Congratulations on your acceptance into the Kent State University School Psychology program! It is evident that you have committed great time and effort to your education and your future to have come this far and be chosen for this program. You’re at the start of an amazing journey toward an extremely rewarding career. This program will compel you to strive for excellence, collaborate with new people, and exceed expectations! Within the new challenges you’ll be facing will come new friendships and a knack for teamwork through the group projects that you’ll encounter; strength in data-based decision-making and evidence-based practices through guided research; and familiarity with ethics and lawful practice to garner earned respect.

It’s very important that you are working with a virus-free computer and have caffeine nearby, as you’ll spend much of your time conducting research, writing papers, completing presentations, and teaching yourself about assessment instruments. You should keep a full gas tank and start getting excited to complete regular visits to schools to gain valuable Field Experience where you’ll learn from practicing School Psychologists about how their jobs look in daily life. Kent State University’s School Psychology program holds very high expectations for their students, which keeps our graduates in high demand!

Feeling overwhelmed or unprepared already? You’re not alone! Many of us felt the same way and won’t deny the stress that accompanies this graduate program but you wouldn’t be here today if you weren’t already someone who works with high aspirations! You can accomplish this and will do so with earned self-confidence and pride, but until then we’re here to help! The SASP board members are here to help you and probably had many of the same questions, concerns, and experiences that you’re about to endure! We’ve all made it this far and are more than happy to help make your new journey a little smoother.

On Behalf of the Student Affiliates in School Psychology (SASP), Welcome!
What is SASP?

Student Affiliates in School Psychology, or SASP, is a graduate student organization, of which KSU School Psychology students are automatically members. SASP works under the guidance of the American Psychological Association (APA), Division 16, and the KSU SASP chapter also recognizes allegiance with the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP). SASP aims to act as a forum for current School Psychology students to discuss academic and professional issues, as well as facilitate social cohesion within the program. SASP provides opportunities for professional and leadership development, and acts as a vehicle for communication within the department, university, and local community.

SASP Goals for 2017-2018

- To facilitate meaningful activities for student involvement including:
  - The coordination of one or more community outreach experiences
  - Volunteering with the KSU Depression Screening
  - Promoting awareness and recruitment to the field through School Psychology Awareness Week
  - Participation in Kent State’s Flashathon
  - The promotion of professional development activities within the community

- To Provide a framework of support for current graduate students by:
  - Encouraging the communication between first and second-year students by providing regular opportunities to discuss questions and concerns related to graduate training and the KSU program
  - Promoting student mentorship by offering support and guidance in the areas of academics, wellness, time management, and scheduling volunteers for assessment purposes
  - Coordinating regular social events

School Psychology Acronyms to Learn:

- SLD – Specific Learning Disability
- OHI – Other Health Impairment
- ASD – Autism Spectrum Disorder
- CD – Cognitive Disability
- ED – Emotional Disturbance
- TBI – Traumatic Brain Injury
- LEP – Limited English Proficient
- FBA – Functional Behavioral Assessment
- CBM – Curriculum Based Measurement
- SLP – Speech Language Pathologist
- OT – Occupational Therapist
- PT – Physical Therapist
- SPSY – School Psychology
- ODE – Ohio Department of Education
- OSPA – Ohio School Psychologists Association
- NASP – National Association of School Psychologists
- IDEA – Individuals with Disabilities Act
- IEP – Individualized Education Program
- ETR – Evaluative Team Report
- RTI – Response to Intervention
- ESSA – Every Student Succeeds Act
Mark Your Calendars for These Upcoming Events:

- September 2017: First Year Representative Elections
- October 14th, 2017: Homecoming Parade
- October 2017: School Psychology Fall Social
- October 2017: Candle Fundraiser
- November 13th-17th, 2017: School Psychology Awareness Week
- KSU Depression Screening: (TBA)

Meet the SASP Board!

Chair: Alex Hubbard  
Vice Chair: Rachele Costarella  
Secretary: Kayla Sharkey  
Treasurer: Morgan Pallo  
GSS SASP Representative: Samantha Robles  
Social & Mentorship Coordinator: Brittany Woodard  
National, State, & Local Liaison: Franklin Ziccardi  
Doctoral Representative: Sara Boyle  
Intern Representative: Morgan Gates  
First Year Representatives: TBD

Schedule of Fall SASP Meetings
(Meetings begin at 3:30 p.m. located in room 414-H)

- September 5, 2017
- October 10, 2017
- November 7, 2017
- December 5, 2017

Check Your E-mail
Most communication within the SASP community at Kent State University is done so through e-mail. You will be notified of social events, volunteer opportunities, meeting dates and times, and other various informational items by these means, so please be attentive and become involved!!
Professional Membership Organizations
American Psychological Association (APA)
National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)
Ohio School Psychologists Association (OSPA)
Kent/Akron Association of School Psychologists (KAASP)
Cleveland Association of School Psychologists (CASP)

NASP 2018 Annual Convention
What is it? This convention is an outstanding opportunity for professional development for graduate students of school psychology. Choose from hundreds of educational sessions and converse with leaders in the profession.

When?
The convention takes place February 13th-16th of 2018.

Where?
Hyatt Regency, located in Chicago, Illinois
(Kent students should highly consider attending the convention. Take advantage of this drivable location as the convention location changes each year!)

For more information click the link below:

KSU School Psychology students at the NASP 2017 Annual Convention located in San Antonio, Texas)

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