

COMEDIAN HELPS KENT STATE STUDENTS TRAVEL TO ALABAMA FOR HISTORIC BOWL GAME

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The Water Street Tavern in Kent is giving students a fun and easy way to get to Mobile, Ala. - with the help of a famous friend. Comedian and Kent State graduate John Caparulo has donated a significant amount of money to offset the price of the trip for students to see the Kent State Golden Flashes play in their first bowl game in 40 years.

Kent State will face Arkansas State in the Go Daddy.com Bowl on Jan. 6.

For one low price, students will enjoy a whirlwind trip that will take them to New Orleans for a Saturday night on the town, and then to Mobile to watch the Golden Flashes in the big bowl game. The subsidized price of \$255 includes transportation, hotels, game ticket and commemorative t-shirt as well as some surprises. Complete details can be found at WaterStreetTavern.com/CapBus.

"I had a great time at Kent State and would have loved to see Kent State play in a bowl game," said Caparulo. "Back then, we were just happy to beat Akron! But I remember not having much money as a student, and that's when gas was only a dollar. So I'm happy to help anyone who wants to go to the game be able to make the trip. Go Flashes!!"

Water Street Tavern owner Mike Beder, who graduated from Kent State in 2000, was thrilled to hear of Caparulo's interest in helping. "John's been a good friend to the bar and Kent State for a long time now," Beder said. "The money he donated made a huge dent in the cost of the bus trip. John really looks back at his time at Kent State fondly and loved the idea of giving students the opportunity to experience the first Kent State bowl game in four decades."

The Water Street Tavern is the Official Post Game Party Headquarters of Kent State Athletics as well as its Official Watch Party location. Fans are encouraged to gather to Water Street Tavern on Sunday, Jan. 6 for the Official Watch Party. Doors open at 6 p.m the game starts at 9 p.m. A full menu will be available through its popular kitchen, Cajun Dave's. For those interested in following the exploits of the bowl game bus travelers, they will be using the hashtag #CapBus in their social media updates.

Caparulo, who got his start as a stand-up comedian working clubs in Cleveland and Pittsburgh, is best known for his appearances on the late night E! talk show, Chelsea Lately. On an episode of the show, Caparulo announced that he had proposed to Kent State alum, Jamie Kelly. The couple were wed where they first met - at the Water Street Tavern - on May 27, 2012. The Ohio natives now reside in Los Angeles, Calif.

Caparulo will be featured on the Chelsea Lately roundtable on shows airing on Jan. 7 and Jan. 21. For more information on Caparulo, including tour dates, visit www.JohnCaparulo.com.

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