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THE ROLE AND MISSION OF KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

The mission of Kent State University is to prepare students for responsible citizenship and productive careers, broaden intellectual perspectives and foster ethical and humanitarian values. Our faculty and staff are engaged in teaching, research, creative expression, service and partnerships that address the needs of a complex and changing world. Kent State's eight-campus network, anchored by the largest residential campus in the region, serves as a key resource for economic, social cultural and technological advancement.

Kent State is a supportive and inclusive learning community devoted to teaching excellence and academic freedom. By discovering and sharing knowledge in a broad array of graduate and undergraduate programs, Kent State University meets the dynamic needs of a global society.

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ABOUT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Kent State University ranks among the top 90 public universities in the country, according to the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. This places Kent State among an elite 3.8 percent of the nation's nearly 3,900 colleges and universities. Kent State earns national recognition for its breadth of high-quality undergraduate programs balanced with innovative research and graduate studies in selected areas. The Kent State University eight-campus network is designed to serve both the development of a true living/learning approach at its Kent Campus, where residential living combines the resources and facilities of a large, diverse university, and regional needs on seven campuses offering the friendly, casual atmosphere of small liberal arts colleges. Regional campuses include Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas. The Kent Campus provides baccalaureate, master's and doctoral study opportunities. At the same time, Kent State's Regional Campuses serve their specific community's needs with associate's degree programs in more than two dozen technical and business fields, as well as baccalaureate and selected graduate work. Kent State University provides learning opportunities in some 214 academic programs of undergraduate study. At the undergraduate level, students may work toward nine different baccalaureate degrees in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Fine and Professional Arts and Nursing and the School of Technology. Kent State also offers 16 degrees in 174 programs at the master's level, one degree for educational specialist in seven areas and one doctoral degree in 58 areas.

In addition to its distinguished and award-winning faculty, Kent State University attracts scholars and researchers to diverse institutes, centers and research bureaus in specific areas. They include Institutes for: CyberInformation, Liquid Crystals, African American Affairs, Applied Linguistics, Bibliography and Editing, Computational Mathematics, and Water Resources; and Centers for: Applied Psychology, Counseling and Human Development, International and Comparative Studies, Literature and Psychoanalysis, World Musics, Nursing Research, Pan-African Culture, NATO and European Union Studies, and Urban Design. The world-renowned Kent/Blossom Arts Festivals offer a triad of artistic programs—music, theatre and art—for outstanding students in the fine arts.

Located in Kent, Ohio (population 30,000), the Kent Campus is ideally situated in northeastern Ohio, amid rolling terrain dotted by spring-fed lakes. Yet "big city" enthusiasts are only a short drive from four major urban centers, with airports offering access to the nation and the world. The beautifully landscaped Kent Campus is composed of more than 826 acres. There are 113 buildings on the Kent Campus with a 291-acre airport and an 18-hole golf course nearby.

The focal point of the campus is the University Center with its spacious plaza. On one side is the 12-story, open-stack library which houses more than 2.4 million volumes, a complete learning resource center, and the university executive offices. On the other side is the sprawling Student Center which houses dining facilities, meeting and conference rooms, recreation areas, a ballroom and the bookstore.

Other notable architectural landmarks include the Student Recreational and Wellness Center, a 153,000-square-foot world-class facility featuring a sports arena, elevated running track, natatorium, climbing wall, workout rooms, and refreshment and lounge areas; the Business Administration Building, with its bronze-mirrored window-walls; and the futuristic, award-winning Art Building, with translucent panels that admit the diffused and shadowless lighting vital to art classes during the day and emit a distinctive glow of interior activity after dark.

Nearby is Taylor Hall, home of the College of Fine and Professional Arts and its Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication and Architecture and Environmental Design.

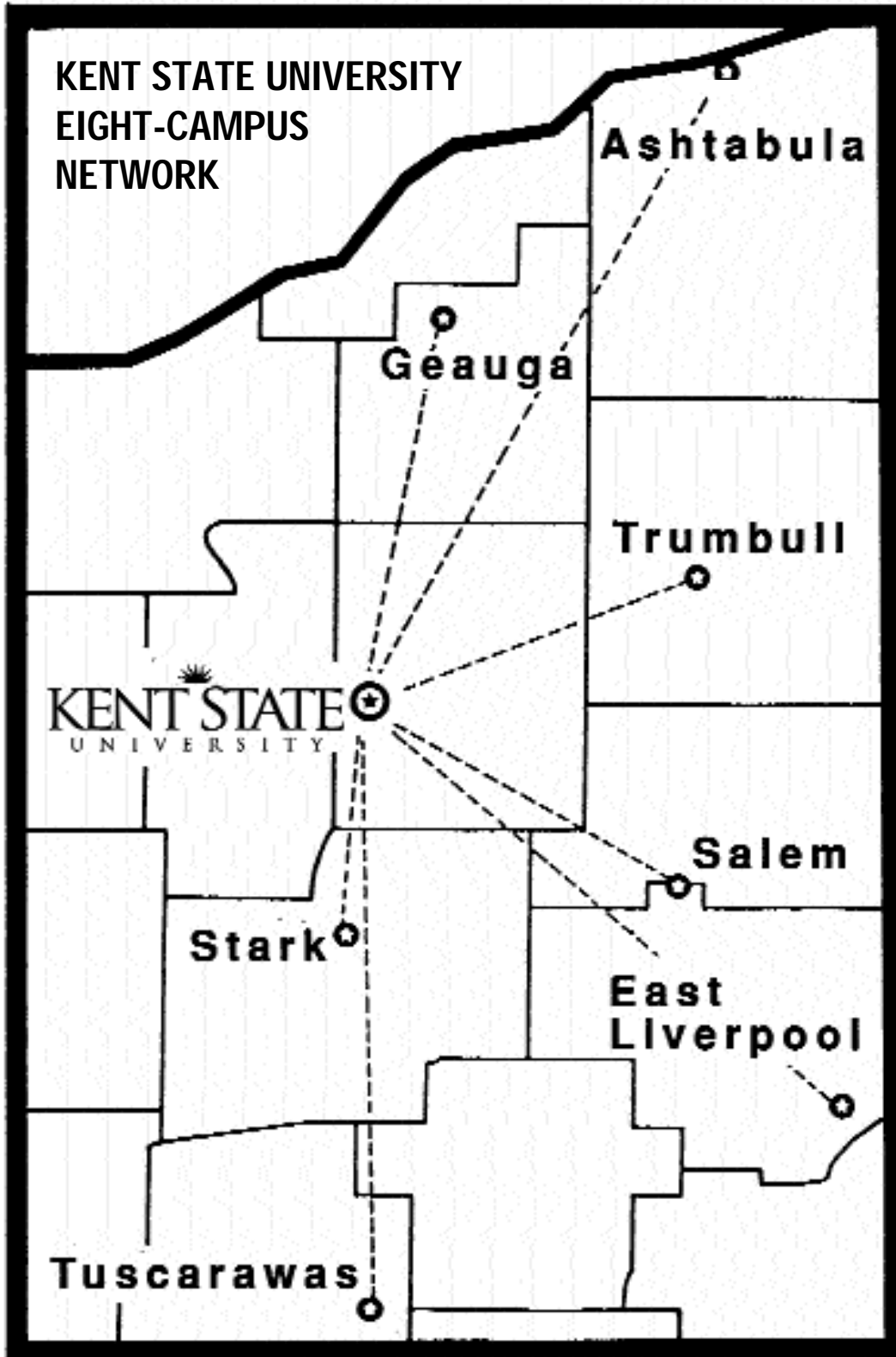
The crisp modern lines of the newer areas of the campus, including the comfortable residence hall complex, the ground-hugging lines of the Ice Arena, and the Paul H. Jones Child Development Center, contrast tastefully with the traditional, ivy-covered buildings of the original "front campus," including the Auditorium Building (old Administration Building), Rockwell Hall (old Library) and Merrill Hall, which was the first structure built at the university when it was launched as a teacher-training institution in 1910. Moulton Hall, a four-story structure built in 1917 and listed in the National Register of Historic Places, has been renovated to house the Moulton Hall Learning Technologies Center. The center provides an interactive high-performance learning environment to help students make skillful use of the latest information technologies. This includes computer-aided instructional materials, satellite uplink and downlink capabilities, interactive conferencing, and multimedia classrooms and laboratories.

Despite its size, the Kent Campus provides complete accessibility through its Campus Bus Service. This student-operated campus bus system, one of the largest in the nation, helps eliminate virtually all "through traffic" within the campus. Accessibility in another sense is provided through special transportation services and an extensive program of facilities modification aimed at opening all areas of the campus to students with disabling conditions. Dix Stadium is only a few minutes away via the Campus Bus Service, which provides a continuous "loop service" around the campus during regular class hours and scheduled service to nearby residential communities and shopping centers, as well as to the seat of county government eight miles away.

For intramurals and intercollegiate athletics, the campus includes not only Dix Stadium, among the largest in the Mid-American Conference, with seating for more than 30,000; but also a double Ice Arena; an 18-hole golf course; Memorial Athletic and Convocation

Center with its physical education and recreation annex; an all-weather track; lighted tennis courts; softball fields; and soccer and rugby fields. The Field House (located next to Dix Stadium) includes a full-size football field, an indoor track and a state-of-the-art weight room. Additional green areas for intramural and extramural sports are provided as well as lighted outdoor basketball courts. Kent State's \$25-million, 150,000-square-foot Student Recreation and Wellness Center, funded through student fees, was recently completed.

The university grounds include thousands of acres of nearby wildlife refuge, marsh and bog preserved by the university as learning laboratories and resources for the future.



KENT INSTITUTIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

The categories and paragraphs below emanate from and elaborate upon the Role and Mission of Kent State University. Taken as a whole, these categories and the information contained therein detail Kent State institutional characteristics embodied within the university's role and mission statement. The university's annual and multi-year planning efforts are thus guided by the values and goals explicitly and implicitly described by the *Kent Institutional Characteristics* that follow.

Students

Kent State University recruits an academically talented and culturally diverse student body. The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities to students from varied backgrounds, including those persons who have been historically underrepresented in higher education. While admission to the Kent Campus is selective, the seven Regional Campuses offer open admissions. Through its Honors College, Kent State makes a particular effort to attract students who have already demonstrated their capacity to achieve outstanding academic success. For more than three decades the university has played a leading role nationally in providing opportunities to students with disabilities. The university also provides special programs that address the needs of students who for socioeconomic reasons are underprepared but who have the ability to achieve academic success.

While undergraduate students from every region of the nation and many foreign countries attend Kent State, the majority of its undergraduate students are from Northeast Ohio and reflect the rich diversity of the region's ethnic and cultural communities. A significant proportion of Kent State's graduate students come from beyond the boundaries of Ohio and the nation, and their presence on campus contributes significantly to the variety of experiences available to the student body as a whole. The university is placing increasing emphasis on serving nontraditional students through programming at all of its campuses and through selected continuing education programs that complement and logically extend its academic degree programs.

Faculty

To promote learning and foster the intellectual life of the university, Kent State seeks to attract and retain an active, culturally and academically diverse faculty of the highest caliber, skilled in the scholarship of teaching, discovery, application and integration. The university affords its faculty the fullest possible academic and artistic freedom, including varied opportunities for professional development, collaboration among academic disciplines, and outreach to local, national and international communities. At Kent State University, faculty play an integral role in universitywide planning and governance.

Curriculum

Kent State University is accredited by the North Central Association and offers a wide array of associate, baccalaureate, master's and doctoral degrees. Its programs provide a balance of academic and professional preparation in accordance with the highest national standards. Kent State fosters collaboration and articulation with community colleges and four-year institutions as well as cooperative efforts with secondary and elementary schools to further facilitate successful transition to and within higher education. The university is committed to providing a living-learning environment that encourages individual growth and promotes the successful and timely completion of degrees.

Undergraduate. All undergraduate programs reflect the university's commitment to a liberal education foundation, which is intended to broaden intellectual and aesthetic perspectives, explore ethical and humane values, and prepare students for lifelong learning and responsible participation in a complex, changing society. The specialized major provides study in depth, which leads to knowledge and understanding in academic and professional fields of study. Undergraduate students are also offered varied opportunities to participate in research, take graduate-level coursework, and engage in work outside the classroom.

Graduate. Kent State University, Northeast Ohio's senior public institution of higher education, offers an extensive range of advanced academic programs leading to the master's degree and selected programs leading to the doctoral degree. Kent State is committed to providing graduate-level programs that complement and enhance undergraduate education and meet the highest national standards. These programs provide advanced training and knowledge essential to the economic development and general welfare of Ohio and the nation, as well as lead to research with a global impact. The university recruits and retains high-quality students from across the nation and abroad to engage in study under the direction of a distinguished graduate faculty.

Special Features

Kent State University was established in 1910 as Kent Normal School. Since its inception, Kent State has maintained its commitment to provide national leadership in what have been historical strengths of the university, professional education and the liberal arts. Kent State has a rich tradition in the preparation of teachers and is among the leaders nationwide in research related to teaching and learning. The university stresses the importance of a strong liberal arts base through its Liberal Education Requirements and maintains distinguished doctoral programs in selected areas of the humanities. From the events of May 4, 1970, Kent State University inherits a unique leadership role in promoting the peaceful resolution of conflict through education.

Northeast Ohio is a region with a population of more than 4.5 million, in a geographical area that is both urban and rural. With its Kent Campus and seven Regional Campuses, located at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, the Kent State University network makes a university education accessible to all segments of Northeast Ohio.

Because it is home to many corporations and the NASA Lewis Research Center, Northeast Ohio is noted for research and development activities in science and engineering. Its location gives the university a special mission in the applied and basic sciences exemplified by the internationally renowned research conducted at Kent State's Glenn H. Brown Liquid Crystal Institute.

The broad metropolitan area encompassing Cleveland, Akron, Canton, Youngstown and Warren has superb medical and health-related research facilities. Kent State builds upon these geographical advantages to offer nationally recognized programs of study and research in the health and behavioral sciences.

Kent State University has long been devoted to improving the quality of life in the region by emphasizing community development and design, illustrated by the leadership role its School of Architecture and Environmental Design plays in the Northeastern Ohio Urban Design Center.

As a major cultural resource for Northeast Ohio and prominent player in fine arts activities at nearby Blossom Music Center and Porthouse Theatre, Kent State is committed to maintaining excellent programs in the visual and performing arts.

Telecommunications, information sciences and other communication activities abound in the region, and Kent State offers well-recognized programs in several fields of communication, including established programs in print and electronic journalism and information sciences.

Northeast Ohio is a major business and commerce center. Kent State's programs in business and commerce are designed to serve area executives and business professionals as well as prepare students for productive careers in a global economy.

Kent State University stresses internationally related activities and participates in a number of study-abroad programs and exchanges of students and faculty. Kent State students may explore the history, languages, cultures and religions of other countries and ethnic groups by taking courses and programs offered by many academic units.

Teaching

Kent State University views learning in all its forms as central to its mission. University faculty provide instruction that reflects current knowledge gained through ongoing scholarship and adheres to the highest professional and ethical standards. Faculty members are readily accessible to students, who are encouraged to take an active role in the learning process. The university promotes excellence in teaching by offering faculty members opportunities for development in the areas of curriculum and instruction; by providing high-quality equipment, materials and facilities; and by maintaining a system of rewards and recognition based on the premise that teaching, research and creative activity are mutually supportive. Because teaching and learning are not confined to the classroom experience, a high value is placed on such related activities as individual instruction, thesis and dissertation direction, and academic advising.

Research and Creative Activity

A fundamental mission of the university is to enhance the quality of life through research and creative activity. Therefore, Kent State University has among its goals the generation, dissemination and application of knowledge in all its forms. Moreover, it considers research and creative activity necessary for teaching excellence. Faculty are expected to be actively engaged in a broad spectrum of scholarly activity conducted in accordance with the highest professional and ethical standards. Much of this activity relies upon cooperative efforts with students and staff. The university supports these efforts by fostering an environment of free inquiry; by offering opportunities for research-assigned time; and by providing the material and personnel resources required for high-quality scholarship, including an excellent library with Association of Research Libraries status. Kent State University is committed to strengthening selected research and creative programs that have attained, or hold the promise of achieving, national and international prominence, as well as those that fulfill key societal goals.

Outreach and Community Service

Kent State University is committed to being a catalyst in finding solutions to the social, economic and cultural challenges facing society. By means of the dissemination of results from basic and applied research conducted by its faculty and graduate students, as well as through programs offered through continuing education and at the Regional Campuses, Kent State contributes significantly to the social and economic vitality of Northeast Ohio. The many activities fostered by the university in areas such as art, music, fashion design, theatre, dance, recreation and intercollegiate athletics enrich the life of the community. Its national public radio station, university press and museum are important regional and national assets, and the university provides transportation and other important services to a significant number of residents of Portage County.

Campus Environment and Cocurricular Activities

Dedicated to creating an atmosphere in which each individual within its diverse student body can achieve, Kent State University provides a holistic learning environment conducive to the academic and personal growth of each student. Kent State's dynamic campus life affords students the opportunity to participate in a wide range of cocurricular activities that promote intellectual, cultural, ethical, physical, aesthetic and interpersonal development. Facilitated by an able support staff involved in the university's planning and operation, Kent State provides strong support services to help ensure the achievement of students and faculty as well as provide for their physical, emotional and social well-being. Kent State University has attained notable success in providing accessibility for persons with disabilities. Student life at the Kent Campus is further enhanced by the university's distinctive and attractive residential setting with all of the advantages of major urban centers nearby.

Diversity

Kent State University is committed to an environment in which the faculty, staff and student body are representative of the cultural and ethnic variety found locally, nationally and even globally. Diversity at Kent State connotes the encouragement, celebration and support of a rich mixture of people on campus. In an effort to foster an understanding of the strengths and challenges of diversity, the university provides opportunities for the open exchange of ideas and experiences among people diverse in national origin, gender, age, sexual orientation, ethnicity, disability, religion and veteran status.

Alumni

Kent State University recognizes that the many significant contributions of alumni to their professions and to society as a whole represent the practical embodiment of the university's educational philosophy and are a measure of its success. The university takes great pride in the achievements of its alumni and seeks to maintain close working ties with its graduates. The human and financial resources of alumni also provide essential assistance in assuring that the university will be able to continue to serve future generations.

Evaluation

Kent State University is committed to self-assessment as a tool to evaluate and enhance institutional effectiveness. The foregoing categories provide major areas for assessment, which at Kent State involves both internal and external measures of evaluation. Through periodic program review, preparation for external accreditations, special studies and annual planning activities, academic and support units of the university are involved in an ongoing process of self-examination and improvement. Planning at Kent State guides future directions and priority setting to which decision-making and resource allocation are linked. Outcomes assessment plays a major role at the university in facilitating academic program improvement and change.

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY CELEBRATES DIFFERENCES

Kent State University is by its very nature an institution of intellectual, social and cultural diversity. The university is thus an ideal place to learn about the different cultures and experiences of people in the United States as well as the rest of the world. Education at Kent State occurs through a variety of formal instructional settings, cocurricular activities and less formal opportunities to meet and get to know other students, staff and faculty. The wide variety of people of differing races, ethnic backgrounds, beliefs and values constitutes one of the greatest strengths of the university. It is important to take advantage of this resource and to learn from one another about the diversity of the human community. Such an opportunity can only exist in an environment in which each student feels a part of the university community. To this end, the university encourages an atmosphere in which the diversity of its members is understood and appreciated; an atmosphere that is free of discrimination and harassment based on race, religion, ethnic heritage, age, country of national origin, disability, gender, sexual orientation or veteran status. Thus, all members of the university are expected to join in creating a positive atmosphere in which we can learn in an environment that is sympathetic, respectful and supportive.

Within this environment, Kent State offers an opportunity to all students for an education that will prepare them to pursue successful careers and to become good citizens and productive members of an increasingly diverse society in the United States and the world at large.

May 4, 1970

Kent State University was placed in an international spotlight after a tragic end to a student demonstration against the Vietnam War and the National Guard on May 4, 1970. Shortly after noon on that Monday, 13 seconds of rifle fire by a contingent of 28 Ohio National Guardsmen left four students dead, one permanently paralyzed, and eight others wounded. Not every student was a demonstration participant or an observer. Some students were walking to and from classes. The closest wounded student was 30 yards away from the Guard, while the farthest was nearly 250 yards away.

The divisive effect of the Vietnam War on American society was especially evident on campuses throughout the country. At Kent State, the day after the announcement to send U.S. troops into Cambodia marked the start of a weekend of antiwar protests that began on campus and spilled into the city of Kent's downtown. Broken windows and other damage to a number of downtown businesses prompted fear, rumors, and eventually a call by the city's mayor to the governor for assistance.

The National Guard arrived Saturday night. That day some students assisted with the downtown cleanup. That night the campus headquarters of the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) was burned. Sunday morning the governor came to Kent and in the city's firehouse held a press conference saying the university would remain open. After a Sunday of relative calm, an antiwar rally at noon on Monday brought 2,000 to 3,000 people to the University Commons area. When the Guard gave the order to disperse, some in the crowd responded with verbal epithets and stones. The Guard answered first with tear gas, but when spring winds altered its effect, the Guard attempted to enforce the Ohio Riot Act with raised bayonets, forcing demonstrators to retreat. The Guard then changed line formation. As the Guard approached the crest of Blanket Hill, some Guardsmen turned toward the Taylor Hall parking lot, and between 61 and 67 shots were fired. Four students were killed and nine wounded. That afternoon University President Robert I. White ordered the university closed.

History, sorrow and healing remain a part of Kent State University. The University Library has dedicated a Memorial Room containing books, papers, studies and other materials relating to the events. In addition, the university has established an academic program designed to help students and others employ peaceful conflict resolution to resolve disputes. On May 4, 1990, the university community dedicated a permanent memorial. Each year, an annual vigil, candlelight service and commemoration enable the university, the Kent community and others to privately and publicly express their feelings. In 1999 as a result of requests from the May 4 Task Force, the university authorized the installation of markers locating the sites in the Prentice Hall parking lot where four students were killed during the tragic events of May 4, 1970.

The university will continue to remember the four students who died—Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer, and William Schroeder—through scholarships in their names and in the words inscribed on the May 4 Memorial: "Inquire, Learn, Reflect."

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