Dear Kent State Tuscarawas Community,

We are now well into the early weeks of the 2015-2016 academic year. The semester is off to a great start. We welcomed the entering class with our first Kent State University at Tuscarawas Convocation. The event was held in the Performing Arts Center. New students and their supporters were impressed by the venue, but even more impressed with the credentials and experience of the faculty. Students heard from alumna Sarah Spies and were also invited to take a pledge. Our students pledged to work hard, uphold academic integrity, graduate on time, ask for help when needed and to uphold the principles of the Student Code of Conduct. I wish to acknowledge the members of the Student Success Committee and the Chair, Mr. Rob Brindley, for making this idea come to fruition.

Making connections and engaging students at all levels is apparent each day at Kent State Tuscarawas. I am pleased to report that the percentage of students returning in Fall 2015 from the Fall 2014 entering class was near a record high, nearly nine percentage points higher and among the highest in the regional campus system. Those who have been in this business awhile know what an astonishing accomplishment this is. The success of our students is rooted in their academic performance, connections to clubs and organizations and the affordability of tuition. Congratulations to the entire campus community.

So, as we move forward into this year, I challenge each student whether you are College Credit Plus, returning Veteran or non-traditional student, to commit to the same values as our incoming class. Know that the faculty, staff and administration are committed to helping you along your journey.

Regards,

Bradley A. Bielski, Ph.D.
Dean and Chief Administrative Officer
INVESTING IN
OUR FUTURE TODAY

For Kent State Tuscarawas students, the future is now and you can lend a hand! Our Tuscarawas County University Foundation is about to kick off our 2015 annual campaign, For the Future.

The Foundation was created in 1968 to sustain and advance a high standard of education and excellence at Kent State University at Tuscarawas. Funds raised through the campaign are used for student scholarships and student initiatives, as well as providing excellent educational facilities and equipment.

The campaign will kick off at Kent State Tuscarawas Oct. 26 with a luncheon for faculty, staff, board of trustees and Tuscarawas County University Foundation board members and community leaders from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Remarks will be made at 12:30 p.m.

The event, located in room 107/113 at the Science and Advanced Technology Center, will include brief presentations by Dr. Bradley Bielski, dean and chief administrative officer, and campaign leaders, as well as a video testimonial by Kerri Silverthorn, a senior communications major.

“We are asking the community to help us support our hardworking students by making a gift to our For the Future Founders Fund benefiting student scholarships and student support services,” says Chad Conrad, director of advancement. “Students like Kerri Silverthorn are an excellent example of the types of students who receive vital scholarships through our campus’ Tuscarawas County University Foundation.”

According to Bielski, “We’re constantly inspired by students like Kerri who have chosen to build their futures at Kent State Tuscarawas and who plan to use those futures in exceptional ways. We encourage the community to donate to the Foundation’s annual fund to assist us in providing these essential scholarships and modern campus learning resources.”

Donations to the Tuscarawas County University Foundation in support of Kent State Tuscarawas can be sent to Tuscarawas County University Foundation, 350 University DR. NE, New Philadelphia, OH 44663 or online at www.kent.edu/tusc/giving. For more information, contact Conrad at 330.308.7445, by email at cconrad1@kent.edu or on campus at ext. 47445.

Early Childhood Education Program is Organizing Trip to Italy

For the past year, Early Childhood Education majors have been busy raising funds for their May 2016 trip to Reggio, Italy. The students are hoping to learn more about the Reggio teaching method and how it is implemented. Once the trip is completed, the students will each write a research paper, and they plan to participate in the Student Research Colloquium.

Two of this semester’s fundraisers are the Chipotle Lunch Sale on Oct. 5 and the Second Annual Chili Cook-Off on Oct. 20 at noon in the student union. Everyone is invited to attend both events and to participate in the Chili Cook-off.

Contact Lisa Brindley at lbrindley@kent.edu for more Chili Cook-off details.

The 2014 and 2015 chili cook-offs are just two of the fundraising events that the Early Childhood Education majors have organized to raise funds for their trip to Reggio, Italy.

HAVE A STORY TO SHARE? SUBMIT STORIES TO PPATACCA@KENT.EDU
Dr. Kathy Davis Patterson is one of the well-respected professors in the Kent State Tuscarawas English Department. She has been employed at Kent State Tuscarawas since 2000, teaching College Writing I and II, Introduction to Creative Writing, Women’s Literature, Children’s Literature, Young Adult Literature, Fairy Tales and Great Books II, to name a few.

“Working with students is my favorite part of my job,” says Dr. Patterson. “I am consistently inspired by their creativity, their energy and their enthusiasm for learning. They make me look forward to being in the classroom.”

Dr. Patterson’s talents extend beyond the classroom - she is also a talented artist. In July, Dr. Patterson was chosen by the Steubenville Art Association to showcase her work at Historic Fort Steuben. As the featured artist, she had four of her pencil and Prismacolor colored pencil originals on display.

“In addition to more traditional forms of 2-D art, such as drawing and painting, I also do cross stitch, crewel and ribbon embroidery,” adds Patterson. “I’ve designed Victorian-style beaded jewelry and ornaments, and painted ceramics. I’ve also been known to paint furniture!”

According to Dr. Patterson, “I have been an avid fan of everything fantastical for most of my life, and it’s my father’s fault. He introduced me to the joys of Godzilla movies and sci-fi/horror classics on Saturday afternoons, weekday reruns of the original Star Trek series, memorized songs and dialogue from Rankin Bass’s animated production of The Hobbit, and too many fantasy films to count. My mother helped me establish an early and lasting interest in the arts by regularly teaching me a variety of crafts, and being tolerant enough to hang the results on the fridge, the Christmas tree and occasionally even the wall.”

Dr. Kathy Davis Patterson is shown with one of her art pieces that was in the Fort Steuben art show.

“Astrid” and “Raven” are two of Dr. Patterson’s Familiar Faces series.
CAMPUS EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Lions Club Sweetest Day Flower Sale - Today - Oct. 5. See any Lions Club member, or stop by the Business Office to place your order.

Sara Evans - Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center

Chipotle Lunch Sale - Oct. 5, noon, sponsored by the Education Club

Mike Petrone - Oct. 10, 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center

KamiKaze FireFlies - Oct. 15, 6 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center

Wellness Fair - Oct. 15, 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Flu shots for employees 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the nursing lab.

2nd Annual Chili Cook-off - Oct. 20, noon, in the Student Union, sponsored by the Education Club

Honors Symposium - Oct. 20, 8:45 a.m., in Performing Arts Center Lobby.

Halloween Gameapalooza - Oct. 23, 6 p.m. - 3 a.m. in the Cyber Café, sponsored by the Technology Club

Craig Ferguson, The New Deal Tour - Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

Adults Only, Explicit language and content.

Tour Kent Tuscarawas - for high school juniors and seniors, Oct. 27, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Daylight Saving Time Ends - Nov. 1.

Mamma Mia! - Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center

Women’s Success Series - Nov. 6, 8:30 a.m., in ST 126

Kent State Tuscarawas Basketball Games

Home Openers against OU Zanesville - Nov. 9, Women at 5:30 p.m. and Men at 7:30 p.m.

Veteran’s Day - Nov. 11. Campus Closed

Wallace Coleman - Nov. 13, 7 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center

Fall Information Night - Nov. 16, 6 p.m. in Founders Hall Auditorium

20 Minutes: No Apologies - Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m. and Nov. 14, 2 p.m., sponsored by the AMS Club. Tickets are $5 at the Performing Arts Center.

MAKERSPACE
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AT TUSCARAWAS

Join us every Monday from 12-12:30 p.m. for Makerspace Mondays in the Academic Learning Commons. Each week we will feature an exciting workshop to help students and faculty learn about the Makerspace equipment.

10/5 - Arduino Uno 3
10/12 - UM2 3D Printer
10/19 - Oculus Rift
10/26 - Low-Tech Buttons
11/2 - Vinyl Cutter
11/9 - LEGO Mindstorms
11/16 - Arduino Uno 3
11/23 - Wrector Set & LEGO Archt.
11/30 - Wakom
12/7 - Hour of Code

Geib Glowway 5K Run and Walk

Geib Glowway 5K participants are shown warming up at the starting line as the sun sets in the background. More than 80 runners and walkers participated in the Sept. 12 event held at Harry Clever Field. This race was sponsored by the Kent State Tuscarawas Alumni Association. The top finishers are:

Female:
1. Kerri Curry, 1st, New Philadelphia
2. Catherine Slayman, 2nd, Beach City
3. Sandy Himes, 3rd, Zoarville

Male:
1. Mike Gintz, 1st, Mineral City
2. Joe Lunsford, 2nd, Bolivar

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