FALL GRADUATE RECOGNITION CEREMONIES

KU has one university-wide commencement ceremony, at the end of each spring semester; the 2013 ceremony is May 19. However, the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences and some professional schools often add fall graduate recognition ceremonies. The fall graduates are encouraged to come back to campus for commencement as well.

To graduate, a student must submit an online Application for Graduation. This form is accessed through the Enroll & Pay system at sa.ku.edu, and the deadline for submitting it for fall graduation is Nov. 1.

Fall 2012 Graduate Recognition Ceremonies are

- College of Liberal Arts & Sciences: 2 p.m. Dec. 9, Lied Center
- School of Business: 4 p.m. Dec. 7, Lied Center
- School of Education: 1 p.m. Dec. 8, Lied Center
- School of Engineering: 9 a.m. Dec. 8, Crafton-Preyer Theatre, Murphy Hall

For more information about a specific ceremony, visit commencement.ku.edu/2012/events.

ADVISING FOR SPRING SEMESTER

Advising for the spring semester 2013 has started. Students cannot enroll until they have met with an advisor, usually one in the Undergraduate Advising Center (UAC). Students who have declared a major, enrolled in the University Honors Program, or been admitted to a professional school are advised within those academic units.

The UAC strongly recommends that students see an advisor before Nov. 20, which is the last day of classes before the Thanksgiving break. advising.ku.edu
WHAT IS A HOLD?

If a student has an unmet obligation to the university, an “enrollment hold” is placed on his or her account. A hold stops the student from enrolling or ordering a transcript until it is removed. Many first-year students have an advising hold to ensure that they receive academic advising before enrolling. Common holds include parking (for outstanding fines) and past-due balance (for students owing money to the university).

Students can check their accounts for holds by accessing the Enroll & Pay system and clicking on Student Center. If they have a hold, the information will be in the upper-right corner and will include who placed the hold and where to have it removed. sa.ku.edu

For information on other common enrollment holds, see advising.ku.edu/docs/EnrollmentHolds.pdf.

FLU SHOTS

Student Health Services will offer the seasonal flu vaccine to members of the university community at several campus clinics starting Oct. 15. The vaccine protects against three influenza viruses that research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season.

Flu shots will be available to those age 9 and older for $15. Nasal-spray flu vaccine is available to those ages 9-49 for $20, subject to availability. For information on times, dates, and locations of clinics, visit studenthealth.ku.edu.

MIDTERMS TIME

Midterm exams are in full swing, and students have probably received feedback on their academic progress. Tutoring Services, a program within the Academic Achievement & Access Center, will accept requests for tutoring through Oct. 26. www.tutoring.ku.edu

Students may find this time quite stressful, so remind your student to get plenty of rest, eat right, and exercise. For more stress-reduction tips, visit caps.ku.edu/~caps/selfhelp/reducestress2.shtml.

MATH PLACEMENT EXAM FOR SPRING ENROLLMENT

Students who believe they should enroll in a more advanced mathematics course can take the Mathematics Department Placement Exam. For spring enrollment qualification, the exam will be offered several times in October and again in January 2013.

Students must register online for the exam. For information, visit math.ku.edu/academics/undergraduate/placement_dates.html.

KU STUDENT HOUSING: BREAK HOUSING

During the 2012-13 academic year, KU has three universitywide breaks:

- Thanksgiving break, Nov. 20-25
- Spring break, March 16-24, 2013

KU Student Housing provides break housing in McCollum Hall; all other residence halls and all scholarship halls will be closed. Only residents of the closed buildings have the option to request to stay in McCollum Hall. Sign up by Nov. 12 to avoid a late fee.

For information about break-housing rates and preferred roommate options, visit housing.ku.edu/news/break-housing.
CARE PACKAGES FOR FINALS

As a parent, you may receive advertising from campus organizations and private companies selling “care packages” for delivery to students during final exams. These are also called “survival kits” or “study packs.” Before you order, verify the contact information in case you have a problem with delivery or contents. If there is no contact information, it may not be a reputable source.

You can create your own care package to send your student, or you can contact a Lawrence grocery store or a florist to create a custom package. Fall final examinations are Dec. 10-14.

LAWRENCE GOOD NEIGHBOR ORDINANCES

Most KU students choose to move off campus or out of their parents’ home at some point in their college career. If your student is among those living off campus, he or she needs to know the laws and ordinances related to being a good neighbor.

For instance, the city of Lawrence does not allow more than three unrelated people to reside in one housing unit in neighborhoods zoned as single-family. The noise ordinance stipulates that music or conversations should not be so loud that it could disturb neighbors. The city also does not allow parking on lawns or sidewalks, and vehicles parked on the street must be moved every 48 hours.

Parents and students can find more information about off-campus living at goodneighbor.ku.edu, and information about Lawrence city services and ordinances at lawrencesks.org.

KANSAS CITY AIRPORT SHUTTLES

The university does not offer shuttle service to Kansas City International Airport or the greater KC area; however, several businesses do. If you need to secure transportation for yourself or your student, here is a link to several services: kuinfo.ku.edu/~kuinfo/cgi-bin/info.shtml?p=q&id=4329.

PROOF OF ENROLLMENT

Often a student or parent needs proof of enrollment for insurance purposes. KU calls this enrollment certification, and it is provided by Enrollment & Financial Aid Services, 121 Strong Hall. Students may request this certification in person or online at registrar.ku.edu/current/enrollmentcert.shtml.

ALCOHOL EDUCATION

KU offers a variety of alcohol and drug education programs. The Jayhawk Buddy System encourages students to protect themselves and their friends from the legal and health risks associated with unlawful or excessive drinking. buddy.ku.edu

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

Parent Assistance Line 785-864-5872

CONTACT US

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