Upcoming Events

June 8th First day of KAP summer session
With a break from June 29th – July 3rd
July 24th last day of KAP summer session

Autism Awareness Day was a Huge success with the Bowling Green Hot Rods and the presentation of the Altiora Award to Mr. Leo Govoni

Dr. Gary Ransdall and Dr. Marty Boman present Leo Govoni with the Altiora Award from the Kelly Autism Program during the Hot Rods baseball game.
Canoe Trip  
By: Westin Williams  
KAP Participant

I had a really fun time on the canoe trip. I swam and rode the rapids on Drake’s Creek. I got wet a lot and at some points I was somewhat scared that I would fall out of the boat but the guides kept me safe from going into the water. I hope I can canoe again really soon and I want to thank the guide for keeping me safe and showing me a good time.

Our Belgium Friend

We have been honored to work with and get to know an amazing student from Belgium, Sarah De Paepe. She helped in our elementary program two days a week, and was loved by participants and staff alike! It was a great experience getting to know Sarah and learning about her culture. She will be missed.

KAP Kreations Raises over $900

This year the Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) joined forces with the Middle/High School Programs and started their own business “KAP Kreations”. This process provided many opportunities for the group as they elected a CEO, CMO, CFO, and COO. Together they worked deciding: what they would make, how they would organize the various responsibilities, and how they would market their products. Although their efforts took much of the semester, everyone was proud of their accomplishments when their business brought in over $900.00 in one day. They sold T-shirts (designed by the participants), chocolate roses, children’s rocking chairs, aromatherapy sachets and bat racks. Everyone took turns working the KAP table during the game. It was an exciting day filled with fun and recognition for our program!
Hot Rods Baseball Supports Autism Awareness Day
By: Stacey E. Clinard

On April 18th, 2009 the Bowling Green Hot Rods helped celebrate Autism Awareness Day with the Kelly Autism Program. A percentage of the tickets sold that day went directly to the Kelly Autism Program. Many of our participants and their families joined in on the fun. The first pitches were thrown out by Leo Govoni (Altiora Award winner), Chris Perriello (long time KAP participant), Michael Kelly (Sigma Alpha Epsilon) and Danon Camic (Alpha Omicron Pi). These two Greek organization members were given the opportunity to throw out the first pitches after they sold the highest number of advanced tickets. Thank you to all the Greeks on campus for joining KAP on this special day!

During the Seventh Inning Stretch, KAP was awarded with a $3,000 check from the Afroman Concert and Dodgeball Tournament that was hosted by Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and a $5,000 check from the Kiwanis/LifeSkills “Run for Autism”. Everyone voted that this event should be an annual day at the Ballpark! Thank you to the Bowling Green Hot Rods! There truly was something for everyone - great food, fun activities, and running the bases after the game with Big Red and the fraternity men and sorority women!

KAP Kereations booth was a great success and was practically sold out!
Staff member Rachel Reetzke is in China where she is doing some site seeing before she begins her summer class and research on autism.

Director’s Corner
Written By: Dr. Boman
Spring Semester 2009

The Kelly Autism Program’s main focus has always been the participants, which is why we exist. As the semester comes to an end, we need to reflect on all the positive gains that everyone has made. This has been particularly true for the college group “KAP Circle of Support”. As we sat in the final staff meeting, we highlighted changes that we tend to forget about as the focus shifts to their academics and preparation for finals. This process was very emotional as the staff was able to identify major key skills for each participant, life skills that will help them throughout their lives. These changes included simple behaviors, but they were huge for each of the participants as they become adults. We saw them using their planners, responding without tears, completing their work on time, and most importantly the new friendships which developed. This is what going to college is all about!

This process has all been possible due to the staff which is always constantly changing. I always marvel at the caliber of the staff that we have working at KAP. I wonder at times how we are going to replace them, but then to my surprise, another group of students begins with even greater skills. The staff is what makes this program work as they develop their professional skills so that they can educate others about ASD. We will miss them, but realize that they are part of the cycle that makes KAP what it is! Thank you to everyone who has made the choice to join us at KAP!

Staff Send-off

During finals week KAP staff said good-bye to our seniors and a few staff members. It was a bitter sweet send-off. While saying good-bye is hard to do, we are excited for each to take with them a part of KAP knowing that it will have a positive impact on their community and future work sites. Those leaving are Stacey Edwards Clinard, Darcy Cates, Andrea Zirkelbach, Deepthi Pemmaraju, Julia Freeman, Brittani Deweese, Rachel Wolfe and Corey Bryson. They were each presented with a book Laughing and Loving with Autism. Each one has left their mark on KAP as we hope KAP has made it’s mark on their lives. Thanks to all the staff who made this year a great success!

Scholarships and Charitable Giving

As always, we ask that everyone remember KAP and the benefits that are being brought to the community. KAP has an endowment fund or consider us in estate planning and other forms of giving. KAP can also grow through your effort of time, talent, and treasure.