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What's New...

First-year program lauded again by U.S. News

KSU's First-Year Experience Program was recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* as one of the best in the country in its 2011 Best Colleges issue in August. This marks the eighth consecutive year that the university's First-Year Experience Program has been recognized in the prestigious annual college rankings.

U.S. News also ranked KSU 32nd among regional, public universities in the South and 69th among all regional universities in the South.

"It is an honor for Kennesaw State to be recognized once again for the excellence of our First-Year Experience Program," President Daniel S. Papp said. "Kennesaw State is on its way to achieving national prominence, and the latest *U.S. News* rankings are a testament to that."

KSU was one of 23 colleges recognized by *U.S. News* for its First-Year Experience Program, along with top-tier institutions such as the University of Notre Dame, Stanford University and the University of Michigan. KSU was the only university in Georgia recognized for this program.

The first-year experience is one of eight "Academic Programs to Look for" noted by *U.S. News* to recognize outstanding academic programs that are believed to lead to student success. Schools were selected from nominations submitted by college presidents, chief academic officers, deans of students and deans of admissions from more than 1,300 schools.

"It is no surprise that KSU continues to be recognized for being a national leader in First-Year Experience Programs," said Ralph Rascati, associate vice president for advising, retention and graduation initiatives and dean of University College. "Our program offers students strategies designed to enhance their academic success, life skills, campus and community engagement, and a foundation for learning about global issues."

KSU Football Exploratory Committee Says "Yes!"

Committee gives green light to move forward

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Kennesaw State University President Daniel S. Papp accepted a highly positive recommendation from legendary football coach Vince Dooley, chair of KSU's Football Exploratory Committee (FEC), to move forward with the university's interest in fielding a football program.

The results of the nine-month study indicate there is solid support for a successful football program at Georgia's third-largest university, according to the 137-page report, which Coach Dooley submitted to Papp along with a five-page summary and recommendations document. The Committee's positive recommendation was announced for the first time at a press conference held at the KSU Convocation Center, Sept. 15.

"This is a truly historic day for Kennesaw State University," Papp said, upon accepting the document from the iconic football coach. "This is an important first step in assessing support for a football program at KSU, and we all look forward to building on this positive feedback and strong momentum that exists."

"Now that we have the committee's report, it's very important for us to once again re-evaluate the level of student support," Papp continued. "This has been a continuing conversation; and to that end, our next step is to talk with our student leaders and to the student body to ascertain their continued interest in having



KSU President Daniel S. Papp (left) and former UGA football coach Vince Dooley held Owl football helmets.

a football program at KSU."

The positive decision by the committee came after months of intensive study by four subcommittees composed of faculty, staff, students, alumni, benefactors and community members.

The four subcommittee chairs and the subcommittees that they headed included: Teddie Parrish (Projected Costs), Rick Siegel (Funding Possibilities), Nancy King (Broader Consequences) and Tom Keene (Positive Alternatives).

Based on the FEC report, KSU student fees and additional funds from sponsors, donors and ticket sales would be necessary to fund the estimated \$5-6 million cost of the program.

If feedback from the student body is equally supportive as the FEC report, and the university decides to launch a program, KSU – which completed its transition into NCAA Division I last year – could have a football program as early as Fall 2014.

With some adjustments, a Kennesaw State University football team could play in the state-of-the-art, \$16.5 million KSU Soccer Stadium that was just completed in early May of this year.

Papp stressed that there are challenges ahead. "Starting a football program from scratch will not be easy, but then again nothing truly worthwhile is ever easy," he said. "As Coach

Dooley often reminded his players, there are four quarters to every football game. And the score that counts is the one at the end of the fourth quarter. We have a long way to go toward achieving victory, but with today's announcement, we are one step closer to having football at KSU!"

Papp also reiterated that even if KSU launches football, quality academics will remain the university's focus. "A football program could serve that mission well, as it may help bring increased national recognition to our institution and highlight the important work that is being done here in teaching and research," Papp said.

KSU awards Clint Stockton first doctoral degree

New degree represents a milestone for KSU

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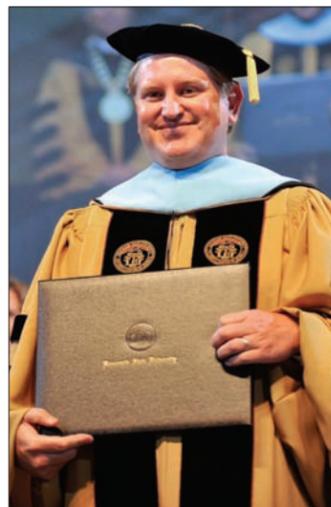
Clint Stockton, a calculus teacher at Kennesaw Mountain High School, was awarded KSU's first doctoral degree, an Ed.D. in Teacher Leadership for Learning, at summer commencement, July 28. The new degree represents a milestone not only for Stockton, but for KSU as well. The university now offers doctorates in nursing, business and education, and recently launched its first Ph.D. in international conflict management.

"This is a tremendous step in becoming a nationally recognized institution of higher learning," said KSU President Daniel

S. Papp. "It's hard to believe just 47 years ago this was a two-year junior college and now we're a doctoral university."

Stockton, 35, spent the last three years juggling family and job responsibilities while working on his doctorate. "My wife gets an honorary doctorate for all of her time and dedication," he said. "I started my studies in January 2007 and my youngest daughter was born in March, so it was a lot of time management. My family was dedicated to schedules, and, unfortunately, on Friday nights I graded papers and did research."

Stockton did research to understand why students have a hard time completing tasks.



Clint Stockton received an Ed.D. in Teacher Leadership for Learning.

He studied how math affects a teenager's ability to control his or her actions and solve problems.

Currently, 65 students are enrolled in the Ed.D. degree program at KSU's Bagwell College of Education. Doctoral students must complete 75 hours of coursework, with 27 hours dedicated to finding ways to improve learning for students from pre-K through high school.

"We are very honored Clint would select KSU as the institution to earn his doctorate," said Arlinda Eaton, dean of the Bagwell College of Education. "For him to trust Bagwell and the program means a lot. He has set the precedent for the other students enrolled in the program."

KSU's new \$56 million health sciences building opens

Prillaman Hall will provide facilities to increase the production of nurses, nurse educators

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KSU's WellStar College of Health and Human Services moved into its new home – the nearly 200,000-square-foot health sciences building – on Aug. 5. The new \$56 million building was built with \$47 million in state support, a \$300,000 federal grant, and generous private donations.

"This building will allow us to be more effective and efficient in our teaching methods, and will greatly enhance the learning experiences of our students," said WellStar College of Health and Human Services Dean Richard Sowell.

The expanded facility will

allow the university to increase the number of nursing graduates from about 185 a year to 250. Currently, only one in nine qualified applicants to the WellStar School of Nursing is accepted into the program due to space constraints.

"Today's ribbon cutting for Prillaman Hall is truly a historic occasion for Kennesaw State, as we open this state-of-the-art facility that will solidify the WellStar College's reputation for providing premier nursing, health sciences and human services programs," President Daniel S. Papp said. "We also are especially proud of our partnership with WellStar Health System, which benefits not only both of our organizations, but also the



KSU President Daniel S. Papp and KSU Foundation trustee Bob Prillaman share a moment during the dedication of Prillaman Hall.

broader communities we serve." At a dedication ceremony

Aug. 5, the new building was named in honor of longtime

KSU Foundation trustee Bob Prillaman and his wife, Lil. Prillaman has served on the KSU Foundation board of trustees for 25 years. He is also a trustee emeritus of the WellStar Board of Trustees.

"I don't know how to express the honor we feel," Prillaman said. "This new building will define KSU as not only the largest nursing school in the state, but one of the highest quality."

Prillaman is credited with helping forge the partnership between WellStar Health System and Kennesaw State, an alliance that provides a ready job market for KSU grads and a well-prepared pool of candidates with contemporary nursing skills for WellStar.

KSU receives \$2.85 million grant from National Science Foundation

College of Science and Math will recruit, train chemistry and physics teachers

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KSU has received a \$2.85 million grant from the National Science Foundation to help meet a growing need for highly qualified middle and high school science teachers.

Through the NSF's Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program, the College of Science and Mathematics

will create the Recruiting and Retaining Teacher Leader in Physics and Chemistry project, designed to recruit professionals currently working in science and math careers to earn a master's and teach middle and high school chemistry and physics. The scholarship program will also reach out to science teachers with at least three years of experience to become Noyce Master Teaching Fellows.

Both initiatives are designed to prepare better science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) teachers. There is a critical need for teachers proficient in these disciplines at the state and national levels.

"This is 10 times the size of an average NSF grant because the need is that great," said Charles Amlaner, vice president for research and dean of the Graduate College. "KSU

has been answering that need for at least 10 years, and now this grant positions the university as a national leader in STEM teacher preparation."

The grant is KSU's largest Noyce award to date and will continue the success of two previous grants. In the 2009-2010 academic year, about 115 STEM teachers participating in Noyce scholarship-funded programs at KSU completed their initial teaching certifi-

cation requirements.

"This project will help address Georgia's critical shortage of secondary physics and chemistry teachers by developing a pipeline of STEM professionals into teaching careers," said Greg Rushton, an associate professor of chemistry who will direct the project. "It also capitalizes on KSU's strong institutional commitment to the state's K-12 community."

Additional faculty and staff award winners

Clendenin Graduate Fellows

- Janeen Amason, WellStar College of Health & Human Services
- Laura Davis, College of Humanities & Social Sciences
- Marybeth Maguire, WellStar College of Health & Human Services
- Ivan Pulinkala, College of the Arts
- James Wright, Bagwell College of Education

Tommy & Beth Holder Faculty Awards

- Dr. Keisha Hoerrner, University College
- Dr. Laurence Sherr, College of the Arts
- Nancy Prochaska, Coles College of Business
- Brian Wooten, University College
- Dr. Catherine Lewis, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Dr. Nikita Patterson, College of Science and Mathematics

Foundation prize

- John S. Gentile, College of the Arts
- Rongbing Huang, Coles College of Business
- Pam B. Cole, Bagwell College of Education
- LeeAnn B. Lands, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Daniela Tapu, College of Science and Mathematics

Distinguished Professional Service Award

- Timothy Hedeem, Associate Professor of Conflict Management

Distinguished Research & Creative Activity Award

- David B. Mitchell, Professor of Gerontology

Distinguished Teaching Award

- Amy Buddie, Associate Professor of Psychology

Academic Support Award

- Lisa L. Bauer

Administrative Support Award

- Donna L. Golder

Campus Support Award

- Maureen N. Patton

Staff Employee of the Year

- Elizabeth Starnes

Staff Senate Scholarship Winner

- McCree Lake

Outstanding faculty and staff recognized

KSU Foundation awards \$180,000 in cash and stipends

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Kennesaw State University took time out to celebrate faculty and staff achievements at the Opening of School events on Aug. 11. At faculty and staff award ceremonies, the "best and brightest" were recognized for helping the university continue on its quest to becoming a nationally recognized institution of higher learning. The KSU Foundation contributed \$180,000 in awards for honored faculty and staff.

"It is my pleasure to recognize those individuals who have truly excelled this past year – providing excellent service through their commitment and dedication to the goals and objectives of Kennesaw State University," KSU President Daniel S. Papp said.

Katherine Kinnick, professor of communication and director of KSU's pre-college programs, was the recipient of the KSU Foundation "Distinguished Professor Award," the foundation's highest faculty award.

"This year's recipient has an outstanding record of accomplishment and dedication to



KSU Foundation chairman Norman Radow (left) and President Daniel S. Papp presented the Distinguished Professor Award to communication professor Katherine Kinnick.

excellence in teaching, scholarship and professional service," Papp said. "She is a prolific and nationally recognized scholar on service learning and gender and racial bias in the media, with her gender bias research being noted in one journal as 'an example of the state-of-the-art in feminist scholarship.'"

Kinnick received an award of \$17,000; \$8,500 in cash and an additional \$8,500 faculty development stipend.

Top staff award winners included Elizabeth Starnes, IT professional and project manager for Enterprise Systems and Services, who was awarded the "Staff Employee of the Year" and Brian Glankler, director of First-Year and Undeclared Advising, who was named "Administrator of the Year." Starnes and Glankler each received a \$2,500 cash award from the KSU Foundation.

KSU receives \$2 million gift for art museum *Donor will match gifts, lending major support to university's capital campaign*

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Retired carpet industry leader and longtime Kennesaw State University supporter Bernard A. Zuckerman has made a \$2 million pledge to name phase II of the proposed art museum at the university. Under the terms of the pledge agreement, KSU must raise at least \$1 million more for the museum in the next 10 months.

"This is indeed a wonderful occasion in my life. It has so much meaning for me and my dear wife," Zuckerman said at an official signing ceremony marking the pledge commitment. He noted that the pledge is motivated by his



Back row (l-r) Richard Corhen, III, COO of the KSU Foundation; Professor Emerita of Art Roberta Griffin; Bernard Zuckerman's wife, Suzanne; Dean of the College of Arts Joseph Meeks; front row (l-r) Vice President for University Advancement Wesley Wicker, President Daniel S. Papp and Bernard Zuckerman celebrated Zuckerman's \$2 million challenge grant for phase II of the campus art museum.

desire to honor the artwork of his late wife, sculptor Ruth Zuckerman.

Her sculptures presently are installed throughout the KSU campus, with many of them displayed in the Henriquez Atrium. Zuckerman's pledge is aimed at bringing the entire sculpture collection — 100 pieces — together in the all-glass Ruth V. Zuckerman Pavilion, a major wing of the proposed new building.

The proposed art museum will also provide a permanent facility to display the university's growing and diverse art collection, which includes works by N.C. Wyeth, Marc Chagall, Rembrandt Peale, Viola Frey, Norman Rockwell, Howard Finster, Pierre-

Auguste Renoir, Lamar Dodd, Thomas Hart Benton, Frederic Remington, James Abbott McNeil Whistler and many others.

"On behalf of the students, faculty and staff, we thank Mr. Zuckerman for his tremendous generosity to this university," KSU President Daniel S. Papp said. "KSU's administration is fully committed to building a preeminent arts program, including the visual arts. Completion of the next phase of the art museum will significantly expand our capabilities in this important area while enhancing our national reputation."

For information about contributing to the museum fund, please call (770) 499-3129.

KSU Community Health Clinic at MUST Ministries opens *University and faith-based organization partnership provides health care for needy*

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After 15 years of serving patients in a tiny, single-wide trailer held together "with chewing gum and chicken wire," the KSU Community Health Clinic at MUST Ministries opened its new facil-

ity on Aug. 29, which boasts a waiting room, six treatment rooms, a doctor's office and two counseling rooms. The expanded facility allows the WellStar College of Health and Human Services to increase its capacity for patient treatment substantially. The clinic provides office visits, phone

consultations and prescription refills to the under-insured and the uninsured.

"Sometimes we didn't have heat; sometimes we didn't have air; and sometimes little friends came to visit us (at the trailer)," said KSU assistant nursing professor and clinic nurse manager Donna Cham-

bers. "This is truly a special occasion marking a great partnership."

The new clinic gives MUST Ministries' clients improved access to health care services and provides KSU nursing and social work students with hands-on experience. The KSU Community Health

Clinic at MUST Ministries is one of the only community-based, nurse-managed clinics in the state.

"This clinic offers an opportunity for our students to get an even better education," WellStar College of Health and Human Services Dean Richard Sowell said.

KSU welcomes Class of 2014 *Alumnus urges freshmen to make most of the college experience*

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Most of the 5,054 freshmen entering Kennesaw State University this fall think e-mail is too slow, and they seldom, if ever, use snail mail, according to this year's Beloit College Mindset List.

The 75 items on this year's Mindset List were compiled by officials at the private school in Beloit, Wis. The list, meant to remind faculty to be aware of dated references, quickly became a catalog of the rapidly changing worldview of each generation.

But regardless of how many students in the Class of 2014



Carlton Usher II, assistant professor of First Year Programs, carries the KSU mace as he leads the faculty procession at freshman convocation.

know how to write in cursive or wear a wristwatch, KSU alum

Adam Casey urged them to buck convention.

"I really wanted to come here," the Rock Mount fifth-grade teacher told students gathered for Freshmen Convocation Aug. 22. "KSU was kind of the back-up school, and I can say that as an alumnus. Most students only intended to come here for two years, but they stayed because this school is awesome."

The key to making the most of your college experience, Casey explained, is to not be a "parking lot to class to parking lot student."

"I wasn't a PCP student," he said. "I lived on campus, I joined many clubs and student organizations, I was a resident assis-

tant, and I joined a fraternity. I was a 'radical' student. Be a radical for the students who will come after you."

Casey recalled when in 2005, the first Homecoming dance was organized and only 250 students showed up. That caused some concern among the administration, he said, who wondered why the turnout wasn't better. But, it wasn't the turnout that was important, according to Casey. What was important was the fact the dance was held — attendance growing in each of the next several years.

"This is a great school, but you can make it better," he said.

Campus Notes

Provost Search Launched: Kennesaw State University President Daniel S. Papp announced the appointment of the KSU Provost Search Committee during his address to faculty and staff on Aug. 11 commemorating the start of the new school year. A national search is being conducted to replace Lendley C. Black, who stepped down in July to accept the position of chancellor of the University of Minnesota Duluth. For more information, visit <http://web.kennesaw.edu/news/stories/ksu-provost-search-committee-named>

Name Change: On July 1, the Division of Continuing Education officially became the College of Continuing and Professional Education. "KSU's Continuing Education operation has long been one of the best Continuing Education operations in the Southeast, if not the country, and changing its name to the College of Continuing and Professional Education recognizes this fact," said Papp. For more information, visit <http://ceksupress.blogspot.com/2010/08/ksu-president-dr-daniel-papp-announces.html>

Hill named director of KSU's American Studies master's program: Rebecca Hill was named director of the master's in American Studies program in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Hill earned a doctorate in American Studies from the University of Minnesota with a graduate minor in feminist studies. Hill came to KSU from the Borough of Manhattan Community College, a part of the City University of New York.

Two KSU teams win Governor's customer service awards

Honor recognizes outstanding collaborative efforts

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Two KSU teams comprised of staff in the Office of University Admissions and the Registrar's Office, along with a team from Facilities Plant Operations, won the coveted Governor's Customer Service Excellence Awards this year. The awards are given annually by Gov. Sonny Perdue in recognition of outstanding customer service.

The Office of University Admissions and the Registrar's Office won for their Digital Back Office and Registrar's Office Graduation and Transfer Evaluation Services. By combining forces, the two groups were able to streamline the

admissions and registration processes for transfer students.

"When a student wants to transfer here, part of the process is to evaluate his or her coursework to see how much credit may apply," said associate registrar John Carlyle Smith, "We are now able to complete the evaluations much quicker than before we implemented this process, thus affording the student an early advantage in deciding whether to attend KSU."

Facilities Plant Operations employees won for their work in helping the campus recover from the devastating effects of the Sept. 2009 flood. Record heavy rains and massive flooding caused the cancellation of classes and resulted in millions of dollars in damages to schools,

homes and businesses in 17 counties, including Cobb.

"We had a 500-year flood and several areas on campus were hugely impacted," recalled Jodie Sweat, director of plant operations. "The houses on Campus Loop Road and several buildings on campus were overcome by the deluge. We helped three houses relocate, and about two weeks later we got another flood."

When the "Customer Service Improvement Initiative" was launched in August 2006, Gov. Perdue called on every state agency, including the University System of Georgia, to do its part to help make Georgia the best-managed state in the country by providing excellent customer service.

First Ph.D. candidates selected from 46 applicants

Cream of crop bring global diversity, history of accomplishments

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The first class admitted this fall to Kennesaw State's new Ph.D. program in International Conflict Management is comprised of 18 students from 14 countries and reflects a wide range of professional backgrounds and international experiences. The students were selected from among 46 qualified applicants.

Among the inaugural class for the interdisciplinary degree program are former diplomats, foreign service and military officers, engineers, scholars, business leaders, international development managers, attorneys, human rights advocates and activists. Also represented in the group are four students from the United States, two from Ethiopia, and one each from Ghana, Togo, Turkey, Egypt, Nigeria, Romania, the Kyrgyz Republic, South Africa, Nepal, Germany, Venezuela and Afghanistan.

"You have set a very high bar for KSU's first Ph.D.



Eighteen students from 14 countries were selected for the new Ph.D. program in international conflict management.

program," President Daniel S. Papp told the students at a reception welcoming them to the university. "It puts a tremendous responsibility on the university to meet your

expectations of a rigorous program. We are very fortunate to have a very diverse faculty with scholars from across many disciplines working with this program."

The doctoral program in international conflict management consists of interdisciplinary training and opportunities drawn from the social sciences and humanities. Core courses prepare students in the ethical foundations of global conflict, cross-cultural analysis, international relations and international negotiation. Graduates are expected to have international experience, oral and written competency in a second language and service as both teaching and research assistants among other requirements.

"The international focus within this program, both in terms of its curriculum and its participants, is an important contribution towards the university's mission of global education for engaged citizenship," said Richard Vengroff, dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Joint education degree offered in Paulding County

KSU, Georgia Highlands partner in "2+2" program

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Beginning in fall 2010, Paulding County-area students seeking a degree in early childhood education will be able to complete all required general education and major classes at the Georgia Highlands College/Kennesaw State University Paulding Instructional Site in Dallas.

Under the proposal approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia (USG) in August, students at the Paulding County site may take the classes required to earn an associate degree from Georgia Highlands and complete the KSU classes required to earn a bachelor's degree and gain certification to become pre-K through grade 5 teachers.

The four-year program, called "2+2", allots two years to complete the GHC requirements and two years to complete KSU courses.

The Bagwell College of Education began offering seven early childhood courses for currently enrolled KSU students in August. Georgia Highlands' students currently enrolled at the Paulding site may apply for admission to KSU and to the teacher education program prior to their last semester at GHC. Upon acceptance to both, they may begin taking their major courses at the site. Graduates will earn an Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education from GHC and a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education from KSU.

"The "2+2" initiative is a giant step toward the vision we all had for the Paulding site," said KSU President Daniel S. Papp. "Our goal was to expand higher education and ultimately to make a four-year college education accessible to students in the rapidly growing



Paulding County area students can earn a degree in early childhood education at the Paulding Instructional Site in Dallas.

but underserved Paulding community. At the same time, we're continuing the Bagwell College of Education's

tradition of graduating well-trained teachers to meet the needs of the region and the state."

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