Your student’s first year at KU will be transformative for your entire family. This guide will highlight important milestones so you can help your student fully embrace being a Jayhawk.

AUGUST 2017

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lib.ku.edu/services

If your student is feeling overwhelmed, suggest a meeting with his or her professors before finals. Office hours are listed on the syllabus.

IMPORTANT MAY DATES:
3: Last day of classes
4: Stop Day (no classes)
7-11: Finals
11: Residence halls close at 8 p.m.
12: Summer break begins; scholarship halls close at noon

Celebrate! By mid-May, your Jayhawk will have successfully completed the first year of college. Is your student coming home for the summer? Talk about when you can come to campus to help, if that is a possibility. Residence and scholarship halls require residents to make an appointment with a hall staff member to check out of the room.

housing.ku.edu

Does it seem like your student’s belongings have doubled? Consider recycling or donating those things your student no longer wants. You can find drop-off locations near residence and scholarship halls.

IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES:
13: Residence, scholarship halls open at 8 a.m.
15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (no classes)
16: First day of classes
16-21: Winter Welcome

Celebrate your student’s successes and reflect on the challenges. They’ll help your student set realistic, measurable goals for the new semester. Your student’s readjustment to campus life and academic obligations might be a challenge after winter break. A new course schedule brings with it new classrooms, textbooks, and routines.

In addition to academics, your student should review his or her first-semester finances and set goals for the spring with the help of Student Money Management Services.

money.ku.edu

With one semester down, your student should feel more familiar with campus. Encourage exploration during this next semester, including KU’s museums and performance spaces.

calendar.ku.edu

FEBRUARY
Focus on your student’s financial aid. Work with your Jayhawk to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the upcoming academic year. FAFSA’s priority deadline is March 1.

affordability.ku.edu/financialaid

• fafsa.gov

With a semester completed, students often begin thinking about possible majors. If your Jayhawk decided to major in English, the Undergraduate Advising Center and the University Career Center can guide your student through the major selection and course selection process.

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Your student’s interests may have led to new experiences — ones which might culminate in an Experiential Learning certificate. Now is a good time to consider on-campus employment, including leadership opportunities.

employment.ku.edu

MARCH
Talk about spring break safety. No matter your student’s plans for spring break, reinforce the importance of safe behavior, and point to the mental health and student health services available to your student.

alcohol.ku.edu

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IMPORTANT APRIL DATES:
14: The Big Event (community service)
21: Undergraduate Research Symposium

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8: Graduation Day, commencements
30: Last day to drop classes with a refund

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