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COMMON BOOK

“Notes from No Man’s Land,” a 2009 collection of essays by writer Eula Biss, has been selected as the first KU Common Book. Fall 2012 will mark the beginning of the first year for KU Common Book, a campus-wide initiative to engage first-year students. An emphasis on first-year experiences is part of the first goal of the KU strategic plan, Bold Aspirations.

While the program is targeted at first-year students, it is open to the entire KU community, including faculty and staff who wish to include the book in their classes and programs. To learn more about the KU Common Book and become involved in the initiative, visit www.commonbook.ku.edu.

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR GRADUATES

For those students graduating and needing health insurance, the Kansas Alumni Association offers GradMed. This is an inexpensive, comprehensive, short-term health insurance for alumni and new graduates. To learn more about this health insurance option, visit www.gradmed.com.

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION

Chancellor’s Reception at the Kansas Memorial Union
An open house for graduates and guests will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Sunday, May 13, in the Kansas Union Ballroom. Complimentary coffee, tea, juice and pastries will be served. For more information about KU’s 2012 Commencement, visit www.commencement.ku.edu.

Also at the Kansas Memorial Union
• The Market food court on the third floor will be open 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
• The Pulse coffee shop on the fourth floor will be open 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
• The KU Bookstore on the second floor will be open 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. for those who need to pick up regalia, sunblock, hats, sunglasses, ponchos, umbrellas, over-the-counter medications or last-minute gifts.
• The Hawk Shop convenience store on the fourth floor will be open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.
• Hy-Vee will sell floral arrangements from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Hotels
Hotels in Lawrence usually do not have vacancies over the commencement weekend. You may wish to make your 2013 reservation now. Commencement ceremonies for 2013 are on Sunday, May 19. The Lawrence Chamber of Commerce has a listing of local hotels. For more information, visit www.visitlawrence.com/accommodations.

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GRADES POSTED TO KU ENROLL & PAY

Students may find their grades in Enroll & Pay by selecting “View My Grades.” Students can print a copy of their grades from this screen. KU does not mail grades to students. If you, as a parent, want a copy of the grades, you can have your student print the grades from Enroll & Pay or you may request a copy of the grades by following the instructions at www.registrar.ku.edu/parents/grade_request.shtml.
### IMPORTANT KU DATES
- May 13: Commencement
- June 6: First Day of Summer Term
- July 4: Independence Day (No classes)
- July 27: Last Day of Summer Term
- August 20: First Day of Fall 2012 Classes
- September 3: Labor Day (No classes)
- October 6 to 9: Fall Break (No classes)
- October 27: Homecoming/Family Day
- November 21 to 25: Thanksgiving Break (No classes)
- December 14: Last Day of Finals
- January 22, 2013: First Day of Spring Semester
- March 18 to 24, 2013: Spring Break (No classes)
- May 19, 2013: Commencement

### STUDENT HOUSING INFORMATION

**Has your Jayhawk signed next year's contract?**
Student Housing's Reward Yourself program has been a huge success, and there's still time to take advantage of it! One offer — a 10th floor McCollum private room at the double rate—sold out less than an hour after it was offered. The other Reward Yourself choice remains — choose any residence hall room, including the brand-new GSP, and your student gets $400 (Cuisine Cash and a Union rewards cards). Check out the new Reward Yourself program, and be sure your student has signed next year's contract.

**Thinking ahead to moving out**
At semester's end, your student will be asked to schedule a checkout appointment in order to leave student housing. Schedules for checking out with the resident assistant or scholarship hall director will be available at the front desk. The process takes only a few minutes and includes turning in keys, having the room checked for damage or missing items and completing a forwarding address card. The full process is described in the Student Housing Handbook beginning on page 48.

**Are you sending another Jayhawk to Lawrence next year?**
Student Housing would love to meet your student's needs for a safe, comfortable, convenient place to live next year. Studies show that students who live on campus are more likely to get better grades and graduate on time. For more information, visit [www.housing.ku.edu](http://www.housing.ku.edu).

**Student housing move-in dates for next year**
The Department of Student Housing is already planning for students who are returning in August. Next year’s complete housing calendar also is available.

- Jayhawker Towers on-campus apartments open at 8 a.m., Tuesday, August 14.
- Residence halls and scholarship halls open at 8 a.m., Friday, August 17.

If your student is participating in a program that requires an early move-in (marching band, international student orientation, sorority recruitment, KU sports, etc.), the program coordinator will communicate with us to arrange early move-in. If you have questions about times, contact the program directly.

For more information, visit [www.housing.ku.edu](http://www.housing.ku.edu).

### SUMMER SCHOOL OPTIONS
KU offers students many options for summer-term classes. There are classes on the Lawrence campus, Edwards campus and through Continuing Education. For more information about summer classes at KU, visit [www.classes.ku.edu/Classes/ExternalDisplay.action](http://www.classes.ku.edu/Classes/ExternalDisplay.action).

To see if a class from a different institution will transfer to KU, visit [www.admissions.ku.edu/~admiss/credit/transfer/index.shtml](http://www.admissions.ku.edu/~admiss/credit/transfer/index.shtml).

### HOME FOR THE SUMMER
Although students still remember the family rules, they've experienced quite a bit of freedom while living on their own at KU. You may have differing expectations when your student returns home. It’s important to sit down and discuss plans for the summer. The following tips are adapted from [www.collegetipsforparents.org](http://www.collegetipsforparents.org):

- **Talk about curfew** – A student who hasn’t had strict curfews on campus may have issues with them at home. Do you want to know where your student is at all times? Is it necessary to know if they will be home for dinner? Do you expect a checkin before you go to bed?
- **Summer jobs and finances** – Do you want your student to contribute to school costs? How much should be budgeted for summer fun?
- **Family responsibilities** – Is your student expected to participate in family chores or assist with transporting siblings?

### IMPORTANT KU PHONE NUMBERS
- Parent Assistance Line: (785) 864-5872
- Vice Provost for Student Affairs: (785) 864-4060
- CLAS 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

[www.parentassociation.ku.edu](http://www.parentassociation.ku.edu)
HELPFUL LINKS

- KU Parent Association
  www.parentassociation.ku.edu
- Vice Provost for Student Affairs
  www.studentaffairs.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

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