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IMPORTANT KU DATES

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ACADEMIC NOTICES

Academic Advisors use the "Academic Notices" area of the Kyoo portal to communicate important academic information with students. Advisors are able to see when a student received a notice and tell whether or not the student opened the notice. To learn how a student can check the academic notices, visit: www.ku.edu/~clasus/Check_IngAcademicNotices.shtml.

ETIQUETTE DINNER

The Etiquette Dinner is scheduled for October 7th at the Kansas Union. This 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!

KU students of all academic levels are encouraged to participate in this fun event. There is a non-refundable commitment cost of $15 per student to attend the event. Reservations for the event can be purchased at the University Career Center, Room 110 Burge Union or online at www.kucareerhawk.com/EDf09. 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.
FAMILY DAY & HOMECOMING

Family Day is September 26th. The football game is early: 11 a.m. in Memorial Stadium. For complete information visit: www.familyweekend.ku.edu.

Homecoming Week begins October 3rd with the Spirit Run and really gets going October 3rd – 10th. KU faces off against Big 12 opponent Iowa State on October 10th. Information about Homecoming can be found at www.homecoming.ku.edu/.

HAWK DAYS

Hawk Days is a series of programs and events that focus on academic success, stress relief, career and life planning workshops, and how to get involved at KU. The fall schedule can be found here: http://hawkdays.ku.edu/description/.

KU STUDENT HOUSING

Student Housing sponsors KU Faculty Food for Thought

KU’s Department of Student Housing actively works with other departments for the education of KU students. Educational opportunities such as Faculty Food for Thought—and, for scholarship halls, the Majors Dinner—are scheduled for September. KU faculty members meet informally with students at the residential dining centers.

Here is the information sent to your student:
You go to their classrooms every day — now they’ll come to you! Meet your professors over dinner at your place and talk about your questions, their expectations and life at KU. We’ll talk about anything from teaching methods to grading scales and office hours to homesickness.

The residence hall events will be 5:30 -6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22 at GSP and Oliver Dining Centers, and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23 at Mrs. E’s.

The Majors Dinner in the Scholarship Halls is set for 6-7 p.m., September 24.

MANDATORY ALCOHOL EDUCATION

KU recently implemented mandatory alcohol education for all incoming degree seeking students under the age of 22. Students received an email informing them on how to log onto the program and other information. Any KU student can voluntarily take the course.

The deadline for completing part one is September 24th and then the second part is available for completion 30 days later. Students who do not take the mandatory alcohol education program will have an administrative hold placed on their records which will prevent them from spring enrollment. Once the program is completed, the hold is removed.

If you are interested in taking the exact course that KU students are taking, you can access it at:

http://college.alcoholedu.com/login.aspx
Log in as a “New User,” enter the following Login ID: 9C155317PARENT, click “submit.”

For more information visit: www.alcohol.ku.edu.
MATH PLACEMENT EXAM FOR SPRING ENROLLMENT

The Math Department offers placement exams for proper math course enrollment. To take the exam a student must register online. The exam is offered again in January. You can find more information at: www.math.ku.edu/academics/undergraduate/placement_dates.html.

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUICIDE PREVENTION

Depression is a serious issue for many college students. Nearly half of all college students say they have felt so depressed that they found it difficult to function during the last school year. One in ten of college students have a friend who has considered suicide. ULifeline is a comprehensive online resource center for information about mental health and suicide prevention. Visit: www.ulifeline.org. Additionally, KU offers a full service Counseling Center for KU students. Visit: www.caps.ku.edu.

STAYING HEALTHY AT KU

Success in a university setting depends on many things, including the student’s health. This fall the flu season has come early with the H1N1 virus and the seasonal flu is not far behind. Students are encouraged to take proper hygiene measures such as washing hands often and covering their coughs to hinder the spread of any flu bugs. Students with mild flu symptoms are encouraged to isolate themselves at home or in their apartments until 24 hours after fever has abated. Information about flu vaccinations on campus is available at: www.studenthealth.ku.edu. Information about the flu is available at: www.flu.gov/ or www.studenthealth.ku.edu/medical_topics/flu/flu.shtml.

Tips for staying healthy are available at: www.studenthealth.ku.edu/wellness/flu_tips.shtml.

STUDY SKILLS WORKSHOPS

The Academic Achievement and Access Center offers students free workshops to enhance academic success at KU. Two upcoming workshops are:

Preparing for Mid-Terms Exams, Wednesday, September 30th at 3:00 p.m. in 356 Strong Hall.

Re-Thinking Your Schedule, Wednesday, October 20th at 3:30 p.m. in 356 Strong Hall.

All of their academic success workshops can be found at: www.achievement.ku.edu/~achieve/students/workshops.shtml.

Tutoring Services

Early in the semester students may realize that they need additional assistance in learning course material. Tutoring Services, a course-specific tutoring operation, is available for students. The fee is reasonable (fee waivers are also available for students who qualify) and tutors are students who have gone through an extensive interview process. Requests can be made simply by going to the Tutoring Services website at www.tutoring.ku.edu.

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. It's important that students are aware of all of their options when it comes to seeking additional assistance and that they sign up for tutoring early in the semester.
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 on Facebook: www.ku.edu/facebook
- KU News: KU news releases are available online at www.news.ku.edu.

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