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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 e-newsletter, learn about a prestigious grant for Kent State's fashion program, a significant lease agreement for Centennial Research Park, a partnership to advance fuel cell development, new research that sheds light on housing design for persons with mental illness and the dedication of a unique children's picture book collection.

Fashion School Receives $1 Million Grant

The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation on Nov. 24 formally presented Kent State University with a $1 million grant in support of the Shannon Rodgers and Jerry Silverman School of Fashion Design and Merchandising. Read more about the grant.

Lease Inked for Anchor Tenant in Centennial Research Park

Kent State University President Lester A. Lefton and AlphaMicron Chief Executive Officer Dr. Bahman Taheri have executed a lease agreement that will enable AlphaMicron to expand its manufacturing operations into most of Kent State's Centennial Research Park. Read more about the agreement.

Kent State, Battelle Snare Contract to Advance Fuel Cells

Kent State University will help international science and technology enterprise Battelle commercialize a new generation of advanced fuel cells. Read more about the contract.

With a new home officially dedicated this month, the Marantz Collection is a unique compilation of more than 21,000 children's picture books. Read and watch more about the collection.

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Collaborative Sheds Light on Special Needs Housing Design

The Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative has shed new light on the design of housing for people with mental illness. [Read about the research.](#)

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