As President Daniel S. Papp recognized “those who truly excel this year — providing excellent service through their commitment and dedication to the goals and objectives of Kennesaw State University,” he also expressed his deepest appreciation to the doctoral graduate last summer.

Papp praised the results of Kennesaw State’s first-ever Comprehensive Campaign, which achieved its $75 million target a year ahead of schedule. He also noted that KSU for the first time in history surpassed $30 million in external research funding including grants from the National Science Foundation, the National Institute for Health, the Department of Education, the Department of Defense and the World Bank.

“Again despite budgetary constraints, we are on the verge of undertaking several significant initiatives that will help chart the course for this university as it enters its second half-century,” Papp said.

Challenging KSU to become Georgia’s engaged university, Papp pointed to two initiatives. One is KSU’s Strategic Thinking and Planning Committee’s effort to create a new KSU 2012-2017 Strategic Plan. The other is KSU’s participation in the “Competitive Edge” project, which aims to accelerate economic development, improve the quality of life and highlight the role higher education plays in contributing to economic growth in Cobb and surrounding counties.

“From my perspective, these three undertakings coincide to create a perfect storm of opportunity for this university this year,” he said.

Kennesaw State celebrates faculty, staff achievements

Foundation awards more than $200,000 in cash and stipends

By Neil B. McGahee

Kennesaw State University faculty and staff were honored for excellence at Opening of School events.

Papp awarded the Distinguished Teaching award to Kim Loomis, left, and the Distinguished Professor Award to Karen Robinson, right.

Kennesaw State State President Daniel S. Papp shared a light moment during his Opening of School address.

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Joint chiefs chairman praises KSU’s veterans’ assistance program

Office of Warrior and Family Support learn about university’s student veterans program

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At a town hall meeting in September on the Georgia Tech campus, Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, praised Kennesaw State University’s commitment to the reintegration of returning servicemen to civilian life, an effort that has resulted in the university being designated a “Military Friendly School” by G.I. Jobs magazine.

In one of his final duties before retirement, Mullen listened as returning servicemen and women discussed their transition from combat to the classroom. The meeting, moderated by Frank Mullen, director of Kennesaw State’s Veteran’s Resource Center, resulted from an August visit by several of Mullen’s aides to get a first-hand look at the newly-opened center.

Mullen, a veteran of the Iraq war, told the aides how the center sought to apply a “seamless approach” to transition from military life to civilian and academic life using outreach programs such as faculty development programs that help faculty and staff identify obstacles veteran students may encounter when transitioning from combat to the classroom.

Following the visit, Army Col. David W. Sutherland, special assistant to the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, reported to Mullen that KSU’s veterans resource programs — especially in faculty development — are setting a standard as a veteran-friendly institution.

During the panel discussion, Army veteran and current Kennesaw State student Richard Stuck told Mullen of the difficulties he encountered leaving comrades in harm’s way in Iraq and Afghanistan as he returned to the relative safety of civilian life.

“I would get phone calls about friends getting wounded or friends getting killed,” he said. “That was the toughest part, the guilt — wondering if I could have done something if I had stayed in the unit.”

Kennesaw State dance program to surpass 100 majors this fall

Program’s success supported by community partnerships

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The Kennesaw State University dance program, which started in 2005 with 20 dance minors, is celebrating the new school year with a milestone 100 majors.

“When we started the dance program in 2005, the first thing I did was to connect with the dance community in the metro-Atlanta area and create a dance advisory board,” director Ivan Pulinkala said. “Our collaborations and partnerships with the region’s premier dance companies and arts venues serve as a way of keeping our students engaged with the professional dance community in our region.”

For example, a formal partnership with gloATL, a contemporary dance company that brings site-specific dance to urban public spaces, provides students an opportunity to perform with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra at Woodruff Arts Center. Part choreography and part interactive art installation, gloATL performances regularly bridge the gap between artists and audiences.

The dance program also has formal partnerships with the Atlanta Ballet and the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center, as well as collaborations with nearly a dozen professional dance community organizations.

“There is so much potential,” said College of the Arts dean Joseph Meeks. “The significant accomplishments of this program in such a short period of time document the value of and need for dance in our area.”

In September, the Kennesaw State Dance Company partnered with gloATL, the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra and Sonic Generator from Georgia Tech, to present a unique performance at the Woodruff Center Symphony Hall choreographed by KSU artist-in-residence Lauri Stallings.

Kennesaw State University’s farm-to-table program grows

Culinary and Hospitality Services expands acreage

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Silver bells and cockle shells may have made Mary’s garden grow, but an additional 30 tillable acres is feeding an expansion of Kennesaw State University’s farm-to-campus dining program.

A Cherokee County family granted KSU’s Culinary and Hospitality Services use of 40 acres in Ball Ground, Ga., including 10 acres of apple trees and two greenhouses.

“We are so proud of this addition to our program,” said Gary Coltek, director of Culinary Services. “Our goal from the beginning was to grow things we could incorporate into the campus cuisine and this will allow us to expand those offerings significantly.”

Produce grown on the property will be served in The Commons, KSU’s dining hall. Additionally, a portion of the harvest will be donated to the Georgia Chapter of the WIC Farmer’s Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), associated with the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (WIC).

Produce grown on the property include tomatoes, peppers, corn, cucumbers, pole beans, summer squash, watermelon, okra, eggplant, raspberries, blueberries and strawberries. The gardens will be operated year-round, with fall and winter crop planting, including lettuce, broccoli, beets and squash, beginning later this month.

Instituted in February 2010, KSU’s farm-to-campus program has its roots in a land gift of 35 acres located in Bartow County, Ga. Gardens were established on two acres of the property and supplied The Commons with nearly 1,900 pounds of organically grown vegetables.

An apiary consisting of 20 honeybee colonies produced more than 20 gallons of honey and attracted three hives of wild bees.

Campus Notes

Kennesaw State photographer wins Award of Excellence

Award will be presented in Phoenix

A dramatic photo of the Kennesaw State women’s soccer team taken by Kennesaw State photographer Anthony Stalcup won an Award of Excellence at the 41st Annual University & College Designers Association (UCDA) Design Competition. Stalcup’s photo, which was used in the team’s 2011 season poster, was a standout in the prestigious international contest that drew nearly 1,100 entries this year.

Kennesaw State Featured on FOX 5

FOX 5’s Road Warrior, Stacey Elgin, visited the Kennesaw State University campus on the first day of fall classes. Throughout the morning she talked with Ken Harmon, department head of photography and assistant vice president for academic affairs; Gary Coltek, director of culinary services; Lewis Preston, head basketball coach; and students.
Kennesaw State emerges as leader in faculty development field
Profile of Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning rises after hosting global conference

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In late June, some 85 representatives from universities as far away as Japan, Iraq and Australia convened at Kennesaw State to learn about how to enhance teaching and learning on their campuses. At the International Institute for New Faculty Developers, participants from 10 countries attended 10 plenary sessions, 24 concurrent meetings and one-on-one discussions, taking in the latest in faculty development from some of the big names in the field. “The institute has established KSU as a definite leader in the faculty development scene nationally and internationally,” says Michele DiPietro, executive director of Kennesaw State’s Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL). “The institute was incredibly successful, the most successful CETL event by leaps and bounds.”

Since arriving at Kennesaw State from Catholic University in fall 2010, DiPietro has been working hard to put KSU on the map as a national leader in faculty development. As president elect of the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education, the professional group that represents faculty development centers at colleges and universities throughout North America, DiPietro submitted a winning bid to host the biennial institute at KSU and organized the June conference. The success of the institute, he said, showcased Kennesaw State’s growing leadership in the field. “We have the expertise, and we have the ability and the capacity to put together a high-caliber global event like this,” DiPietro says.

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Board of Regents approves Kennesaw State Athletic Association
Action gives go-ahead for coaching contracts, student-athlete scholarships

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The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia approved the creation of the Kennesaw State University Athletic Association, a decision that KSU President Daniel S. Papp hailed as a major step forward for all of the university’s athletic programs. “I am pleased by the positive step taken today by the Board of Regents, which reflects well on the strength and integrity of Kennesaw State’s athletic program,” he said. “Today’s action will allow our athletic association to operate in an efficient, effective and transparent manner.”

The creation of the new association enables Kennesaw State to have parity with other state institutions — such as the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech — that have formed similar athletic associations, providing them with the business structure and flexibility needed to be competitive at the highest level of collegiate sports. Kennesaw State athletic director Vaughn Williams now will have the authority and infrastructure to deal competitively with vendors and enter into multyear contracts with his coaching staff — necessary ingredients to maintain competitiveness at the Division I level.

“The Board of Regents’ decision helps us level the playing field with respect to our fellow institutions, both within Georgia and out of state,” said Williams. “As a full-fledged member of NCAA Division I, this allows us to compete from the same secure financial and regulatory operational platform as the big guys. One of our first priorities will be to raise money for scholarships for our student-athletes and to pay the salaries of our coaches and staff.”

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The Kennesaw State University campus was awash in black and gold Sept. 2, College Colors Day. The national event, now entering its sixth year, kicks off the fall intercollegiate athletics season and strives to advocate higher education through our supporters, students, faculty and staff sporting our black and gold colors.”

A week earlier Kennesaw State athletic director Vinnie Williams, Scrappy, the KSU mascot and representatives of the student government association, cheerleaders and dance squad watched as Papp signed the official proclamation designating Sept. 2 as College Colors Day. After the signing, Scrappy gave Papp a new black and gold tie featuring embroidered designs of the Kennesaw State Owl. Scrappy also presented Papp and Williams with T-shirts emblazoned with “Black and Gold, Proud and Bold” in honor of the occasion.

Scrappy later joined other college mascots at the state capitol for Gov. Nathan Deal's declaration of College Colors Day throughout Georgia. The City of Kennesaw also proclaimed College Colors Day, calling on citizens to show their Kennesaw State spirit by wearing black and gold. The City of Kennesaw also proclaimed College Colors Day, calling on citizens to show their Kennesaw State spirit by wearing black and gold.

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Zimride allows community to connect via Facebook to set up rides

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New, easy-to-use website tailored for cell phone and mobile device users

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