

## TUSCARAWAS

## A Message from CE Coordinator, Dr. Denise McEnroe-Petitte

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During this academic year, Community Engagement has been quite active. There have been a number of new projects with new community partners, as well as continuation of past projects and their community partners.

At the Spring Awards, awards were given to the following: Kingsly Berlin, as the Exceptional Community Engagement Faculty; the New Philadelphia Public Library "Whiz Kids" and Dorothy Feller, the Library Department Coordinator, and Elizabeth DiDonato and Claymont City Schools Eastport Elementary, as the Exceptional Community Partners; and the Early Childhood Education class Integrated Expressive Arts and Social Studies in Pre-School with their faculty, Nicole Miles as the Exceptional Community Student Project.

Congratulations to all of the award winners for their dedication to community engagement activities.

This is also the time for the Kent State Tuscarawas community to be thinking about the upcoming academic year and what other activities the faculty and students can be involved in by looking at the courses offered and how a collaboration with a community partner could develop.

Let's get working on this!

Until the Fall semester,  
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(Right) Carol Mace, Clerical Specialist and Dan Donato, Groundskeeper, developed the Kent State University at Tuscarawas Tree Map (the map is located in the Faculty lounge in Science and Advanced Technology Center).



Did you know that Kent State Tuscarawas is now designated as a "Tree Campus USA"? Last year, Chad Conrad, Director of Advancement, began the process with a donation of a tree by the Kent State Tuscarawas Alumni Association. After this, a committee was formed to officially apply to become a part of the Tree Campus USA program.

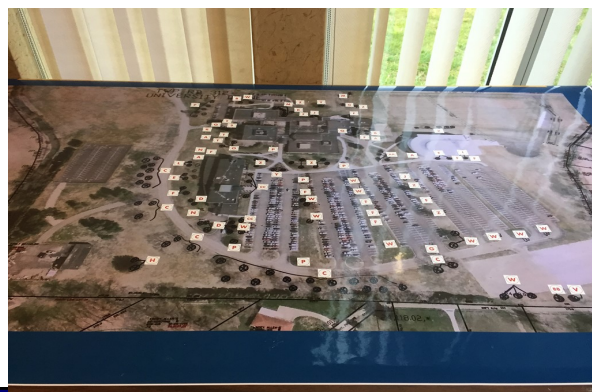
The Tree Campus USA program recognizes college and university campuses that do the following:

- Effectively manage their campus trees.
- Develop connectivity with the community beyond campus borders to foster healthy, urban forests.
- Strive to engage their student population utilizing service learning opportunities centered on the campus, community and forestry efforts.

(See continuation of Tree Campus USA on page 3.)

THE BEST WAY  
TO FIND YOURSELF  
IS TO LOSE  
YOURSELF IN THE  
SERVICE OF OTHERS

~ Mahatma Gandhi

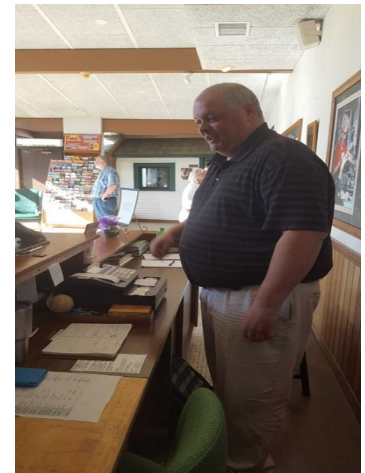


# New Projects with New Community Partners

Community Engagement has gained another community partner—Warther's Museum, located in Dover, Ohio. Under the direction of Kent State University Tuscarawas faculty, Dr. Ginger Bihn-Coss, Joe Stephon completed a 150-hour practicum there for the Practicum in Applied Communications course. Working with Kristen Moreland, Joe focused on such projects as: digital communication (built a database, made a flier and created a brochure), provided customer service activities, was a tour guide and participated in event planning, especially for the Union Hospital Christmas Tree Festival.



(Left) Warther's Christmas Tree Festival

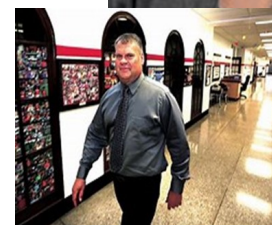


(Right) Joe Stephon working at Warther's Museum

(Below left) The first and second level nursing students, along with Laurie Barcus, nursing faculty, spent time at the Alzheimer's Association walk sponsored by the Greater East Ohio Chapter. The walk was around Dover, and the teams of individuals were families or friends that had loved ones affected with Alzheimer's.



(Top right) Dr. Beth Osikiewicz worked with New Philadelphia City Schools Central Elementary principal, John Zucal (bottom right), to assist elementary grade students with their understanding of math.





### Tree Campus USA continued:

In order to become a recognized program, a Campus Tree Advisory Committee was formed and an application was completed utilizing the five standards which needed to be met. The following individuals were chosen for the committee: Chad Conrad, Dr. Steve Minnick, assistant dean, Dr. Donald Gerbig, associate professor, Biological Sciences, Dr. Jeremy Green, associate professor, Geology, Glen Groh, community member, Klaus Weber, building and grounds supervisor, Dan Donato, groundskeeper, Jackie Williams, secretary, Carol Mace, clerical specialist and Rebekah Snyder, Kent State Tuscarawas student. The committee will meet two to three times per year.

Their role is to provide guidance for future planning, approve of a comprehensive campus tree plan, educate the campus population as to the benefits of the campus trees and develop a connectivity to the community. This committee will develop policies and guidance for planting, maintaining and removing trees. It will also provide education to the campus community, citizens, contractors and consultants about the importance of the campus forest and the protection and maintenance of trees as part of the growth and land development process.

The campus will need to allocate finances for the annual campus tree program. As a part of Community Engagement, this project will provide an opportunity to engage the student population with projects related to trees and can be part of a campus or community initiative.

With the designation of Tree Campus USA, our campus will receive many benefits, including:

- A commitment to trees on the campus, which can significantly reduce the amount of energy a campus and community need to generate.
- Planting and maintaining trees on the campus and in the community reduces carbon dioxide in the Atmosphere—which is one of the important roles that trees play.
- Green spaces give students and faculty the setting to relax with others or on their own.

By meeting the annual standards and being recognized as a Tree Campus USA college, the campus will provide benefits for the environment and will instill pride in the students, faculty and community.

Glen Groh will be traveling to Ashland the end of April to accept the award for the campus.

For more information about Tree Campus USA, see: <https://www.arboday.org/programs/treecampususa/standards.cfm> or contact Chad Conrad at 330.339.3391.

### The Lions Club at Kent State Tuscarawas Needs You!

The **Kent State Tuscarawas Lions Club** is a part of Lions Clubs International. The Lions Club is the world's largest volunteer service club organization, working to answer needs that challenge communities. Our club members contribute to the campus and community with assistance for eyeglasses, food for seniors and other areas of need. Members meet monthly on campus. Learn more by contacting campus Lions Club president Adrian Jones at [amjones4@kent.edu](mailto:amjones4@kent.edu).



Place donated eye glasses in the Academic Learning Commons.

Teri Leiser and her kids at the NAMI Walk.



Nursing students who attended the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) walk with Mrs. Teri Leiser, nursing faculty.

## Special Thanks to Our Spring 2018 CE Participants

Justice Akpan and HARCATUS: Business Consulting Practicum

William Auld and Kent State Tuscarawas Performing Arts Center: The Art of the Theatre

Mistey Bailey/Laurie Barcus and New Philadelphia City Schools: Child/Family Development

Kingsly Berlin and Tuscarawas County Humane Society: Veterinary Nursing II

Lion's Club

Lisa Brindley: Big Brothers/Big Sisters: Introduction to Early Childhood Services

Denise McEnroe-Petitte and Friends of the Homeless

Nicole Miles and NP Library Whiz Kids Program/Claymont City Schools: Integrative Expressive Arts and Social Studies in Preschool

Beth Osikiewicz and New Philadelphia City Schools/Central Elementary (also Fall 2017)

Nicole Willey and New Philadelphia City Schools/West Elementary

College Writing II (also Fall 2017)

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## Community Engagement at Kent State Tuscarawas

### Our Mission

Community Engagement is an important tool for the discovery, application and sharing of knowledge, for fostering ethical and humanitarian values in the service of Ohio and for expanding our students' horizons while encouraging responsible citizenship.

### What We Do For You

Offer assistance on integrating  
Community Engagement into a course

Foster relationships between faculty and  
community partners

Document community hours and provide  
participant recognition

Provide support to faculty and community partners