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May 4th Task Force
List of May 4th Events!

Thursday, May 3rd:
7:00pm – 9:00pm: May 4th Task force (M4TF) Author Program at Kiva – The program will feature various authors of books about the Kent State shootings and the unfolding of student dissent at the university during the long Sixties. Thomas Grace (author Kent State: Death and Dissent in the Long Sixties), David Hassler (author May 4th Voices), Susie Erenrich (author Kent and Jackson State: 1970-1990) and Mariam Jackson (author We Shall Not Be Moved: The May 4th Coalition, the “gym struggle” of 1977 at Kent State University and the battle over ultimate control of the Vietnam Era national narrative) are among the participants.
11:00pm: Candlelight Vigil March – Meet on Commons, March around campus, end at Prentice parking lot at midnight. All-night vigil in Prentice Parking lot/Prentice Hall Lounge from Midnight till 12:24pm on May 4th.

Friday, May 4th:
10:00am – 11:00am: Book Signing for authors whose works concern the Kent State killings at the University Bookstore
12:24pm: M4TF Commemoration – Will take place on University Commons or Student Center 2nd Floor Ballroom in case of rain. The program will feature tributes to the four students killed by the National Guard with the keynote address being delivered by William Hine witness to the Orangeburg killing of 3 students February 1968 and May 4, 1970 shooting at Kent State University.
3:30pm: Dedication of the National Landmark Status for the May 4th Site – Honors College Patio
TBA: A separate and silent memorial tribute is being organized in memory of other Kent State activists who have died, including, but not limited to Rick Erickson, Mary Ann (Jackson) Lamovsky and Curt Resnick. The details will be forthcoming.
Evening: Renowned journalist, Dan Rather will speak at Memorial Gym - Please check exact time in the May 4, 2018 issue of either the Daily Kent Stater or Record-Courier. Tickets are said to be available for reservation through the website Universityevents@Kent.edu
Kent State to Dedicate May 4 Site as National Historic Landmark, Host Renowned Journalist Dan Rather During 48th Annual May 4 Commemoration

PLEASE NOTE: The noon commemoration will take place at the Kent Student Center Ballroom due to weather. Also, the 3:30 p.m. dedication of the National Historic Landmark has been moved indoors to the Kent Student Center Kiva.

A portion of Kent State University’s Kent Campus has taken its place alongside the nation’s most significant historic locations, joining such sites as the Grand Canyon National Park, Pearl Harbor and the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama.

Those 17 acres represent the location of the historic events of May 4, 1970, where protesting students, observers and soldiers gathered on that fateful day when the Ohio National Guard shot and killed four students and wounded nine others.

In 2010, the May 4 site was placed on the National Register of Historic Places, which is comprised of 90,000 locations associated with events that contributed significantly to U.S. history. Then in 2016, Kent State’s May 4 site joined a much more select group as it was designated a National Historic Landmark by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior. Only 2,500 historic places share this national distinction; the May 4 site is one of 76 such locations in Ohio.

As part of the 48th annual May 4 Commemoration, Kent State will formally recognize and celebrate this National Historic Landmark designation during a special dedication ceremony at the Kent Student Center Kiva on Friday, May 4, at 3:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to register online.

Former Ohio Gov. Richard “Dick” Celeste will serve as keynote speaker at the event. Kent State President Beverly J. Warren; Lawrence Pollock, chair of the Kent State University Board of Trustees; and Todd Diacon, Kent State’s executive vice president and provost, will provide remarks at the ceremony.

The ceremony also will feature the unveiling of a plaque to officially dedicate the site as a national landmark by President Warren, members of the Kent State Board of Trustees, the May 4 Task Force and the National Park Service.

**Dan Rather to Provide Rare Insight Into Covering May 4, World Events**

On May 4 at 7:30 p.m., renowned journalist Dan Rather will appear at Kent State’s Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center (MAC Center) as part of the Presidential Speaker Series. His presentation is in collaboration with Kent State’s College of Communication and Information and coincides with annual May 4 Commemoration events and the dedication of the May 4 site as a National Historic Landmark. The former lead anchor of the *CBS Evening News* will reflect on his experiences as a journalist, news anchor and multimedia producer.
Presidental Speaker Series events are free and open to the public. However, a ticket is required for admission. Two tickets can be requested per email address. To request tickets, visit here.

A series of events have been organized by the May 4 Task Force and other campus organizations, the May 4 Visitors Center and the university. All of the events will be held on the university’s Kent Campus. The events are free and open to the public, however, prior registration is requested for the National Historic Landmark dedication and a ticket is required for admission to the Presidential Speaker Series featuring Dan Rather.

May 3

At 7 p.m. in the Kent Student Center Kiva, the May 4 Task Force will host various authors discussing their books about May 4.

At 11 p.m., the candlelight walk and vigil will begin on the Kent State Commons. Organized by the May 4 Task Force, the march will begin at the Victory Bell and will continue around campus, concluding at the Prentice Hall parking lot, where lighted markers indicate where the four victims — Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer and William Schroeder — were killed. The candle bearers will then start the vigil that will continue throughout the night until the commemoration begins at noon on Friday.

May 4

From 10-11 a.m., Kent State’s May 4 Visitors Center and the Kent State University Bookstore present a book-signing event with several authors who have written about May 4 in the bookstore, which is located in the Kent Student Center. This year’s participating authors are Laura Davis (This We Know and Democratic Narrative, History and Memory), Susan Erenrich (Grassroots Leadership and the Arts for Social Change), Sabrina Fedel (Leaving Kent State), Tom Grace (Kent State: Death and Dissent in the Long Sixties), David Hassler (May 4th Voices) and Miriam Jackson (We Shall Not Be Moved).

At noon, the commemoration, organized by the May 4 Task Force, begins at the Kent Student Center Ballroom and includes a keynote speech by William C. Hine, Ph.D., retired history professor from South Carolina State University. Dr. Hine will honor the students killed at the Orangeburg Massacre on the campus of South Carolina State, and he will connect the past to the present. In addition to experiencing the Orangeburg Massacre, Dr. Hine was a postdoctoral history scholar at Kent State on May 4, 1970.

At 3:30 p.m. at the Kent Student Center Kiva, the university will formally recognize and celebrate the May 4 site’s National Historic Landmark designation. Registration is requested.

At 7:30 p.m. at the MAC Center, Kent State presents the Presidential Speaker Series featuring Dan Rather. The event is free and open to the public, however, a ticket is required for admission. Request tickets here.

May 4 Visitors Center Hours

The May 4 Visitors Center will be open during the week of Commemoration. Using images, artifacts and multimedia, the May 4 Visitors Center’s exhibits tell the story of the decade leading up to May 4, 1970, the events of that day, the aftermath and the historical impact. It is located in Taylor Hall.

Visitors to the May 4 Visitors Center can see its newest exhibition, Sandy’s Scrapbook. The exhibition is a special tribute to the life of Ms. Scheuer, who was shot and killed by Ohio National Guardsmen on May 4, while she was on her way to class. Sandy’s Scrapbook is based on the actual scrapbook that Ms. Scheuer kept while at Kent State. It features items and memories provided by her family and her sister, Audrey.
Sandy’s Scrapbook is the first in what the May 4 Visitors Center hopes will be a series of four exhibitions in tribute to the four lives lost on May 4, 1970. The purpose behind these exhibitions is to focus not just on the deaths of these students, but on the lives that they lived and the people who they were.

Hours for the May 4 Visitors Center will be:

- Monday, April 30: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 1: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 2: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Thursday, May 3: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Friday, May 4: 9 a.m.-noon; 2:30-3:30 p.m.; and 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Additional Information

For more information about the May 4 Task Force, visit its Facebook page.

For more information about the May 4 Visitors Center, visit www.kent.edu/may4.

For more information about the Presidential Speaker Series, visit www.kent.edu/president/speakerseries.

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Join us for the

Presidential Speaker Series

An Evening With Dan Rather

Friday, May 4, 2018
7:30 p.m.

Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center (MAC Center)

Legendary journalist and news anchor Dan Rather has reported on many monumental events — the Kennedy assassination, Vietnam War, Watergate, fall of the Berlin Wall, Tiananmen Square protests and 9/11 attacks — to name a few. Mr. Rather will reflect on his experiences as a journalist, news anchor and multimedia producer.

Presidential Speaker Series events are free and open to the public. However, a ticket is required for admission. Two tickets can be requested per email address.

For free tickets and event information, visit the Presidential Speaker Series website.
Presidential Speaker Series

Events

📍 MAC Center
⏰ Friday, May 4, 2018 at 7:30 PM (ET)

Kent State University is pleased to welcome Dan Rather, former lead anchor of the *CBS Evening News*, as the next featured speaker in the Presidential Speaker Series. Mr. Rather will reflect on his experiences as a journalist, news anchor and multimedia producer while providing rare insight into covering the events of May 4, 1970 and the world events that followed.

The Presidential Speaker Series seeks to bring high profile, world-renowned experts to Kent State University for serious, thought-provoking discussions and conversations.

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Remarks and Plaque Unveiling
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3:30 p.m.
Honors College tent
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