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Greetings from the Kean University Foundation!

We are excited to share with you the latest edition of our eNewsletter. In keeping with previous publications, this eNewsletter is sent out quarterly to friends and members of the Kean Community, alike, including content related to the many ways we can all support Kean University, as well as options available for making a gift to the Foundation. We look forward to keeping you updated on the Foundation's activities and the tremendous impact of its valued supporters!

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: *The Haight Family Scholarship*

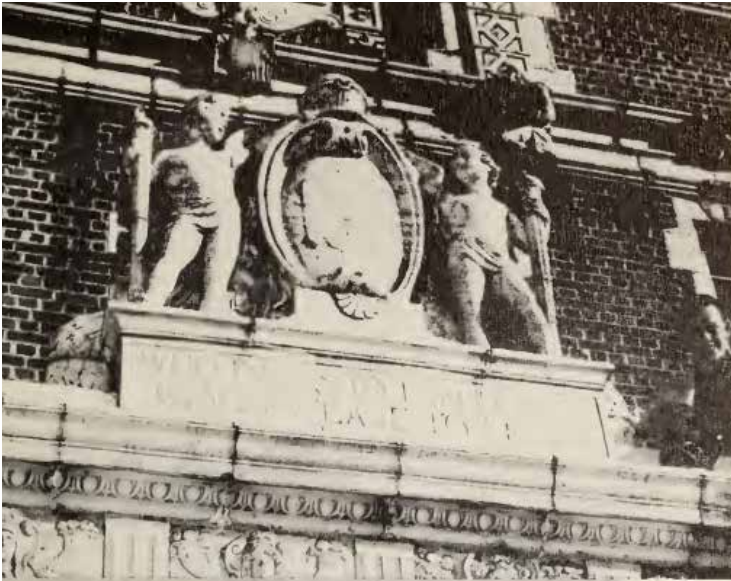
Maureen Haight (nee Murphy) always knew she wanted to be a teacher. As she hailed from Union, she knew exactly where she would need to study to achieve her aspirations: Newark State Teachers College. The challenge was how to afford a college degree. So, after graduating from high school, Maureen worked full-time to save the funds needed to pursue her goal – and she succeeded! She gained admission, became immersed in her studies and college life, developed friendships which remained close throughout the years and, in 1957, proudly graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education.

The “gap” between high school and college resulted in Maureen being part of the last graduating class before the college’s relocation from Newark to Union, as well as the subsequent name changes to what is now Kean University. While Maureen left behind the building whose entrance proclaimed, “*Who Dares to Teach Must Never Cease to Learn,*” she continued to live by it. In the process, she imparted a love of learning to her students, her children and all those with whom she interacted in her communities.

Recently, Maureen and her family decided to create an endowed scholarship with the Kean University Foundation in support of those who dream of becoming schoolteachers on their journeys toward becoming educators and life-long learners. The Haight Family Endowed Scholarship will benefit Kean students who are earning degrees which will enable them to pursue careers in education. Among the preferences for awarding the scholarship, the Haight family chose those that mirrored their own experiences, such as benefitting students who exhibit financial need, those who are of “non-traditional” college age and students who have actively engaged in community service. By personalizing the



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preferences this way, the recipients' will receive both financial assistance and the assurance of knowing the benefactors understand their journeys and believe in their ability to achieve. Maureen has expressed that "how this all works out" feels like a full circle experience for her. She is very happy to be able to create the scholarship, which, through the annual scholarship awards generated from the endowment, will continue to assist future generations of aspiring teachers.

After graduation, Maureen taught in New Jersey's Kenilworth school district, for the Department of Army in Germany and later at Calvin Coolidge School in Hillside. Through a relative, she was introduced to David Haight, Jr., an alumnus of Dartmouth College; the couple married in 1967. Maureen then left the classroom and focused on raising her two children: David III, an alumnus of Muhlenberg College, and Deborah, who has achieved degrees at Columbia and Johns Hopkins

Universities. David shared that their interest in creating scholarships was sparked by the children, who had done so at their alma maters. It seemed fitting that an endowed family scholarship also be created for Kean.

David feels that creating each of the family's scholarships has been gratifying. Unique to establishing the Haight Family Endowed Scholarship with the Kean University Foundation is his appreciation that Kean serves many first-generation college students, along with its status as one of the top teacher-producing institutions in the country. Imagine the ripple effect! The scholarship recipients will be role models to their future students, keeping the cycle of continuous learning in motion.

As mentioned earlier, Maureen formed life-long friendships during her college years. She also was an active alumna and helped plan reunions for her classmates. As part of their 50th reunion celebration, Maureen and her fellow alumni toured the former Newark State Teacher's College building in Newark, which is presently serving as Newark's Technology High School. Upon entering one of her former classrooms, Maureen spotted a Dartmouth banner in the room. It was another of those full circle moments – her husband's alma mater being showcased in her former college classroom. Through their estate planning and grants from their donor advised fund, they hope to continue to support educational institutions through philanthropy. The Kean University Foundation is grateful for their thoughtful planning and generosity.

For information on how to create an endowed scholarship or legacy gift, contact Eileen M. Cotter, Philanthropy Officer, via phone at (908) 316-8924 or email at ecotter@keanuniversityfoundation.org. All inquires are confidential and without obligation.

Meet the Newest Members of The Kean University Foundation Board of Directors

Seemingly in the blink of an eye, Summer 2022 has concluded and the new academic year is well underway. This is always a transitional time of year, from the sweltering heat of July and August into cool, crisp evenings which beget hayrides and warm cider. Not unlike cyclical seasonal changes, the Kean University Foundation underwent transitions of its own during the course of the previous year, from welcoming a new Chair mid-year to saying good-bye to members of the Board of Directors who have offered their support, guidance and friendship for many years. Part of this transitional period also includes the continued expansion of the Kean University Foundation's Board of Directors, a distinguished group of professionals who generously offer their time and expertise in support of the University.

As such, we are pleased to introduce the Board's two newest members: Kevin Alton '73 H'07 and Leslie Harwood, both of whom continue the tradition of bringing invaluable knowledge and experience to the Foundation.



Kevin Alton '73 H'07

Currently retired, Mr. Alton's 30-year tenure at the Schering-Plough Research Institute resulted in over 100 publications, several patents and the prestigious "Discoverers Award," which he received from the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers Association in 2006 following the discovery of the active agent in Zetia, a novel cholesterol absorption inhibitor. His title during the last six years he spent with Schering-Plough was Senior Director and Drug Disposition Expense Center Manager of Drug Metabolism and Pharmacokinetics.

While attending Kean University, Mr. Alton was a member of the Sigma Beta Tau Fraternity. He was also involved with Kean's student government and the University's newspaper, The Independent, of which he served as Co-Editor-in-Chief. Mr. Alton received an honorary doctorate from Kean University in 2007 and was a recipient of the University's Distinguished Alumni Award in 2013.

An alumnus with strong ties to Kean, he and his wife, Beth, also a Kean alumna, established both the Kevin and Beth Alton Annual Scholarship and the Kevin and Beth Alton Endowed Scholarship in April 2010. When the opportunity to join the Board of Directors presented itself, Mr. Alton did not hesitate. He praised Bill Miller, CEO of the Kean University Foundation, whose guidance was integral during the internal approval process, stating, "I am confident that I can make meaningful contributions to the Kean University Foundation."



Leslie Harwood

Since 1993, Ms. Harwood has been a Managing Director specializing in tenant representation for Newmark (New York – Midtown), a global commercial real estate organization, where she represents various types of firms in the financial world and nonprofit sector and provides them with expert real estate services based on her more than 35 years of experience. In addition to her leasing and sales experience, Ms. Harwood has developed two million square feet of residential housing and retail in the New York metropolitan area and has led the redevelopment of one million square feet in downtown Jersey City.

She has also been the recipient of numerous professional accolades, including the Emma Lazarus Award for "Dynamic Women in Business" from the Associated Builders & Owners of Greater New York and being named the Young Men's/Women's Real Estate Association's (of which she is a member and former chair) 2017 Senior Professional of the year for her commitment to the real estate industry.

Some may recognize Ms. Harwood's reputable surname – and rightfully so! She is the daughter of Lowell and Toby Harwood, generous benefactors whose long-standing support of Kean University includes the establishment of The Harwood Endowed Scholarship Fund and The Harwood Endowment Fund, respectively. Harwood Arena, located on Kean University's main campus in Union, New Jersey, is named in recognition of Lowell and Toby's many contributions. Like her parents, Ms. Harwood has a philanthropic spirit and she is looking forward to adding her involvement with the Kean University Foundation to the impressive list of charitable organizations she supports. "My father was passionate about education, about making education available, and that it was the path to make a difference in the world," she said. "And my family has continued his legacy at Kean. He taught not only me and my brother, but our entire family the power of giving back."

For more information about the Kean University Foundation Board of Directors,
please visit: <https://www.keanfoundation.org/foundation/board>

Academic Spotlight: Dr. Saran Nurse

With so many exciting things consistently taking place at Kean University, it can be easy to miss some of the brilliant minds doing impactful work and research in our community. We are thrilled to begin to spotlight some of our faculty and academic partners and let them share a bit about their work and the generous philanthropic support they have garnered to assist in their efforts.



Dr. Saran Nurse is an Equity in Action Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow in the School of Management and Marketing at Kean University. She teaches Business Ethics and Entrepreneurship and has been involved in other initiatives that support entrepreneurship education at Kean, including the annual Business Plan Competition and the recent inaugural Changemakers Entrepreneurship Summer Program for high school students. Through her research, teaching and advising, she seeks to improve entrepreneurial outcomes for others who face challenges due to their gender, race and ethnicity. Dr. Nurse's research lies at the intersection of race and entrepreneurship. She received her doctorate from the Milano School of Policy, Management and the Environment at The New School, Master of Business Administration from Georgetown University and Bachelor's degree in Marketing and International Business from Florida International University. She has nearly two decades of experience as an entrepreneur, having grown a Brooklyn, New York-based business from the nascent stage into a successful multi-location enterprise.

Dr. Nurse and her team were recently awarded a grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to conduct research to understand the resilience of Black entrepreneurs to exogenous shocks and identify and implement a pilot program to support resilience. Their research uses critical race theory and critical race methodology to foreground race, racism and intersectionality, as these methodological approaches advocate for the centering of the voices and lived experiences of people of color throughout the research process. This project will help to drive transformative change by identifying, testing and validating the structural changes needed to help current and aspiring Black entrepreneurs be better prepared to respond to adverse events – such as natural disasters, gentrification and the COVID-19 Pandemic – thereby supporting the sustainability of Black entrepreneurship.

On behalf of the Kean University Foundation, we would like to extend our deepest appreciation to the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation for their generous grant. We wish Dr. Nurse the best of luck while conducting her research!



Kean Athletics 2nd Annual Golf Outing

On Wednesday, July 20, 2022, more than 100 golfers braved the extreme summer heat in support of Kean Athletics' 2nd Annual Golf Outing, which took place at the beautiful Galloping Hill Golf Course located in Kenilworth, New Jersey.

Those in attendance included Kean University President, Lamont O. Repollet, Ed.D., and Kean's Athletics Director, Kelly Williams, as well as numerous members of Kean's administration and staff, University alumni, generous donors and friends of the University.

Following a "shotgun start", the golfers took to the course to begin their 18 holes – but this was no ordinary 18-hole course! Along the way, the golfers found three contest holes where they were challenged to win the "longest drive". The option to purchase mulligans for a little help along the way was also available to anyone who felt like a do-over was needed on any of the non-contest holes! Ever conscious of the rising temperature, the attentive staff at Galloping Hill made sure the golfers were well-hydrated, handing out bottles of water across the course as the golfers played through.

In addition to an awards ceremony, a new element introduced during this year's concluding reception was a silent auction. A number of exclusive items were available for bidding, including four tickets to a New York Red Bulls game, a Phil Simms autographed football and a Kyrie Irving autographed basketball.

Even the unrelenting sun could neither keep participants away, nor temper the enthusiasm of Kean Cougars and friends who happily showed up in support of Kean Athletics. A great time was had by all, proving that Cougar pride runs deep – and setting the stage for the 2023 event!

Student Spotlight: Delia Latini '23

Delia Latini, who is currently a senior at Kean, was first introduced to Kean University during her sophomore year of high school through the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Conference, a program designed to help high school sophomores recognize their

leadership talents and apply them to become effective, ethical leaders in their home, school and community. She instantly fell in love with the campus, especially its size and diverse student body.



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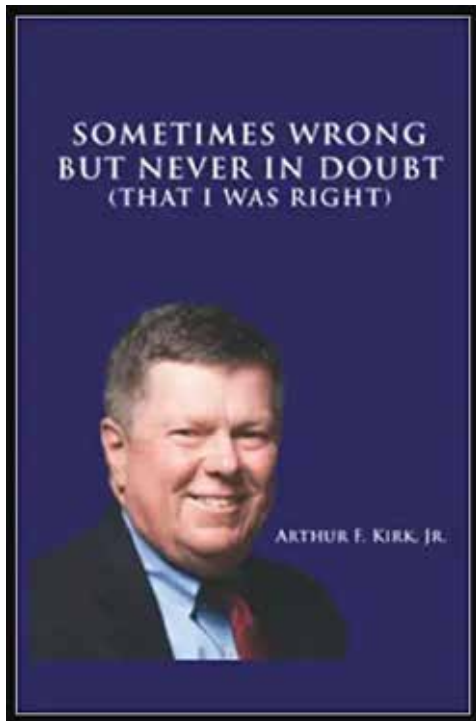
Delia's experience at Kean, thus far, has been “life-changing” and she has made sure to make her own involvement a focal point of her college experience. As a freshman, Delia began volunteering with the Leadership Institute, a four-year leadership development program at Kean. The program teaches students valuable skills such as public speaking, group work and emotional intelligence, all of which help to make Kean students more marketable in their future careers. Delia then went on to work at the Institute with the Center for Leadership and Service, helping students and teaching them the skills she found beneficial.

Interested in politics, Delia later joined the Student Government Association as a senator. She is now the Senior Class Treasurer and is eager to work with her board and promote the ideas and wishes of the senior class. The connections she built in the Student Government Association led her to the President's Advisory Council. Delia began to grow professionally while working with the team to solve problems on campus, like safety at night and updating the trolley system. Lastly, the President's Advisory Council afforded her the opportunity to work at the John S. Watson Institute

for Urban Policy and Research where she spent the summer learning about public policy and connecting the Institute to Kean through various projects.

One personal aspect of which Delia is most proud with regard to her time at Kean is advocating for various groups of people. At the Leadership Institute, she taught students how to advocate for themselves and their future. In the Student Government Association, she works to advocate for the students. The President's Advisory Council gave her the space to advocate on a higher-level, working with a more diverse group of students and their wishes, while the Watson Institute introduced her to public policy, advocating on a state-wide level and working to benefit a much larger group of people.

Delia states that advocacy has been the most rewarding part of her college career and has helped her grow. She plans to continue using any platform she creates for herself to advocate for others and make changes where possible.



Kean Alumnus Publishes Memoir

Dr. Arthur F. “Artie” Kirk, Jr. ’68 ’73 has published his memoir, *Sometimes Wrong but Never in Doubt (that I was right)*. Artie served as a college and university president for more than 31 years at Keuka College and Saint Leo University, respectively. Having earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Kean (then Newark State College), he achieved his doctorate from Rutgers University.

In 2015, two months after his retirement, Artie suffered three strokes within 15 hours. He nearly died, and the strokes left him without the ability to read a single word. During the next two years, Artie taught himself to read again despite medical professionals stating it would not be possible. When he regained his ability to read, Artie began to write his memoir, which is now available on Amazon.

Proceeds from the book’s sale will benefit the Kean Fund for Excellence.

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2022 Yeah Baby Golf Classic

Founded in 2019, the Yeah Baby Foundation was established by a group of Kean Lacrosse alumni in honor of their late coach, Mike Cleary. The annual golf classic is the organization's flagship event and will be taking place at Flanders Valley Golf Course, located in Flanders, New Jersey.

To learn more about the Yeah Baby Foundation, click the following link:

<https://www.yeahbabyfoundation.com/about>

For greater detail about the annual golf classic and to register for the event, please use the following link:

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erased.”***

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Did you know the Kean Fund for Excellence helps to provide essential scholarships, innovative programs, ever-improving facilities and technology, flourishing campus maintenance, and necessary financial aid allowing the University to allocate resources where they are needed most?

With September here and a new academic year underway, gifts to the Kean Fund for Excellence are vital to the ever-growing needs of the institution.

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