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News and Events from Kent State University

Welcome to *Profiles of Excellence in Action*, a monthly e-newsletter showcasing news and events from Kent State University. In this month's issue, learn about Kent State's efforts to make education affordable in tough economic times, how nursing professors help prepare students for the 21st century, a professor's appointment to a U.S. Department of Education advisory committee, Kent State Liquid Crystal Institute's international appeal and the creation of a Performing Arts Library.

Liquid Crystal Institute Lures Nanotechnology Expert from Japan



Kent State University's extensive international search for a world-class liquid crystal experimentalist to hold its Ohio Research Scholar post has resulted in the appointment of Dr. Hiroshi Yokoyama to the position of research scholar and professor of chemical physics at the university's internationally renowned Liquid Crystal Institute. [Read more.](#)

Flannery Named to U.S. Department of Education Advisory Committee

Dr. Daniel J. Flannery, director of Kent State University's Institute for the Study and Prevention of Violence and professor of justice studies, has been appointed by U.S. Department of Education Secretary Margaret Spellings to serve on the department's Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Advisory Committee. [Read more about the appointment.](#)



Kent State Nursing Experts Instrumental in the Future of Nursing

Two Kent State nursing professors are collaborating on a project that will help prepare nursing students for 21st-century practice. [Read more about the project.](#)



Generous gift by Kent State alumni Carlton and Victoria Thornbury, and their son, Alex, will fund the creation of a Performing Arts Library at the university. [Read more.](#)

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Kent State Focuses on Student Financial Needs in Tough Times



In a time of economic instability regionally and nationally, Kent State University is reassuring current and future students and their families – as well as residents contemplating returning to the classroom – of the university's continued commitment to providing the financial resources to assist them in completing their college education. [Read more.](#)

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