HAZING PREVENTION

National Hazing Prevention Week is Sept. 24-28. Members of the Hazing Prevention Task Force will be distributing information to students at the Kansas Union, Anschutz Library, and Wescoe Beach. Many student organizations have planned activities to educate their members about the harms of hazing. For more information about the week, and KU’s comprehensive efforts to prevent hazing on our campus, visit preventhazing.ku.edu

ETIQUETTE DINNER

The Etiquette Dinner will be 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Adams Alumni Center. This helps students learn to navigate successfully through one of the most difficult social encounters—fine dining with strangers!

We encourage KU students of all academic levels to participate in this fun event, which costs $15 per student. Reservations can be made at the University Career Center, 110 Burge Union, or online at KUCareerHawk.com. Personal checks, cash, and major credit cards are accepted. Seating is limited.
COMMON BOOK AUTHOR TO SPEAK ON CAMPUS

This fall the KU community has been reading “Notes From No Man’s Land” by Eula Biss. Biss will speak at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, in the Kansas Union Ballroom. Her topic, “Who, Then, Is One’s Neighbor?” will focus on the challenging questions about the nature of kinship and community.

The event is free, but everyone needs a ticket, available at the Union Programs Box Office, Level 4, Kansas Union.
commonbook.ku.edu

KU STUDENT HOUSING INFORMATION

Student housing open during fall break
Residence halls, scholarship halls, and Jayhawker Towers will remain open during fall break, Oct. 6-9. All three residential dining centers—Ekdahl Dining Commons, Oliver Dining Center, and North College Café—will be open over the break, serving brunch and dinner for residence hall and apartment residents with dining plans.

Reward Yourself card
Sophomores and upper-classmen who returned to student housing for 2012-13 can now redeem their rewards card. If you’re the parent of a freshman, be looking for information about the program that offers extra benefits to residents for returning to KU Student Housing next year. For information on redeeming the rewards card, see housing.ku.edu/reward-yourself.

HOMECOMING/FAMILY DAY

Homecoming Week begins Sunday, Oct. 21, and ends with Family Day on Saturday, Oct. 27. Tickets to the football game against Texas are available from KU Athletics. There are many activities throughout the week, so encourage your student to get involved. homecoming.ku.edu parentassociation.ku.edu

ACADEMIC NOTICES

Academic advisors use the Academic Notices area of the Kyou portal to communicate important academic information to students. Advisors are able to see when a student received a notice and tell whether or not the student opened it. To learn how a student can check for academic notices, visit clas.ku.edu/undergrad/tools/notices.

HEALTH INSURANCE FOR STUDENTS

Is your student covered?
Success for students in a university setting depends on many things, including students’ health and whether they are insured to protect against unexpected health-related costs. Because the potential for financial hardship is so great in health-related situations, with medical debt identified as the No. 1 cause of bankruptcy in America today, KU strongly recommends that each student be covered by health insurance.

The Kansas Board of Regents sponsors a good student health insurance option that is available to eligible students at Kansas regents universities. The plan is fully compliant with the Affordable Care Act and is underwritten by UnitedHealthcare StudentResources, a company with many years of experience providing coverage to college students. This voluntary plan, offered for students meeting enrollment eligibility guidelines, provides comprehensive benefits for a reasonable premium.

Your student may enroll in this insurance plan at any time. Coverage is available annually or by the semester and begins when enrollment is completed and the premium is paid. For more information or to enroll online, visit the UnitedHealthCare provider website uhcsr.com/ku.

For more information, contact the business office at KU Student Health Services, 785-864-9522.
KU EMAIL

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 should check his or her account on the KU Portal. Information on KU email is available at technology.ku.edu/email.

PEER LED UNDERGRADUATE SUPPLEMENTS

Peer Led Undergraduate Supplements (PLUS) is a program for students enrolled in Biology 150, Chemistry 184, or Chemistry 624 and offers supplemental sessions facilitated by undergraduate peer leaders who engage students in interactive activities to reinforce lecture materials in small group settings. The sessions are designed to bridge gaps between teaching and learning.

PLUS is free and open to all students enrolled in the course. Students who regularly attend sessions perform better than the class average and may come to any session that fits their schedule. plus.ku.edu

TUTORING SERVICES

The Academic Achievement and Access Center (AAAC) offers small group tutoring for a nominal fee. AAAC Tutoring Services is open to all KU students who would like to request a tutor group for an undergraduate course this fall semester. If students do not find a tutor group for a particular course, or if they do not find an open group that matches their time of availability, they may complete an "unlisted group" request. By submitting the request, they will be able to type in and indicate the course for which they need a tutor group, as well as indicate the days and times that they are available. By including the broadest hours of availability for attending a tutor group, they will be aiding in the group start-up process. Tutoring Services will continue to open course-specific tutor groups through the 10th week of the semester, based on student demand. If you or your student has questions or concerns, contact AAAC Tutoring Services at 785-864-7733. tutoring.ku.edu

QUESTIONS YOU MAY WANT TO ASK

According to research studies, the first six weeks of a college student’s experience can be a powerful predictor of likely persistence. Our colleagues at Xavier University have a set of questions that parents can ask their student to help ascertain how the student is adjusting to college. These questions are not limited to freshman; rather, all students should be able to answer these simple questions. A sampling of the questions with KU answers includes

- **Question**: Do you know a faculty, staff, or administrative person that you could go to in a time of need?  
  **Answer**: Most likely a favorite teacher, academic advisor, orientation assistant, or club advisor.

- **Question**: Do you know your academic advisor’s name and the location of his/her office?  
  **Answer**: New to KU and undeclared major students (including pre-professional and undecided) are advised in the Undergraduate Advising Center, and they will find the name of their advisor in their Academic Notices on the Kyou portal. Students directly admitted into one of the professional schools will find their advisor through the dean’s office. Students with a declared major in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences should contact the department’s advising specialist or undergraduate coordinator for advising information.

- **Question**: Do you know the campus location for the writing center, the foreign languages resource center, or the mathematics help room?  
  **Answer**:  
  - The Writing Center serves students in Anschutz Library Learning Studio (fourth floor), Watson Library, the Sabatini Multicultural Resource Center, and four residence halls. writing.ku.edu  
  - The foreign language resource center is in the Ermal Garinger Academic Resource Center, 4070 Wescoe Hall. egarc.ku.edu  
  - Math 002 and 101 students can find the Math Help Room in 323 Strong Hall; Math 105, 220, 365, and 526 Help Room is 151 Snow Hall; Math 115 Help Room is 308 Snow Hall; and Math 121 and 122 Help Room is 564 Snow Hall.
**BEAK 'EM BUCKS**

Beak 'Em Bucks is a declining balance account linked to the KU Card, the official KU identification card for students. The account allows students to use their ID card as a form of payment both on- and off-campus. On-campus locations include the campus bookstore, laundry, photocopying, printing, and food. When off-campus, students can choose from more than 40 participating merchants, including Domino’s, CVS Pharmacy, Chipotle, and Pita Pit.

Beak 'Em Bucks works just like cash or debit cards—but carries ZERO penalties or overdraft fees and does not create debt. You can deposit money into the account as often as you like, giving your student the freedom to eat off-campus at local restaurants or to buy textbooks, groceries, gas, snacks, or make copies.

Once your student has set you up with an authorized user account, adding funds to the Beak 'Em Bucks account is easy, you can make deposits online at beakembucks.com. For more information about the KU Card and a Beak 'Em Bucks account, visit kucard.ku.edu.

---

**COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES INFORMATION**

**Afterhours Call Center**
Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) has added a new after-hours feature for students. When CAPS is closed, currently enrolled KU students can call the CAPS Afterhours Call Center at 785-864-2277. Licensed master’s-level mental health professionals answer all calls.

The Afterhours Call Center provides these services to currently enrolled KU students:

- assessment and referral
- problem solving
- brief consultation
- assistance in obtaining necessary help in cases where psychiatric hospitalization may be needed
- assistance in referrals for substance abuse issues
- assistance in times of acute psychological distress

---

**STUDENT MONEY MANAGEMENT SERVICES TIP**

Encourage your student to build a good credit record. As students become responsible for paying their own debts—credit card purchases, rent, car loans, student loans, and other obligations—they are building a credit record. In general, the better their credit history and credit score, the better their chances of getting a loan or a credit card with a low interest rate. Credit reports and scores can be considered when they apply for a job, an insurance policy, or an apartment. One of the best ways to build and maintain a good credit record is to make payments on time—this shows they are reliable money managers. money.ku.edu

---

**APPLYING TO A PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL AT KU**

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

Admission to the professional schools is competitive. Each school has its own application dates and procedures. Students can learn how to apply to the professional school of their choice by visiting the school's website at ku.edu > A-Z.
**STUDENT HEALTH 101 PARENT PERSPECTIVE**

The most current Parent Perspective of Student Health 101 may be found at [readsh101.com/ku-pp.html](http://readsh101.com/ku-pp.html).

Read the accompanying Student Health 101 issue for students at [readsh101.com/ku.html](http://readsh101.com/ku.html).

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>IMPORTANT KU PHONE NUMBERS</th>
<th>CONTACT US</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Parent Assistance Line</strong> 785-864-5872</td>
<td>Send your questions or comments to <a href="mailto:parents@ku.edu">parents@ku.edu</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Vice Provost for Student Affairs</strong> 785-864-4060</td>
<td>Please do not use the Reply key to send email messages.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>CLAS Student Academic Services</strong> 785-864-3500</td>
<td>To change your email address, send your old and new email address to <a href="mailto:parents@ku.edu">parents@ku.edu</a>.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Counseling &amp; Psychological Services</strong> 785-864-2277</td>
<td>To subscribe to the list, visit vpss.ku.edu/KUPA/listserv.shtml.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Dept. of Student Housing</strong> 785-864-4560</td>
<td>To unsubscribe to the list, visit vpss.ku.edu/KUPA/listserv_remove.shtml.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Financial Aid &amp; Scholarships</strong> 785-864-4700</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Office of University Registrar</strong> 785-864-4422</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Student Health Services</strong> 785-864-9500</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**HELPFUL LINKS**

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