SPRING ENROLLMENT

While enrollment is down at Kent State University at Stark for spring 2020, persistence is up. (see Figures 1-4 on p. 2):

- Total concurrent undergraduate enrollment is 4,154 students, a decline of 6.3% from the previous year.
- Total full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment is 2,122 students, a decline of 7.4% from the previous year.
- Concurrent undergraduate enrollment has declined 11.0% and FTE enrollment has declined 29.1% from their peaks in 2011.
- Total preponderant undergraduate enrollment is 3,020 students, a decline of 7.9%
- Persistence from fall 2019 to spring 2020 increased 2.9 percentage points from the previous year to 78.8%.
- Stark County, Kent State Stark’s primary market area, continues to shrink. Undergraduate concurrent enrollment from Stark County declined 9.5% from spring 2019.
Spring Enrollment

Figure 1 displays actual concurrent and full-time equivalent enrollment from 2009 to 2020, and Figure 2 displays the trend line, a 3-year moving average, of the concurrent and full-time equivalent enrollment.

Undergraduate concurrent enrollment at Kent State University at Stark continued its decline in spring 2020, and has increased the rate of annual decline from 1.0% in 2018, to 4.7% in 2019, to 6.3% in 2020 (Figure 3).

Although the full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment declined more than concurrent enrollment, 7.4% versus 6.3%, the rate of decline in FTE enrollment slowed from the previous year from 8.8% in 2019 to 7.4% in spring 2020 (Figure 3).

Persistence improved from fall 2019 to spring 2020 over fall 2018 to spring 2019 for full-time undergraduate students, part-time undergraduate students, and combined (full- and part-time) undergraduates (Figure 4).

Valentine’s Day Fun Facts

In A.D. 496 Pope Gelasius I declared February 14 as Valentine’s Day. Later, in the 1840s, Esther Howland of Massachusetts is credited with selling the first mass-produced Valentine’s cards.

With February 14th on a Friday this year, why not plan a long weekend to one of these lovely destinations: Staying fairly close to home, you could venture off to Loveland, Ohio (population 12,770), where you could gaze into the Little Miami River. Heading south, nestled in the foothills of the Appalachians is Love Valley, NC (population 100+). Another option, just outside of Chicago, is the village, Romeoville (population 39,624), “where community matters.” Perhaps the loveliest destination of all is Valentine, TX (population 125), where you could enjoy a nightly rental at one of the Love Shak’s cozy cowboy campers or boutique RVs.

Last-minute Valentine’s gifts can be purchased at one of the 21,300 jewelry stores, 12,661 flower shops, 3,451 candy and nut store, 1,349 chocolate makers, or 514 non-chocolate candy makers in the U.S. California tops the list of chocolate makers with 137 and Pennsylvania is 2nd with 119.

Thanks a bunch to our foreign friends from whom the U.S. imports $156 million in cut flowers & $89 million in fresh cut roses and buds in February.

Lastly, about 66% of people aged 15 and older in the U.S. have been married. Of those, 3 out of 4 have been married once, nearly 1 out of 5 has been married twice, and 1 out of 20 has been married 3 or more times!

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Kent State Stark’s market areas continue to evolve based on enrollment trends. Figures 5 and 6 display the changes from spring 2011 to spring 2020 concurrent enrollment by market area, and Figures 7 and 8 provide a visual comparison of market areas in 2011 and 2020 based on concurrent undergraduate enrollment.

- Figure 6 shows that Kent State Stark’s tertiary market (which includes the Stark County border counties of Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Mahoning, Portage, Tuscarawas, and Wayne) has been larger than Kent State Stark’s secondary market since 2018.

- Kent State Stark’s potential market of Medina, although small in size, has grown 200%, from 24 in 2011 to 72 in 2020 (Figures 7 and 8).

- The decline in enrollment in Kent State Stark’s primary and secondary markets is outpacing the gains in enrollment in the tertiary and potential markets (Figure 6).

Kent State Stark enrolled 2,850 students from Stark County at its peak enrollment in 2011 and currently enrolls 2,087. Kent State Stark enrolled 979 students from Summit County in 2011 and now enrolls 691, enrolled 569 students from its tertiary market area in 2011 and now enrolls 716, and enrolled 24 students from Medina County in 2011 and now enrolls 72.
GRANT ACTIVITY

Table 2: In the first quarter of fiscal year (FY) 2020, Kent State Stark faculty and staff submitted 10 grant proposals and were awarded all 10. First quarter grants submitted were valued at $1.55 million and the awards were valued at $1.35 million, since the value of one award was reduced. The dollar value of first quarter FY 2020 grant awards is greater than the total dollar value combined of FY 2018 and FY 2019 awards, and is greater than any single year value of grant awards since 2013, when Stark Campus began collecting grant metrics.

In FY2020 Q2, which began October 1, Kent State Stark faculty and staff members submitted 10 proposals, valued at $148,587, of which 7 have been awarded valued at $37,312 and 3 are pending valued at $117,921. The Stark Campus has submitted 3 grants valued at $221,000 in third quarter FY 2020 and has received 1. There are 5 grants pending valued at $325,621.

Through a partially completed third quarter, the award rate continues to be an unprecedented 100%!

Grant Submissions

The following faculty recently submitted grant proposals:

- **A. Bathi Kasturiarachi, Ph.D.**, Mathematical Association of America, Dolciani Mathematics Enrichment Grant, “Stark County Summer Math Academy,” ($5,000).

- **Chrissy Kauth, R.N., Ph.D.** and **Lyndy Beckley, R.N., M.S.N.**, Letter of Inquiry to The Aultman Foundation, Grants Program, “Strengthening Career Readiness in Critical Care Nursing to Improve Patient Care in Stark County,” ($6,650).

- **Matthew Lehnert, Ph.D., Eric Taylor, Ph.D., Carrie Schweitzer, Ph.D.** and Jean Engohany-Ndong, Ph.D., National Science Foundation, Major Research Instrumentation, “MRI: Acquisition of an Atomic Force Microscope to Strengthen Undergraduate Research, Support Science Courses, and Facilitate Cross-Disciplinary Partnerships,” ($216,000).
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The following is a list of grants, awards, and competitions listed by educational area with upcoming deadlines. Please contact Theresa Ford (tford15@kent.edu or x 53580) if you have any questions regarding an opportunity on this list or wish to apply to one.

Arts and Humanities

- Arts Midwest, Arts Midwest Touring Fund, ($500-$4,000), supports the performance of an artist/ensemble in dance, music, theatre, or musical theater and a public performance and a community activity and reaches an audience with limited access to the arts; will pay up to 20% of the artist(s) fee; deadline April 29, 2020.
- College Art Association, Millard Meiss Publication Fund, supports book-length scholarly manuscripts in the history of art, visual studies, and relates subjects that have been accepted by a publisher, but cannot be published in the most desireable form without a subsidy, deadline March 15, 2020.
- Houston Center for Contemporary Craft, Artist Residency Program, ($600 monthly stipend that includes a housing/materials allowance), 3-12 month residency for craft artists working in wood, metal, fiber, glass, clay, and mixed media, deadline March 1, 2020.
- Ohio Arts Council, ArtsNEXT grant, funding for bold, ground-breaking projects, deadline March 1, 2020.
- Ohio Arts Council, ArtSTART Grant, general project support, deadline April 1, 2020.
- Ohio Humanities Council, Monthly Grants ($2,000), deadline 1st business day of month; Media Planning Grants, ($2,000), deadline 1st business day of month; Cultural Heritage Tourism Planning Grant, ($2,000) deadline 1st business day of month; General Grants Program: Quarterly Grants ($5,000); and Major Grants (up to $20,000).
- Pollock-Krasner Foundation, Grants for Artists in Need, (size of award varies), dual criteria for grants are recognizable artistic merit and financial need, whether professional, personal, or both to individuals who have worked as artists over a significant period of time, deadline open.
- Women’s Studio Workshop, Calendar of residencies/grants, deadlines from April 1 – November 15, 2020.

Global Education

- 100,000 Strong in the Americas, Innovation Fund, 2019 U.S.-Mexico Innovation Fund Competition for Economic and Financial Inclusion and Agricultural Sustainability for Inequality Reduction ($25,000) to promote academic exchange and training opportunities, deadline March 2, 2020.

Internal – KSU Grants and Programs

- Kent State of Wellness, Seeds of Wellness mini-grants, (up to $1,000), supports initiatives related to alcohol and drug use, mental health, nutrition, physical activity, preventive care, safety, sexual health, and smoking and tobacco use, deadline rolling until funds are exhausted.

Multiple Disciplines

- John Templeton Foundation, Small and Large Grants, (small is up to $234,800 and large is > $234,800), supports research and public engagement in major funding areas: Science and the Big Questions: Mathematical & Physical Sciences, Human Sciences, Philosophy and Theology, and Public Engagement; Character Virtue Development; Individual Freedom and Free Markets; Exceptional Cognitive Talent & Genius; Genetics; and Voluntary Family Planning, deadline August 14, 2020 (letter of inquiry) and January 15, 2021 (full proposal for large grants and TBD for small grants).

Nursing / Health Care

- Aultman Foundation, Grants, (~ $5,000), focus on wellness, health education or human services; special consideration to projects that provide services to the underserved, especially the elderly and children, and/or helps to solve a community health need related to mental illness, obesity, infant mortality, opioid and drug abuse, and access to care, deadlines: February 14, 2020 (LOI) and February 28, 2020 (application by invitation only).
- Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA), Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students, ($40,000 cap/student to scholarship award), provide scholarships to students from disadvantaged backgrounds (including low-income, academic-under-preparedness, first generation, and minority) enrolled full-time in a health profession program or nursing program, deadline March 2, 2020.
Poverty

- Lever for Change, Economic Opportunity Challenge, ($10 million), to the most scalable, transformative, and proven solution that meaningfully expands economic opportunity for low-income individuals in the US; proven, data-driven solutions that are ready to serve as a model for and be replicated in communities across the US, deadlines January 28, 2020 (registration) and February 18, 2020 (application).

Social Justice

- Nathan Cummings Foundation, Fellowship program, (up to $150,000 over 18 months), to pursue a visionary social justice, economic justice, and/or climate change objective; interested in projects that demonstrate exceptional vision and a willingness to disrupt entrenched systems and take risks; all projects must relate to either inequality or climate change, deadline letter of inquiry accepted year-round.
- Public Welfare Foundation, Criminal and Social Justice Programs, supports groups working on sentencing reform at the state level and working on ending the criminalization and over-incarceration of youth in the US and policy and system reforms to improve the lives of low-wage working people in the US, deadline rolling (Letters of Intent).

Social Sciences

- Russell Sage Foundation, Small Grants in Behavioral Economics, to support high quality research in behavioral economics and to encourage young investigators to enter this developing field, deadline rolling.
- Smith Richardson Foundation, Domestic Public Policy Program, ($25,000 - $104,000), supports projects that help the public and policy makers understand and address critical challenges facing the United States, deadline open (Concept Paper).

Special Collections/Research Libraries – Travel & Research Grants (with March and April deadlines)

Please note that many of these grants encourage scholars to call the library before applying, and many have specific time periods covered by the fellowship for library/collections use. Listed in order of upcoming deadlines; those with no deadlines are listed first.

- Emory University, Subject-Specific Fellowships:
  - Marcus Garvey Foundation Fellowships, ($500), deadline March 23.
- Georgia College and State University, Library Research Grants, ($1,500), deadline March 2, 2019.
- Herbert Hoover Presidential Foundation, Herbert Hoover Travel Grant, ($500-$1,500), for travel and research expenses related to the use of the holdings of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, deadline March 1, 2019.
- Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, Moody Research Grants, ($600-$3,000), supports travel/per diem spent conducting research at the LBJ Library, deadlines March 15 and September 15.
- State University of New York, University at Buffalo, University of Buffalo Libraries Special Collections Fellowships, (up to $4,000), special collections include the Poetry Collection, University Archives, Rare Books, the Music Library, the Polish Collection, and the History of Medicine Collection, deadline March 28, 2019.
- University of Chicago, University of Chicago Library, Special Collections Research Center, Robert L. Platzman Memorial Fellowships, ($3,000), deadline March 19, 2019.
- University of Michigan, Bentley Historical Library, Mark C. Stevens Fellowship and Bordin/Gillette Fellowship, ($2,000), supports research in any area requiring significant use of the Library’s holdings, deadlines March 15 and October 15.
- University of Mississippi, J.D. Williams Library, Department of Archives and Special Collections, Study the South Research Fellowship, ($1,500), deadline March 30, 2019.
- University of San Francisco, USF Center for the Pacific Rim, Ricci Institute for Chinese-Western Cultural History, Travel Grants, ($2,000), for travel related expenses to conduct research including Chinese-Western cultural exchange, interaction and/or encounters, Jesuit interaction with China from the late Ming through early 20th century, and/or the history of Christianity in China, deadlines March 31 for summer or fall semester, April 15 for special summer travel grant, and December 15 for spring semester.University of Southern California Libraries, Grants,
  - Wallis Annenberg Research Grants, (up to $1,000), to scholars whose work would benefit from access to primary source materials held in the USC Libraries archival and book collections, deadlines March 15 or September 15.
  - Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation Research Travel Grants program, (up to $2,200), supports research in the holdings of the Gerald R Ford Library collections focus on federal policies, US foreign relations, and national politics in the 1960s and 1970s, deadlines March 15 or September 15.
- University of Wisconsin, Madison, Madison Libraries, Friends of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Libraries (UW-Madison Friends), Grants to Scholars (Grant-in-Aid), ($3,000), deadline March 1, 2019.
- American Historical Association, J. Franklin Jameson Fellowship in American History, ($5,000), deadline April 1, 2019.
- Oregon State University, Oregon State University Libraries, Special Collections and Archives Research Center (SCARC), Resident Scholar Program, ($7,500), deadline April 30, 2019.
Special Collections/Research Libraries – Travel & Research Grants (continued)

- Pennsylvania State University, Eberly Family Special Collections Library, Special Collections Research Travel Award, ($1,500), for applicants residing outside of a 100-mile radius of State College, PA, deadline April 1, 2019.
- University of Massachusetts, Amherst, UMass Amherst Libraries, Special Collections & University Archives (SCUA), Du Bois Visiting Scholars, ($4,500), deadline April 1, 2019.
- University of San Francisco, USF Center for the Pacific Rim, Ricci Institute for Chinese-Western Cultural History, Travel Grants, ($2,000), for travel related expenses to conduct research including Chinese-Western cultural exchange, interaction and/or encounters, Jesuit interaction with China from the late Ming through early 20th century, and/or the history of Christianity in China, deadlines April 15 for special summer travel grant, December 15 for spring semester, and March 31 for summer or fall semester.

STEM, Environment

- American Mathematical Society, China Exchange Program, supports travel of mathematical scientists at institutions in the U.S. or Canada on visits to research colleagues in China and to support travel of less senior mathematical scientists from China to the U.S. or Canada, application open period (December 1, 2019 to March 15, 2020).
- Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation, Environmental Education and Stewardship Grants Program, (up to $25,000), supports specific short-term projects that promise measurable results to improve the environment, deadline March 23, 2020.
- Entomological Society of America (ESA), Fellows of the Entomological Society of America, (free registration to ESA Annual Meeting in the year bestowed), 10 designations made annually to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to entomology in one or more of the following areas: research, teaching, extension and outreach, administration, or military, deadline March 16, 2020.
- Ohio EPA, Ohio Environmental Education Fund, (up to $5,000 – mini grant; $5,000 - $50,000 –general grant), 5 targeted areas of focus: (deadlines July 8, 2020 for letter of intent and July 15, 2020 for application.
  1. Projects that encourage pre-school through university students to explore careers in the environmental sciences and environmental engineering
  2. Projects that encourage and explain the importance of habitat restoration efforts to increase biodiversity and improve air and water quality
  3. Projects that demonstrate and encourage the reduction of air emissions
  4. Projects that demonstrate and encourage the use of innovative storm management practices
  5. Projects that demonstrate and encourage best management practices for nutrients, including targeted efforts to reduce nutrient loadings to rivers and streams from urban and rural areas
- Ohio Space Grant Consortium, Student-Innovative-Creative-Hands-On Project (SICHOP), ($5,000 with 1:1 match where unrecovered or waived indirect costs can count as match), for undergraduate student hands-on projects with a faculty mentor, deadline: proposals accepted at any time.
- Waste Management, Charitable Giving, programs that WM is most motivated to support: environment (renewable resources, conservation, preservation/enhancement of natural resources), environmental education targeted at middle and high school students, including Earth Day projects, and causes important to the areas where WM operates, deadline rolling.
- Woodard & Curran Foundation, Impact Grant, (up to $100,000 over 3 years), supports an innovative project that applies or advances technology to address water (e.g. water, wastewater, stormwater) issues, deadline February 29, 2020.
Students – Summer Research/Internship Opportunities with February & March deadlines

• Institute for Advanced Study, School of Mathematics, Women and Mathematics Program, (travel, room & board, and $600 child care allowance if needed), 2 short courses in machine learning for women undergraduates with knowledge of linear algebra & probability, and an introductory computer science course, deadline February 17, 2020 and notification by mid-March.

• NASA, Intern Program, internships in communication, design, social media, as well as STEM fields that provide unique NASA-related research and operational experiences for undergraduate students at 18 locations across the country, including Cleveland and Sandusky, OH, deadline March 2, 2020 for summer internships.

• National Science Foundation, Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU), (stipends from about $3,500-$6,500, some include room and board or have reduced dorm room rates), supports rising sophomores to rising seniors in STEM fields from 8 to 12 weeks over the summer, including, but not limited to Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Computer and Information Science and Engineering, Cyberinfrastructure, Earth Sciences, Geography, Mathematical Sciences, Physics, etc. at colleges and universities in Ohio and across the country, most deadlines in late January and February.

  Participating Ohio college & universities:

  Cleveland State University, Cleveland, OH
  1. Engineering and Computing in Rehabilitation and Assistive Technologies

  College of Wooster, Wooster, OH
  1. Physics and Chemistry Research

  Kent State University, Kent, OH
  1. Liquid Crystals and Advanced Materials
  2. Mathematics

  Miami University, Oxford, OH
  1. Chemistry & Biochemistry
  2. Ecology in Human-Dominated Landscapes
  3. Physics

  Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
  1. Molecular Biology
  2. Emergent Materials
  3. Mathematical Sciences
  4. The Science of Language and the Language of Science

  Ohio University, Athens, OH
  1. Treatment-Related Research for Youth with Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Problems

  Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH
  1. Interdisciplinary Scientific Computation

  University of Akron, Akron, OH
  1. Polymer Science and Engineering

  University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
  1. Chemistry

  University of Toledo, Toledo, OH
  1. Addressing Environmental Challenges and Proposing Sustainable Solutions at the Lake Erie Land-Lake Interface

• Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, a research campus of Ohio State University, OARDC Research Internship Program (ORIP), Wooster, OH, summer internship from May 11 to July 17, minimum 30 hours/week, approximate stipend of $3,500, deadline February 28, 2020.