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* Please address your questions or comments to parents@ku.edu. Please do not use the “Reply” key to send e-mail messages.

FAMILY DAY IS SEPTEMBER 20, 2008
This year Family Day is combined with Band Day. Saturday, September 20th will be a great day to join your student on campus! You can order specially priced tickets for the KU versus Sam Houston State football game after August 1st.

Tickets may be ordered online at www.kuathletics.com, over the phone at (800-34-HAWKS), or in person. Tickets will be $35 each (a $10 discount) when you utilize the promotional code FD2008.

FALL SEMESTER INFORMATION

- Classes for the fall semester begin on August 20th.
- KU does not hold classes on Labor Day which is September 1st.
- The fall break begins on October 16th and ends on October 19th.
- Offices are open during fall break; however, classes are not in session.
- Finals begin on December 15th and end on December 19th. It is easy for students to find out when their finals are as the schedule is posted at: www.registrar.ku.edu/pdf/089final.pdf.
- Do not make travel plans until you know the date of your student’s last final. The complete calendar of fall semester is found here: www.registrar.ku.edu/calendar/089deadlines.shtml.

HOME FOR THE SUMMER

Last year Laura Evers wrote an interesting article for the University Daily Kansan about students going back home for the summer and the adjustments that everyone needs to make. We invite you to read her article and learn about the stresses for both you and your student when she/he returns home for the summer. To read the article, visit: www.kansan.com/stories/2007/apr/26/home_where_fight/.

GRADES POSTED TO KU ENROLL AND PAY

Students may find their grades via Enroll and Pay and select “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 page from KU Enroll and Pay or you may request a copy of the grades by following the instructions found here: http://www.registrar.ku.edu/exams/.

INDEPENDENT STUDY THROUGH KU CONTINUING EDUCATION

Continuing Education offers over 150 KU classes through distance education. Students can enroll and start any time. Students should check with their academic advisor before enrolling. To learn more about KU Independent Study visit: www.continuinged.ku.edu/is/
STUDENTS, TECHNOLOGY AND LEARNING
You may find this blog by Sheri Dankis interesting: http://insidehighered.com/views/2008/03/20/dinkins. Dr. Dankis explores the appropriate use of technology in the classroom and in the total college experience.

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 5 p.m. on Sunday, August 17th. The stations will be open on Friday, August 15th for parents of women participating in sorority recruitment from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

We will have seasoned KU parents joining KU staff members in offering parents a cool drink, 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 2-3 hour time commitment and a friendly smile.

COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION
KU's 2008 Commencement is Sunday, May 18th at 2:30 p.m. in Memorial Stadium. Graduates from Summer 2007, Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 will be honored at that time as well as during various open houses and recognition ceremonies.

Information about KU's 2008 Commencement is online at www.commencement.ku.edu.

Hotels in Lawrence do not have vacancies over the Commencement Weekend. You may wish to book your 2009 reservation now. Commencement ceremonies for 2009 are on Sunday, May 17th.

The Lawrence Chamber of Commerce has a listing of local hotels. Visit: www.visitlawrence.com/visitor/accommodations/.

STUDENT HOUSING INFORMATION
The residence halls will close on Friday, May 18, 2007 at 11:00 p.m. The scholarship halls remain open until 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 19, 2007, for those students who need to complete hall cleaning responsibilities. Jayhawker Towers closes at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, 2007.

Summer housing is available in Hashinger residence hall and Jayhawker Towers for students taking summer classes. For questions about summer housing, please call the Department of Student Housing at 785-864-4560.

SUMMER SCHOOL AT KU
Students have a variety of options for taking classes during the summer at KU. Classes are taught in four and eight week blocks with some even shorter time frames at both the Lawrence Campus and Edwards Campus. For information about summer classes, visit: www.opensections.ku.edu/TT/4086/. The official calendar is found at: www.registrar.ku.edu/calendar/086deadlines.shtml

### SELECTED DATES

- **May 12 - 16** -- Finals
- **May 18** -- Commencement 2008
- **June 3** -- First day of Summer Term
- **July 25** -- Last day of Summer Term
- **August 21** -- First day of Fall 2008
- **September 20** -- Family Day & Band Day
- **October 16 - 19** -- Fall Break  
  (No classes, University offices open)
- **December 15 - 19** -- Final Examinations
- **January 15, 2009** -- First day of Spring Semester
- **March 16 - 22, 2009** -- Spring Break  
  (No classes, University offices open)
- **May 17, 2009** -- Commencement 2009.

### HELPFUL LINKS

- **KU Parent Association:**  
  [www.parentassociation.ku.edu](http://www.parentassociation.ku.edu)
- **KU Information Center:**  
  [www.kuinfo.ku.edu](http://www.kuinfo.ku.edu)
- **KU Alumni Association:**  
  [www.kualumni.org](http://www.kualumni.org)
- **KU Endowment Association:**  
  [www.kuendowment.org](http://www.kuendowment.org)
- **KU News:** KU news releases are available online at [www.news.ku.edu](http://www.news.ku.edu).

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- [KU Parent Association](http://www.vpss.ku.edu/Parent_enews/0508/index4pdf.shtml)
- [KU Alumni Association](http://www.vpss.ku.edu/Parent_enews/0508/index4pdf.shtml)
- [KU Endowment Association](http://www.vpss.ku.edu/Parent_enews/0508/index4pdf.shtml)
- [KU News](http://www.vpss.ku.edu/Parent_enews/0508/index4pdf.shtml)
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