris A. Cooper
Beth Helena Csizsar
Stephanie Mariah Ensworth
Amanda R. Everts
Lauren Marie Fauvie
Lauren Renee Fenton
Susan Festa
Jeremy Robert Fields
Joseph Flater
Luke Freeman
Raegan Clarke Fuller
Katlyn Gall
Michael Joseph Gasaway
Julie Ann Hales
Craig Allen Hansel
Bobby Richard Helmick
Kyle Joseph Hrutkay
Jessica Nicole Jansen
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Anne Keenan
Kari Janelle Klaserner
Angela M. Lambert
Patience Lee Marcinko
Michelle L. Pristera
Angela Lynn Miedzielec
Bethany Michele Miller
Rachael N. Mizner
Aaron Michael Mostoller
Sarah Nye
Alyson M. Parks
Lauren J. Ramey
Broden M. Ranck

Jeanne Nicole Sabula
Samantha Scherman
Christie Shaffer
Dan Sherrick
Erin A. Simon
John David Skrapits
Natalie Spickler
Alan Michael Stevens
Michelle Lee Stinehelfer
Melissa Louise Swonger
Oscar K. Tanner
Amy Lynn Tran
Kevin Joseph Williams
Ryan Paul Williams
Christopher D. Wilson
Nancy L. Wüenschel
Trista Yarman
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Corine S. Hamper
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Jake W. Lines
Kristina Jean Pascarella

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James G. Conti
Kathleen Emerita Crowley
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Communication Studies
Ruthella M. Coder
Kathryn Marie Eurich
Adam Michael Hazy
Rachel Fay Huffman
Kenneth Johnston, Jr.
Tom Wayne Kauppila

Criminology & Justice Studies
Ryan J. Lee
Gregory Oliver

English
Carrie Mae Douglas
Virginia A. Nelson
Kimberly R. Swindler

Psychology
Shanen Nicole Keenan
Amy Elizabeth Wawrowski

Sociology
Mary Frances Dixon
Amy Elizabeth Wawrowski

Bachelor of Business Administration
Accounting
Alyssa Renee Ennis

Business Management
Timothy Lewis Spurlock
Rita K. Spurlock
Megan D. Suchala
Rachel Roselyn Town
Mindy Marie Windler

Finance
Frank Joseph Laskowski

Bachelor of Science
Advertising
Benjamin J. Burkholder

Chemistry
Chase M. Carvalho

Hospitality Management
Rachael Ann Merlene

Integrated Health Studies
Michael Scott Dunfee, Jr.
Maria Walker

Bachelor of Science in Public Health
Jessica Ilene Hoffmann
Michelle M. Mangold
Celia M. Vickery
Ashley D. Vlasov

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Amber L. Agnew
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Hail To Thee, Our Alma Mater

E. Turner Stump

From the beauty land Ohio comes a universal praise, 'Tis the

song of Alma Mater that her sons and daughters raise, 'Tis a Hail to Kent for ever, On the Lake Erie shore. Now we join the loving thousands as they

sing it o'er and o'er. Hail to Thee, our Alma Mater O, how beautiful thou art.

High enthroned upon the hill-top, Reigning over every heart.