



Kent State University  
*Senior Leadership*



Name: Lester A. Lefton, Ph.D.  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer  
Education: B.S. in Psychology, Northeastern University  
Ph.D., University of Rochester



Job Description: Responsible for overseeing one of the nation's largest university systems, President Lefton leads Kent State in accomplishing its strategic goals. Lefton 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 fund raising and community service activities; and promotes educational, research and public service objectives and policies for Kent State.

Direct Reports: President's Cabinet  
Vice President and University Secretary, Charlene K. Reed  
Special Assistant to the President for Community Engagement, Rev. Ronald Fowler  
Senior Assistant to the President and Manager of Protocol, Debra Berry

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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: Special Assistant to the Board of Trustees, James J. Hardy

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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, as well as Government Affairs and managing the 11-person division. 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: Deputy General Counsel, David L. Ochmann  
Associate University Counsel, Michael Pfahl  
Associate University Counsel, Douglas Kubinski  
Assistant Counsel, Nichole DeCaprio  
Federal Relations Director, Crystal Davis  
Sr. Legislative Officer, Brady Oxender

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Name: David L. Ochmann

Title: 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: Deputy General Council 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.

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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 nine 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 for Research, W. Grant McGimpsey  
Associate Provost, Academic Affairs, Melody J. Tankersley  
Associate Provost, Faculty Affairs, Sue N. Averill  
Associate Provost, Dean of the Regional College, and Interim Dean,  
Kent State University at Trumbull, Wanda E. Thomas  
Associate Provost, Global Education, Marcello Fantoni  
Associate Vice President, Operations and Administration, Sally A. Kandel  
Associate Vice President, Finance, Jonathan S. Carlson  
Executive Director, Continuing and Distance Education, Deborah C. Huntsman  
Director, Academic Events and Faculty Initiatives, Lashonda M. Taylor  
Project Manager, Academic Affairs, Karen M. Keenan  
Assistant to the Provost, Keli D. Greene  
Dean, College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology, Robert G. Sines Jr. (Interim)  
Dean, College of Architecture and Environmental Design, Douglas L. Steidl  
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, James L. Blank (Interim)  
Dean, College of the Arts, John R. Crawford  
Dean, College of Business Administration, Deborah F. Spake  
Dean, College of Communication and Information, Stanley T. Wearden  
Dean, College of Public Health, Sonia A. Alemagno  
Dean, College of Education, Health and Human Services, Daniel F. Mahony  
Dean, College of Nursing, Susan J. Stocker (Interim)  
Dean, Undergraduate Studies, Eboni J. Pringle (Interim)  
Dean, University Libraries, James K. Bracken  
Dean, Graduate Studies, Mary Ann P. Stephens  
Campus CEO, College of Podiatric Medicine, Thomas V. Melillo

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Name: Melody J. Tankersley, Ph.D.

Title: Associate Provost for Academic Affairs

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



Job Description: Assists the provost in the development and accomplishment of all goals and objectives within the Division of Academic Affairs. Associate Provost Tankersley's major responsibilities include leadership on behalf of the provost in a broad spectrum of academic areas, including faculty and student success, development and implementation of policy and procedures and resource allocation. Tankersley provides leadership and oversight of curriculum, accreditation, academic initiatives, University Press, Blackstone LaunchPad and ROTC. She also provides support for college leadership, strategic planning, responsibility-centered budget planning, policy analysis and space planning.

Direct Reports: Assistant Provost for Accreditation, Assessment and Learning, Fashaad L. Crawford  
Assistant Provost, Said L. Sewell  
Director, School of Digital Sciences, Robert A. Walker  
Director, University Press, William G. Underwood  
Director, Curriculum Services, Therese E. Tillett  
Director, Blackstone LaunchPad, Julie A. Messing  
Commander, Air Force ROTC, Major Daniel E. Finkelstein  
Army ROTC, Lt. Colonel Mark A. Piccone

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Name: W. Grant McGimpsey, Ph.D.

Title: Vice President for Research and  
Sponsored Programs

Education: B.Sc., Brock University (Canada)  
M.Sc., Brock University (Canada)  
Ph.D., Queen's University (Canada)

Job Description: Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs  
McGimpsey 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 focuses on helping faculty and staff secure extramural funding to support their research, instructional and public service projects and focuses on increasing and enhancing the quality of scholarly endeavors across the university. McGimpsey oversees the Office of Sponsored Programs, the Office of Corporate Engagement and Commercialization and Research Communications.



Direct Reports: Associate Vice President for Corporate Engagement and  
Commercialization, Michael P. Bloom  
Director, Initiative for Clinical and Translational Research,  
Douglas L. Delahanty  
Director, Sponsored Programs, Lori A. Burchard  
Associate Director, IP Development and Marketing,  
Suguna Rachakonda  
Manager, Research Compliance, Paulette Washko  
Senior Business Manager, Claire M. Coseno

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Name: Mary Ann P. Stephens, Ph.D.

Title: Dean of Graduate Studies

Education: B.A., University of Houston  
M.A., University of Houston  
Ph.D., University of Houston



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, Graduate Studies Dean Stephens 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, McNair Scholars Program, Sherice L. Freeman  
Director, Graduate Admissions, J.P. Cooney  
Director, Graduate Student Services, Katheryn G. McAnulty

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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: Associate Dean, John R. (Jack) Graham (Interim)  
Assistant Dean, Operations and Community Relations,  
Kenneth Slenkovich  
Director, Academic Budget and Resource Management,  
Brent Christman  
Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management,  
Jonathan B. VanGeest  
Chair, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences,  
Jeffrey S. Hallam  
Chair, Department of Biostatistics, Environmental Health  
and Epidemiology, Mark A. James  
Faculty, College of Public Health

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Name: James L. Blank, Ph.D.

Title: Dean, College of Arts and Sciences (Interim)

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

Job Description: Responsible for all functions of the College of Arts and Sciences. Interim 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).

Direct Reports:

- Associate Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences, Raymond A. Craig
- Associate Dean, Math and Sciences, Janice H. Crowther
- Assistant Dean, Curriculum, Mary Ann Haley
- Assistant Dean, Operations, James J. Brown
- Business Manager, Anna Lee Heintl
- Outreach Program Director, Sandra F. Morgan
- Director of Advancement, Susan A. Marks
- Director of Advancement, Diane M. Ruppelt
- Chair, Department of Anthropology, Richard S. Meindl
- Acting Chair, Department of Biological Sciences, Laura G. Leff
- Chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Michael J. Tubergen
- Chair, Department of Computer Science, Javed Khan
- Chair, Department of English, Robert Trogdon
- Chair, Department of Geography, Mandy J. Munro-Stasiuk
- Chair, Department of Geology, Daniel K. Holm
- Chair, Department of History, Kenneth J. Bindas
- Chair, Department of Mathematical Sciences, Andrew M. Tonge
- Chair, Department of Modern and Classical Language Studies, Keiran Dunne
- Chair, Department of Pan-African Studies, Amoaba Gooden
- Chair, Department of Philosophy, David Odell-Scott
- Chair, Department of Physics, James T. Gleeson
- Chair, Department of Political Science, Andrew S. Barnes
- Chair, Department of Psychology, Maria S. Zaragoza
- Chair, Department of Sociology, Richard T. Serpe
- Director, Chemical Physics Interdisciplinary Program, Liang-Chy Chien (Interim)
- Director, Liquid Crystal Research Center, Hiroshi Yokoyama
- Director, Biomedical Sciences, Eric M. Mintz
- Director, Employee Ownership Center, G. William McIntyre
- Director, Integrated Life Sciences, Jennifer L. Marcinkiewicz
- Director, Jewish Studies, Chaya Kessler
- Director, Wick Poetry Center, David A. Hassler

Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences



Name: John R. Crawford, 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 provides leadership in the areas of student affairs, faculty affairs, curriculum development, budget, programming and advancement for the College of the Arts.

Direct Reports: Associate Dean, College of the Arts, Ralph Lorenz  
Director, School of Art, Christine Havice  
Director, School of Fashion Design and Merchandising, J.R. Campbell  
Director, School of Music, Denise A. Seachrist  
Director, School of Theatre and Dance, Cynthia R. Stillings  
Director, Kent State University Museum, Jean L. Druessedow  
Director, Communications and Marketing, Eftihia A. Tsengas  
Director, Office of Advising and Academic Services, Sandra Randulic  
Budget Manager, Mary M. Linger  
Faculty, College of the Arts

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Name: Daniel F. Mahony, Ph.D.

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

Education: B.S., Virginia Tech  
M.A., West Virginia University  
Ph.D., The Ohio State University

Job Description: Responsible for the College of Education, Health and Human Services functions at the university. Dean Mahony is the administrative officer overseeing the administration, planning, coordinating, publicizing and reporting of the activities of the college. Mahony 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,  
Catherine E. Hackney  
Associate Dean, Student Services and Undergraduate Education,  
Joanne M. Arhar  
Director, School of Foundations, Leadership and Administration,  
Shawn M. Fitzgerald  
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, Stephen Hawthorne  
Director, Gerald H. Read Center, Linda F. Robertson  
Senior Budget Manager, Maureen A. Kennedy  
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: Robert G. Sines

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

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  
Faculty, College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology

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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., University of Alabama  
Ph.D., 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,  
Donald R. Williams (Interim)  
Assistant Dean, Undergraduate Programs and Assessment,  
Elizabeth A. Sinclair  
Chair, Department of Accounting, Linda J. Zucca  
Chair, Department of Economics, Richard J. Kent  
Chair, Department of Finance, John H. Thornton  
Chair, Department of Marketing and Entrepreneurship, Pamela E. Grimm  
Chair, Department of Management and Information Systems, Felix Offodile  
Director, Financial and Business Operations, Maureen A. Kennedy  
Marketing and Communications Specialist, Michelle W. Parrish  
Faculty, College of Business Administration

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Name: Douglas L. Steidl (FAIA)

Title: Dean, College of Architecture and  
Environmental Design

Education: B.S., Carnegie Mellon University  
MBA studies, University of Central Florida  
and The University of Akron  
Distinguished Graduate, Naval Officer Cadet School  
of the U.S. Navy  
Distinguished Graduate, Naval Civil Engineer Corps Officer School

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



Direct Reports: Director, Architecture Program, Jonathan P. Fleming  
Director, Interior Design Program, Pamela K. Evans  
Director, Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative, Theresa A. Schwarz  
Director, Advancement, Martha K. Ring  
Coordinator, Architectural Studies, Brett D. Tippy  
Coordinator, International Studies, David Thal  
Coordinator, Research, Adil M. Sharag-Eldin  
Coordinator, Outreach and Service, Beth A. Bilek-Golias  
Faculty, College of Architecture and Environmental Design

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Name: Susan J. Stocker, Ph.D.

Title: Dean, College of Nursing (Interim)

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: Provides strategic vision and leadership to the faculty to address the mission of the university and the College of Nursing. Interim Dean Stocker 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. Stocker'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 Academics, Gail E. Bromley  
Associate Dean for Research, Mary K. Anthony  
Faculty, College of Nursing

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Name: Stanley T. Wearden, Ph.D.

Title: Dean, College of Communication and Information

Education: B.A., Wheeling College  
(now Wheeling Jesuit University)  
M.S.J., West Virginia University  
Ph.D., University of North Carolina  
at Chapel Hill



Job Description: Provides leadership to and serves as the principal administrator for the College of Communication and Information. Dean Wearden's areas of responsibility include academic functions, personnel, general administration and management, budget, development and advocacy for the college. Wearden 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: Associate Dean, College of Communication and Information,  
LuEtt J. Hanson  
Assistant Dean, College of Communication and Information,  
Matthew M. Rollyson  
Director, School of Communication Studies, Paul M. Haridakis  
Director, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Thor Wasbotten  
Director, School of Library and Information Science, Thomas A. Lipinski  
Director, School of Visual Communication Design, AnnMarie LeBlanc  
Director, Teleproductions and Technology, Mark A. Bussey  
Director, Marketing Communication and Public Relations,  
Jennifer L. Kramer  
Director, Advancement, Christine K. Isenberg  
Senior Business Manager, Audrey E. Lingenfelter  
Senior Instructional Designer, R. Ben Hollis  
Ideabase Business Development Manager, Kristin L. Dowling  
The Tannery Operations Manager, Evan Bailey  
Faculty, College of Communication and Information

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Name: Thomas V. Melillo, D.P.M.

Title: Campus CEO, College of Podiatric Medicine

Education: M.S., California College of  
Podiatric Medicine  
D.P.M., Pennsylvania College of  
Podiatric Medicine



Job Description: Serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine, the Cleveland Foot and Ankle Institute, and all related entities. Campus CEO Melillo oversees all aspects of campus operations, including academic affairs, clinic operations, student affairs, finance and administration, admissions, alumni relations and development, and continuing medical education. Mellilo works collaboratively with the college's Board of Trustees and associated subcommittees and serves on various external advisory boards, as well as university committees and councils.

Direct Reports: Executive Vice President, David R. Nicolanti  
Senior Associate Dean, Vincent J. Hetherington  
Assistant Dean, Bryan D. Caldwell  
Assistant Dean, Lois A. Lott  
Faculty, College of Podiatric Medicine

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Name: Gregory L. Andrews, Ph.D.

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

Education: B.G.S., Kent State University  
M.A., The University of Akron  
Ph.D., Kent State University



Job Description: Serves as chief administrative officer of Kent State University at Tuscarawas. Dean and Chief Administrative Officer Andrews 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. Andrews 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: Assistant Dean, Frances L. Haldar  
Director, Administrative and Business Services, Walter Gritzan  
Director of Advancement, Vacant  
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, Michael K. Morelli  
Academic Program Director, Engineering Technology, Kamal F. Bichara  
Academic Program Director, Nursing, Joan E. Lappin  
Academic Program Director, Veterinary Technology, Ronald M. Southerland  
Manager, Information Technology, Shannon M. Bailey  
Business Manager, Waliah Poto  
Coordinator of Public Relations, Pamela R. Patacca  
Faculty, Kent State University at Tuscarawas

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Name: H. David Mohan, Ph.D.

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

Education: B.S., California State University, Palo Alto  
M.A., Kent State University  
M.S., University of Maryland  
Ph.D., The Ohio 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. Dean and Chief Administrative Officer Mohan provides leadership in all areas of campus operations, develops and implements capital expenditures and represents the campus at appropriate university bodies and community venues. Mohan 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: Associate Dean, Mary F. Hricko (Interim)  
Director, Advancement, David W. Day  
Director, Administrative and Business Services, John H. Granny  
Director, Enrollment Management and Student Services, Thomas R. Hoiles  
Director, Library, Mary F. Hricko  
Manager, Informational Technology Services, Shelley K. Marshall  
Faculty, Kent State University at Geauga and the  
Kent State University Regional Academic Center

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Name: Stephen G. Nameth, Ph.D.

Title: Dean and Chief Administrative Officer,  
Kent State University Columbiana Campuses

Education: A.A., Cerritos Community College  
B.S., California State Polytechnic University  
M.S., California State Polytechnic University  
Ph.D., University of California, Riverside

Job Description: Serves as chief academic and administrative officer of Kent State University Columbiana Campuses (Salem and East Liverpool). Dean and Chief Administrative Officer Nameth 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 (Salem), Celeste Oprean  
Assistant Dean (East Liverpool), Susan M. Rossi  
Director, Administrative and Business Services  
(Columbiana Campuses), Henry T. Trenkelbach  
Director, Advancement (Columbiana Campuses), Leonard Koshinski  
Director, Enrollment Management and Student Services  
(Columbiana Campuses), Shelly Lingenfelter  
Faculty, Kent State University Columbiana Campuses  
(Salem and East Liverpool)

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Name: Wanda E. Thomas, Ed.D.

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

Education: B.S., Kent State University  
Ed.D., University of Arkansas



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 and Chief Administrative Officer Thomas 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. Thomas 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 the campus. Thomas recommends all personnel actions to the appropriate Kent administrative officer and serves as a Regional Campus representative at appropriate university bodies, committees and councils.

Direct Reports: Assistant Dean, Daniel E. Palmer  
Director, Advancement, Dave N. Smith  
Director, Enrollment Management and Student Services,  
James M. Ritter  
Director, Workforce Development and Continuing Studies,  
Lisa J. Goetsch  
Managing Director, Horticulture Facilities, Paul J. Pfeifer  
Business Services Administrator, Elaine C. Petrosky  
Senior Facilities Manager, Randall L. Malmsberry  
Coordinator, Marketing, Robb W. King  
Coordinator, Police Academy and Public Safety Training,  
Catherine L. Kieley  
Outreach Program Coordinator, Police Academy,  
Richard V. Clausen II  
Counseling Specialist, Barbara J. Ozimek  
Faculty, Kent State University at Trumbull



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. Stocker recommends all personnel actions to the associate provost for system integration and regional college dean and serves as a Regional Campus representative at appropriate university bodies, committees and councils.

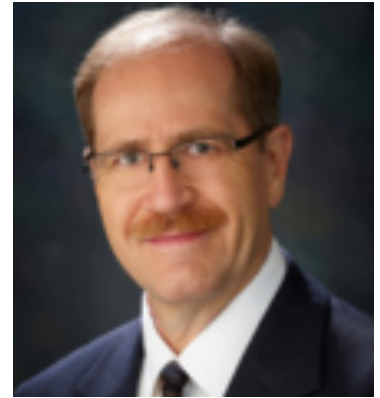
Direct Reports: Assistant Dean, Kevin L. Deemer  
Business Services Administrator, W. David Schultz  
Manager, Communication and Marketing, Lindsey Myers  
Senior Program Director, Nursing and Allied Health, Carol K. Drennen  
Director, Enrollment Management and Student Services, Gerald W. Kiel  
Faculty, Kent State University at Ashtabula

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Name: Walter F. Wagor, Ph.D.  
Title: Dean and Chief Administrative Officer,  
Kent State University at Stark

Education: B.A., Houghton College  
M.S., George Peabody College  
Ph.D., George Peabody College



Job Description: Serves as chief academic and administrative officer of Kent State University at Stark. Dean and Chief Administrative Officer Wagor provides overall leadership and direction for all aspects of the Stark 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: Associate Dean, Academic Affairs, Bathi A. Kasturiarachi (Interim)  
Assistant Dean, Enrollment Management, Mary S. Southards  
Director, External Affairs and Community Relations, Tina L. Biasella  
Director, Advancement, Linda S. Ferguson  
Director, Library, Robert C. Kairis  
Manager, Network Services, JoEllen Klco  
Human Resource Generalist, Michelle L. Reid  
General Manager, The University Center, Joseph M. Folk  
Senior Facilities Manager, Brent A. Wood  
Bookstore Manager, Kevin P. Leitner  
Business Services Administrator, LaTarsha Miller  
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Name: Donald F. Palmer, Ph.D.

Title: Dean, Honors College (Interim)

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  
Honors Coordinator II, Carolyn C. Sampson  
Honors Coordinator I, Wayne G. Elliott  
Honors Coordinator I, Aaron S. Hanlin  
Honors Academic Advisor, Nicholas A. Hernandez  
Honors Academic Advisor, Jillian H. Hiska  
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Name: James K. Bracken, Ph.D.

Title: Dean, University Libraries

Education: B.A., University of Toledo  
M.A., 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: Associate Dean, Engagement and Outreach,  
Kenneth J. Burhanna  
Assistant Dean, Collection Management,  
Technical Services and Systems, Thomas E. Klingler  
Assistant Dean, Administration, J. Mark Pike  
Senior Fiscal Manager, Ronald E. Bammerlin  
Director, Marketing, Communications and Public Relations,  
Karen M. Hillman  
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Name: Eboni J. Pringle  
Title: Dean, Undergraduate Studies (Interim)  
Education: B.S., Ohio University  
M.Ed., Kent State University  
Ph.D. Candidate, 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, student retention, academic learning communities, university tutoring, and undecided and undeclared students. Dean of Undergraduate Studies Pringle oversees the Exploratory Advising Center, the Office of Experiential Education and Civic Engagement, University Advising, the Academic Success Center, Student Success Programs, Excel: Living/Learning Community, the TRIO/Student Support Services Program, Technology Support, the National/International Student Exchange, and the Dual Enrollment/Post Secondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEOP).

Direct Reports: Assistant Dean, Nikki J. Crutchfield  
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Manager, Information Technology, Rose M. Tran

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Name: Gregg S. Floyd  
Title: Senior Vice President for Finance  
and Administration

Education: B.S. in business, Indiana University  
MBA, Indiana University  
J.D., Indiana University

Job Description: Responsible for the overall leadership of the Division of Finance and Administration, to include the areas of Budget; Financial Reporting; Facilities Planning and Operations; Business and Administration Services; Public Safety; and Internal Audit. Floyd provides leadership in financial accountability, policy, systems and reporting. Oversees all institutional financial planning to include budget forecasting, investments and risk management. Floyd 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:

- Senior Associate Vice President, Vacant
- Associate Vice President for University Budget and Financial Analysis,  
Denise Zelko
- Associate Vice President for Financial Reporting and Cash Management,  
Lisa (Jeannie) Reifsnyder
- Associate Vice President for Facilities Planning and  
Operations, Thomas Euclide
- Associate Vice President for Business and Administration Services,  
Anne Brown
- Associate Vice President for Compliance, Risk Management and Real Estate,  
Constance Hawke
- Director of Public Safety, John Peach
- Director of Internal Audit, Jo Ann Gustafson
- Project Manager, Carla Wyckoff
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Name: Iris E. Harvey  
Title: Vice President for University Relations  
Education: B.S. in business, University of Southern California  
Ed.S., George Washington University  
MBA, University of Southern California



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 University Relations, Justin Hilton  
Associate Vice President for University Communications and Marketing, Rebecca Murphy  
Associate Vice President for the Center for Corporate and Professional Development, Amy Lane  
Executive Director and General Manager, WKSU, Daniel Skinner  
Assistant to the Vice President, Patricia Nash

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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. Partners with other university divisions to assess and implement collaborations with external organizations that provide value-added benefits to multiple divisions through the engagement of diverse audiences and unique programming. Leads the University Relations division's initiatives to promote the downtown Kent development as Ohio's rising college town through visitation events that attract members from major Northeast Ohio leadership organizations.

Direct Reports: None

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Name: Gene Finn  
Title: Vice President for  
Institutional Advancement

Education: B.A., Dickinson College  
M.A., George Washington University

Job Description: Responsible for the overall leadership of the Division of Institutional Advancement to include the areas of Advancement Operations; Kent State University Foundation; Corporate and Foundation Relations; Alumni Relations; and Center for Gift and Estate Planning. Finn provides leadership for the Centennial Campaign, Kent State's \$250 million comprehensive campaign. He oversees all institutional advancement planning to include alumni events and engagement activities around the country. Finn 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 for Institutional Advancement,  
Steve Sokany  
Executive Director for Gift and Estate Planning, Mindy Aleman  
Associate Vice President for Advancement Operations,  
Cindy Crimmins  
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: Stephen G. Sokany

Title: Senior Associate Vice President  
for Institutional Advancement

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

Job Description: Responsible for the management of the leadership and major gifts program within the Division of Institutional Advancement. Senior Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement Sokany manages a team of major gift advancement officers which represent each of the Kent Campus colleges, the seven Regional Campuses, intercollegiate athletics, WSKU, several regional leadership gift officers and Enrollment Management and Student Affairs. He serves on the division's senior management team and also provides support to the Kent State University Foundation Board of Directors.

In addition to these responsibilities, he manages a personal portfolio of leadership and major gift prospects.

Direct Reports: Director of Advancement for WKSU-FM, Pam Anderson  
Director of Advancement for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, Nichole Baker  
Director of Advancement for Leadership Gifts, Lori Bodnar  
Executive Director of Advancement, Regional Campuses and Special Projects, Matt Butts  
Director of Advancement for Kent State University at Geauga, David Day  
Director of Advancement for College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability & Technology,  
John DeCola  
Director of Advancement for Kent State University at Stark, Linda Ferguson  
Associate Athletic Director/Executive Director for Athletic Advancement, Matt Geis  
Director of Advancement for College of the Arts, Shawn Gordon  
Director of Advancement for College of Education, Health and Human Services,  
Steve Hawthorne  
Director of Advancement for College of Communication and Information, Christine Isenberg  
Associate Director of Advancement for College of Education, Health and Human Services,  
Lauren Jaeger  
Associate Director of Athletic Advancement, Markus Jennings  
Assistant Director of Advancement for College of Business, Chelsea Knowles  
Director of Advancement for Kent State University at East Liverpool and Salem,  
Leonard Koshinski  
Director of Advancement for College of Arts and Sciences, Susan Marks  
Director of Advancement for College of Public Health, Margot McGimpsey  
Senior Advancement Officer for Leadership Gifts, Linda Motosko  
Associate Director of Advancement for Kent State University at Ashtabula, Pam Palermo  
Director of Advancement for College of Business, Gary Porto  
Director of Advancement for College of Architecture and Environmental Design, Marti Ring  
Director of Advancement for College of Arts and Sciences and Honors College,  
Diane Ruppelt  
Director of Advancement for College of Nursing, Angela Sass  
Director of Advancement for Kent State University at Trumbull, David Smith  
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Name: Gregory I. Jarvie  
Title: Vice President for Enrollment  
Management and Student Affairs  
Education: B.S., Counseling, Marshall University  
M.Ed., Higher Education Administration,  
Kent State University

Job Description: Responsible for the overall leadership of the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, to include the areas of Admissions, Student Financial Aid, Center for Adult and Veteran Services, Center for Student Involvement, Dean of Students, Student Ombuds, Residence Services, University Registrar, University Dining Services, University Health Services which includes Psychological Services, Student Accessibility Services, Career Services, Student Conduct, Recreational Services, Kent Student Center, University Bookstore, Advancement and Enrollment Data and Systems Support. Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs Jarvie leads the university's enrollment management initiatives for student recruitment and retention, provides leadership and oversees all comprehensive student affairs programs, policies, systems and reporting. Jarvie 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 enrollment management and student affairs, and advises the president and colleagues on enrollment management and student affairs-related issues.

Direct Reports: Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students,  
Shay Little  
Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, T. David Garcia  
Associate Vice President for Administration, John Gosky  
Student Ombuds, Jennifer Kulics  
Director of Enrollment Data and Systems Support, Barb Boltz  
Director of Recreational Services, Gretchen Julian  
Director of Residence Services, Jill Church  
Executive Director of University Dining Services, Jackie Parsons  
Director of Advancement for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs,  
Nichole Baker  
Special Coordinator for Student Affairs, Donna Carlton  
Assistant to an Executive Officer, Patricia Dennison

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Name: Shay Little, Ph.D.

Title: Associate Vice President for Student Affairs  
and Dean of Students

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: Serves as the institution's primary student advocate; assists the vice president for enrollment management and student affairs in the leadership and administration of the division. Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students Little 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 and the Office of Student Conduct. Little stands in for the vice president for enrollment management and student affairs in his absence.

Direct Reports: Associate Dean of Students, Timeka Rashid  
Director, Office of Student Conduct, Todd Kamenash

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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; management of 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, Devin Crosby  
Senior Associate Athletic Director and  
Senior Woman Administrator, Janet Kittell  
Senior Associate Athletic Director and Executive  
Director for Athletic Advancement, Matthew R. Geis  
Associate Athletic Director, Academic and  
Compliance Services, Randle Richmond  
Senior Fiscal Manager, Colin Miller  
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Director of New Media, David Carducci  
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Name: Devin Crosby

Title: Deputy Director of Athletics

Education: B.A., Slippery Rock University  
M. Ed., Physical Education, East  
Stroudsburg University



Job Description: Serves as primary advisor and liaison to the Director of Athletics. The Deputy Director of Athletics Crosby 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 Intercollegiate Athletics Department in the absence of the Director of Athletics.

Direct Reports: Head Football Coach, Paul Haynes  
Head Women's Basketball Coach, Danielle O'Banion  
Head Men's Basketball Coach, Rob Senderoff  
Director of Ticket Operations and Sales, Dennis Watson  
Director of Marketing and Promotions, Kristan Dolan  
Assistant Athletic Director, Facilities and Operations, Stephen Thompson  
Director of Athletic Communications, Lindsey Maurer  
Head Equipment Manager, Clifton Ragin Jr.

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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: The 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: Executive Director, Diversity and Inclusion, Dana Lawless-Andric  
Interim Executive Director, AALANA Initiatives, Keith Wisdom, Ph.D.  
Director, Women's Center, Heather Adams  
Director, Assessment and Research, Edward Collins, Ph.D.  
Director, Special Projects and Initiatives, Shana Lee  
Assistant to Executive Officer, Diane Matasek

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Name: Dana Lawless-Andric  
Title: Executive Director, Diversity and Inclusion

Education: B.S., University of Mount Union  
M.S., Kent State University  
Doctoral Student, Cultural Foundations,  
Kent State University



Job Description: The Executive Director, Diversity and Inclusion Lawless-Andric is responsible for diversity workshop and training development; division communications, staff development and administrative functions; regional campus and department diversity engagement; management of the President's Ambassador; to oversee the Upward Bound Programs; and serve as the assistant to the vice president as needed.

Direct Reports: Director Upward Bound Math-Science Center  
and Upward Bound Public Health, E. Henderson Ellis  
Interim Director Upward Bound Classic Academy, Thomas Jefferson  
DEI Business Manager, Carmen Roberts  
Upward Bound Business Manager, Gaylen Moore  
Interim Diversity Research Specialists, Ashley Williams  
Administrative Assistant, Barb Johnson

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Name: Edward G. Mahon  
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 enterprise-wide 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

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Name: Coleen D. Santee

Title: Executive Director for Enterprise Support  
and Application Services

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



Job Description: Responsible for the leadership of the Department of Enterprise Support and Application Services, which includes the areas of application development, application support, business intelligence, project management office, 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, Enterprise Application Services, Andrea K. Nunley  
Director, Web Presence, Sameer Jaleel  
Director, Application Support, Jamie Jackson  
Manager, Application Development, Christopher Muller

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