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

SELECTED DATES

- July 25 — Last day of Summer Term
- August 21 — First day of Fall 2008
- September 1 — Labor Day (No classes, University offices closed)
- September 20 — Family Day and Band Day
- October 16-19 — Fall Break (No classes, University offices open)
- December 15-19 — Final Examinations
- January 15, 2009 — First day of Spring Semester
- January 19, 2009 — Martin Luther King Day (No classes, University offices closed)
- March 16-22, 2009 — Spring Break (No classes, University offices open)
- May 17, 2009 — Commencement 2009
- June 9, 2009 — First day of Summer Session
- July 31, 2009 — Last day of Summer Session

FAMILY DAY 2008
Family Day is September 20th and it is a great time to come to campus! This year it is also Band Day which doubles the fun.

The weekend offers a variety of events that will give you a chance to meet the people and see the places that are important to your KU student, from concerts to a football game at the stadium. For the complete schedule visit: www.familyweekend.ku.edu.

HAWK WEEK INFORMATION
Classes for the fall semester begin on Thursday, August 21st. Hawk Week is the official welcome week for students at KU. The week begins with Union Fest on Sunday, August 17th at 8 p.m. in the Kansas Memorial Union on Jayhawk Boulevard. The entire week is full of fun, information, and programs that highlight the opportunities available to students at KU. Hawk Week events are a great way to meet new friends, learn about University offices, and get involved. To learn more about Hawk Week visit: www.hawkweek.ku.edu.
ONLINE TUTORIALS FOR USING THE KU PORTAL SERVICES
Student Information Services offers a variety of online self-help tutorials for students and parents. One of the most popular tutorials for parents is the tutorial on setting up an Authorized User Account. It's simple to do and only a student can do it. To learn more about the Authorized User Account, visit: www.ku.edu/~sakut/tutorials/guardian/index.html. You will find all the tutorials at: www.ku.edu/~sakut/tutorials/studentguardian.shtml.

PARENT BREAK STATIONS
The move-in weekend can be stressful for new to KU parents. The KU Parent Association will again be hosting Parent Break Stations near the three major student housing complexes of Oliver, GSP-Corbin and the Daisy Hill Halls. The Parent Break stations will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 17th. The stations will be open on Friday, August 15th for parents of women participating in sorority recruitment from 2 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

We will have seasoned KU parents joining KU staff members in offering parents a cool drink, a friendly smile, and answer questions that parents have once their student is moved into the residence halls.

If you would like to volunteer to be one of those seasoned parents working at a Break Station, please send an email to parents@ku.edu with the subject line Break Station. All we ask for is a 2-3 hour time commitment and a friendly smile.

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PARENT'S SURVEY
The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) serves students, families, and the community by providing financial aid information and resources to assist students in achieving their educational goals. They are committed to providing quality financial aid services to our constituents. To measure their effectiveness in communicating with and serving students and their families, they have created a two-minute survey. We encourage you to complete the short survey by clicking on the following link: http://studentvoice.com/p/?UID=750a064b62e646a8b91451b0e306dc5f.

Please note that all individual responses will be kept confidential and survey results will be examined comprehensively. Feedback from you and others will help OSFA assess and improve services as they strive to provide the information you need to make informed educational funding decisions.

Thank you for your participation in this survey and for your commitment to your student’s educational goals. If you or your student would like to speak to a Financial Aid Counselor, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 785-864-4700.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT DOWNLOADING
It's a digital age and students are accustomed to having quick access to information and entertainment. Did you know that:

1. music, movies, games and software are protected by federal copyright law?
2. downloading or distributing these materials without the stated permission of the copyright owner is illegal?

If your student uses Limewire, KaZaA, Gnutella, Morpheus, BitTorrent or other file-sharing software to collect or share music, movies, games or software, you might be violating copyright law. KU acts quickly to respond to complaints of copyright violation we receive from copyright owners and their representatives, such as the Motion Picture Association of America, the Recording Industry Association of America, the Interactive Digital Software Association and the Business Software Alliance.

This means that a student who illegally downloads or distributes copyrighted materials on the KU ResNet system
will have their internet connection privilege terminated with the right to appeal. The ResNet activation fee will not be refunded. The student would still be able to use computer labs throughout campus and will retain the use of the student’s KU email account.

Copyright infringing activity violates U.S. copyright law, the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities, the University of Kansas Policy on the Acceptable Use of Electronic Information Resources, and the ResNet Responsible Use Agreement.

You may wish to advise your student to search his or her hard drive for illegally downloaded materials and delete the material before coming to KU. Any copyright infringement notice to KU, no matter when the material was downloaded, will result in termination of the internet connection with a right to appeal. You may find this website helpful: http://security.uchicago.edu/guidelines/peer-to-peer/.

Before your student comes to campus, we encourage you and your student to view the 13-minute informational video "What do you think?" at www.technology.ku.edu/dmca. This video presents an informative conversation about intellectual property and file-sharing to encourage you to think about these issues for yourself. (Brought to you by The University of Richmond Intellectual Property Institute and its National CyberEducation Project.)

For complete information on how KU handles illegally downloaded materials, visit: www.dmca.ku.edu/.

**STUDENT HOUSING INFORMATION**

The Department of Student Housing is gearing up for the beginning of the 2008-09 academic year. We are always excited to welcome our students back to campus.

As you are preparing to move your student into the residence halls, scholarship halls, or Jayhawker Towers, here are some key dates to keep in mind:

Residence halls and scholarship halls open at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 17, 2008. Jayhawker Towers opens at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 15, 2008. Classes begin on Thursday, August 21, 2008.

You will receive a mailing in July that will provide more specific instruction for move-in day as well as information regarding rental options for micro-refrigerators and loft bed systems.

If your student is participating in a program that requires an early move-in (such as Sorority Recruitment, Marching Band, International Student Orientation, or a KU sport), the coordinator for the program will communicate with us to arrange that early move-in. If you have specific questions about times, we recommend that you contact the program directly.

If you have questions about KU student housing, contact the Department of Student Housing at 785-864-4560 or housing@ku.edu.

**PARENT LOAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS (PLUS)**

Federal PLUS loans allow parents with good credit to borrow funds to pay educational expenses for their child’s undergraduate education. The interest rate on PLUS loans is fixed at 7.9%. If your child has a complete 2008-09 financial aid file and you would like to apply for a PLUS loan, you must complete the following steps:

- Submit a PLUS Loan Request form to the Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA). This form can be downloaded from the OSFA website at www.financialaid.ku.edu/forms/09av09avPLUSApp.pdf.
- Complete a Federal Direct Parent Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN). You may complete this form electronically at http://dienote.ed.gov. You will need to utilize the unique Personal Identification Number (PIN) you received from the U.S. Department of Education to sign the MPN electronically. If you need to request a new or duplicate PIN, this can be done at http://pin.ed.gov.

If you have questions or concerns, or if you would like to speak to a Financial Aid Counselor, please contact the OSFA at 785-864-4700 or stop by 50 Strong Hall.
2009 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Hotels in Lawrence do not have vacancies over the KU Commencement Weekend. You may wish to book your 2009 reservation now. The Commencement ceremony for 2009 is on Sunday, May 17th. Those students who graduate during Summer 2008, Fall 2008 or Spring 2009 are including in the May 2009 ceremony.

Some of the professional schools and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences hold recognition ceremonies at the end of the fall semester for fall graduates. This is in addition to the May Commencement. More information about dates, time and location are available from the Dean's Office of each school or the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

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

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