Name: Beverly Warren, Ed. D., Ph. D.

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Education:
- B.S. in Health and Physical Education, University of North Carolina at Greensboro
- M.S. in Health and Physical Education, Southern Illinois University
- Ed.D. in Administration of Higher Education, University of Alabama
- Ph.D. in Exercise Physiology, Auburn University

Job Description:
Responsible for overseeing one of the nation’s largest university systems, President Warren leads Kent State in accomplishing its strategic goals. Warren monitors the overall progress of the university; confers with the Board of Trustees and executive officers to plan and initiate programs concerning organizational, operational and academic functions; coordinates functions and operations between divisions; administers universitywide strategic planning activities; develops long- and short-range goals for the university; gives final approval of university budget; represents the Board and the university at various internal and external functions; engages in fundraising and community service activities; and promotes educational, research and public service objectives and policies for Kent State.

Direct Reports: President’s Cabinet

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Name: Charlene K. Reed, Ph.D.

Title: Vice President and University Secretary

Education: B.A. in Mass Media/Communications, The University of Akron
M.A. in Higher Education Administration, The University of Akron
Ph.D. in Education, The University of Akron

Job Description: Responsible for providing comprehensive administrative support to the president and Board of Trustees; facilitates communication and information exchange between members of the Board, the president, university administration, and external agencies and contacts. Vice President Reed provides senior staff support to the president regarding the administration and dissemination of information for the President’s Cabinet and executive team; works with the major university offices in coordinating and delivering crisis response; and serves as the president’s designee on various committees and special projects. As university secretary, Reed coordinates the institutional policy-making process with the Board, president and executive officers; advises the Board on emerging issues, legislative activity and university policy; and oversees and manages the work of the Board.

Direct Reports: Associate Chief of Staff, Vacant
Director, Board Operation and Technology, Michael Kavulic

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Name: Nicholas M. Gattozzi III

Title: Executive Director, Government and Community Relations

Education: B.A. in Political Science and Government, The Ohio State University

Job Description: As Executive Director of Government and Community Relations, Nick Gattozzi leads the Office of Government and Community Relations. The office facilitates university relationships and advances university priorities at the federal, state and local levels of government and with the communities served by the university and its Regional Campuses. The office works closely with the president, provost, vice presidents and other university officials to develop and implement a public policy agenda that advances the president’s vision for the university and its mission. By forging and maintaining valuable relationships between the university, governments, public agencies, community organizations and partners, the university is able to accomplish its mission through advocacy, engagement and collaboration.

Direct Reports: Director of Economic Development and Community Relations, Kelvin Berry
Assistant Director, Government and Community Relations, Shawna Horvath
Senior Legislative Officer, Brady Oxender

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Name: Joel R. Nielsen

Title: Director of Athletics

Education: B.A., Business Finance, Minnesota State University
          M.A., Sports Administration, Minnesota State University

Job Description: Provides leadership to all department activities through a team of administrative, professional and support staff; manages senior staff; establishes goals in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics consistent with the university’s educational mission; and ensures compliance with all regulatory agencies. Director of Athletics Nielsen oversees the entire department budget; ensures student-athletes are properly trained and remain academically eligible; and serves as a member of the President’s Cabinet and Administrative Council. Implements strategies to increase support for athletic programs, student-athlete scholarships and facilities.

Direct Reports: Deputy Director of Athletics, Casey Cegles
               Senior Associate Athletic Director, Senior Woman Administrator, Janet Kittell, Ph.D.
               Senior Associate Athletic Director, Executive Director for Athletic Advancement, Matt Geis
               (Dual report to Division of Institutional Advancement)
               Associate Athletic Director for Academic and Compliance Services, Greg Glaus
               Senior Fiscal Manager, Colin Miller
               (Dual report to Division of Finance and Administration)
               Special Projects Assistant to the Athletic Director, Vacant

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Name: Casey Cegles
Title: Deputy Director of Athletics
Education: B.S., Towson University
M.Ed., Virginia Commonwealth University
Job Description: Serves as primary advisor and liaison to the Director of Athletics. Deputy Director of Athletics Cegles is the most senior among the administrative staff in the department; directs intercollegiate athletic programs by providing leadership and overall direction in a manner consistent with the university’s mission; manages and oversees the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics in the absence of the director of athletics.
Direct Reports: Head Football Coach, Paul Haynes
Head Women’s Basketball Coach, Todd Starkey
Head Men’s Basketball Coach, Rob Senderoff
Director of Ticket Operations and Sales, Dennis Watson
Director of Marketing and Promotions, Heather Cook
Assistant Athletic Director, Facilities and Operations, Stephen Thompson
Director of Athletic Communications, Eugene Canal
Head Equipment Manager, Clifton Ragin Jr.
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Name: Willis Walker

Title: Vice President-General Counsel

Education: B.A., Political Science, The University of Akron
J.D., The University of Akron School of Law
L.L.M., Boston University School of Law

Job Description: Vice President General Counsel Walker is responsible for overseeing the legal affairs of the university. The Office of General Counsel provides legal counsel, litigation and legal risk management, contract drafting and review, compliance oversight, preventative advice, and training to deans, chairs and managers in matters of potential legal risk to the university.

Direct Reports: Associate Vice President and Deputy General Counsel, David L. Ochmann
Associate Counsel, Michael Pfahl
Associate Counsel, Douglas Kubinski
Assistant Counsel, Nichole DeCaprio

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Name: David L. Ochmann

Title: Associate Vice President and Deputy General Counsel

Education: B.S. in Criminal Justice, Kent State University
M.A., Kent State University
J.D., The University of Akron School of Law

Job Description: Associate Vice President and Deputy General Counsel Ochmann reports to Vice President Walker. Ochmann, who began practicing law in 1991, joined the General Counsel staff in 1997. His primary practice areas are employment litigation, human resources, labor, affirmative action, diversity, personnel and workers compensation matters. Ochmann is a member of the Ohio Bar and was admitted to practice before the Federal 6th Circuit Court of Appeals and the United States Supreme Court.

Direct Reports: None

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Name: Todd A. Diacon, Ph.D.
Title: Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost

Education:
- B.A., Southwestern College
- M.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison

Job Description: Provost Diacon leads the largest of Kent State’s six divisions and is responsible for the administration, faculty and staff within the university’s 10 colleges and seven Regional Campuses. Diacon provides leadership in the areas of curriculum, academic personnel and faculty affairs, research, experiential education and civic engagement, student success and global education. As a member of the President’s Cabinet, he assists in the development and administration of university policies and strategic goals.

Direct Reports:
- Vice President, Kent State System Integration, Nathan P. Ritchey
- Senior Associate Provost, Melody J. Tankersley
- Associate Provost, Faculty Affairs, Sue N. Averill
- Associate Provost, Global Education, Marcello Fantoni
- Associate Provost, Academic Affairs, Mandy Munro-Stasiuk
- Senior Associate Vice President, Strategic Enrollment Management, T. David Garcia
- Associate Vice President, Operations and Administration, Jennifer N. McDonough
- Associate Vice President, Academic Budget and Resource Management, Melissa S. Hunter
- Associate Vice President, Continuing and Distance Education, Deborah C. Huntsman
- Director, University Ceremonies, Events and Special Programs, Lashonda M. Taylor
- Project Director, Academic Affairs, Karen M. Keenan
- Assistant to the Provost, Emily S. Myers
- Interim Dean, College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology, Robert G. Sines Jr.
- Dean, College of Architecture and Environmental Design, Mark A. Mistur
- Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, James L. Blank
- Dean, College of the Arts, John R. Crawford-Spinelli
- Dean, College of Business Administration, Deborah F. Spake
- Dean, College of Communication and Information, Amy L. Reynolds
- Dean, College of Public Health, Sonia A. Alemagno
- Interim Dean, College of Education, Health and Human Services, Mark A. Kretovics
- Dean, College of Nursing, Barbara A. Broome
- Dean, University College, Eboni J. Pringle
- Dean, University Libraries, James K. Bracken
- Dean, Graduate Studies, Melody J. Tankersley
- Dean, College of Podiatric Medicine, Allan M. Boike

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Name: Melody J. Tankersley, Ph.D.

Title: Senior Associate Provost

Education:
- B.S., Winthrop University
- M.Ed., Winthrop University
- Ph.D., The University of Virginia

Job Description:
Serves as the senior administrative officer responsible for the Division of Academic Affairs in the absence of the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost. Senior Associate Provost Tankersley provides leadership in the areas of Accreditation, Assessment and Learning; University Registrar; Institutional Research; Curriculum Services; Kent State University Press; ROTC and as delegated by the provost. Tankersley represents the provost at internal and external meetings and events, assists the provost in the development and accomplishment of the Division of Academic Affairs’ goals and objectives, and chairs, convenes, and/or serves on various campus and community committees, task forces and councils.

Direct Reports:
- Assistant Provost for Accreditation, Assessment and Learning, Vacant
- University Registrar, Gail M. Rebeta
- Director, Institutional Research, Wayne G. Schneider
- Interim Director, School of Digital Sciences, Jeffrey Fruit
- Interim Director, Kent State University Press, Kenneth Burhanna
- Executive Director, Curriculum Services, Therese E. Tillet
- Executive Director, LaunchNet Kent State, Julie A. Messing
- Commander, Air Force ROTC, Lt. Colonel James Mullinax
- Army ROTC, Lt. Colonel Matthew J. Fox

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Name: Nathan P. Ritchey, Ph.D.

Title: Vice President for Kent State System Integration
Interim Dean, Regional College

Education: B.A., Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
M.S., Carnegie Mellon University
Ph.D., Carnegie Mellon University

Job Description: Serves as the senior officer responsible for overall leadership of the Kent State University Regional Campus system. Vice President Nathan P. Ritchey oversees the operations of the seven Regional Campuses, promotes student enrollment and academic success, and is responsible for expanding the visibility, influence and effectiveness of Kent State as a catalyst for regional development.

Direct Reports:
- Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Kent State University at Ashtabula, Susan Stocker
- Interim Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Kent State University Columbiana Campuses (East Liverpool and Salem), David Dees
- Interim Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Kent State University at Geauga, Susan Stocker
- Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Kent State University at Stark, Denise Seachrist
- Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Kent State University at Trumbull, Lance Grahn
- Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Kent State University at Tuscarawas, Bradley Bielski
- Executive Director, Academic Budget and Resource Management, Christine Hill

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Name: Robert G. Sines Jr.

Title: Interim Dean, College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology

Education: B.S., Augusta State University
            M.A., Pepperdine University

Job Description: Responsible for the College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology and its primary units of Applied Engineering and Aeronautical Studies. Dean Sines has authority over the development and supervision of program budgets; recommendations regarding the appointment and retention of all staff; recommendations and implementation of program and course offerings; establishment of course assignments and workloads; assistance in the administration of the university’s personnel and affirmative action policies; and enforcement of all university regulations, policies and procedures.

Direct Reports:
- Associate Dean, I. Richmond Nettey
- Senior Program Director, Aeronautics, Maureen R. McFarland
- Project Manager, Jackie A. Ruller
- Outreach Program Manager, William T. Southards
- Faculty, College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology

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Name: Mark Mistur, FAIA

Title: Dean, College of Architecture and Environmental Design

Education: B.S., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
B.Arch., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute  
M.S., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Job Description: Responsible for all aspects of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design and its undergraduate, graduate and professionally accredited degrees. Dean Mistur’s responsibilities include curriculum, finances, faculty and students located on the Kent Campus, at Playhouse Square in Cleveland, and in the Palazzo Vettori in Florence, Italy. Mistur oversees the operations of the Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative.

Direct Reports:  
Associate Dean, William T. Willoughby  
Director, Architecture Program, Jonathan P. Fleming  
Director, Interior Design Program, Pamela K. Evans  
Director, Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative, Theresa A. Schwarz  
Interim Director, Landscape Architecture, Charles M. Frederick  
Director, Advancement, Martha K. Ring  
Advising Director, Sandra R. Randulic  
Coordinator, Health Care Design, Vacant  
Coordinator, Architectural Studies, Brett D. Tippey  
Coordinator, Urban Design, Jonathan P. Fleming  
Coordinator, International Studies, David Thal  
Faculty, College of Architecture and Environmental Design

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Name: John R. Crawford-Spinelli, Ed.D.

Title: Dean, College of the Arts

Education: B.F.A., Virginia Commonwealth University
M.S., James Madison University
Ed.D., Temple University

Job Description: Responsible for leading the College of the Arts, which is composed of the schools of Art, Fashion Design and Merchandising, Music, Theatre and Dance, and the Kent State University Museum. Dean Crawford-Spinelli provides leadership in the areas of student affairs, faculty affairs, curriculum development, budget, programming and advancement for the College of the Arts. The college is active in research and community outreach.

Direct Reports: Interim Associate Dean, College of the Arts, Cynthia Stillings
Interim Director, School of Art, Michael Loderstedt
Director, School of Fashion Design and Merchandising, J.R. Campbell
Interim Director, School of Music, Ralph Lorenz
Interim Director, School of Theatre and Dance, Eric Van Baars
Director, Kent State University Museum, Jean L. Druesedow
Senior Director, Advancement, Shawn Golden
Director, Communications and Marketing, Eftihia A. Tsengas
Director, Academic Recruitment and Retention, LeAnn Starlin Nilsson
Director, Academic Advising, Sandra Randulic
Manager, Academic Budget and Resource Management, Mary M. Linger
Manager, Operations and Special Projects, Gloria Tilenni
Faculty, College of the Arts

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Name: James L. Blank, Ph.D.

Title: Dean, College of Arts and Sciences

Education:
B.S., University of Illinois
Ph.D., Indiana University

Job Description:
Responsible for all functions of the College of Arts and Sciences. Dean Blank provides leadership to 17 departments in the natural sciences and mathematics, social sciences and humanities. Blank serves as the university’s Liaison Officer to the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). The dean serves as the principal administrator of the college including responsibility for student and faculty affairs, personnel, general administration and management, budget, academic and advancement functions.

Direct Reports:
Associate Dean, Janice Crowther
Associate Dean, Eric Mintz
Associate Dean, David Odell-Scott
Associate Dean, Curriculum, Mary Ann Haley
Assistant Dean, Operations, James Brown
Assistant Dean, Academic and Student Services, Matthew Minichillo
Assistant Dean, International Programs and Education, Kristin Stasiowski
Director, External Affairs and Communication, Sandra Morgan
Senior Director of Advancement, David Grober
Senior Business Manager, Scott Cornell
Interim Chair, Department of Anthropology, Mary Ann Raghanti
Chair, Department of Biological Sciences, Laura Leff
Director, Chemical Physics, Hiroshi Yokoyama
Chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Michael Tubergen
Chair, Department of Computer Science, Javed Khan
Chair, Department of English, Robert Trogdon
Interim Chair, Department of Geography, Scott Sheridan
Chair, Department of Geology, Daniel Holm
Chair, Department of History, Brian Hayashi
Chair, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Andrew Tonge
Chair, Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies, Keiran Dunne
Chair, Department of Pan-African Studies, Amoaba Gooden
Chair, Department of Philosophy, Deborah Barnbaum
Chair, Department of Physics, James Gleeson
Chair, Department of Political Science, Andrew Barnes
Chair, Department of Psychological Sciences, Maria Zaragoza
Chair, Department of Sociology, Richard Serpe
Director, Liquid Crystal Research Center, Hiroshi Yokoyama
Director, Biomedical Sciences, Ernest Freeman
Director, Employee Ownership Center, Roy Messing
Director, Integrated Life Sciences, Jennifer Marcinkiewicz
Director, Jewish Studies, Chaya Kessler
Director, Wick Poetry Center, David Hassler
Director, Institute for Applied Linguistics, Francoise Massardier-Kennedy
Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences

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Name: Deborah F. Spake, Ph.D.

Title: Dean, College of Business Administration

Education:
B.A., University of South Alabama
M.A., The University of Alabama
Ph.D., The University of Alabama

Job Description:
Provides academic and administrative leadership for the College of Business Administration. Leading the five departments within the college, Dean Spake is responsible for making recommendations and implementing universitywide and college decisions involving curriculum, personnel and budget; recruiting, developing and retaining outstanding faculty committed to excellence in teaching and scholarship; ensuring that the college meets and exceeds all AACSB accreditation standards; and clearly and concisely articulating the educational mission and strategic goals of the College of Business Administration to the internal university and external business communities.

Direct Reports:
Associate Dean, Administration, Cathy L. DuBois
Associate Dean, Graduate and International Programs, Robert D. Hisrich
Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Programs and Assessment, Elizabeth A. Sinclair
Chair, Department of Accounting, Linda J. Zucca
Chair, Department of Economics, Donald R. Williams
Chair, Department of Finance, Steven A. Dennis
Chair, Department of Marketing and Entrepreneurship, Robert D. Jewell
Chair, Department of Management and Information Systems, Felix Offodile
Senior RCM Manager, Jacqueline Tura
Director, Marketing Communications Office, Michelle W. Manning
Senior IT User Support Analyst, Anoop Uchil
Faculty, College of Business Administration

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Name: Amy L. Reynolds, Ph.D.

Title: Dean, College of Communication and Information

Education: B.A., Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
M.A., Indiana University-Bloomington
Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin

Job Description: Provides leadership to and serves as the principal administrator for the College of Communication and Information. Dean Reynolds’ areas of responsibility include academic functions, personnel, general administration and management, budget, development and advocacy for the college. Reynolds provides intellectual leadership for the college to help position it as a national and international leader in research and teaching in its various disciplines.

Direct Reports: Interim Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research, Danielle Sarver-Coombs
Assistant Dean, College of Communication and Information, Matthew M. Rollyson
Director, School of Communication Studies, Elizabeth Graham
Director, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Thor Wasbotten
Director, School of Library and Information Science, Kendra Albright
Interim Director, School of Visual Communication Design, David Robins
Production Manager, Teleproductions, Mark Warzinski
Media Services Manager, Teleproductions, Daniel Tonelli
Director, Marketing Communication and Public Relations, Jennifer L. Kramer
Director, Advancement, Vacant
Senior RCM Manager, Audrey E. Lingenfelter
Coordinator, Academic Diversity and Outreach, Vacant
Student Recruiter, Vacant
IdeaBase Business Development Manager, Kristin L. Dowling
CCI/IdeaBase User Experience Designer, Christopher M. Hallahan
Faculty, College of Communication and Information

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Name: Mark A. Kretovics, Ph.D.

Title: Interim Dean, College of Education, Health and Human Services

Education: B.S., Bowling Green State University
M.S., Radford University
MBA, Chaminade University of Honolulu
Ph.D., Colorado State University

Job Description: Responsible for the College of Education, Health and Human Services’ functions at the university. Interim Dean Kretovics is the administrative officer overseeing the administration, planning, coordinating, publicizing and reporting of the activities of the college. Kretovics leads and manages the policies, programming, personnel and resources; provides leadership for the 25 undergraduate programs, 24 graduate degrees and 13 doctoral programs; and serves as a faculty member for the sports administration program.

Direct Reports: Associate Dean, Administrative Affairs and Graduate Education, Stephen Mitchell
Associate Dean, Student Services and Undergraduate Education, Alicia R. Crowe
Assistant Dean, Assessment and Accreditation, Erica L. Eckert
Director, School of Foundations, Leadership and Administration, Kimberly S. Schimmel
Director, School of Health Sciences, Lynne E. Rowan
Director, School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences, Mary M. Dellmann-Jenkins
Director, School of Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Studies, Alexa L. Sandmann
Director of Advancement, Brittney R. Braydich
Director, Gerald H. Read Center, Linda F. Robertson
Senior Budget Manager, Michael J. Login
Senior Academic Program Director, MAC Center Annex, Lettie Gonzalez
Lead IT User Support Analyst, Matthew D. Starcher
Coordinator, Public Relations, Elizabeth A. Thomas
MAC Center Annex Facility Manager, David B. Toothaker
Faculty, College of Education, Health and Human Services

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Name: Barbara A. Broome, Ph.D.

Title: Dean, College of Nursing

Education:
- B.S.N., Kent State University
- M.S.N., Kent State University
- Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh

Job Description:
Provides strategic vision and leadership to the faculty to address the mission of the university and the College of Nursing. Dean Broome sets the direction of the college to be consistent with new developments in healthcare and changing societal needs. Representing the college at professional meetings at all levels of the university, she acts as a liaison for the college. Broome’s other duties include preparing and administering the college’s budget; recruiting and appointing faculty; developing and implementing a program for faculty development; supporting faculty scholarship and research; establishing and implementing a program for student recruitment; supporting student activities; and providing leadership in curriculum development and program evaluation within the College of Nursing.

Direct Reports:
- Associate Dean for Research, Mary K. Anthony
- Associate Dean, Graduate Programs, Wendy Umberger
- Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Programs, Tracey M. Motter
- Assistant Dean, Operations and Student Services, Curtis J. Good
- RCM Manager, Debbie Rho
- Manager, Communications and Marketing, Sharon Cunningham
- Faculty, College of Nursing

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Name: Allan M. Boike, D.P.M., FACFAS

Title: Dean, College of Podiatric Medicine

Education: B.S., Wayne State University
D.P.M., Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine

Job Description: Allan M. Boike, D.P.M., serves as the dean of the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine, the Cleveland Foot and Ankle Clinic and all related entities. Dean Boike oversees all aspects of campus operations, including academic affairs, clinic operations, student affairs, enrollment management, finance and administration, alumni relations and development and continuing medical education. Boike works collaboratively with the college’s Advisory Board and associated subcommittees and serves on various external advisory boards, as well as university committees and councils.

Direct Reports: Senior Associate Dean, Vincent J. Hetherington
Assistant Dean of Clinical Education and Clinic Operations, Bryan D. Caldwell
Associate Professor and Division Head, Jill S. Kawalek
Business Manager, Mark Matejcik
Director of Human Resources, David Dixon
Manager, Information Technology, Brandon Sexton
Director, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, Carla Ronnebaum
Director, Advancement, Patrick Riley
Director of Operations and Satellite Facilities, Daniel Ridgeway

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Name: Sonia A. Alemagno, Ph.D.
Title: Dean, College of Public Health
Education: B.S., John Carroll
M.A., Kent State University
Ph.D., Case Western Reserve University

Job Description: Responsible for the academic affairs of the College of Public Health. Dean Alemagno leads the college and its six major disciplines: epidemiology, health policy and management, environmental health, social and behavioral sciences, biostatistics and global health. Alemagno provides leadership in the areas of undergraduate and graduate curriculum, academic personnel, faculty affairs, research, advising and student success.

Direct Reports: Interim Associate Dean for Research, Jeffrey Hallam
Assistant Dean, Operations and Community Relations, Kenneth Slenkovich
Assistant Dean, Student and Accreditation Services, Jennifer Miller
Interim Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management, Christopher Woolverton
Interim Chair, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Ken Zakariasen
Chair, Department of Biostatistics, Environmental Health and Epidemiology, Mark A. James
Director, Academic Budget and Resource Management, Brent Christman
Faculty, College of Public Health

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Name: Susan J. Stocker, Ph.D.

Title: Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Kent State University at Ashtabula

Education:
- A.A.S., Trocaire College
- A.A.S., Kent State University at Ashtabula
- B.S.N., Villa Maria College
- M.S.N., Case Western Reserve University
- Ph.D., Kent State University

Job Description:
As the chief academic and administrative officer of Kent State University at Ashtabula, Dean Stocker provides direction and assumes responsibility for all aspects of campus administration and operations. Stocker provides leadership in the development, implementation and review of academic and administrative policies and procedures in all major areas of operation and administers all academic and nonacademic programs. As dean, Stocker leads and directs all campus outreach activities and serves as the principal representative with local external agencies, which includes identifying community programmatic needs, obtaining financial support, maintaining a base of public community support and serving as primary advocate and spokesperson for the campus.

Direct Reports:
- Assistant Dean, Kevin L. Deemer
- Director, Business Affairs and Operations, W. David Schultz
- Manager, Communications and Marketing, Lindsey Myers
- Senior Program Director, Nursing and Allied Health, Vacant
- Director, Enrollment Management and Student Services, Amanda C. Dolan

Faculty, Kent State University at Ashtabula

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Kent State University
Senior Leadership

Name: David Dees, Ph.D.
Title: Interim Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Kent State University Columbiana Campuses

Education:
B.A., University of Kentucky
M.A., University of Kentucky
Ph.D., Kent State University

Job Description:
Serves as chief academic and administrative officer of Kent State University Columbiana Campuses (Kent State Salem and Kent State East Liverpool). Interim Dean Dees provides overall leadership and direction for all aspects of campus administration and operations, including student services, instructional operations, administrative support, business and financial services, physical plant and facilities operations and auxiliary services.

Direct Reports:
Assistant Dean (Kent State Salem), Celeste Oprean
Assistant Dean (Kent State East Liverpool), Susan M. Rossi
Director, Administrative and Business Services (Kent State Salem), Melissa K. Cope
Director, Administrative and Business Services (Kent State East Liverpool), Melissa Cope
Director, Advancement (Columbiana Campuses), Leonard S. Koshinski
Director, Enrollment Management and Student Services (Columbiana Campuses), Michelle L. Lingenfelter
Director of IT Services (Kent State Salem and Kent State East Liverpool), Clayton B. Gellatly
Director of Library Services (Columbiana Campuses), Vacant
Faculty, Kent State University Columbiana Campuses

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Name: Susan J. Stocker, Ph.D.

Title: Interim Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Kent State University at Geauga

Education:
- A.A.S., Trocaire College
- A.A.S., Kent State University at Ashtabula
- B.S.N., Villa Maria College
- M.S.N., Case Western Reserve University
- Ph.D., Kent State University

Job Description:
Serves as the chief academic and administrative officer of Kent State University at Geauga and the Kent State University Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg. Interim Dean and Chief Administrative Officer Stocker provides leadership in all areas of campus operations, develops and implements capital expenditures and represents the campus at appropriate university bodies and community venues. Stocker is responsible for fundraising, representing the campus to local external agencies and managing all resources essential to the achievement of campus objectives and goals.

Direct Reports:
Assistant Dean, Susan Emens
Director, Advancement, David W. Day
Director, Administrative and Business Services, John H. Granny
Director, Enrollment Management and Student Services, Jennifer Sayre
Director, Library, Mary F. Hricko
Manager, Informational Technology Services, Thomas J. Diederich
Faculty, Kent State University at Geauga and the Kent State University Regional Academic Center

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Name: Denise A. Seachrist, Ph.D.

Title: Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Kent State University at Stark

Education: B.M., Heidelberg College  
M.M., Youngstown State University  
Ph.D., Kent State University

Job Description: Serves as chief academic and administrative officer of Kent State University at Stark. Dean and Chief Administrative Officer Seachrist provides overall leadership and direction for all aspects of Kent State Stark’s administration and operations, including student services, instructional operations, administrative support, business and financial services, physical plant and facilities operations and auxiliary services.

Direct Reports: Assistant Dean, Academic Affairs, A. Bathi Kasturiarachi  
Assistant Dean, Enrollment Management, Mary S. Southards  
Director, External Affairs and Community Relations, Tina L. Biasella  
Director, Advancement, Karen Fettig  
Director, Library, Robert C. Kairis  
Business Services Administrator, LaTarsha Miller  
Manager, Network Services, JoEllen Klco  
Human Resource Generalist, Michelle L. Reid  
Director, Conference Center, Stephanie Monastra  
Grants Administrator, Theresa A. Ford  
Faculty, Kent State University at Stark

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KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
Senior Leadership

Name: Lance R. Grahn, Ph.D.

Title: Dean and Chief Administrative Officer,
Kent State University at Trumbull

Education: B.A., Abilene Christian University
M.A., Texas Tech University
Ph.D., Duke University

Job Description: Serves as the chief academic and administrative officer of Kent State University at Trumbull and provides direction and assumes responsibility for all aspects of campus administration and operation. Dean Grahn provides leadership in the development, implementation and review of academic and administrative policies and procedures in all major areas of operation and administers all academic and nonacademic programs. Grahn leads and directs all campus outreach activities and serves as the principal representative with local external agencies, which includes identifying community programmatic needs, obtaining financial support, maintaining base of public community support and serving as primary advocate and spokesperson for Kent State Trumbull. He recommends all personnel actions to the appropriate Kent State administrative officer and serves as a Regional Campus representative at appropriate university bodies, committees and councils.

Direct Reports: Assistant Dean, Daniel E. Palmer
Director, Enrollment Management and Student Services, James Ritter
Director, Advancement, Dave N. Smith
Director, Business and Administrative Services, Elaine C. Petrosky
Director, Public Safety and Police Academy, Catherine L. Kieley
Director, Workforce Development and Continuing Studies, Lisa J. Goetsch
Senior Facilities Manager, Randall L. Malmsberry
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Name: Bradley A. Bielski, Ph.D.

Title: Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Kent State University at Tuscarawas

Education: B.S., University of Cincinnati
            Ph.D., University of Cincinnati

Job Description: Serves as chief administrative officer of Kent State University at Tuscarawas. Dean Bielski provides vision and leadership for the campus in the major areas of operation, including enrollment management, recruitment and retention, academic curriculum, academic personnel and faculty affairs, new program development, fundraising, community engagement and fiscal management. Bielski serves as the principal representative for the campus and the university in its relations with external constituencies, building partnerships, identifying needs and obtaining the financial support necessary to maintain campus goals, objectives and a vision for the future.

Direct Reports: Interim Assistant Dean, Stephen Minnick
                Director, Administrative and Business Services, Walter Gritzan
                Director of Advancement, Chad Conrad
                Director, Community and Business Services, William H. Beisel
                Director, Enrollment Management and Student Services, Laurie R. Donley
                Director, Library, Cherie Bronkar
                General Manager, Performing Arts Center, David B. Mitchell
                Academic Program Director, Engineering Technology, Vacant
                Academic Program Director, Nursing, Joan E. Lappin
                Academic Program Director, Veterinary Technology, Kimberly M. Huston
                Manager, Network, Shannon M. Bailey
                Senior Business Manager, Waliah Poto
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Name: Melody J. Tankersley, Ph.D.

Title: Graduate Studies Dean

Education:
- B.S., Winthrop University
- M.Ed., Winthrop University
- Ph.D., The University of Virginia

Job Description:
Provides administrative and strategic direction to the Division of Graduate Studies and serves as the major advocate and spokesperson for graduate issues across the university. In collaboration with other senior leaders at Kent State, Interim Dean Tankersley is responsible for enhancing graduate education, including student quality of life and student services, program review and development, admissions, recruitment and enrollment management and policy development and implementation.

Direct Reports:
- Director, Graduate Admissions, Lana Whitehead
- Director, Student Services, Kyle Reynolds
- Assistant Director, Academic Services, Julie Gabella
- Assistant Director, Outreach and Marketing, Joelle Bettura

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Name: Donald F. Palmer, Ph.D.

Title: Interim Dean, Honors College

Education:
A.B., Occidental College
M.A., Princeton University
Ph.D., Princeton University

Job Description:
Responsible for curricular development, faculty affairs and budgetary affairs for the Honors College. Dean Palmer oversees student affairs, including recruitment, admission, advising, retention, college planning, internal university relations, and alumni and donor relations.

Direct Reports:
Director, Academic Programs, Victoria A. Bocchicchio
Coordinator of Scholarships, Carolyn C. Sampson
Coordinator of Advising, Wayne G. Elliott
Coordinator of Admissions, Aaron S. Hanlin
Honors Academic Advisor, Nicholas A. Hernandez
Honors Academic Advisor, Jillian H. Kiska
Honors Academic Advisor, Carrie K. Wittenauer
Director, Advancement, Diane M. Ruppelt

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Name: Eboni J. Pringle, Ph.D.

Title: Dean, University College

Education: B.S., Ohio University
M.Ed., Kent State University
Ph.D., Kent State University

Job Description: Administers and provides leadership for programs that are deemed central to undergraduate student success, including pre-college preparation, transition to college, academic advising, success coaching, academic learning communities, university tutoring, and undecided and undeclared students. Dean of University College Pringle oversees the Exploratory Advising Center, the Career Services Center, the Office of Experiential Education and Civic Engagement, Academic Engagement and Degree Completion, the Academic Success Center, Student Success Programs, Excel: Living-Learning Community, the TRIO/Student Support Services Program, Technology Support, the National/International Student Exchange, the McNair Scholars Program, and the Office of Alternative Credit and Articulation Agreements.

Direct Reports: Assistant Dean, N.J. Akbar
Assistant Dean, Charity L. Snyder
Assistant Dean, Brent H. Robinson
Director, Strategic Initiatives and Assessment, John G. Jewell

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Name: James K. Bracken, Ph.D.

Title: Dean, University Libraries

Education: B.A., The University of Toledo
M.A., The University of Toledo
M.L., University of South Carolina
Ph.D., University of South Carolina

Job Description: Responsible for libraries and faculty on the Kent and Regional campuses. University Libraries Dean Bracken provides leadership to and serves as the principal administrator of the University Libraries’ system, including responsibility for personnel, general administration, management, budget and development functions.

Direct Reports: Assistant Dean, Engagement and Outreach, Kenneth Burhanna
Assistant Dean, Collection Management, Technical Services and Systems, Vacant
Assistant Dean, Administration, J. Mark Pike
Senior Fiscal Manager, Ronald Bammerlin
Director, Marketing, Communications and Public Relations, Cynthia Williams
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Name: Mark M. Polatajko, Ph.D.

Title: Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration

Education: B.S. in Accounting, The University of Akron
MBA, Ashland University
Ph.D., The Cleveland State University

Job Description: Responsible for the overall leadership of the Division of Business and Finance, to include the areas of Budget; Financial Reporting; Facilities Planning and Operations; Business and Administration Services; Public Safety; and Internal Audit. Polatajko provides leadership in financial accountability, policy, systems and reporting. Oversees all institutional financial planning to include budget forecasting, investments and risk management. Polatajko is a member of the President’s Cabinet and assists in formulating and administering university policies and procedures, as well as developing long-range goals. He provides support for the Board of Trustees in the areas of business and finance, and advises the president and colleagues on business- and finance-related issues.

Direct Reports: Vice President for Human Resources, Jack Witt
Senior Associate Vice President, Lisa (Jeannie) Reifsnyder
Associate Vice President for Facilities Planning and Operations, Thomas Euclide
Associate Vice President for Compliance, Risk Management and Real Estate, Constance Hawke
Interim Director of Public Safety, Dean Tondiglia
Director of Internal Audit, Jo Ann Gustafson
Director of Communications and Special Projects, Carla Wyckoff

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Name: Jack Witt
Title: Vice President for Human Resources
Education: B.A., Tulane University
M.P.A., Kent State University
MBA and J.D., Case Western Reserve University

Job Description: As Vice President for Human Resources, Jack Witt is responsible for leadership of the Division of Human Resources, including oversight and long- and short-term goal development for Training and Development, Compensation, Talent Acquisition, Employee Relations, Labor Relations, Affirmative Action, Records and Benefits. This position is also responsible for all aspects of staffing; including sourcing and selection with the overall intent of diversified recruitment initiatives and the retention of employees. Witt oversees the 38-person division of which the following individuals report to him directly.

Direct Reports: Executive Director Engagement, Climate Outreach and Records, Geraldine Nelson, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Benefits and Compliance, Loretta B. Shields
Director, Compensation and Talent Acquisition, Donna Sansonetti
Director, Training and Organizational Development, Robert Hall
Business Manager, Elizabeth Lee
Manager, Employee and Labor Relations, Karen Watson
Manager Human Capital, Courtney Calhoun

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Name: Lisa (Jeannie) Reifsnyder
Title: Senior Associate Vice President
       Finance and Administration
Education: B.S. in Accounting, The University of Akron
Job Description: Lisa (Jeannie) Reifsnyder serves as the senior administrative officer responsible for the Division of Business and Finance in the absence of the senior vice president. She is the most senior among the associate vice presidents within the division. Reifsnyder represents the senior vice president as needed and assists with the management of designated areas including budget, financial reporting, facilities planning and operations, business and administration services, public safety, internal audit, and compliance/risk management and real estate. She is the primary advisor and liaison to the senior vice president on a variety of financial process-related special projects, initiatives and assignments.
Direct Reports: Associate Vice President for University Budget and Financial Analysis, Vacant
               Associate Vice President for Business and Administration Services,
               Anne Brown
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Name: Alfreda Brown, Ed.D.

Title: Vice President, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Education:
- B.S., Roberts Wesleyan College
- M.S., Rochester Institute of Technology
- Ed.D., Nova Southeastern University

Job Description:
Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Brown has responsibility for the executive leadership and management of Kent State University’s diversity and inclusion matters, leading strategic diversity planning for the university and ensuring successful implementation of related policies, programs, and projects. Brown works in partnership with the university president and senior leadership in advancing diversity, equal opportunity and inclusion as integral components of Kent State’s excellence agenda. Brown also suggests and implements policies, programs, practices and resources needed to foster inclusiveness, serves as a resource to improve diversity recruitment and retention efforts, and works collaboratively with the faculty and staff to expand cultural competencies to bring about a greater understanding and valuing of differences in people across the Kent State community.

Direct Reports:
- Associate Vice President, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Dana Lawless-Andric
- Executive Director, Women’s and Gender Centers, Heather Adams
- Director, Assessment and Research, Edward Collins, Ph.D.
- Assistant to Executive Officer, Vacant

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Dana Lawless-Andric

Associate Vice President, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Lawless-Andric is responsible for the overall ways in which the university diversifies and includes various groups within the university community, as well as providing support to the vice president. Lawless-Andric provides oversight for the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion’s Education and Training Lab; Student Multicultural Center; three federal Upward Bound programs; special projects and initiatives; divisional administration and business functions; universitywide diversity programming; and leadership for pipeline and pre-college efforts.

Direct Reports:

- Upward Bound Math-Science Center and Public Health Director, E. Henderson Ellis
- Upward Bound Classic Academy Director, Thomas Jefferson
- Director, Special Projects and Initiatives, Shana M. Lee
- Director, Student Multicultural Center, Oscar Ramos
- Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Business Manager, Carmen Roberts
- Special Assistant for Training and Multicultural Initiatives, Lisa D. Givan
- Special Assistant for Diversity and Inclusion Leadership, Avery Danage Jr.

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Name: Edward G. Mahon, D.M.

Title: Vice President for Information Services and Chief Information Officer

Education: B.A. in Management/Information Systems, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Fla.
MBA, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
D.M., Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio

Job Description: Provides enterprisewide and information architectural leadership for all institutional information technology endeavors. Vice President for Information Services and Chief Information Officer Mahon oversees both strategic planning and operational service activities for educational, research, administrative and information security infrastructure efforts. Mahon provides the overall vision for the university’s information technology environment.

Direct Reports: Executive Director for Educational Technology and Service Management, Paul Albert
Executive Director for IT Infrastructure Service and Support, Jason Wearley
Executive Director for Enterprise Support and Application Services, Coleen Santee
Director for IS Communications, Octavian Maianu

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Name: Coleen D. Santee

Title: Executive Director for Enterprise Support and Application Services

Education: B.B.A. in Computer Applications, Kent State University
M.S. in Management, The University of Akron

Job Description: Responsible for the leadership of the Department of Enterprise Support and Application Services, which includes the areas of application development, business intelligence, training and Web presence. Executive Director for Enterprise Support and Application Services Santee provides leadership in project prioritization, application development strategies and standards and resource planning. Santee is the founder of the Ohio Banner Users Group (OBUG), which provides Kent State University with collaboration opportunities with other Ohio institutions.

Direct Reports: Director, Platform and Integration Solutions, Sameer Jaleel
Manager, SaaS Tech Services, Barbara McClintick
Manager, Business Systems Services, Holly Slocum

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Name: Stephen G. Sokany
Title: Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Executive Director, KSU Foundation

Education:
- B.S., University of Detroit
- MBA, Kent State University

Job Description:
Responsible for the overall leadership of the Division of Institutional Advancement to include the areas of Advancement Operations, Corporate and Foundation Relations, Alumni Relations, Center for Gift and Estate Planning and Kent State University Foundation. McLain oversees all institutional advancement planning to include alumni events and engagement activities around the country. He is a member of the President’s Cabinet and directs the activities of the Kent State University Foundation Board as its executive director. He provides support for the Board of Trustees External Relations and Development Committee.

Direct Reports:
- Senior Associate Vice President, Advancement Operations, Valoree Vargo
- Executive Director for Gift and Estate Planning, Mindy Aleman
- Executive Director of Advancement, Kent Campus Colleges, Lynn Iams
- Executive Director of Advancement, Regional Campuses and Special Projects, Matt Butts
- Associate Athletic Director/Executive Director for Athletic Advancement, Matt Geis
- Associate Vice President for Advancement Operations, Vacant
- Assistant Vice President for Corporate and Foundation Relations, Richard Day
- Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations, Lori Randorf
- CFO for Finance Administration and KSU Foundation, Mike Strebler
- Assistant to an Executive Officer, Elaine Robinson

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Name: Paul E. DiCorleto, Ph.D.

Title: Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs

Education: B.S., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Ph.D., Cornell University

Job Description: Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs DiCorleto is responsible for expanding the university’s breakthrough research and creative endeavors, as well as enhancing economic development and quality of life locally, regionally and statewide. He assists faculty and staff in securing extramural funding to support their research and their instructional and public service projects. He focuses on increasing and enhancing the quality of scholarly endeavors across the university and in establishing both private and public partnerships that elevate the research mission of the University. DiCorleto oversees the Office of Sponsored Programs, the Office of Corporate Engagement and Commercialization and the Office of Research Faculty Development.

Direct Reports: Associate Vice President, Research Faculty Development, Douglas L. Delahanty
Director, Sponsored Programs, Lori A. Burchard
Director, Technology Commercialization, Vacant
Director, Research Compliance, Paulette Washko
Senior Business Manager, Claire M. Coseno

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Name: Douglas L. Delahanty, Ph.D.

Title: Associate Vice President, Research Faculty Development

Education: Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh

Job Description: Associate Vice President for Research Faculty Development.

Douglas L. Delahanty is responsible for overseeing programs and initiatives focused on facilitating the research efforts of Kent State faculty. Delahanty also oversees efforts to develop extramural funding opportunities and increase Kent State’s federal expenditures. He also is involved with human research compliance issues and serves as chair of the Human Subjects Review Board and the Human Subjects Policy Committee.

Direct Reports: None

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Name: Shay Little, Ph.D.

Title: Vice President for Student Affairs

Education: B.A., Psychology, Baylor University
M.S., Counseling and Student Personnel,
Oklahoma State University
Ph.D., Student Affairs Administration,
University of Georgia

Job Description: Vice President for Student Affairs Little provides crisis management leadership on issues internal and external to the university; serves as key advisor to the president on student and community issues; provides oversight and direction for a wide range of student support services, including the Kent Student Center, Dining Services, Center for Student Involvement, Office of Student Conduct, Student Ombuds, Health Services, Residence Services, Student Accessibility Services, Center for Adult and Veteran Services, Bookstore and the Flash Technology Center.

Direct Reports: Associate Vice President and Dean of Students, Jennifer Kulics
Associate Dean of Students, Timeka Rashid
Executive Director, Administration, Cesquinn Curtis
Co-Directors, University Dining Services, Richard Roldan and Chuck Berry
Director, Center for Adult and Veteran Services, Joshua Rider
Interim Director Kent Student Center, Gretchen Julian
Director, Office of Student Conduct, Todd Kamenash
Director, Recreational Services, Gretchen Julian
Director, Residence Services, Jill Church
Director, Student Accessibility Services, Amy Quillin
Interim Director, University Health Services, Julie Volcheck
Manager, University Bookstore, Lisa Albers
Special Coordinator, Student Affairs, Donna Carlton
Interim Student Ombuds, Patricia A. Dennison

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Name: Jennifer Kulics, Ph.D.

Title: Associate Vice President and Dean of Students

Education: B.A., Psychology, Bowling Green State University
M.A., Exercise Physiology, Kent State University
Ph.D., Higher Education Administration and Student Personnel, Kent State University

Job Description: Serves as the institution’s primary student advocate; assists the vice president for student affairs in the leadership and administration of the division. Interim Associate Vice President and Dean of Students Kulics provides crisis management leadership on issues internal and external to the university; serves as key advisor to the vice president on student and community issues; and provides oversight and direction for the Kent Student Center, Center for Student Involvement, Student Ombuds, Center for Adult and Veteran Services and the Office of Student Conduct. Kulics represents the vice president for student affairs in her absence.

Direct Reports: Associate Dean of Students and Director, Center for Student Involvement, Timeka Rashid
Assistant Dean of Students and Director, Office of Student Conduct, Todd Kamenash
Interim Student Ombuds, Patricia Dennison
Director, Center for Adult and Veterans Services, Joshua Rider

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Name: Rebecca Murphy

Title: Interim Vice President for University Relations and Associate Vice President for University Communications and Marketing

Education: B.B.A., The University of Akron
MBA, The University of Akron

Job Description: Serves as the university’s chief strategist on all matters related to advancing the Kent State brand, image and reputation. Advises and partners with members of the university’s leadership team including cabinet members, college and campus deans to achieve institutional revenue and enrollment goals through brand building strategies. Oversees three strategic units of the organization: University Communications and Marketing, the Kent State in-house marketing agency; WKSU, an NPR-affiliated station; and the Center for Corporate and Professional Development. Together these units create high visibility, engagement and loyalty among key stakeholders including students, parents, alumni, donors, policymakers, employers and the general public. Serves as the division’s key representative to the Kent State Board of Trustees.

Direct Reports: Senior Associate Vice President for University Relations, Justin Hilton
Associate Vice President for the Center for Corporate and Professional Development, Amy Lane
Executive Director and General Manager, WKSU, Vacant
Project Operations Coordinator, Sonya Williams
Special Projects Coordinator, Christopher Hicks

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Name: Justin Everett Hilton
Title: Senior Associate Vice President for University Relations

Education:
- B.S. in Architecture, Kent State University
- B.Arch., Kent State University
- M.Arch., Kent State University

Job Description:
Serves as the senior administrative officer responsible for the Division of University Relations in the absence of the vice president. Oversees the day-to-day coordination of planning and administrative activities across the division’s three units: University Communications and Marketing; the Center for Corporate and Professional Development and WKSU, an NPR-affiliated radio station.

Initiates and coordinates outreach efforts on behalf of University Relations with other institutional divisions and external organizations to develop value-added collaborations and to engage diverse audiences. Organizes division resources to maximize the visibility and impact of major milestone events related to the Foundations of Excellence construction initiatives.

Direct Reports: None

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