

## Profiles of Excellence in Action August 2010

### 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 the 90Ksu initiative as football season commences, renovations to Risman Plaza and the annual Aviation Heritage Fair. Also, find out more about a teaching award presented to **Robert Flexer** and the new Sculpture Walk being installed this summer.

#### Golden Flashes Football Is the Focus of 90Ksu Campaign

When **Joel Nielsen** was officially introduced as Kent State University's 11th Director of Intercollegiate Athletics in late March, he articulated that one of his first goals was to put an increased emphasis on the Golden Flashes' football program. [Read more about the initiative.](#)



#### Risman Plaza Renovations Nearing Completion; Watch the Progress From Webcam

As students, faculty and staff who are on campus this summer can see, changes are continuing to occur in Risman Plaza every day. The construction is part of the university's campuswide \$200 million renovation plan. As construction continues, it will involve completion of the new fountain, seat walls and raised planters. This will be followed by the walks and brick pavers, lighting and installation of a new sculpture. [Read more about the project.](#)



"Athleta" was the second work installed on the Sculpture Walk. [Read more.](#)

#### Aviation Heritage Fair Takes Flight Sept. 11



The 15th Annual Aviation Heritage Fair will be held Saturday, **Sept. 11**, from 7 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Kent State University Airport, 4020 Kent Road in Stow. The fair is hosted by Kent's Aeronautics Program, in partnership with the city of Stow and the Stow-Munroe Falls Kiwanis Club. [Read more about the event.](#)

#### Flexer Honored for 30 Years of Commitment to Youth Programs

Dr. **Robert Flexer** is best known for introducing the first university-based work experience program for youth with disabilities, spawning identical programs throughout

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Ohio. Now, he will also be known as a 2010 Distinguished Scholar Award recipient. [Read more about the award.](#)



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