

65TH

Commencement Ceremony

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AT ASHTABULA



FRIDAY DECEMBER 16, 2016
MAIN HALL GYMNASIUM
ASHTABULA, OHIO



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A Message From The Dean



Dear Graduates,

Congratulations! Today you have reached a major milestone in your lives. By earning your college degree, you have proven that you have what it takes to excel. As you prepare to travel new and exciting avenues, I want to congratulate you on your accomplishment. As a graduate of a world renowned University, your Kent State degree will open many doors for you.

On behalf of the entire Kent State community, and especially your family here at Kent State Ashtabula, I commend you and your family and friends who have supported and encouraged you along every step of your college journey. Even though you are graduating, we encourage you to stay in touch with your Kent State family as an alumnus of this great University. We extend an open invitation to you to return to visit us, whether in person or online. We wish you the best, both in personal well-being and in great professional success. Most importantly, we offer our best wishes to you today as you celebrate your well-deserved achievement.

Congratulations,

Susan J. Stocker, Ph.D.

Dean and Chief Administrative Officer





Order of Exercise

Please turn off cell phones and pagers.

Musical Prelude

Performed by Clay Metcalf

Academic Processional

Pomp and Circumstance

Elgar

(Audience, please stand)

National Anthem

Star Spangled Banner

Key/Smith

(Audience, please remain standing and join in singing)

Welcome and Introductions

Dr. Susan J. Stocker, Dean and Chief Administrative Officer, Ashtabula Campus

Recognition of Excellence

Ashtabula Area College Committee, Inc. Academic Achievement Awards

Student Address

Aaron Sherwood

Commencement Address

Jean Makesh

Certification of Graduates

Dr. Ann Abraham

Conferring of Degrees

Dr. Susan J. Stocker

Presentation of Diplomas

Alma Mater

Hail to Thee, Our Alma Mater

Stump & Steere

(Audience, please stand and join in singing)

Recessional

Largo

Handel

(Please remain standing until graduates have left the gymnasium)

Please join us for a reception in the Blue and Gold Room and The Commons following the ceremony





Conferring of Degrees

Associate of Arts

Justice Studies

Associate of Applied Business

Business Management Technology

Computer Technology

Information Technology for

Administrative Professionals

Associate of Applied Science

Enology

Human Services Technology

Nursing

Occupational Therapy Assistant Technology

Physical Therapist Assistant Technology

Radiologic Technology

Respiratory Therapy Technology

Viticulture

Associate of Science

Associate of Technical Study

Emergency Medical Services Technology

Bachelor of Arts

Biology

Communication Studies

Criminology & Justice Studies

Psychology

Sociology

Bachelor of Business Administration

Accounting

Business Management

Finance

Bachelor of Science

Anthropology

Computer Science

Construction Management

Human Development/Family Studies

Bachelor of Science in Education

Early Childhood Education

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Bachelor of Technical and Applied Studies

Master of Technology

The listing of graduates is based upon information provided prior to printing of the program. The appearance or absence of any name in the program does not constitute recognition or denial of completion of degree requirements nor the conferring of honors.

The program is issued as a ceremonial publication and is not an official record of graduates. The awarding of degrees will be based on the outcome of final examinations and final grades. The University apologizes for any errors or omissions.





Commencement Speaker



Jean Makesh

CEO, The Lantern Group

Jean Makesh is a local entrepreneur who designed the state-of-the-art Alzheimer care facility, The Lantern, in Madison, Ohio. His passion for helping people through the aging process was the impetus for the design and creation of a one-of-a-kind personality-centric rehabilitative care program at The Lantern.

Makesh holds a Master's degree in Occupational Therapy from All India Institute for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Mumbai, India and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio. He has received numerous awards for his work, including the Entrepreneur of the Year award from Lakeland Community College and the Model Practice Award from the Ohio Occupational Therapy Association. As part of his personal mission to support, educate, and equip those who care for Alzheimer's patients, he has co-written a textbook for medical professionals and caregivers - *Svayus Revelation to a Unique World: Alzheimer's Disease*.

Before establishing Lantern Group, Makesh held various senior executive positions with a Fortune 500 company. His day-to-day responsibilities included ensuring best operational practices and compliance with the highest level of quality of care. He additionally designed and developed a patent-pending care delivery model to nurture and facilitate memory and to promote functional independence. This model is unique as a care program in that it is also therapeutic in nature. The care program utilizes the individual's environment, learning processes and activities to activate repressed memories and stimulate newer learning.

Makesh believes that it is vitally important that we continue to develop new practices and greater knowledge in how to advance elderly care, especially that of Alzheimer's patients. His goal is to continue to develop and construct state-of-the-art facilities that utilize therapeutic care models across the United States and around the world.





Student Speaker



Aaron Sherwood

*Associate of Applied Science,
Physical Therapist Assistant Technology*

Aaron Sherwood has the privilege and honor of delivering the student commencement address this evening to the Fall 2016 graduating class. He is receiving his Associate of Applied Science degree in Physical Therapist Assistant Technology.

“I’m honored to be granted the opportunity to speak this evening and humbled as I was not expecting to be nominated,” Sherwood stated. “I appreciate it because I know how much I put into earning this degree – the long hours of study, putting in extra time on campus on weekends, going to open labs, taking advantage of Supplemental Instruction and speaking with my teachers when I needed some extra assistance – I feel like my efforts did not go unnoticed.”

Following his graduation from Madison High School, Sherwood pursued a career in the restaurant industry for a number of years, including positions in Tennessee, South Carolina and Hawaii, before returning to Ohio.

When he decided it was time for a career change, Sherwood explored a couple classroom options at a nearby school but decided none of those matched his interest. He then recalled a time several years before when he was rehabbing a soccer injury and had a positive experience with physical therapy. He researched several options before selecting the Physical Therapist Assistant Technology program at Kent State Ashtabula. After completing his prerequisite work, a shadowing experience with an area physical therapist assistant (PTA) reinforced his decision.

“During an observation at Ashtabula County Medical Center, I was with a PTA who was very inspiring to me. Just watching him interact with the patients and the way they reacted to him - it was kind of a light in their dark day, and his positivity and how he lifted them up for that moment was really impactful. I saw that, and I knew that’s what I wanted to do. I wanted to be that person in their lives and base myself on what I saw from him.”

“The program here at Kent State Ashtabula is awesome. It’s very challenging, but you get out of it what you put in. I worked really hard to get the grades I did. I probably had to put in double the work. It’s not easy, and you won’t just breeze through it. You just have to work hard for what you want to get. I had great teachers take the time to work with me, provide a calming presence. So many people here have been so helpful, and I’m grateful for that.”

After taking his licensure exam, Sherwood plans to immediately begin a career as a PTA.

“I’m honored to be the voice of this year’s graduating class and can only hope that I can or have inspired someone else in their pursuit of education and happiness in life.”





Graduation with Honors

Academic Achievement Award

Awarded by the Ashtabula Area College Committee, Inc. to graduates who have completed at least 45 of 60 or more credit hours at the Ashtabula Campus and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.70 or better in their last semester prior to graduation. This semester's recipients are:

Jennifer Bean
Alexis Carr
Geoffrey Chapman
Brandon Cole
Kimberly Cramer
Raimonda Garjonyte
Mark Jones
Kerri Lago
Jillian Martin
Emily Miller
Sharon Nicholas
Cynthia Stump

Associate Degree With Distinction

An associate degree student graduating with distinction denotes that the student has earned a grade point average of at least 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale. These calculations are based on the prior semester's cumulative grade point average.

Leslie Adkins	Rachel Miller
Jeremiah Allen	Sharon Nicholas
Katherine Baptista Araujo	Sara Nicoloff
Bernard Brunson	Eric Novicki
Michael Burnes	Matthew Page
Maria Buss	Taylor Patfield
Alexis Carr	James Peters
Geoffrey Chapman	Carrie Phelps
Brandon Cole	Christina Plasencia
Roche Croy	Scott Racut
Raimonda Garjonyte	Tiffany Rhoades
Shelby Gaskin	Taylor Rice
Katelyn Hamilton	Jennifer Smith
Jenny Hamilton	Tommy Spinks
Elizabeth Hoop	Cynthia Stump
Mark Jones	Shannon Terwilliger
Joy Kardos	Amy Tooke
Lisa Kurcsak	Laura Tracey
Kerri Lago	Abbe Turner
Jennifer Limbert	Heidi Watkins
Jillian Martin	William Webster

Cum Laude

Honors are awarded to those students earning a bachelor's degree with an average of at least 3.5 to 3.69 on a 4.0 scale.

Kelsey Febel
Loren Frey
Juliana Hamilton
Lori Kellogg
Jacob Semple
Alexis Vystrcil

Magna Cum Laude

High Honors are awarded to those students earning a bachelor's degree with an average of at least 3.7 to 3.89 on a 4.0 scale.

Kimberly Cramer
Emily Miller

Summa Cum Laude

High Honors are awarded to those students earning a bachelor's degree with an average of at least 3.9 to 4.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Jennifer Bean
Horia Almasan

Because the list of graduates and those graduating with honor or distinction is prepared prior to the completion of the semester, this list is tentative. Certification of the indicated degree is subject to the completion requirements. The official registry for the conferral of degrees is the Office of the Registrar, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio.





Candidates for Degrees

Associate Degrees

Associate of Arts

Sara L. Nicoloff
Catherine C. Ranson =
Chelsea Dawn Vogel

Justice Studies

Dianna L. Bryant =
Heather M. Magley
Bradley P. Nicholson
Daniel Rozalski

Associate of Applied Business

Business Management Technology

Rachel Lynne Blankenship
Ashley Alainna Buhl
Heather K. Hentosz
Keri L. Jahn
Allison T. Kaydo
Lauren Marie Seman
Danielle Lynette Williams

Computer Technology

Christopher Bowers
Wesley Jacob Cook
Karen Janowicz
Mark Leonard Jones
Jody Klimcak
Gregory D. Poff
William Anthony Webster

Information Technology for Administrative Professionals

Lydia E. Hodgkinson

Associate of Applied Science

Enology

Thomas Jerome DeLong
Abbe Turner +

Human Services Technology

Alexandria Marie Paolucci
Cynthia Stump

Nursing

Bernard R. Brunsdon III =
Kimberly S. Compton
Jamie Lee Copeland
Samantha Lee Felix
Kristina Marie Fisher
Lauren Elizabeth Gloekler
Lindsey M. Guerini
Hannah N. Licate
Sarah Jayne Long
Hannah Elizabeth Lower
Chelsie Marie Nagle
Taylor Yvonne Patfield
Daniel William Rankin
Taylor A. Rice =
Nicole Diane Rock =
Tara Nadia Roscoe
Micala Marie Rose
Kyle J. Schnarrs
Kelly Ann Sheldon
Katherine Gray Stehura
Tesla L. Stone
Sarah Lynn Sturm
Rebekah S. Wessollek =
Amanda M. Wood

Occupational Therapy

Assistant Technology

Manuela Beljan
Ashley Nicole Chase
Kelly Christine Collins
Connie A. Diglaw
Erica L. Ettinger
Sara Jo Febel =
Raimonda Garjonyte
Jennifer Nicole Guyton

Britni G. Hall
Katelynn Irene Hamilton
Joy Allison Kardos
Lisa Marie Kurcsak
Kerri Ann Lago
Amanda K. Lasko
Rhonda Luce
Stephen A. Mann
Jillian Eileen Martin =
Aaon Wayne McClue
Audrey Anna Miller
Amanda Marie Murphy
Ashley R. Parnaby
Rachel L. Scribbsen =
Alexandria N. Stark
Leo S. Talikka =
Lauren Nicole Whiting
Aubrey Leigh Wright

Physical Therapist

Assistant Technology

Adrienne Nicole Archer
Jody T. Bancroft
Geoffrey R. Chapman =
Brandon D. Cole
Elissa Sue Cross
Dana Eleanor Engle =
Brianna R. Etling =
Audrey Gall
Daniel Paul Huggins
Trenton A. Landphair
Lori Ann Lewis
Jennifer Nicole Limbert
Courtney McCartney
Holly Melnick
Jasmine Carmen Morales
Sharon Nicholas
Eric Z. Novicki
Kelsey Irene O'Brien
Catherine C. Ranson =





Candidates for Degrees

David R. Schnoor
 Aaron Michael Sherwood
 Aaron John Sweeney
 Evan Lee Wolfe

*Physical Therapist
 Assistant Technology - Athletic
 Trainer Concentration*

Leslie Hodge Adkins
 Katherine Elizabeth Baptista Araujo
 Marshall J. Brink
 Michael Joseph Burnes
 Heather Lynn Cameron
 Ashley Marie Carroll
 Jill Nicole Cekada
 Hayley Roxanne Corso
 Roche Croy
 Nisha Suresh Dhamankar
 Chelsea Elizabeth Dunn
 Jeffrey Carson Durand
 Alexandra Ellis
 Krystle Fanzo
 Daniel Patrick Finger
 Shelby Renae Gaskin
 Mary Marlene Gocha
 Casey Hamilton
 Elizabeth Medlin Hoop
 Timothy Michael Hoynes
 Catherine Lee Jackson
 Ashley Kump
 Melissa J. McCombs
 Rachel Katherine Miller
 Keith A. Osburn
 Matthew Page
 James Calvin Peters
 Peter Petrusic
 Carrie Marie Phelps
 Christina Plasencia
 Tiffany R. Rhoades
 Christine Marie Sayre

Kaitlyn Ann Sell
 Jennifer Lynne Smith
 Tommy Spinks
 Carolinne Strasser
 Shannon Marie Terwilliger
 Christine Tiell
 Amy Tooke
 Laura Christine Tracey
 Heidi Marie Watkins
 Patrick Fairchild Wykes
 Leah Deanne Yoder

Radiologic Technology
 Maria Ann Buss

Respiratory Therapy Technology
 Kyle Cole Comanescu =
 Drew Zachary Dioneff =
 Treasur Harris
 Mollie Angelica Kikel
 Shawn E. Loase
 Christy Anne Pocatko
 Stephani H. Todd =

Viticulture
 Abbe Turner +

Associate of Science
 Jeremiah Allen
 Cary Ann Avalos
 Samuel D. Brenkus
 Bernard Brunsdon III =
 Alexis Carr
 Geoffrey Chapman =
 Kyle Cole Comanescu =
 Kylee Corlew
 Drew Zachary Dioneff =
 Jarrod W. Elrod
 Dana Eleanor Engle =
 Brianna R. Etling =

Sara Jo Febel =
 Angela Marie Georgia
 Alexander T. Grippi
 Jenny M. Hamilton
 Devin Michelle Henderson
 Haley M. Larko
 William David Lewandowski
 Jillian Eileen Martin =
 Ronald Martin
 Christa L. Mason =
 Sheila Ann Matthew
 Anthony Robert Miller
 Melinda Janet Ratican
 Taylor A. Rice =
 Nicole Diane Rock =
 Brittany Rowe
 Rachel L. Scribbsen =
 Angela N. Shymske
 Lindsey J. Stellmach
 Leo S. Talikka =
 Valerie Teed
 Stephani H. Todd =
 Rachel Leighanne Van'tVeer
 Eric Wu =

Associate of Technical Study
*Emergency Medical Services
 Technology*
 Rebekah S. Wessollek =

Bachelor's Degrees

Bachelor of Arts
Biology
 Krystal Ann Bolyard





Candidates for Degrees

Communication Studies

Kevin K. Acierno
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Kelsey Lynn Febel
Alyson Hare
Tyler Jeffords

Criminology & Justice Studies

Dianna L. Bryant =
Robert Henry Kosik, Jr.
Ashli R. PerDue
Jennie Nicole Smith

Psychology

Samantha Barfield +
Dianna Lynne Coach +
Kimberly M. Cramer
Courtney Marie Stowe
Alexis A. Vystrcil

Sociology

Samantha Barfield +
Dianna Lynne Coach +
Samantha I. Ruffo

Bachelor of Business Administration

Accounting
Jennifer Marie Bean

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Amber M. Botz
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Finance

Loren Julian Edward Frey

Bachelor of Science

Anthropology
Christopher G. Claypool

Construction Management

Zach Tyler Mehalic

Computer Science

Timothy C. Strawbridge

Human Development/Family Services

Juliana Kay Hamilton
Emily Marie Miller

Bachelor of Science in Education

Early Childhood Education
Taylor L. Paneto
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Lori A. Kellogg
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Charity E. Riffle
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Megan M. Strong
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Bachelor of Science in Public Health

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Master's Degree

Master of Technology

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= *indicates graduating with dual degrees*
+ *indicates graduating with multiple majors*





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