



Profiles of Excellence in Action January 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 another honor for Ardi and University Professor of Anthropology **C. Owen Lovejoy**, the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at Kent State and a biology student with a passion for scientific illustration. Also, find out more about Distinguished Teaching Award winner **Douglas Kline** and a major new exhibit at the Kent State University Museum.

"Ardi" Named Scientific Breakthrough of 2009



Ardipithecus ramidus, or "Ardi," receives the top honor as the Breakthrough of the Year, named by *Science* and its publisher, AAAS, the world's largest science society. "Ardi," a hominid species that lived 4.4 million years ago, was unveiled on Oct. 1 by Kent State University Professor of Anthropology Dr. **C. Owen Lovejoy** and his colleagues. [Read more about the accomplishment.](#)



The Kent State University Museum will soon open a 50-dress exhibit of George Stavropoulos' work. [Read more about the exhibit.](#)

TV's Judge Hatchett Headlines Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Event

Kent State University sets aside time each January to reflect upon and celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year's event centers on the theme "A Message That Transcends Time," and takes place Jan. 28. This year's keynote speaker is Judge Glenda A. Hatchett. [Read more about the event.](#)



Stark Senior Draws Together Love of Science and Art



Kent State University at Stark senior biology major *Jacqueline Dillard* combines her love of science and passion for art to create scientific illustrations that have gained national attention. [Read more about Jacqueline's work.](#)

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Gift for Bringing Life to Biology Earns Kline Teaching Honor

Douglas Kline's 20 years of teaching experience has provided him with some memorable and rewarding moments at Kent State. His dedication to students, collaborations with colleagues and enthusiasm for teaching earned him a 2009 Distinguished Teaching Award. [Read more about Kline.](#)



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