ADVISING & ENROLLMENT - SPRING 2008

The Advising for the spring semester officially starts on October 15th. Students are asked to complete advising appointments prior to November 30th although appointments are available after that date. Generally, students see an advisor in the University Advising Center until they have declared their major or are accepted into a professional school. Students admitted into the Honors Program or professional schools are advised by those academic units. Students generally cannot enroll without an advising appointment. For complete information about advising and enrollment, visit: www.advising.ku.edu.

TUTORING BRIEFS

Midterm exams are in full swing and your student has probably received feedback on their academic work to date. The tutoring programs offered through the Academic Achievement and Access Center accepts requests for tutoring through October 26th. For more information, visit: www.tutoring.ku.edu.

SPENCER MUSEUM OF ART SPECIAL NIGHT FOR STUDENTS

The Spencer Museum of Art has organized the first nationally touring retrospective to celebrate the art and legacy of Aaron Douglas (1899-1979), a Kansas native considered the foremost visual artist of the Harlem Renaissance. The exhibit opened September 28th and runs through December 2nd at the Spencer Museum of Art. A special night for KU students is planned for November 8th, 6 – 8pm at the Central Court of the museum. There will be activities, music and food inspired by the Harlem Renaissance. This unique opportunity is one of the events that makes KU so culturally diverse. To learn more visit: www.aarondouglas.ku.edu/exhibition/.
UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER WORKSHOPS

Career Fairs are in full swing! It’s never too early to think about an internship or a career.

Public Service Career Fair
Thursday, November 1st 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Dole Institute of Politics

Education Career Fair
Wednesday, November 7th 10:00a.m. – 2:30p.m. in the Kansa Union Ballroom

Internship Fair
Thursday, November 15th 3:30p.m. Panel Discussion, Fair 4:00p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Burge Union

IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP

According to Dr. Roseanne Armitage, a sleep expert at the University of Michigan, adequate sleep plays a very important role in overall health. The midterm season is approaching and many students stay up way too late studying or completing projects. Your student may discount the importance of sleep, yet research findings prove that adequate sleep is important to optimal functioning.

Not only do those students who do not get enough sleep report poor academic performance, they also report an increase in minor medical illnesses such as colds and flu. The lack of sleep can increase anxiety and the development of depression. Sleep is important and college students may not get enough sleep. To learn more about the importance of sleep, visit: http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/291/18/2177?etoc

HOUSING INFORMATION

While the KU residence halls remained open over the fall break, they do close for Thanksgiving and the semester breaks.

Thanksgiving Break
Residence halls and scholarship halls close at 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20 for Thanksgiving Break. Dinner on the 20th will be the last meal served for the week. The halls reopen on Sunday, November 25 at 8:00 a.m. Full meal service resumes on Monday, November 26. McCollum Hall and Jayhawker Towers remains open throughout the break period.

Winter Break
Residence halls close for the semester at 11:00 p.m. on Friday, December 14. Dinner on the 14th will be the last meal served. McCollum Hall and Jayhawker Towers remain open during the winter break period. Scholarship Halls close at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2007. The halls will reopen for the spring semester on Monday, January 14, 2008 at 8:00 a.m.

Before leaving for winter break, students must:

- Turn off, clean out, and defrost refrigerator.
- The refrigerator door should be left open.
- Unplug all electrical items.
- Turn off room lights.

McCollum Hall and Jayhawker Towers remain open during all break periods. Students needing to stay on campus during break periods should register in advance at http://www.housing.ku.edu/documents/breakhousingrequest.pdf.

Residential dining facilities are closed during Thanksgiving and Winter Breaks. Kitchen facilities are available for student use in McCollum Hall.
FALL GRADUATION RECOGNITION CEREMONIES

KU has one commencement ceremony and it is at the end of the Spring semester; however, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and some individual schools often have fall graduation recognition ceremonies. Fall graduates are encouraged to come back to campus for the May commencement as well.

The following is a listing of December ceremonies:

- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: December 9th at 2 p.m. at the Lied Center.
- School of Business: December 7th at 4 p.m. at the Lied Center
- School of Engineering: December 8th at 9 a.m. at the Lied Center
- School of Journalism and Mass Communication: December 9th at 1 p.m. at Woodruff Auditorium.

For specific information about a ceremony call the Dean’s office of the College or appropriate school.

APPLYING TO THE PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS AT KU

Most students are admitted to KU in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and most students graduate from the College. For those students who want a degree from any of the other schools at KU (Fine Arts, Business, Journalism & Mass Communication, Education, Engineering, Architecture & Urban Design, Social Welfare, Allied Health, Nursing or Pharmacy), a student must apply for admission to that particular school.

Admission into the professional schools is competitive. Each school has different application dates and procedures. Encourage your student to check into how to apply to the professional schools at KU. Visit the website for each school for specific information.

MAY COMMENCEMENT

Commencement is May 18, 2008 in Memorial Stadium. In March, graduating seniors and their parents (if the student has provided that information in the student’s records) are each mailed an informational packet to help them prepare for commencement weekend. Look for information at www.commencement.ku.edu.

PRE-ORDERING TEXTBOOKS FOR SPRING

Preordering textbooks from the KU Bookstores is one of the best ways for students to reduce their textbook expenses each semester. Preorders will be accepted in the stores or online (www.kubookstores.com) during the enrollment period and through the end of December. By preordering, a student is given the first chance to purchase used books, which means a special preorder discount on top of a used book savings for a possible 30 percent off the publisher price of a new book. As the official store of the University of Kansas, the KU Bookstores are required to stock the books required for each course. Other book stores cannot claim that. Whether it is a special version of the book or an older version of the book, the KU Bookstores will make sure the student arrives with the correct books chosen by their instructor.

Preorder Benefits:

- Save up to 30 percent on textbooks
- Guarantees students receive the correct books for their courses
- No more hassles! Don’t worry about not being able to find a book. Books will be bagged up and waiting for the student at the KU Bookstores.
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 News: KU news releases are available online at www.news.ku.edu.

SELECTED DATES

- October 11-14 Fall Break  
  (No classes, University offices open)
- November 12 Last day to withdraw from a class
- November 21-25 Thanksgiving Break  
  (No classes, University offices open 11/21, closed 11/22-23)
- December 7 Stop Day  
  (No classes, University offices open)
- December 10-14 Finals
- January 17, 2008  
  First day of Spring 2008 Semester
- January 21 Martin Luther King Day  
  (No classes, University offices closed)
- March 17 - 23 Spring Break  
  (No classes, University offices open)
- May 18, Commencement 2008

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