

# **Profiles of Excellence in Action, July 2009**

### 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 a new publication promoting solutions to the problem of shrinking cities, research that benefits Parkinson's patients and how one professor inspires students to study physics. Also, learn about honors bestowed on athletics and an update on the progress of the new facility for the performing arts at Kent State Tuscarawas.

#### Book Pops Up to Bring Attention to Shrinking Cities



The College of Architecture and Environmental Design's Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative (CUDC) recently published *Pop Up City*, the second volume in the CUDC's Urban Infill series of publications about emerging urban issues. *Pop Up City* is a collection of essays that promotes temporary use strategies as an emerging economic development and urban design tool, particularly for cities experiencing population loss and large-scale urban vacancy. <u>Read more.</u>

## Cycling for a Cure

Working with colleagues at the Cleveland Clinic, a Kent State faculty researcher finds that Parkinson's patients benefit greatly from a simple intervention - "forced," or assisted, exercise, such as riding with a trainer on a tandem bike. <u>Read more about the research</u>.



Kent State Tuscarawas will soon have a state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center. Read more.





#### Kent State Athletics Nets Mid-American Conference Awards

The Kent State men's and women's Intercollegiate Athletic teams were honored recently with top Mid-American Conference institutional awards. Kent State's men's program won its fourth David Reese Trophy for best overall men's athletic teams. The women's program came in second for the Fred Jacoby trophy, honoring top women's athletic programs. Read more about the honors.





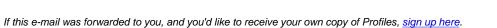


## Passion for Physics Contributes to Outstanding Teaching Award Win

When he attended Kent State University as an undergraduate, **Jon Secaur** knew that the only thing he wanted to do was teach. With more than 35 years of teaching, his passion for serving others earned him a 2008

Outstanding Teaching Award. Read more.

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