

# The Norse Parent

NKU Parents Association Newsletter

## Dreamers Welcome: NKU Offers Plenty of Dreams to be Explored at the annual Major/Minor Fair

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Major/Minor Fair takes place from 10 am to 1 pm Thursday, Oct. 25 in the Student Union Ballroom. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore majors/minors/careers by speaking with faculty, staff and student representatives. Many academic departments as well as key support offices will be on hand.



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Approximately 700 students attended last year's Major/Minor Fair. The attendance grows each year as our students are made more aware of the Major/Minor Fair through their advisors and faculty.

While the event is open to all students, first-year students will be strongly encouraged to attend, and many will attend as a class. Because this is a new experience for many of our freshmen, faculty may provide students with assignments that encourage them to research 1-2 possible majors, general education requirements and careers.

Major/Minor Fair is hosted by the Office of First-Year Programs, with support from the Career Development Center and advisors from the university's colleges. This event is a great tie-in with the Career Development Center's UNV 101 Career Development Sessions, held annually in conjunction with Major/Minor Fair.

## “The Best Job On Campus”

**That's what past orientation leaders will tell you!** Encourage your student to apply to be a 2013 orientation leader! Being an orientation leader is one of the most prestigious leadership experiences on campus, connects students to faculty and staff, and is just plain fun!

Students can go online to <http://jobs.nku.edu> for more details and to apply!

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### Important Dates:

#### All Month

NKU Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country—

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#### October 8

Freshmen can begin accessing midterm grades

#### October 15—16

Fall Break—No Classes

#### October 17

2nd session classes begin

#### October 19

Final tuition payment plan installment due

#### October 22

Last day to file application for graduation <http://registrar.nku.edu>

#### October 29

Full Session: Last day to drop a course with a grade of “W”

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## Trivia Night at NKU

Come out for a fun family night and support a good cause!

The Norse Leadership Society (NLS) is sponsoring a trivia night on Friday, October 19th at 7pm (arrive by 6:30pm for check-in) in the Student Union Ballroom. Anyone is welcome to participate, and teams can have up to 8 members (no minimum number of members required). The \$10 per person cost directly benefits the NLS Fall Retreat, which students often describe as “life changing.” Bring the family and give our amazing students the opportunity to grow as leaders and as Norse!

Questions? Ready to sign up? Contact Ashley Jolly at [jollya1@nku.edu](mailto:jollya1@nku.edu).



## Family Weekend Updates

Events include:

- Jan. 23rd: Homecoming Gala—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.
- Jan. 24th: "Yell Like Hell"—Norse Pride Competition and Basketball Game at 7pm at the Bank of Kentucky Center.
- Jan. 26th:
  - Chili Cook-Off - Prior to Homecoming Basketball Games.
  - Parent and Royal Reception—Meet our new president and celebrate all you've done as members of our Norse family from 5:30—7pm in the Bank of Kentucky Center! RSVPs requested.

**\*\*DETAILS ON TICKETS and RSVP's TO COME IN DECEMBER\*\***

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?

## 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](mailto: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!

## The Very Scary, Creepy, Crawly... Midterms!

Midterm exams will be coming soon for many students. Support your students' success by reminding them to:

- Stay calm and focused on their goals.
- Get plenty of sleep and eat healthy food!
- Use effective study skills and time management. If they need help perfecting these skills, be sure they visit the Learning Assistance Programs (<http://lap.nku.edu>) as soon as possible.

### For parents of freshmen:

- Midterm grades can begin to be accessed through students' myNKU accounts (<http://mynku.nku.edu>) starting Monday, October 8th.
- ALL grades should be available by October 13th.
- The last day to check Midterm grades is October 29th.
- For more information, visit <http://firstyear.nku.edu/midterm.html>

## Advising

Advisors around campus are an excellent resource for students to help them explore class and majors as well as guide them through their individual degree plans. In addition to those services and helping students register for classes, advisors are also a great place to start if a student has a question and

doesn't know where to turn. You can even "[Ask an Advisor](#)" a question online!

[Go online](#) to see when your student can register for courses for next semester, and be sure he or she schedules an appointment with his or her advisor!

## Featured Resource

# Tip of the month:

At our most recent Parent Advisory Board meeting, several of the members shared that their students have benefitted significantly by reaching out to establish and then maintain connections with faculty and staff on campus. Encourage your student to connect with at least one professor, advisor, or staff member on-campus. Here's why...

- Letters of Recommendation! Some faculty or staff will write a letter, even if they don't know your student from the crowd, but imagine how much richer their words would be if they had a relationship with student from which they could include details about the way your student stands out.
- Challenges. Having someone on-campus that your student knows he or she can go to when they are struggling is crucial to his or her ability to overcome and learn from the challenge.
- Opportunities & Successes. Just as your student needs someone to talk-through challenges with, they also need someone with whom they can share successes! And with their advanced knowledge of the university, faculty and staff often know of valuable opportunities that would allow your student to shine as a leader and a scholar!

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