HAVING YOUR STUDENT HOME FOR THANKSGIVING

Many students will head home for Thanksgiving break Nov. 21-25, and you may notice some changes in your son or daughter. This may be the first time he or she sees friends who are not at KU, for instance; expect some friendships to be strained and others to remain vibrant. Some students may want to flex the independence they enjoyed at school, and others may be a bit reluctant to return to campus after being home. The visit will go better if each of you shares your expectations regarding time with family, being with friends, or even curfews.

You may find this article helpful: "When College Kids Come Home"

WITHDRAWING FROM A CLASS OR THE UNIVERSITY

The last day to withdraw from a class or the university is Wednesday, Nov. 14. The transcript of a student who withdraws from a class will note "W," and the class will not be included in GPA calculation. Additional information and instructions are available at www.withdraw.ku.edu

ON-CAMPUS LIVING

Halls closed during academic breaks

KU residence and scholarship halls close at 11 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 20, for Thanksgiving break and reopen at 8 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 25. McCollum Hall and Jayhawker Towers remain open throughout the break.

Residence halls close for the semester at 11 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14. Scholarship halls close at noon on Saturday, Dec. 15. The halls will reopen for the spring semester at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19.

Dates and rates for McCollum Hall break housing and a complete calendar of housing-related dates and hall closings are available. housing.ku.edu/news/break-housing
Withdrawning from KU Student Housing?
A student who plans to leave KU at semester’s end should complete a Contract Cancellation Request. Request forms are available at the KU Student Housing Office in Corbin Hall. Students who withdraw should consult the contract cancellation policy information or call 785-864-4560. Contract cancellation charges do apply. December graduates or students with other qualifying circumstances, such as study abroad, may not be charged a penalty.

Requesting a housing change for spring?
Students living on campus may request a room or building change for spring semester. Talk with hall staff and complete an Occupancy Change Request. Students interested in moving to a scholarship hall should submit required materials as soon as possible for application consideration.

PREPARING FOR FINALS
The Academic Achievement & Access Center (AAAC) will offer a workshop, “Planning a Strong Semester Finish,” at 3 p.m. Dec. 5, in 421 Anschutz Library. AAAC also has online-articles with tips for academic success at achievement.ku.edu/~achieve/guides/articles.shtml

TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE
KU students have a long history of generosity to the community. Toys for Tots, an annual Student Union Activities event, is run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and donates toys to children whose parents have difficulty affording to buy gifts for the holidays. Children’s “gift wishes” can be picked up at the Kansas Union, Mrs. E’s, or the Ambler Student Recreation Fitness Center. The toy drive began Nov. 5 and ends on stop day, Dec. 7. suaevents.com

ASK A LIBRARIAN
KU Libraries offers a full-service “Ask a Librarian” program in Anschutz and Watson libraries. Students may ask any research or library-related question and receive help. Questions can be asked in person, by email, Instant Message, text message, telephone, or by scheduling a consultation with a subject librarian. Detailed information is available at lib.ku.edu/askalibrarian

COMMENCEMENT 2013
The 141st KU Commencement will begin at 10:30 a.m. May 19, 2013, in Memorial Stadium. More information will be available online after Jan. 1, 2013, at commencement.ku.edu

KU Grad Fair
At the KU Grad Fair March 7-8, 2013, in the Kansas Union, students can purchase regalia, personalized graduation announcements, cap and gown portraits, and class rings. They can also join the KU Alumni Association, donate to the class gift, and find financial or career advice for new graduates.

LEGAL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS
Legal Services for Students (LSS) offers advice and preventive education on such matters as taxes, criminal charges, landlord-tenant conflicts, debt collection, Internet scams, immigration, and employment. LSS attorneys also will provide court representation to students in landlord-tenant and consumer issues. Services are available free to all KU students on the Lawrence campus who have paid the required campus fee. For more information, go to legalservices.ku.edu

KU REFERRAL GUIDE
A handy guide to the services and resources KU offers to students on the Lawrence campus is available at vpss.ku.edu/referralguide.pdf

KU INFO DAILY TIPS

Students can sign up for daily tips from KU Info through the KU Portal. They can just click Manage Subscriptions, then the KU Info arrow, and the tips will be sent to their email address. Tips include upcoming academic deadlines, interesting pieces of KU history, or an important activity going on that day.

THIS MONTH’S STUDENT HEALTH 101

Parent Perspective readsh101.com/ku-pp.html
Student Health 101 for Students readsh101.com/ku.html

IMPORTANT KU PHONE NUMBERS

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Send your questions or comments to parents@ku.edu.

Please do not use the Reply key to send email messages.

To change your email address, send your old and new email address to parents@ku.edu

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To unsubscribe to the list, visit vpss.ku.edu/KUPA/listserv_remove.shtml

HELPFUL LINKS

- KU Parent Association parentassociation.ku.edu
- KU Information Center kuinfo.ku.edu
- KU Alumni Association kualumni.org
- KU Endowment kuendowment.org
- KU on Facebook ku.edu/facebook
- KU News—KU news releases are available online at news.ku.edu

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