

2016 Parent of the Year Announced!

*Congrats to our
December Grads!*

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Important Dates:

NKU Athletic Events

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Dec 17

Winter Commencement

Dec 21 – Jan 2

University Closed for
Holiday Break

Jan 9

Classes Begin
Tuition and Fees Due

Jan 16

University Closed in
Observance of Martin
Luther King Day

Each year, Northern Kentucky University invites students to spend some time thinking about someone who has provided significant support and guidance over the years. Students can then nominate that person (or people) for the Parent of the Year Award. During Family Weekend, Stacy Manson was announced as this year's Parent of the Year.

Stacy was nominated by her daughter, Maya Manson. Maya created a [video tribute](#), illustrating the strength and determination Stacy exhibited while battling cancer. Stacy has gone above and beyond to encourage her twin daughters to succeed in college and achieve their dreams.

Surrounded by family, Stacy received a crystal plaque and Maya received a \$250 bookstore scholarship during the Parent of the Year luncheon.

Congratulations, Stacy Manson!



Roommates 101



As your students return home for the holiday break, you may notice they are taking time to relish their own personal space. Moving away to attend college and sharing space with another person can be both fun and challenging.

College roommates are “*the stuff legends are made of,*” but what happens when it’s not the relationship all persons were hoping for?

Many times, having a college roommate is the first time a student lives with a person outside of their family and may even be the first time a room has been shared. Unreal space-sharing expectations can add to the stress and adjustment for all parties. If your student had more challenging times than fun times this semester, these helpful tips may come in handy for the spring semester.

- Remind your student, roommates don’t need to be best friends, but they should be friendly to each other. Courtesy and respect are secrets to making this relationship work.
- Communication is KEY! Talk to your student about expectations (i.e. room cleanliness, study time, music, visitors and “lights out” issues). Once the terms are agreed upon, then they should stick with them. Allowing for circumstances events may require some adjustments to these terms.

If problems should arise and can’t be resolved between your child and his or her roommate(s), the student should reach out to the respective Resident Advisor (RA), Assistant Housing Director and/or Housing Director if mediation is needed. In addition, NKU has policies and procedures in place if room changes become necessary. Check out the [Housing website](#) for details.

NKU wants the residential experience to be a happy and fulfilling part of your student’s college experience.

HireNKU

Is your student job searching? Are they looking to be a part of something that will help in that job search? Check out HireNKU!

All NKU students have access to Career Services’ job database, [HireNKU](#). This database includes information on more than 3,500 organizations, and current full-time, internship, and co-op postings. Students should post their resumes in the database for employers to see. Details of our career events and on-campus interviews are also accessible through HireNKU.

The Endless Opportunities of Your Student's Career Journey

By: Monica Murphy, Senior Marketing Major

Parents, is your student graduating within the next year or seeking co-op/internship opportunities? Would you like for employers to come on campus to actively seek out your student? If yes, here is something to know about and encourage your student to attend.

Career Expo is coming up! Students should plan to attend and explore the possibilities on Wednesday, February 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom. This event features more than 125 employers and is a great way for students to network. Career Expo is NKU's largest annual career fair and is open to students of all majors and grade levels. (If your student is an education major, look for teacher job fair information later in the semester.)

Students are expected to dress professionally, bring copies of their resumes, and their ALL CARDS.

Parents, this is a great way for your student to branch out and network on their own! Rather than attending the fair with them, support your student by asking questions to make sure they are prepared. Encourage your student to attend Career Services' workshops prior to Expo to gain confidence in resume writing, interviewing, and job searching techniques. Online video tutorials are also available on the Career Services [website](#) to help students prepare for Career Expo.

This is the best opportunity of the semester for students to network with employers and learn about opportunities!

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