Dear Kent State Tuscarawas Community,

It is hard to believe that the academic year is drawing to a close. Let me begin by congratulating our 424 graduates from our associate and baccalaureate programs, many of whom will be participating in Commencement on May 8th. The exercise is held in our beautiful Performing Arts Center and will be a truly memorable experience for our graduates and their guests.

This time is bittersweet, as we are not only saying so long to our graduates, but also saying farewell to several retiring faculty. Associate Professors Dan Fuller, John Jewell, Robin Lashley, Milagros Quesada and Lecturer Jim Carlton have all decided to retire at the end of this academic year. Please take the time over the next weeks to thank each of these individuals for their many years of dedicated service to the campus. Each brought a unique set of talents to the campus both inside and outside the classroom. These talents will be greatly missed. We hope that each of them will remain connected to the campus in the years to come.

I want to extend a special thank you to my predecessor, Dr. Gregg Andrews, who has led the campus to new heights over his 19-year career as Dean and Chief Administrative Officer of Kent State Tuscarawas. Dr. Andrews is also retiring after 30 years of service to the university. On a personal note, thank you for your assistance and help to my wife and I during this transitional year.

The year has been very eventful, with so many good and positive things occurring that I cannot begin to list them all. I have been most impressed during this year with the spirit that is evident every day among students, faculty and staff, all dedicated to the common goal - excellence in teaching, learning and scholarship, which is the hallmark of Kent State Tuscarawas.

I have a great summer and see you again in August!

Sincerely,

Bradley A. Bielski, Ph.D.
Dean and Chief Administrative Officer
GETTING TO KNOW...

Shandi Wengert

A Junior Majoring in Business Management

Graduation Dates: “I will receive an Associate of Applied Business in Business Management Technology on May 8, and a bachelor’s degree in business management in May 2016.”

Experiential and Internship Opportunities: “Because of working at the Kent State Tuscarawas bookstore for more than three years, I have been fortunate to meet many people and make several local business connections. As a member of the planning committee for the Women in Business Expo, held on campus, I met Martha Simon, owner of Wilshire Banquet Center in Bolivar and began an internship there in April 2014. My duties consist of scheduling and planning events ranging from a large wedding and reception to a small business meeting, managing multiple social media accounts, researching and implementing new marketing and advertising strategies and techniques, creating brochures, flyers, etc. with graphic design programs, and more. I have learned valuable information about what it really takes to run a small business. From managing finances to simply getting the business name out to the public, I have experienced many different business situations while learning how to solve business problems.”

What I Like Most About Kent State Tuscarawas: “I love the size of this campus because it has the ability to provide such a great student-faculty relationship. I have respect for the professors because they are very personable and they actually care about my success.”

Involvement in Extra-Curricular:
“I am a member of the Women in Business Expo planning committee, the Kent State Tuscarawas Alumni Association and the Women’s Success Series.”

Scholarships: “I have been very lucky and I am very grateful to be the recipient of a Chestnut Society Scholarship and a Tuscarawas County University Foundation Scholarship, which help me pay for my tuition.”

Post-Graduation Plans: “After I receive my bachelor’s degree in business management next May, I plan to work toward a master’s degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing. I truly enjoy the concepts and fundamentals of marketing, and I love that making use of today’s technology is crucial to marketing success. I haven’t decided which grad school I would like to attend, but I plan to apply to multiple programs.”

Employees are Invited to the
FACULTY RETIREMENT OPEN HOUSE
in honor of
DAN FULLER
JOHN JEWELL
ROBIN LASHLEY
MILAGROS QUESADA
April 30, 4-6 p.m.
in the Performing Arts Center
Balcony Lobby

DAN FULLER
English
JOHN JEWELL
English
ROBIN LASHLEY
Psychology
MILAGROS QUESADA
Music

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Dr. John Pleshinger

a Dedicated Adjunct Faculty Member

Since 1992, Dr. John Pleshinger has been employed by EmergiMed Inc., which staffs Union Hospital’s emergency room. He has held the positions of Emergency Medical Services Director, Chief of the Department of Emergency Medicine, President of Union Hospital Medical Staff, Chairman of Union Hospital’s Credentials Committee, Chairman of Union Hospital’s Utilization Management Committee and currently serves as Chief of the Department of Emergency Medicine.

During the past 20 years, Dr. Pleshinger has also found time to share his medical expertise by teaching biology at Kent State Tuscarawas and at the Stark Campus. As an adjunct faculty member, Pleshinger usually teaches one course per semester with the courses varying between Human Biology, Structure and Function and Human Physiology. While he is approved to teach all the biology courses, he prefers to teach Human Physiology.

“I like teaching Human Physiology because it is a junior level course – a higher level,” says Pleshinger. “All the courses have good points. Teaching freshmen is rewarding because it’s their first college experience and you have a chance to introduce the students to college level sciences. It’s always nice when a student comes up after class and says, ‘That’s Amazing! It’s an ‘aha’ moment.’”

A well-respected physician and professor, Dr. Pleshinger likes teaching at Kent State Tuscarawas and working his teaching schedule around his full-time medical career.

“The campus is very flexible with my teaching schedule, working around my hospital schedule,” comments Pleshinger. “It allows me to teach at the college level which I have always enjoyed. My ER schedule comes out two months in advance so I have the ability to schedule one to two days a week off which I use for my teaching days on campus.”

In addition to these positions, Dr. Pleshinger is also a clinical assistant professor of emergency medicine at Northeast Ohio Medical University. The senior level medical students are required to do emergency medicine rotations and will utilize Union Hospital’s emergency room for that clinical experience beginning in the fall.

Along with his love of medicine and teaching, Dr. Pleshinger has a fascinating hobby as a self-taught astronomer with an observatory in the pasture outside his home. For the past five years, he has been teaching astronomy classes a couple days a year at Dover High School as part of the physics curriculum.

Dr. Pleshinger earned a Bachelor of Science in Zoology, a Master of Science in Cell Biology and his medical degree from Louisiana State University. He completed his emergency medicine residency at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Cleveland and is certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Pleshinger and his wife, Chris, have four children and reside in Bolivar.
CAMPUS EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Kent State Tuscarawas Nights at The Quaker Cinema – Every Thursday, BOGO with Kent State ID
Summer Semester – Registering Now
Fall Semester – Registering Now
Spring Fest – April 30, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Student Computer Designed Art Show – April 30, 7-9 p.m. at the Tuscarawas County Center for the Arts
May 4th Voices – April 30 and May 4, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $10 or $5 with a Student ID
Finals Week – May 4 - 9
Employee Picnic – May 5, noon - 1 p.m.
Commencement Practice – May 8, 9:30 a.m. at the Performing Arts Center
Alumni Graduate Lunch – May 8, 11 a.m. in Founders Hall Student Union. Free and open to 2015 graduates.
Commencement – May 8, graduate check-in at 6 p.m., ceremony begins at 7 p.m.
Night Ranger – May 16, 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center
Memorial Day – May 25, Campus Closed
College for Kids – June 22-26, for more information, visit www.kent.edu/tusc/bcs
Franco D’Ambrosio – June 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center
Independence Day Observed – July 3, Campus Closed
Fall Semester Begins – Aug. 31

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

Beverly Warren • Twelfth President

The Presidential Inauguration activities at Kent State Tuscarawas began with the planting of an oak tree in front of the Tolloty Technology Incubator to commemorate the inauguration of Dr. Beverly J. Warren as the 12th President of Kent State University. Dr. Brad Bielski led the ceremony by giving remarks, stating, “Much as the oak is known for strength and perseverance, we know that Dr. Warren will also provide steadfast leadership for our university, likewise standing strong through all things.” Faculty and staff representatives assisted in the planting of the tree.

Additional activities include:

Tues., April 28 – Student Research Project Poster Display
All Day in Founders Hall Lobby

Wed., April 29 – Faculty & Staff vs. Students Softball Game
3 p.m. Outside of the Student Union
English Club Poetry Slam
6:30 p.m. in the Academic Learning Commons

Thurs., April 30 – Spring Fest Luau and Pig Roast
11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Outside Founders Hall Main Lobby
New Philadelphia Steel Drum Band Performance
Noon Outside Founders Hall Main Lobby
Spring Production May 4th Voices
7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center

Fri., May 1 – Simulcast of Inauguration Ceremony
2 p.m. in Founders Hall Auditorium

GOLDEN EAGLES GOLF

Cameron Mazziotta, Kent State Tuscarawas junior and two-year letterman, is shown putting on the 4th green during the OSU Titan Invitational at The Links at Echo Spring Golf Course in Granville, Ohio. Cameron made the putt for par and the Golden Eagles finished fourth of 10 teams in the tournament with a team score of 323.

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