

NKU

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

WELCOME NEW PARENTS TO THE NKU PARENTS ASSOCIATION!

Welcome our new members to the Norse Parent Family! We hope to be a resource as you and your student take the journey through NKU.

We recognize the important role you play in your student's life, and we would like to thank you for providing the extra level of support that will help your student succeed.

This e-newsletter will serve as a resource to you. Each issue will feature important dates of relevant NKU events as well as helpful articles and tips.

Visit our website at: <http://orientation.nku.edu/parent> for additional resources and information.



TIP OF THE MONTH

Talk to your student about each of your expectations for this semester:

- ➔ Discuss finances and determine who will pay for which expenses.
- ➔ Talk about home rules and how they may change in the coming months (especially if your student will be living at home while attending NKU).
- ➔ Discuss holidays and your expectations with your student.
- ➔ Discuss your role in their education and how it relates to the Federal law FERPA.

Dates & Events:

August 24

First Day of Classes

August 31

Last day to drop a class with 100% tuition adjustment.

August 25

4:00 -7:00 p.m.

African-American Student Affairs
Welcome Back Cook-out

September 2

4:00 p.m., Fresh Fusion Convocation
Bank of Kentucky Center
(All Freshmen)

September 7

Labor Day
NKU closed, no classes

September 11

Sorority Recruitment Begins

September 13

Fraternity Recruitment Begins

September 14

Last day to drop a class with a 50% adjustment.

September 15

3:00 p.m., Student Union 104
National Hispanic Heritage Month
Kick-off

October 9-11

Family Weekend

October 10

3:00 p.m., Student Union 108
Parents Association Open Mtg

FAMILYWEEKEND 2009!

The second annual Family Weekend will be held **October 9-11, 2009!** All current NKU students and their families are invited to attend this fun filled weekend. There will be activities for all ages, including parent and child social mixers, a student talent show, athletic and theatre events, cookie decorating contest, planetarium shows, optimist club Fun Run, and more!

Families will get a chance to compete during the Family Olympics where families earn points for winning classic yard games. Families can also mingle with university staff, faculty, and administrators while enjoying quality time with your family.

Students and families will win raffle prizes throughout the weekend just for attending. From billiards to Wii bowling to corn hole, there is sure to be something for every member of your family.

Winners of the Family Olympics and the NKU scavenger hunt will be recognized at the farewell brunch and will be given an NKU gift pack!

Encourage your student to nominate you for our **Parent(s) of the Year award**. Nomination forms will be available beginning September 1, 2009 from the Office of New Student Orientation and Parent Programs. Students can pick up a nomination form in Student Union, room 316 or print a form online. For more information about the Parent(s) of the Year award visit, <http://orientation.nku.edu/parent/familyweekend.php>.

To view a **complete schedule of the weekend along with individual event descriptions**, visit **our website** or call (859) 572-1967.

A **special thanks to this year's sponsor, Delta Community Credit Union**. DCCU is one of NKU's two university credit unions. To learn more about DCCU's financial services or learn about their student co-op positions, visit www.deltacommunitycu.com/personal/join/NKU.asp

FAMILYWEEKEND 2009: REGISTER TODAY!

Families are encouraged to **register by September 21, 2009** to guarantee t-shirt sizes and to participate in the event Service on Saturday (SOS). **Late registrations will be accepted until October 9, 2009.**

Registration fees include all events during the weekend excluding athletic and theatre events. Participants with a valid Family Weekend name badge will be admitted at a discounted price to these events and are encouraged to pay for these events at the door.

There are a limited number of financial need-based scholarships available to families with extenuating financial situations. If you feel you may qualify, please contact Hannah Centers at (859) 572-7625.

To register, visit <http://orientation.nku.edu/parent/familyregistration.php>. Select the registration option that works best for your family based on the three available registration options. We look forward to seeing you October 9th, 10th, and 11th!

Family Weekend Fees

Free= Students

Free= Children 6 & younger

\$15 = Children 7-12

\$25 = Children 13 and older

\$25= Parents & Grandparents

NOTE: All fees are per person

BIRTHDAY CAKE DELIVERY PROGRAM

Will your student be living on campus this year? If so, send a tasty treat to your student for his or her birthday or just to celebrate a special occasion or good grade.

NKU's Activity Programming Board has partnered with the well known bakery Fantasy in Frosting, Inc. located in Newport, Kentucky to provide this new service to parents and residential students.

Students will receive a **six inch double layer cake decorated in NKU colors** with the name of your student on the top. With sixteen flavors to choose from, your student will surely appreciate this surprise. Featured flavors include the following: white, chocolate, chocolate chip, red velvet, raspberry swirl, pineapple, yellow, vanilla, marble, orange/pineapple swirl, maker's mark, carrot, strawberry swirl, amaretto, lemon, and strawberry.

Fantasy in Frosting, Inc. will deliver the cake to your student's residence hall. **Cake and delivery are available for a discounted price of \$20.** Please order at least two weeks prior to your requested delivery date.

For more information about this program, please contact Josh Gruenke at (859) 572-6514 or by e-mail at gruenkej1@nku.edu. For more information about the bakery, visit their website at www.fantasyinfrosting.com



GREEK LIFE 101

By: Kim Vance, Assistant Director of Student Life

This is the time of year when many of our Fraternities and Sororities seek new members. Your student may be talking with you about attending fraternity or sorority recruitment activities, and we would like you to know what to expect.

Sorority Recruitment will be held September 11-14 and Fraternity recruitment will be held September 13-17th.

If your student is interested in any of the historically African American organizations, please know that these chapters typically do not invite first year students for membership. Students interested in these chapters should plan to attend an event called **"The Greek 411"** on **September 24th at 5 PM.**

Fraternity or Sorority membership is a lifetime commitment. The collegiate members become very involved in service and leadership activities as well as a variety of social activities. The organizations are a vibrant part of the student life experience, providing opportunities for involvement, mentorship, networking and brotherhood or sisterhood. The relationships and friendships formed during the collegiate experience will last a lifetime.

For more information about Greek recruitment activities, please visit the Greek Life website at <http://studentlife.nku.edu/greeklife/index.php>, or contact the Office of Student Life at (859) 572-6514.

For information about other NKU student organizations, visit <http://studentlife.nku.edu/organizations/index.php>.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS ASSOCIATION SUMMER VOLUNTERS!

During the summer of 2009, the Office of New Student Orientation and Parent Programs offered for the first time a full parent orientation during our Northern Exposure program. The parent orientation consisted of a current NKU parent panel, a student leader panel, a tour, and a session with the Coordinator of Parent and Family Programs and the Dean of Students.

The Northern Exposure program has several components and requires the help of several of our students, staff and parents!

This summer, several of our NKU parents dedicated their time and energy to share their experiences with the incoming Norse parents.

Overwhelming, the parents in attendance found the parent volunteer's stories and advice beneficial. In fact, more than fifty of the parents in attendance called the parent panel the best session of the day. The parent panel would not have been possible without these volunteers.

The Office of New Student Orientation and Parent Programs would like to recognize the following parents for their service:

Jill and Gregg Shelley

Pat Bell

Michele Romito

B.J. Jackson

Nancy and Jerry Harden

Diana Hankinson

Eileen Baker

Kim Howe

Kathy Fleischer

Patti Marx

To the volunteers, thank you for your support of New Student Orientation and Parent Programs and for the time you dedicated this past summer.

FORUM ON INCLUSION: PARENTS WELCOME TO ATTEND WITH STUDENTS

The Northern Kentucky Forum, which produces "public square" events, is holding this free forum, "**A Day of Dialogue on NKY's Culture of Inclusion: How Close Are We to that Vision?**" The forum will feature speakers and small group discussions.

The forum will be held from **2 p.m. to 5 p.m.** on **Sunday, Sept. 20, in the Student Union Ballroom.**

RSVP to the Inter-community Center for Peace and Justice at (513) 579-8547 (the center is facilitating the dialogue). NKU students are especially welcomed, as are their parents. We encourage you to come together.

The Forum is co-sponsored by NKU's Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement.

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