



Division of Academic Affairs

2021-22 Comprehensive Annual Report

**July 11, 2022**

Section I. Executive Summary (Top 10 Accomplishments)  
 (For the accomplishments of individual colleges, please see Points of Pride.)

- Kent State University was the only university to receive the **Simon Award** for Comprehensive Internationalization by NAFSA: Association of International Educators.
- Using **presidential initiative funding**, successfully hired 14 (2 will begin next year) new diverse tenure-track faculty members. Hired faculty come from various disciplines including accounting, psychological sciences, counseling, music education, architecture, and engineering. With the support and guidance of the Division of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, each individual hired has a mentoring plan in place.
- The College of Business Administration received the largest philanthropic gift in Kent State history from **U.S. Ambassador Edward F. Crawford**. In recognition of this gift, the Kent State Board of Trustees approved the renaming of the college to the Ambassador Crawford College of Business and Entrepreneurship; and a new building for the college to be named Crawford Hall. While more than one-third of the gift supports the capital project, the largest portion of the gift will create an endowment for the college
- According to a study published by Stanford University Scholars, 18 faculty at Kent State University were named to the **top 2% of researchers in the world**, based on lifetime achievement. Fourteen are in the College of Arts and Sciences. According to the same study, 9 faculty at Kent State University were named as having **extraordinarily high productivity** in a single year (2019).
- Developed a new academic unit to comprehensively support **Lifelong Learning**. The new unit will spearhead credit and non-credit bearing courses that will go toward micro-credentials and industry certificates. Moreover, the divisions of Continuing Education and Corporate and Professional Development (across the KSU system) have been moved into the new Lifelong Learning unit.
- With support from EAB, completed the **Academic Affairs Financial Health Commission** dashboard and trained all deans on its use. The dashboard will help deans make decisions regarding the ‘health’ of academic programs and highlight variables that need attention—e.g., enrollment, workload, class size. Deans will use the dashboards to help identify programs that need support.
- We engaged in multiple **strategic planning** efforts throughout Academic Affairs. Completed strategic plans for the Office of Global Education and the Graduate College. Began work on the Academic Affairs strategic plan with over 130 faculty, staff, and

students engaged. We also developed a multi-year retention plan and began work on reimagining the Kent Core.

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- Created seven **new degree programs** that will be offered in new academic year. Moreover, 14 programs/degrees were **recognized for national prominence**.
- Our newly established Office of Outreach and Community Relations experienced a tremendous year for **raising money for our students** in TRIO (more than \$1.3m of new funding), the LeBron James Family Foundation I Promise Scholars (more than \$600k), and Choose Ohio First (\$1.5m) in addition to other foundation and state grants. The also enhanced our community relations through implementing programs such as *Blue, Gold & Grateful*, and *Kent Skates*.

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## Section II. Key Achievements

### Students First

- Successfully developed and implemented the **Division of Graduate Studies Strategic Plan**, including (a) development of a centrally located and easily accessible Graduate Studies area and (b) enhanced career services and mental health support. As part of this implementation, The Division of Graduate Studies will be **renamed to the Graduate College**, effective August 2022, and was **relocated** to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the library, providing a more central location for our students.
- **Expanded access to academic advising by** offering advising in evenings and online.
- Developed a multi-year **retention action plan**.
- Over **\$1.3m in new external dollars** secured this past year in federal, state and local grants including a new federal TRIO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC). EOC provides counseling and information on postsecondary education options and financial literacy to

qualified adults. Additionally, the Kent State Upward Bound federal **TRIO Programs** **were refunded** for five years bringing in over \$1m annually.

#### A Diverse Kent State

- Supported the work of the Anti-Racism Task Force by aiding in achieving actionable goals such as **inclusion of diversity statement on syllabus**, created a standardized mental health statement for syllabus, and formalized a **mentoring program for BIPOC faculty**.
- Established the **Anti-Racism and Equity Institute**, identified the director and executive committee.
- Using presidential initiative funding, **successfully hired 14 (2 will begin next year) new diverse tenure-track faculty members**. Hired faculty come from various disciplines including accounting, psychological sciences, counseling, music education, architecture, and engineering.

#### A Nationally Distinctive Kent State

- According to a study published by Stanford University Scholars, **18 faculty at Kent State University were named to the top 2% of researchers in the world**, based on lifetime achievement. Fourteen are in the College of Arts and Sciences. According to the same study, 9 faculty at Kent State University were named as having extraordinarily high productivity in a single year (2019).
- Recognized rankings of academic programs:
  - Design Intelligence lists Kent State **Interior Design** 13th in nation for programs firms want to hire from and Kent State Architecture 16th in nation for programs firms want to hire from.
  - Intelligent (intelligent.com) ranked Kent State's **Bachelor of Science Construction Management** Program 6th in the nation among 47 Construction Management Degree programs and ranked Kent State's Master of Science Construction Management Program 2nd among 35 Construction Management Master's Degree programs.
  - The Department of **Psychological Sciences** graduate programs ranked in the Top 100, *US News and World Report*

- The School of Art placed in the Best 15 Schools with a **Bachelor's in Art and Art History** in 2021 with Best Value Schools. Kent State ranked at number nine among universities and colleges around the United States The school also ranked among the top graduate schools for fine arts for 2020 in U.S. News and World Report for its **M.F.A. program in Studio Art**.
- The **School of Fashion** ranked high on the 2021 Fashion-Schools.org list and was named the top fashion design and fashion merchandising programs in multiple categories:
  - #1 Fashion Design School in the Midwest
  - #2 Fashion Merchandising School in the Midwest
  - #8 Fashion Design School in the U.S.
  - #10 Fashion Merchandising School in the U.S.
- The Kent State **Online MBA** program was ranked #23 in the nation in 2022 by The Princeton Review, making it the highest ranked online MBA program in Ohio. It was also ranked among the Best Online MBA Programs for 2022 by *U.S. News & World Report*. Moreover, the Online MBA program became the 1st online MBA in the nation to earn **Quality Matters (QM) Learner Success Certification**.
- The **Online Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA)** was ranked #12 in the nation by Fortune in 2022.
- Kent State's **Executive MBA (EMBA)** program was ranked #28 by CEO Magazine in its 2022 Global Executive MBA ranking.
- The **School of Information (iSchool)** ranked #20 in the *U.S. News and World Report* 2023 Best Graduate Programs in the U.S. Three specialty areas also nationally ranked – School Library Media at #5; Services for Children and Youth at #9; Archives and Preservation at #12.
- *U.S. News & World Report* Ranked Kent State in the Top 100 **Graduate Programs of Education**.
- College of Nursing's **Master of Science in Nursing** program ranked 38th by *U.S. News & Report* among public institutions across the nation.
- Nursing Schools Almanac 2022 ranked the **College of Nursing** among the best U.S. nursing schools among 3,000 institutions, with only 6% making list of the best public and private nursing schools in the nation.
  - #79 nationwide among public nursing schools
  - #26 overall in the Great Lakes region
  - #4 overall in Ohio

- **College of Public Health** graduate program is ranked in the top 100 public institution programs by *U.S. News & World Report*.
- Developed a new academic unit to comprehensively support **Lifelong Learning**. The new unit will spearhead credit and non-credit bearing courses that will go toward micro-credentials and industry certificates. Moreover, the divisions of Continuing Education and Corporate and Professional Development (across the KSU system) have been moved into the new Lifelong Learning unit.
- We began the work of developing a new **Academic Affairs Strategic Plan**. During the 2021-22 academic year, over 130 faculty, staff, and students participated in reviewing the previous strategic plan and creating new strategies and tactics for the division. This summer, a smaller team of faculty and staff (about 60) are working on fine-tuning the developed strategies and tactics and refining and retheming to fit within the newly updated university strategic roadmap and accompany priorities. The 2022-23 academic year will be focused on implementation planning and by Spring 2023, work will begin on implementation.
- Created **new academic programs** in:
  - Cybersecurity (AAB)
  - Technical Modeling Design (AAS)
  - Individualized Program (ATS)
  - Communication Studies (BA)
  - Sport, Exercise & Performance Psychology (BS)
  - Emerging Media & Technology (BS)
  - Social Work (BSW)
- The Office of Accreditation, Assessment, and Learning stewarded us through the **Great Colleges to Work For** survey, leading to our 11th year of recognition. The 2022 recognition categories (embargoed until September 12) are:
  - Compensation and Benefits;
  - Confidence in Senior Leadership;
  - Shared Governance;
  - Faculty Experience;
  - Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging
- Kent State received a new **Choose Ohio First** award from the Ohio Department of Education, totaling over \$1.5m dollars. This is in addition to the 2021 award for over \$3.5m.

## Community Impact

- **Kent State I Promise Scholars** were selected as the recipient for the funds raised by the NBA All Stars game. Team LeBron brought in over \$600,000 to support our current Kent State I Promise Scholars. This is an extension of our partnerships with the LeBron James Family Foundation that also included successful fundraising in honor of the Jayden Shippe Lane fund. Over \$16,000 was raised during Giving Tuesday.
- Kent State was selected into the Association for Public and Land-Grant Universities **(APLU) Innovation and Economic Prosperity (IEP) cohort**. This is a multi-year process to achieve the prestigious IEP designation.
- Over 700 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students from our **Akron Public Schools Firestone College and Career Academies** partnerships came to KSU this past year for such opportunities as campus visits, career exploration, and workshops. In addition, we also launched the first Akron Public Schools Senior Visitation Day where over 300 students participated.
- The **Blue, Gold & Grateful Employee Appreciation** program, year 2, continued to be a great success and brought in over \$36,000 to local businesses.
- **Kent-Skates** was launched, illustrating a true community-university partnership. Over 15,000 visitors enjoyed the rink. There were over 950,000 media impressions from websites, news channels, print and radio.

## Global Presence

- Kent State University was the only university to receive the **Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization** by NAFSA: Association of International Educators.
- Created **new pathways for international recruitment**, blending social media strategies and in-person recruitment, leading to a 172% increase in international applications and a 66% increase in Fall 22 admits.
- Signed an MOU partnership with **Effat University** to engage with our Florence campus.
- Signed agreement for the **acquisition of the Paris American Academy** and signed six **new university partnership agreements** (University of Education Winneba in Ghana, Hashemite University in Jordan, Applied Science University in Jordan, University of Witwatersrand in South Africa, Chonnam National University in South Korea, Green River College in Seattle, Washington) in addition to the five-year sponsored student agreement with Rwanda Ministry of Defense for enrollment in Aeronautics and Air Traffic Control Programs.

- Created a **July program in Florence** for international students, particularly from partner universities (such as Dankook, PUCPR, Effat, and the Lebanese-American University).
- In partnership with the School of Peace and Conflict Studies, the Lakewood Public Library, JMC Professor Stephanie Smith, and the poet Julia Kolchinsky-Dasbach, the Wick Poetry Center launched **“Dear Ukraine,”** a global community poem that provides a space for individuals around the world to speak to the unfolding atrocities of the war against Ukraine and its people.

### Organizational Sustainability

- The College of Business Administration received the largest philanthropic gift in Kent State history from **U.S. Ambassador Edward F. Crawford**. In recognition of this gift, the Kent State Board of Trustees approved the renaming of the college to the Ambassador Crawford College of Business and Entrepreneurship; and a new building for the college to be named Crawford Hall. While more than one-third of the gift supports the capital project, the largest portion of the gift will create an endowment for the college.
- Launched construction of the **expansion of the College of Aeronautics and Engineering**, adding approximately 44,000 square feet of space for student and faculty engagement.
- With support from EAB, completed the **Academic Affairs Financial Health Commission** dashboard and trained all deans on its use. The dashboard will help deans make decisions regarding the ‘health’ of academic programs and highlight variables that need attention—e.g., enrollment, workload, class size. Deans will use the dashboards to help identify programs that need support.

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### Section III. Divisional Points of Pride

#### College of Aeronautics and Engineering

- **Launched construction of AEB Expansion project to open in Fall 2023, adding approximately 44,000 square feet of space for student and faculty engagement.**
- **In partnership with Team NEO, CAE hosted an Electric Vehicle Conference at Kent State with over 310 participants and 165 companies. Ford Motor Company has decided to bring EV manufacturing to the region.**
- Hosted Safety Symposium for in-person and remote participation with 155 in-person attendees, and acclaimed author and aviation leader, Captain Reyne’ O’Shaughnessy.
- Worked with UCM on engineering campaign on Facebook, Instagram and Snap Chat.



- CAE's social media presence increased across all platforms (27% increase on FB, 37.3% increase on Instagram)
  - Increase in open rate on newsletter from previous year by 6.2% (total of 21.45%)
- **Became JetBlue Gateway partners (national program similar to Delta Propel).**
- Increased funding success rate to 31.4% from last years' 27% (grants received versus proposals submitted)
- Developed new Briefing Room Sponsorship program that is currently ready to launch and is primarily focused on corporate giving. Has the potential to lead to \$210,000 in unrestricted funds.
- Launched a new Plane Sponsorship program that has the potential to lead to \$225,000 in unrestricted funds.
- Kent State University, University of Cincinnati and University of Dayton will join the Ohio delegation at Farnborough International Airshow, July 18-22 in Farnborough, UK. JobsOhio will lead the delegation with support of Ohio Aerospace Institute (OAI). The delegation includes representatives of NASA Glenn Research Center, Office of the Governor and nine Ohio companies and regional economic development entities making it the largest delegation ever from Ohio. This year, an all-Ohio panel including JobsOhio, OAI and KSU (Professor Yanhai Du) will present at the show. Occurring in alternating years, Farnborough International Airshow and Paris International Airshow are the some of the largest and most prestigious gathering of the world's aerospace industry.
- Professor Richmond Nettey served as President, Safety Division, Association for Technology, Management and Applied Engineering (ATMAE) and as Chairman, TRB Standing Technical Committee on Airport Terminals and Ground Access (AV050), The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, Washington, DC.
- Associate Professor Blake Stringer served as a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the United States Air Force Academy during AY 21-22 and as chair for the Military & Veterans Division of the American Society of Engineering Education (ASEE).
- Assistant professors Tao Shen and Hossein Mirinejad received the NSF Research Initiation Award.
- **CAE's Student Precision Flight Team ranked 12<sup>th</sup> overall at the 2022 National SAFECON Championship where student Victoria Lorenzon placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Women's Achievement Award and the Certified Flight Instructor recognition.**
- **Won first place at the 2022 Air Race Classic, an all-female race where participants Alex Johnson and Laura Wilson traveled from Florida to Indiana, flying 2,548 miles with 9 total stops. Kent State won 1<sup>st</sup> place of 13 collegiate teams and 1<sup>st</sup> overall out of 38 competition teams.**
- **Launched the M.S. and Ph.D. in Mechatronics Engineering, effective Spring 2022.**
- **Professional Pilot Accomplishments (2021 Recap):**
  - **18,096.2 total flight hours which is the highest annual total on record.**
    - Previous record was 14,591 in 2019 (24% increase).
    - Previous year was 11,558 in 2020 (COVID shutdown).
    - Historical perspective: 8,628 flight hours in 2011.
  - 13,965 flight activities.

- 38,810 total fleet landings.
- 822 aircraft and simulators returned back into service from either routine inspections or crew reported issues.
- 356 flight courses completed, increasing by 28.5% since 2019.

#### College of Architecture and Environmental Design

- **Allison Baker and Sombre Carleton, two 2 Kent State Interior Design Students (Carleton a recent graduate) were named to Metropolis Magazines 2022 Future 100 list. This is in addition to three students named last year.**
- Assistant Professor Andrea Sosa Fontaine received the EDRA Best Paper (Scholarship of Design and Research) award for *Slow Interiors Manifesto: A Renewed Framing of Interiors*, Sam Bennett, Parsons School of Design & Andrea Sosa Fontaine, Kent State University
- **Design Intelligence lists Kent State Interior Design 13th in nation for programs firms want to hire from and Kent State Architecture 16th in nation for programs firms want to hire from.**
- **Intelligent (intelligent.com) ranked Kent State's Bachelor of Science Construction Management Program 6th in the nation among 47 Construction Management Degree programs and ranked Kent State's Master of Science Construction Management Program 2nd among 35 Construction Management Master's Degree programs.**
- **Construction Management students' competition team made the Final Four in Mechanical Contractors Association of America MCAA Student Chapter National Competition in San Diego, CA.**
- Hosted six Lebanese American University 4th year Architecture students (sponsored by Kent State's President Todd Diacon) as part of a growing partnership between our universities, complemented by a joint Kent State / LAU interior Design course and workshop in the spring.
- Launched a summer Architecture High School Discovery Program focused on Akron Firestone Academy students as part of a growing partnership.
- The Robotically Augmented Design Lab (RadLAB) directed by Assistant Professor Ebrahim Poustinchi was created, focusing on developing the interface between virtual and real environments.
- Two CAED faculty members, Diane Davis-Sikora and Dr. Reid Coffman, were awarded Presidential Excellence Awards.
- **Healthcare Design graduate students were sponsored to participate in the PDC Student Design Challenge at the PDC Summit in New Orleans in March. Kent State's Hossein Mirzajani's team received first place and Kent State's Hamid Estejab's team received second place.**
- Healthcare Design Students co-presented at 8 conferences including PDC Summit, EDRA conference, and European Healthcare Design Congress.

- Two Healthcare Design Masters students co-authored and published two research articles in scholarly journals.
- Healthcare Design students had 100% job and internship placement in top firms with a healthcare focus.
- Dr. Sara Bayramzadeh received a graduate student mentorship award from Kent State.
- Master of Landscape Architecture student Amanda Mumford won an Honor Award from the ASLA Ohio State chapter and student Brendan Alcorn won the Merit Award from the ASLA Ohio State chapter.
- Hosted international Photo-Graphic Architecture symposium led by Associate Professor Jon Yoder.
- **The project, *Neighborhood Food Futures*, will be featured in the 2022 Oslo Architecture Triennale. In March 2022, the CUDC conducted a community design charrette with CAED graduate students in architecture and urban design, in partnership with food entrepreneurs at the Cleveland Central Kitchen.**
- **The CUDC received a \$240,000 grant from the Cleveland Foundation for a new staff position, a Director of Design Entrepreneurship and Inclusion. This new team member will offer technical assistance to designers in greater Cleveland interested in launching their own firms, and to existing firms exploring new modes of practice. They will also cultivate a national network of design practitioners and assist local institutions, government agencies, and design firms in putting together diverse teams to work on design and development projects in Northeast Ohio.**
- With support from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, the CUDC and the University at Buffalo published a guide to scenario planning for climate migration in Great Lakes states. As wildfires, droughts, and sea level rise increasingly impact other regions of the US, this guide assists Great Lakes cities in preparing for a future influx of businesses and residents seeking water access and a more stable climate.

#### College of Arts and Sciences

- **The College of Arts and Sciences completed the first year of collaboration with the Mentor Collective, an external partner who works with institutions to design, and set up at-scale, high-impact mentoring programs for college students. This program both increased a sense of belonging for students and reduced summer melt for the 2022 Academic Year. We matched 47.5% of our incoming Fall 2021 Freshman class (515 students) with sophomore, junior, and senior students as well as recent alumni. Students who participated in this program reported an increase in their sense of belonging at the end of the program in comparison to at the beginning. Summer melt for those students paired with a mentor versus those who were not paired with a mentor was 8.5% versus 14.1%.**
- **Successfully re-launched International Programming post-pandemic. Three faculty-led programs to London, England (Political Science), Ireland (Anthropology), and Salamanca, Spain (Modern and Classical Languages) were a success, hosting 43**

students in total. We have also approved 6 faculty-led programs for the upcoming AY 2023 including India, Thailand, Italy, the Netherlands, Australia, and the Galápagos Islands. Nineteen Arts and Sciences courses are being taught at the Florence Summer institute. Thirteen Arts and Sciences Faculty are teaching in the institute and 102 Arts and Sciences students are registered. Thanks to a half-million-dollar donation from alumna Judi Phares and her husband Tom, we were able to ensure that all students who had financial need had some form of financial support to participate in our Study Away / Study Abroad programs.

- Directly aligned with our Students First Principles, we implemented several policy changes to remove barriers to undergraduate students' pathways to degree completion, as well as add flexibility and choice. These included: removing the 3 additional upper division hours required by the College, thereby reverting to the University requirement of 39 hours; inactivating the College Dual Degree policy which had mandated 21 unique hours and required our students to complete 140 credit hours instead of the 120 required by the University; and removing the College requirement of 6-7 additional hours of general education credits that would not count toward students' major program of study.
- Recognizing that much of what we do is interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary or transdisciplinary in nature, the College of Arts and Sciences launched the School of Multidisciplinary Social Sciences and Humanities. The school houses the BA in Paralegal Studies, the BA in International Relations, the Bachelor of Integrative Studies, and the Master of Liberal Arts. Nine minors are also housed in the school.
- In the first three quarters of the AY21-22, the College of Arts and Sciences faculty submitted \$74,845,479 in proposals and received \$10,764,315 in awards from a wide range of funding agencies, including the National Science Foundation, the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Energy, the Department of Defense, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Ohio Department of Higher Education, the Cleveland Foundation, and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation, LLC. Individual awards ranged from under \$1000 to over \$2 million.
- **The Wick Poetry Center had a very successful year. In partnership with the School of Peace and Conflict Studies, the Lakewood Public Library, JMC Professor Stephanie Smith, and the poet Julia Kolchinsky-Dasbach, the Center launched "Dear Ukraine" this spring, which is a global community poem that provides a space for individuals around the world to speak to the unfolding atrocities of the war against Ukraine and its people.**
- In partnership with Department of Sociology Professor Clare Stacey and Department of Biological Sciences Professor, Heather Caldwell, and with funding from the Brain Health Research Institute and the Healthy Communities Research Institute, the Wick Poetry Center conducted a semester-long reflective writing initiative that aimed to support the well-being of Kent State students, faculty, and staff. Initial findings suggest statistically significant results that creative writing interventions (using the Wick method) have a positive impact on the mental health of students.

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- C. Owen Lovejoy, Department of Anthropology, was prominently featured in the highly acclaimed and popular book *Fossil Men*, by Kermit Pattison. This book is equal parts biography and adventure novel and highlights the discovery of the oldest fossil skeleton of a human ancestor, Ardi.
- Mary Ann Raghanti was elected to the 2022 class of American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellows, among the most distinct honors within the scientific community. She was recognized for “unique and distinguished contributions to biological anthropology and our knowledge and understanding of the origin and evolution of human and primate behavior”.
- **Mietek Jaroniec, Professor and Deputy Editor for one of the most prestigious journals in the world, *Science Advances*, was recognized as a Highly Cited Researcher by the Royal Society of Chemistry. Dr. Jaroniec has published over 1042 scientific articles and has been cited 94,710 times. His H-index rating is 132.**
- As a six-month Career Enhancement Research Fellow of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Jeremy Williams, Department of Earth Sciences, innovatively used geochemical tools to research trade and economies of pre-historic Americans in the Midwest. The prestigious Fellowship seeks to increase the presence of underrepresented junior faculty and eradicate racial disparities in core fields of Higher Education.
- **Scott Sheridan, Chair, the Department of Geography, was named one of the first cohort of LANDInG Fellows of the American Geophysical Union. This two-year program is aimed at those who aim to improve diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts in the Earth Sciences.**
- Brian Hayashi, Department of History, won an NEH summer stipend, one of only five awarded in the humanities in the state of Ohio in last year's funding cycle.
- Ann Heiss, Department of History, was elected president of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, one of the discipline's most influential professional societies. She also won the Ohio Academy of History's publication award for her recent study of decolonization at the United Nations.
- Matt Crawford, Department of History, won one of the two \$16,000 Ohio History Fund grants made to an academic institution for his ongoing oral history project involving the Liquid Crystals Institute.
- Deborah Barnbaum, Department of Philosophy, serves as an invited member on four National Institutes of Health data safety monitoring committees, collectively overseeing the implementation of over a dozen clinical trials. She is the sole bioethicist on these committees, serving alongside biostatisticians, clinicians and representatives from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, and the Neuroscience Education Institute.

- Kim Garchar's co-edited volume, *Philosophy for Girls*, is currently being translated into Japanese and Vietnamese.
- **Michael Tubergen, Chemistry and Biochemistry, along with Torsten Schmidt, Advanced Materials and Liquid Crystal Institute, were awarded a National Science Foundation, Research Experience for Undergraduate Students grant (REU). This grant is sponsoring 14 undergraduate students to do undergraduate research at Kent State University in Summer 2022. These students work directly with faculty mentors to conduct their own original research and participate in professional development throughout the ten-week long program.**
- Mark Bracher, English, published the book *Literature, Social Wisdom, and Global Justice: Developing Systems Thinking through Literary Study* (Routledge, 2022).
- Joseph Ortiz, Earth Sciences, was awarded a NASA grant to study the impact of water quality on coral health in the US Virgin Islands. Working with researchers at the College of Charleston and University of St. Thomas, this \$750k grant adds a new dimension of study by using remote sensing methods.
- Allyson Tessin, Earth Sciences, spent 2 months at sea on an international drillship sampling the bottom of the Indian Ocean south of Africa. She analyzes the core samples to study carbon storage in ancient layers of sediment, trying to reconstruct climate over the past 90 million years. She is currently training to be a ship Chief Scientist for further geologic sampling.
- With his new \$110k American Chemical Society grant, Timothy Gallagher, Earth Sciences, will investigate the geochemistry of ancient (90-70 million years old) sedimentary deposits from Utah to assess how different terrestrial environments (peat mires vs floodplains) have responded to climate change and their impact on long term carbon burial.
- Earth Sciences PhD student Tatiana Fernandez-Perez is one of 30 scientists from around the world selected to sail on International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) Expedition 398 on the drill ship JOIDES Resolution for 2 months to study how volcanic deposition in the Mediterranean Sea may have fertilized the seawater and fueled primary productivity.
- Cameron Lee, Department of Geography, was awarded a 3-year, \$351,442 grant by the NOAA Climate Program Office in support of his proposed work, "Excess Heat and Excess Cold Factors: Establishing a unified duration-intensity metric for monitoring hazardous temperature conditions in North America."
- Faculty in the Department of Psychological Sciences received over \$2 million in external grants.
- Three Psychological Sciences faculty members were appointed as Associate Editors of major journals. They are:
  - Judith Gere, *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*
  - Jennifer Taber, *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*
  - Clarissa Thompson, *Journal of Experimental Child Psychology*
- In collaboration with Cynthia Osborn, EHHS, and with funding from Health Resources and Services, Professors Hughes and Lechner, Psychological Sciences, launched the



ACCEPT program (Addictions Counseling Certificate Experiential Paraprofessional Training Program) and enrolled 26 students in its inaugural year.

- The Psychological Sciences Clinical PhD program, which has been accredited by the American Psychological Association since 1968, underwent an intensive accreditation review and was reaffirmed for 10 years.
- **The Department of Psychological Sciences graduate programs ranked in the Top 100, *US News and World Report***
- Chris Dum, Starr Solomon, and Elias Nader were awarded \$89,992 by the Ohio Attorney General's Center for Justice Research to conduct research into bail reform from now through June 2023.

#### College of the Arts

- **Recently placed in the Best 15 Schools with a Bachelor's in Art and Art History in 2021 with Best Value Schools. Kent State ranked at number nine among universities and colleges around the United States. The School of Art offers B.A. degrees in Art History and Art Education as well as B.A. and B.F.A. degrees in Studio Art. The school also ranked among the top graduate schools for fine arts for 2020 in U.S. News and World Report for its M.F.A. program in Studio Art.**
- J. Leigh Garcia, assistant professor, was awarded Kent State's New Faculty Outstanding Research and Scholarship Award. The award is sponsored by the University Research Council and the Division of Research and Sponsored Programs.
- Andrew Kuebeck, assistant professor, and MFA candidates Corey Drew and Ben Miller had work selected for the "Best of 2022" Ohio Designer Craftsmen's 39th annual juried art exhibition displayed at the Ohio Craft Museum. The exhibition will be displayed in Fall 2022 in the School of Art's CVA Gallery.
- Romy Anderson, senior studio art major, was recently announced as one of the American Tapestry Alliance's (ATA) Emerge Award recipients for 2022, a membership award program that recognizes university students who have an interest in tapestry. University textile programs are asked to select one student who has shown potential in using tapestry techniques in their projects for the award. Students receive a one-year membership in ATA, which includes the online journal, "Tapestry Topics." Each student will also be recognized in the journal and an image of one of their tapestries will be included.
- Davin Ebanks, assistant professor of glass and M.F.A. alumnus, was selected for the group exhibition "Full Spectrum: Visionaries Elevating Art, Craft, and Design" at the Pittsburgh Glass Center.
- J. Leigh Garcia, assistant professor of print media and photography, was recently commissioned to create a public art project in Cleveland. The piece Garcia contributed called "My Sister's Tortillas" is a 376" x 121.5" digital print of a work originally made with corn husk, handmade washi paper, screen-print, cast paper, digital output, illustration board. The piece was commissioned by an Arts and Greenspace organization

called L.A.N.D. studio, Inc. as part of a project called LANDFORM. LANDFORM is a series of projects in downtown Cleveland, Ohio, where L.A.N.D. Studio, Inc. curates the Art Wall located in Public Square on the back of Rebol Café (facing the entrance of Tower City).

- **Assistant professor of art history, Dr. Shana Klein, received the 2021 SECAC award for Excellence in Scholarly Research and Publication for her book "The Fruits of Empire: Art, Food, and the Politics of Race in the Age of American Expansion." This competitive annual award recognizes exemplary work among SECAC members, a non-profit organization that promotes the study and practice of the visual arts in higher education on a national basis.**
- Linda Hoeptner Poling, associate professor of art education, edited and authored several chapters in "Lobby Activism: Feminism(s) + Art Education" alongside her colleagues in the NAEA Women's Caucus. Dr. Hoeptner Poling's contributions, which included serving as lead editor of four chapters, co-editor of the remaining chapters, writing two chapters and co-writing a third, addressed what it means to be a feminist in art education today, and feminist backlash.
- Davin Ebanks, M.F.A. '10 and assistant professor of glass at the School of Art, was awarded the top prize in the 2nd Cayman Islands Biennial. The biennial, "Reimagined Futures," featured contemporary Caymanian art that explored the collective future of the islands and its inhabitants. The exhibition was on view at the National Gallery of the Cayman Islands and other local venues from April 21 through Aug. 27, 2021.
- Simon Tatum, M.F.A. '21 student, was honored at the Cayman National Cultural Foundation's 28th annual National Arts and Culture Awards, which took place on Feb. 17, 2022. Tatum received the Bronze Star for Creativity alongside 11 other awardees. The CNCF Star for Creativity in the Arts Medal is awarded for artistic endeavor, achievement, and excellence in the arts. The award has three levels: GOLD for a lifetime of high-quality engagement (minimum of 20 years); SILVER (minimum of 10 years) and BRONZE (minimum of 5 years).
- School of Art alumnae Erica Emerson, '07, Erin Kraly, '11, and Carly Sherman, '20 have been recognized by the Ohio Art Education Association (OAEA) by receiving 2021 division-level awards for their outstanding accomplishments. Emerson, who serves as the Education Director at the Canton Museum of Art, was awarded the Museum Division Award. Kraly, who teaches art and technology at St. Angela Merici Parish School, received the Middle Division Award this year. She was also awarded Northeast Regional Outstanding Art Teacher from OAEA in 2020. Sherman, a recent B.A. alumna and now graduate teaching assistant for Art Education, was awarded the Pre-Service Division Award. She also received a \$1000 pre-service scholarship in 2020 from the organization.
- **School of Art alumna Sarah Schlosser, '17 has been awarded the prestigious Fulbright Study/Research grant for 2021-22. This grant will support her research in Book Arts to study natural dyes in India. Sarah earned her B.F.A. in Studio Art with a concentration in Print Media and Photography from the School of Art in 2017 and is currently an M.F.A. candidate in Book Studies at the University of Iowa. The Fulbright U.S. Student**



**Program facilitates cultural exchange through direct interaction on an individual basis in the classroom, field, home, and in routine tasks, allowing the grantee to gain an appreciation of others' viewpoints and beliefs, the way they do things, and the way they think.**

- Corrie Slawson, M.F.A. '06 awarded the Cleveland Arts Prize for Mid-Career Artist in Visual Arts for 2021.
- Andrew Kuebeck, assistant professor and head of jewelry/metals/enameling had two of his new enamel pieces purchased by the Enamel Arts Foundation in California for their permanent collection. The purpose of The Enamel Arts Foundation is to promote awareness, understanding, and appreciation of modern enameling as a vibrant art form.
- Jennifer Ling Datchuk, '04 has been named Ceramics Artist of the Year, announced in the "Ceramic Arts 2022 Yearbook." Chosen by the editorial staff of "Ceramics Monthly" and "Pottery Making Illustrated," the Ceramic Artist of the Year receives a \$1000 cash award and a \$500 purchase award and is chosen for creating innovative work and for setting an example for ceramic artists by embracing today's trends; technology; and studio, marketing, and/or community-focused practices.
- Fashion Design students Autumn Bentley, Stephanie Berhosky, and Kennedy Coughlin, and Fashion Merchandising students Mikayla Doughney and Braedy Luxenburg were named 2022 FSF Scholars by the Fashion Scholarship Fund. Each won a FSF Case Study Scholarship, received \$7,500, and attended the annual FSF Awards Gala in New York City in April.
  - Autumn Bentley was also recognized as one of 23 Virgil Abloh "Post-Modern" Scholars. Created in 2021, the Virgil Abloh™ "Post-Modern" Scholarship Fund fosters equity and inclusion within the fashion industry by providing scholarships to students of academic promise of Black, African American, or African descent.
- **The School of Fashion ranked high on the 2021 Fashion-Schools.org list and was named the top fashion design and fashion merchandising programs in multiple categories:**
  - **#1 Fashion Design School in the Midwest**
  - **#2 Fashion Merchandising School in the Midwest**
  - **#8 Fashion Design School in the U.S.**
  - **#10 Fashion Merchandising School in the U.S.**
- The School of Fashion re-instated its iconic in-person Annual Fashion Show, sponsored by Dillard's, in April 2022 and expanded the normally 3-day event to an entire week of programming. In addition to the traditional in-person fashion show, Kent State Fashion Week included:
  - Immersive Pattern, a collaboration between the School of Fashion and College of Architecture and Environmental Design.
  - The CLO 3D Virtual Fashion Show
  - The premiere of the 2022 Fashion Show Film
- Professor J. Kim-Vick was one of three recipients of Kent State University's Outstanding Research and Scholarship Award. The award is sponsored by the University Research Council and the Division of Research and Sponsored Programs.

- School of Fashion was represented by Alana Tolliver ('21) in the 14th annual SUPIMA Design Competition in September 2021.
- Fashion design student Dalimar Solis Ortiz (B.A) was selected by the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA) as a finalist in the Re: Generation Innovation Scholar Award competition, sponsored by the Swarovski Foundation.
- Alumna Jordan Bigelow ('21), a 2021 Fashion Scholarship Fund award recipient, competed in and was one of three winners for the Eric Emanuel x Fashion Scholarship Fund (EE x FSF) Design Challenge. The competition was only open to previous FSF scholarship recipients. Winners received a \$5,000 creative stipend and had their pattern design for pairs of Eric Emanuel's iconic mesh shorts produced and sold online.
- Farah Shahrour, a Fashion Design student, was selected as a semi-finalist by the Council of Fashion Designers of America, Inc. (CFDA).
- Lauren Copeland received the Early Career Researcher, Best Paper Award for "Revolution Retold: Classroom to Real World" International Foundation of Fashion Technology Institutes
- Linda Ohrn-McDaniels, professor, Krissi Riewe, assistant professor, & Chanjaun Chen, University of North Texas, received the "Claire Shaeffer Award for Outstanding Marketable Design – Professional" for "Dress Form Cover for Draping – Solutions for Fashion Design Remote Instruction." Creative Design presentation at the International Textile and Apparel Association Conference, in October 2021.
- Krissi Riewe, assistant professor, received the Best Garment Award for her Creative Design Scholarship "Recycled Garden" presented at the virtual RAGS Wearable Art Gallery, Washington YWCA.
- Gargi Bhaduri, associate professor, received the Paper of Distinction, Consumer Behavior Track, from the International Textile and Apparel Association for "Bhaduri, G., & Goswami, S. (2021). *I can talk: Corporate moral responsibility, word of mouth, and shared values.*"
- Kim Hahn, professor, received the Clothing and Textile Research Journal Outstanding Review Award.
- Mourad Krifa, interim director, received external research funding in the amount of \$86,700 for 2022 (\$285,500 over project life to date)
- **A School of Fashion team of Co-Principle Investigators (Linda Ohrn-McDaniel, Noel Palomo-Lovinski, Mourad Krifa, and Louise Valentine) received an Ohio Department of Higher Education Third Frontier Research Incentive grant in the amount of \$236,816 for 2022 and 2023. Ohio Third Frontier, an unprecedented and bipartisan commitment to create new technology-based products, companies, industries, and jobs, has attracted more than \$6.6 billion in other investments to Ohio, and has a nearly 9 to 1 return on investment since its inception. The Ohio Third Frontier also has assisted in the creation and retention of more than 79,000 direct and indirect jobs for Ohioans.**
- 12 Fashion Merchandising students received CottonWorks™ Fashion Marketing Research Awards in spring 2022.
- The Tuscarawas Philharmonic Orchestra named Kent State's Director of Orchestra Jungho Kim, D.M.A. as its new Music Director beginning in June 2022. Kim is only the

third new director of the ensemble in nearly 50 years. In this new role, Kim will serve as Music Director and Conductor for the Tuscarawas Philharmonic Orchestra and also lead the youth programming of the organization.

- Professor of piano Donna Lee was recognized by the Kent State Alumni Association with a 2021 Distinguished Teaching Award. The Distinguished Teaching Award is the highest teaching award a tenured or tenure-track faculty member can receive at Kent State.
- School of Music student Stephen Stavnicky won the brass portion of Tuesday Musical's 2022 Annual Scholarship Competition, earning the \$2,000 Arden J. Yockey Scholarship. He performed the first movement of Franz Joseph Haydn's Trumpet Concerto in E-flat Major, the first movement of Sonata for Trumpet and Piano by Eric Ewazen, and "Intrada" by Otto Ketting.
- **The School of Music returned to Severance Music Center on Monday, May 2 for "Stories of Peace, Protest and Reflection," concert commemorating the tragic Kent State shootings of May 4, 1970. The concert featured nearly 300 students from across the university performing a rich lineup of genres and styles from classical and jazz to gospel and world music and featured collaborations with the School of Theatre and Dance and the Wick Poetry Center.**
- Stark Campus Music Technology major Imari Hill recently won the Short Sounds Film Festival's "Scores" category with her original piece "You Are Victorious." Her score was up against professional composers, with judging based on arrangement, production quality, emotional significance, and originality. Held annually in the United Kingdom, the Short Sounds Festival attracts submissions of full-length feature films, short films and scores from around the world. Throughout their two-day celebration held Feb. 24 and 25, they featured several events, including talks with leading industry professionals and film screenings.
- The Kent State Youth Winds, a new ensemble for exceptional high school students, was founded by the School of Music in 2021 and made its performance debut in November. The ensemble is led by principal conductor Wendy K. Matthews and assistant conductors Sarah Kois and Garrett Doty.
- A paper by Jay Dorfman, Ph.D., titled "Project Peer Assessment in a Preservice Music Technology Course," appeared in *Contributions to Music Education*, a peer-reviewed research journal of the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA). The study was conducted with Kent State students in the Music Technology for Music Educators class.
- Dorfman also contributed a chapter titled "Simplifying Parts for Beginners Learning to Play Popular Music" to a recently released book, *Action-Based Approaches in Popular Music Education*. The chapter outlines Dorfman's approach to making music accessible and approachable for students with little experience while maintaining the integrity of the song. Upon its release on Aug. 2, 2021, it spent several days in the number one slot for Amazon's Music Instruction & Study category.
- School of Music voice faculty member Jay White continued in his role as artistic director of Quire Cleveland, conducting their return to live performance with a program called "Mary's Song." Additionally, he traveled to New York City as a member of the Apollo's Singers performing Messiah with the New York Philharmonic. The performances, held in

the Upper-West Side's stunning Gothic-inspired Riverside Church were led by Jeannette Sorrell.

- Amitai Vardi's performances at the Round Top Music Festival in Texas were featured on NPR's Performance Today, the nation's most popular Classical music program.
- Donna Lee recorded Olivier Messiaen's *Quartet for the End of Time* in a performance that included a new dance choreography performed by Groundworks Dance Theatre.
- School of Theatre and Dance professor Yuko Kurahashi, Ph.D. received Kent State University's 2021-2022 President's Faculty Excellence Award. The President's Faculty Excellence Award was created to recognize exceptional performance by a faculty member that leads to the achievement of national or international recognition. National or international recognition may be demonstrated in research, teaching and/or service.
- Assistant professor of dance Catherine Meredith and adjunct dance faculty member Alice Blumenfeld received Individual Excellence Awards in the choreography category from the Ohio Arts Council. Meredith and Blumenfeld's grants are part of \$375,000 in grant funding dispersed by the Ohio Arts Council (OAC) for Individual Excellence Awards in 2022. Individual Excellence Awards are given in the categories of choreography, criticism, fiction and non-fiction, music composition, playwriting/screenplays, and poetry.
- Associate professor Fabio Polanco appeared in the Cleveland Playhouse production of "Antigone" in March 2021.
- Associate professor Courtney Brown starred in Rubber City Theatre's production of "Enemy of the People." The creative team for this production included a student and multiple alumni from Kent State University's School of Theatre and Dance: Director Lana Sugarman (MFA Acting alumna), Creative Consultant Christine McBurney (MFA Acting alumna), Stage Manager Patrick Johnson (BFA Design Technology alumnus), Scenic Designer Travis Daniel Williams (MFA Scenic alumnus), Projection Designer and Director of Artistic Operations Brian C. Seckfort (MFA Scenic alumnus), MFA scenic student John Rawlings also provided scenic support.
- BFA Design Tech alumni Maurice (Mo) Epps (2017) serves as the lighting programmer for the Broadway show Hangmen, which was nominated for a Tony Award for Best lighting design.
- BFA Musical Theatre alumni Aveena Sawyer (2018) was cast in the Off-Broadway revival of Little Shop of Horrors.
- The School of Theatre and Dance had multiple faculty deeply involved in the 2022 United State Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT) annual conference:
  - Costume design faculty member Michelle Souza led a well-attended panel entitled "Costume History - New Strategies in Teaching." In this session she and three others presented methodologies for examining costume history through a lens that is both feminist and anti-racist, methodologies for RE-constructing costume studies, finding intersections between indigenous cultures, materiality, (post)-colonialism, and gender theory and presented case studies of successful methodological shifts as experienced in the classroom.

- The panel included assistant professor of costume technology Grace Cochran Keenan. Keenan presented the work she had done to the School of Theatre & Dance's course, History of Costume & Textile for Theatre, which covers a global clothing history while focusing on the learning objectives that are most useful for our students, such as learning how to research a specific time and place, both the society and cultural that existed as well as the clothing as that is a large part of the process of research for a production.
- Lighting Design faculty member Jakyung Seo was a session chair of "Computational Thinking in Performing Arts." The session presented examples on how a course and workshop for computer science and theatrical technology students was created.
- MFA lighting design and technology student Jaemin Park worked as a guest lighting designer for the production of "Passage" at Cleveland Playhouse, under the mentorship of Jakyung C. Seo, associate professor of lighting design. While Seo has previously designed two productions with CWRU/CPH, this is the first time a current MFA student has worked with the program. "Passage" is presented as part of the CWRU/CPH MFA Acting Program, the educational partnership between Case Western Reserve University and the Cleveland Playhouse.
- Gregory King's "At What Cost" was selected for inclusion at the ACDA East-Central conference's GALA, the highest honor for the recognition of choreography and performance at the conference. The piece was recognized for both its composition and the artistry of the Kent Dance Ensemble's performance. This was the 4th consecutive year that the Kent Dance Ensemble was included in the GALA.
- **School of Theatre and Dance associate professor of Dance Gregory King was awarded the AREI 2022 Pilot Grant through Kent State University's Anti-Racism and Equity Institute. In 2021, Professor King directed Decolonizing Dance Writing, a writing project with five international artists and five writers with thinkingdance.net. The purpose was to publish interviews and short expository essays about selected artists whose works resist the tropes of colonization. In concert with Kent State's commitment to anti-racism, equity, and inclusion, and the need to diversify discourse in dance, he proposed Slingshot, the generation of educator resources, to accompany the written scholarship of the five writers of color who worked closely with dance and performance artists from Peru, Columbia, Sri Lanka, New Zealand, and Ghana throughout 2021.**
- The School of Theatre and Dance presented the new musical "Chaining Zero" in November 2021. With book by Kent State alumni John Moauro (BFA, Musical Theatre '07) and Griffin Parsons (BFA, Musical Theatre '06), music and lyrics by Jeffrey James and Justin Halpin, and additional book by Alana Rader (BFA, Musical Theatre '05), Chaining Zero is a musical where stories of struggle, hope, desire and pain intersect with everything you thought you knew about the strangers around you.
- The School of Theatre and Dance's 2021 streaming production of "She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms" was recognized by the BroadwayWorld 2021 Cleveland Awards in multiple categories. Assistant professor Paul Hurley was recognized for Best Direction of

a Play and Best Editing of a Stream and student Isabella Torres was recognized as Best Performer in a Streaming Play for her role in “She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms.”

- **Porthouse Theatre was recognized by the Cleveland Critics Circle for its 2021 season in the following categories:**
  - Terri Kent, Best Actress in a Musical for her role in *Quilters*
  - Terri Kent, Best Director of a musical for her direction of *Quilters*
  - Martín Céspedes, Best Choreographer for his work on *Altar Boyz*
  - Jonathan Swoboda, Best Musical Direction for his work on *Altar Boyz*
  - The Ensemble of *Quilters*: Terri Kent, Danielle Dorfman, Stella Fisher, Hannah Hensler, Israeljah Khi-Reign, Megan Polk, Alexis Wilson and Cameron Olin, Best Overall Ensemble (Unified Cast) in a Musical for their performances in *Quilters*
  - Porthouse Theatre's production of *Quilters*: Honorable Mention, Best Musical
- **KSU Museum opened TEXTURES: the history and art of Black hair on September 9 to an in-person celebration of 250 members of the University and local communities. The 200- page book, co-published with international publisher Hirmer, has won 3 three awards and is in its third printing. Two-day symposium in the spring gathered scholars from around the globe via live-stream of in-person and virtual presentations. Media attention includes inclusion in a special program by Bloomberg News featuring the co-curators of the exhibition, both KSU faculty. Among the many successes, TEXTURES is a cornerstone of conversations around DEI and welcoming communities of color into the Museum.**

Ambassador Crawford College of Business and Entrepreneurship

- **The College of Business Administration received the largest philanthropic gift in Kent State history from U.S. Ambassador Edward F. Crawford. In recognition of this gift, the Kent State Board of Trustees approved the renaming of the college to the Ambassador Crawford College of Business and Entrepreneurship; and a new building for the college to be named Crawford Hall at its October 2021 meeting. While more than one-third of the gift supports the capital project, the largest portion of the gift will create an endowment for the college.**
- Groundbreaking for Crawford Hall took place on March 8, 2022, attended by more than 400 people, including university officials, donors, alumni, students, elected officials and special guests. Construction of this state-of-the-art building is expected to be completed in 2024. To date, more than \$20 million has been raised for this project by more than 120 donors. Crawford Hall is part of the university’s Gateway to a Distinctive Kent State master plan that will include a new signature entrance to the Kent Campus near the site of the new building.
- Twenty-six named spaces in Crawford Hall were approved in December 2021 by the Kent State Board of Trustees in recognition of \$10.7 million in philanthropic gifts. The approved named spaces included the John S. and Marlene J. Brinzo Center for Entrepreneurship, the first named center in the college.



- At the start of 2021, Bob Archer, MBA '61, who had already provided private support for the new business building, pledged another \$1 million gift in support if the Ambassador Crawford College of Business and Entrepreneurship could raise a total of \$19 million by the end of 2021. The college surpassed expectations and exceeded the \$19 million challenge. The Archer Challenge was fulfilled, and Crawford Hall is moving forward.
- **The Kent State Online MBA program was ranked #23 in the nation in 2022 by The Princeton Review, making it the highest ranked online MBA program in Ohio. The Princeton Review chose the 50 online MBA programs and tallied its rankings based on data from the company's 2020-21 surveys of administrators at more than 130 business schools offering online MBAs. The company also factored in data from its 2020-21 surveys of more than 7,000 students enrolled in online MBA programs. More than 60 data points were weighted to determine the list and rankings. The criteria focused on five core areas: academics, selectivity, faculty, technical platforms, and career outcomes.**
- **The Online Master of Science in Business Analytics (MSBA) was ranked #12 in the nation by Fortune in 2022. This was Fortune's first-ever ranking of the nation's best online business analytics programs. Kent State's MSBA Program is available in person, as well as online. The online business analytics degree offers the same high standards of excellence as delivered on campus, but with the flexibility of online courses.**
- **Deborah F. Spake, Ph.D., Dean of the Ambassador Crawford College of Business and Entrepreneurship, was named a 2021 recipient of the American Marketing Association (AMA), Marketing for Higher Education Special Interest Group (Higher Ed SIG) Lifetime Achievement Award. The Higher Ed SIG Lifetime Achievement Award honors a marketing scholar who has demonstrated distinct accomplishments and dedication to the area of higher education in the marketing discipline.**
- **Serena Loftus, Ph.D., assistant professor of accounting, was named as a 2021 Top 50 Best Undergraduate Business Professor by Poets & Quants. Dr. Loftus was nominated for this award while she was on faculty at Tulane University, but the Poets & Quants recognition was announced after she joined Kent State University in Fall 2021. The online article announcing the Top 50 Undergraduate Business Professors in the nation lists Kent State University as her affiliation.**
- **Robert D. Hisrich, Ph.D., Bridgestone Chair of International Marketing & Director of the Global Management Center was among the twenty-nine current Kent State faculty members named in the top 2% of scientists in the world. The report, published in the PLOS Biology journal, evaluated more than six million scientists across 22 different fields and 176 subfields from 1996 until 2019.**
- **The Golden Flash Asset Management (student managed investment fund) team earned three trophies at the 2022 G.A.M.E. Forum hosted by Quinnipiac University. The Global Asset Management Education (G.A.M.E.) Forum is the largest international competition for student managed funds, hosting 1500+ participants from around the world. The Kent State team earned 2nd place in the Undergraduate Growth Category, 3rd place in the Undergraduate Fixed Income Category, and 3rd place in the Undergraduate Small Fund Category. Kent State was the only university from Ohio to place in any category. This**

gives the Golden Flash Asset Management Group (GFAM) six trophies from the G.A.M.E. Forum in only its fourth year of existence.

- **The Online MBA program became the 1st online MBA in the nation to earn Quality Matters (QM) Learner Success Certification. This is the second QM certification earned by the program. The Online MBA is the first Kent State degree program to achieve QM Program Design Certification or QM Learner Success Certifications.**
- **The Online MBA Program was ranked #23 in the nation in 2022 by The Princeton Review.**
- **Kent State's Online MBA program is ranked among the Best Online MBA Programs for 2022 by *U.S. News & World Report*. Among public universities in the state, Kent State's Online MBA program is the highest-ranked program in northern Ohio. This is the fourth year Kent State's Online MBA, which was launched in fall 2017, has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report*.**
- **Kent State's Executive MBA (EMBA) program was ranked #28 by CEO Magazine in its 2022 Global Executive MBA ranking.**
- Wendy Tietz, Ph.D., professor of accounting, Kent State University, Jennifer Cainas from University of South Florida, and Tracie Miller-Nobles from Austin Community College received the 2021 Bea Sanders/AICPA Teaching Innovation Award - Honorable Mention for "KAT Manufacturing Interactive Dashboards for Data Analytics with Excel, Google Sheets, Power BI, and/or Tableau". The American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) awards, co-sponsored by Grant Thornton and the Federation of Schools of Accountancy (FSA), are given each year to college and university educators who develop unique and effective teaching tools for introductory, upper division, and graduate accounting courses.
- Andy Weyand, Director, Career Services Office – ACCBE, received the 2022 Bob Windle Leadership Award presented at the annual Ohio Career Development Association (OCDA) Conference in recognition of a true leader in a career field. The Bob Windle Leadership Award recognizes practicing career counselors, consultants, or teachers for outstanding performance.
- Lauren Hollis, a junior entrepreneurship major, won the John S. and Marlene J. Brinzo Center for Entrepreneurship annual CEBIpitch competition winning \$10,000 for her company, Pineapple Loop. The company, launched during the pandemic, creates hand-crafted jewelry, specializing in custom-made rings, necklaces, and bracelets. To date Pineapple Loop has shipped more than 4,000 products to customers in 18 countries.

#### College of Communication and Information

- **The School of Information (iSchool) ranked #20 in the *U.S. News and World Report* 2023 Best Graduate Programs in the U.S. The discipline-specific rankings are updated every 3-5 years (most recently in 2022). Three specialty areas also ranked – School Library Media is ranked #5 nationally; Services for Children and Youth is ranked #9 nationally; Archives and Preservation is ranked #12 nationally.**



- **Student media and our programs in the School of Media and Journalism (MDJ) continue to receive national awards and regional recognition for student work. In the annual Hearst competition (considered the Pulitzer Prize of collegiate journalism), Michael Indriolo placed 8th in Photo: Picture Story/Series category; Marz Anderson finished 16th (tie) in the TV News category; Connor Stefan finished 17th (tie) in the TV features category.**
- **For the ninth time in ten years, MDJ's Public Relations students won national recognition in the Public Relations Student Society of America's Bateman Case Study Competition. In the 2022 competition, both MDJ teams earned an honorable mention in the nationwide competition. Of the 51 teams who entered the competition, Kent State University was the only school to have two teams earn this recognition. Professor Stefanie Moore worked closely with both teams throughout the competition.**
- CCI hired advertising executive and alum Mike Jackson as a Professional-in-Residence in MDJ. He will raise our national profile in the area of advertising, with an emphasis on messaging and reach to diverse populations. Advertising is a target area for enrollment growth at the undergraduate level.
- Launched its new M.S. in Emerging Media and Technology (fall 2022), along with a new fully online undergraduate degree in the School of Communication Studies.
- Our recently-acquired Alma Flor Ada and Isabel Campoy collection of multicultural literature for children anchored a new collaborative course – a partnership between the School of Emerging Media and Technology, the iSchool's Reinberger Children's Library Center and Design Innovation. Undergraduate students in the experimental, interdisciplinary Children's Literature in Augmented Reality class (led by EMAT assistant professor Abe Avnisan, DI's J.R. Campbell and Reinberger director Michelle Baldini), crafted new children's stories, added augmented reality elements to classics and created prototypes for immersive storytelling, which will be publicly displayed this fall (2022).
- CCI launched a new intersession study abroad opportunity at the Florence campus, with an eye toward creating an affordable, immersive experience that also takes advantage of our highly skilled alumni. Student enthusiasm for this new program is encouraging, with 19 students enrolled for the pilot 3-week program. A new course, From Ideas to Stories: Storytelling in Tuscany, was created and co-taught by CCI alumnus and award-winning filmmaker Tom Jennings and Florence Program Coordinator Fabio Corsini.
- This spring (2022) semester, the newly created Glyphix Research Design Lab course in VCD delivered a pilot project for Stories Connecting Generations (SCG), part of an intergenerational research project developed by Professor Jessica Barness and Dr. Manacy (Mansi) Pai in Sociology. The purpose of this project is to use storytelling and design to connect individuals of two diverse generations, namely older adults in senior centers and VCD majors at Kent State. The pilot project involved pairing one student with one older adult, and we have 17 participating pairs. Each pair connected virtually through a video or phone call each week for a period of up to 7-8 weeks. Through these conversations, older adults shared their life stories and younger adults (i.e., our

students) were tasked with the opportunity to transform these stories and lived experiences into design products. Our partners are from a variety of community settings, including the Kenmore Senior Center, The Inn at Coal Ridge in Wadsworth, Barberton Senior Center, and Medina Senior Center, all located in NE Ohio. Our students used their design skills to translate life histories and stories into visual and interactive works. The students' work is featured in a Glyphix exhibition in Taylor Hall, open through September 2022. The project is also being featured by WKSU/Ideastream "Sound of Ideas" and will broadcast in mid-June.

- Students in Communication in a Global Society (COMM 45766) spent spring semester (2022) focused on a "refugee-readiness" project aimed at strengthening Kent State's outreach to current and future refugee communities and making Kent State among the most refugee-welcoming campuses in America. Three teams of students conceived, researched, proposed, and promoted projects after speaking with a dozen experts; local, regional, and national refugee-support organizations; and more than 150 of their peers. Their proposals included the creation of an Upward Bound-like program ("Homebound Academy") to prepare refugee youth for transition to college and introduce them to Kent State through meaningful summer and school-year programming; a living/learning community residence hall for refugee students, complete with a multinational refugee affinity center; a proposal to create a refugee-resettlement undergraduate minor at Kent State; and a campus-wide petition for Kent State to join the national ECAR (Every Campus a Refugee) Network. The students' work, which began in January, intensified with the unfolding refugee and displaced persons crisis in Ukraine. In early March, students were fortunate to speak with Ukrainian journalist, Olesia Markovic, in Kyiv only days before she and her family were forced to flee the country.
- **EMAT school director Michael Beam, EMAT Professional-in-Residence Adam Stephens, EHHS/EMAT and Public Health assistant professor Enrico Gandolfi, and Kristin Dowling, IdeaBase director, built a fruitful process for working with IdeaBase client projects in our EMAT Interdisciplinary Projects undergraduate capstone course. Notably, this led to a relationship with the City of Hudson. Under the team's guidance, a group project between the EMAT Graduate Capstone course and Interdisciplinary projects, our students built a responsive mobile web application for their Hudson Community Television. This work received significant local press, was recognized by Hudson City Council with an honorary resolution (22-10) of thanks and is a finalist for a national "Best of the Web" award from the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (hopefully we'll know the outcome of that competition soon.)**
- The School of Communication Studies launched the *We The People* exhibit in the City of Stow and at Stow Munroe Falls High School. The initiative was part of the cities' DEI initiatives. The exhibit features 84X60 inch portraits and biographies sharing experiences of refugees who have settled in Northeast Ohio, including their challenges and success in the U.S. The goal is to give a platform for their stories and journeys, and to invite many people – regardless of age, origin, and language, or education – to learn about the

experiences of people who have come from other parts of the world to live in this community.

- CCI continues to expand and experiment with Project Citizen, our partnership with Loyola Marymount, Louisiana State University and Morgan State University (HBCU). Students at all four universities continue to produce collaborative multimedia projects around climate change while learning to work together in project-driven groups that expose them to difference and diversity of backgrounds and perspectives.
- Assistant Professor Abe Avnisan Nowitz (joint appointment with EMAT) was one of five artists selected by the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Falls National Park for the Boston Mills Activation Project. In partnership with Leila Khoury, another of the five artists, he is developing a multidisciplinary project that brings together interviews with scientific experts and indigenous peoples in a display comprised of 3D lidar scans, weather data sonification and publication of a book with images and narrative about the project. The project should be complete in Summer 2022.
- In collaboration with U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown's office, CCI Diversity, TeleProductions and CCI students supported the Veterans History Project by producing videos of Kent State veterans.
- CCI faculty continue to produce important, grant-funded research and creative activity, approximately \$5 million annually.

#### College of Education, Health and Human Services

- ***U.S. News & World Report* Ranked Kent State in the Top 100 Graduate Programs of Education.**
- Professors Andrew Lepp and Timothy Rasinski were recognized as Top 2% of scientists in the world in their respective fields.
- Sport, Exercise, and Performance Psychology, the college's first fully online undergraduate program was approved.
- Enrollment for Fall 2021 was up 1.7%, the first year-to-year increase for the college in over 10 years.
- Associate Professor Cassie Storlie received the American Counseling Association David K. Brooks, Jr. Distinguished Mentor Award.
- Assistant Professor Christa Porter was a recipient of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Review of Research Award.
- Erica Eckert, assistant dean, was recognized by the IV-E Region of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators for effective teaching practices.
- James C. Hannon, Dean of EHHS, received the 2022 NAKHE Distinguished Administrator Award.
- Alicia Crowe, associate dean, and Lisa Testa, associate professor, received \$200,000 in funding from the U.S. Department of Education through the Ohio Department of Education for Addressing Educator Shortages in Ohio.

- Professor Darlene Unger received six years of funding, totaling \$1,050,000 from the Ohio Department of Education for the Ohio Longitudinal Transition Study.

#### College of Nursing

- **Awarded the National League for Nursing (NLN) Center for Excellence designation for the 2022-2026 term which demonstrated Kent State's sustained efforts in creating environments that advance the science of nursing education. The National League for Nursing is proud to offer the Centers of Excellence program as a way to recognize schools that have demonstrated a commitment to excellence and invested resources over a sustained period of time to distinguish themselves in a specific area related to nursing education.**
- During this time of critical need for bedside nurses, the College of Nursing graduates the highest number of BSN nursing students compared to any Ohio University each year; this year Kent State graduated 393 BSN nursing students compared to Ohio State, 237; University of Toledo, 177; and the University of Akron, 144.
- **NCLEX pass rates continue to be above the national average and above most Ohio universities. In 2021, the national average was 82.48% compared to Kent State's pass rate of 88.51%.**
- This past year, 12 division 1 athletes majoring in nursing earned a 3.25 GPA or higher, where the minimum required is only 2.3 for division 1 athletes; the College of Nursing recognizes the challenge and commitment needed for athletes to major in nursing and continues to provide support.
- Two additional study away programs, one in Kenya with Summa Health and one in the United Kingdom with the new London Cleveland Clinic, are being developed as study abroad opportunities for our students.
- Participated in Akron Children's Assuring Success with Commitment to Enhance Nurse Diversity (ASECEND) summer internship experience for the 7<sup>th</sup> year; the ASCEND program is a clinical internship and professional development experience for nursing students who belong to traditionally underrepresented groups in the nursing profession.
- Collaborated with Summa Health and University Hospitals to develop summer internship experiences for our undergraduate students where they are paid, receive credit toward their degree, and are offered nursing positions after graduation.
- Advance Practice certification rate averaged 93% for our seven Masters of Nursing advance practice programs.
- Our graduate program was recipient of the Peg's Foundation Grant to fund the education of 10 fulltime and 15 part-time advance practice mental health providers.
- Received \$1.1 million HRSA grant for Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training.
- Held a half day mini retreat with executive nurse leaders from Cleveland clinic, Metro, Akron, University Hospital (UH), and Summa to think collectively around the nursing shortage and clinical experiential learning space for KSU nursing students.

- Worked with UH protégé foundation board to think collectively about loan repayment models for nurses practicing at the bedside and how to fund nurses that wish to pursue graduate education.
- Using donor supported funds, the College of Nursing was able to offer full tuition funding to our domestic PhD students in their second year of study. These awards allow the revamped PhD program within the College of Nursing to appeal top talent and compete with our peer institutions, and helps our students focus more on their research and studies.
- The College of Nursing has over 30 named scholarships and travel awards that are distributed to students annually. These scholarships and awards provide much needed financial support to our students. Since 2018 we have increased the number of named scholarships and awards by over 30%.
- **College of Nursing's MSN program ranked 38th by *US News and Report* among public institutions across the nation and is the highest ranked public institution in Northern Ohio for our MSN.**
- **Nursing Schools Almanac 2022 ranked the College of Nursing among the best U.S. nursing schools among 3,000 institutions, with only 6% making list of the best public and private nursing schools in the nation.**
  - **#79 nationwide among public nursing schools**
  - **#26 overall in the Great Lakes region**
  - **#4 overall in Ohio**

#### College of Public Health

- **Received a \$265,000 HealthPath Foundation of Ohio grant which will extend the impact of community health workers to the Mahoning Valley and help attract and retain students through scholarships. For three years, 10 students will be awarded scholarships to complete a six-credit hour program at Kent State University at Trumbull. These scholarships will encourage students to get hands-on experience in their field while sparking their interest in the healthcare field. The earned credential will allow them to enter the workforce and help their communities immediately.**
- **College of Public Health graduate program is ranked in the top 100 public institution programs by *U.S. News & World Report*.**
- Partnered with Cleveland Marshall College of Law for a 3+3 Degree which will offer students a new pathway to earn a bachelor's degree from Kent State and a law degree from Cleveland State University in six years. Students in the Bachelor of Science in Public Health, Allied Health concentration, will have the possibility to enroll in the Juris Doctor program and complete both degrees in six years instead of seven.
- Christopher Woolverton, professor of epidemiology in the College of Public Health, had the opportunity to work on the federal level with the US Department of State to face the COVID-19 pandemic head-on. For his work, he received the COVID-19 Pandemic Impact Award from the Chief Medical Officer of the U.S. Department of State. He will

continue to serve the U.S. Department of State as a subject matter expert and consultant for the next five years.

- Received an Elizabeth Severance Prentiss Foundation grant to create a new Interprofessional Education program in response of the COVID-19 pandemic. Since inception, 42 students have completed the course and five faculty have completed or taught the course.
- Hosted students from Akron Public Schools to complete college coursework required for community health worker (CHW) certification. This effort, funded by United Way of Summit & Medina, allowed students to enroll in six hours of College Credit Plus (CCP) coursework, be exposed to public health careers, and receive twice monthly wraparound programs focused on soft. Akron Public Schools students in this program will have the opportunity to complete an internship experience with Akron Children's Hospital, Cleveland Clinic Akron General, and Summa Health.
- Reaccredited by the Council for Education in Public Health (CEPH) through 2028, the longest renewal offered for eligible colleges.
- **Partnered with greater Akron community organizations to conduct the first comprehensive and specific LGBTQ+ Community Needs Assessment (CNA). Efforts of this assessment focused on producing a better-informed public health system and improving the health and well-being of the LGBTQ+ community. The project continues to gain momentum as a shift from pre-assessment to assessment takes place during PRIDE month 2021. Public Health project coordinator, Andrew Snyder, now leads 159 people from over 95 local organizations in Summit, Stark, Portage, and Medina counties to lean into the local strengths, weaknesses, and unmet needs LGBTQ+ community. The project is currently on track to publish a final community report in August 2022.**

#### College of Podiatric Medicine

- Placed 100% of all eligible graduates seeking residency training programs in 2022.
- Implemented HoloAnatomy, a cutting edge, virtual 3D anatomy program to enhance students' ability to learn and retain anatomy.
- Procurement of a \$10,000,000 grant from the Podiatry Foundation which will aid in producing scholarships, providing seed funding for research, and funding continuing medical education of practicing podiatric physicians.
- Working in conjunction with the Kent State Police Department, the College hired Charlie Kingzett, a retired Independence Police Officer, as the Public Safety Manager for the College of Podiatric Medicine, giving safety assurance for our students on campus.
- Installed a 315.2kW solar PV array to provide for 27% of the campus's energy use. This is an approximate savings to \$35,000+ on an annual basis.
- Successfully reinstituted 3 conferences, the 3rd annual North Coast Foot & Ankle Symposium, the Foot & Ankle Renaissance Seminar in Florence, Italy, and the Southeast



Nation Conference in Orlando, Florida which provide state required continuing education for practicing podiatric physicians while generating scholarships for students.

#### Graduate Studies (Graduate College, effective August 2022)

- **The Graduate College was established and relocated to the University Library.**
- **Completed the Graduate College Strategic Plan.**
- \$218,860.00 in scholarships were awarded to 59 graduate students across six colleges and the Graduate Student Teaching Award was developed. This award highlights excellence in teaching and mentoring among current graduate students and recognizes graduate students who exemplify excellence in teaching and or learning as part of their professional development and training. One doctoral and one master's students were submitted as Kent State's institutional nominees to the Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools for the MAGS Excellence in Teaching Award.
- Fall 2022 Graduate Student Orientation (GSO) was offered in a hybrid format with in-person programming and livestreamed virtual sessions for the first time. Over 500 graduate students representing all the graduate colleges were in attendance.
- The Seventh Annual Three Minute Thesis competition featured 23 presenters representing seven graduate colleges.
- Dissertation Boot Camp returned in Spring 2022 after a two-year hiatus with 30 students attending each of the two boot camps and 50 unique students representing five graduate colleges attending at least one boot camp.
- The Second Annual FlashPitch competition featured 11 finalists representing four graduate colleges.
- A new Intercultural Graduate Student Connections group was launched in partnership with Graduate Student Senate and International Student Affairs to bring domestic and international students together.
- A First Gen Scholars' Circle program was launched to showcase first generation graduate student and faculty research.
- Over 200 graduate students joined the Graduate Student Appreciation Week Kickoff Picnic.
- Over 125 graduate students presented their original research at the Graduate Research Symposium during Graduate Student Appreciation Week.

#### Honors College

- Alumna Sarah Hagglund '21 became the 10th Honors College recipient of the 2021 national Portz Prize, awarded by the National Collegiate Honors Council for best honors thesis in the humanities.
- Senior Mallory Woods '22 named 2022 Fulbright Scholar and received the English Teaching Award (ETA) to travel to Ecuador.

- *Brainchild*, the literary and art magazine published by Kent State honors students and containing contributions from honors students throughout the region, won two Addys at the American Advertising Federation (AAF) Akron award ceremony in February 2022 (for Elements of Advertising- Art Direction: Campaign (Silver ADDY) and also, a second silver ADDY in the Collateral Material under Magazine Design.
- Lisa Dunick, '00, a New York Times Best-Selling author of Yount Adult Novels, was announced as the 2022 Distinguished Honors Alumni recipient by the Honors College.
- **The largest incoming freshmen class in the Honors College arrived in fall 2021 with 572 first-year students (Class of 2025), with an unweighted average GPA of 3.88. Of these students, 20% were First Generation, hailing from 22 states and 4 different countries. 100% of new freshmen received merit scholarships.**
- Forty-one of the university's athletes are in the Honors College including Morgan Bowers, '22, pitcher for the women's softball team and who is continuing to the MS in Economics at Kent State.
- Alternative Spring Break Trip with Honors College students to Cincinnati. Tau House hosted the students/staff for the trip, as they completed community service with local organizations such as People Working Cooperatively, Freestore Food Pantry, Matthew 25 Ministries and Santa Maria Cinci.
- **Honors Peer to Peer Mentoring Program began this year with a dozen honors students mentored by counselors in EHHS and who were deployed in the Honors LLC, trained to be good listeners and to help students connect to appropriate on campus counseling.**
- **The Honors College has its highest enrollment with 1,874 students and 92% retention.**
- Honors students represented 34% of the SURE (Summer Undergraduate Research Experience) students engaged in research this year.

#### University College

- Pamela Jones, ADO Academic Program Coordinator, received the 2021 National Society for Leadership and Success award.
- Barbara Miller-Harris, Asst. Director, Student Success Programs, was awarded the Tom Vandermeulen Award from the Ohio Transfer Council.
- Exploratory Advising Center received the Region IV-East Innovative Program Award for the Major Action Plan (MAP): Start to Finish Program from NASPA.
- **Community Engaged Learning, Campus Kitchen, was nationally recognized for winning the 2021 Campus Race to Zero Waste case study competition from the National Wildlife Federation.**
- Exploratory Advising Center, Flash Connection Program, received the 2021-2022 NASPA Excellence Award.
- The Key Connections Program was awarded \$200,000 by the KeyBank Foundation.
- Exploratory and Advising Center was awarded the Advising Innovation Award by NACADA.
- **Exploratory and Advising Center was awarded the Outstanding Advising Program Award by NACADA.**



- Adam Cinderich, Director, TRIO Student Support Services, was voted as President Elect of the Educational Opportunity Association.
- **The McNair Scholars Program was awarded a book contract from Sage Publishers to publish a research methods book for first-generation students. The book chapters will be written by students and their faculty mentors and will serve as an asset-based introductory guide for our undergraduate students conducting research.**
- Julie Paskiet, Asst. Director, Career Exploration & Development, was re-elected to serve as Secretary of the American Association for Employment in Education Board of Directors for 2021-2023.

#### University Libraries

- The University Library was voted “#1 Best Place to Study” by Kent State Students for the ninth consecutive year.
- **Acquired the May 4 archive of the late Alan Canfora. Canfora, one of the nine students wounded during the May 4 and life-long May 4 activist, had compiled the largest independent collection of May 4 primary and secondary resources in the world.**
- University Libraries led in administering the inaugural Jerry M. Lewis May 4 Lecture. A group of faculty and administrators, led by Dean Ken Burhanna, selected professor Tammy Clewell as the first lecturer who spoke on “Remembering the Contested May 4 Memorializing Process.” A complimentary exhibit was hosted in the May 4 Visitors Center. A generous endowment from Kent State alumnus and former Kent State Board of Trustees member Michael Solomon made the lecture series possible.
- **Led a collaboration of several Kent State departments and community organizations to present a National Endowment for the Arts Big Read program that spanned from October 2021 to May 2022. The program, which was funded through a \$20,000 grant from Arts Midwest, offered nearly 40 events and book discussions focused on the acclaimed book “An American Sunrise” by Joy Harjo, the nation’s first Native American poet laureate. Programming reached over 3,000 community members and over 500 copies of “An American Sunrise” were distributed. The program was highlighted by a visit and poetry reading by Joy Harjo in March 2022.**
- The Kent State University Press published “Dear Vaccine,” a collection of poems by people from all over world responding to the COVID-19 pandemic through the Wick Poetry Center’s innovative community poem platform. The book was nationally featured on the PBS NewsHour.
- The Burton D. Morgan Foundation renewed and increased LaunchNET’s funding through a two-year \$350,000 award to support their mission to encourage and support entrepreneurial thinking and activities across the Kent State University system.
- The Burton D. Morgan Foundation awarded \$500,000 to support venture activities within LaunchNET and the Marty Erbaugh i3 Lab within the DI Hub.

- LaunchNET awarded 24 microgrants, ranging from \$99 to \$500, to student entrepreneurs in Spring 2022 to support their startup business ventures.

#### Provost's Office Units

##### *Accreditation, Assessment and Learning*

- Submitted the Quality Initiative Proposal focused on the SEM Plan to HLC.
- **Participated in Great Colleges leading to 11th year of recognition. The 2022 recognition categories (embargoed on this info lifted on Sept. 12) are:**
  - **Compensation & Benefits;**
  - **Confidence in Senior Leadership;**
  - **Shared Governance;**
  - **Faculty Experience;**
  - **Diversity, Inclusion & Belonging**
- Participated in COACHE Faculty Job Satisfaction Survey.
- Successful RFP was completed to upgrade existing assessment tools and add university-wide opportunity to use rubric/e-portfolio tools.
- Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education (AALHE) and Assessment Institute conference proposals submitted and accepted on the topic of collaborating during COVID, co-presenting with assessment directors at other Ohio Institutions.
- Included ACAA members and assessment/accreditation graduate students in active review of submitted assessment reports to provide feedback.
- Increased visibility and educational efforts around assessment, accreditation, and program review, including onboarding documents, new websites.
- Increased collaboration across Academic Affairs (e.g., AA Strategic Plan leadership, IR, Curriculum Services) and the university (e.g., IT, DSA, Enrollment Management) to support data-informed decision making.

##### *Continuing and Distance Education*

- **Marshaled the transition to a new LMS (Blackboard to Canvas) in conjunction with IT, including creation of kent.edu/canvas, targeted email communications, social media, and on-campus communications for both faculty and students as well providing over 50 workshops and a self-paced course that has had 2400 faculty enrolled.**
- Continued support of remote learning due to the pandemic including providing support to nearly 3000 faculty requests for assistance with their online courses with a 98% satisfaction rate.

- Development of marketing campaigns for the EdD and all online programs in EHHS in close coordination with existing college resources, successfully increasing new program leads by 81%.
- Development of 14 new fully online programs (5 Bachelor's degrees, 8 Undergraduate certificates, 1 Graduate certificate).
- Creation of our 5-year Strategic Positioning Paper which was developed with input and review from staff and identified challenges and opportunities, provided a positioning analysis on developing internal program management capabilities, course development and faculty support and connecting Kent State Online and Lifelong Learning through Continuing Education.
- An RFP for proctored testing started was started spring 2022 through a UCT subcommittee, with three co-chairs and 18 committee members of faculty and staff representing most colleges and campuses.
- Online students from 51 states and territories, reporting from 39 countries, Fall 2021 count from student location pop-up created by OCDE
- Continued to actualize growth in online credit hours taken - 264,470 credit hours taken online last year (all distance learning courses – 2021M, 2021F, 2022S, 15th day)
- The Kent State Online website ([www.kent.edu/online](http://www.kent.edu/online)) has seen consistent growth through both search engine optimization and site analytics. Analytics from the past year include:
  - 321,904 site impressions (a 236.5% increase from the previous year)
  - 1,058 new leads for prospective students
  - 50 potential students completed our free online assessment

#### *Curriculum Services*

- Reviewed approximately 350 program and policy proposals and nearly 1,400 course proposals for Fall 2022 implementation.
- Facilitated the process to establish the following new degree programs: Sport, Exercise and Performance Psychology (B.S.), Emerging Media and Technology (M.S.) and Social Work (B.S.W.) (pending approval).
- Supported the implementation of seven EPC subcommittees.
- Co-chaired the Academic Calendar Advisory Subcommittee involving 20 faculty, staff and students from the Kent State community.
- Trained an additional 100 faculty and staff on the curriculum information management system.
- Launched “Promos Tiles” on program pages in the University Catalog. The tiles help promote program, department, college and university-wide initiatives.
- Successfully used EMSI Burning Glass products to analyze labor market research, connect career outcomes to Kent State programs and guide new academic program planning.

- Completed a grant-funded project with Curricular Analytics to input all curriculum and degree plans into a curricular tool that analyzes degree pathways and student success. This program will be used in the future to pull and analyze curriculum and student data from KSU and other universities.
- Oversaw the curriculum recoding project and have begun the first steps of implementing the project.

### *Design Innovation*

- Created the “DI TOOLKIT” to serve as the ‘educational backbone’ to the Design Innovation Initiative. The DI Toolkit forms the basis for the quest of collaborative learning for the students in the DI Fellows Program, but also serves as the core resource for all curricular and co-curricular activities we organize through DI. We hosted a membership-wide DI TOOLKIT Workshop to review the DI Toolkit in November 2021.
- Developed two international-partner workshops: PUCPR Brazil Student Design Innovation Workshop as well as a DI Executive Professional Workshop for Brazilian and South American participants to come to Kent State and work on collaborative challenge-based innovation in the DI HUB during the Summer 2022 sessions. Eleven students from the “Kent State American Academy” program will be here for two weeks in July; and the executive professional workshop takes place in August.
- Featured in TechOhio’s online publication and social media highlighting the DI Hub and its new approach to higher education.
- Produced SkyHack 3.0 – Aviation/Aerospace Innovation Hackathon in November 2021 in partnership with LaunchNET and the College of Aeronautics and Engineering. This event hosted 55 students to compete in teams over a 36-hour period (5 universities, 19 majors, 33% underrepresented students).
- Partnered with Red Door Films (based out of Los Angeles) to sponsor the “Play with a Purpose” challenge stream as part of SkyHack 3.0.
- Collaborated as part of the leadership team to host the online Fashion Tech Hackathon with the School of Fashion in January 2022 using the “GatherTown” platform.
- Facilitated \$1M of support from the Burton D. Morgan Foundation to name the “Burton D. Morgan Foundation Suite” in the DI HUB, including the previously established “Marty J. Erbaugh i3Lab.”
- Hosted five student teams as the first cohort of participants in the i3Lab program (in collaboration with LaunchNET) during the Spring 2022 semester. The i3Lab is a physical space to house student teams who will ideate, innovate, and incubate their ventures through a product accelerator, which is led collaboratively by Kent State’s LaunchNET and DI programs.
- Hosted Learning Innovations Extended Reality (XR) Conference Series in March with more than 100 attendees.

- Co-led four pre-collegiate educational grants to engage students in Design Innovation collaborations:
  - Jennings Foundation Grant: Deep Learning with Extended Reality (XR) Grant – supported teacher teams from eight middle schools in Northeast Ohio to learn and then build projects for their students around the use of XR tools.
  - Burton D. Morgan Foundation Changemakers Grant: Design Innovation Change Agents – supporting teachers from five Northeast Ohio high schools to learn and apply the Design Innovation Toolkit to propose and facilitate pilot collaborative projects with their students.
  - Akron Community Foundation Grant: This grant supported the DI Team to visit and introduce the “Superpowers” app to new freshmen at Firestone High School on their first day of class as well as to host a longer-term project between the fashion and architecture pathway students to tackle complex challenges. After mentoring the teachers and students through the stages of collaborative innovation, the 67 students in 12 teams came to the DI HUB to present their final outcomes.
  - Jennings Foundation Grant: Girls4STEAM: Connecting for Innovation grant. This project involved STEM students who identify as female or non-binary at Firestone High School and engaging them in both social and project-based learning activities to reinforce their belonging in STEM disciplines. Additional activities included hosting middle-school workshops in the DI HUB for girls to learn about coding and 3D design and printing.
- **Hosted the International Human Computer Interactions conference in the DI HUB in December 2021. This led to continuing collaborations with a sociology digital labs research team from the University of Twente, Netherlands to partner on implementing and growing the research on “Digital Natural Environments” to assist in promoting health and well-being for elderly or less ambulatory individuals. The project will be implemented in the DI HUB’s Blank\_Lab environment including partners from BHRI and Computer Science.**
- Launched a unique DI partnership course with the I-School’s Reinberger Children’s Library and the School of Emerging Media and Technology to host the course “Children’s Literature in Augmented Reality” in the DI HUB in Spring 2022. During the Fall 2021 semester, in partnership with ESDRI, we hosted the DI Challenge Based Innovation course to support the international BioDesign Challenge; our selected team from the course will represent Kent State at the international event in June 2022.
- Launched the Design Innovation Faculty Fellows Program where the first cohort of six faculty members will participate in the program for the 2022-23 Academic year.
- Added the Visual Communication Design “Creative Labs” as part of DI Nodes network of maker-resources in the DI Ecosystem.

- Co-designed and delivered a Northeast Ohio Nursing Workforce Design Innovation Workshop with Dean Johnson-Mallard, College of Nursing. The workshop hosted student, early/mid-career and executive nurses with Summa Health, Cleveland Clinic, Metro Health and Akron General in partnership with the College of Nursing.
- Held the first Pinning Ceremony for the DI Fellows Program to induct the eight students who have achieved “DI Fellow” status to date.
- Led the proposal and facilitated the hosting of a Northeast Ohio Regional Innovation Hub Workshop and Tour as part of the annual Deshpande Symposium (held in Cleveland in Summer 2022). The roving workshop/tour includes the DI HUB, Bounce Innovation Hub, and CWRU’s Thinkbox as locations for touring and engaging as part of the pre-conference experience.
- Installed the “Tower of Squares” public art piece created by Owen Morrell to serve as a greeting to the DI HUB at the third floor (Esplanade) entrance.
- Helped to launch and host the inaugural partnership for the Haymaker’s Farmer’s Market to hold events on the Kent Campus (Spring 2022 dates were hosted in the DI Hub).

### *Global Education*

- Updated Statistics
  - Top 9% for international enrollment according to Open Doors 2021
  - Kent State is home to international students from 98 countries
  - The American Academy dual-enrollment program in Brazil grew by 11%
  - Top 100 for study abroad ranking at #71 according to Open Doors
  - Largest American study abroad program in Florence, Italy
- **Kent State University was the only university to receive the Simon Award for Comprehensive Internationalization by NAFSA: Association of International Educators.**
- Jameela Abdulla presented the poster: "Getting the Most Out of Your Student Workers" and was selected as the top poster in the Model Practices in International Enrollment Management theme for NAFSA 2022.
- Sara Morato, Assistant Director of Education Abroad, serves on the scholarship committee of the Ohio International Consortium.
- Molly Papay, Senior Education Abroad Advisor, was selected as a national reviewed of the Benjamin Gilman Scholarship, a prestigious US Department of State scholarship program for elite study abroad students.
- Salma Benhaida, Director of International Recruitment, Admissions, and Sponsored Student Services, continues to serve in the chair stream of the NAFSA (Association of international Educators) Enrollment Management Board and annual conference committee for Spring 2022.

- Sarah Malcolm, Executive Director, was an invited expert panelist at the ARCA Conference in Ecuador.
- Sarah Malcolm presented: “Models for Structuring an International Office to Foster Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Retention” at the AIEA conference in New Orleans
- **Signed agreement for the acquisition of the Paris American Academy.**
- **Signed 6 new university partnership agreements (University of Education Winneba in Ghana, Hashemite University in Jordan, Applied Science University in Jordan, University of Witwatersrand in South Africa, Chonnam National University in South Korea, Green River College in Seattle, Washington).**
- **Signed five-year sponsored student agreement with Rwanda Ministry of Defense for enrollment in Aeronautics and Air Traffic Control Programs.**
- Finalized new recruitment center in Ho-Chi-Min City (Vietnam)
- Received Board of Trustees approval for a new recruitment center in Kigali (Rwanda).
- Launched \$20M fund raising campaign for scholarship endowment.
- **Launched the Florence Higher Education Alliance and added Effat University as our first international partner.**
- **Hosted 14 degree-seeking international graduate students as part of the prestigious Fulbright program funded by the U.S Department of State and anticipating 6 more placements for Fall 22.**
- Awarded U.S Department of State grant to host 6 students in the Ugrad Pakistan program for Fall 21 and Spring 2022. Awarded the U.S Department of State UGRAD World Learning grant to host 3 undergraduate students Fall 21 and 6 in Spring 2022 from Ukraine, Ethiopia, Niger, Malaysia and Macedonia. FY2021-22 was a record-breaking year for our sponsored program.
- Our international recruitment initiatives and strategies this academic year generated a 172% increase in international applications for Fall 2022 compared with the previous year and a 66% increase in Fall 22 admits.
- Resumed the International Cook-off in February during I Heart Travel Week.
- Implemented the Passport Scholarship Fund that will assist students in applying for a passport for free.
- Launched the American Academy in Florence program where American Academy students take one of their required courses in Florence, Italy.
- Offered two sessions for the Florence Summer Institute (June and July session).
- Has a record number of students for the Florence Health Institute with 25 enrolled students.
- Co-hosted a donor cooking event in collaboration with Center for Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement.
- Created and implemented the Annual Education Abroad Photo Contest with 38 student entries and 4 students selected as winners in each category (Flashes Abroad, Scenic Snapshot, Cultural Connections and The Classroom Expanded).



- Continued offering the language exchange partner program with 43 KSU students and 134 partner students who participated in the fall 2021 virtual language partner program.

#### *University Outreach and Engagement*

- **Over \$1.3m in external dollars secured this past year in federal, state and local grants including a new federal TRIO Educational Opportunity Center (EOC). EOC provides counseling and information on postsecondary education options and financial literacy to qualified adults. These are highly competitive federal grants, and it is a testament to Kent State's commitment to access to receive one of these five-year grants. The Kent State Upward Bound federal TRIO Programs were refunded for five years bringing in over \$1m annually. The programs have been continuously funded since 1971 and 1999 respectively, and provide fundamental support to first-generation, limited income students to pursue higher education.**
- **Kent State I Promise Scholars were selected as the recipient for the funds raised by the NBA All Stars game. Team LeBron brought in over \$500,000 to support our current Kent State I Promise Scholars. This is an extension of our partnerships with the LeBron James Family Foundation that also included successful fundraising in honor of the Jayden Shippe Lane fund. Over \$16,000 was raised during Giving Tuesday.**
- **Kent State's commitment to access and educational opportunity is evidenced by our Akron Public Schools partnerships. This past year, Kent State architecture, engineering, art, design innovation and communication faculty provided hands-on, in-depth experiences for the Firestone College & Career academies. Over 700 9th – 12th grade students benefitted from these dynamic opportunities including campus visits, career exploration and workshops that totaled an investment of nearly 1,500 hours of time and talent. Kent State also launched the first Akron Public Schools Senior Visitation Day where over 300 students participated.**
- **The Blue, Gold & Grateful Employee Appreciation program, year 2, continued to be a great success and brought in over \$36,000 to local businesses.**
- **The Bowman Breakfast returned and featured our new Athletic Director. Over 100 community and university members attended this longstanding Town & Gown event.**
- **Kent-Skates was launched, illustrating a true community-university partnership. Over 15,000 visitors enjoyed the rink. There were over 950,000 media impressions from websites, news channels, print and radio.**
- **Kent State was selected into the Association for Public & Land-Grant Universities Innovation & Economic Prosperity (IEP) cohort. This is a multi-year process to achieve the prestigious IEP designation.**



- **Kent State received a new Choose Ohio First award from the Ohio Department of Education, totaling over \$1.5m dollars. This is in addition to the 2021 award for over \$3.5m. Choose Ohio First seeks to increase the number of Ohio residents completing STEM majors. Kent State's history of access, student success and strong research and academic STEM programs demonstrate why the State selects Kent State for these pivotal opportunities for students.**
  - Kent State First Star Academy garnered national recognition for their work with the Tiffany Haddish She Ready Foundation and the First Star national Scholarship Advisory Council. The She Ready Foundation donated luggage to our First Star scholars to use for their trip to Washington, DC in April. This was the first time many of the students had ever left the state. Kent State First Star Academy has led the national Scholars Advisory Council, bringing youth impacted by foster care together across the country to advocate, educate and bring awareness to foster care causes and needs.
  - University Outreach & Engagement brought over 300 students for various summer opportunities ranging from one-week to five-weeks. Faculty and staff across all of the colleges designed engagement hands-on experiences and courses for students.
-