



Profiles of Excellence in Action April 2010

News and Events From Kent State University

Welcome to *Profiles of Excellence in Action*, a monthly e-newsletter showcasing news and events from Kent State University. In this month's issue, learn about an online newsroom dedicated to the events of May 4, 1970, the first dean of the College of Public Health and the new Kent State director of intercollegiate athletics. Also, find out more about Distinguished Teaching Award winner **Elizabeth Howard** and two faculty members who were recently honored with international textile awards.

Online May 4 Newsroom Launched



Kent State University has launched an online newsroom to access information, event details and multimedia regarding the 40th anniversary of May 4, 1970. The site includes news updates, photos, videos, commemoration events and university resources related to May 4. [Read more about the new Web site.](#)

College of Public Health Dean Announced

Dr. Mark A. James, professor and vice chair of the Department of Tropical Medicine at Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, will become founding dean of Kent State University's College of Public Health on **July 1**, announced Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs **Robert G. Frank**. [Read more about James.](#)



Nielsen Named Director of Intercollegiate Athletics



Kent State University President **Lester A. Lefton** introduced Joel Nielsen as the university's 10th director of athletics at a morning press conference on Thursday, March 25. Currently the athletic director at the University of South Dakota (USD), Nielsen succeeds Laing Kennedy, who is retiring on **June 30**. Nielsen will begin at Kent State on

May 15. [Read more about Nielsen.](#)



Two Kent State faculty members receive textile awards from international organization. [Read more.](#)

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Howard's Service, Mentoring Earn Her Outstanding Teaching Award

There's no shortage of service Elizabeth Howard provides the Kent State University community. Whether it's chairing or serving on committees, mentoring students and new instructors, or volunteering to tutor high-risk students, Howard's passion for what she does is evident. [Read more about Howard.](#)



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