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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 the new facility being built in Twinsburg, an ancient discovery involving shrimp and Kent State's guest speaker for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration. Also, find out about how **Kristin Marcussen** inspires students and a fashionable recognition in South Korea.

#### **Ground Broken for New Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg**



Kent State marked its continuing commitment to providing students with pathways to affordable and accessible higher education with the groundbreaking.

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Rodney Feldmann, professor emeritus of geology, and Carrie Schweitzer, associate professor of geology, report on the oldest fossil shrimp known to date in the world. The creature in stone is as much as 360 million years old and was found in Oklahoma.

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An example of the textile creations that earned Kent State's J. R. Campbell and Vincent Quevedo recognition in South Korea.

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## Save the Date for the Ninth Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Jan. 27

Kent State's annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration will take place Jan. 27, and features special guest **Kweisi Mfume**.

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# **Sociology Professor Recognized for Reaching Students Through Pop Culture**

The first time **Kristen Marcussen** stepped into a classroom to teach, visions of passing out ran through her mind. Now, 11 years later, the sociology professor is one of three recipients of the 2010 Distinguished Teaching Award.

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