

Kent State University

Strategic Roadmap to a Distinctive Kent State

DRAFT VISION, MISSION AND CORE VALUES

Vision

To be an inclusive community whose collective commitment to learning sparks transformative thinking, meaningful voice, and sustainable outcomes to better our world

Mission

We transform lives by providing access, building diverse and inclusive communities, and through the power of discovery, learning and creative expression

Core Values

We value:

- A distinctive blend of teaching, research and creative excellence
- Active inquiry and discovery that expands knowledge and human understanding
- Life-changing educational experiences for students with wide-ranging talents and aspirations
- An inclusive environment for learning, working, and living that creates a genuine sense of belonging
- Collaborative engagement that inspires positive change across all campuses and surrounding communities
- Diversity of identities, cultures, beliefs, and thoughts
- Freedom of expression and the free exchange of ideas
- Respect, kindness, and purpose in all we do

PRIORITIES

Priority 1:

STUDENTS FIRST

Ensure Kent State is a university where students thrive, belong, graduate, and become lifelong learners committed to a life of impact.

Priority 2:

A DIVERSE KENT STATE

Create a diverse learning environment through the recruitment and retention of a diverse student body, faculty, and staff.

Priority 3:

A NATIONALLY DISTINCTIVE KENT STATE

Bolster idea generation, innovation, and national distinction through investment in top-tier teaching, research and creative activities, and co-curricular programs.

Priority 4:

REGIONAL IMPACT

Serve as an innovative and engaged partner to meet community needs and enhance quality of life in the region and state.

Priority 5:

GLOBAL PRESENCE

Leverage, expand, and elevate Kent State's global relationships, international engagement, and integration of global perspectives.

Priority 6:

ORGANIZATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY

Ensure a culture of continuous improvement and the careful and responsible management of university resources and infrastructures.