AVOIDING LATE FEES

KU sends an electronic invoice to students at their KU email address for their tuition and fees. No bill is mailed home. Bills are available online at https://sa.ku.edu on or about the 21st of the month and are due on the 15th of the following month. If payment is not received by the due date a non-refundable $100 late payment fee is assessed. If a second bill is sent and is not paid by the due date, another non-refundable $100 late payment fee will be assessed to the student's account. Thereafter, a 1.5 percent default fee will be assessed on all unpaid tuition and fees until the charges are paid in full.

Students may print a bill by going to https://sa.ku.edu then select Manage Account - Print/View a Bill. 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.

For more information about KU billing visit: www.bursar.ku.edu.
CLICKERS IN THE CLASSROOM
Your student may mention needing a clicker for class. KU uses the iclickers2 system which is similar to audience polling devices seen on television and like the ones that parents use during the New Student Orientation session on "Conversations for the Car." When students submit their "votes" (answers to questions posed by the instructor) using the transmitter, the responses are picked up by a small receiver unit plugged into a computer. These responses are recorded and collated, and the aggregated data may be displayed on-screen as a bar graph or pie chart. This gives immediate feedback to students and the instructor about the learning in that class.

Students will be told by an instructor if they need a clicker. If they have a class that requires the use of clickers, they will be able to pick one up for free (up to 5000) from KU IT in the main entrance of Budig Hall beginning Sunday, August 21, from 12-5 pm and during the first week of classes. KU IT will have a list of the classes that are using clickers and will be able to assist the student on whether they will need a clicker or not. If they do, KU IT will record the students name and the serial number of the clicker provided. If the clicker is lost or stolen, students will have to purchase a new one from the bookstore. After the first week of classes, KU IT will continue to provide these out of room 16 in Budig Hall.

You can learn more about clickers at KU by visiting: http://ids.ku.edu/content.php?layer=3&page=cmc&content=clickers.

FAMILY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 10, 2011
This year Family Day is combined with Band Day. Saturday, September 10th will be a great day to join your student on campus! There will be lots to do on campus and in Lawrence. The KU football team plays Northern Illinois in Memorial Stadium. You can buy discounted tickets for the game from www.kutickets.com with the code F11PW. For complete information about Family Day and Band Day visit: www.familyweekend.ku.edu/.

FINAL EXAM 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 website. Visit: www.registrar.ku.edu/pdf/exams/fall_2011_final_exam_schedule.pdf.

Knowing when the final exams are scheduled will make it easier to plan travel home for winter break.

HOMECOMING
Homecoming Week will be September 25-October 1 this year and will include daily events at sites on and off campus. The football game at Memorial Stadium is against Big XII rival Texas Tech University. You can find more information at: www.homecoming.ku.edu.

MANDATORY ALCOHOL EDUCATION
KU requires alcohol education for all incoming degree seeking students under the age of 22. Students will receive an email informing them on how to log onto the program and other information. Any KU student can voluntarily take the course.

The deadline for completing part one is August 19th and then the second part is available for completion 45 days later. Students who do not take the mandatory alcohol education program will have an administrative hold placed on their records which will prevent them from spring enrollment. Once the program is completed, the hold is removed.

For more information visit: www.alcohol.ku.edu.
KU STUDENT HOUSING INFORMATION

Students Happy with their On-Campus Housing

On-campus students are highly satisfied with many aspects of their housing, including the ability to meet new people and get involved. The survey of all students who live on campus was completed last year. It also revealed that students who are actively involved in their residence hall/scholarship hall activities and know their Resident Assistant or Proctor are happier with their on-campus experience. Encourage your student to get involved in the community and participate in activities. The Resident Assistants/Proctors are selected for their successful balance of social and academic life at KU. Encourage your student to seek a relationship with this mentor.

Roommate Agreements

Now that your student has moved into KU Student Housing, the adjustment to college, academics and roommates begins. We want to help successful roommate communication.

Residence Life staff members will encourage your student to complete a Roommate Agreement. Roommates will 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. But if problems arise, emphasize 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.

OPENING CONVOCATION

For over 144 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. Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little will convene the school year at 7 p.m. at the Lied Center on Sunday, August 21st. 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.

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.

STILL AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON STUDENTS

As parents you have worked to insure your student’s safety, be it riding in a car seat as an infant, wearing a bike helmet, or wearing a seat belt whenever in an automobile. You have talked to your student about danger and dangerous behaviors, including the abuse of alcohol and other drugs. The University of Kansas, too, is committed to student safety and shares in the expectation of responsible behavior.

Many parents readily agree that college students drink alcohol, some use illegal drugs, and still others abuse prescription drugs. Yet, most parents believe that it is not their student engaging in these risky behaviors. Whether it is your student or not who is drinking irresponsibly, using illegal drugs or abusing prescription drugs, it is important that parents share their expectations. You talk to your student about grades, budgeting, and alcohol; you need to talk to them about making safe and smart choices. Research shows that parents continue to play an important role in their college student’s life.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT JOB FAIR
The Student Employment Job Fair will be held on Monday, August 22, 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/.

THE FIRST SIX WEEKS
The most important times in a new student’s college career are the first six weeks of freshmen year. This is when students make their impression of their new surroundings and decide whether to remain enrolled or to transfer. Encourage your student to really get to know KU and participate in “Hawk Week.” To learn more visit: http://hawkweek.ku.edu/.

Here are a few suggestions you can share with your student if he or she is having trouble adjusting to KU:

- First of all, realize that missing home is absolutely normal.
- Schedule visits home.
- Stay in touch by phone and email.
- Developing new friendships means taking risks. Sit with someone you do not know at lunch. Start a conversation with someone you do not know at the bus stop or the elevator.
- Do not 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 have 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/.

USING BEAK ‘EM BUCKS
Beak ’Em Bucks is a declining balance account tied to the KU Card that allows students to use their ID card as a form of payment both on and off-campus. On-campus locations include the campus bookstore, laundry, photocopying and food as well as over 40 participating off-campus merchants including Domino’s, CVS Pharmacy, Chipotle, Pita Pit and many more!

Beak ’Em Bucks works just like cash or debit cards, but carries absolutely ZERO penalties, overdraft fees or debt - and it’s all stored on the university issued ID that students carry with them at all times.

You can deposit money into the account as often as you like, giving your student the freedom to eat off-campus at local restaurants or to buy textbooks, groceries, gas, snacks or make copies.

Adding funds to your student’s Beak ’Em Bucks account is easy - deposit online at www.beakembucks.com.

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.