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# What is Social Work?

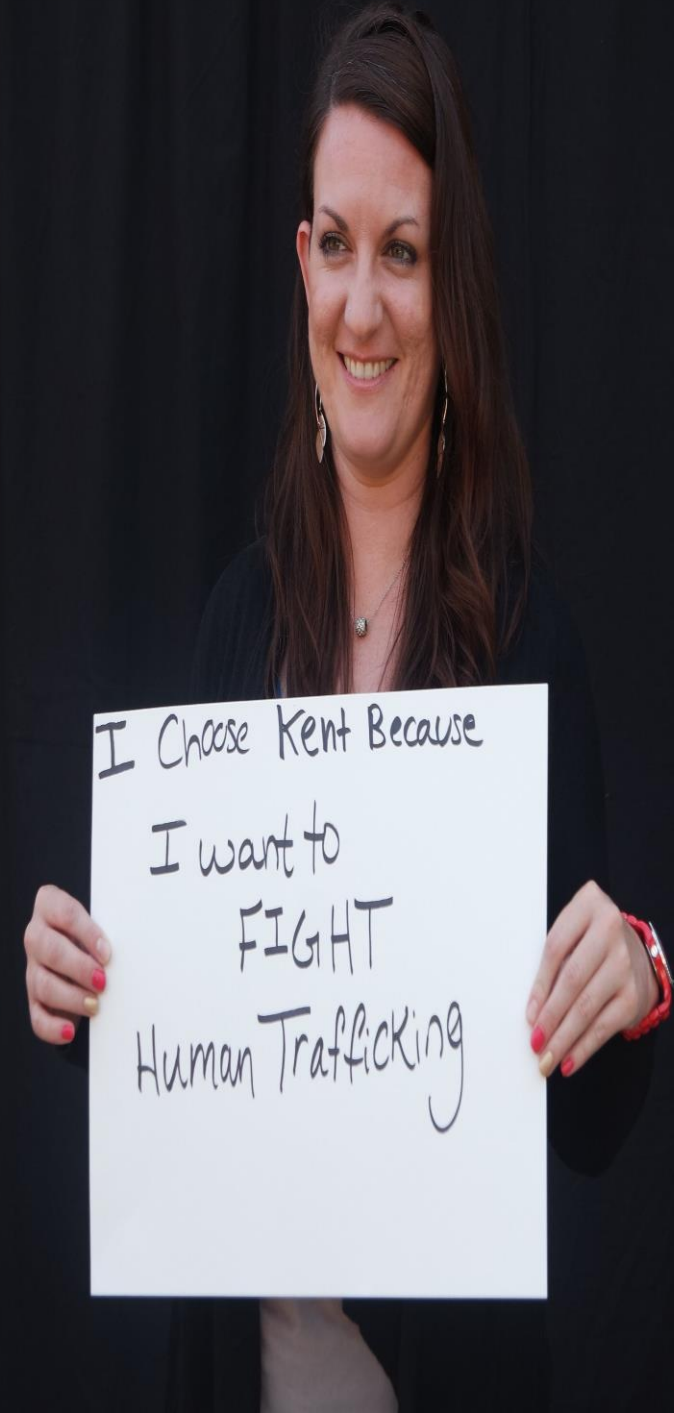
One of the helping professions

Bridging people and services

A helping profession whose main goal is designed to improve society's level of well-being

Especially the most vulnerable populations

Could be strengthening an individual, couple, or family to cope, helping community members to organize, shaping policies that impact people, etc.



## Rated the #1 Social Work program in Kentucky

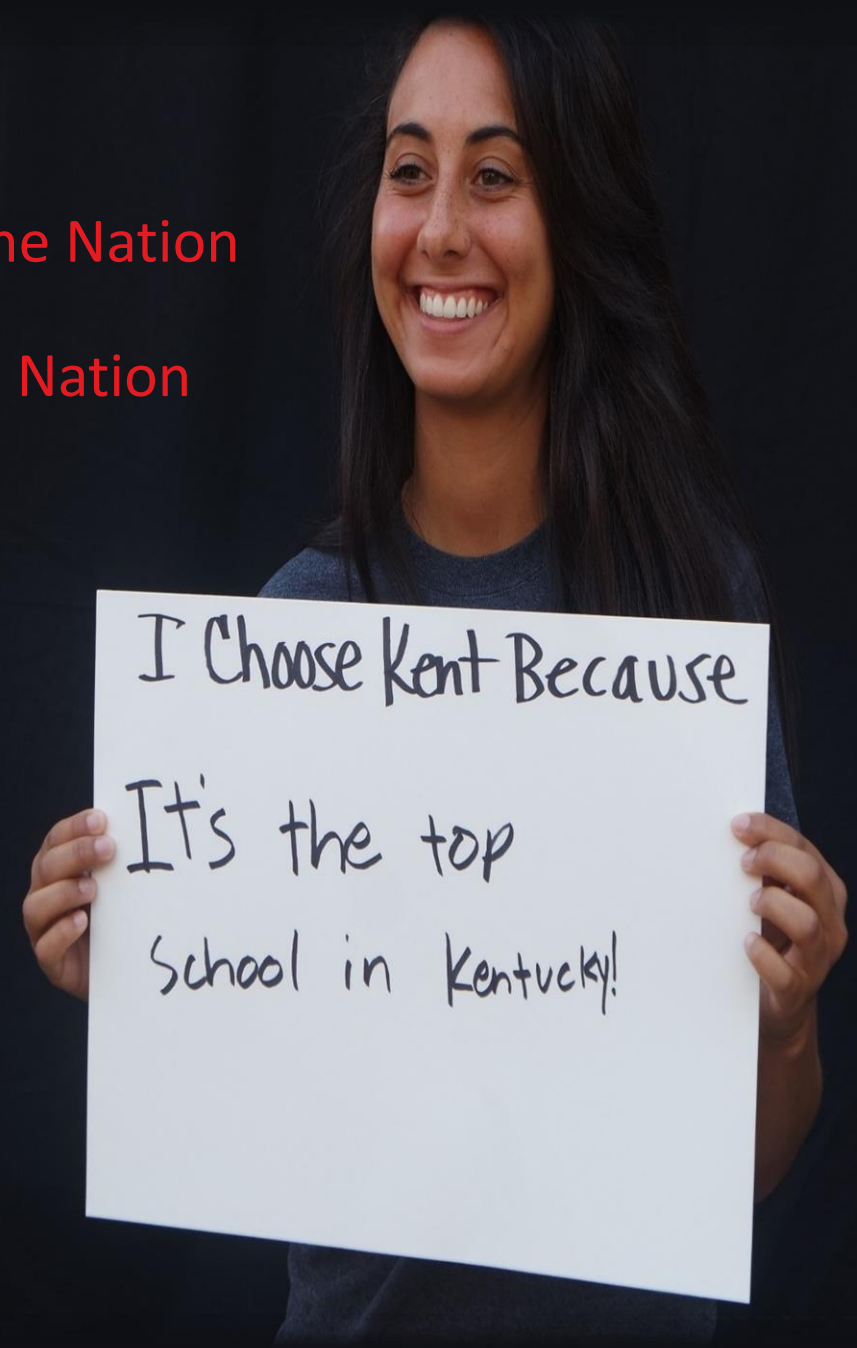
- US News and World Report

## Tied for #1 Online Graduate SW Program in the Nation

- Best College Reviews

## Graduate Program ranked 32nd in the Nation

- US News and World Report



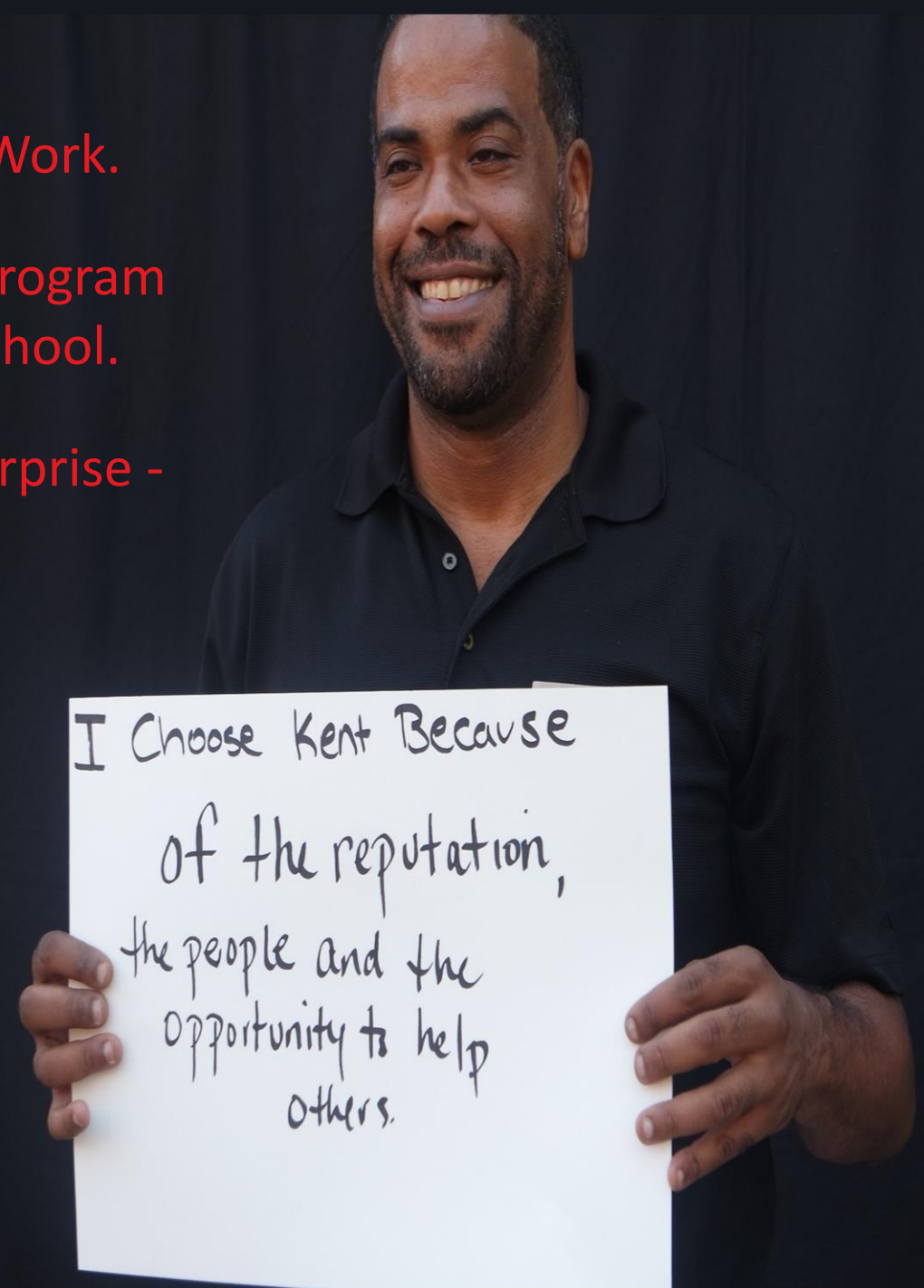
### Social Work programs nationally:

- 528 BSW programs accredited or in candidacy
- 266 MSW programs accredited or in candidacy
- 85+ PhD/DSW programs

Only endowed chair nationally in Oncology Social Work.

Only accredited Couple & Family Therapy Program integrated into an accredited social work school.

A robust and growing research enterprise - \$15 million/year.



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Graduate enrollments have grown to one of the largest in the university.

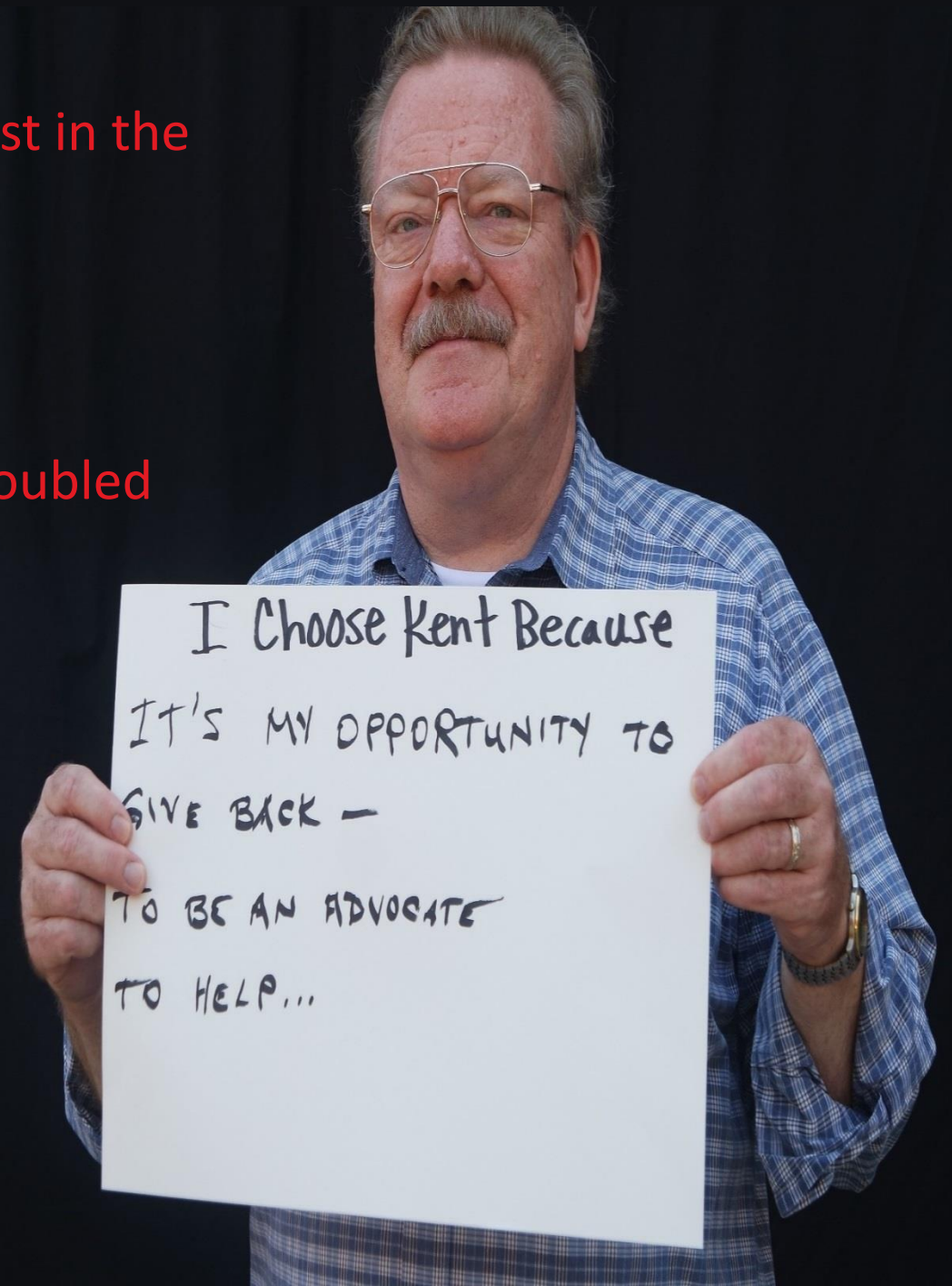
BSW enrollment shows steady growth

MSSW online enrollment more than doubled projections

Employment of social workers is projected to grow 12% overall from 2012 to 2024 (19% for specializations), faster than the average for all occupations.

In Kentucky, employment is projected to grow 23% for social workers.

- Bureau of Labor and Statistics





## Academic and Research Priorities – Grand Challenges of Social Work

Ensure Healthy Development for all Youth

Stop Family Violence

Eradicate Social Isolation

Reduce Extreme Economic Inequality

Close the Health Gap

Harness Technology for Social Good

Promote Smart Decarceration

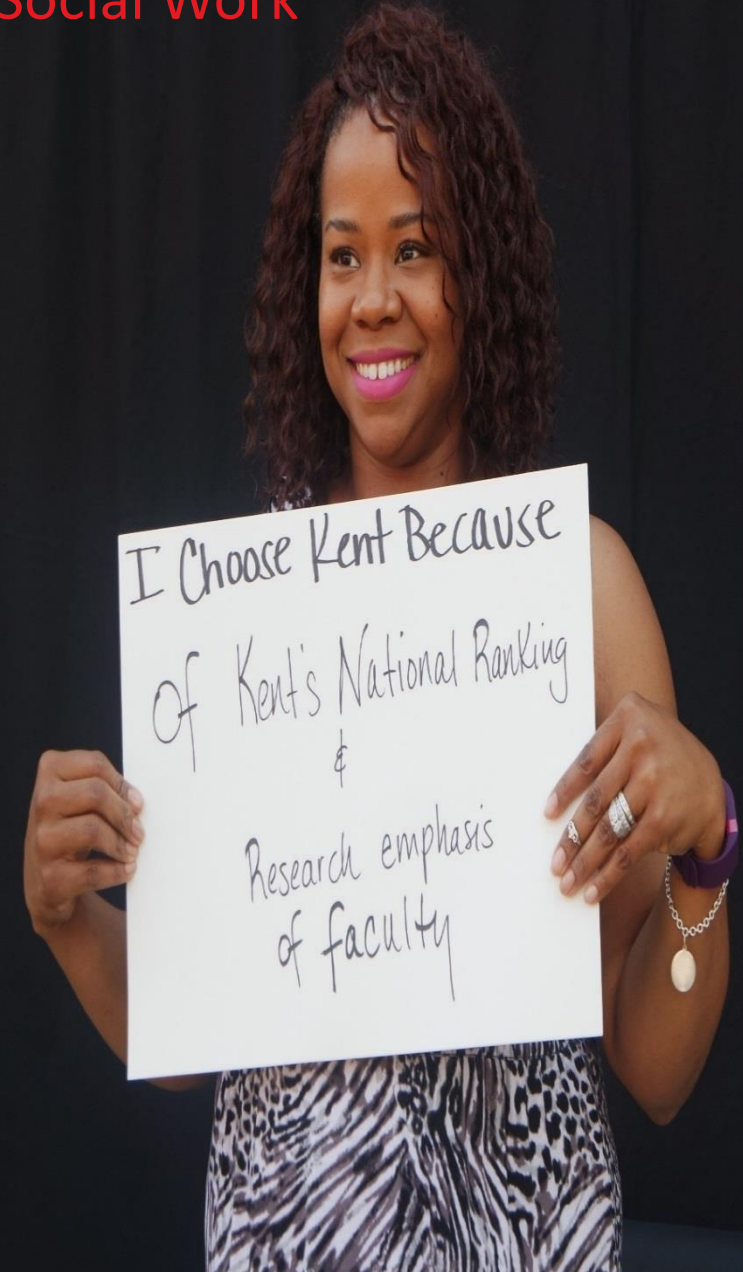
Advance Long and Productive Lives

End Homelessness

Achieve Equal Opportunity and Justice

Build Financial Capability for All

Create Social Responses to a Changing Environment



## Opportunities / Considerations

Online BSW Program

Evening BSW Option

Spring Entry into MSSW Program

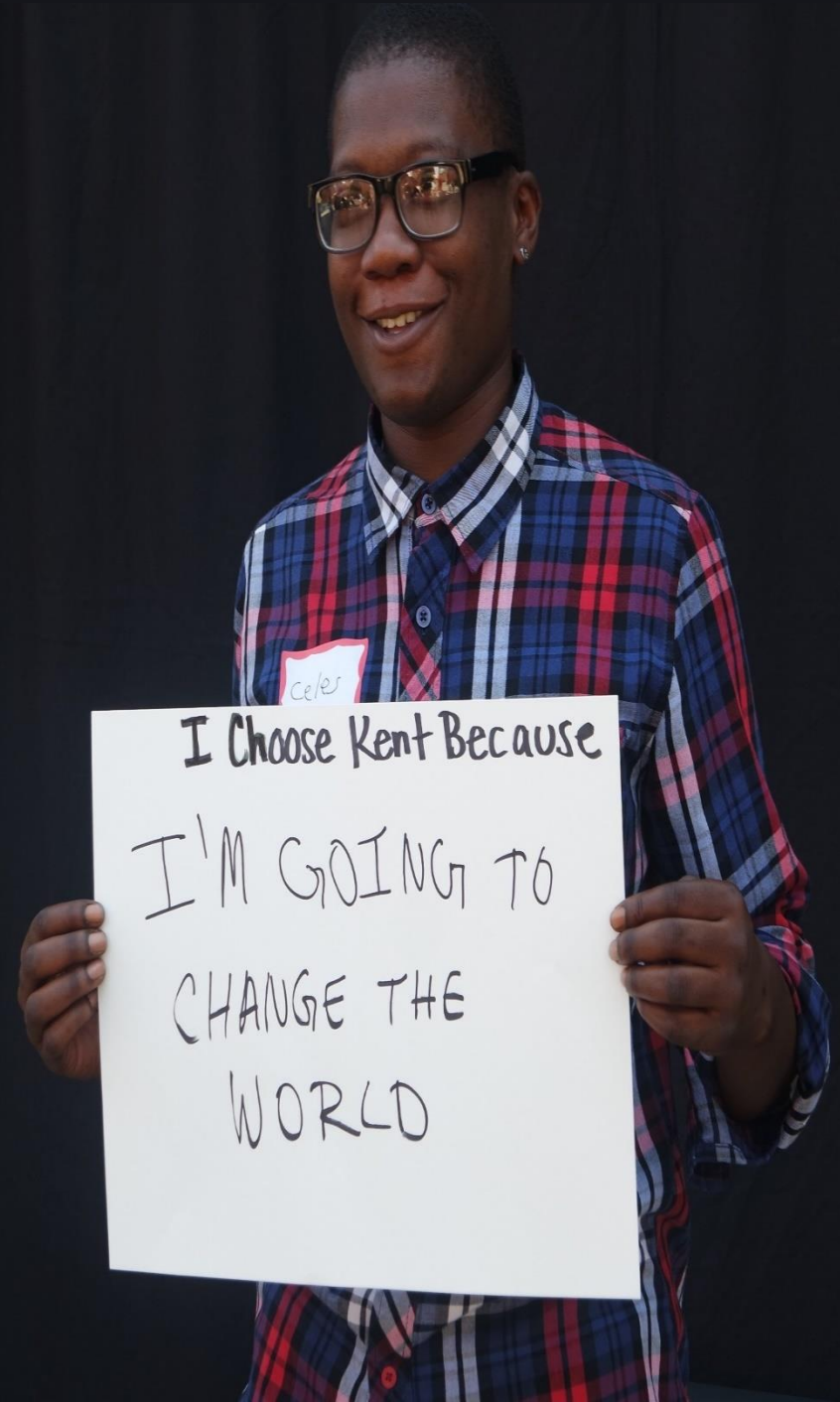
Employment through Graduation Options

Family Therapy Degree

Teaching Academy

Interdisciplinary Development

Increase Research Awards



## Challenges

70% of courses are taught by part-time faculty

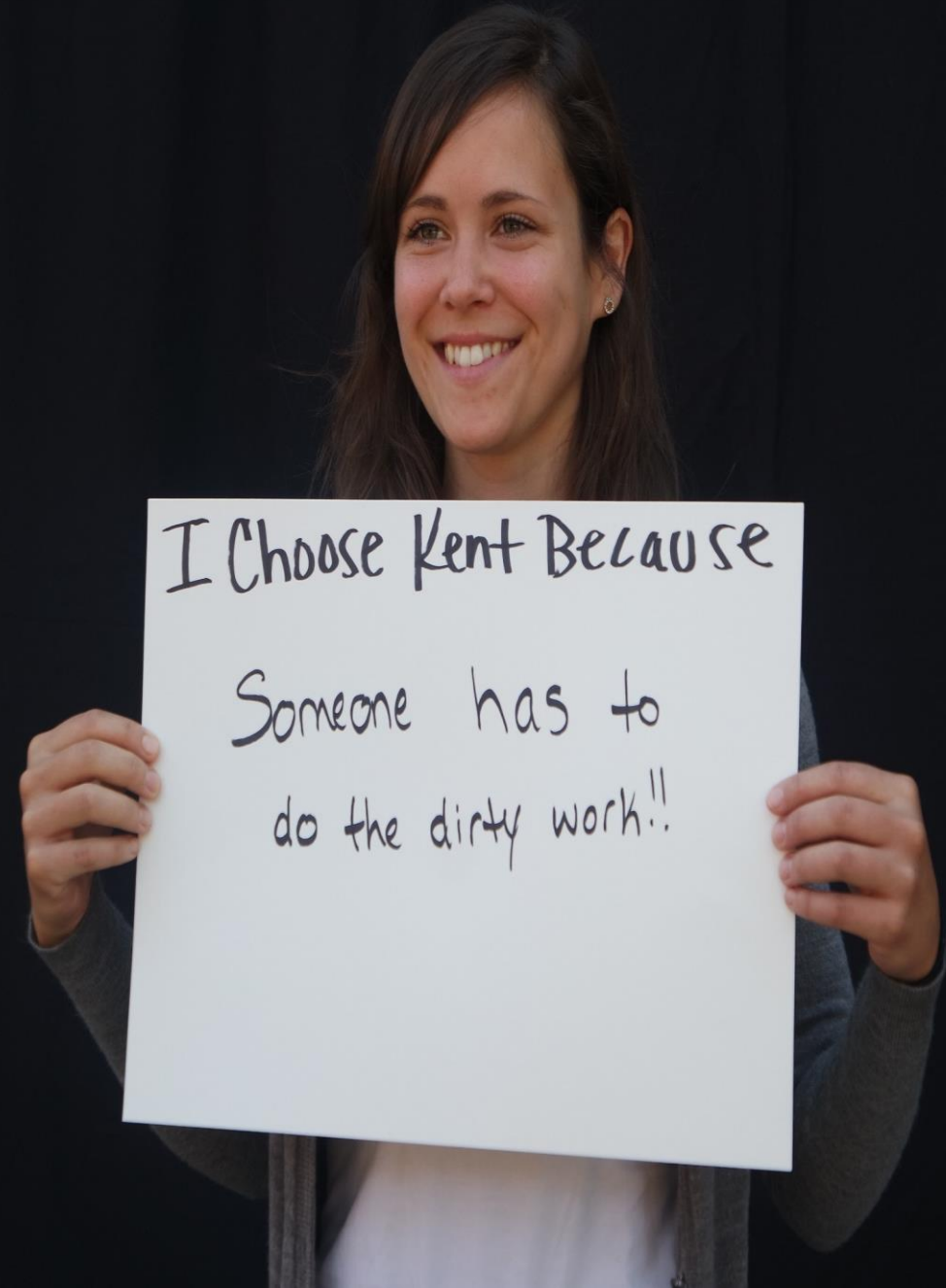
Lack of space

Structural barriers for interdisciplinary collaboration and research

Need up-to-date classrooms

Faculty salary compression

Ph.D. assistantships and fellowships funding

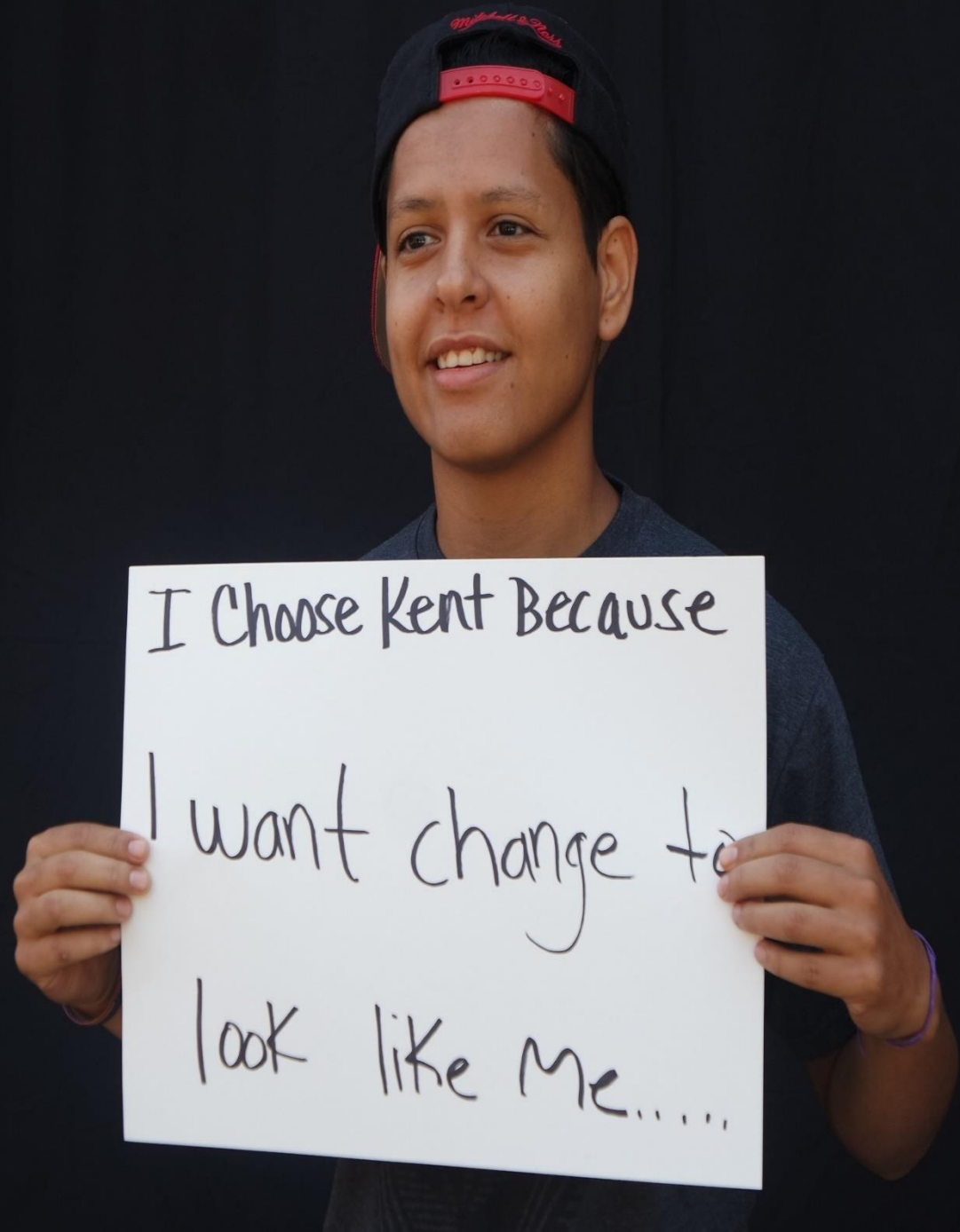




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