

The Norse Parent

NKU Parents Association Newsletter

Celebrate and Learn!

Viva Humanities is a semester-long celebration of the valuable skills and competencies developed through studying and working in the humanities. We have scheduled a six-speaker series of very successful professionals who want to share with you how the humanities helped make them into the

people they are today. Hear for yourself how English, History, Philosophy and World Languages and Literatures can prepare you to be successful in today's world of high speed analysis, decision-making, change and communication.

Attend the Sept. 18 Kick Off event for your chance to win a 7-inch Nook HD!



Sept. 18 @ 12pm—NKU President Geoffrey Mearns

Oct. 16 @ 2pm—Kelsey Timmerman

Nov. 6 @ 12pm—Frank X. Walker

Nov. 20 @ 12pm—John Scalzi

Dec. 3 @ 3pm—Deborah Emont Scott

Dec. 9 @ 2pm—Richard Mackenney

**All presentations located in Otto Budig Theater*

Welcome Week in Review

2013 Welcome Week began with New Student Convocation on August 16th. President Mearns presented the audience with his “Top Ten” most memorable moments from his first year as the president of NKU.

Students then had the opportunity to start creating their own top ten by attending fun, free events. The scheduled featured entertainers, free movies, sporting events and FreshFusion!



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Important Dates:

All Month

NKU Soccer, Volleyball and Cross Country—

[Click here to see the full NKU Athletics schedule](#)

September 18

Study Abroad Fair
Viva Humanities

September 19

2nd Tuition Payment
Plan Installment Due

September 27

Last day to register for
Family Weekend

September 28

Service on Saturday

September 30

Midterm grades available

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From College to Career: Start Preparing Now!

By Lisa McElfresh, Career Advisor

As students return to school for the fall semester, many are thinking about finding a part-time job, while others are assessing the job they currently have and debating a change. The basic element to any job search is a solid resume that showcases skills, experiences, and educational background. Career Services wants to ensure each student has a resume that best displays the talent the student can bring to the position. In fact, students may stop by Career Services to have their resumes, cover letters or other job-search materials reviewed during walk-in hours Monday-Wednesday 2:30-4 p.m. and Thursdays from 4-5:45 p.m. this semester.

However, the career assistance provided by Career Services doesn't stop there. Career planning is a lifelong process that includes self-assessment, career and/or major exploration, occupational research, gaining career-related experience, obtaining employment, professional development, and career transition. Our career advisors are available to assist your student through each stage of his or her career development. Students may call 859-572-5680 to schedule an individual appointment with a career advisor to discuss any of the topics listed. Career Services also presents a series of campus-wide workshops on resume writing, interviewing, job search skills, and co-op search strategies during fall and spring semesters. A complete list of workshops and other career events such as career fairs can be found on the Career Services website at <http://careerservices.nku.edu>.

In addition, hundreds of businesses, industries, and non-profit organizations actively seek employees through Career Services via the Norse Recruiting online database. It is accessible 24/7 only to NKU students and alumni. Norse Recruiting currently houses information on more than 2500 organizations and more than 3500 contacts. Students may complete profiles, upload resumes and other job search documents, research companies, and search for and apply to jobs in the database.

Help your student begin preparing for the future now by encouraging him or her to connect with Career Services located in UC 225 and by visiting <http://careerservices.nku.edu>.

Internship Alert

If your NKU student is thinking about doing a co-op, encourage them to consider Procter & Gamble's SuccessWay Co-op program. P&G offers a wide range of career opportunities, from Marketing to

Finance to Human Resources and much more. A co-op at P&G is able to work in a project-oriented environment that values leadership & collaboration, as well as leverage their education and gain valuable corporate experience. To learn more visit

www.pgsuccessway.com.

Special Thanks to our 2013 Parent Panelists:

- Rebecka Adams
- Ralph Bradburn
- Allison Essinger
- Carla Hargus
- Carol Krebiehl
- Courtenay Miller
- Janet Moulton
- Chuck Priddy
- Gina Priddy
- Jenny Rodriguez
- Michele Romito
- Jennifer Ruwe
- Becky Sherman
- Kim Turner
- Kim Vance

Calling all Soccer Fans!

You can save money this season and sport custom NKU soccer gear by purchasing your 2013 NKU soccer season pass today. Passes may be purchased for \$25 at any 2013 men's or women's home match or in The Bank of Kentucky Center athletics office during normal office hours (8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.). Cash or check only. Your pass includes all home men's and women's soccer matches plus a custom NKU soccer scarf. Seating in the NKU Soccer Stadium is general admission.

Intramural Fields Taking Shape

The new Intramural Field Complex will be completed in October and will be ready for the fall flag football season. The complex will be used by the Intramural sports program, club sports, student groups and the public. The complex includes two, lighted synthetic turf fields for soccer, softball and football. The outdoor basketball courts adjacent to the fields are also being renovated as part of this project. The Field complex will provide students with state of the art outdoor recreational facilities for years to come. The field dedication is scheduled for October 24th, 2013.



Interested in getting more involved as an NKU parent?

Become a member of the Parent Advisory Board!

The Parent Advisory Board is a group of NKU parents who volunteer their time to connect with the university and serve as the governing board of the Parents Association. As part of this role, parents will provide feedback to the university, act as liaisons between the university and the general parent population, and learn about important campus resources in an effort to share those resources with all parents. The Board meets no more than once per month during the school year, and no more than once per summer. Any parent or guardian of a current NKU student is welcome to nominate themselves for a position on the Board. *These parent volunteers are incredibly valuable resources to the university and to all NKU parents!*

Learn more about the Parent Advisory Board and nominate yourself TODAY online at:
<http://orientation.nku.edu/parent/pab.php>



2013 Family Weekend

This year's Family Weekend is scheduled for October 4-6 and includes a variety of activities. This is a great opportunity for you to connect with your student and share in their NKU experience. Come join in on the fun! Events include:

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| Connection Receptions | Norse Family Bingo |
| Delta Gamma 5K | Pancakes for Philanthropy |
| Planetarium Shows | Family Funfest |
| NKU Sporting Events | Moby Dick Rehearsed |
| Norse Spirit Fest | Parent of the Year Award |

For more information regarding Family Weekend visit the [website](#), and our [Facebook page](#).

2013 Fall Fest

Getting Involved is Easy!

The 2013 Fall Fest will take place from 11-3 on September 24 & 25 on the main plaza in front of the Student Union . Student organizations are invited to host a table at this event to share information with prospective new members. This is a great opportunity for your student to learn more about the clubs and organizations offered at NKU!

Student Engagement

Is your student homesick? Not feeling connected to the campus? Encourage them to visit the Office of Student Engagement!

Home to over 200 student organizations, the Office of Student Engagement is a great place for your student to begin their educational journey outside of the classroom.

Students wishing to become involved on campus can utilize an [online quiz](#) to help them find an organization that meets their interests.

Students also receive a weekly email newsletter called the N3. This newsletter contains club updates and current opportunities for student engagement.

Featured Resource

Tip of the month:

October is right around the corner. In addition to pumpkins and falling leaves, this also means it is time for midterms!

- ◆ Touch base with your student to see how they feel about their classes.
- ◆ If your student feels like they have room for improvement, encourage them to reach out to the course instructor.
- ◆ Remind students of the resources available, such as the Learning Assistance Program!
- ◆ It's not too late! If your student is struggling now is the time to take the steps necessary to get back on track.

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