

# The Norse Parent

NKU Parents Association Newsletter

## Happy Holidays to our Norse Family!

Wishing you and yours a wonderful holiday season and a happy ending to the fall semester! The next edition of *The Norse Parent* will be published on February 1, 2012. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to contact me by emailing [parents@nku.edu](mailto:parents@nku.edu).

### *New Year's Resolutions for College Parents— And Their College Students*

Highlights from an article by College Parents of America on [www.collegeparents.org](http://www.collegeparents.org)

As the semester comes to a close and a new year rolls in, reflection on the things we have done well and the things we would like to improve upon is necessary. Here are a few ideas for you and your students to consider among your resolutions for next semester:

#### For Parents:

1. **“Resolve to accept the changes in your student.** Enjoy the adult [s]he is becoming.”
2. **“Resolve to trust the values you have taught your student.** Look for examples of those values in [her or] his actions.”
3. **“Resolve to do something new for yourself this year.** Take up a new hobby, nurture yourself. Let your student see you as a role model.”
4. **“Resolve to tell your student as often as you can that you are proud of her [him] and you know she’s [he’s] accomplishing great things.”**

#### For Students

1. **“Resolve to get out...and get more involved on campus this year.”**
2. **“Resolve to adopt some new study habits—and to improve your class attendance this year”**
3. **“Resolve to control your computer and TV time.** Make sure it is balanced with your other activities.”
4. **“Resolve to challenge yourself—comfortably—in some area of your life.** What can you do to stretch yourself this year?”

Information from (College Parents of America, 2011. *New Year's Resolutions for College Parents—And Their College Students*. Retrieved from [www.collegeparents.org](http://www.collegeparents.org) on November 13, 2011.

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#### **Important Dates:**

##### **All Month**

NKU Men's & Women's Basketball—[Click here to see a full schedule](#)

##### **December 8**

Feast for Finals at the Residential Village

##### **December 10—16**

Final Exams

##### **December 12**

Winter Intersession tuition due

##### **December 17**

9am—Undergraduate Commencement

##### **December 19**

Winter Intersession Classes Begin

##### **December 21—January 2**

University Closed

##### **January 3**

Tuition and Fees Due

##### **January 11**

Last Day to Drop with 100% Tuition Adjustment

##### **January 30**

Last Day to Drop with 50% Tuition Adjustment

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## Got Textbooks?

Is your student ready to say good-bye to a few textbooks after finals? Instead of selling books back for a fraction of what they cost, a few students at NKU are encouraging others to donate their books to a good cause.

The Norse Leadership Society is sponsoring a used textbook drive to benefit the textbook lending library available to students through the Early Alert program. Early Alert collects donated textbooks to provide to students who cannot otherwise afford them in an attempt to promote the opportunity for academic success. Tax write-off forms are available for donations.

Encourage your student to support a student-led effort that benefits many at Northern. Students can drop books off in the NKLI office, located on the 3rd floor of the Student Union, or in the Baptist Student Union.

Contact Julia Fleischer (Fleischerj1@gmail.com) with questions!

To learn more about Early Alert, visit [earlyalert.nku.edu](http://earlyalert.nku.edu).

## Congratulations 2012 Orientation Leaders!

Serving as an orientation leader is one of the most prestigious roles a student can fulfill in their time at NKU. With well over 100 qualified applicants vying for a limited number of positions, it is clear that NKU offers an abundance of incredible student leaders who made the selection process very difficult. If one of these students is someone close to you, be sure to congratulate her/him!

- Ron Burse (Head Orientation Leader)
- Kelsey Gaffney (Head Orientation Leader)
- Stacey Grippa
- Gracie Walker
- Jacob Priddy
- Asia Underwood
- Kendra Conley
- Alysse Tretter
- Channel Karr
- Mackenzie Kinman
- Sarah Daugherty
- Ciara Bunch
- Leah Cook
- Kay Polley
- Erin McCarty
- Tina Hoesl
- Daniel Cieslak
- Nick Berra
- Jackson Kosztala
- Jake Arthur
- Matt Werner
- Corbin Brown
- Matt Wallin
- Bobby Evans
- James Jamison
- Ryan Krebiehl

## Did You Know...

### Your Suggestions for Choosing NKU's New President can be Heard

- You can visit the official webpage for the presidential search at [presidentsearch.nku.edu](http://presidentsearch.nku.edu)
- To provide feedback, you can fill out a form online. Click [HERE](#) to go directly to the form.
- Community members' suggestions have been encouraged and will be valuable information as the search proceeds.

Important updates will be posted on the NKU Parents Association Facebook page. Like our page to connect with other NKU parents at: [www.facebook.com/nkuparents](http://www.facebook.com/nkuparents)

## Resident Assistant (RA) Applications are now available!

Encourage your student to apply today! Applications are due by noon on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

Visit <http://housing.nku.edu> for more information.

## *In the Spirit of Giving*

Happy Holidays! We hope your season is full of gladness and cheer. Thank you for entrusting Northern Kentucky University to educate your emerging adults. Our campus culture has been enriched by their presence and your support.

Sadly, every year many students drop out mid-year due to financial constraints. Working their way through school, students are forced to put their college careers on hold to raise the tuition money for their next semester.

The Annual Fund for Excellence provides these struggling students the scholarship support they need to continue their studies. Thanks to the contributions of alumni, companies and individuals, the Annual Fund helps NKU address its most pressing needs, including keeping students in school and on track to graduate.

In this time of giving, consider giving students a gift that will last a lifetime – their education.

Visit <http://supportnku.nku.edu>.

## **Financial Tools**

The holiday season often brings financial concerns. How are you and your student planning ahead? Check out these resources to ensure you are making the most of your money.

- Preparing to re-apply for financial aid through FAFSA? Use the [Net Price Calculator](#) to help you determine the amount of aid for which your student will be eligible.

- Does your student receive financial aid? If so, be sure he/she meets the requirements for the book advance to get up to \$750 early. Click [HERE](#) to see how to qualify.
- Looking long-term? Help your student learn to be financially fit! Check out all the money-saving tips at <http://financialfitness.nku.edu/index.php>.

## **Featured Resource**

## **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](http://www.fafsa.gov)

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