2024 Retirement Ceremony

Amy Phillips

Deputy CHRO, HR Operations

Dear Retirees

- Please remain seated during the words of appreciation
- Then, join President Schwa down front for a picture and to receive your gift

READ THIS SLOGAN.

“Once you pop, the fun don't stop”

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“I want my baby back ribs”

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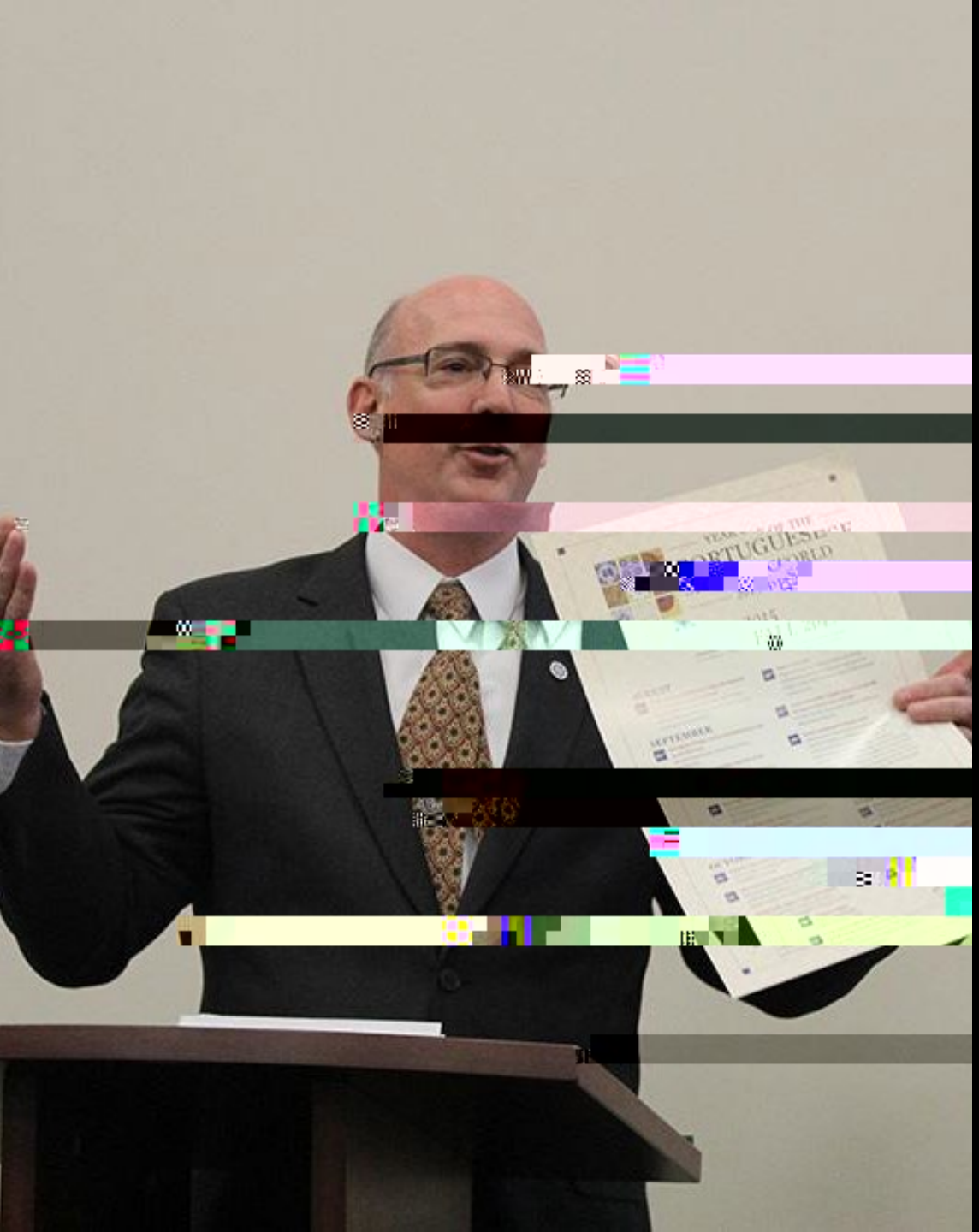

Dan Paracka

- 26 years of service to Kennesaw State University (31 USG)
- Interdisciplinary Studies Department
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“Dangerously Cheesy”

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CHEESY

“Just for the taste of it”

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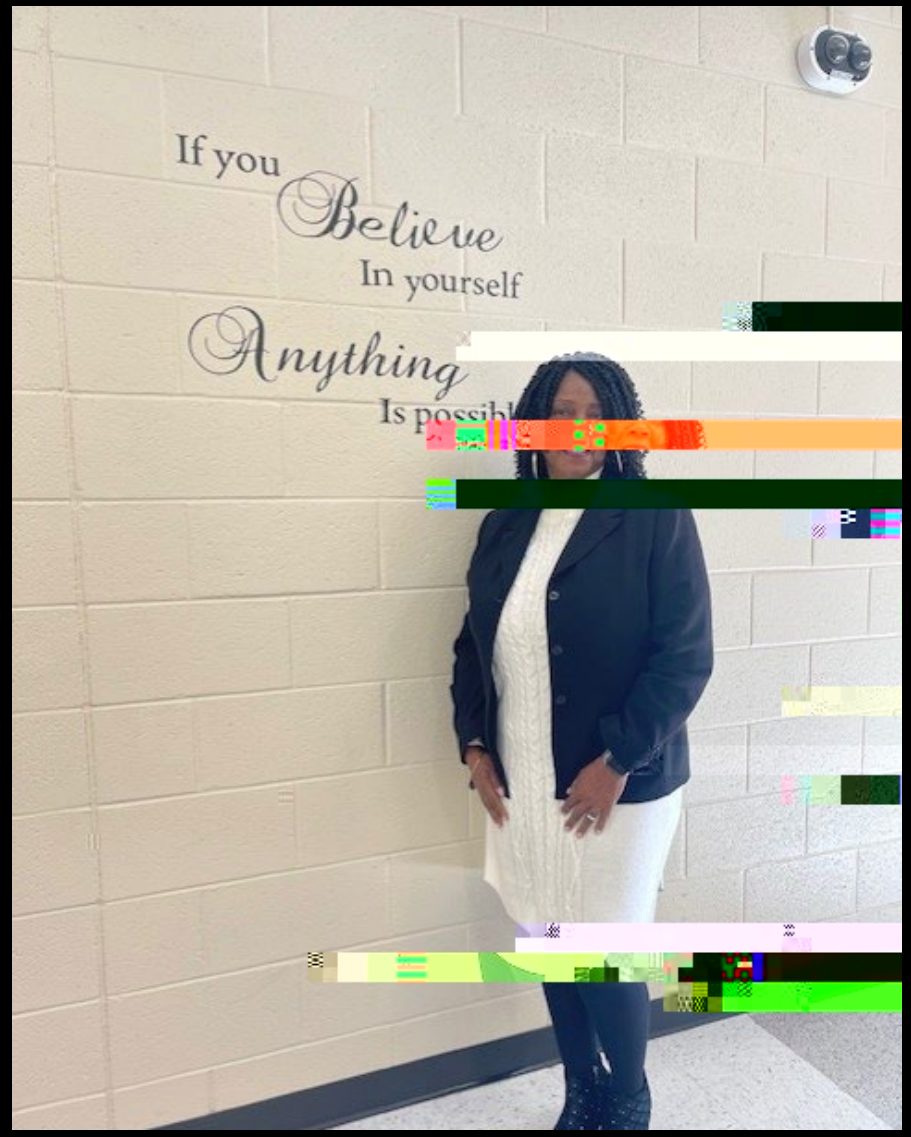
Diet
Coke

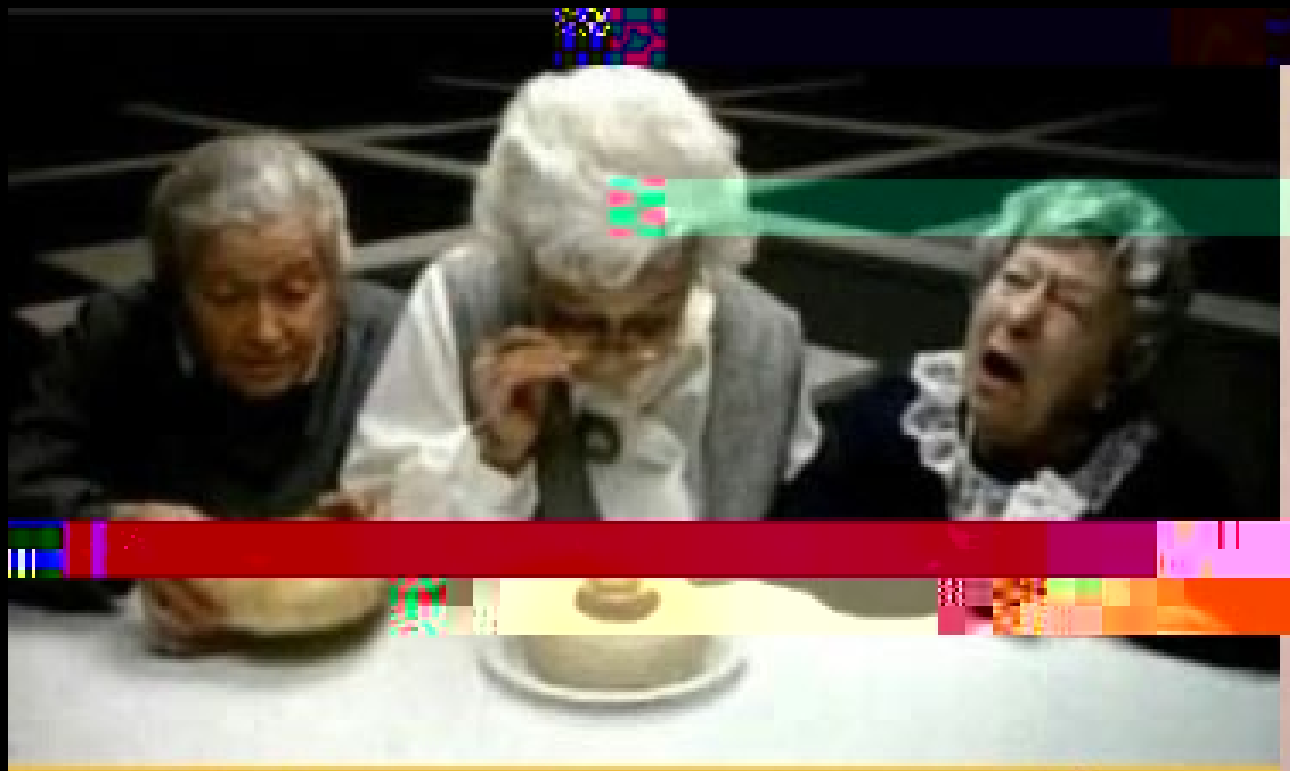
r. Linda Lyons

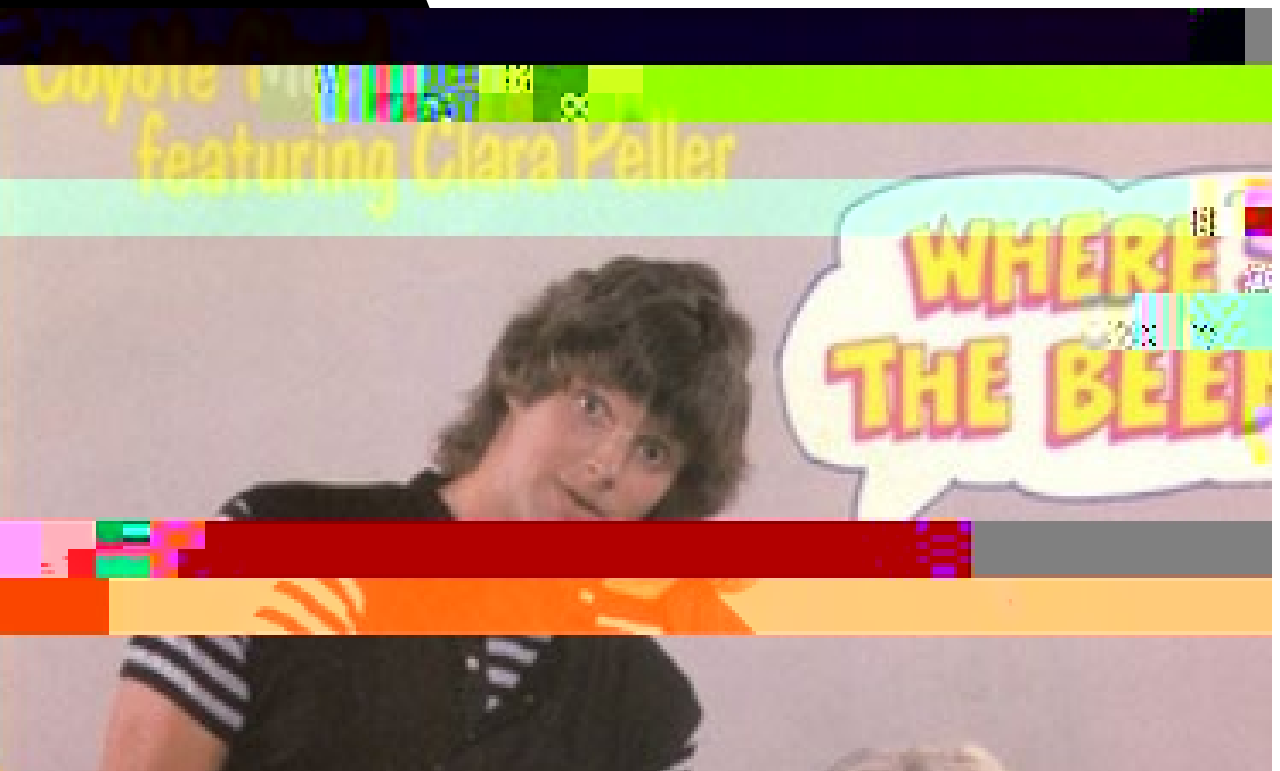
Paula Bridges

- 24 years of service to Kennesaw State University
- Accounts Payable, Office of Fiscal Services
- Paula consistently exhibited the highest level of professionalism, reliability, and job knowledge.
- Paula excelled in her service to the Campus community, and her example and expertise has fostered a culture of continuous improvement within her OFS Team.
- Paula's cheerful personality lit up every room and made Team meetings fun and engaging.
- During Paula's time with KSU, many people have come and gone but Paula remained the steadfast constant in the department, welcoming each newcomer with enthusiasm.



“Where’s the beef?”

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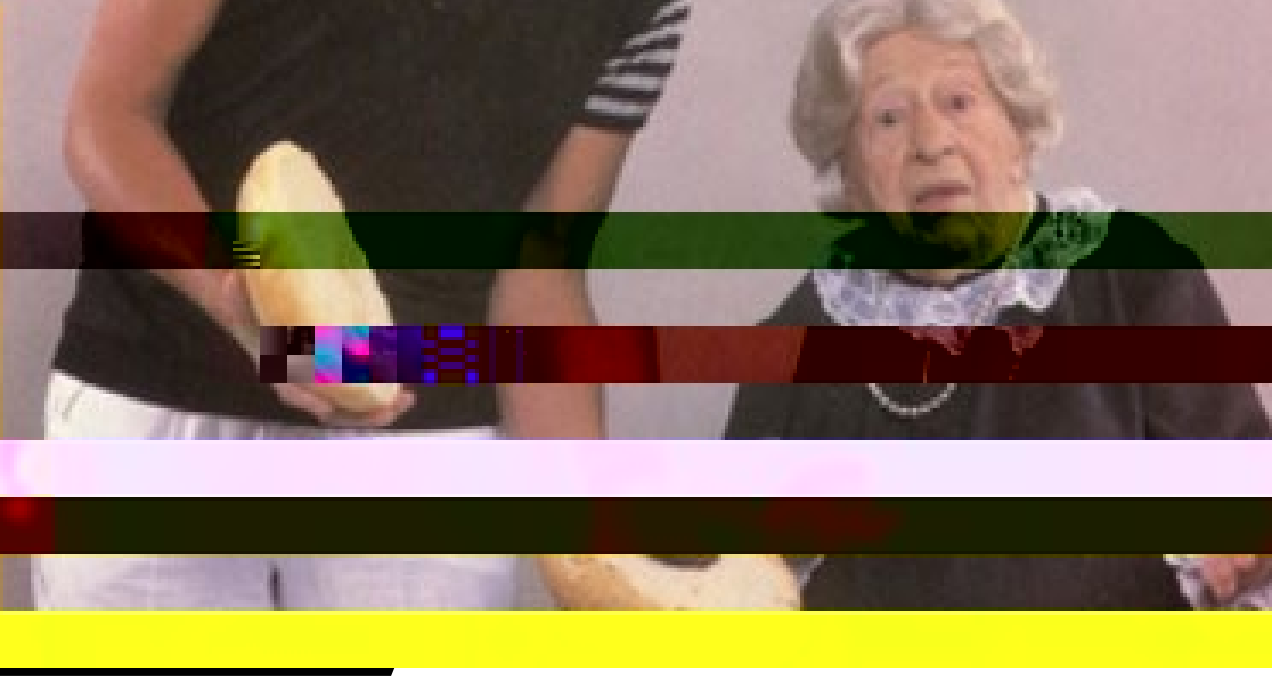
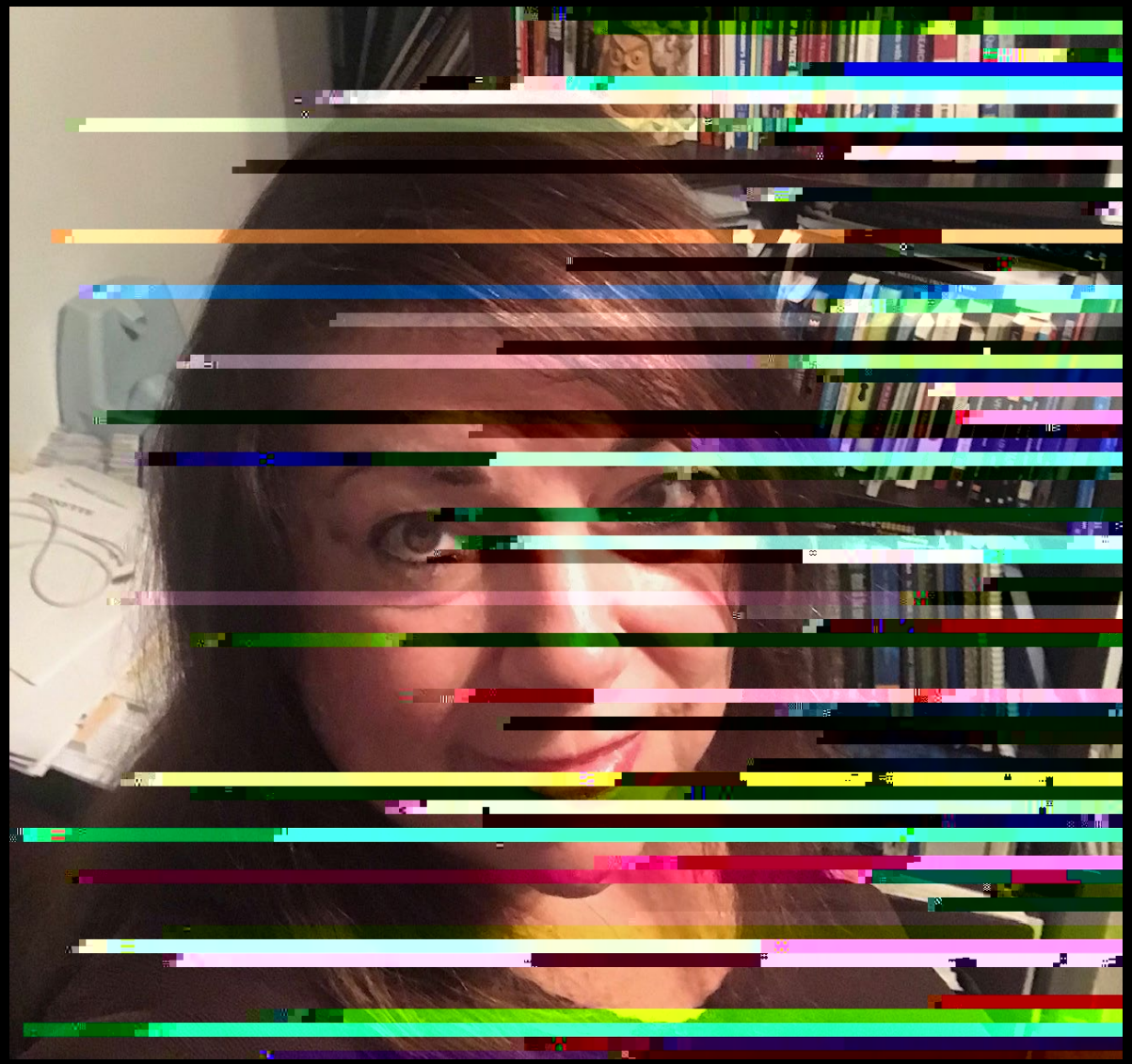
Where's the Beef?



Dr. Daniel Sachs

- 22 years of service to Kennesaw State University
- School of Art and Design
- Associate Professor of Art History
- Helped develop the Art History program at KSU
- A superlative teacher; students loved taking his classes, as he was an exceptional storyteller.
- He taught in many summer programs at our Montepulciano campus in Italy.

Patsy Lai



Dr. Harriet Bessette

- 22 years of service at Bagwell College of Education
- Inclusive Education department
- Described as a calm leader, thorough and reflective work, and a true scholar. Other descriptive words include grace, dignity, professionalism, kindness, and empathy
- Co-edited the book Utilizing Visual Representation in Educational Research with Camille Sutton -Brown that was published in December 2023
- Relaunched the Ed.S. program in 2022 with 36 students in the first cohort

Sandra Cobb

“I’m lovin’ it”

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“Guess what day it is; Guess what day it is; It’s Hump Day!”

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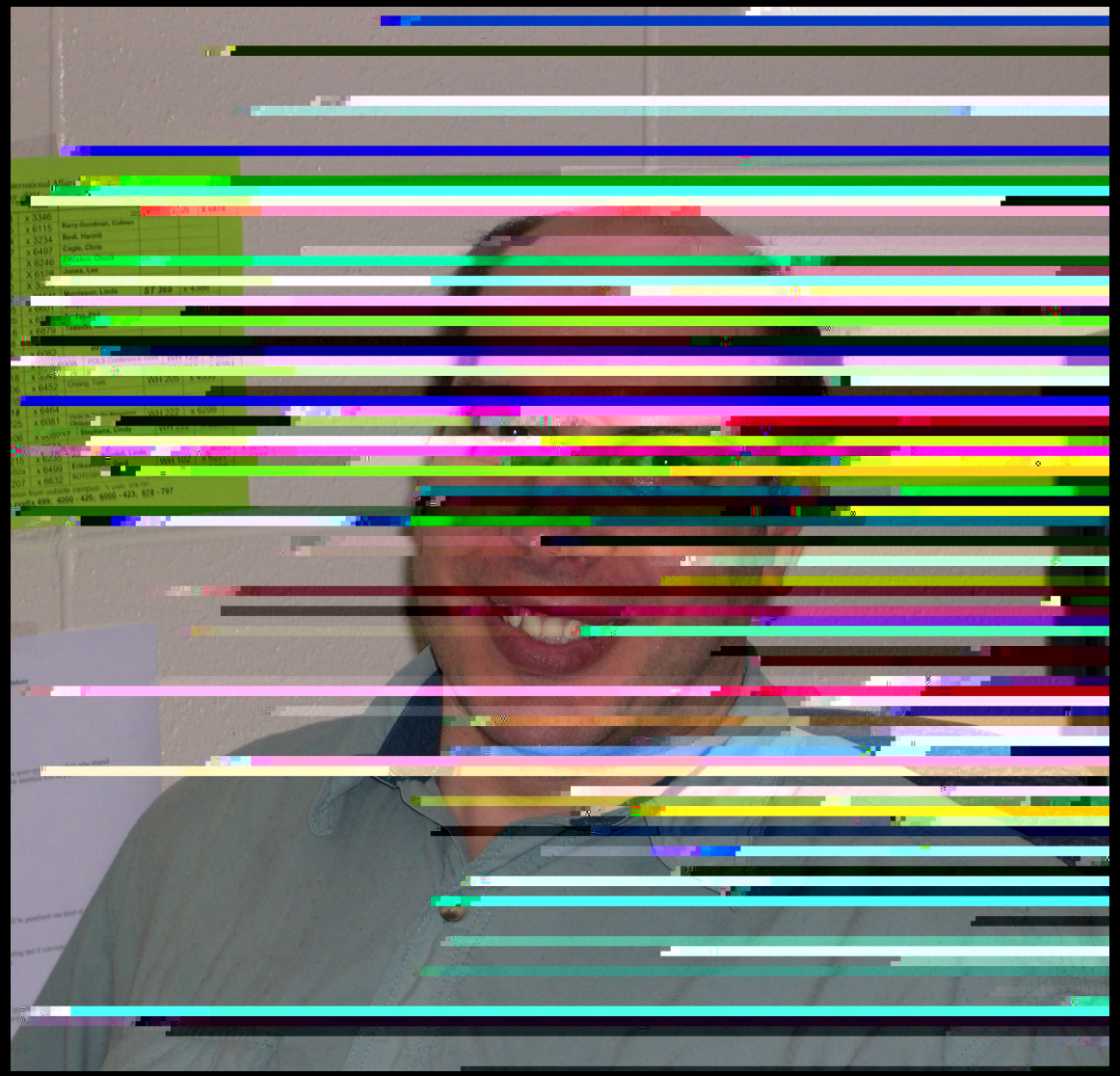
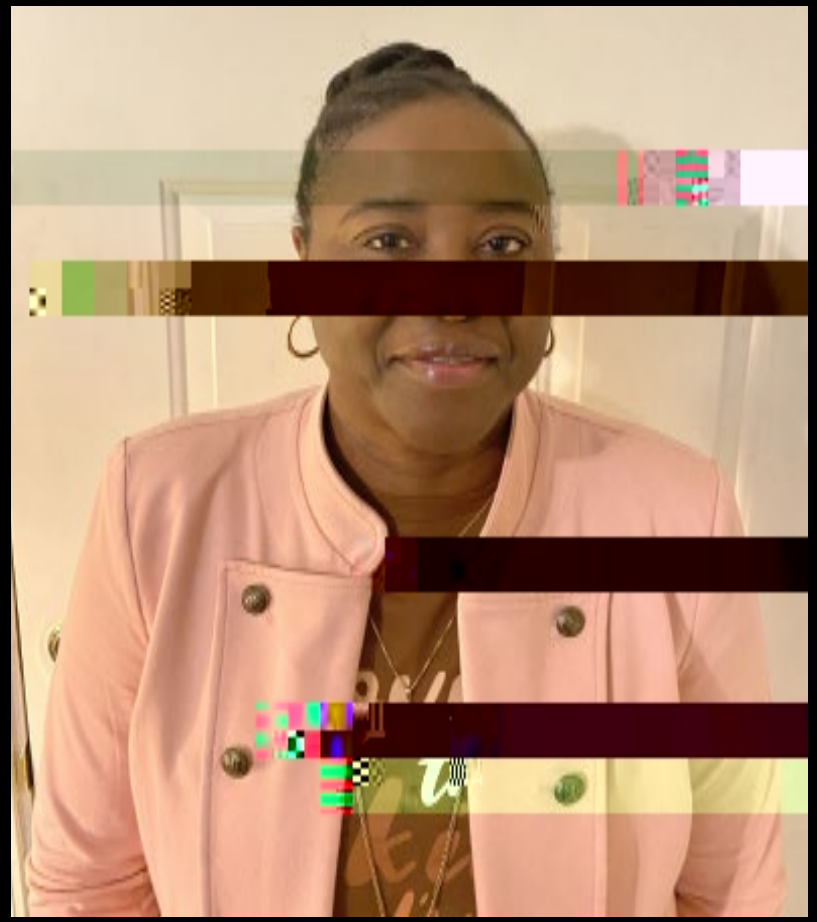
IT'S HUMP
DAY

Dr. Mark Kremer

- 19 years of service to Kennesaw State University
- School of Government and International Affairs (SGIA)
- Co-director of the Honors Great Books Program
- Directed Great Books program in Montepulciano, Italy for seven years
- Published three books while at KSU
- Wonderful colleague, great friend—it was a terrible loss for KSU students to lose him as a teacher



Florence Farley



- 19 years of service to Kennesaw State University
- Fiscal Services – Payroll
- Florence also worked in HR and Benefits at KSU.
- This marks the end of an era as we bid farewell to Florence, who has been an invaluable asset to our team for 19 years. Her dedication, hard work, and positive attitude have left an indelible mark on all of us. As she embarks on this new journey, her contributions will be remembered and cherished.
- Thank you, Florence, for everything you have done and may your retirement be filled with joy, relaxation, and happy memories!

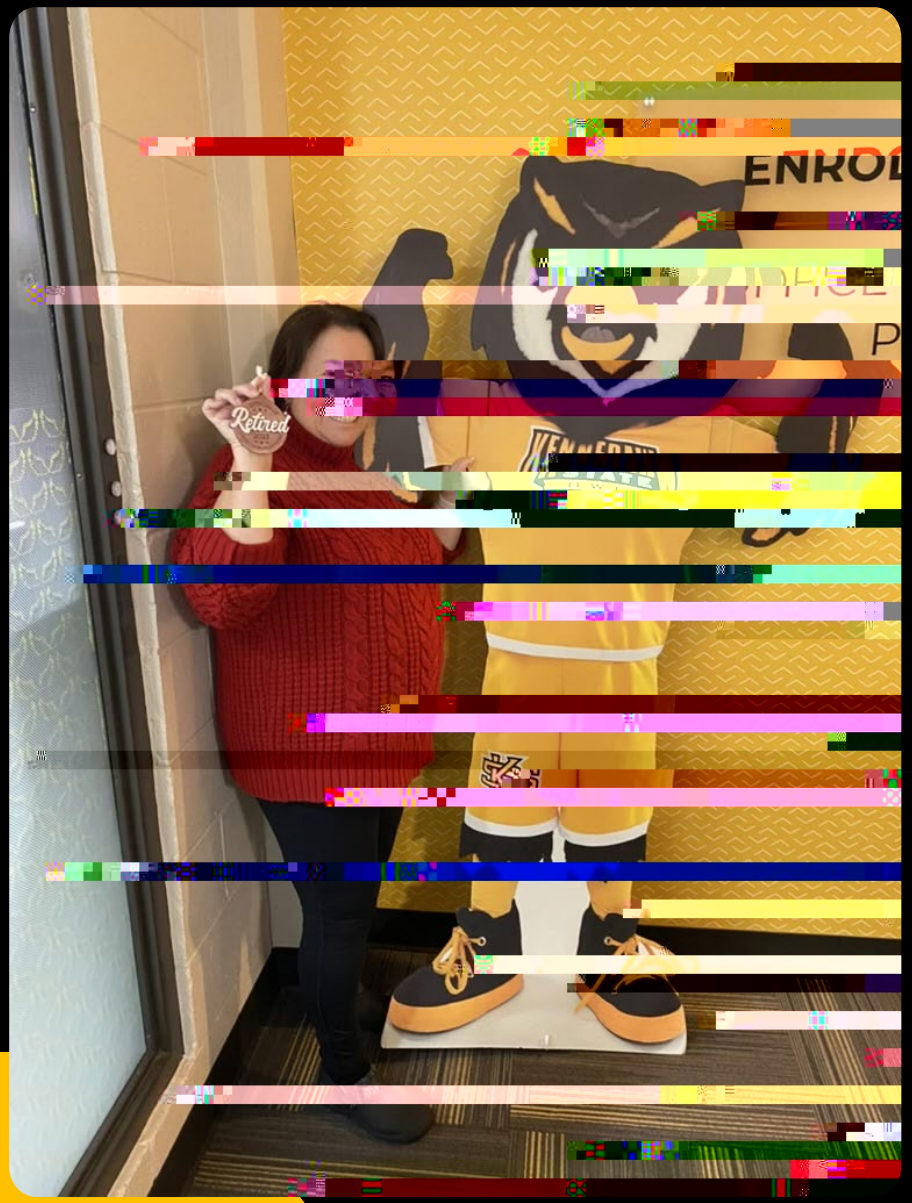
Cheryl Shinall

- 19 years of service to Kennesaw State University
- Lecturer in the Department of Technical Communication and Interactive Design
- She taught part-time as she transitioned in her career. Excited when offered to move into full-time work at her alma mater!
- Former students penned a compassionate story in The Sentinel to honor Cheryl as she was battling breast cancer during that time.
- Represented KSU in the Governor's Teaching Fellowship program.
- She instills in her students to live life to the fullest and give their best to achieve their personal, academic and career goals.

“Five-Dollar Footlong”

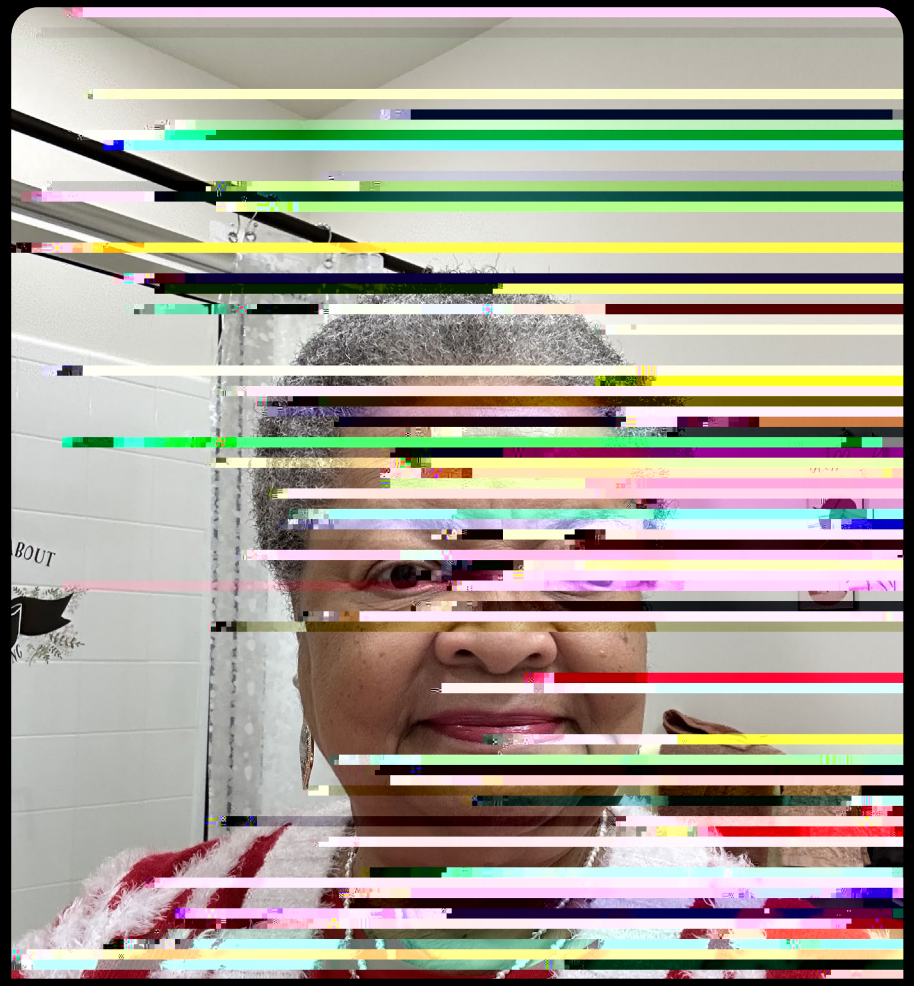
Jayne Rogers

- 17 years of service to Kennesaw State University
- Kennesaw State University Foundation
- Caretaker of our donations and bank accounts for the past 10 yrs. She always makes sure the mail is delivered and checks are deposited timely.
- She successfully managed Positive Pay for our bank accounts preventing numerous attempts of check fraud on our accounts.
- I always knew when Jayne was out of the office because someone would have to get Kathy's folder out of the safe.
- Has always been an integral part of our annual audit preparation and working with the auditors to provide them what they need
- She has always been a dependable employee and one that I can count on to get something done.
- She is a prayer warrior, loving, caring, uplifting, advice giver, and most of all a great friend.



Judy Barnes

- 15 years of service to Kennesaw State University
- New Student Programs, Enrollment Services
- Served as the Office Manager for New Student Programs
- Judy was one of the first people new students met at KSU during their KSU orientation session. Her work directly impacted the student experience, and she was known around campus as the go to person for orientation logistics. She also led our student assistant team and truly loved developing student leaders and helping them reach their goals. Our team loved working with Judy, and we will miss seeing her on orientation days!



Shirley (Imani) Mwangi- Davis

- 15 years of service
- Undergraduate Admissions
- Imani's co -workers describe her as friendly, out -going, funny, a team player, honest, and dependable.
- One of Imani's greatest skills is flexibility. She has been through several business practice changes and has conquered them with little disruption in work performance.
- A challenge Imani was able to overcome was learning new technology. She overcame that challenge due to constant software upgrades and new software installations. With

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J.G. Wentworth

Diana Baughman
MSN, RN

Melea Benavides

- 11 years of service at Kennesaw State University
- Worked at Counseling and Psychological Services
- She has helped many students that came to the K(e)-2 g27MC /LBody <</MCID 21 o7.002 Tc 0.0

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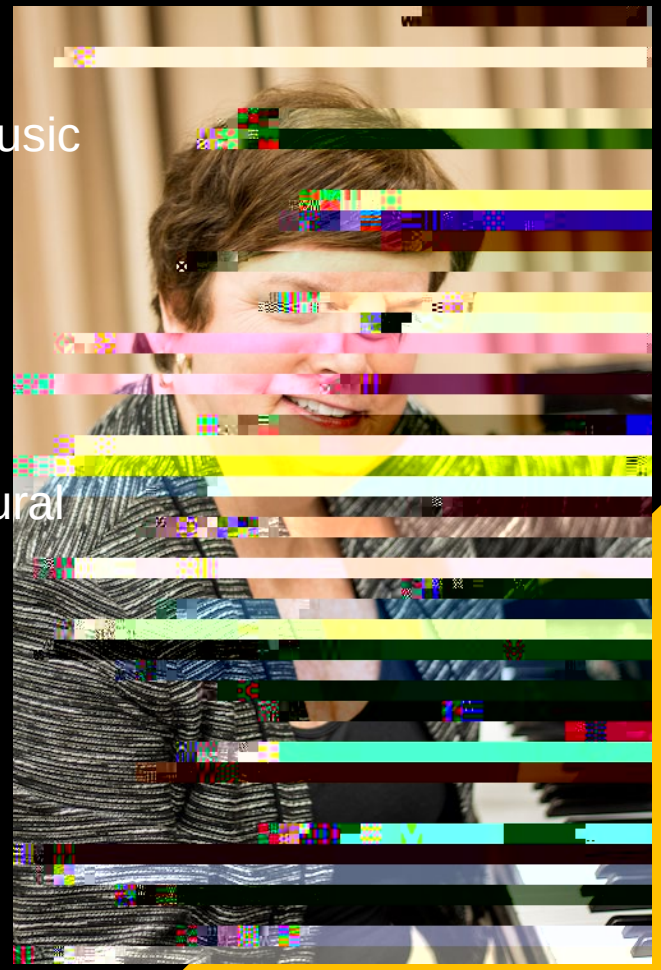
MIKE
Gatorade
LIMITED EDITION Gatorade 32oz. BOTTLES

Judith Cole

- 11 years of full-time service to KSU in the Dr. Bobbie Bailey School of Music
- Judy was featured as a soloist this year with the KSU Symphony Orchestra performing the Concerto for Piano and Orchestra by Florence Price.
- Judy was a pianist for countless KSU Opera Theater and Musical Theater performances ranging from Mozart's Le nozze di Figaro to Into the Woods.
- She taught accompanying, piano lessons, class piano, music theory, aural skills, and music theory for musical theater majors, and performed as a collaborative pianist for hundreds of students, faculty, and guest artist recitals over the past 16 years.
- Judy is an expert performer in musical theater pit orchestras and is frequently heard at the Fox Theater, City Springs Theater, and many other venues, as well as for services at The Temple in Atlanta.



“What’s In Your Wallet?”

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MORE
CASH

Paul “Dave” Peeples

- 11 years of service to Kennesaw State University
- Department of Construction Management
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Leslie Hankey, PhD

- 10 years of service to Kennesaw State University
- Lecturer in the Department of Technical Communication and Interactive Design
- Her collaborative work with Ana Terry, the New Zealand Fulbright Scholar, helped her gain the confidence to consider PhD programs.
- Collaborative work with the Indus Valley School of Art & Architecture inspired her educational journey. Dr. Hussein Abaza, Dr. Laura Palmer and Professor Donna Colbeck were integral to her success in the worked funded by the grant.
- Research conducted as part of her doctoral program made her a better teacher; earning her PhD in 2021. She gratefully acknowledges Dr. Laura Palmer and Dr. Michael Lahey for their encouragement and support.
- She loves her students and meeting them in their educational journeys.

Congratulations to our retirees!