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Research and Grants

The National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded a \$270,882 grant to **Jonathan McMurry, associate dean of research for the College of Science and Mathematics** and associate professor of chemistry, for his research project Regulation of Flagellar Biogenesis in *H. pylori*, a collaborative project with Timothy Hoover, head of the Department of Microbiology at the University of Georgia. McMurry is the lead on the project; UGA received a separate award amount from NSF. Molecular biology and genetic experiments will be performed in Hoover's lab at UGA, while biosensing and other protein work will be performed in McMurry's lab.

Michael Van Dyke, associate professor of biochemistry, started his tenure at KSU in July only days after receiving a grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). NIH awarded Van Dyke \$269,840 for his project DNA-Binding Protein Discovery by the Combinatorial Method REPSA. Van Dyke expects his research to lead to a better understanding of *E. coli* and to provide a framework for similar studies in other organisms.

The Japan Foundation has awarded the University \$25,000 for support for an assistant professor of Japanese Language and Culture. **Masako Racel, assistant professor of history**, is the grant project director. The grant will enable the University to expand its Japanese language course offerings and develop a Japanese language and culture program to support the proposed Asian Studies Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in Japanese language and culture.

The American Library Association (National Endowment for the Humanities funding) awarded a \$3,500 grant for the **Horace W. Sturgis Library** to host Muslim Journeys, a reading, film, and discussion series. The goal of the program is to offer learning opportunities and facilitate understanding and mutual respect among diverse populations. The Cobb County Public Library System, Roswell Community Masjid, and Kennesaw State's Museum of History & Holocaust Education are partnering with the Library on the project, directed by **Alan Lebish, associate library director**. The project scholar is **Anne Richards, associate professor of English and university ombuds**.

Kennesaw State breaks ground on Bagwell College of Education expansion

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As the number of future teachers and educational leaders enrolling at Kennesaw State University continues to grow, so too does the need for a more expansive facility for the Bagwell College of Education. That dream came one step closer to reality at a groundbreaking ceremony in May celebrating the construction of a new four-story addition to the college's existing building.

The multi-million-dollar, state-funded expansion is slated for completion next summer. The Georgia state Legislature

allocated \$20.3 million for the project.

"The Bagwell College of Education is one of the leading producers of teachers in Georgia, and enrollment in our teacher education and leadership programs has more than doubled since mid-2000," said Kennesaw State University President Daniel S. Papp. "Yet the lack of space has limited our ability to further increase our programs. This building will enable us to strengthen our programs and solidify Bagwell's position as Georgia's leader in the preparation of both teachers and educational leaders."

The 78,756-square-foot addition initially will feature three floors housing nine general

classrooms, eight model classrooms, one computer lab, two seminar rooms, student study areas, the Center for Literacy and Learning, three conference rooms, a department suite and the dean's suite.

"Today's event represents a long-awaited milestone for Bagwell — a time when all of the College's academic departments and student-service units can be physically located at one site, to facilitate our collaborative approach to preparing teachers and educational leaders," said Bagwell College of Education Dean Arlinda Eaton at the groundbreaking.



Kennesaw State held a groundbreaking ceremony in May for the expansion of the Bagwell College of Education.



Crews lay the groundwork for the Bagwell College of Education expansion in July.

The Commons continues to rack up national awards

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Recognizing a shift in college dining operations from "standard cafeteria-like settings, with lunch lines and trays full of nondescript and boring foods," BestColleges.com has ranked Kennesaw State University's The Commons Student Dining Hall among the nation's best.

"Debunking the common perceptions of cafeterias in general, the colleges on this list are being recognized for going the extra mile to provide nutrient-rich and delicious food to all their students regardless of their diet," according to the website of BestColleges.com, an online resource for prospective college students.

The ranking was the most recent in a long line of honors for Culinary and Hospitality Services, which was nationally

recognized in May for working at the forefront of sustainability. Kennesaw State won two national awards from the National Restaurant Association — the "Innovator of the Year" and Operator Innovations Award for Sustainability. Citing its "comprehensive, closed-loop waste management program" and "Farm to Campus to Farm" initiative, it was the first time an educational institution was selected to receive the prestigious Innovator of the Year award.

"Just as students look at academic offerings when choosing a college or university, they are also looking at dining hall operations in a way they didn't before," said Gary Coltek, director of Culinary and Hospitality Services. "Students care about where their food comes from and what happens to it once it gets here."



Kennesaw State's "Farm to Campus to Farm" initiative has resulted in several recent awards and recognition.

In its ranking, BestColleges.com noted Kennesaw State grows its own hydroponic lettuce, herbs and shiitake mushrooms, and 20 percent of the produce used in The Commons is grown on campus. Vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options are available, including favorites like pizza, pasta and desserts.

Kennesaw State's previous culinary honors include rankings

by Newsweek beginning in 2011 for being among the top 25 for best food; top honors from the National Association of College and University Food Services (NACUFS) for sustainability outreach and education; a prestigious NACUFS Loyal E. Horton Award; and a top 10 ranking in 2012 by online publication The Daily Meal in its "52 Best Colleges for Food in America."

New dean Patricia Poulter takes lead at College of the Arts

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Kennesaw State University has brought new leadership to the College of the Arts in naming Patricia “Patty” S. Poulter as dean. She took the post on July 1.

Poulter succeeded Interim Dean Ivan Pulinkala, who served since Feb. 1. Pulinkala replaced Joseph Meeks, who led the school for 14 years as dean and served 38 years on the faculty until his retirement in January.

“I could tell when I stepped foot on this amazing campus that there was an energy and passion for the arts,” Poulter said.

Poulter served previously as associate dean for the College of Arts & Humanities at Eastern Illinois University. A

professor of music education, Poulter held other administrative positions within the college, including department chair in the Department of Student Teaching and Clinical Experiences, as well as interim department chair in the Journalism Department.

As associate dean, she shared administrative responsibilities for the College of Arts & Humanities, overseeing a \$12 million budget; 225 faculty; nine academic departments; seven interdisciplinary programs; 1,800 students; and the Performing Arts Center.

“Kennesaw State takes great pride in the selection of Patricia Poulter as dean,” said W. Ken Harmon, provost and vice president for academic affairs. “She has demonstrated remarkable leadership

and scholarship during her two decades in higher education, which will stand her in good stead as she takes the reins of Kennesaw State’s highly successful College of the Arts.”

The College of the Arts is one of the largest schools of the arts in Georgia and is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, the National Association of Schools of Theater and the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

Poulter holds a bachelor’s degree in music education and a master’s in conducting from Eastern Illinois University. She earned an Ed.D. in music from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.



Patricia Poulter

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Kennesaw State selects Clendenin Graduate Fellows for 2013

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Kennesaw State University has awarded six master’s and doctoral students Clendenin Graduate Fellowships for the upcoming academic year. The Clendenin Graduate Fellows Program funds up to \$20,000 annually for two years of master’s-level studies or three years of doctoral studies at any accredited educational institution.

This year’s recipients represent the fifth group of scholars to receive the prestigious award. Successful scholarship recipients demonstrated outstanding leadership potential, a capacity for accomplishment and the commitment to complete his or her academic program.

New fellows were honored during a reception on June 25.

The fellowship program has provided scholarship funding for more than 30 graduate students, with nearly half of the recipients earning their advanced degrees at Kennesaw State.

The Clendenin Graduate Fellows Program was established at Kennesaw State in 2008 by the Clendenin Family – longtime Kennesaw State supporters – with a \$1 million endowment. The gift allowed the Clendenins to fulfill a lifelong desire to contribute to graduate education.

The 2013 Clendenin Graduate Fellows are:

- **Senai Abraha** – Ph.D., International Conflict Management, Kennesaw State University
- **Katherine Barnett** – MSN, Nursing Education Leadership, Kennesaw State University
- **Laurie Ereddia** – MAcc, Kennesaw State University
- **Abigail May** – Ed.D., Educational Leadership, Kennesaw State University
- **Birthe Reimers** – Ph.D., International Conflict Management, Kennesaw State University
- **Janora Ware** – MFA, Fiction and Non-Fiction, Southern New Hampshire University

In addition to the new class, several



Clendenin Graduate Fellows include, from left, 2013 recipients Laurie Ereddia, Senai Abraha, Abigail May, Katherine Barnett, Birthe Reimers, and Janora Ware; and 2012 recipient Roberta Jackson.

David Caselli

Clendenin Fellows graduated in the spring of 2013, including Kennesaw State’s first Ph.D. recipient in International Conflict Management, Rebecca K. LeFebvre, and three

Georgia State University doctoral graduates, Janeen S. Amason in Nursing Science and Maryan Rogers and Ghupinder Naidu, both in Teaching and Learning Mathematics Education.

Partnership puts KSU at forefront of Georgia’s film and TV industry

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Senoia and Kennesaw may seem unlikely locations for those looking to get ahead in the entertainment industry, but a new partnership between Senoia Enterprises, Inc. and Kennesaw State University will soon change that.

Senoia Enterprises, Inc., the company responsible for redevelopment of the small town of Senoia, Ga., located south of Atlanta, is partnering with Kennesaw State University’s Joel A. Katz Music and Entertainment Business (MEBUS) program, a leading model for academic and applied studies in the music and entertainment industry, to provide a home base for executive education courses in entertainment business.

The program is housed in the Michael J. Coles College of Business.

“This exciting partnership demonstrates the University’s dedication to preparing and educating students while working to develop programs that meet the demands of a growing and diverse marketplace,” said Kennesaw State Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Ken Harmon.

Senoia has served as a backdrop for more than two-dozen productions, many of them based at nearby Raleigh Studios Atlanta and Sony production facilities in Peachtree City. The town of Senoia, touted for its Mayberry-esque feel, is where AMC’s top-rated television series, “The Walking Dead,” is filmed and over the years has served as the backdrop for

several major motion pictures, including “Footloose,” “Fried Green Tomatoes” and “Driving Miss Daisy.”

Film and television studios and production facilities near Senoia will benefit from this partnership when the MEBUS program begins offering a full range of entertainment business courses in the spring.

“This unique partnership taps into our strength in educating students with relevant business skills so that they can succeed in the film and television industry,” said Keith Perissi, director of the MEBUS program.

This partnership will also pair Kennesaw State students with one-of-a-kind direct industry connections, including ties to Senoia-area entertainment partners such as the Zac Brown Band, Camp Southern Ground, production companies, artists and post-production resources.



Accountancy director named to accreditation committee

Kathryn Epps, director of the School of Accountancy in the Michael J. Coles College of Business, has been selected to serve a three-year term for the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business Accounting Accreditation Committee. The committee oversees applications for initial accreditation and maintenance of accreditation for higher education accounting programs and has responsibility for the oversight of the accounting pre-accreditation process for educational institutions which already hold business accreditation. Her new term began July 1.

Brian Wooten named director of Engage KSU

Associate Professor Brian Wooten began his new job as the executive director of Engage KSU in July. Kennesaw State President Daniel S. Papp said Wooten, who was the director of the Center for Student Leadership, was selected for the job after a campus-wide search.

As the executive director, Wooten will provide leadership and strategic direction that supports and strengthens the University’s strategic goal of becoming more engaged and prominent in the local community, Georgia, the nation and the world. He will oversee the campus-wide enhancement of community engagement initiatives, facilitate communications between and among the University’s various ongoing engagement efforts and off-campus communities and partners.



University's economic impact on region tops \$926 million

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Kennesaw State University's explosive growth over the past decade continues to spark major regional economic impact, rising to more than \$926 million in fiscal year 2012, according to the University System of Georgia's most recent economic impact report.

Spending on everything from architectural services to burgers and bags of groceries helped catapult Kennesaw State's local economic impact, which has been bolstered by the University's rapid student population growth and expansion of facilities. More than 24,600 students

now attend the University — just over 3,000 of them living on campus in one of the four residential housing communities constructed since 2002.

"We take pride in the fact that Kennesaw State continues to be a powerful engine in the economic growth of our regional economy," said KSU President Daniel S. Papp. "This data provides important insight into the critical role the university serves, and the economic implications of the jobs we create as well as the associated residual spending."

According to the report released by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, Kennesaw State's FY 2012

economic impact on the 28-county Atlanta metropolitan region was up 8.5 percent from \$854 million in FY 2011. The overall economic impact of the 31-unit university system on the state's economy in FY 2012 was \$14.1 billion.

Most of Kennesaw State's \$926 million economic impact — the largest among state universities in the USG — consists of initial spending by Kennesaw State for salaries and fringe benefits, operating supplies and expenses and other budgeted expenditures, as well as spending by students. Initial spending by Kennesaw State and its students equaled \$567 million, or nearly 61 percent of the total output impact.

The remaining \$359 million of the output impact was created by re-spending — the multiplier effect of the dollars that are spent again in the region. For every dollar of initial spending by a university system institution or its students, research found that, on average, an additional 45 cents was generated for the local economy.

Of the nearly 8,800 full- and part-time jobs associated with Kennesaw State University — 2,476 of them on campus — 6,300 of those jobs are due to spending related to the institution, including 4,100 jobs that are due to student spending.



College of Science and Mathematics names new associate dean

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Kennesaw State University's College of Science and Mathematics has named its first associate dean of research.

Jonathan McMurry, an associate professor of chemistry, started his new position Aug. 1. His mission is to catalyze development of research programs, increase the external funding the college receives and continue to build collaborations among faculty and with other institutions.

The position is a natural progression of what McMurry has been doing since he arrived on campus in fall 2006, following his postdoctoral work at Yale University.

McMurry, whose primary research interest is how bacteria move, has secured more than \$1 million in grants from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation and the Research Corporation for Science Advancement.

"Jonathan is an excellent addition to the leadership team of the college," said Mark Anderson, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics. "He has a distinguished record of research, and he has established many collaborations within Kennesaw State and with colleagues at other USG institutions for his own research activities. His ability to build research teams will help to continue to expand the University's research profile."

McMurry has a Ph.D. in biochemistry

from the University of Connecticut. His master's and bachelor's in biology are from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"Kennesaw State has active and growing research programs," McMurry said. "My primary goal is to continue to build the research infrastructure in the College of Science and Mathematics by facilitating collaborations among colleagues and helping them obtain more research grants."

The College, which offers master's programs in statistics and computer science, launched a master's program in integrative biology in fall 2012 and will welcome its inaugural class of chemistry graduate students in August.



Jonathan McMurry

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Students take gold for Bernard A. Zuckerman Museum of Art

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Kennesaw State University's Bernard A. Zuckerman Museum of Art emerged with the top Honeysett & Din Student Gold Award for the Paper Moon exhibit e-catalogue at the 2013 American Alliance of Museums Media and Technology Muse Awards ceremony in Baltimore.

The Muse Awards are presented to institutions that excel in categories including multimedia, education and outreach, online presence and augmented reality. The Honeysett & Din Student Award is granted to student works created for museums or other education institutions as well as class projects, prototypes or concepts. The National Portrait Gallery claimed second prize in the same category.

The Paper Moon e-catalog was produced in partnership with the Zuckerman Museum of Art and the College

of the Art's School of Art and Design. Daniela Dewendt, a recent Kennesaw State University Graphic Communication graduate and student worker for the e-catalogue, represented the Zuckerman Museum of Art at the award ceremony alongside Kirstie Tepper, co-curator of the Paper Moon exhibit.

According to Tepper, the multimedia exhibition focused on artwork that serves as a substitute for the real thing. The show examined how these substitutes are intended to function, the nature of their appeal and what role authenticity and the ability to "make believe" play in an illusion.

The supporting Paper Moon e-catalog, designed specifically for use on an iPad, provides a multimedia exploration of the exhibition including essays with voice-overs by the authors, documentaries, 360-degree rotation of exhibition pieces and Second-Life demonstrations.



Daniela Dewendt, a recent Graphic Communication graduate, represented the Zuckerman Museum of Art when it was awarded a top award for its Paper Moon exhibit e-catalogue.

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Sturgis Library receives funding for renovation and expansion

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Kennesaw State University's Horace W. Sturgis Library is getting a much-needed makeover, which will create meaningful learning and engagement spaces to enhance student success.

The \$6 million project includes \$4.4 million in funding from the state. The project will encompass architectural design and construction to expand the current 104,000-square-foot facility area by 1,600 square feet.

"We are deeply appreciative of the strong support from the University System of Georgia's Board of Regents and the General Assembly for this much-needed funding," said

Kennesaw State President Daniel S. Papp. "The funding for the project will enable us to do some much needed renovation of the Sturgis Library, which is one of the original buildings on the Kennesaw State campus. This modernization will ensure the library continues to serve us well in the future."

The Georgia General Assembly approved the \$4.4 million funding request for the \$6 million renovation and expansion during the 152nd legislative session earlier this year.

Named after the University's first president, Horace W. Sturgis, the library supports and advances the teaching and learning activities of the greater University community. Built in 1981 to meet the informational needs of a campus with a student population of only 5,000, the current facility

serves nearly 25,000 students and houses more than 600,000 volumes of books and government publications.

Despite its vast archives, however, the library ranks well behind its peer institutions throughout the University System when measured by student enrollment versus square footage.

The renovation project will provide essential improvements to the library, expanding group study space and improving functionality while reducing operating costs and enhancing energy efficiency.

Plans include repurposing space on two floors, upgrading the mechanical/electrical infrastructure, and updating the library's furnishings to create meaningful learning and engagement spaces to enhance student success.

Kennesaw State named a 'Great College to Work For'

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The Chronicle of Higher Education has once again recognized Kennesaw State University as one of the top university workplaces in the country.

The Chronicle's "2013 Great Colleges to Work For" cited Kennesaw State among the top 97 institutions in three categories — collaborative governance, professional/career development programs, and facilities/workspace/security. The recognition is based upon feedback from university employees and an institutional audit of workplace policies and practices.

"We are very proud to be recognized among the elite group of institutions whose employees identified so many positive attributes about their work environment," said Kennesaw State President Daniel S. Papp. "Our faculty, staff and administrators are the heartbeat of our university, and they demonstrate how positive they feel about

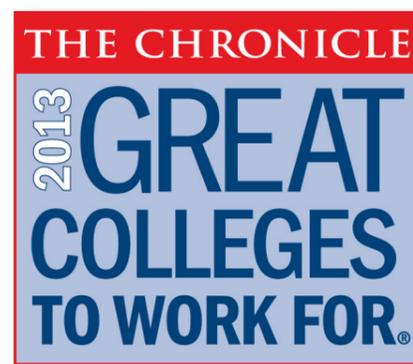
Kennesaw State each and every day. We deeply appreciate their work on behalf of our nearly 25,000 students."

This is the second time Kennesaw State has been recognized by the Chronicle, having been cited in several categories in the "2009 Great Colleges to Work For" survey.

"What makes Kennesaw State such a great place to work is that we invest in our people," said Rodney Bossert, the university's assistant vice president for human resources. "We do that in so many ways with training initiatives from new employee orientation to professional development and retirement education. A university is only as good as its people, and I am pleased that we have some of the best and brightest in our midst."

For the past six years, the Chronicle's "Great Colleges to Work For" program has recognized small groups of colleges (based on enrollment size) for specific best practices and policies.

The survey results are based on a two-part assessment process: a survey of faculty, administrators and



professional/support staff and an institutional audit. The primary factor in deciding whether an institution received recognition was the employee feedback.

Full results of The Chronicle's annual survey can be viewed online at:

www.chronicle.com/indepth/academicworkplace/

New executive director of global initiatives joins Kennesaw State

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Kennesaw State University recently named Lance Askildson to head the University's Institute for Global Initiatives.

Askildson, a scholar of applied linguistics and second language acquisition and founding director of Notre Dame's Center for the Study of Languages & Cultures, joined Kennesaw State as the senior international officer on July 1. He replaced Barry Morris, vice provost for strategic initiatives, who served as interim IGI director since 2011.

"We are extremely fortunate to have someone of Lance Askildson's stature and

experience to provide strategic leadership for IGI," said W. Ken Harmon, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Kennesaw State. "We have made considerable strides in developing global components across our curriculum and increasing study abroad opportunities for students, as well as research and other collaborative options abroad for faculty. Lance can help us maintain existing global strategic partnerships and develop new ones."

In his role at Kennesaw State, he will oversee all IGI units, including the Education Abroad Office, Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies, Center for African and African Diaspora Studies, Global Engagement Programs

and Global Admissions.

He also will work closely with each of the university's eight colleges and a variety of campus units to achieve goals related to global learning and engagement.

Askildson, who holds a Ph.D. in second language acquisition from the University of Arizona, also has been appointed an associate professor of English at Kennesaw State and will begin teaching courses on English language and linguistics in the fall. Bilingual in English and French, he earned a master's in multilingual/multicultural education and TESOL from Florida State University and a B.A. in history/French language and linguistics from the University of Minnesota.



Lance Askildson

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Student selected for Fulbright Commission's Summer Institute

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Kennesaw State University rising junior Katherine Street was selected by the Fulbright Commission to attend one of its Summer Institutes for U.S. Undergraduates.

Street, a member of the President's Emerging Global Scholars (PEGS) program, participated in the Fulbright Commission's Wales Summer Institute. The theme of the six-week cultural and academic program is "Contemporary Wales: Industry, Politics, Culture and Change." Street studied at Cardiff University, Bangor University and Aberystwyth University.

"I am so grateful for the opportunity to represent KSU here in Wales as an Owl abroad," Street wrote during the Institute.

Street, president of the Kennesaw State Student Government Association, wants to become a nurse and an educator. Calling nursing "the perfect marriage of science and compassion," Street said the experience in Wales gave her an international perspective on the challenges, including health care, facing the world.

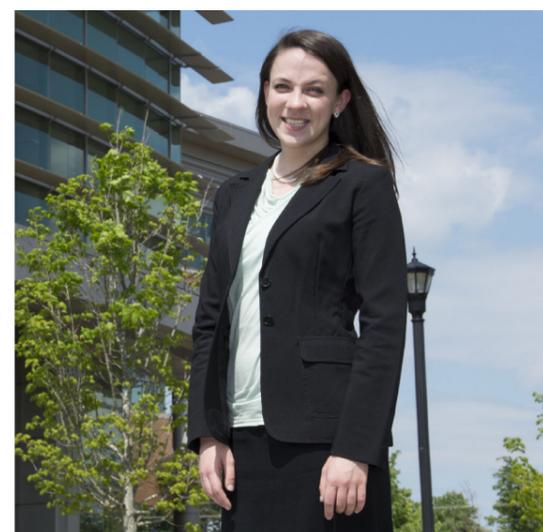
"One unexpected benefit from this trip has been a deepening appreciation for my own culture," Street said.

"Our group is composed of eight U.S. students who come from universities across the nation, adding a rich texture to our conversations. The varied perspectives that each of us contributes has opened my eyes, not only to different facets of the Welsh identity, but also different facets of the American identity."

The PEGS program — a partnership of the Center for Student Leadership (CSL), University College and the Office of the President — is designed to promote sustained leadership development within a global context. The program requires a rigorous application process and selects just 30 students per year.

Karen Powers, the University's national fellowships advisor, helped Street refine her Fulbright Commission application. "Fulbright looks for students who are leaders, excel academically, conduct research and are engaged with their campus and community," she said.

This is the second time this year that a Kennesaw State student has received a high-profile award. Jiexi Liao, a biochemistry major, received a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, which will cover up to \$7,500 of her college costs starting the fall 2013 semester.



Katherine Street, president of the Kennesaw State Student Government Association, was selected to participate in the Fulbright Commission's Wales Summer Institute. During the six-week cultural and academic program, Street studied leadership issues at universities throughout Wales.

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