

**TUSCARAWAS** 

# Community Engagement Newsletter

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"One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals.

When we pool our strength and share the work and responsibility, we can welcome many people, even those in deep distress, and perhaps help them find self-confidence and inner healing.

-Jean Vanier



### A Message from Co-Coordinators, Dr. Denise McEnroe-Petitte and Dr. Donald Gerbig

The Spring Awards were held in April. The CE committee selected those individuals/groups honoring a student group, a community organization, and an administrator/faculty member/staff member for outstanding participation in Community Engagement/Service-Learning activities. The KSUT Student Government Organization was chosen for the student group, the community organization was Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital Women's Auxiliary, and Antoinette Ferritto was chosen as the staff member.

Thanks to all of these individuals who participated in making CE a success.

Please contact us to discuss future community engagement events. We hope to have many activities for academic year 2019-2020!

Dr. Denise McEnroe-Petitte and Dr. Donald Gerbig





Above: Kent State Tuscarawas Undergraduate Student Government was busy making decorations for the Hollywood Premier Dance for residents of Tuscarawas County that was recently held at Buckeye Career Center. The contributions included a six-foot Oscar cardboard stand up, a six-foot Hollywood banner and a selfie frame—all made using items from the Makerspace, including a large format printer, foam boards and various cutting tools.

Thanks to all who assisted with this worthy project!

Left: Students from Dr. Nicole Willey's College Writing II class playing Jeopardy with West Elementary students, with the topic of "Transitioning to Middle School."

## The Rainbow Connection Telethon





Kent State Tuscarawas participated in the annual Rainbow Connection Telethon held in March. A large basket was filled with lots of KSUT items such as: Performing Arts Center (PAC) tickets for upcoming shows, a PAC blanket, KSU coffee mugs, "K" chocolate candies, a nursing t-shirt, a KSU t-shirt, a gift certificate for College for Kids registration for Summer 2019, KSUT blue and gold ornaments, "K" pin, KSU socks, and a KSU backpack. In addition, the nursing department decorated a wreath with blue and gold colors. Our own Dean Brad Bielski was one of the panel members answering the phones.

Thanks to all who helped with the projects and supported the Rainbow Connection!!

## Nursing Honor Society and Hands-Free CPR

Under the direction of Dr. Mariann Harding, advisor for the Alpha Delta Nu nursing honor society, the second year nursing students who were inducted into Gamma Sigma chapter this year became volunteers with the American Red Cross. They participated in Hands-Only CPR classes, where untrained bystanders are taught how to perform this valuable life-saving skill which can help by giving precious time to a person experiencing a cardiac event. Over the course of the semester, each student was involved with teaching at least one class. The group was able to reach a total of 228 people in our community. Some of the facilities where Hands-Only CPR education was provided include: KSUT students, faculty and staff members, Indian Valley High, school health classes, a Cub Scout troop and several local businesses, including Heubner Chevrolet.

Below: Nursing students prepare to teach a Hands-Only CPR class in the ALC.



Below: Nursing students take part in a Hands-Only CPR class in the nursing skills lab.





## Kent State Tuscarawas Annual Day of Giving

With paint brushes in hand, members of the Kent State Tuscarawas administration, faculty, staff and students joined together and spruced up the walls at Big Brothers Big Sisters with a fresh coat of paint during the KSU Annual Day of Giving in April. Members of the crew spent 4–6 hours on the project.

Thanks to all who participated!

Below: Wall graphics created in the Makerspace by Cherie Bronkar and members of the ALC.



Right: Chad Conrad, members of KSUT Alumni Association and volunteers have some fun while brightening Big Brothers Big Sisters' hallway with a new coat of paint!



## **Communication Studies Practicum**

Dr. Ginger Bihn-Coss's practicum students worked at various places Spring semester for their Applied Communications course. Alison Romeo was with Deb Ellwood at KSUT, Olivia Marsh was at WTUZ radio with Shanna Burky, Curtis Moreland was with Dee Grossman at the Tuscarawas Visitor's Bureau, and Seth Crilley was with Ralph Cunningham at Roselyn's music.

Right: Seth Crilley gave a musical presentation in the ALC for his Communication Studies Practicum.





Bottom: For this project, Seth went to a kindergarten class at Chestnut Ridge Elementary. Seth and the students sang songs

together and talked about music and instruments. He ended with a talk about Roselyn's music.



Left top: Olivia Marsh (front, right) "Blessings in a Backup" community service. Left bottom: Olivia Marsh (middle) sitting in on a court case.

### **Special Thanks to Our Spring 2019 Community Engagement Participants**

Justice Akpan and Business Consulting Practicum students: Harcatus

Mistey Bailey and Child/Family Self-Care students: New Philadelphia City Schools Kindergarten Registration

Kingsly Berlin and Veterinary Nursing II students: Tuscarawas County Humane Society

Lisa Brindley and Intro to Early Childhood Service students: Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Cherie Bronkar and Student Government Association members: Soup Kitchen, Easter egg hunt, Clue game and Hollywood Premier dance

Ginger Bihn-Coss and Applied Communication Practicum students: KSUT, WTUZ radio, Tuscarawas Visitor's Bureau, Roselyn's Music

Mariann Harding and Alpha Delta Nu Nursing Honor Society students: American Red Cross

KSUT campus: Warther's Museum, Rainbow Connection

Nicole Miles and Integrated Expressive Arts and Social Studies students: Wiz Kids and the Tuscarawas County Public Library

Beth Osikiewicz (Math Dept.): New Philadelphia Central Elementary School

Nicole Willey and College Writing II students: New Philadelphia City Schools/ West Elementary





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### Community Engagement at Kent State Tuscarawas

#### **Our Mission**

Community Engagement is an important tool for the discovery, application and sharing of knowledge for fostering ethical and humanitarian values in the service of Ohio and for expanding our students' horizons while encouraging responsible citizenship.

### What We Do For You

Offer assistance on integrating community engagement and community engagement/service learning into university courses.

Foster relationships between students, faculty and community partners.

Document service hours and provide participant recognition.

Provide support to students, faculty and community partners.