All first-year students will participate in a discussion about the summer reading; Everyday Ambassador; Make a Difference by Connecting in a Disconnected World by Kate Otto on Monday, Aug. 20, 2018

**BEFORE THE DISCUSSION**

- Read the book, *Everyday Ambassador* by Kate Otto

- Choose one of the prompts below to type a 2-page essay
  - Must include:
    - your full name
    - your FYE faculty’s name
    - title of the prompt you are choosing to address
    - 11pt Times New Roman font, double-spaced

- Upload your essay by **Sunday, Aug. 19, 2018**

- Bring your book to the discussion

**ESSAY PROMPTS**

**Prompt 1: Digital Jumpstart**
Explore [www.kent.edu](http://www.kent.edu) (the Life at KSU tab can be a good starting point) and identify three possible activities, organizations, or campus resources you plan to get involved in or use.

**Write your essay on the following questions:** How does the author define what an everyday ambassador is? What does being an everyday ambassador mean to you? Which three areas did you choose from the website and how can they help you to become an everyday ambassador in the KSU Community? How can those areas help you to create stronger connections on campus and with your peers?

-OR-

**Prompt 2: Tech-Diet for a Day**
Spend one day over the summer without using any forms of technology or social media.

**Write your essay on the following questions:** What challenges did you experience during the day? What positive experiences/interactions did you have? What does the author describe as the disconnectivity paradox? Do you think the use of technology and social media makes it easier or more difficult to create meaningful connections with people?

*Everyday Ambassador is available at the Kent State University Bookstore. Visit the first floor of the Kent Student Center or order online at kent.bncollege.com*

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