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IMPORTANT KU PHONES NUMBERS

Vice Provost for Student Success (785) 864-4060
College of Liberal Arts & Sci. Acad. Serv. (785) 864-3500
Counseling & Psychological Services (785) 864-2277
Department of Student Housing (785) 864-4560
Office of Student Financial Aid (785) 864-4700
Office of University Registrar (785) 864-4422
Student Health Services (785) 864-9500

IMPORTANT KU DATES

April 15  Last day to drop a class or withdraw from KU
May 7  Stop Day (No classes, University offices open)
May 10-14  Final Examinations
May 16  Commencement 2010
June 8  First day of Summer term classes
July 30  Last Day of Summer Term
August 19  First Day of Fall 2010 classes
September 25  Family/Band Day
October 14-17  Fall Break (No classes, University offices open)
October 23  Homecoming
December 10  Stop Day (No classes, University offices open)
December 13-17  Final Examinations
January 21, 2011  First day of Spring 2011 classes
March 21-27  Spring Break (No classes, University offices open)
May 22, 2011  Commencement 2011

ACADEMIC DEADLINES

Do you wonder about important academic deadlines? You can find deadlines on the University Registrar’s website. Visit: www.registrar.ku.edu/calendar/academic.shtml.

Also on the Registrar’s website is information on ordering transcripts, obtaining certification of enrollment as well as information on how to update personal information. www.registrar.ku.edu.

FAMILY WEEKEND SURVEY

Family Weekend 2010 is set for the weekend of September 25, 2010 and plans are already underway to make this a special event. This year Family Weekend includes Band Day. To learn about these events visit: http://www.familyweekend.ku.edu/.

Your input will help us make this event even better. Please take a short survey and let us know how we can plan a rewarding Family Weekend. http://studentvoice.com/ukan/familyweekendsurvey.
INTERNSHIP EXPLORATION CLASS
If your student is interested in academic credit for a summer or fall internship, consider PRE: 575-Internship Exploration (non-Liberal Arts & Science students) or LA&S: 490-Internship Exploration (Liberal Arts & Science students only). The course is conducted via the internet, has graded assignments and allows a student to earn up to 5 elective credits.

If one of the following applies to your student, PRE 575/LA&S 490 might be an answer:

- Wants an internship outside their major,
- Academic department does not offer internship credit,
- Student does not meet the requirements for the academic department’s internship course,
- Student has not been accepted into a major yet.

To qualify for PRE 575/LA&S 490, a student must:

- Meet with instructor before enrolling,
- Find and secure his/her own internship prior to enrollment; resources available in the University Career Center,
- Work at the internship 8 hours/week in fall/spring; 15 hours/week in summer.

For more information or to enroll in either course contact Erin Wolfram, ewolfram@ku.edu, 785-864-7676. The current course syllabus can be found at http://KUCareerHawk.com/Internships under the “Receive Academic Credit for Your Internship.”

KU’S AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE
Each year hundreds of KU students, faculty and staff participate in the annual fundraising walk for the American Cancer Society. This is a student-run project that over the past four years has raised more than $130,000 for cancer research. The Walk takes place in Memorial Stadium. For more information on how your student can participate in the Relay for Life on April 30th visit: www.ku.edu/students/orgs/Relay_10019.html.

LEGAL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS: FREE & CONFIDENTIAL
Is your student having trouble getting the landlord to repair the broken lock on the front door of the apartment? Is the computer store not honoring its warranty for your student’s new laptop? Has your student been charged with an offense involving alcohol and have a court date coming up soon? If the answer is yes or your student is experiencing any other legal problem, send them to the Legal Services for Students (LSS) office located in the Burge Union for free legal assistance.

Legal issues can consume enormous amounts of your student’s time and energy making it hard for them to concentrate on their academics. The LSS attorneys strive to educate students about their legal rights and obligations and empower these students to resolve their legal issues so they can focus on being successful students.

The KU Student Senate has used a portion of campus fees to fund the LSS office on campus since 1979. The LSS office has five staff attorneys and many law student interns ready to handle the wide variety of legal issues that today’s college student may face. The office offers advice and preventative education on an array of legal matters such as landlord-tenant, criminal charges, debt collection, taxes, internet scams, immigration, employment, academic charges, simple divorces, traffic etc. Attorneys will also provide court representation to students in landlord-tenant and consumer issues. Legal services are available at no additional cost to all KU students on the Lawrence campus who have paid their required campus fee. Students must call 864-5665 to schedule a confidential appointment. More information is available on the Legal Services for Students website at http://www.legalservices.ku.edu.

SENIOR CLASS GIFT
Since 1873, graduates have left their legacy at the University of Kansas by joining fellow classmates in giving to the Senior Class Gift campaign. Commemorate the years spent and memories made at KU by participating in one of the oldest traditions on The Hill.

Celebrate your graduate’s legacy with a personalized engraved brick in the Class Legacy Walk, located near the Rain Garden at the Ambler Student Recreation Center. Individual bricks are available through a tax-deductible gift to the Senior Class Gift campaign.

Leave your graduate’s legacy today! http://www.kuendowment.org/seniorclassgift.
PREPARING FOR FINALS WORKSHOP
The end of the semester can be the most stressful time of the semester. The Academic Achievement and Access Center will present a "Preparing for Finals" workshop on Wednesday, April 28, to help students focus on finals. The workshop will be held from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in 4076 Wescoe Hall. The topics will include how to approach finals, how to best prepare, and when to start studying. All students are welcome (undergraduate and graduate), registration is not needed (students may simply show up), and the workshop is free. For more, visit: www.achievement.ku.edu/workshops/.

STUDENT HOUSING INFORMATION
Upcoming student programs
Encourage your student to participate in the exciting end-of-year programming in their halls. Now is the time for the annual "Kickin' It On The Hill" sponsored by the residence hall government, the Association for University Residence Halls. Also planned is the scholarship hall semi-formal, sponsored by the student-run All Scholarship Hall Council. Other upcoming events include the Lewis Luau, the Battle of the Bands, Daisy Days and Oliver Block Party.

East Turnpike closed for move out
The east Lawrence turnpike exit closed April 5 and will be closed for seven months. Parents coming to Lawrence on the turnpike to help their students move for the summer will need to enter Lawrence using the West or Lecompton turnpike exits. The I-70 interchange in East Lawrence had access to N. 2nd Street, US-59 and US-40. The turnpike construction project is to replace the Kansas River bridges and reconstruct the interchange.

Student Housing next year
- If your student is in summer school, there is space available in student housing. Contact us at housing@ku.edu.
- Study Abroad students can live in Student Housing for a portion of the year and be released from their contract for Study Abroad. Typical annual leases in Lawrence apartments will not allow a cancellation.
- Are your student's plans for off-campus housing falling through? Student Housing has openings for next year, including apartments, single rooms and suites. Contact us at housing@ku.edu.
- 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. Studies show students who live on campus are more likely to get better grades and graduate on time. Student Housing is accepting applications from current and new students for next year. For more information, www.housing.ku.edu.

Thinking ahead to moving out
Your current KU student will be moving out within 24 hours of his or her last final exam. Your student will be asked to schedule a check-out appointment in order to leave student housing. Check-out schedules will be available at the front desk, with the Resident Assistant, or with the Scholarship Hall Director. The process takes only a few minutes and includes turning in keys, having the room checked to see whether it is clean, check for any damages or missing items, and complete a forwarding address card. Failure to set up an appointment may result in a charge for an improper checkout, a bill for a lock change, or other charges.

The full process is described here: http://www.housing.ku.edu/handbook/movingout.shtml

Keep KU Green
It is amazing to see what is discarded during check-out. As part of the Department of Student Housing's efforts toward sustainability, we have set up recycling stations. Discarded items such as furniture, lumber, cinderblocks and carpet will be given to local non-profits. The Environmental Stewardship Program and the Department of Student Housing are partners in the effort to recycle these large items.

UPCOMING EVENTS
There is always something happening on the KU campus that supplements the classroom experience. Below are a few of the upcoming events students might enjoy.
- Tea is served most Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. at the Kansas Union.
- University Dance Company Concert on April 22 & 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lied Center
- Spring Football game on April 24 at 1:00 p.m. at Memorial Stadium
- KU Symphonic Band and University Band Concert on April 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lied Center.
- Anything Goes at the Crafton-Preyer Theatre, April 23–May 1. Times vary.
- Arts & Culture Festival at Spencer Museum of Art on May 1 from 1:00–4:00 p.m.
TEST PREPARATION COURSES
KU Continuing Education offers Test Preparation classes for the following graduate school tests: LSAT, GMAT, GRE. The classes are offered in both Lawrence and Kansas City. Visit www.continuinged.ku.edu.

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

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