Dear Kent State Tuscarawas Community,

Welcome Spring! As I write this letter, the weather forecast calls for a high in the mid-sixties, which is a welcome change from the February temperatures well below zero. I am looking forward to some of the spring perennials and annuals bringing additional life and color to the campus.

Change is in the air not only seasonally, but with many new initiatives supported by the faculty and campus administration. Just this month, the faculty moved to support a Community Engagement Committee that will not only encourage Service Learning, but other types of volunteerism designed to engage our students with the local and surrounding communities. My sincere appreciation goes out to Dr. Mariann Harding, chair of the Service Learning program, and the members for moving this initiative forward.

We are also looking to begin new traditions for the incoming class of 2015. The new class will be part of a Kent State Tuscarawas Convocation, a community building activity in partnership with new student orientation. I would also like to acknowledge Mr. Rob Brindley, chair of the Student Success Task Force, and the members for bringing these ideas to fruition.

The last few months have also seen the birth of the Makerspace in the Academic Learning Commons. Students are regularly seen designing objects such as cell phone towers, cell phone cases, puzzles and other items. These items then are printed on the new 3D printers. I have also seen students in our Early Childhood Education program using the stamps, laminators and even the poster printer. I encourage you to come and visit the Commons if you have not already done so.

The campus has also been active with many events creating opportunities for current students and making connections with future Flashes. For example, the Engineering Expo had one of its largest turnouts, bringing students from all over the Tuscarawas Valley to campus to meet with employers and compete in engineering tasks. Other events, such as the Career and Job Fair, helped those students ready to graduate better prepare for their future.

Lastly, please mark your calendars for the week of April 27th as Kent State Tuscarawas will actively participate in the inauguration of Dr. Beverly Warren, 12th President of Kent State University. The planned events will be student focused and will involve food, fun and time to both reflect on the traditions of the past while dreaming boldly about the future.

Sincerely,

Bradley A. Bielski, Ph.D.
Dean and Chief Administrative Officer
GETTING TO KNOW...

DR. ADRIAN JONES

Title: Assistant Professor of Sociology

Courses I Teach: Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, Inequality in Societies, Researching Society, Deviant Behavior, and Death and Dying

Worked at Kent State Tuscarawas Since: I started out at Kent State Tuscarawas as a visiting lecturer in 2012 and was hired as an assistant professor in 2013.

Where did you work before coming to Kent State Tuscarawas? As a graduate student, I worked for Kent State University at the Kent Campus as an adjunct professor for the Department of Sociology, a part-time advisor for the College of Arts and Sciences and a supervisor for the Sociology Department's data collection lab. Before I worked for the Kent system, I was a social worker at Southeast, Inc., a large outpatient mental health facility in Columbus.

Resides: I live in the outskirts of New Philadelphia

Favorite Aspect About Kent State Tuscarawas: I am very grateful for the sense of community at our campus. I work with some great colleagues.

Hobbies: I enjoy hiking, mountain biking and pretty much any outdoor activity that is classified as leisure. I also dabble in glassblowing. (I was trained in traditional glass blowing methods but most recently have been using torches to melt rods of glass into objects like beads).

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

- STUDENT RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM

Dr. Adrian Jones has been involved with our highly regarded Student Research Colloquium for three years, and this year serves as chairman. The colloquium is part of a student research program that is in its 17th year. Every fall semester, students are given the opportunity to submit a research proposal to the Student Affairs Committee which reviews and funds the proposals. Once selected, students work with a faculty mentor on rigorous and meaningful undergraduate research.

Jones believes it is important for students to get involved in the project and colloquium. “I think it is very important for students to get hands-on experience doing research and, in general, participate in campus activities outside of the classroom,” says Jones. “Participation in the colloquium and other research activities shows that these students go above and beyond their normal duties as students. I think it is beneficial for students who are seeking employment, admission to graduate school and other important life transitions to show that they are willing to go above and beyond their normal routines.”

This year’s colloquium will showcase the research of nine students with six projects. Five outstanding faculty mentors who partnered with the students include Jones, Dr. Don Gerbig, Dr. Vlad Gurau, Dr. Scott Keiller and Dr. Jean Engohang-Ndong.

The Student Research Project committee members are Jones, Dr. Don Gerbig, Bill Auld, Dr. Bao Qi Feng, James Carlton, Dr. Ashley Galati, Dr. Vlad Gurau, Dr. Kathy Davis Patterson and Elaine Mott.

Dr. Don Gerbig, associate professor of biology, mentors post-secondary student Chase Steele on his research project.
Please join us April 13 from 7-9 p.m. in Room 126 of the Science and Advanced Technology Center for the presentation of the following proposed colloquium projects:

**Project 1**
**Title:** Design and Fabrication of a Methanol Reformer for Production of Hydrogen as Fuel for High Temperature Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cells  
**Presenters:** Jantzen Allen, Blake Burell, Dietrick Vonallman and John Snyder  
**Mentor:** Dr. Vladimir Gurau

**Project 2**
**Title:** An Examination of Self-Control and the Family Structure  
**Presenter:** Melissa Bleininger  
**Mentor:** Dr. Adrian Jones

**Project 3**
**Title:** The Iron Metabolism of *Mycobacterium ulcerans*  
**Presenter:** Naziha Bouchachem  
**Mentor:** Dr. Jean Engohang-Ndong

**Project 4**
**Title:** Investigating Chemical Stress and Antibiotic Sensitivity of *Escherichia coli* and *Staphylococcus Epidermidis*  
**Presenter:** Chase Steele  
**Mentor:** Dr. Don Gerbig

**Project 5**
**Title:** Purification of the Putative *Mycobacterium Ulcerans* Iron-Dependent Regulator  
**Presenter:** Tiffany Pankuch  
**Mentor:** Dr. Jean Engohang-Ndong

**Project 6**
**Title:** Teaching Sexism to the Masses: Changing Depictions of Gender Roles in Popular TV from 1961-2008  
**Presenter:** Breanna Sholtz  
**Mentor:** Dr. Scott Keiller

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**NURSING ALUMNA JUDITH HOOVER INVOLVED IN LIBERIA’S EBOLA EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

During the spring of 2014, news reports of Ebola cases in West Africa caught the attention of Judith Hoover, a 2009 Kent State Tuscarawas nursing graduate. After hearing the reports, she knew she had to join the fight against Ebola.

“As a medical professional, it was my moral obligation to help out,” says Hoover. “With hundreds and then thousands of people dying from Ebola, I felt that we here in the West had to do better with our response. If we did not go and join in the fight in West Africa, it would eventually come to us.”

With that commitment, Hoover joined Samaritan’s Purse, an evangelical Christian humanitarian organization, as a nurse and a county coordinator in Liberia. Before she was deployed, Hoover received training from the CDC that included classroom teaching, a mock Ebola treatment unit and practice scenarios. “Wearing personal protective equipment in the 80 degree Alabama heat was a good chance for us to see if we would be able to handle wearing it in the 90-100 degree heat of Liberia,” adds Hoover.

She worked in Liberia from October 2014 through January 2015. “I helped out with Ebola education and distribution of infection protection and prevention (IPC) kits to numerous small rural villages in the jungle,” explains Hoover. “Many of these villages could not be reached by road, but had lots of foot traffic moving from one area to another. So, after driving for hours over rough roads and bouncing through three-foot-deep ruts in the road filled with mud, maneuvering log bridges and passing large snakes, the team would then have to get out and start hiking. We would trek through the jungle, through mini bamboo forests and try our balancing skills while crossing large areas of swamp, balancing on skinny, slippery bamboo poles that were zigzagged over the swamp.”

Once they arrived in a village, her team met with village leaders and any health care workers on site to map out the village, teach Ebola awareness and distribute IPC kits.

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Judith Hoover (L) is shown in a trial run with the isolation pod in a plane.

A photo of (L-R) Judith Hoover, a manager Olsaford, Dr. Nathalie MacDermott and the town Chief, taken at the opening of an Ebola treatment center. High-risk fencing can be seen in the background.
### CAMPUS EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

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Hoover thought the best moments occurred when she got to see Ebola survivors return to their villages and families. “Seeing patients in the Ebola treatment units was always hard but going back into the villages and seeing the orphans and family members of those who lost the fight, and seeing the look in their eyes, is a memory that is seared into my memory,” she says. “Many of the villages had empty huts, some which had once been occupied by people who had since died from Ebola and lots more from people who fled the village, trying to run from Ebola.”

During her three month assignment, Hoover saw the 150 new confirmed cases per week reduce to approximately eight new confirmed cases per week. “It was still eight too many, but it was wonderful to see cases drop,” she says.

Hoover is now back in Ohio working as a nurse manager at PSC of Stark County, where she continues to help other people.

### SCHOLARSHIP GOLF OUTCING

The Kent State Tuscarawas Alumni Association is sponsoring the 14th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing on Fri., April 24 at Union Country Club. This year’s event is a four-player, 18-hole scramble with registration beginning at 10:30 a.m., lunch from 11-11:45 a.m. and a noon shotgun start. Green fees include lunch and dinner. Registration deadline is April 17. All proceeds benefit Alumni Legacy Scholarships. To enter a team, volunteer or become an event sponsor, please contact Chad Conrad at 330-308-7445 or cconrad@kent.edu.

### MAY 4th VOICES

**May 4 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Preview - April 30 at 7:30 p.m.**

Tickets: $10 or $5
With a Student ID at the Performing Arts Center Box Office

*May 4th Voices, Kent State 1970,* a play written by David Hassler, director of the Kent State Wick Poetry Center, is the campus’ spring production that will be performed on the Performing Arts Center stage. The show features an ensemble cast comprised of students, staff and community members.

**About the Play:** On May 4, 1970, National Guardsmen occupying the Kent State University campus fired 67 shots in 13 seconds, leaving four students dead. This tragedy had a profound impact the university and the nation and is credited as being a catalyst in changing America’s views on the U.S. involvement in Vietnam. *May 4th Voices* is based on the Kent State Shootings Oral History Project. Comprised of over 110 interviews with Kent State faculty, students, administrators, National Guardsmen, police, hospital personnel and others affected by this day, *May 4th Voices* weaves these stories together into a powerful narrative of that day and its aftermath.