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**IMPORTANT KU PHONE 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

**ALCOHOL EXPOSURE**

According to 2008 research from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, most college students have had experience with alcohol while in high school. By the 12th grade, 72 percent of high school students have had a full drink, 26 percent report engaging in binge drinking in the past two weeks, and 55 percent report ever having been drunk. Thus, alcohol education is crucial as we work to reduce underage drinking and the dangerous effects of binge drinking. KU continues to develop programs and policies to address this national challenge. We rely on you to use your continued influence on your student to help him or her make wise decisions regarding alcohol and other drug use.

FAMILY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 25, 2010
This year Family Day is combined with Band Day. Saturday, September 25th will be a great day to join your student on campus! There will be lots to do on campus and in Lawrence. For complete information visit: www.familyweekend.ku.edu/.

STUDENT MONEY MANAGEMENT SERVICES PROGRAM OPENS IN KANSAS UNION
The new program at the University of Kansas will help students manage money, create and follow budgets, and keep debt at a minimum. Surveys of KU students indicated that 82 percent thought it was important to learn more about money management and credit and debt management and 84 percent thought it was important to learn about savings and investing. The program is dedicated to educating students on how to analyze their finances, make sound decisions and control their financial lives at KU and into the future.

The Student Money Management Services program will assist students through one-on-one sessions, class presentations, publications and educational outreach. Its website offers videos and other social networking components. The program coordinator and student peer financial assistants also will be able to refer students to campus resources such as the Office of Student Financial Aid, Legal Services for Students, the Bursar’s Office and the School of Business’ Personal Finance course.

The program office is located on the third floor of the Kansas Union.

HAWK WEEK INFORMATION
Classes for the fall semester begin on Thursday, August 19th. Hawk Week is the official welcome week for students at KU. The week begins with Union Fest on Sunday, August 15th at 8:00 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/.

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

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

If your student uses Bittorrent, Gnutella, eDonkey, Limewire or other file-sharing software to collect or share music, movies, games or software, your student 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.

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 returning to KU. Any copyright infringement notice to KU, no matter when the material was downloaded, will result in termination of the internet connection with the right to an appeal.

If you have not watched the 13-minute informal video “What do you think,” we encourage you and your student to do so. You can find the video 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

Student Housing Move-in Dates
The Department of Student Housing is excited to welcome students back to campus!

- Residence halls and scholarship halls open at 8:00 a.m., Sunday, August 15.
- Jayhawker Towers on-campus apartments open at 8:00 a.m., Friday, August 13.
- Residence and Scholarship Halls open for women registered for sorority recruitment 9:00 a.m., Friday, August 13.

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

Move-in Day Details
Suggested arrival times on August 15 are based on first letter of your last name:
H-R: 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
A-G: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
S-Z: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

You may park in an unloading zone for only 20 minutes and student volunteers will be available to help. We also recommend you bring a baggage cart or dolly, and be prepared to carry belongings up flights of stairs.

Families will receive a mailing with all the move-in details. You will also receive a brochure about options for renting refrigerators and lofted beds for traditional residence halls.

Review Student Housing Handbook
All residents should print and read the 2010-11 KU Student Housing Handbook before arriving on campus. A summary of the handbook table of contents, along with information about staying safe and secure in your hall and on campus, will be placed in student rooms before they arrive. The complete handbook is online at www.housing.ku.edu.

Continued Renovations of KU Housing
The renovated Jayhawker Towers Apartment building D will open in August 2010. The upgrades provide on-campus apartment option for students. And the updated apartments reinforce the Student Housing focus on environmental sustainability. There are more than 70 apartments available in Tower D. As your student continues through his or her KU education, consider on-campus apartment living. It is convenient and affordable.

The next housing project renovation will be GSP residence hall, starting in June 2011. Architects are currently hosting focus groups with students to get student input on the design features.

Security Cameras to Focus on Entrances
The Department of Student Housing is adding another layer of security to its communities. New security cameras will focus on building exterior doors. Cameras will be installed at residence halls and scholarship halls. Currently, campus parking lots, including those at Student Housing facilities, have cameras that record 24 hours a day.

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 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 15th. The stations will be open on Friday, August 13th, for parents of women participating in sorority recruitment from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

We will have seasoned KU parents joining KU staff members in offering parents a cool drink of water, 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 two to three hour time commitment and a friendly smile.
2010-11 STUDENT HANDBOOK ONLINE
The KU Student Handbook provides important information on policies, people, services, campus traditions and organizations. It is a convenient location to find accurate and helpful information about KU. To see this year's Student Handbook visit: http://www.studenthandbook.ku.edu/.

OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID
INFORMATION: STUDENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR FINANCIAL AID AWARDS
As parents, it may be difficult at times to watch our children grow up and set out on their own. The parental instinct may be to continue to do as much for our children as we can. This desire to help is particularly challenging in the area of college finances, especially student loans and financial aid. The Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) believes that parents should have a continuing dialogue with their student about financial aid and the amount of money awarded and needed to pay for school. Therefore, while we encourage parents to discuss the financial aid package with their student, it is still important to note that the student is the only one authorized to log-in to and access his or her Enroll and Pay account. Students are also the only ones authorized to accept or decline financial aid awards of any kind. The parent or legal guardian is not legally authorized to log-in or access a student's Enroll and Pay account.

The OSFA strives to maintain the highest level of security regarding all aspects of a student’s financial account and has implemented a policy to ensure that continued security. In the event that someone other than the student has accepted the student’s financial aid, all accepted financial aid awards will be reset to ‘pending’ status and the student must log-in to his/her Enroll and Pay account and accept the financial aid awards. Additionally, the student will be notified by our office that the aid has been reset and that the student must log-in to Enroll and Pay to accept the aid. This notification will also include the deadline by which the student must accept aid to avoid cancellation of awarded aid. Also, the student will be strongly encouraged to reset their Enroll and Pay password to guarantee that only the student has access. If you have any questions or concerns with the OSFA policy, please contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at 785-864-4700.

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.