



# Homecoming Weekend 2022

This year's homecoming theme was "Milestones and Memories." Milestones included 25 years of women's golf and women's soccer, 50 years of Title IX in the United States, 50 years of the Kent Student Center, and 100 years of Greek life and football.

From Friday, Sept. 30 to Sunday, Oct. 2, Kent State alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and community members donned blue and gold and took part in long-standing traditions.

Here are some highlights from Homecoming Weekend 2022:

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5-7 P.M.

### HOMECOMING INTERNATIONAL CELEBRATION

The Homecoming International Celebration is one of two signature events the Office of International Student Affairs facilitates each year. The celebration gives international students an opportunity to showcase their home countries and their culture. Attendees visit different countries via a "passport," taste food from around the world and watch cultural performances. *See photo 1*

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7:30 P.M.

### HOMECOMING KICKOFF AND FIREWORKS

The celebration began at Hometown Bank Plaza in downtown Kent with music, food and fireworks. Attendees met the 2022 Kent Campus Homecoming Court. *See photos 2 and 3*

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8 A.M.

### BOWMAN CUP 5K RACE AND 1-MILE FUN RUN

The annual race began at the university's Warren Student Recreation and Wellness Center. The race, named after former Kent State President George Bowman, is a chip-timed race that allows participants to enjoy the scenic route through the Kent Campus and its surrounding community. *See photo 4*

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10:30 A.M.

### HOMECOMING PARADE

The parade began at the corner of Midway Drive and Main Street and traveled west on Main into downtown Kent. It featured floats, Kent State and local high school marching bands, the homecoming court, university colleges and departments, Kent State cheerleaders and athletes, student organizations, local officials and more. For those who couldn't make it back to campus, a livestream of the parade was available.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary of Title IX in the United States, 37 former women student-athletes served as this year's Homecoming Parade grand marshals. *See photos 5 and 6*

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NOON-12:30 P.M.

### KISS ON THE K

Kent State couples celebrated the place that brought them together by gathering on the K at Risman Plaza (in front of the Kent Student Center) and kissing when the bell rang at 12:30 p.m. *See photo 7*

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12:45 P.M.

### DEDICATION OF THE E. TIMOTHY MOORE STUDENT MULTICULTURAL CENTER

Kent State dedicated the E. Timothy Moore Student Multicultural Center on the second floor of the Kent Student Center during homecoming weekend. The renaming of the center was made possible through a donation from a former student, D'Andra Mull, BA '02, PhD, to honor the memory and legacy of E. Timothy Moore, BFA '73, MA '77, MFA '83. *See photo 8*

Moore was Associate Dean Emeritus for Advising and Undergraduate Student Affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences (1998-2010) and Associate Professor Emeritus in the Department of Pan-African Studies (1974-2010). During his time at Kent State, Moore served as president (1971) and minister of art for Black United Students. He died Feb. 1, 2021, and Kent State has established a scholarship in his honor.

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1:30 P.M.

### FLASH NATION AND ALUMNI CHAPTERS TAILGATES

Before the football game, fans met in the west parking lot outside Dix Stadium for the Flash Nation and Alumni Chapters Tailgates. They enjoyed food, fun and festivities for the whole family—and the first 1,000 fans to visit received a Kent State stadium bag. *See photos 9 and 10*

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3:30 P.M.

### HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME

Kent State Golden Flashes took on the Ohio University Bobcats for their first Mid-American Conference East Division game of the season and came out with a 31-24 victory. The Homecoming Court was recognized at the game and Kent State's 2022 Homecoming Royalty was announced at halftime. *See photos 11 and 12*



1. An attendee learns about Costa Rica during the Homecoming International Celebration on the Student Green, which extends from Risman Plaza to Summit Street.
2. The Marching Golden Flashes head through downtown to begin the homecoming celebration.
3. Attendees watch a downtown fireworks display after the Homecoming Kickoff.
4. Racers compete in the annual Bowman Cup 5K Race and 1-Mile Fun Run during Kent State's homecoming weekend.
5. The parade begins with a banner announcing Homecoming 2022.
6. A homecoming float carrying Kent State President Todd Diacon and this year's grand marshals, former Kent State women student-athletes, makes its way down Main Street.
7. A Kent State couple embrace in gold and blue during Kiss on the K.
8. Timothy Moore's family stands by the sign for the newly renamed E. Timothy Moore Student Multicultural Center. Pictured left to right: wife, Debra "DeLacy" Moore; son, Elliot Moore, BBA '04; daughter, Candace Garton-Mullen, BA '02
9. President Todd Diacon and Randale Richmond, MS '06, director of athletics, visit with fans at a homecoming tailgate hosted by the Lake County, Greater Cleveland and Stark County alumni, which included members of the Golden Flashes Club (passionate annual fund donors to Kent State Athletics). Pictured left to right: Glenn Peterson, BS '84; Ryan Coy, BBA '02; Ashley McBride, Diacon, Richmond, Jessie Ely, BA '19 (athletics chief of staff), and Nate Condos
10. A Golden Flashes fan has his face painted prior to the game.
11. Gavin Aitken, communication and media studies major (second from left), and Quintin Cooks, communication studies major with minors in public relations and marketing (fourth from left), are announced as the 2022 Homecoming Royalty during halftime of Kent State's homecoming football game at Dix Stadium. Also pictured: 2021 Homecoming Royalty Andrew Pitko, BS '22 (far left), and Jatia Caples, BSE '22 (fifth from left), with President Todd Diacon and Flash.
12. Kent State football players are all smiles as they celebrate their 31-24 overtime victory against the Ohio University Bobcats during Homecoming 2022.