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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, a new university consultant and how one professor uses her personal experiences to inspire students. Also, learn how current physics students obtained a telescope from MIT and about Tony Award honors bestowed on two Kent State alumni.

### Kent State President, Cabinet Members Dedicate Raises to Scholarship Fund



Recognizing the financial pressures on today's students, Kent State University President **Lester A. Lefton** and the 10 members of his Cabinet will donate their raises this year to contribute to a scholarship fund that will assist students who are having difficulty covering tuition in the face of a struggling Ohio and U.S. economy. [Read more.](#)

### Fowler Chosen as University Consultant

Kent State University has engaged Dr. **Ronald J. Fowler** to consult and offer assistance on such projects as advancing the university's relationships with the Akron and Cleveland public schools, improving the recruitment and retention of diverse background students, mentoring students, working with alumni and the Pan-African Faculty and Staff Association, as well as assisting with closing major gifts to the university. [Read more about the appointment.](#)



### Students Secure Telescope Donation to Further On-Campus Research

*Aaron Slodov* is not the average senior physics major. After becoming frustrated with the lack of equipment for student use, he devised a plan to obtain a radio telescope for the Department of Physics. [Read more about the project.](#)



Alumna *Alice Ripley*, '86, recently won a Tony Award. [Read more.](#)

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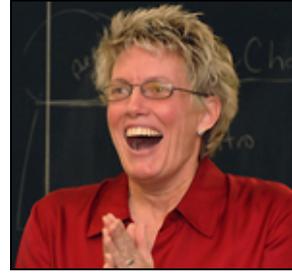
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## Schimmel Honored for Leading Student Past Limits

Dr. **Kimberly Schimmel**, a first generation college graduate, knows what it means to work hard. Schimmel's hard work led her to an award-winning teaching career at Kent State University. She says that rather than ignore her own background, she uses it to engage and inspire. [Read more.](#)



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