



## Profiles of Excellence in Action July 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 a record-breaking fundraising campaign, a visit from the U.S. Secretary of Transportation and an award bestowed by Ohio's Chancellor of Higher Education. Also, find out more about a teaching award presented to the Department of Psychology's **John Dunlosky** and the summer's final show at Porthouse Theatre.

#### Kent State Announces Second Straight Record-Breaking Fundraising Year



For the second year in a row, supporters of Kent State University have contributed a record-breaking sum to the institution. For the fiscal year ending June 30, private contributions to the public research institution reached \$39.9 million, beating last year's record by nearly \$3 million. Numerous individual contributions and events, such as one in New York with alumna *Alice Ripley* (pictured, right) helped raise the remarkable total. [Read more.](#)



Kent State alumnus *Dan Grgic* stars as Conrad Birdie in the Porthouse Theatre's production of *Bye, Bye Birdie*. [Read more.](#)

#### U. S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood Visits Kent

Kent State University President **Lester A. Lefton** joined U.S. Representative Tim Ryan and officials from PARTA (Portage Area Regional Transportation Authority) and the city of Kent in welcoming Ray LaHood (right), secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, to Kent on July 9. LaHood's visit included a tour of downtown Kent's Acorn Alley and the future site of the Kent Central Gateway project. [Read more about the visit.](#)



#### State Leaders Recognize Kent State's Murray for Making Textbooks More Affordable



Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Eric D. Fingerhut (pictured, left) recently recognized Dr. **Gordon (Joe) Murray** (pictured, right), associate professor of electronic media at Kent State University, for using digital content to adapt the learning process for journalism students. [Read more about the honor.](#)

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### Dunlosky's Drive to Help Others Learn Better Leads to University's Distinguished Scholar Award

Since 2004, **John Dunlosky** has enlightened young minds at Kent State University in the Department of Psychology with his focus in cognitive aging, metacognition and memory. His interest in aging and memory has resulted in his writing and contributing to more than 70 publications and presenting his work at dozens of conferences and colleges in his career. [Read more about the award.](#)



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