Dear Kent State Tuscarawas Community,

As the semester draws to a close, I want to congratulate each of you dedicated to the primary mission of higher education. I continue to be impressed each day, seeing students working in small groups outside of class in the learning commons, student union and even the lobby of Founders Hall. Often, I see faculty joining the students to help them advance their understanding of the material. We are working to further an environment where students and faculty are free to explore ideas both formally and informally. There will be more to come.

Speaking of students, I had the opportunity to meet with a group of our student leadership just two weeks ago. I was encouraged by the level of engagement these students exhibited, complimenting the great things about the campus while also looking for ways to improve the environment. Several suggestions were made with regard to nutrition, quiet spaces and campus aesthetics.

Please join me in welcoming to our community Mr. David Mitchell, who will assume the general manager’s position for our Performing Arts Center. David comes with a wealth of experience and is excited about the opportunity. I also want to say thank you to Dr. Kimberly Routh for serving as the interim director of our veterinary technology program. In a very short time, she has made a positive impact on the students in this associate degree program.

There are many events and activities occurring in the next several weeks. I encourage you to check the website and social media outlets to keep up to date on the latest.

Happy Holidays!

Regards,

Bradley A. Bielski, Ph.D.
Dean and Chief Administrative Officer
William Auld has a unique skill to pass on to students. Backstage of the Weathervane Playhouse in Akron, crews are raising the bar on safety as they prepared for the opening of *Peter Pan*. Nobody knows the art of safety better than William Auld, Kent State Tuscarawas theatre professor. Auld is one of only a few dozen in the world certified in rigging theatres and arenas, and training others.

“When I was little, I would say that I wanted to run away and join the circus, and so when I grew up I did,” Auld laughs.

When he is not in the classroom, Auld travels around flying characters on wires – from witches to genies. He has worked in exotic places, from Panama to Paris and Mexico to Oslo.

His passion for flight started with martial arts entertainer Jackie Chan, and continued growing in the Army when he jumped out of airplanes with the U.S. Army Airborne Corps, Special Operations: Airborne battalion.

From there, Auld developed another passion: mentoring.

“We can bring students out and give them real-world experience,” Auld says. “At the same time, I can kind of pass on a little of what I do to the next generation, and it’s a cool way to earn a living.”

For Kent State student Alexandria Roberts, it is a cool way to learn. “This is an experience that not too many get to have,” she says. “I was really blessed to get this opportunity and experience all this.”

Along with his sense of humor, Auld uses the laws of physics to teach his students, and the star of *Peter Pan* Gracie Thanasitu, how to fly using more than happy thoughts and fairy dust.

For Auld, it is a magical career filled with unique skill, adventure and opportunity to share with others his commitment to the highest safety standards in the industry. “You look back on your life and you don’t ever want it to be dismissible, and so now you can point to certain things and say, ‘I did that. I affected that.’ And that’s kind of cool,” Auld smiles.

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2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off

Sponsored by the Early Childhood Education Club, the 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off was a huge success. The fun event was held Oct. 20 in the student union.

The winners are:

**First Place**
Dr. Brad Bielski, who allocated his winnings to the Education Club

**Second Place**
Kelli Thomas, Nursing Club Representative

**Third Place**
Rob Brindley, who allocated his winnings to the Education Club

*Early Childhood Education Club members are shown selling tickets during the Chili Cook-Off*
The Kent State Tuscarawas For the Future annual campaign is underway!

“We should be proud to know we are shaping our future through education and life experiences,” says Chad Conrad, director of advancement. “The campus community, together, strives to provide an excellent, affordable education for our students.”

Kerri Silverthorn, a senior communications major, is one such student and affirms Kent State Tuscarawas made the difference for her! She is one of many deserving Kent State Tuscarawas students who earn much-needed scholarships to pursue local education for future careers. Vital scholarships through our Tuscarawas County University Foundation have been a blessing for Kerri and many others.

“We are asking for your support of our annual campaign to enable us to continue providing essential scholarships, as well as maintaining modern campus learning resources,” adds Conrad. “We are accepting donations through Dec. 31.”

Donations to the Tuscarawas County University Foundation in support of Kent State Tuscarawas can be sent to Tuscarawas County University Foundation, 530 University DR. NE, New Philadelphia, OH 44663 or online at www.kent.edu/tusc/giving. For more information, contact Conrad at 330.308.7445, by email at cconrad@kent.edu or on campus at ext. 47445.

2015-2016 Scholarship Luncheon

Kent State Tuscarawas scholarship recipients were acknowledged for their academic achievements at the recently held Tuscarawas County University Foundation scholarship luncheon. More than 50 people attended the Nov. 18 luncheon designed to recognize scholarship recipients, and to express gratitude to individuals and organizations who have generously donated to the Foundation’s scholarship fund.
Lions Club Ornament and Magnet Sale - Now - Dec. 23. Sold at the Business Office Vet Tech Ugly Sweater Contest - Last day to vote - Dec. 11.
Basketball Games - Dec. 13 at Rio Grande. Women at 1 p.m. and Men at 3 p.m.
Finals Week - Dec. 14 - 18
Employee Holiday Luncheon - Dec. 15, Noon - 1:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center
Franz D’Ambrosio Christmas in New York - Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center
An Irish Christmas - Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center
Basketball Game - Dec. 18 against CCAC Boyce. Men at 6 p.m.
Basketball Games - Dec. 21 against OU Lima. Women at 2 p.m. and Men at 4 p.m.
Christmas Break - Dec. 24 - Jan. 3. Campus Closed

Larry Gatlin and the Gatlin Brothers - Jan. 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center
Martin Luther King Day - Jan. 18
Campus Closed
Spring Semester Begins - Jan. 19
Business Start-Up Workshop - Jan. 19, 9 - 11 a.m. at the Tolloty Technology Incubator
Martin Luther King, Jr.: ‘I Have a Dream’ Film - Founders Hall Auditorium. Free event sponsored by the Institutional Advisory Committee: Jan. 26, noon to 1 p.m.; Jan. 27, 4 - 5 p.m.; and Jan. 28, 7 - 8 p.m.
Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat - Jan. 19, 7:30 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center
The Australian Bee Gees Show A Tribute to the Bee Gees - Jan. 25, 7:30 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center
Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser - Jan. 23, 4 - 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Uhrichsville, sponsored by Early Childhood Education Club.

Lions Club will sponsor a Valentine’s Day carnation sale in January/February. More details to come.
Women’s Success Series - Feb. 5, 8:30 a.m., in ST 126
Business Start-Up Workshop - Feb. 15, 1-3 p.m. at the Tolloty Technology Incubator
Cirque Ziva Performed by the Golden Dragon Acrobat - Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center.
Annie - Feb. 25, 7:30 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center

I Can Laugh About It Now, an Evening with Jeff Allen - Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m., at the Performing Arts Center

Veterans Recognition Lunch

Front Row: Dr. Brad Bielski (L) and Featured Speaker Rick Rieger (R) are shown with a few of the veterans who attended the annual Veterans Recognition Lunch. Back Row: Anthony Barcich, Ed Newman, Bill Auld and Steve Minnick.

As an expression of gratitude to our colleagues and students who have bravely served our country, Kent State Tuscarawas held its annual Veterans Recognition Lunch on Nov. 12. Former Uhrichsville Mayor Rick Rieger was the featured speaker. Rieger served a long career as a Navy Master Chief Petty Officer. He spoke of his career, especially of his time serving as Yeoman to General Norman Schwarzkopf during Operation Desert Storm.

Point of Pride: Kent State Tuscarawas’ comprehensive veterans services has earned the campus the Military Friendly School Award by G.I. Jobs magazine for the fifth consecutive year.