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KU PARENT ASSOCIATION

CHILD CARE GRANT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE NOW

A limited number of Childcare Grants supported through the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) are available for eligible KU students for the 2007-2008 academic year. Beginning September 1st, forms can be downloaded from the Office of Student Financial Aid website, www.financialaid.ku.edu. The priority deadline to submit the application is September 21st. Recipients of the grant will be notified via email in mid-October. For further information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at financialaid@ku.edu or 785-864-4700.

KU STUDENT HOUSING - GET INVOLVED - NEED INFORMATION

The Fall 2007 is off to a wonderful start. The Department of Student Housing prides itself on the many educational and social activities provided which seek to enrich the lives of the students living on campus. Several campus-wide programs are currently being planned with the goals of providing valuable information or an opportunity to meet and connect with others.

In mid-September, the annual Fire Safety programs begin. Each community sponsors an informative and fun meeting with representatives from Lawrence Fire & Medical. Participants learn how to respond in the event of a fire and tips for staying safe. Encourage your student to attend their community’s fire safety meeting.

The week of September 24 – 28 is Academic Success Week at KU, a week long series of events focusing on academic success. It is also the week of the KU Blood Drive. The Department of Student Housing is co-hosting Faculty Food for Thought with the Department of Student Housing. Participants gain informal advice from professors and academic advisors. The event provides a safe place to ask questions about faculty expectations of students, grading, classroom participation, and study tips.

The workshops are free workshops on studying for midterms.

The Academic Achievement and Access Center offers students free workshops on preparing for tests and studying for midterms. The workshops are offered from 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Doing Your Best on Tests is Wednesday, September 26, 4071 Wescoe Hall. Doing Your Best on Mid-Term Exams is Tuesday, October 16, 156 Strong Hall.

EMAIL at KU

By now your son or daughter should have received email of some sort from KU. Email is considered an official form of communication from the University.

If your student has not received email from KU, he or she needs to be sure they have a registered email account with KU. They can

INTERNET SAFETY

Everyone should be concerned about keeping their personal information secure. College students are becoming more attuned to what they share on social networks like Facebook or My Space; yet, some student still post personal information on the internet.

To learn more about keeping personal information and documents safe, visit KU’s Be Secure Web site at www.besecure.ku.edu/.

FAMILY WEEKEND

The KU Parent Association and the Office of the Vice Provost for Student Success are hosting an informal reception for parents on Saturday, September 15th from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. on the 4th floor of the Union. Both Chancellor Hemenway and Provost Lariviere will speak at 5:00 p.m. Come meet KU faculty and staff as well as other parents. For a complete schedule of Family Weekend visit: www.familyweekend.ku.edu.

ETIQUETTE DINNER

The Fall Etiquette Dinner is scheduled for October 9th at the Kansas Union. The unique learning experience provides an excellent opportunity to navigate successfully through one of the most difficult social encounters in the real world: Fine Dining with Strangers! Each table will seat seven students and one sponsoring employer.

KU students of all academic levels are encouraged to participate in this fun event. There is a non-refundable commitment cost of twelve dollars ($12.00) per student to attend. Reservations to the event can be purchased at the University Career Center, Room 110 Burge Union. Personal checks, cash and major credit cards are accepted forms of payment.

Students are encouraged to purchase their reservation as soon as possible since there is limited seating.

To learn more visit: www2.ku.edu/~ucc/cgi-bin/dinners.php.
TUTORING SERVICES at KU

As exams are being taken and grades are received, students may realize that they need some additional assistance in learning class material. Tutoring Services, a course-specific tutoring operation, is available for students. Requests can be made simply by going to the Tutoring Services website at www.tutoring.ku.edu or stopping by the Academic Achievement and Access Center in Room 22 Strong Hall. The fee is reasonable and tutors are students who have gone through an extensive interview process. Other tutoring options here at KU may include help rooms through the department and departmental tutoring.

For more information on tutoring opportunities, students may access www.tutoring.ku.edu. Students should be aware of all of their options when it comes to seeking additional assistance.

HOMECOMING 2007

Homecoming Week begins Sunday, Oct. 28, and ends on Saturday, Nov. 3, when KU faces off against Big 12 opponent the University of Nebraska.

Information about Homecoming can be found at www.homecoming.ku.edu.

MATH PLACEMENT EXAM FOR SPRING ENROLLMENT

The Math Department will offer the math placement exams on October 15th and October 22nd. The exams are offered at 7:30 p.m. in 120 Snow Hall. To take the exam a student must register with the Math Department by calling 864-3851 or stopping by 405 Snow. You can find more information at: www.math.ku.edu/undergraduate/placement.htm

Students may sign up for the exam at: https://www.math.ku.edu/placement/.

HEALTH INSURANCE CARD

Success in the university setting depends on many things, including the student’s health and whether or not they have protection from unexpected health related costs. Because the potential for financial hardship is so great in health related situations, KU’s Student Health Services strongly recommends that each student be covered by health insurance. How about your student? Do they have health insurance? Are they covered by their policy? Do they have their own insurance card or a copy of yours?

If a student needs to access health care services, whether on campus or in the community, having an insurance card with them is going to help tremendously. While they will get any necessary care when needed, the card will identify the information providers need for billing and any restrictions on the benefits or provider network that are covered. We also encourage students to take charge of their healthcare by becoming familiar with their insurance coverage, and carrying their insurance card or a copy of yours.

Some students do withdraw from a class during the semester for various reasons. If your student talks to you about dropping a class, here is the information that he or she needs.

* Students who withdraw after the first three weeks of class will have the class recorded on their transcript with either the WP (Withdrawal Passing) or WF (Withdrawal Failing) indicator. This will be based upon their grade in the class at the time.

* The last day to drop or withdraw is based on the 60th instructional day of class — this fall that date is Nov. 12th. The form needed to withdraw from a class is available in 151 Strong Hall and it does require faculty signatures; thus, students should not procrastinate completing the form.

* Students may no longer drop or withdraw from a class after the 60th instructional day of class.

More information is available at the University Registrar's website: www.registrar.ku.edu/timetable/add_drop.shtml

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

- September 14-27 Credit/No Credit Option
- September 15-16 Family Weekend
- September 28 Last Day to elect Class Repeat Policy
- October 11-14 Fall Break
- October 28 Homecoming Week begins
- November 3 Homecoming Football Game
- November 12 Last day to withdraw from a class
- November 21-25 Thanksgiving Break
- December 10-14 Finals
- January 17, 2008
- First day of Spring 2008 Semester
- May 18, Commencement 2008

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