

The Norse Parent

NKU Parents Association Newsletter

Happy Holidays
To Our Norse Family

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NKU Family Fun @ Homecoming 2013 Events for Parents and Families:

- * **January 23rd: Homecoming Gala**—7pm at The Madison in Covington, KY. Several Homecoming Court royalty winners will be announced, as well as the candidates for king and queen. Tickets will be required and can be purchased in advance or bought at the door, while supplies last. \$5 per ticket. Call (859) 572-6514 or email studentlife@nku.edu to reserve your tickets today!
- * **January 24th: "Yell Like Hell"**—Norse Spirit Competition and Basketball Game at 7pm at the Bank of Kentucky Center. Advance tickets can be purchased for \$5 each. **Complete the form at https://nkustudentaffairs.us2.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_9FBMmkaW3XlqaRD and submit payment by January 21st, 2013 to reserve your discounted tickets!**
- * **January 26th:**
 - **Chili Cook-Off** - 3:30pm in the Bank of Kentucky Center. Come taste the best and the boldest that NKU has to offer!
 - **Parent and Royal Reception**—Between games, take a minute to grab a family photo and meet NKU's new president! What a great time to celebrate all you've done as members of our Norse family! All parents and families of NKU students are welcome! **RSVPs requested—RSVP at https://nkustudentaffairs.us2.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1KXt7dIikF64uCV**

Parent of the Year Award

Will be announced at halftime of the NKU Women's Basketball game on Saturday, January 26th

Learn more at <http://orientation.nku.edu/parent/parentoftheyear.php>

Important Dates:

All Month

NKU Basketball and Track and Field—[Full Athletics Schedule](#)

December 10—15

Finals Week: [Locate exam times here](#)

December 15

December Commencement

Dec. 16—Jan. 14

Winter Break—No Classes (University Closed Dec. 22—Jan. 1)

January 14

Tuition and Fees Due; First Day of Class

January 21

Martin Luther King Jr. Day—University Closed

January 22

Last day to register for a course or drop a course with 100% refund

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Career Services

It's more than just resumes and cover letters...

Career Services (formerly known as the Career Development Center) has much to offer students at all levels. Career Services offers a newsletter that keeps our first and second-year students up-to-date on the opportunities available to them and the experiences they should be seeking. Students who have not yet decided on a major can benefit greatly from taking an assessment offered by Career Services that helps them clarify their values, skills, and goals in order to match those important indicators to a potential major and career possibilities.

For students who are more advanced in their career-selection process, Career Services offers internships and co-op experiences that will not only help them stand out when searching for their job after graduation, but will also give them meaningful experience in their

field of study prior to graduation, not to mention help them build connections in their profession.

Of course, they *do* offer resume and cover letter critiques and have plenty of online resources to get students started. They also offer workshops on interview skills and coordinate campus-wide job fairs where students can connect with employers from around the region. Additionally, they have a job posting website just for NKU students and alumni called [Norse Recruiting](#).

Still, many of our students do not fully utilize Career Services and may feel underprepared when starting the job hunt—whether for summer employment or a full-time career. Encourage your students to take advantage of the many resources available to them, and to start now!

Upcoming Event: [Job Expo 2013](#)—
Wednesday, February 27th from 3-6pm in the Student Union Ballroom

Featured Resource

The Extended Norse Family Parent-to-parent support around the country

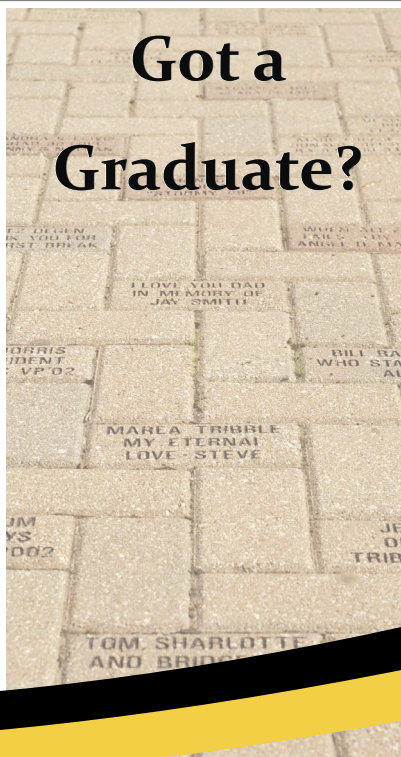
- Are you a parent or family member who lives outside of a 30-mile radius of NKU?
- Despite your distance, do you feel connected to NKU and the Norse family?
- Would you be willing to offer support, answer questions, and connect new or potential parents who live in your region to resources on-campus?

If you are interested in helping parents in your community (whether it's Louisville, Kentucky or Rochester, New York) feel supported and connected to NKU, please email Ashley Grimes, Coordinator of Parent and Family Programs, at parents@nku.edu. The position would entail serving as a point-person who could meet with new or potential parents to help provide information about NKU. You would connect parents to resources on-campus, answer questions based on your experiences, or simply just share in challenges and successes with fellow parents in your region. There is no set time commitment required—only the desire to reach out to others in the Norse Family!

Is your loved one graduating in December?

Honor your graduate by making a gift of \$20.12, and you can submit a special message in the commencement program for friends and family to read.

Or for a donation of \$75, you can have a personalized brick paver installed outside Steely Library to commemorate this important life event. Visit <http://development.nku.edu> or call 859-572-6062 for more information. Your gift will support the NKU Annual Fund for Excellence, which provides student scholarships, instructional materials and equipment, technology improvements, and athletic and student activity programming on behalf of NKU's five colleges as well as Steely Library and Norse Athletics.



Got a Graduate?

Housing Updates for the Holidays and 2013

For the first time, students living on-campus may stay in their residence halls over break. University Housing asks that students let them know when they plan to be in their residence halls by filling out this form: <http://app.perfectforms.com/player.htm?f=S-CigAQm>. Some other tips to help students prepare for the holiday break:

- ◆ Make sure the window is closed and locked and the blinds are down.
- ◆ Heat is turned to lowest setting (while still producing heat)
- ◆ Clean room and dust all furniture
- ◆ Empty and clean the fish tank (if you have one)
- ◆ Throw away perishables in the refrigerator
- ◆ Take any important or valuable items (laptops, medication, etc.)
- ◆ Remove all linens from your bed
- ◆ Take out your trash

And when they return from break...

- ◇ Sign up for friendship clusters (students choose 3 friends to live with) by January 25th
- ◇ Complete priority room selection beginning February 1st

More information:

<http://housing.nku.edu/priority-room-selection-2013-2014.html>

What do you wish you knew? What do you STILL want to hear?

Remember when your student was brand new to NKU? What information did you not receive that would have been helpful BEFORE orientation?

What information are you interested in hearing about now?

[Complete this quick 4 question survey](#) OR email your responses to these 2 questions to parents@nku.edu

Tip of the month:

Use the break to assess how your student is doing at NKU. Be sure to ask questions and listen without judging. Remember: Advise, guide, do not decide.

- Ask your student if he/she is happy with their academic progress thus far. What changes do they want to make to ensure next semester is better?
- Talk about the ways your student has gotten involved on-campus. Is he/she getting the full college experience?
- Ask your student who would write a letter of recommendation for him/her. If no one comes to mind, encourage them to work at building relationships with faculty and staff who are invested in their success.

Don't Forget...

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be filled out beginning January 1. The priority deadline to submit your student's FAFSA for the 2012-2013 year is February 1, 2012.

Go to www.fafsa.gov

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