

Fall 2008



KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

# Graduate Student Newsletter

## Welcome Back Message from Associate Dean Nancy Barbour

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Welcome to fall semester! If this is your first semester as a member of the College and Graduate School of Education, Health, and Human Services (EHHS), we are glad to have you join us. If you are a “veteran” to EHHS, welcome back. There are many changes, as always, and some new people for you to meet. First of all, we would like to introduce our new Dean, Dr. Daniel Mahony. He comes to us from the University of Louisville where he served as Associate Provost. He brings with him great enthusiasm and new ideas. His letter of welcome is included in this issue of the newsletter.

If you are a student in the Department of Educational Foundations and Special Services (EFSS), then you will want to meet the new interim department chair, Dr. Melody Tankersley. In the department of Teaching, Leadership, and Curriculum Studies (TLCS), Dr. David Keller continues as the interim department

chair. And Dr. Donald Bubenzer returns as the chair of Adult, Counseling, Health, and Vocational Education (ACHVE). You will also see new faculty faces in a number of different programs. Please introduce yourself and help them find their way around campus.

For those of you in professional education programs, we will be visited this November by a Board of Examiners team from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). They will be on campus from November 15-19 to evaluate both our undergraduate and graduate programs in professional education. You may be asked to meet with them. We hope you will be able to assist us with this. There is more information about the NCATE process outside of our office in 409 White Hall. There will be several other accreditation visits occurring this fall as well: American Speech and Hearing Association

(ASHA), Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), and the American Dietetics Association .

Those of you who are new doctoral students may have received a special invitation. I hope to see all doctoral students who have been admitted since last spring at the Doctoral Student Academic Commitment Ceremony to be held in the Auditorium of Cartwright Hall on Wednesday, September 24 at 4:00 PM.

Finally, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Look for our messages on the graduate student listserv. This is our way of keeping you up to date.

*Dr. Nancy Barbour*

Professor and Associate Dean of Administrative Affairs and Graduate Education

## A Message From Dean Mahony...

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As the Dean, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Graduate School of Education, Health, and Human Services. I commend you for making the commitment to continue your education. The educational experience goes to a new level when you enter graduate school and I am sure you will find your program at Kent

State University to be challenging. Our faculty are committed to providing our students with a quality experience, so while it will be challenging, I believe that you will also find it to be very rewarding. From my personal experience, my time in graduate school was by far my most enjoyable period as a student and I

was able to reach new levels I did not think were possible. I also developed a number of life-long friendships with both my fellow students and the members who taught and mentored me. I wish you all good luck during this intellectual journey and hope you find it an enjoyable one.

## Important Dates...Mark Your Calendars

### August

25 - Fall classes begin

29 - Last Day to apply for December 2008 graduation

29 - Last day for December graduates to file approved dissertation or thesis proposal

### September

1 - Labor Day (no classes, Offices closed)

### October

31 - Final date for oral defense of graduate level dissertations

### November

2 - Last day to withdraw from classes

4 - Election Day...make sure you vote!!

11 - Veterans Day (no classes, Offices closed)

14 - Deadline for graduate level students graduating in December 2008 to have all incomplete grades from previous semesters cleared

24 - Two copies of dissertation or thesis must be submitted to the Office of Administrative Affairs, 409 White Hall



**NOTE: Dissertations MUST be submitted electronically. Thesis can still be submitted in paper form**

26-30 - Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes, Offices closed Thursday & Friday)

### December

7 - Classes end

8-14 - Final Exams Week

13 - Graduate School of EHHS commencement ceremony

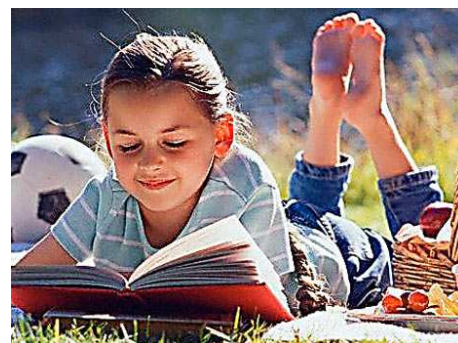
## 2008 Annual Reading Conference

Kent State University, The University of Akron, and Youngstown State University collaborate to sponsor the 2008 Annual Reading Conference on Friday, October 24th. This year's theme is "Fostering Thoughtful Literacy." The conference will take place from 7:45am-3:00pm at Quaker Square Inn & Conference Center at the University of Akron.

Linda Hoyt will be this year's keynote

speaker. She will present a "Spotlight on Comprehension." Her energetic presentation style and practical strategies have made her one of the most requested literacy speakers in the United States.

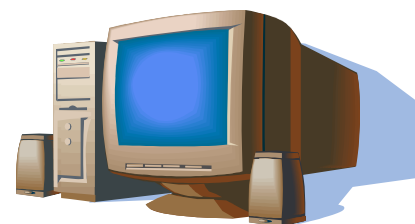
For more information please go to the "Conferences" link at [www.ehhs.kent.edu/pd/index.cfm](http://www.ehhs.kent.edu/pd/index.cfm) or contact Kathy Brown at 330-672-0537.



## Be Green, Recycle Old Technology

Wish there was something you could do with your old technology? Great news! The libraries offer recycling services for technotrash. They have partnered up with GreenDisk to give students easy access to recycling cans. Technotrash cans are available in the Information Commons and the Computer Lab, both on the first floor of the Main Library. You are free to drop off

any of the following items for recycle: Diskettes, CDs, DVDs, Video & Audio Tapes, Ink Jet & Toner Cartridges, Cell Phones, PDAs & Pagers, Digital Cameras, Laptop Computers, Handheld Devices, CD & MP3 Players, Rechargeable Batteries. For more information, check out the GreenDisk Website! <http://www.library.kent.edu>



Do you have old ink cartridges or cell phones?

## Prince Cedza Dlamini to come to Kent



Prince Cedza Dlamini will discuss the "Millennium Development Goals," in the fall Gerald H. Read Distinguished Lecture keynot-

ing the University Teaching Conference, October 30th in the KIVA at 7 p.m. The event is FREE and open to the public.

Nelson Mandela's grandson, Prince Cedza, will use powerful personal

stories to illustrate solid information regarding statistics and policies, stirring audiences of all ages to action.

The University Teaching Conference is also FREE and open to graduate students. Come and learn about college teaching, celebrate teaching excellence, and visit the poster sessions of professors who do research on teaching and learning. Registration is available online at:

<http://fpdc.kent.edu/events/index.html>

### What is a Plan of Study (Prospectus)?

- A. A signed contract between a student and their advisor
- B. A plan of coursework to complete your program
- C. A requirement for graduation
- D. All of the above

(Correct answer is D)

Be sure to have your Plan of Study on file in 418 White Hall!

## Two New Graduate Certificates Offered Through ITEC

ITEC is offering two new graduate certificates. The certificate in Online Learning and Teaching helps prepare people to design, develop, and teach online courses. The certificate in Integrating Technology into the Classroom can help teachers at all levels make effective use of hardware and software in more traditional classrooms. Either certificate can easily be incorporated into a Master's degree in Instructional Technology!

## Meet Your New Faculty for the 08-09 School Year

### ACHVE

Davison Mapinga - Career Technical Teacher Education

Laurie Wagner - Health Education and Promotion

### EFSS

Sloane Burgess - SPED, specialization in Autism

Cindy Kovalic - ITEC

Daniel Robinson - ITEC/ ED. Psych

Jason Schenker - Evaluation and Measurement

Andrew Wiley - SPED Mild/Moderate

### SELS

Jennifer Fisette - Physical Education Teacher Education

Angela Ridgel - Exercise Physiology

### SPA

Sue Grogan-Johnson - Speech Pathology

### FCS

Carmen Blakely-Adams - Nutrition

Kelly Cichy - Gerontology

### TLCS

Christa Boske - K-12 Education

Joanna Caniglia - Math Education

Aeran Choi - Science Education

Todd Hawley - Social Studies

Melanie Irvine - Early Childhood Literacy Education

Tracy Lara - Higher Education

Martha Merrill - Higher Education

Sandra Pech - Early Childhood

Kristi Pytash - Literacy Education

Belinda Zimmerman - Literacy Education

# From the Office of Professional Development and Outreach

## Online Workshops

- Classroom Management: Addressing All Students' Behavioral Needs  
*Oct. 6th - Nov. 14th*
- Essential Project Management for Educators  
*Oct. 27 - Nov. 14th*
- Extra Ordinary Leadership: A Multiple Intelligences Approach  
*Nov. 7th - Dec. 5th*
- Grant Writing  
*Oct. 6th - 31st*
- Managing and Negotiating Conflict in Your Personal and Professional Life  
*Oct. 6th - Nov. 10th*
- Microsoft Excel  
*Sept. 29th - Oct. 17th*
- Nine Essential Skills for the Love and Logic Classroom  
*Oct. 6th - Nov. 17th*
- Podcasting for Educators and Trainers  
*Oct. 13th - Nov. 16th*
- Strive for Success  
*Oct. 6th - Nov. 17th*
- Students with Learning Disabilities: Who Are They and How Do I Teach Them?  
*Nov. 3rd - Dec. 5th*
- Time Management  
*Sept. 29th - Oct. 11th*
- Understanding and Working with Difficult Children  
*Oct. 13th - 31st*
- Web Animation With Flash  
*Oct. 27th - Nov. 29th*

For More Information visit:  
[www.ehhs.kent.edu/PDO](http://www.ehhs.kent.edu/PDO)

To register for workshops  
call: 330.672.3100

## AT&T Classroom Schedule for 08-09 School Year

### **The A T & T Classroom, The Research Center for Educational Technology (RCET)**

Housed within the Moulton Hall Learning Technologies Center, RCET's AT&T Classroom serves as a both research lab and as a laboratory classroom for preservice teacher education. Local K-12 classes come to the AT&T Classroom for six-week sessions to use the state-of-the art technology to support teaching and learning. Classes participating in the AT&T Classroom for the 2008-09 school year are listed below:

#### **September 8 – October 17:**

Holden Elementary, Kent City Schools  
Morning Teacher: Amy Hopkins, Grade 2  
Afternoon Teacher: Christi Bates, Grade 5

#### **October 27- December 12:**

Fishcreek Elementary, Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools  
Morning Teacher: Lauren Alexander, Grade 3  
Afternoon Teacher: Julie Obraza, Grade 3

#### **February 2- March 13:**

Fishcreek Elementary, Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools  
Morning Teacher: Kristen Fudale, Grade 4  
Afternoon Teacher: Debra Miller, Grade 3

#### **March 30-May 8**

Longcoy Elementary, Kent City Schools  
Morning Teacher: Denise Tonelli, Grade 1

In addition to onsite observations, the AT&T Classroom can also be accessed via live video connection allowing teacher education students to experience this unique high-tech classroom from a room in White Hall. To arrange a visit or web-based connection, contact Frank Seman, Administrative Specialist, at 672-9722 for more information.





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Our mission is to provide the highest level of service and support to students, faculty, administrators, alumni and the larger community. As partners in the academic success of students, the OGSS staff strives to be responsive to the needs of its students and at the same time uphold the academic standards and professional integrity of Kent State University and outside agencies such as the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Board of Regents, and accrediting groups. We work together as a team to be knowledgeable, helpful, efficient, and consistent, yet understanding of the diversity of students we serve.

We are on the Web  
<http://www.ehhs.kent.edu/>



## Office of Graduate Student Services Online...

This webpage is designed to provide graduate students with important announcements, calendar dates, and proper forms necessary to ensure successful progress through their graduate program. It contains programs with advisors, applications to doctoral school, FAQ about applying and scheduling, guidelines for thesis and dissertation, as well as several other helpful links!

[www.ehhs.kent.edu/offices/OGS](http://www.ehhs.kent.edu/offices/OGS)

**REMINDER: Kent considers email to be its official means of communication.**

Be sure to check & clean out your Kent email address regularly to ensure that you are receiving important messages!