## AUGUST 2009 TOPICS

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## HAWK WEEK 2009

Classes begin on Thursday, August 20th, and professors do expect students to be there for the first day of class. The five days before classes begin are known as "Hawk Week." Hawk Week gives students the opportunity to get acquainted with the campus, learn KU traditions, and become familiar with KU services and resources. Hawk Week is time to meet new friends, get involved, attend programs with refreshments, and relax before the school year begins. To review the entire program, visit: [www.hawkweek.ku.edu](http://www.hawkweek.ku.edu).

Encourage your student to attend a Hawk Week program: it’s not just for freshmen or those new to KU.

## OPENING CONVOCATION

For over 140 years, Opening Convocation has celebrated the beginning of a new academic year and is a time to share in the traditions that make KU such a special place. Our new Chancellor, Bernadette Gray-Little, will convene the school year at 7:30 p.m. at the Lied Center on Wednesday, August 19th. This is a gathering of the entire academic community: deans, faculty, staff and students. Students are an important part of Opening Convocation. Encourage your student to attend. It is free and open to the public.
**ADJUSTING TO KU**

Starting college is an exciting step, but it is also not unexpected that your son or daughter will miss home. Here are a few suggestions you can share with your student if he or she feels homesick or is having trouble adjusting to KU:

- First of all, realize that missing home is absolutely normal.
- Look at this time as an exciting opportunity.
- Schedule visits home.
- Stay in touch by phone and email.
- Developing new friendships means taking risks. Sit with someone you don’t know at lunch. Start a conversation with someone you don’t know at the bus stop or the elevator.
- Don’t be afraid to let other people know that you are having a hard time of it. Others may not look like they have had similar problems, but chances are they have; they just look more experienced and at ease now because they’ve been through it before and have survived.
- Seek support if you are truly unhappy and are having difficulties coping. The staff of Counseling and Psychological Services consults with many students every day and is available to assist you.

For more information about helping your student adjust to college or deal with other concerns, go the Counseling and Psychological Services website at [www.caps.ku.edu/](http://www.caps.ku.edu/).

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**STUDENT EMPLOYMENT JOB FAIR**

The Student Employment Job Fair will be held on Wednesday, August 19th from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the fourth floor of the Kansas Union. Both on-campus and off-campus employers participate in the fair. Encourage your student to stop by and meet employers, pick up information and applications.

To learn more about the Student Employment Job Fair visit: [www.ucc.ku.edu/](http://www.ucc.ku.edu/).

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**RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS AND EXAMS**

KU’s policies do permit absences from class and exams for religious holidays if the student has made prior arrangements with the faculty member. The faculty member and student will work to find a mutually agreeable resolution to the time conflict.

If your student will need a religious holiday accommodation, have him or her talk to the professor at the beginning of the semester.

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**TUITION AND FEES**

KU sends an electronic invoice to students at their KU email address for their tuition and fees. No bill is mailed home. Students may print a bill by going to [https://sa.ku.edu](https://sa.ku.edu). Students may give parents or others access to their financial information by establishing an authorized user account. To learn more about the authorized user account, visit: [www.bursar.ku.edu/paying_for_ku/authorized_user.aspx](http://www.bursar.ku.edu/paying_for_ku/authorized_user.aspx).

For more information about KU billing visit: [www.bursar.ku.edu/billing/](http://www.bursar.ku.edu/billing/).

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**FINAL EXAMS SCHEDULE**

Once your student has finalized his or her class schedule, he or she should review when the final examinations are scheduled. The final exam is listed on the class syllabus as well as on the Registrar’s Web site. [www.registrar.ku.edu/pdf/exams/fall_2009_final_exam_schedule_classic.pdf](http://www.registrar.ku.edu/pdf/exams/fall_2009_final_exam_schedule_classic.pdf).

Knowing when the final exams are scheduled will make it easier to plan travel for winter break.
KU STUDENT HOUSING INFORMATION

Housing wins 2 national awards
KU Department of Student Housing has garnered first place in the nation in two different competitions.
Lewis and Templin residence halls recently earned the National Educational Program of the Month in April 2009 from the National Residence Hall Honorary. Lewis and Templin residents published a literary magazine of 65 works of art, prose and poetry. More than 300 KU students and staff submitted entries. The magazine competed against all educational programs and initiatives for all colleges and universities across the nation to win the award.

Krehbiel Scholarship Hall won the grand prize in the College Planning and Management magazine for outstanding design and architecture in education. Judges complimented the way the hall "blends seamlessly into a historic neighborhood that surrounds the University of Kansas." Opened in 2008, the hall was made possible by former state representative and 1970 KU alumnus Carl C. Krehbiel. A former scholarship hall resident, he made a $4 million gift to KU Endowment to establish the hall in honor of his parents. Krehbiel also made a $400,000 contribution to establish a maintenance fund for the facility.

Roommate Agreements
Now that your student has moved into an on-campus learning community in the Department of Student Housing, the adjustment to college, academics and roommates begins. We want to help facilitate successful roommate communication, and Residence Life staff members will ask your student to complete a Roommate Agreement. Roommates discuss expectations for sharing their space -- including studying, quiet time, visitors, borrowing items, and safety. As you visit with your student, ask about the Roommate Agreement and encourage your student to be open and honest with new roommates. The Roommate Agreement is a flexible document, and roommates may revise it at any time. Most KU roommates get along and become great friends. If problems arise among the roommates, stress to your student the importance of caring and direct communication. Refer your student to the hall staff for advice and support. Thanks for choosing on-campus housing and letting us support your student in these new relationships.

FAMILY DAY & HOMECOMING
September 26th promises to be a fun-filled day in Lawrence! Family Day offers a variety of activities. Band Day is also September 26th. Please join us for Family Day and Band Day. For complete information visit: www.familyweekend.ku.edu.

Homecoming Week will be October 4-10 this year and will include daily events at sites on and off campus, concluding with the KU- Iowa State football game in Memorial Stadium. You can find more information at: www.homecoming.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.

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