YOUR GIFT WILL HELP:

≥ Provide services and resources that will increase the recruitment and retention of students from underrepresented populations to the College of Education, Health and Human Services (EHHS).
≥ Engage and educate a diverse group of students, faculty and staff through immersion, mentoring and professional development opportunities.
≥ Support expanded scholarships and research/fellowship opportunities for graduate students.
≥ Grow the Diversity Assistance Fund available to students who demonstrate financial need within EHHS.
≥ Strengthen school and community partnerships to increase the recruitment of diverse students into the college’s programs.

RECRUIT, DEVELOP, RETAIN

The Office of Diversity Outreach and Development (DOD) recruits, retains and develops students from underrepresented and diverse populations to help them successfully navigate the college process from admission through graduate school and career achievement.

The DOD is committed to preparing EHHS and local community members to meet the ever changing diversity needs of society, thus helping to reduce barriers to learning and education. This is achieved in several ways: through mentoring programs; by connecting students to university resources; providing financial assistance; forming partnerships with local school districts and programs; and collaborative efforts with professors to provide out-of-classroom learning experiences.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE STUDENT AT A TIME

Your contribution to the Office of Diversity Outreach and Development will support a variety of critical programs such as:

NETWORK OF DIVERSE EDUCATORS PROGRAM (NDEP)

The NDEP provides students of underrepresented populations in the teaching force with a support program that focuses on career development and skill building. It provides in-depth support for future teachers through mentorship from college faculty, school principals, teachers and peers.
LINKEDUP!

The LinkedUP! program links undergraduate students with graduate faculty mentors to assist them in developing their academic and professional competencies. The goal of the program is to provide each student with at least one peer to encourage and assist them during their journey, specifically within EHHS.

HEALTHCARE IN PROGRESS (HIP)

In partnership with Akron Public Schools, Summa Health System, NEOMED and The University of Akron, HIP exposes students to different career opportunities available in healthcare. Throughout the school year, students become involved with area hospitals, and can participate in a summer camp that introduces them to the three colleges within the partnership. At Kent State, Nutrition and Dietetics, Speech Pathology and Audiology and Exercise Science programs are showcased to middle- and high-school students. Your gift will help fund program costs and promotional materials.

SUMMER EXPERIENCE FOR EMERGING DIVERSE SCHOLARS (SEEDS)

The DOD’s Summer Experience for Emerging Diverse Scholars (SEEDS) program promotes graduate education in EHHS to prospective students of African American, Latino American, Asian American and Native American backgrounds. The program allows participating students to meet face-to-face with their future faculty members; build relationships within their own program as well as others; be introduced to the area and local attractions; and ultimately qualify for funding that contributes to their education at Kent State University.

SEEDS participants receive information on graduate assistantship opportunities and program-specific scholarships within EHHS covering up to full tuition and stipend, conference attendance and many other incentives. Students who are not selected for one of these priority funding options receive a $1,000 minimum dean’s scholarship to assist with funding their graduate degree in one of EHHS’s participating graduate programs.

SCHOLARSHIP AID

The Diversity Assistance Fund is an established fund earmarked for supplemental assistance for students demonstrating financial need to cover tuition, books and opportunities that further promote college diversity.

OSCAR RITCHIE SCHOLARS

DOD provides support for students in EHHS who receive the Oscar Ritchie Scholarship in conjunction with the Student Multicultural Center. Periodic updates with students focus on goal setting in achieving personal, academic and social success at Kent State.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT

Your gift will help to support major programs and grow the services available to students.

- $2 MILLION will endow and cover the cost of EHHS BRIDGES Summer Academic Program for Aspiring Scholars in perpetuity
- $300,000 will endow a graduate assistantship
- $120,000 will endow the Summer Experience for Emerging Diverse Scholars (SEEDS) program for students from across the country interested in pursuing a graduate degree in EHHS
- $25,000 will endow a new scholarship for one undergraduate student per year
- $5,000 will enable one student to participate in the Network for Diverse Educators Program
- $500 will provide a book award for one student or support the Diversity Assistance Fund for a student in need

Other examples of long-term priorities are also available. Please contact us for additional information.

“YOUR GIFTS TO EHHS AND DOD SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS AS THEY PREPARE FOR THE COMMUNITIES THEY WILL SERVE IN THE FUTURE.”

- Daniel Diaz Nilsson, Director, Diversity Outreach and Development, College of Education, Health and Human Services

COLLEGE BOUND INITIATIVE (CBI)

DOD is committed to increasing access to higher education by collaborating with local high schools from underrepresented and underserved populations. CBI is a student-centered program designed to assist high school students with managing the college transition process. It provides both imperative information and teaches the skills necessary to accomplish this transition.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS

Graduate assistants contribute greatly to the recruitment and retention of underrepresented students in EHHS. Your contribution will assist with tuition, fees, healthcare costs and a monthly stipend for these graduate students.

These dedicated teaching professionals meet with future teachers to provide them with the additional support they need to be successful in the teaching education program. The network provides future teachers with a wealth of support—building connections and an in-depth focus on advanced study preparation. Your gift will assist with program costs, school visits and a book award for participants each semester.

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Diversity Outreach and Development builds both school and community partnerships to increase the recruitment of diverse individuals into EHHS programs. The goal is to better prepare students to enter college, consider teaching health, science or human service as a career field, and consider Kent State University as their college of choice.

DOD works closely with many community partners and local school districts to create pipelines into higher education, including: Akron Public Schools, Cleveland Metro Schools, Healthcare in Progress, Upward Bound, Cuyahoga Community College and many others. Your gift will assist with costs for college and school visits and financial aid incentives.

“DOD HAS HELPED ME TRANSITION FROM HIGH SCHOOL TO COLLEGE. THEY TOOK ME IN LIKE FAMILY; I HAVE A HOME AWAY FROM HOME. THEY PROVIDED ME WITH RESOURCES AND OPPORTUNITIES I MAY HAVE NEVER BEEN EXPOSED TO. I'M THANKFUL FOR THEM AND ALL THEY HAVE DONE TO MAKE MY FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE A GREAT EXPERIENCE.”

- Makayla Jackson, ’20, Early Childhood Education