



**Kent State University**  
**2024 Voter Friendly Campus and ALL-IN**  
**Nonpartisan Voter Engagement Action Plan**

**Introduction:**

This Action Plan was developed by members of the Kent State Votes (KSV) Coalition. Director of Governmental Affairs Zach Graves in Kent State's Undergraduate Student Government worked in partnership with Community Engaged Learning (CEL) Associate Director Craig Berger and Kent League of Women Voters member/retired Kent State University faculty member Barb Hipsman-Springer to author this plan. However, this document incorporates the thinking, brainstorming, and conversations of collaborative partners in our greater community.

This Action Plan—with an immediate focus on the Fall 2024 semester—will guide the Kent State Votes Coalition's efforts to coordinate voter engagement initiatives for the Fall 2024 election cycle on the Kent campus. The plan also lays the groundwork for long-term voter engagement goals at Kent State.

Coalition members will implement the plan throughout the 2024-2025 academic year, especially the Undergraduate Student Government's Director of Governmental Affairs and CEL's student fellows.

**Leadership:**

*Composition:*

The Kent State Votes Coalition consists of a multitude of representatives from campus and community constituencies and organizations focused on strengthening civic learning and democratic engagement among students. Representation includes:

Zach Graves, *Chair* (Student, Undergraduate Student Government Director of Governmental Affairs)  
Craig Berger, *Co-Chair* (Staff, Associate Director of Community Engaged Learning)  
Liz Meyer (Student, Campus Vote Project Democracy Fellow)  
Via Gast (Student, Campus Vote Project Democracy Fellow)  
Renee Ellis (Student, Community Engaged Learning Civic Engagement Fellow)  
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Craig Berger (Staff, Associate Director of Community Engaged Learning)  
Kara Robinson (Staff, Associate Dean of University Libraries)

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Kate Medicus (Staff, Special Collections Cataloguer in University Libraries)  
Cassie Pegg-Kirby (Staff, Director, Women's Center)  
Dr. Ashley Nickels (Faculty, Associate Professor, Dept. of Peace & Conflict Studies)  
Dr. Barb Hipsman-Springer (League of Women Voters-Kent; retired KSU faculty)  
Kelly Clary (League of Women Voters)  
Dr. Benjamin Davis (Staff, Director, Kent Student Center)  
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Amy Densvich (Associate Athletic Director for Academic Services)

*Community Engaged Learning's Increased Commitment:*

- Recently, Community Engaged Learning announced four new impact areas driving their work, and one of these (impact areas) will be "civic engagement."
- This means that at least two student leadership positions will be devoted to the organization and implementation of voter engagement initiatives at the University; CEL will also focus additional resources on the coordination of voter engagement events and programs at Kent State, sustain and deepen partnerships with regional and national partners that support voter engagement work, and support the work of the Coalition.

*Leadership Succession Plan:*

- Chairing the Kent State Votes Coalition is a responsibility written into the job description of the Director of Governmental Affairs position with the Undergraduate Student Government; should a vacancy occur, the Co-Chair of the Coalition will work with the USG Advisor to identify an Interim Chair until USG names its new Director of Governmental Affairs.
- Co-Chairing the Kent State Votes Coalition is a responsibility written into the job description of the Associate Director in Community Engaged Learning – a professional staff position with the University. Should the Co-Chair vacate their university staff position, the Senior Director of Community Engaged Learning will work with the Chair of the Coalition to identify an Interim Co-Chair until a new Associate Director of Community Engaged Learning is hired.

**Institutional Commitment:**

Kent State University is committed to facilitating civic learning and democratic engagement among students, staff, faculty, and the greater community and has taken steps over the past few years to find links among various programs and initiatives, while also forming coalitions to target specific goals.

- Kent State University President Todd Diacon has signed the Higher Education Presidents' Commitment to Full Student Voter Participation
- Within the last two years, Kent State Athletics connected ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge with the Mid-American Athletic Conference in an effort to launch a conference voting challenge; the MAC Voting Challenge was then launched in Fall 2022.
- As of May 2024, Kent State has collected the largest number of coach pledges (34) among all schools listed on [ALL IN's 2024 Coaches Pledge Signatories page](#).
- USG Director of Governmental Affairs Zach Graves was named to ALL IN's [2024 Student Voting Honor Roll](#) for his work leading voter engagement initiatives at Kent State
- University leadership regularly provides information regarding the importance of voting and participating in the political process in the run-up to elections, including t-shirts and campus-wide email announcements (*please see examples in Appendices A and B*).
- The May 4 Visitors Center regularly educates students, faculty, staff, and the community about the tragic events of May 4, 1970 at Kent State and explains Kent State's role in the passage of the 26th Amendment, which lowered the voting age to 18.
- The School of Peace & Conflict Studies—a descendant of the initial Center for Peaceful Change founded immediately following the May 4th tragedy—continues to educate students in and organizes programs and events around the importance of nonviolent conflict resolution.
- Community Engaged Learning coordinates monthly service experiences, facilitates ongoing community-based leadership experiences among community partners and students, and designs and staffs immersive community engagement experiences for students in which students and staff travel to a variety of local, regional, national, and international locations to examine and tackle complex, wicked problems in society (e.g., Black maternal health and infant mortality, immigration, HIV/AIDS work, and environmental conservation). Additionally, the office administers the university's Experiential Learning Requirement, requiring each undergraduate student to complete an applied learning experience in order to graduate.
- Kent State's Flashes Fighting Hunger is a student-driven, volunteer-powered initiative on campus who fight food insecurity on campus and in the community. The effort recovers food from local supermarkets, operates an on-campus pantry and a mobile food distribution unit in the region, is an established satellite of the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank, and also engages student volunteers to prepare this food for homeless shelters and senior centers in the Kent region and hosts a weekly table at the Kent City Haymaker Farmers Market, offering samples, recipes, and literature on area hunger issues.
- Our Women's Center has partnered with Running Start to bring Elect Her to campus, which empowers and equips women-identifying students to run for student government (with the long-range goal that they also run for public office). The Kent State Votes coalition has supported this effort.

- University Libraries hosts our Kent State Votes website, serves as the home for our main voter registration tabling efforts, and has the largest presence among our Kent State Votes coalition membership
- The League of Women Voters of Kent (LWV-Kent) builds on its nearly 75 years in the community to register on-campus voters alongside student groups, ensure correct information is available and provide adequate staffing at many tabling events. LWV-Kent often funds vote-related promotional materials and also has sponsored fellows as needed.

In the 2020 election, as the NSLVE report shows, we saw a significant increase in voter registration and mobilization despite the COVID-19 pandemic. We look forward to building on successful years in 2022 and 2023 and advancing our work in 2024. We wish to once again be named a Voter Friendly Campus.

### **Landscape:**

The current landscape of democratic engagement at Kent State could best be described as “abundant, and becoming more organized and systemically focused.” Over the past decade, the University’s NSLVE numbers have either matched or exceeded national averages in registration and turnout, and different student organization events, a few courses, and supportive messaging from administrators have been prevalent. With minimal coordinated efforts and organic energy and enthusiasm, Kent State demonstrated that it matched the intensity other colleges and universities brought to elections. However, many of these programs and messages were not aligned or connected with each other, nor were there many resources intentionally committed.

Starting in 2018 with the launch of the “Kent State Votes” coalition, get-out-the-vote campaigns at Kent State have slowly become more organized:

- In the Summer and Fall of 2018 in particular, the process began with getting democratic engagement leaders—students, faculty, staff, state-based non-profit leaders, and local community members—in the same room to communicate with each other, work together, and establish a united presence on campus. Practically speaking, the outgrowth of this work together crystallized in an enthusiastically and consistently staffed voter registration table in the Library lobby, which collected between 100 and 200 registration forms.
- Progress in the November 2020 election included continuing to meet and work as a Coalition, increasing the number of Coalition partners, and inviting the Undergraduate Student Government to embed “Kent State Votes” into its organizational structure to ensure that students had a hand in leading democratic engagement efforts moving forward. Senior university leadership also began to demonstrate support through

messaging and distribution of promotional materials, though this was not coordinated with the Coalition.

- In 2022 and 2023, recognizing the kind of work national organizations were prioritizing and the limitations of episodic planning, the Coalition shifted its focus to tackle systemic barriers and realize systemic opportunities to strengthen Kent State’s democratic engagement climate. For example, the coalition recognized and addressed the lack of stamp-selling on campus as a result of a recent building renovation. It also launched new partnerships with Athletics, sought more grant opportunities, and applied to host more leadership positions offered through organizations like Campus Vote Project.

Finally, as a university in Ohio—which recently passed a law requiring that all voters must show a state-issued Ohio ID or passport in order to vote in person—we have needed to adjust our strategic approach to registering and turning out students to vote. This has definitely re-shaped the landscape for our work in the Fall 2024 semester and beyond.

### Past Election Data

*Midterm Election in November 2022 and Ohio’s Special Election in August 2023:*

While we are not able to rely on the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE) for comprehensive data points regarding student participation in these elections, analyzing precinct registration and turnout data from the Portage County Board of Elections official canvass in the four precincts containing or surrounding the Kent campus does provide us with a window into student voter turnout, specifically for students choosing to register at their Kent physical address.

Compared to previous “off-year” elections, the 2023 turnout percentages saw astronomical increases; in fact, they even approached typical Midterm and Presidential Election rates.

<b>Kent City Election Turnout (Overall)</b>				
	Kent 4A -- Rec Center	Kent 4B -- Christian Life Center	Kent 5C -- Rec Center	Kent 6D -- United Methodist Church
2014	3.95%	6.64%	5.94%	13.47%
2015	6.08%	11.53%	9.3%	17.1%
2016	54.79%	53.16%	52.10%	55.30%
2017	1.99%	3.74%	2.44%	9.51%
2018	12.47%	28.54%	20.74%	28.50%
2019	1.58%	5.48%	1.32%	7.82%
2020	17.31%	43.64%	27.98%	41.58%
2021	2.06%	3.99%	2.72%	12.86%
2022	21.66%	26.81%	22.10%	32.54%
2023	18.38%	28.91%	23.49%	33.21%

*Last Presidential Election–December 2020 (NSLVE Report):*

In the November 2020 election, 68.6% of Kent State students cast a vote, which was an 11.2% increase over Kent State’s November 2016 rate, the previous presidential election. 84.0% students registered to vote in 2020 (as compared to 82% of the student body in 2016), and 82% of those registered voters turned out (as compared to 70% in 2016).

Here are some other noteworthy statistics:

- I. Method
  - A. 16% of Kent State voters (or 3,480 students) took advantage of Early Voting
  - B. 3% of Kent State voters (or 655 students) cast their vote in-person on Election Day
- II. Year
  - A. 60% of Kent State first-year students cast a vote (50% in 2016)
  - B. 66% of Kent State sophomores cast a vote (52% in 2016)
  - C. 69% of Kent State upper-level students cast a vote (55% in 2016)
- III. Field of Study
  - A. Physical Sciences saw the lowest voting rate by field of study in 2020 with 56% of Kent State physical sciences students casting a ballot, followed by Engineering at 57% and Computer and Information Systems students at 59%
  - B. Interdisciplinary Studies saw the highest voting rate by field of study in 2020 with 85% casting a vote, followed by Natural Resources and Conservation (78%) and History (76%).
  - C. Other larger colleges/programs with notable rates included Architecture (65% of 620 students, which was a 22% increase over 2016), Business (64% of 4,741 students, which was a 17% increase over 2016), and Public Administration/Social Service professions (66% of 107 students, a 22% decrease)

#### Fall 2023 Student Body Data Snapshot:

##### *Enrollment*

- Resident vs. Commuter Students (Kent Campus)
  - 23% Residential Students
  - 77% Commuter Students
- In State vs. Out of State Composition (Kent Campus)
  - 84.2% In State students
  - 15.8% Out of State students.
- Race/Ethnicity Composition (Kent Campus)
  - 70.9% White/Caucasian
  - 8.3% Black/African American
  - 8.2% International
  - 4.3% Hispanic
  - 3.7% Multiracial

- 2.6% Asian
- 1.9% Other/Not Listed Here
- .1% Native American

### What Does This Mean for November 2024?

#### *Concentrated messaging to first-year and sophomore students*

First-year and second-year students traditionally have the lowest voting rate at colleges and universities (Kent State was no different in 2020). Our coalition has realized that responding to this participation gap requires the implementation of a variety of system-level initiatives (e.g., enlisting several university offices to embed voter registration reminders in official communications; developing a presence at orientation and kickoff programming as well as the Flashes 101 first-year experience courses).

Strengthening the registration and turnout rates of first and second year students will provide a significant boost to the overall registration and turnout rates.

#### *Integrating voter engagement work into specific colleges*

NSLVE data from 2020 help us identify colleges or academic programs with significant populations and relatively low turnout rates. The Coalition has an opportunity to focus its efforts on engaging colleges and academic programs and develop programming, allocate time and resources, and build relationships in these areas to boost registration and voting rates. Strengthening these rates, especially in colleges with large numbers of students, should positively impact the rates university-wide.

### **Goals:**

#### Short-Term (through Fall 2024):

##### *Statistical*

1. Increase the overall November 2024 NSLVE voting rate of Kent State students to 75%, with 90% of students registered to vote and 85% of those registered voters turned out
2. Achieve a 70% voting rate among first-year Kent State students
3. Achieve a 75% voting rate among sophomore Kent State students



4. Achieve an 80% voting rate among Kent State students living on campus
5. Interact with and assist over 10,000 students by providing voter registration and voter information through tabling, organization-focused, and course-focused outreach efforts
6. Deliver over 50 presentations and workshops in the Fall 2024 semester, whether they are largely focused on voter registration (before October 7th) or voter information (after October 7th).
7. Finish in the list of top 10 universities nationally for the collected number of ALL IN's "Pledges to Vote"
8. Partner with at least ten colleges, offices, and/or departments who previously had not been connected with the Kent State Votes coalition.
9. Attain the following precinct turnout rates in the Portage County Board of Elections Final Canvass:
  - a. Kent 4A – Rec Center: 30%
  - b. Kent 4B - Christian Life Center: 50%
  - c. Kent 5C – Rec Center: 30%
  - d. Kent 6D – Methodist Church: 50%

*Programmatic:*

1. Increase @kentstatevotes Instagram followers to 750 by December 31, 2024.
2. Develop the Kent State Votes Instagram account into the premier source on campus for accessible, current, and informative information regarding the voting process, relevant campus programs and events, and the November 2024 election.
3. Infuse a peer-to-peer community organizing approach into our outreach work, intentionally engaging "hub groups," or positions/programs known to include large numbers of students from diverse backgrounds who in turn have contact with other students (e.g., resident assistants, student organization officers) to ensure as many students as possible have the opportunity to register to vote and feel confident casting a ballot.
4. Approach academic colleges and departments with lower participation rates in the 2020 NSLVE data (e.g., the physical sciences) and share information regarding coalition initiatives to ensure messaging is reaching students

5. Ensure that the “Kent State Votes” brand absorbs, or is attached to, other civic learning and democratic engagement work taking place on the Kent campus
6. Engage with Kent State Athletics to ensure that Kent State Votes has a presence at athletic events, that coaches sign the ALL IN pledge to speak to their respective teams about the importance of voting, and that the institution is well-represented in the ALL IN MAC Votes Challenge.
7. Ensure that University partners are prepared and able to assist students with voting by mail as efficiently as possible.
8. Receive at least two grants to financially support Kent State’s voter engagement work.
9. Provide students with information regarding candidates and issues likely to appear on their ballots.
10. Ensure that advocacy- and identity-based groups and organizations at the university have the information and resources they need to participate fully in the voting and political process.
11. Ensure that no student misses the opportunity to cast a vote in-person because they went to the wrong polling place.
12. Incorporate view of our work among Coalition members not as episodic and only focused on 2024, but a sustained movement on campus.
13. Ensure that programs/events are planned for each Civic Holiday in the 2024 election cycle.
14. Align and coordinate the messaging of the Coalition with the communications of senior institutional leadership and vice-versa.
15. Make use of all possible communications channels at the University to share information about the voting process.

Long-Term (through Fall 2026)\*:

\*=These are all programmatic goals, as the Coalition wishes to wait to receive the 2022 NSLVE data and to observe how the 2024 election goes before setting statistical goals

1. Continue to expand our Kent State Votes Coalition—thereby strengthening our

democratic and political engagement work—by inviting more students, faculty, staff, and community partners to contribute.

2. Build stronger relationships with advocacy, identity-based groups and organizations at Kent State and increase Coalition diversity, including but not limited to race/ethnicity, university/community role, gender identity, sexual orientation, and academic program.
3. Position Kent State as a national leader in the area of engaging students in the voting process.
4. Continue to align and coordinate the messaging of the Coalition with the communications of senior institutional leadership and vice-versa.
5. Explore the launch of a dialogue-based program that encourages inter-partisan conversations among Kent State students.
6. Undertake an effort to inventory existing courses containing outcomes connected to civic learning and democratic engagement
7. Create a working group focused on defining democracy as a core institutional value and establishing a vision for how it ought to be further engrained in university operations and culture.

### **Strategies:**

- Hire four Fellows—two of which will be paid for through Campus Vote Project’s Democracy Fellows program and two will receive stipends from our \$5,000 Ask Every Student Implementation grant to serve as members of our Kent State Votes Coalition and implement voter engagement initiatives; Fellows will also conduct all post-Election wrap-up activities, including assisting with planning our Post-Election Summit and authoring their own reports and recommendations for future election cycles. *Goals addressed: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S9, P3*
- Recruit and train fifteen volunteer Ambassadors to facilitate presentations for the campus community, participate in voter registration activities, and assist with myriad activities on Election Day. *Goals addressed: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S9, P3*
- Challenge Fellows to plan an event/program around a Civic Holiday of their choice to infuse more student-designed programming into our work. *Goals addressed: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S7, P13*

- Assign one Fellow to support USG with planning consistent, useful, and engaging content to be published by the Kent State Votes Instagram account. *Goals addressed: P1, P2*
- Partner with senior administrators to ensure that any communications from the University to the student body regarding the voting process link to Kent State Votes. *Goals addressed: P14*
- Design and disseminate a “Kent State Votes” t-shirt, in partnership with the President’s Office and University Communications & Marketing, to students across campus; the t-shirt will be paid for by our \$5,000 Ask Every Student Implementation grant and will contain a QR code linked to Kent State’s ALL IN Campus Dashboard, which will ensure that students wearing these t-shirts contribute to our outreach strategy, amplifying our messaging throughout the fall semester. *Goals addressed: S1, S2, S3, S4, S7, P1, P3, P9*
- Partner with Destination Kent State (orientation), the FLASHcard Office (student ID), and KSU Kickoff (move-in week) for the first time ever to establish the Coalition’s presence on campus and disseminate a one-page document that shares information about voter registration and voting methods with new students. *Goals addressed: S1, S2, S4, S5, S7*
- Create and offer a Canvas (learning management system) module for instructors, student groups, and other university community members to use that contains information about the voting process, including requirements, deadlines, and relevant programming. *Goals addressed: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S7, P3, P9, P10*
- Create and launch two presentation formats– a 15 min. “Just the Basics” format and a 45 min. “Everything You Wanted to Know about Voting but Were Afraid to Ask” format– and make them available to Flashes 101 courses, general courses across the university, student organizations, athletic teams, and other groups. *Goals addressed: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, P3*
- Design and release a “Kent State Votes” calendar that includes civic holidays, critical deadlines in the Ohio voting process, and events/programs taking place in the campus and surrounding communities; the calendar will be populated by community members submitting events/programs using a publicly available form to collect this information. *Goals addressed: S6, S8, S9, P4, P5, P9, P10, P13, P14*
- Initiate a subgrant program funded by our \$5,000 Ask Every Student Implementation grant that awards five \$200 (\$1,000) subgrants to university colleges, departments, and offices for use on food and drinks or promotional materials for events/programs that incorporate voter engagement information and messaging. *Goals addressed: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S8, P3, P4, P5, P9, P10*

- Facilitate a one-hour pre-semester training experience in August to prepare all Resident Assistant staff to assist with sharing accurate, helpful voting information with on-campus students. *Goals addressed: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S9, P3*
- Design and install visual displays in residence hall lobbies containing information on how to register to vote and how students living in those buildings can vote, including information about the absentee voting process and where to go to vote in person on Election Day or beforehand. *Goals addressed: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S9, P7, P9, P11*
- Staff voter registration/information tables during all civic holidays and throughout the fall semester; the main table will exist in the lobby of the University Library. *Goals addressed: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, P13*
- Convene a “vote by mail walkthrough” with relevant Campus Mail and Housing/Culinary staff to ensure everyone is on the same page regarding the importance of voting by mail for students and how we can best streamline the process. *Goals addressed: S1, S2, S3, S4, P7, P11*
- Work with Athletics to create PSA to be read at fall athletic events that provides information about voter registration/information and encourages students to Pledge to Vote (displaying the QR code on scoreboards at stadium-hosted athletic events). *Goals addressed: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S7, S8, P3, P6, P9, P14*
- Promote the League of Women Voters’ (Kent Chapter) Face-2-Face event among students and arrange a meet-up time for students to gather and attend the event together. *Goals addressed: S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, P9*
- Coordinate a Voting Taxi Service on Election Day that will not only transport students from campus to their voting location, but also provide drivers trained to assist students identify where they need to go to vote. *Goals addressed: S1, S2, S3, S4, S9, P10, P11*
- Convene a Post-Election Summit in December 2024 to reflect on and better understand the impact of our work and initiate the planning process for the next election cycle. *Goals addressed: P12*
- Apply for and receive at least two grants to procure external resources in support of voter engagement work at Kent State. *Goals addressed: P8*
- Invite Coalition members to co-author article that shares the story of Kent State Votes successes from the 2024 cycle and have it published in a national forum. *Goals addressed: Long-Term Goal 3*

- Submit a conference session proposal regarding the Kent State Votes model and achievements and receive an acceptance. *Goals addressed: Long-Term Goal 3*

**Reporting:**

This 2024 Action Plan, the Post-Election Final Report, and the 2024 Kent State NSLVE Data will be shared with the entire Kent State Votes Coalition, as well as the President's Office, the President's Cabinet, and Deans of each academic college.

**Evaluation:**

Immediately following the election in late-November or early-December, members of the Coalition and additional university and community partners will gather for the second annual Post-Election Summit at Kent State to analyze and reflect on the Coalition's performance in the fall and begin planning for elections in 2025 and 2026. A summary of this group's conversations will be appended to the aforementioned documents.

Additionally, the Coalition will work with the Provost's Office to purchase the Civic Engagement Topical Module on the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

## **Appendix A: Campuswide Email Sent in Advance of 2022 Election**

Dear Kent State University Students, Faculty and Staff,

Many Kent State students, faculty and staff are expected to vote or vote for the first time on Tuesday, Nov. 8. While some have voted early, others are waiting until Election Day. We encourage every eligible citizen to take the time to exercise this important right in our country. The following are important resources to prepare your voting plan.

The deadline to register to vote in the state of Ohio was Oct. 11. Some state deadlines are coming soon. To learn more about voter registration, including information on how to register or confirm your registration status in your state or territory, you can visit <https://vote.gov/>.

- [Early in-person voting](#) began on Oct. 12 and includes the two Saturdays, the Sunday and the Monday before Election Day.
- Absentee voting by mail began on Oct. 12.
- Election Day is Nov. 8 (polls open 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.).
- Sunday, Nov. 5, is Ohio's deadline to request an absentee ballot.

Students who are studying abroad, in the military or overseas can find out more about absentee voting by visiting [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). This website also provides the [Federal Post Card Application \(FPCA\)](#), which allows students to register to vote and request an absentee-ballot request while abroad.

The University Library has compiled [voting resources](#).

Tips for Being Prepared to Vote:

1. Make sure you know where to vote. See the information referenced in the following link: [www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/toolkit/polling-location](http://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/voters/toolkit/polling-location).
2. Residence hall residents can obtain proof of address by visiting <https://housing.kent.edu/authentication/homepage>.
3. Residence hall addresses/precincts can be found here: [https://libguides.library.kent.edu/ld.php?content\\_id=44282918](https://libguides.library.kent.edu/ld.php?content_id=44282918).
4. You are required to provide ID when voting. Bring your Ohio driver's license or a document with your name and current address on it. Acceptable documents include a paycheck from Kent State, a utility bill or a bank statement with your residential address.
5. If you are NOT registered in Portage County but "back home," either check on early voting as an option or go back home on Election Day.
6. If you are from out of state and have not registered in Portage County or anywhere in Ohio, you are not able to vote on Election Day, short of driving to your home out of state.
7. Do not assume you vote in a particular precinct. Look it up. It is important to vote in the correct precinct based on your address.

[Find more information at the Portage County Board of Elections voter information page.](#)

Sincerely,

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Vice President for Enrollment Management



**Appendix B: Photo of President Diacon Wearing T-Shirt that His Office Ordered and Distributed to Promote Voting in 2020**

