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## LETTER FROM THE DEAN

Congratulations to University Libraries' 2016 Legacy Student Scholarship recipients Kiana Duncan, Christiana Ford, Leah Nelson and Larry Staats! We're proud of you and happy to support your continuing successes as Kent State students.

Of University Libraries' many important programs, I'm most proud of our Legacy Student Scholarship program. It really has everything – wonderful food, excellent entertainment, warm fellowship and very happy students. It's also the libraries' only fundraiser. And all of the funds raised benefit our students. I think that the Legacy Student Scholarship program is the highlight of our year and, very appropriately, it's the centerpiece of this issue of *Pageturners*.

University Libraries employs nearly 200 student workers, annually. They do everything from answering questions to shelving and processing resources to sweeping the floors and changing light bulbs. Without them, the libraries wouldn't function efficiently. We love them and wish we could hire even more.

According to research on student success, full-time students do best in school when they limit their employment to approximately 10 hours per week. The libraries takes this statistic seriously, despite the fact that many of our students request more hours. We know a limited work week encourages our students to maintain an appropriate school/work balance, leaving time for life's necessities, such as eating, sleeping and relaxing. This school-work-life balance is ideal; however, at least half of our library student workers have two part-time jobs. Moreover, nearly 10 percent hold three part-time jobs. For many student employees, working multiple part-time jobs is necessary to afford their college education.

The stories of our scholarship winners – Kiana, Christiana, Leah and Larry – show we're making a difference in the lives of some deserving student workers. A \$1,000 scholarship might bridge a monetary gap and eliminate a student's need to add a second or third part-time job. It may enable them to pursue a goal that might not otherwise be financially attainable, such as studying abroad. In either case, scholarships and funds donated to the program directly benefit our students. Our goal for the Legacy Student Scholarship program is to fully endow five \$1,000 scholarships by the year 2020. Thanks to the generosity of several donors, we're already halfway there.

I trust you'll enjoy reading this issue of *Pageturners* and learning how a little extra support can make a big difference in the lives of Kent State students.

Best wishes,

Jim Bracken, Ph.D.  
Dean, Kent State University Libraries

## LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP DINNER CELEBRATES 2016 RECIPIENTS

More than 100 people, including Friends of the Library members, students, faculty and staff, gathered last October to recognize the 2016 University Libraries' Legacy Scholarship recipients.

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\$125,000 by the  
year 2020.”*

The celebratory event, held in Kent State University's elegantly set Student Center ballroom, focused on the scholarship recipients and the positive impact the Library had on their lives as Kent State students. According to Karen Hillman, director of library development and donor relations, the Legacy Scholarship Dinner reflects the University Libraries' goal to leave a legacy through the growth of a fund that supports students for years to come.



Following the recognition of the student recipients by University Libraries Dean Jim Bracken, Ph.D., the audience enjoyed theatre, opera, jazz, piano and dance performances by students from Kent State's College of the Arts' School of Music and School of Theatre and Dance.

"A one-time gift to the University Libraries' Student Scholarship Fund is truly a gift

that keeps on giving," says Hillman. "We save it, using the interest only to fund scholarships."

On average, \$25,000 in the endowment account funds one \$1,000 scholarship.

"Our goal is to raise \$125,000 by the year 2020, so we can award five \$1,000 scholarships each year," says Hillman. "So far, we've raised \$80,000."

In 2014, the first year the University Libraries' Student Scholarship Fund was awarded, one student received a \$1,000 scholarship. In 2015, the Fund increased so two students received scholarships. In 2016, four well-deserving students each received \$1,000 scholarships. University Libraries will soon provide four more students with scholarships in 2017.

*For more information about the University Libraries' Student Scholarship Fund or to contribute, contact Karen Hillman at [khillma1@kent.edu](mailto:khillma1@kent.edu) or 330-672-1886.*

# MEET THE 2016 LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Kiana Duncan**

// broadcast journalism major

One of Duncan's earliest experiences with University Libraries was during the Provost Leadership Academy. Students were introduced to Dean Bracken and invited to share ideas about how to improve access to the library.

"I've never heard a student's opinion valued so highly," recalls Duncan. "We discussed many ideas and at the end of the session, I felt stronger as a student. There's no other place on campus where the staff cares so deeply about catering to students' access to learning."

Receiving the scholarship allowed Duncan to realize her dream of studying abroad at the Kent State campus in Florence, Italy.

"Being selected for the University Libraries' Student Scholarship shows how Kent State supports its students in ways that truly matter," says Duncan. "Studying abroad can be expensive, but instead of focusing on the financial aspects, I'm able to focus on academic goals and traveling. It allows me more opportunities to expand my world view."



**Christiana Ford**

// journalism major

Ford fondly recalls frequent visits to her hometown library when she was a little girl, fueling a love for reading. Now a college student, Ford sees the library also as a place for community, learning and academic advancement.

"The library is a lifeline," says Ford. "From the Multimedia Studio's availability of Adobe Suite to the free computer workshops to the Writing Commons for those times when my writing needs to be polished, the library is available to help me succeed."

Ford is grateful to be a scholarship recipient, particularly as an out-of-state student.

"The scholarship made me feel more connected to campus," says Ford. "Knowing that Kent has things like this for students shows they really care. Being out-of-state, my tuition costs are higher. With only one parent contributing toward that, it's incredibly challenging to come up with the money. This scholarship has helped me tremendously, because every bit truly counts."



**Leah Nelson**

// digital media productions major

In addition to being a scholarship recipient, Nelson works at University Libraries' Student Multimedia Studio. She sums up the library in one word: home.

"Home is not just a building you live in, it is where you're happy, and the University Library is where I'm the happiest," says Nelson. "I realize the library isn't just my home, but home to everyone I see there. It's home to the co-worker I sit next to, the older man I see using the scanners and the mom filing paperwork on the eighth floor."

Nelson, who works two part-time jobs while attending Kent State, is greatly appreciative of the scholarship and the support it offers.

"The scholarship made a tremendous difference in my school year," says Nelson. "It has given me more time to focus on my education, prevented me from having to withdraw from classes again, take another loan or work a third job."



**Larry Staats**

// fine arts major

When Staats needed to use the library's resources for a class research project, he realized books provide a depth of knowledge and information he couldn't find online.

"Books contain more specific and detailed information," says Staats. "I had a research paper for a class that required three sources. I was so excited to get information that's nearly impossible to find on the internet. I far surpassed my three sources."

The scholarship is already making a difference to Staats as he plans for his senior year at Kent State.

"The scholarship has made a huge difference in my school life this year and it will make a huge impact on next semester, as well," says Staats. "With the financial help, I've made some purchases for my art I probably wouldn't have been able to make. I hope to go on the Poland spring break trip and the scholarship will help a great deal."

**Become a Friend of University Libraries! Join today at [www.library.kent.edu/Friends](http://www.library.kent.edu/Friends).**



University Libraries' Jim Bracken and College of Architecture's Bill Willoughby welcome event guests.

## BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

### UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES HOSTS LOCAL BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN KENT STATE'S NEWEST BUILDING

Kent State University and the business community have a long-standing, mutually beneficial relationship. Each year, University Libraries strengthens this bond by hosting a Business After Hours event in conjunction with local chambers of commerce. The most recent event, held in November, was the perfect opportunity for community leaders to see Kent State's new building, the Center of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Nearly 75 people enjoyed food, networking and tours, provided by University Libraries, the College of Architecture and Environmental Design and the Kent, Streetsboro and Aurora chambers of commerce.

Bill Willoughby, associate dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, led tours through the 117,000-square-foot structure, pointing out high-tech labs, digital fabrication equipment, modern-design classrooms, 3D printers and other notable features.

Located in the impressive new building is the Joseph F. Morbito Architecture Library. The Architecture Library serves as a vast academic resource for the college's undergraduate and graduate students, as well as students enrolled at the university's Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative.

The branch library, which overlooks the Lefton Esplanade's welcoming archway, is managed by Thomas Gates head of the Architecture Library. He and Marsha Cole, architecture librarian, enjoy working with Architecture and Environmental Design College students and faculty.

"We're grateful for the support of the Kent State University Libraries and their willingness to host this event," says Lori Wemhoff, Kent Area Chamber of Commerce executive director. "Our members enjoy these events and learn more about the services the libraries provide the business community."

**Mark your calendar to join us for the Sixth Annual Business After Hours event, planned for Sept. 21, 2017.**



## SENIOR GUESTS WELCOMED BY UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Every semester ushers in a new class of enthusiastic students ready to take advantage of all Kent State University has to offer. Some of these students already hold at least one academic degree. Some have held upper-management positions in thriving corporations. Some students, who realize you're never too old to learn something new, are part of the Senior Guests program.

The Senior Guest program, facilitated by the Office of Continuing and Distance Education, allows Ohio residents age 60 and older to attend regular, on-campus university classes, tuition free. In November 2016, University Libraries Dean Jim Bracken hosted the first reception to welcome these students to the library.

At the reception, he and other staff and faculty members introduced the Senior Guests to library resources that supplement their education.

The casual event included an overview of University Libraries' services and resources by Joy Leavy, the liaison librarian for Senior Guests, as well as a tour for those interested in seeing some of the helpful departments and features found in the 12-story building.

A second reception was held in February 2017 and, judging by the positive response, this event will be on the calendar every semester for the foreseeable future.

Calvin Carstensen has participated as a Kent State Senior Guest since 2000. He appreciated the informative session explaining how the Libraries can supplement all he learns in the classroom.

*To learn more about the Senior Guest program at Kent State University, visit [www.kent.edu/cde/senior-guest-program](http://www.kent.edu/cde/senior-guest-program).*

# WE THE PEOPLE: CELEBRATING THE PAST, SPEAKING HOPE FOR THE FUTURE



Following the 2016 Constitution Day Celebration, the first pieces of cake were cut by Ohio Congressman Tim Ryan and KSU President Beverly Warren.

University Libraries' annual Constitution Day Celebration brings together the Kent State University community and surrounding area to commemorate our country's founding document and recognize those who have become United States citizens.

Organized by the University Libraries' Diversity Committee for the past five years, the event features an outdoor, public reading of the Constitution by volunteer participants. Students, faculty and staff, as well as Kent State ROTC members, local legislators, police officers and alumni, from diverse nationalities and backgrounds have stepped up to the microphone at Risman Plaza. They proudly read excerpts of the Constitution and the 27 amendments to all who were in attendance and passing.

"Constitution Day is a day to remember our ideals, of what we hold dear in this country," said Kent State President Beverly Warren to the crowd. "And it is important that today's students, who are the leaders of tomorrow, really uphold these ideals as they think about their contribution for the future."

*Join us for the 2017 Constitution Day Celebration on September 18!*

## BECOME A COMMUNITY BORROWER AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Community Borrowers, ages 16 and above, can access University Libraries' volumes of books, e-readers and many other materials through this popular program. Visit the circulation desk at any Kent State library listed below to register.

### KENT CAMPUS LIBRARY LOCATIONS:

#### UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

1125 Risman Drive  
330-672-3456

#### ARCHITECTURE LIBRARY

Center for Architecture and Environmental Design, Room 110  
330-672-2876

#### FASHION LIBRARY

Rockwell Hall  
Room 131  
330-672-9500

#### MAP LIBRARY

McGilvery Hall  
Room 410  
330-672-2017

#### PERFORMING ARTS LIBRARY

Center for the Performing Arts  
Room D-004  
330-672-2004



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# Map It

## CHARTS A DYNAMIC COURSE FOR KENT STATE STUDENTS, FACULTY AND THE COMMUNITY



What does a library in Kent, Ohio, have to do with Dar es Salaam, Tanzania?

To answer that question, head to Room 410 in McGilvery Hall where you'll find Michael Hawkins, interim head of Kent State University's Map Library and creator of the university's Map It! program.

Hawkins created the program to help a faculty member locate reliable sources of water in drought-stricken Africa. Now Map It! is offered as a free service for Kent State students and the community.

"The program provides mapped data, typically covering specific, small areas for research or community betterment," says Hawkins. He developed Map It! when a colleague was writing an article on water availability and reliability in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, where water is often scarce.

"We mapped the water tables and their size in the surrounding area," says Hawkins.

Closer to home, the program is being used to create an in-depth map illustrating the area's potential for prospective companies.

"We are partnering with East Liverpool to develop a map of the parcels located in the east end of the city. The map visualizes which parcels are available for development. We also will code the physical condition of buildings or structures located on the parcels," says Hawkins.

*"There are so many different possibilities."*

Recently, the City of Kent began taking advantage of the program's potential. Hawkins and city administrators are identifying Main Street Kent map points for several businesses. Map It! markers include a description and a photo of the business to facilitate wayfinding, as well as provide valuable information to prospective customers. As this initiative progresses, more companies will be added.

More university personnel and community members are becoming aware of the program and Hawkins looks forward to discovering more uses for it.

"There are so many different possibilities," he says. "I'm excited to see the ideas other people have. I would love to expand its use to different types of data visualization in addition to maps."

Kent State's Map Library is the university's chief cartographic and geospatial resource center for maps, atlases, GIS data, place name literature and cartographic reference materials in paper and electronic formats. Housing 270,000 maps, 2,000 atlases, 350 gazetteers and more, the library is familiar to many architecture and geology students, as well as community members searching for specific maps.

If you're interested in learning how a personalized mapping project can help your business or research project, Hawkins can assist you.

"We don't just make a map. If you have a data visualization question, we'll sit down and find the best Map It! option for you," he says.

For more information about Map It! or the Map Library, contact Michael Hawkins at [mhawki11@kent.edu](mailto:mhawki11@kent.edu) or 330-672-2017.

# JOIN KENT STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES FOR THESE **SPRING EVENTS**



## **MINI MAKER FAIRE**

*Friday, April 14 | noon - 4 p.m. | Garden Room*

Experience a family-friendly showcase of invention and creativity.

## **AN EVENING OF JAZZ**

*Friday, April 21 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. | Garden Room*

Enjoy an evening with the Kent State University Jazz Orchestra and Nova Jazz Singers.

## **SPRING EMBRACE RECOGNITION LUNCHEON**

*Tuesday, April 25 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. | Garden Room*

We welcome you to join us as we recognize Library volunteers, graduating student employees, retirees and the Champion of the Library.

Each event takes place in the first-floor Garden Room in University Library, 1125 Risman Drive in Kent Ohio.