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IMPORTANT KU PHONE NUMBERS
Vice Provost for Student Affairs (785) 864-4060
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, Academic Services (785) 864-3500
Counseling & Psychological Services (785) 864-2277
Department of Student Housing (785) 864-4560
Financial Aid & Scholarships (785) 864-4700
Office of University Registrar (785) 864-4422
Student Health Services (785) 864-9500

1098-TAX FORM
The Bursar’s Office partners with a service so students can print their 1098-T tax forms. All the information you need is available at http://www.bursar.ku.edu/tax_reporting/1098t.aspx.

CLASS T-SHIRTS
Each summer new freshmen and transfer students are given a class T-shirt. If your student has lost his or her shirt or needs a new one, there are limited supplies of Class of 2013, 2014 and 2015 T-shirts available in the Office of the Vice Provost for Student Affairs, Strong Hall, Room 133. The shirts are free. Sizes and quantities are limited.

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION
The KU Bookstore is pleased to announce that this year’s University of Kansas Grad Fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 8 and 9 in the Kansas Room, 6th floor of the Kansas Union. The Grad Fair is designed to offer everything your son or daughter would need for graduation and more.

Caps, gowns and other regalia will be available for fitting, and representatives will be on hand to assist with ordering personalized announcements. A professional photographer will be available to take cap and gown portraits, with no sitting fee and no obligation required. Jostens will offer a display of official KU class rings, and Willsie Cap & Gown will aid in regalia fitting. Graduates will be able to join the KU Alumni Association, donate to the class gift or order a customized diploma frame. Other organizations will be present to provide assistance planning for life after graduation, such as career and financial assistance.

If you have questions, please call the KU Bookstores at (785) 864-4640 or visit www.union.ku.edu/grad. For more information about Commencement, visit www.commencement.ku.edu.

COURSE REPEAT POLICY
Some first year students find that their grades were not what they expected. Students may be interested in the Course Repeat Policy. If a student takes a course at KU, receives a D or F in the course, enrolls in and repeats the course at KU, the new grade may be used in place of the original grade for purpose of GPA calculation, subject to some limitations. The complete policy can be found at https://documents.ku.edu/policies/governance/USRR.htm#art2sect2. A helpful information sheet can be found at http://advising.ku.edu/docs/student/current/Course-Repeat-Policy.pdf.

DEAN’S LIST
The Dean’s List is synonymous with the Honor Roll. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences as well as each of the professional schools have a Dean’s List. Some schools honor the top 10 percent of students enrolled, some establish a minimum grade-point average and others raise the minimum GPA for each year students are in school. Students must complete a minimum number of credit hours to be considered for the honor roll. For more information, contact the Dean’s office for the school.
FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION
It’s time to start thinking about financial aid for 2012-13. Here’s what we recommend: File your taxes early so your student can use the Internal Revenue Service data retrieval tool to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Keep these dates in mind
January 1 — FAFSA is available at www.fafsa.gov
February 1 — IRS data retrieval tool is available through the FAFSA website
March 1 — KU Priority Date for filing the FAFSA

Why use the IRS tool?
It pulls tax information directly from your records and transfers it to your student’s FAFSA application.

Can’t file your taxes before March 1?
Enter estimates of your income and taxes on the FAFSA before the priority date, and then your student can update the FAFSA application later.

If you have questions or need assistance completing the FAFSA, please contact the Financial Aid & Scholarships office at (785) 864-4700 or financialaid@ku.edu. The website is www.financialaid.ku.edu.

INCLEMENT WEATHER
Students may check the KU website for information about weather-related cancellations or call KU Info at (785) 864-3506 or the Snow Line at (785) 864-7669. Additionally, those signed up for the emergency messaging system will receive a text message with class cancellation information. To learn more about inclement weather practices at KU, visit www.alert.ku.edu/weather.shtml.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION
The University of Kansas will celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at 6 p.m. January 31 in the Kansas Room, 6th floor of the Kansas Union. The keynote speaker is Blane Harding, a nationally known author and speaker on issues surrounding minority students in higher education. Mr. Harding is the Director of Advising, Recruitment and Retention for the College of Liberal Arts and the University Prelaw Advisor at Colorado State University. He has also taught courses in African American history and ethnic studies for the past 21 years.

NETNUTRITION®
NetNutrition® is KU Dining Service’s online nutrition analysis program. This tool allows users to view a complete nutritional/caloric breakdown of most menu items served in each KU Dining location. It also allows users to identify particular food allergens to aid in menu selections. For more information, visit KU NetNutrition® at http://129.237.197.99/NetNutrition/Home.aspx or go to www.kudining.com and select NetNutrition® from the menu on the right.

STUDENT HOUSING INFORMATION
Leadership Opportunity for Your Student
Ask your student about applying to work as a Resident Assistant next year. Informational meetings about the scope of the job and its rewards are scheduled for late January. Applications are available at https://jobs.ku.edu. The application deadline is February 5.
**GSP Will Be Brand New**
Is your current Jayhawk thinking about moving to a great location just a five-minute walk from the Kansas Union? Gertrude Sellards Pearson Hall will be brand new in 2012. Here's a sneak peek of some architectural renderings. GSP will feature a beautiful new dining room, seating area open for studying 24/7 and a late night dining option. The hall will also feature double rooms, single rooms and four-person suites.

The upgrades provide an updated living option for students and reinforce the department's focus on environmental sustainability. The mix of suites and double rooms will feature energy-efficient windows and new lighting, flooring, plumbing, wiring, bathroom fixtures and furniture. The building will have more energy-efficient mechanical systems for heating and cooling and a new security system.

KU has recently completely renovated several of its Student Housing facilities, including its apartments in Jayhawker Towers A and D.

**Private Room? $400 Rewards Card? Which Will Your Student Choose?**
We want your student to return to KU Student Housing. We're offering a $400 rewards card or a private room as an incentive for returning to a residence hall next year. If your student signs the 2012-13 online contract now, they'll be first to pick any residence hall space in February.

We'd love to have your student back in Student Housing next year. For them, it's an opportunity for lifelong friends and memories. For parents, it's a great value — one payment covers rent, food, utilities and cable. And for both parents and students, on-campus housing promotes learning. We offer Academic Resource Centers, tutors, peer advisors, learning communities and study space. Students who live on campus are more secure, get better grades and are more likely to graduate on time, even as they work through those upper-level classes. We have many options: apartments, private rooms, scholarship halls and more. For information, visit www.housing.ku.edu or call (785) 864-4560.

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**UNIVERSITY CAREER FAIR**
The University Career Center (UCC) will hold the University Career Fair from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, February 8, in the Kansas Union Ballroom. Every February, employers representing a wide variety of industries attend the University Career Fair to recruit KU students of all majors and levels for full-time, part-time and internship positions.

Students can prepare for the event by attending UCC workshops in the weeks leading up to the career fair or by scheduling individual appointments with UCC career coaches. Encourage your student to visit www.KUCareerHawk.com for a list of attending employers and a schedule of career fair preparation workshops. The list is updated frequently.

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**WHAT DOES BEING ON ACADEMIC PROBATION MEAN?**
No one sets out to be on academic probation, but with hard work it is possible to recover. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) as well as each of the professional schools set their own standards for probation. Generally, to be in good standing, a student needs to have a 2.0 GPA or above, although the GPA requirement is higher for students who have more than 60 hours. CLAS students on probation must sign a probation contract with their advisor every semester until returning to good academic standing. Students on probation are dismissed if they do not earn at least a 2.0 GPA each semester. For more information about academic probation, visit www.ku.edu/~clasus/policies/probation.shtml. To learn more about how to calculate the grade point average, visit http://www.artsform.ku.edu/gpa.
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HELPFUL LINKS

- KU Parent Association
  www.parentassociation.ku.edu

- KU Information Center
  www.kuinfo.ku.edu

- KU Alumni Association
  www.kualumni.org

- KU Endowment Association
  www.kuendowment.org

- KU on Facebook
  www.ku.edu/facebook

- KU News: KU news releases are available online at www.news.ku.edu

Please do not use the "Reply" key to send e-mail messages.
Send your questions or comments to parents@ku.edu.