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 Kent State's nationally ranked School of Library and Information Science, recognition for the Partnership for the Minority Business Accelerator program and a professor who is honored for inspiring students. Also, a famous alumnus and sports commentator returns to campus in the fall, and the Kent/Blossom Music Festival prepares for an exciting summer season.

School of Library and Information Science Recognized as a Best Graduate School by National Magazine

U.S. News and World Report named the School of Library and Information Science at Kent State University to its 2009 list of best graduate schools. Read more.

Minority Business Accelerator Receives National Recognition for Outreach and Collaborative Efforts

The Partnership for the Minority Business Accelerator (PMBA) recently achieved national recognition for its outreach and collaborative efforts. PMBA provides education, mentoring, networking and training to increase the success and growth of minority-owned businesses. Read more.

Lou Holtz to Speak as Part of Centennial Starner Distinguished Speaker Series

Lou Holtz,'59, ESPN studio analyst and Kent State alumnus, will speak Wednesday, Sept. 9, in the Kent Student Center Ballroom. Holtz will share his life experiences as part of the Centennial Starner Distinguished Speaker Series. Read more about the event.

Desire to Inspire Students Earns Psychology Professor Teaching Award
Kent State Trumbull Associate Professor of Psychology Irene Gianakos' desire to light a fire within students that inspires lifelong learning earned her one of the 2008 Distinguished Teaching Awards. Read more.