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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE
EHHS OFFICE OF DIVERSITY OUTREACH AND DEVELOPMENT
We’re excited to bring you our second newsletter of the year. We hope that you will find them both informative and entertaining. The EHHS Office of Diversity Outreach and Development is always open if you need anything. Whether it be academic suggestions or just a good conversation about your plans for the future, feel free to stop in to the office. Our staff is more than willing to assist you as you pursue your education at Kent State University.

To set up an appointment, with N.J. Akbar or Felicia contact them at ehhsdiversity@kent.edu.

Sam Cooke

Sometimes called the father of soul music, singer Sam Cooke first reached the top of the charts in 1957 with “You Send Me.” A string of pop and R&B hits soon followed, but he actually started out as a gospel performer. Born Samuel Cook in Clarksdale, Mississippi, he grew up in Chicago as the son of a minister.

Cooke began performing with his family as a child. In his teens, he formed a quintet called the Highway QCs. Cooke modeled his early work after one of his greatest inspirations, the Soul Stirrers, a popular gospel group. Not long after graduating from high school in 1948, he got the chance of a lifetime: being asked to join the Soul Stirrers, which provided him with an opportunity to hone his craft.

Read more: http://www.biography.com/people/sam-cooke-9236129#synopsis

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

“Hold fast to dreams, For if dreams die Life is a broken-winged bird, That cannot fly.”

Langston Hughes

Use the hashtag #foodforthought and send us quotes @EHHS_DIV that inspire or motivate you. We’ll feature them in upcoming newsletters with your Twitter account attached.
UN Day marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being.

24 October has been celebrated as United Nations Day since 1948. In 1971, the United Nations General Assembly recommended that the day be observed by Member States as a public holiday.


‘Youth of Color’ voting still critical in competitive political races

By Khalil Abdullah

(Special from New America Media) – Youth voter turnout in North Carolina, including a sizeable segment of ethnic voters, will play a critical role in determining whether Democratic incumbent Sen. Kay Hagan retains her seat against Republican challenger, state House Speaker Thom Tillis, according to data on the voting patterns of youth of color.

“The issue of the youth vote in North Carolina is related to but not identical to issues of race and ethnicity, but North Carolina’s young voters, ages 18 to 30 years old, are more diverse than its older voters. So who votes in this November’s election will be important to the outcome,” said Peter Levine, the director of the Center for Information & Research on Civic and Learning Engagement (CIRCLE), a nonpartisan institute based at Tufts University in Massachusetts.

In addition to North Carolina, states where the youth vote could affect the outcome in November’s competitive political races include Alaska, Colorado, and Louisiana, according to an analysis CIRCLE released in August. CIRCLE’s data on African-American, Asian American, and Hispanic youth show the complexities at play in ways that may challenge common assumptions about what motivates youth to become civically engaged or affiliate with a political party.

For example, the data show “a significant percentage of African-American men more often identify as conservatives, given the choice of ‘are you a liberal, moderate, or conservative,’” Levine said, as opposed to African-American women, who more often tend to self-identify as liberal. Gender differences are not only apparent in choice of political party, but in how they view their personal involvement.

Read the entire article here:
The only thing more beautiful than this country are the people who live here. Watch the Official Coca-Cola "Big Game" Commercial and discover why #AmericaIsBeautiful.

**LINK**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=443Vy3I0gJs

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PsyCMyqAfMQ

*The (re)birth of the double consciousness: Nicole Johnson at TEDxGallatin 2014*

Nicole Johnson studies Ethics, Management & Production in the Arts. Nicole is a delegate of the United Nations' International Year of Youth Program. She received the 2012 UN Allykatzz "Leads Linking Youth" award after speaking in the ECOSOC chamber on global partnerships and community. Nicole received a 2013 award for her work in youth education and activism from the NYU Reynolds Program in Social Entrepreneurship.
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For more info follow the link
http://www2.kent.edu/ehhs/offices/DiversityOutreachDevelopment/about-us.cfm
Smile, You're on LinkedIn

Wednesday, Oct. 29
11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Kent Student Center, lounge area across from Governance Chambers (second floor)

In the digital age, your LinkedIn page is viewed by all, including employers! This is your chance to make that great first impression by having a professional photograph taken at the Job and Internship Fair.

Be sure you dress for success, this photo is your chance to show potential employers you're on your game. Once your photograph is taken, please wait 7 to 10 business days for your photograph to be emailed to you. Students and alumni are invited to the Job and Internship Fair.

Learn more about the Job and Internship Fair by visiting http://www.kent.edu/career/fall-job-internship-fair

REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED TO ATTEND.

MEET OUR STUDENT HIGHLIGHT

Charity Payten
Sophomore-Early Childhood Education-Maple Heights Ohio

Why did I come to Kent State?
I came to Kent State because I knew it was where God wanted me to be and my Dad is an alumni.

How do I plan to use my degree?
I intend on using my degree from kent by being a middle school science or language arts teacher

What do you like about being a student here?
I like that the professors care about the students on a personal level and that I am not another number. Although this college is big, the faculty and professors strive to make it a small school feel.
MYLink is a peer-mentoring program designed to connect freshmen with upperclassmen in the College of Education, Health and Human Services. MYLink provides upperclassmen with skills they can take beyond college and creates a network for freshmen as they build a solid foundation for a successful college experience. Contact Matthew Thomp-son (mthomp58@kent.edu) for more information.

Remember to check your midterm grades on flashline.

Keep your eyes on the prize!

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