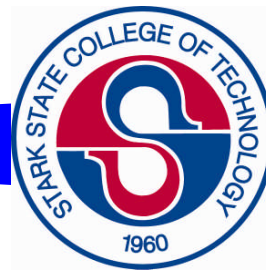


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We Have Library Access!

Submitted by Jean Zorko

Did you know that students at Stark State College and those at Kent State Stark Campus share a library right here on campus? It's called the Learning Resource Center (LRC). The library is designed to serve the needs of students of both campuses by providing in-house books, periodicals, references, video and CD holdings, online access to the Internet as well as access to the KSU main library. It also is a link to all of the KSU branch libraries and other university libraries through OhioLINK. The library is located on the KSU-Stark Campus just next to their new Student Center, an easy walk on a beautiful fall day! Library hours this fall are Monday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday as posted. For further details go to <http://www.starkstate.edu/library> or call 330-499-9600.



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Emerging Leaders Retreat

Submitted by Cherie Barth

Do you want to hone your leadership skills, meet other student leaders from around campus, and find out how you can make a difference? Then you will want to join us!!

Emerging Leaders Retreat
Glenmoor Country Club
St. Andrews Room
Friday, October 26, 2007
8:00 a.m.-Noon

All Stark State College students are welcome

To register for this retreat, please contact Cherie Barth in the Office of Student Life in Room S303 or call (330) 494-6170, Ext. 4237. Deadline for reservations is Friday, October 19.

Special points of interest:

- Domestic Violence Week
- Halloween Party Costume Contest
- Make a Difference Day

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Stark Raving Writers: An On-Campus Creative Writing Group

Submitted by Leah Schell-Barber

Explore your imagination. Expose your creative side.
Reveal the writer within you.

These things are all possible with the Stark Raving Writers, Stark State's new creative writing group. This group is open to all SSCT students who have an interest in creative writing.

At Stark Raving Writers' meetings, we will focus on work-shopping and sharing our writing with other creative-minded students on campus. Creative work can include fiction, poetry, scripts, or songs.

The Stark Raving Writers group is free to join. We will be meeting every other Wednesday from 2:00-3:30 in G200B. The dates of the meetings are: 10/3, 10/17, 10/31, 11/14, and 11/28. For more information, contact Leah at 330-494-6170 ext. 4863.



Halloween Party/Costume Contest

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 31, for Stark State's annual Halloween Party/Costume Contest to be held in the student cafeteria.

Watch the bulletin boards and monitors for more information.

Rotaract

Submitted by Cherie Barth

Are you a young professional who wants to make your community a better place? Would you welcome the chance to expand your circle of friends at home and around the world? Are you looking for ways to sharpen your leadership skills and explore career opportunities?

If you are between the ages of 18-30 and want to make a difference, then Rotaract is for you! Rotaractors grow personally and professionally, address community needs, and promote international understanding through friendship and service.

Rotaract was founded in 1968 by Rotary International, an association of clubs made up of service-minded business and professional leaders. Today, there are more than 7,300 Rotary club-sponsored Rotaract clubs with some 170,000 members in over 150 countries. Clubs are either based in the community or in a university.



Would you like to become more involved with a Rotaract Club at Stark State College? Stop by the Office of Student Life in Room S303 and see Cherie Barth for more details.

**Domestic Violence Awareness Week
October 22-25**

Submitted by Carol Nagi

- Oct. 17-26 Clothes Line Project, Student Lounge
- Oct. 22 Speaker on Domestic Violence
3:00-4:30 pm Room G201
- Oct. 24 Conversation with Survivors
11:30 am to 1:00 pm Rm. S204-205
- Oct. 25 Coffee House, Christian Band
FILTERED
6:00-9:00 pm Student Lounge
Light refreshments
Chair massages

Watch the Interfaith Table outside S100 for additional information on listed programs.



Making Strides Walk

Submitted by Cherie Barth



Making Strides Against Breast Cancer is your opportunity to honor breast cancer survivors, educate women about prevention and early detection, and raise funds and awareness to help us achieve a day without breast cancer.



This year's walk will take place on Sunday, October 14, at Canton McKinley High School. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. with the walk taking place at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in joining *The Betas* (Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society's team), please contact Cherie Barth at (330) 494-6170, Ext. 4237, or stop by Room S303. Donations can be made by going to the team's webpage at <http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/MakingStridesAgainstBreastCancer> or purchase a donation ribbon in Cherie's office.

Hope begins with us!

News from the Dental Hygiene Department

Submitted by Nichole Oocumma

Congratulations to two Stark State Dental Hygiene Students who received Ohio Dental Association Foundation, Akron Dental Society Claypool Barlow Foundation Scholarships this year. The award is given to students in Dental programs across the state and the applicant pool is highly competitive, as dental students, hygienists and assistants are eligible. Rarely does more than one student in the same College or Program in the same year win these awards. An example of the caliber of Stark State students, this September, Kelly Greissing, first year dental hygiene student, and Danielle Laria, a second year Dental Hygiene student were awarded a total sum of \$5000 to be used towards their academic pursuits.

Congratulations to Jay Watkins, Mindy Bittner, Megan Adorni and Tara Slabach, second year students, who presented a Research Presentation at the Ohio Dental Association (ODA) Annual Session in Columbus on September 15th. They were awarded 1st place and \$250 in the category of dental auxiliary, for their research on grillz entitled, "Oral Jewelry is it Worth the Cost". This category includes licensed Practitioners, educators and students from across the state. They have set a precedence as this is the first time Stark State students have presented research at the ODA Annual Meeting. Mrs. Kim Willey, RDH has been an adjunct in the dental hygiene program for 6 years and teaches Community Oral Health, the course in which the students learn about research and are given the opportunity to present at either the Ohio Dental Association Annual meeting or the Ohio Dental Hygienists' Association Annual Meeting in November.

Quiet Study Rooms Now Available

Submitted by Cherie Barth

Do you find the student lounge, Atrium and hallways too crowded and noisy? Can't find a quiet area to study?

We've got the answer for you! Back by popular demand are **Quiet Study Rooms**. These rooms are intended for *studying* only and are available during the morning, afternoon and early evening. Group Study rooms are available at the Learning Resource Center at the Kent State-Stark/Stark State Library during their regular business hours. To find room numbers and times, check the Stark State home page and click on the letter "Q" on the site index near the top of the page.



Submitted by Cherie Barth

The Beta Gamma Epsilon Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society will once again participate in Make a Difference Day on Saturday, October 27. This is a national day of celebration where volunteers help others. In 2000 to promote and coordinate participation by Ohioans in this national effort, Make a Difference Day Ohio was established. That year and every year since, Ohio has led the nation in the number of service projects.



The Phi Theta Kappa chapter will collect new and gently used stuffed animals throughout the month of October. (Several boxes will be placed around campus.) The stuffed animals will then be donated to a local fire and police department, the State Highway Patrol and the Sheriff's Department to give to children when these departments respond to an emergency. Donations will be taken through Saturday, October 27 until 9:00 a.m.

Volunteering is fun and very rewarding. Please join in helping us as we "make a difference" together!

Having Fun, Meeting New People, Changing a Life...

Submitted by Greg Wise

Mentoring is all this and more! Here are some past examples:

- Students and their mentors spent three hours at a bowling event getting to know each other better.
- Some pairs attended the low and high ropes experience at Camp Muskingum. They were challenged to attempt wall climbing, walking a tight rope and thinking outside the box.
- Students were acknowledged for their achievements and honored their mentors with memorabilia gifts at the year-end recognition dinner and celebration.
- Pairs have participated in making commercials, attended a Cleveland Brown's training camp, practiced guitar lessons, played Putt-Putt golf, played par 3 golf, window shopped, scrap booked their relationship, kept a journal, played volleyball, played kickball, enjoyed ice cream and learned to respect each other despite differences in age.

Would you like to mentor a middle school student and have fun building a new friendship? Spending just four to six hours per **month** facilitates a friendship that can last a lifetime. Make the most of this opportunity. Call Greg Wise, Mentor Recruiter at 330-453-8252 ext. 333 for more details about mentoring – that is being someone's **HERO!**

Welcome Back to Stark State Event a Complete Success

Submitted by Cherie Barth

On Tuesday and Wednesday, September 18 and 19, in the Courtyard, the Student Government Officers held a Welcome Back to Stark State event that featured many of our student clubs and organizations, as well as the service-oriented departments on campus. Several community organizations also attended to present our students with information on their services and volunteer opportunities.

Many students perused through the activities and services fair and found the information very helpful. All who participated were impressed with the enthusiasm of our student body and can't wait to join us again for the spring semester event!